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Law Director David Buuck Running For Re-Election

By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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One of the most important races in the upcoming March 5 Republican primary is that for Knox County Law Director. The law director is responsible for providing legal advice to all the offices of Knox County government, as well as handling lawsuits involving those same entities, including the school system. This would include people falling in county-owned parking lots, school bus accidents or other suits filed against the county.

It matters who holds the law director's post and it is essential that the person holding it

is experienced. During the last four years, David Buuck has been Knox County Law Director. Buuck has 44 years of full-time legal practice behind him and is recognized as an expert in the field of annexation lawsuits and government law. David Buuck defended literally thousands of Knoxvilleans from forcible annexation as the attorney for Citizens for Home Rule.

Buuck's opponent in the Republican primary is Daniel Herrera, whose only notoriety is having served a single term as chair of the Knox County Republican Party. Buuck's opponent was long on talk and

short on accomplishments in the opinion of many observers and managed to galvanize local Democrats. His 2-year chairmanship of the local GOP was highly controversial and notable chiefly for paying Charlie Kirk a hefty \$20,000 fee to come and speak at the Lincoln Day Dinner. Buuck's opponent also brags about fielding candidates for Knoxville City Council races, a ticket managed by his associate, Erik Wiatr, which lost badly just two years after two Republicans had won two seats on the city council.

Buuck's opponent hasn't been in Knox County very long and has a habit of running for

office wherever he happens to land. He ran for office in his native New Jersey and in North Carolina and lost badly both times, his total never exceeding 25% of the vote. His last race was for the Charlotte City Council in North Carolina.

Having been an attorney for less than four years, Buuck's opponent sought to be appointed as a judicial magistrate, a post which requires appointment by the county commission and acceptance by the General Sessions judges. Herrera had virtually no support on the commission and the sessions court judges

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Knox County Law Director David Buuck



PHOTO BY KEN LEINART.

Sheriff Tom Spangler (center), Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon, officials and community members cut the ribbon at the new satellite office for the Knox County Sheriff's Office at the Corryton Community Center, situated at 9331 Davis Drive in Corryton.

Corryton Community Club Unveils New KCSO Satellite Location

By Ken Leinart

Welcome to the Corryton Community. The northeast section of Knox County welcomed a new satellite office for the Knox County Sheriff's Office on Monday, Feb. 5.

The facility opened at the Corryton Community Center with a ribbon cutting, open house, and refreshments to celebrate the event.

"This is a partnership we've been wanting to do for a long time," Joyce Harrell of the Corryton

Community and Senior Center said.

It was a process almost three years in the making but Harrell said residents in the community were determined to make happen.

Harrell said the Community Center and Senior Center took out a loan to move the Rural Metro Fire Department station that was housed there to an empty office space behind the center to free up the space for the sheriff's office.

Officers of the community and

senior center said the center will do what it always does to pay off the note: hold chili suppers, spaghetti dinners, and whatever it takes to make the venture successful.

"Jo (Longmire) asked us about three years ago if we would be interested in an office out here and we came and looked around and said, 'We'd love to,'" Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler said. "He (Longmire) said, 'We're going to make it happen.'"

Jo Longmire is a member of the Corryton Community and Senior Center board.

While the Corryton office will not be a fully staffed "precinct," such as those in Halls and in west Knox County, Spangler said manning the new office space is something that could happen in the future.

"It's not set up as a precinct, but it gives officers a chance to take a break when needed," Spangler said.

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\$6 million Washington Pike Project easement fund approved

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Six million dollars has been approved by Knoxville City Council for acquiring property for the Washington Pike Roadway Project. The city will either buy or condemn right-of-way easements within 56 different tracts along the route.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said the project, requested by the city Department of Engineering, is "a long time coming" and added the final project will also include a greenway to New Harvest Park.

Councilman Charles Thomas, whose district adjoins Rider's district, praised local land and zoning activist Kevin Murphy for his continued efforts on the expansion of Washington Pike.

Knoxville Engineering Chief Tom Clabo said the final project is federally funded and the city is working with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to change the right of ways. He said the total project will take 18 to 24 months to complete.

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New merit board member, appointments, new forensic center on county commission agenda

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When the Knox County Commission meets in work session on February 21, a Wednesday session because of President's Day that Monday, someone may be chosen to fill an empty seat on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors.

John Marshall has resigned and commission may discuss naming a replacement to serve out Marshall's term which ends in September of 2025.

The merit board meets this Thursday at 1 p.m. to elect officers and discuss the promotional system. Director Paula Taylor said there are no grievances from KCSO employees on the agenda. Current voting members are Christopher Manning, John Valiant, Kenny Boatman, Clarence Vaughn, Lindsey Willis and Brock Goetz.

Sam Maynard may be named by Mayor Glenn Jacobs to the Historic Zoning Board and the commissioners may discuss a joint city-county purchase of camera equipment for \$10,000 using the

Violent Crime Intervention Fund grant.

The sheriff's office is requesting approval to swap a 2019 Ford Explorer with Monroe County Sheriff's Office for their Remotec Bomb Robot.

Improvements on various roads are on the agenda including West Emory, Schaad, Coward Mill and Hardin Valley roads. Public Works is asking for \$224,266 for the Tipton Station Road Greenway Extension and an agreement with KUB may be discussed involving lighting and power for Carter Park.

The commission may also

approve an understanding with the Industrial Development Board to transfer Karns Valley Business Park Lot 2 property for a new Knox County Forensic Center and the eventual relocation of that center from 2761 Sullins Street.

An amendment to the Growth Policy Plan is also on the agenda. Friends of the Knox County Recovery Court may be approved as a subcontractor for transitional house services for the court and the Veterans Treatment Court. That court may also get approval for a new office lease with Acadia Real Estate Group, LLC, to stay

at their current East Hill Avenue location.

A state grant to fund a Victims of Crime Act Coordinator position for \$65,000 may be approved and that agreement extended through June of 2025.

Commissioner Larsen Jay and the Engineering and Public Works Department want the county code changed to provide for the removal of inactive, broken or replaced utility poles. The EMS Medical Services Cost Review Board may be terminated since an ambulance service provider has been contracted.

Three Movies I Think You Would Enjoy

From a distance



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

theater and see previews of upcoming movies, most seem to be made for young people who have grown up addicted to video games. These movies have very unrealistic action scenes, really weird characters, and seem to take place in strange other worlds. They have no appeal to me.

"Phantom" and "Castle" are based on true stories, and "Holdovers" is a very realistic movie, and in all three you will feel a range of emotions from happy to sad, and laughter to maybe even a tear or two.

One reviewer said "Phantom" was inspirational and said the movie is about a man, Maurice Flitcroft, who scored the worst score in the history of the British Open but "wins the moral and spiritual battles by showing up at all."

He describes the "unambiguous niceness" of the

movie and says it is "fundamentally unconcerned with appearing cool in any sense of the word."

I may relate to this because I told my daughter, Whitney, when she was a teenager that "I tried real hard to be cool when I was a senior in high school and a freshman at UT, but then I decided I was just going to relax and enjoy life."

You don't have to like golf to enjoy this movie, and while much of it is funny, there are scenes by a great actress, Sally Hawkins, who plays the part of a very loyal wife, that have brought tears to the eyes of many.

The lead character, Maurice, says at one point, "If I can inspire just one person, my life's hole-in-one will have been made."

"The Castle" is based on another true story about a man who loved his home

which was located at the end of the main Sydney, Australia airport runway and fought all the way to the Australian Supreme Court when the airport tried to take his home.

"The Castle" is the funniest of the three movies, and you will get big laughs out of the joke-leg, incompetent lawyer the man hires to take his case.

One of the official trailers calls it "a comedy that sticks it to the big guys." I read a review of this movie in the Washington Times that caused me to want to see it. I went to just four movies in Washington during all my 30 years in office there.

Every wife should want her husband to see this movie because the lead character is so complimentary of everything his wife does and is so loyal to and proud of his family.

All of the characters in "The Castle" are realistically funny with all sorts of side humor off the main story. Also enjoyable is the interaction and friendship that develops between the blue-collar homeowner and the likeable but very upper-crust lawyer who ends up taking his case pro bono (for free).

"The Holdovers" just came out this past November and one survey gave it a 96% rating by those who had seen it.

It is a movie about the small group of students at a very elite Northeastern private school who cannot go home over the Christmas break because their parents are too far away or don't want them to come home.

While there is comedy in this movie, too, it is mainly one of very good acting and a very good storyline. The

movie is mostly about the relationship - sometimes funny, sometimes sad - between a very unlikeable bachelor teacher and a spoiled brat lead student. Both end up very likeable by the end of the movie as you get to know them better.

The person who did the casting for this movie should end up with an Academy Award, not only for the perfectly-cast teacher and lead student, but also for the choices of the actresses who played the parts of the school cook and school secretary/part-time waitress.

If you will watch the two-minute trailers for all three of these movies, I believe you will understand why I recommend them to you.

Finding My Roots

My youngest granddaughter is named Haley. Her mother was in Tennessee's MBA program and went with me to visit Alex Haley - a fellow University of Tennessee faculty member - at his farm in Norris, Tennessee. She had read "Roots" and meeting



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the region and learning about the contributions of blacks to country music, the mystery of the Melungeons and, in particular, the strong alliance with the Union during the Civil War. One of my dearest friends is kin to the famous Carter family and told me how Lesley

Riddle traveled with A.P. Carter around the region composing songs and teaching Maybelle his fingerpicking guitar style. There were other influential but soon-to-be-forgotten blacks such as Gus Cannon and Rufus Payne. In more modern times, singers like the Carolina Chocolate Drops have carried on the tradition of black country music.

However, I still felt like an outsider when ETHS launched its First Families of Tennessee initiative which records the descendants of the first white families that came across the mountains from North Carolina to settle in

the region. It is a fascinating history of strength and perseverance. I recommend highly Drury and Clavin's "Blood and Treasure," a wonderful book about Daniel Boone. Members of the ETHS board of directors then traced back to their immigrant ancestors, the first in their family to step foot in America. I am not envious of other people except in this one instance. I knew that the likelihood of my finding my ancestral African forebearers was almost zero. Slaves did not have last names. There were no records of births and parentage. So despite my love for Alex Haley, I looked upon "Roots" as entertainment rather than historical fact.

In the television series "Finding Your Roots," LeVar Burton (Haley's Kunte Kinte) is shocked when he finds that his great-great-grandfather was a Confederate soldier. Personally, I was surprised that he was surprised. We black folk did not get this color by accident. I would guess

that the majority of us black Americans have white ancestors and many of them were Confederates.

The Society also has the Civil War Families of Tennessee who are descendants of Civil War soldiers, both north and south. Obviously, being from Georgia, I am excluded from this group but I am, like LeVar Burton, a direct descendant of a Confederate soldier.

My maternal great-grandfather Seth Towles was a sergeant in the 6th Georgia. He never owned slaves but his sister married a Jarrell and lived on the Jarrell Plantation in Jones County, Georgia, where Seth had a son, Milous, with one of the cooks. My mother told me that Seth never disowned his black son and visited him every other Sunday for dinner at (Pop) Milous' home. Mom said that he would load his black grandchildren in a wagon and take them to town in Macon to buy them things. All this while having a white family (he married

after Milous was born). Because of this, I don't harbor any ill will toward my great-great-grandfather Seth.

Seth is buried in a Confederate cemetery in Atlanta, less than a mile from my parents' house at the site of the Battle of Ezra Church. Seth fought in that battle and wanted to be buried with his buddies who were killed and interred there. My son and nephew paid Seth a visit to update him on the progress made by his black descendants.

Because of Seth, I was able to trace back to my immigrant ancestor Henry Towles born in Liverpool, England in 1651 who died in Accomack County, Virginia, in 1721. I discovered that I also have a Towles who fought in the Revolutionary War and one who served in the War of 1812. I guess I qualify to be a member of the National Sons of the American Revolution. I also qualify to join the Sons of the Confederate Veterans - but I'll pass.



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Publisher's Positions



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Well Done, Mike McMillan

Nobody would have been more pleased than Mike McMillan by the send-off he received from friends. McMillan passed away after a long battle with cancer on January 26. Congressman Tim Burchett spoke at Mike McMillan's funeral, followed by Mayor Glenn Jacobs. McMillan had worked closely with Burchett to build the new Carter Elementary School and the Gibbs Middle School, and the congressman held a special place in Mike McMillan's heart. So, too, was McMillan fond of Mayor Jacobs.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk spoke on behalf of the school system and

McMillan had been an enthusiastic supporter of the new superintendent. Betsy Henderson, chair of the Knox County Board of Education, spoke on behalf of the board. Both Henderson and board member Kristi Kristy were favorites of McMillan. The eulogy for Mike McMillan was given by his friend and Focus columnist Ray Hill, who had served with McMillan's father Joe on the Knox County Commission.

Throughout the receiving of friends, a steady procession of folks came through the line to pay their last respects to one of the finest public servants our community has known. Former Congressman Jimmy Duncan, most of the members of the Knox County Board of Education and former colleagues who had served with Mike McMillan on the county commission and school board attended.

I was one of those who helped to carry Mike McMillan to his final resting spot next to his father Joe and his mother Mary Jane.

Mike McMillan accomplished so much during his 13 years on the Knox County Board of Education. Mike's life was serving his people and he was truly

grateful for the opportunity. I thank God for Mike McMillan, his service and his life.

Another Biden Mix-Up

Joe Biden went to campaign in Nevada and it must have been quite an experience for those attending the event. Evidently, Biden was retelling a version of his having attended a G-7 meeting just after becoming president. Unfortunately, Biden claimed that he had met with Francois Mitterand. The problem with that is Mitterand has been dead for 28 years. The only way they would have met recently is at a séance.

Governor Lee Presents His Budget

The pared-down budget recommended to the state legislature by Governor Bill Lee has \$1.78 billion in new spending; according to the Tennessee Journal, the breakdown has \$458 million going to K-12 education; \$359 million for capital projects; \$274 million to TennCare; \$158 million for the environment and conservation; \$158 million for state employees; and \$347 million to various state

agencies.

Governor Lee's budget totals \$47.3 billion, down from last year, which, including federal dollars, was \$55.7 billion.

Let's Keep Electing US Senators

The Tennessee Journal reports state legislators have filed more than 1,300 bills for consideration before the cut-off date arrived. One of the bills filed is to allow the legislature to nominate Tennessee's candidates for the United States Senate. According to the proposed legislation, Republican legislators would nominate the Republican candidate, while Democrats in the General Assembly would do the same for their own nominee. Prior to 1916, the General Assembly elected United States senators. Taking elections out of the hands of the people and placing statewide nominations solely in the hands of the legislature is a truly terrible idea. It is a step backward and the Tennessee General Assembly doesn't need to intercede on behalf of the people of the Volunteer State. Party primaries have sufficed for more than one hundred

years and they work.

Protestors Should Not Block Public Thoroughfares

Senator Brent Taylor (R-Memphis) and State Representative Jody Barrett (R-Dickson) are proposing a bill in the Tennessee General Assembly that would make blocking a highway a Class D felony. Presently, a person charged with "intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly: blocking or otherwise obstructing a "public highway, street, sidewalk, railway, waterway, elevator, aisle or hallway" can be charged with a misdemeanor under state law. The maximum penalty for a Class A misdemeanor is 11-29, meaning 11 months, 29 days in jail, a maximum fine of \$2,500, or both. The legislation sponsored by Senator Taylor and Representative Barrett would change the maximum penalty for anyone charged with and convicted of having "intentionally" blocking "a highway, street, or other place used for the passage of vehicles or conveyances."

The Taylor-Barrett Bill proved to be timely as just days after its introduction a group of pro-Palestine

protesters occupied the Mississippi River Bridge on Interstate-40 in Memphis. The protesters obstructed traffic in all directions for almost two hours. Because another bridge was under construction, the protesters left motorists with no way to cross the Mississippi River except perhaps to float across.

We've had our instances of someone "protesting" and obstructing traffic. People certainly have the right to protest peacefully, but nobody protesting anything has the right to impose upon the rights and movements of others. The self-determined righteousness of the cause according to the person doing the protest doesn't make those going about their business second-class citizens no matter what the Gannett newspapers may say. The rights of one individual end where the rights of a community or another begin.

The Taylor-Barrett Bill is logical and fair. Nobody has the right to simply stop traffic to stage a protest. Some of those who seek to make a reputation by protesting constantly are less protesters than simply public nuisances.

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announced even if the county commission were to appoint him, they would not approve his appointment as they did not consider him to be acceptable. That is an opinion shared by most of the people in his own profession.

The Knoxville Bar Association sponsors a poll of its membership, all Knoxville attorneys, whenever a judicial office is up before the people in an election. Knoxville's attorneys came back with a resounding approval of David Buuck in the KBA poll, with some 55% recommending him for law director. In the same poll, almost 43% of respondents noted they "strongly do not recommend" Daniel Herrera for a total of 56% of lawyers saying they do not recommend Herrera. **Only 9.09% of practicing attorneys in Knoxville/Knox County recommended Herrera as being qualified for the law director's post.**

The experience factor certainly matters in an office like that of the law director where all litigation against Knox County government ends up. Buuck has handled literally thousands of cases, while his opponent has handled less than 100 cases in his short time as a lawyer. Buuck spent eight years as the chief deputy to

the law director under Richard "Bud" Armstrong, who is now a chancellor. When Armstrong left office, David Buuck was overwhelmingly elected to succeed him.

Buuck has assembled a formidable team of lawyers in the law department, including former Knox County Law Director and Chancellor Mike Moyers. Buuck's opponent has no government experience, although not for lack of trying when the sessions court judges would not countenance his bid to preside over night court.

Short on accomplishments and even more lacking on issues, Buuck's opponent casts himself as the "conservative" alternative, portraying himself as an "outsider." He congratulates himself for suing the taxpayers over masking, characterizing himself as a fighter, yet fails to mention he lost his lawsuit.

Herrera likes to claim he "grew" the local Republican party and raised more money, and "called out" the "radical leftist agenda" of local Democrats. Herrera could also rightly claim he spent more money with less to show for it than any of his GOP predecessors. As to the Democrats, they saw a resurgence under Herrera's chairmanship. If he turned out more Republicans in failed city council

elections, so, too did he energize even more Democrats to come out and vote. He also seems content to try and rally those supporters who value shouting and foot stomping to actual accomplishment. Herrera's candidacy is fueled by his desire to hold public office and seems to have a base among those who equate political theater to getting something done. A "fighter" who never wins a fight is preferable to some people. A lawyer who loses isn't much sought after by clients.

The truth is Republicans saw their winning percentages diminish under his leadership and money wasted and a failed city council ticket to the point where Herrera and his minions did nothing to support the countywide Republican ticket in the general election.

Buuck's opponent only talks about national issues such as immigration, masking, and uses national slogans while running for an office that is solely local and has no role in federal issues. Herrera has his talking points but no evidence of any successes.



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Voucher resolution divides school board

By Ken Leinart

There was a lot of discussion and a lot of opinion last week during meetings of the Knox County Schools (KCS) Board of Education concerning a resolution saying Knox County Board of Education was not in favor of a taxpayer-funded school voucher program.

The resolution failed to garner a majority vote during Thursday night's monthly board of education meeting after a 4-4 draw.

Voting to send the resolution saying Knox County Board of Education was not in favor of the program were Rev. John Butler (Dist. 1), Jennifer Owen (Dist. 2), Daniel Watson (Dist. 3), and Katherine Bike (Dist. 4). Board members voting against sending

the resolution were Susan Horn (Dist. 5), Betsy Henderson (Dist. 6), Steve Triplett (Dist. 7), and Kristi Kristy (Dist. 9).

District 8's Mike McMillan passed away Jan. 26, 2023, and his seat has not been filled.

During Monday night's board of education work meeting, the voucher resolution dominated most of the evening between board members.

It also drew a number of citizens who spoke on both sides of the debate.

That trend continued during Thursday night's meeting with board of education members explaining their positions on the vote. Thursday, however, no citizens present spoke on the matter.

Those in favor of sending

the resolution to Nashville said private schools would not be held accountable to the same state standards public schools are held to.

Taking public funds to help finance a private school education takes funding - dollars - out of the public school funding, which was cited several times Monday and Thursday, and that public schools are already struggling for funds.

The expanded proposal would supposedly be funded separately from the state's education funding formula, but what could take a bite out of funding is part of that education funding policy relies on the number of students in a school.

Bike said there was also a concern about special

needs programs available in private schools and the impact it could have on a student's education if they were to find out midway through a school year, at any point, they needed special services but the private school did not provide them.

"I think it's important to let them (state legislature) know this needs to be a better plan. If they're going to move forward with vouchers, and it sounds like they are, it needs to be better, it needs to be more robust, it needs to be more thought out."

Watson pointed out the pilot program has been in place for less than two school years and talk about dips or rises in test scores was premature.

"Any pilot (program)

needs to have time to be studied to see the effects of it," Watson said.

Those not in favor of sending the resolution noted parents should have choice in deciding where they send their child.

They also saw the benefits for students who could attend a private school who could not otherwise do so.

Butler even said there are some programs private schools offer that it is "illegal" for the Knox County School System to offer.

Triplett said during Thursday night's meeting the resolution was "more political than actual function of accomplishing anything."

"We don't actually get a vote so this is more just politics and talking than

actually accomplishing anything."

Celeste Urdal, the Bearden High School student who serves as student representative on the board of education, made a comment on the student voucher debate and posed a question.

"I would just to point out that according to 'U.S. News and World Report,' public schools in Tennessee are ranked 33rd in the nation which is why it doesn't make sense to me to allocate funds to private school vouchers."

"Instead these funds could be used for funding the humanities and the arts, improving the environment within classrooms, and even to, say, pay teachers more?" Urdal asked.

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"The officers who run this beat out here will certainly be happy to have a place to go. It's hard when you're in a car for eight, 10 hours at a time and to have somewhere to take a break will mean an awful lot."

Spangler said the new facility will also allow his deputies to debrief themselves, make phone calls, whatever is needed without leaving the beat.

The Corryton station holds an office space for doing reports, a kitchen, and restroom facilities.

"It's a haul from downtown to out here. It's a haul from anywhere out here," Spangler said.

"But this is part of our community and we are - the sheriff's office - going to protect this community. We are continually working - as far as our beats are concerned - on the protection we give to our communities," he said.

The new office makes working the rural beat of Corryton a little easier for the officers whose task that is.

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The city council also agreed to up funding for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Phase II - Baker Creek Pavilion Project, adding \$36,216 to the contract. Design and Construction Services Inc. will now receive a total of \$2.7 million and the completion date has moved to February 29.

The requested honorary name "Asylum Avenue District" was changed to "Asylum District" in a motion by Councilman

Tommy Smith after E-911 said there might be some confusion. The area, below the Western Avenue bridge and destined to become an entertainment venue, gets the name from being located near the original site of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

Commissioner Seema Singh said the name is "in bad taste" as it is a homeless area. Supporters countered with the historic value and meaning of the name and the "Asylum" name will reclaim the

history there.

An empty concrete slab of about ¾ of an acre was removed from a Shopping Center designation so it might be developed for housing or another purpose. The site is at the western end of Clinton Plaza.

Several lots along Pratt Road were changed from RN-1 residential to RN-5 residential neighborhood on a request from Benjamin C. Mullins. Property at 2000 Shoppers Lane was changed from General

Commercial to Light Industrial and 2812 Merchant Drive changed from Neighborhood Commercial to Low Density Residential.

A lot at 1717 Loves Creek Road was changed from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential/Office on a request from Randy Guignard, who promised to keep a house there that is on the National Register of Historic Homes. He plans office spaces and townhomes in a "pocket neighborhood."

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Chaos

We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of Earth.
Abraham Lincoln

It was December 1862 and the war was not going well for President Abraham Lincoln. Elected just two years before, he was the first president of the newly formed Republican Party which had an abolitionist platform. Lincoln's election triggered secession and the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln thought that slavery was morally wrong and hoped for its eventual abolition. However, he was a political pragmatist, and with secession, his focus was the preservation of The Union.

As the difficult war progressed, he finally decided to proceed with The Emancipation Proclamation to hamper the Confederate war effort. The Union victory of Antietam gave him the long-sought opportunity to

announce his proclamation. I've stood on the Antietam battleground in Maryland, which was the bloodiest day of war in American history with 22,727 killed, wounded or missing. It's hard to imagine such carnage as a Union victory, but there had been few others. The famous quote above is taken from Lincoln's annual message to Congress explaining the proclamation.

Biographies are not my favorite genre, but it's good to expand your horizons and read outside your preferred literary category. And Jon Meacham's excellent biography of Abraham Lincoln, "And There Was Light," is compelling. I think this book should be required reading, especially because I find stunning parallels between slavery and today's border crisis.

"Wait a minute, Ferguson," you say. "Slavery was abolished with the Civil War and passage of the 13th, 14th

and 15th Amendments by Republican lawmakers. Perhaps southern Democrats continued racism with their Jim Crow laws and KKK terrorism, but we are beyond those troubled policies and times." Are we?

I cannot issue a proclamation. I do not have such stature. I'm just an average fish in a small pond with a voice. The Founders studied history and its lessons because time and events may change, but people remain fundamentally the same. Everyone has prejudices, and I'll admit my own. Nonetheless, I see comparisons between slavery of the Civil War era and the current Democrat promotion of replacement theory and demographic destiny. Biden and Democrats need a flood of illegals to replace legal immigrants, Blacks, Hispanics and the middle class who are abandoning the Democrat party because of the chaos they've created.

Constituency is a modern term describing the people in a politician's district or, I might say, those on a politician's "plantation." Arguably, constituencies are the basis of a politician's power and in some ways analogous to the Master's plantation slaves.

The tide would turn for the Union in 1863. General Ulysses Grant's forces captured Vicksburg to control the Mississippi River and

cut the Confederacy in half. Then General Lee's seemingly invincible Confederate army was defeated in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I've stood on these battlefields and reflected upon the sacrifices of those who fought to preserve the nation by giving "the last full measure of devotion," as President Lincoln eulogized in his immortal Gettysburg Address.

Thank God we are not in the "hot" Civil War of 1861-65. But make no mistake, we are now engaged in a "cold" civil war for the soul of America. The casualties in this non-shooting war are relationships and friendships which are being torn apart. I saw this in my former church, then in the community, and now, tragically, in my neighborhood. Ideological bigotry is as real as racial bigotry and is sundering the nation. I've wondered, should I abandon my principles in the pursuit of love? "What Would Jesus Do?" (WWJD). Jesus is the embodiment of love but did not mince his words in condemning Pharisees.

President Lincoln was savaged in his day by Democrats and even by those in the North. He was narrowly reelected in 1864. And as I write this essay, Colorado attorneys are arguing before the Supreme Court that President Trump should be removed from the 2024

ballot. A rational person would hold that WE The People should determine who we vote for rather than some bureaucrat, politician or lawyer. I watched the tapes of President Trump on January 6 as he asked people to march peacefully and respect the police. Yet, Democrats say Trump incited insurrection. Never mind the Summer of Peace of the George Floyd riots.

As a science-based guy, I believe in observable and factual reality. So I've been thinking, what do I really know about Donald Trump? I know his track record as president, and I know a bit about his personal life and family. But, much of what I think I know are not my direct observations, but the reports of others. It is these others - Democrats and their media mouthpieces - who have track records of dishonesty, who savage Trump. In this era of deep fake imagery, you can no longer believe what you see. Perhaps what we see and what we're told is just political porn.

And if you thought things couldn't get any more confusing or worse, Democrats are now committed to the tactic of "law-fare," using the courts to ban Republican candidates and Trump from the ballot. They are actually interfering in the election process. It's not the Russians, it's the Democrats.

The media and

Democrats - there is no difference - warn us that chaos will occur if Trump is reelected or even if he is allowed to be a candidate. Trump did not cause chaos in his first term. Political predictions are unreliable. Whereas track records are demonstrable. The actual chaos we are experiencing has been caused by the destructive old man in the White House, aided and abetted by his progressive Democrat minions in the media, the deep state and Congress. If you need an example, just look at Biden's border crisis. How typical that "Mr. Chaos" blames President Trump for the disaster.

Proclamations, Civil Wars and Constitutional Amendments cannot change the heart. Like Lincoln and C. S. Lewis, I believe in a "transcendent morality." Unless there is an absolute moral standard, everything is relative. Einstein proved the speed of light is absolute and the standard in physics. Unless there is a standard good, then morality is relative as is the notion of slavery or antisemitism.

In November we must renounce chaos and vote to Make America Great Again. Voters must get beyond their emotions and select a proven leader. Their children's future depends on it.

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Catching Up With

Alan Williams

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You may know that retired WVLT News Anchor Alan Williams and his wife were on a pilgrimage to Israel and were there during the Hamas rocket attack. He and the members of the Knoxville First Baptist Church returned home safely after days of shelter and prayer.

Williams has a long history of gathering and delivering the news to television viewers. After helping Alan with a future story for his series "Going My Way," I caught up with him and asked a few questions.

When did you become interested in broadcast TV?

I got interested in television after

moving back to Knoxville from college. I'm originally from Knoxville and loved it before leaving when my father got a teaching job in South Florida.

I moved back on my own to Knoxville, still trying to get a job in the NFL after being cut by the NY Jets but I wanted to make some money in the interim. A friend of my father's helped me search for any job opportunity and I had no TV or media experience but he knew the general manager of WBIR, Neal Branch. They auditioned me a couple of times and hired me as a weekend sports anchor. I was at rock bottom and had nowhere else to go but up. I am indebted to them for taking a chance

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You probably think you know Alan Williams for his many years as a television news anchor in Knoxville. The Knoxville Focus caught up with him recently to get to know the retired news anchor better.

Who will be Knoxville's Good Neighbor of the Year?

By Mike Steely
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Each year the City of Knoxville honors outstanding neighborhood leaders. On Thursday, March 7, those leaders will be recognized and one of them will be chosen as the Good Neighbor of the Year. Nominees and the people who nominated them are invited to the Neighborhood Awards Dinner.

Nominated this year are Aaron Searcy of Partridge, Betty Joe Mahan of Inskip, David Lee of Town Hall East and Peggy Myers of

Mechanicsville according to Debbie Sharp, neighborhood coordinator. The dinner is invitation only and Neighborhood Achievement Awards will also be presented at the event.

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment accepts nominations each year for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award. The award goes to a neighborhood leader who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood.

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With a snow-fall that this area hadn't seen in a long while and the pouring rains that followed gone, I was feeling good about the warm spell that allowed me to be outside. Then over the weekend, a



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call came to my wife that darkened even the brightest of skies. Her cousin Melinda was in intensive care, and the prospects of her leaving the hospital were dim at best.

Melinda and Amy are a year apart. Neither had a brother or sister and because they lived so

close to each other in Algood, Tennessee, they were constant play buddies. I've seen all sorts of pictures of the two of them playing in the yard. The cutest one featured both in their cowgirl suits and guns.

Over the years, the two women have remained close. Melinda moved back to the area after the death of her father. At the time, Amy and I had just begun dating. From the first time I met her, I knew that Melinda was a special person. To be honest,

she was the one person in the entire extended family who seemed to be glad that I was with Amy. In her, I had an ally, and I never forgot it.

Melinda's life has been one dedicated to helping others. She spent so many years as a social worker for a nursing home in Algood. Over that time, she wore many hats: social worker, patient confidante, janitor, chaplain, and friend. Melinda was a blessing to every life she touched, and no one had a bad word to say about her. She devoted her time to those residents and their families. When times were bad for an individual, she was always present to help ease the

pain. If a patient passed, she willingly spent as much time as was necessary in comforting families.

Best of all, Melinda had the opportunity to work with her daughter Sarah, who worked with patients as a physical therapist. Like her mother, Sarah always had a smile on her face, although she could be stern when circumstances arose with those who didn't cooperate during sessions. That mother-daughter duo helped the facility to provide the best care available.

Melinda had a strong faith in God, and she and her husband Howard spent hours working on projects in their church. They led

groups, volunteered for workdays, and strove to be shining examples of what God desires from those who have dedicated their lives to His service. She fought the disease that returned after a remission, and she told folks that she wasn't ready to die because she had the Lord's work to complete.

Unfortunately, that disease ravaged her body, and on Saturday, Melinda's time on this earth ended. Hearts are broken, and family and friends are still trying to process what has happened and how much their lives have changed. I struggle with the absence of Melinda's laugh which

was a mixture of pure joy and just a bit of mischief. She had an uncanny ability to say the right thing that would lighten any situation.

I write this column to honor a person who made a difference in my life. She didn't have to be kind or friendly or funny or accepting, yet she was all of these things to not only me but also to every person she met. Our world will be a bit emptier without Melinda, but all of her family and friends know that she is in the place where she worked so hard to be. Good people like Melinda are few and far between. I hope you have someone like her in your life.

Catching Up With Alan Williams

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on me back in 1979.

When did you retire?

I was very fortunate to go up the ladder in this business. I later became sports director of WATE, then WIVK, and then WVLT. I retired from there after 32 years as an anchor and feature reporter of a segment called "The Tennessee Traveler" just over two years ago.

Tell us about your family.

My wife Rebecca and I have been married for 28 years. She is a native of Knoxville and a UT Grad. We have a "Brady Bunch" of a family: two boys and three girls. Kevin is an eye surgeon and Matt owns a Market Square restaurant. Two of the girls, Tara and

Emily, are subcontracted by the government hunting unexploded ordnance around the U.S. and Natalie is still looking for an elusive full-time job.

Tell us about "Going My Way."

These days I have my own company, Alan Williams Entertainment. I employ the production crew group Citizen Agency to shoot stories of our heritage, faith, family, getaways, you name it. I come up with story ideas, write it and they edit it for me. The stories are positive feel-good stories. I named it "Going My Way with Alan Williams" and it airs at least three times a week on WVLT. Then it goes on their website and my YouTube channel.

It's some of the best work I've done and a great production.

What are your hobbies or interests?

My hobbies aren't very exciting to some. I live on five acres and that's enough! My wife and I travel and chill with friends. We are also on numerous non-profit boards. We really like helping and giving back to the community.

Do you miss anchoring local TV news? How so?

That's a good question and, yes, to an extent. I enjoy communicating but not so much about being in the public eye but sharing important information. My mentors in the business were Carl and Bill Williams and on the national level Bill Curtis, who filled in a lot for Walter Cronkite. He was smooth and had a great voice.

"Williams" is a very popular local television name. Did your name ever get you confused with others?

That Williams name comes up often: Hey, are you related to Bill Williams or Carl? At one point we all wore glasses and at times I remember either of them saying "Brother Carl, Brother Bill, Brother Alan." That really confused people but, no, we are not related.

What are the funniest or oddest moments you recall as a TV anchor and reporter?

There are too many things that have gone on in the past 45 years to count. I remember one instance when I was anchoring WVLT and I threw the story to Gordon Boyd who was reporting on a murder. His story wasn't

cued up and they told him in his earpiece to adlib until they could run it. They went back and forth and Gordon looked into the camera, threw down his clipboard like he was going to kill someone and I looked away at that moment to our 7-second delay monitor and when I looked back I had a funny startled look on my face. That video circulated all over the world and Jimmy Kimmel ran it, and so did Ellen DeGeneres, ABC's 20/20 and Fox News.

All the anchors said it was bad behavior but the funny part was they said, "Did you see the look on the news anchor's face?" Ha. But that's live TV for you.

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Battle of The Titans

Carmack versus Taylor

Pages from the Past



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Politically speaking, Tennessee has never lacked for talent or ability. To get to the United States Senate, Kenneth D. McKellar had to defeat two of Tennessee's most recognizable Democrats, as well as the best vote-getter the Republicans had to offer. Over a period of time, McKellar had to dispatch the minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the mayor of Knoxville, a future congressman, and a candidate who had quite nearly beaten his colleague. The 1906 campaign for the United States Senate truly was a contest between political titans. Edward Ward Carmack had defeated an incumbent congressman in 1896 and then had to convince a hostile Republican majority in Congress to seat him. With a head topped by a mop of curly red hair and a shaggy mustache, E. W. Carmack was a frequently fiery and able speaker, who possessed a magnetic and dynamic personality that made him many friends throughout the Volunteer State. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1900, Carmack was seeking a second term and was challenged by one of the most formidable campaigners in Tennessee history: Robert Love Taylor.

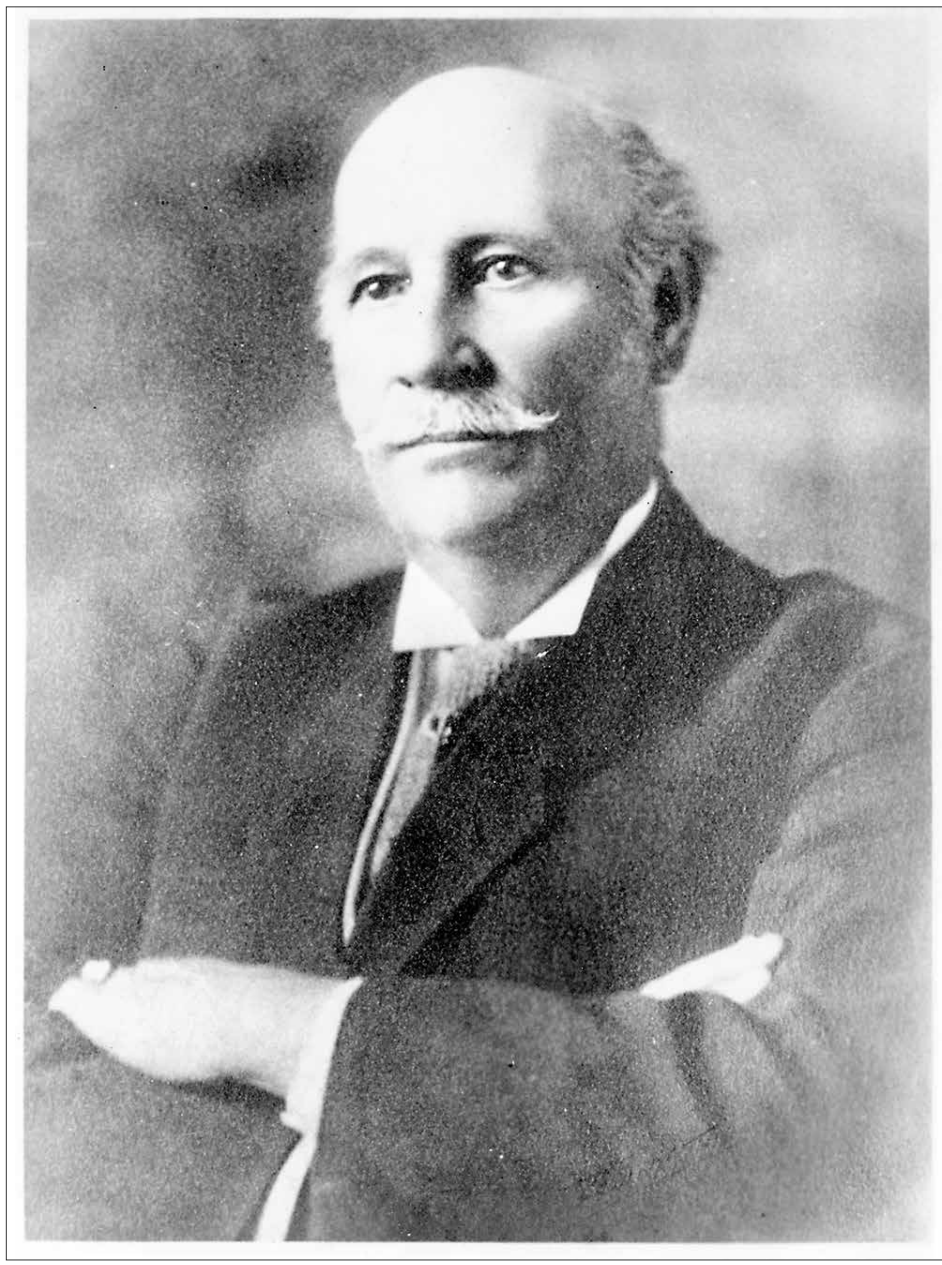
Taylor, bald with a walrus mustache, was a legendary speaker at a time when forms of public entertainment were quite limited. There was no radio, no movies or television. Robert L. Taylor, being a gifted speaker, made considerable money through his public speaking throughout the country. "Lecturing" from the platform kept the wolf away from the door for many a former officeholder. There was no doubt of Taylor's personal popularity as he had been elected as a Democrat to Congress from the highly GOP First District. Robert L. Taylor had also been elected governor of Tennessee three times. Delong Rice, who managed Taylor's lecture tours, once speculated, "If all his audiences could be gathered they would make a multitude of millions of people." Taylor was one of those who could make a flowery speech on any number of occasions, giving eulogies that made audiences both laugh and cry. Robert Love Taylor spoke at countless commencement ceremonies and addressed every kind of civic organization under the sun, and from the stages of theatres throughout the Southland. Like any gifted storyteller, Taylor was full of good humor and was especially popular in the South where he spoke to how the people of the South lived, worshipped and voted. Known

in his native Tennessee as "Our Bob," Taylor was serving as governor during the Volunteer State's Centennial, which gave him numerous occasions to speak and celebrate his own state. Born into one of the most prominent political families of the time, Bob Taylor, along with his father Nathaniel and brother Alf, all served as congressmen from Tennessee's First Congressional District. An uncle, Landon Carter Haynes, was a speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives. Father Nathaniel lost a congressional race to Andrew Johnson, but he was later appointed commissioner of Indian Affairs when the latter became president. One of ten children, four daughters and six sons, Bob and Alf Taylor both ran for governor in 1886. Alf was the Republican nominee while brother Bob was the Democratic nominee; supporters wore a white rose for Bob and Alf's wore a red rose.

One reason for Bob Taylor's popularity was his ability to straddle issues and not offend others. A sensitive man, Robert Love Taylor suffered when opponents criticized him and his record as a public official, although he didn't hesitate to jab his own opponents. Although he had served three terms as governor, Bob Taylor did not enjoy being the chief executive of Tennessee. Soft-hearted and always willing to hear a sob story, Governor Taylor was known for his many pardons. One young man convicted by an angry judge was represented by attorney Kenneth McKellar who promptly asked the governor for a pardon. Taylor obliged and the now furious judge promptly put the young man back in jail. McKellar sought yet another pardon, which was granted. The judge complained and was told Governor Taylor had said he could pardon the young fellow as often as the judge could put him in jail.

The office that "Our Bob" really yearned for was that of United States senator. Taylor had sought to defeat former Confederate General and Governor William B. Bate in 1893 before the legislature and lost. Taylor consented to run for governor again in 1896, probably because he believed the state legislature would reward him by electing him to the U.S. Senate. When Senator Isham G. Harris died in 1897, the legislature overlooked Governor Taylor to fill out the remainder of Harris' term. Disillusioned and ill, Taylor did not seek reelection in 1898.

When 78-year-old William Bate died in 1905, just days into a new six-year



Tennessee's Senator Robert Love Taylor from the book by his brothers.

term, Taylor sought to be elected to succeed the late senator; the legislature chose another aspirant instead. What helped Bob Taylor finally achieve his longstanding political ambition was holding a primary election. The legislature still elected United States senators and while the preferential primary was not legally binding, most candidates for the General Assembly campaigned as either partisans of Taylor or Carmack. Both Senator Carmack and former Governor Taylor hit the campaign trail.

Tennesseans were also deciding a hot contest to determine the winner of the gubernatorial primary. John Isaac Cox had succeeded to the governorship when incumbent James B. Frazier had been elected to the United States Senate. When Governor Frazier had resigned his office to go to Washington, D.C., Cox, speaker of the state Senate, ascended to the governor's chair. Cox, from Bristol in East Tennessee, was being challenged inside the Democratic primary by Congressman Malcolm Rice Patterson of Memphis. Both the race for the U.S. Senate and the governorship became heated quickly.

It was the election of James B. Frazier to the U.S. Senate that was at the heart of the 1906 senatorial contest. Frazier had just been reelected to another two-year term as governor when he was elected to the United States Senate by the legislature in a stampede, crushing Bob Taylor's hope of going to the Senate. Many Tennesseans objected to the rush to move Frazier out of the governor's office, allowing John I. Cox to succeed to the governor's chair and there was an outcry from many newspapers across Tennessee. Senator Carmack was thought to be behind the election of James B. Frazier to the U.S. Senate. Bob Taylor was out to right the wrong he felt had been

done to him in 1905.

After arriving in Nashville from Washington, Senator Carmack spent a day consulting with his campaign chieftains before heading out to speak on the stump. Newspapers, both daily and weekly, aligned with one candidate or the other. The Nashville Tennessean favored Senator Carmack and followed his campaign closely. Speaking in Carthage in Smith County, the senator was greeted with cheers from the audience, estimated at 3,000 people, as he appeared on the platform. The crowd got what they came for as Senator Carmack spoke for two and a half hours. Carmack's speech was a rousing defense of his six years in the United States Senate.

While Carmack was mesmerizing the crowd at Carthage, Bob Taylor was drawing what was thought to be one of the largest audiences ever gathered in Fayetteville. The former governor was greeted by a brass band when he disembarked from the train, accompanied by a float populated by twenty-five young ladies. Escorted to a local hotel, Taylor made an impromptu talk. Moving to the local courthouse, Taylor quickly concluded his audience was so large and the venue was too small. The noise generated by those who could not hear the former governor caused Taylor to decide to move his speech to the opera house. There were so many people populating the makeshift platform at the courthouse that it collapsed; fortunately, no one was hurt. The crowd waited in the street for almost an hour for the doors to the opera house to open before Taylor began speaking.

Well before good roads, Tennesseans did not travel as far or as frequently as they do now. Senator Carmack drew an audience of some 1,500 people in Gainesboro, but because of the "high water" locally, many who wished to

attend could not get to the speaking. Those who did make it to the speech "jammed every bit of available space in the courthouse." Carmack spoke for two hours, batting away and refuting charges that the senator claimed were being circulated by Bob Taylor and his campaign.

To give modern-day readers an idea, Senator Carmack's appearance in Nashville was advertised as opening the doors at 5:30 p.m. when the speaking was to begin at 7:30 p.m. Former Governor Taylor spoke in Winchester in Franklin County where he received "one of the greatest ovations ever given a public speaker" by local Democrats. Taylor's train was once again met by a band and people had gathered on horseback, riding in surreys and buggies before more than 2,000 people moved to the courthouse to hear the former governor speak. "Our Bob" held forth for quite nearly three hours. Taylor's speech was typical for the former governor; he paid tribute to the Confederate soldiers while stressing all he had done for the people while serving as governor. Reminiscent of the earlier "War of the Roses," Taylor supporters wore a white ribbon on their lapels while Carmack's backers wore red ribbons. It was not enough to demonstrate one could speak well or memorize a lengthy address, the best speakers and candidates could think fast on their feet. A young boy waving a Carmack banner from a window of the courthouse caught Bob Taylor's eye. "Young

man, it's a pity you didn't do that for Carmack when he was here," the former governor bawled, bringing cheers and laughter from the crowd. After Miss Clara Belle Williams gave Taylor a "beautiful wreath of flowers," the former governor paid a glowing tribute to the women in the audience.

Robert Love Taylor journeyed to Cannon County to make a speech and was greeted outside of town by some two hundred people who accompanied the former governor into Woodbury. Taylor gave a verbal whipping to Carmack's supporters and ridiculed the notion the senator had been called back to Washington on business.

As Senator Carmack arrived in Livingston, Tennessee, he was greeted by a group of young men and women, who accompanied the solon to his destination, the Commercial Hotel. There Senator Carmack greeted friends and callers until it was time for him to speak. The Columbia Herald published an editorial as the preferential primary election approached, stating when the campaign first began even Senator Carmack's "best friends" thought he had virtually no hope of winning reelection. The Herald lamented Carmack had become associated in the mind of many Tennesseans with the "Frazier rape of the senatorship." Acknowledging that to have been "an outrage," the Herald editorial stated Tennesseans had become convinced Carmack was indeed innocent of having interfered in the selection of his senatorial colleague. The editorial also recognized Robert Love Taylor as the "best known man in the state" as well as his popularity with the people. The Columbia newspaper thought people were changing their minds after some reflection and Carmack was picking up steam.

The results of the primary were conclusive. The Columbia Herald was correct; if Bob Taylor was not the most popular man in the State of Tennessee, he was certainly the choice of a majority of Tennesseans to serve them in the United States Senate. It had been a hard-fought contest; Knox County had supported Bob Taylor, albeit by the tiniest of margins, a mere fifteen votes. Taylor carried Davidson by 750 votes and Hamilton County by 358 votes. Edward Ward Carmack had carried his home county of Shelby by 5,000 ballots.

Taylor would serve in the U.S. Senate until his death. E. W. Carmack would make a failed race for governor in 1908 that was the precursor to his assassination.

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Visiting History in Calhoun and Charleston

Between Athens and Cleveland, Tennessee, are two small towns that hold a world of history. Whether you're into Cherokee or Civil War history, the adjoining towns of Calhoun and Charleston are worth a visit.

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Former Governor Joseph McMinn lived there and is buried in the Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery. In 1904 Gideon Blackburn operated a mission on the grounds of what is now the cemetery. The church was destroyed by Union troops during the civil war. Calhoun is also the grave site of Col. Gideon Morgan who married a granddaughter of John Sevier. Calhoun is on the north bank of the Hiwassee River in McMinn County and Charleston is on the south bank of the river and, although located in Bradley County, it shares its history with Calhoun.



The Hiwassee River Heritage Center in Charleston has displays dating from pre-Cherokee history, the Civil War, and much more. Photo courtesy of Darlene Goins.

Located on either side of the Hiwassee River both places played an important part in the forced removal of local Native Americans. And both towns have notable and historic buildings.

The easiest way to reach the towns is to take I-75 south beyond Athens and to turn east on Highway 163 to Calhoun. You might want to visit the historic Saulpaw Mansion there just off Church Street. Built in the 1870s by G. W. Saulpaw, a renowned and wealthy bridge builder, the home has ten fireplaces with marble mantels for each of their children and one for the couple.

It also had six rooms for live-in servants, two dining rooms, five bedrooms and a library on the second floor. The historic home is privately owned but worth a drive-by and photo.

Calhoun was first settled by the family of John Walker, a part-Cherokee descendant of Nancy Ward, the Cherokee's Beloved Woman. He established a ferry across the Hiwassee about 1808 and negotiated a treaty for land between the river and the Little Tennessee River. Walker laid out the town and named it for John C. Calhoun, the treaty's chief negotiator. The treaty placed Calhoun inside the state of Tennessee and Charleston remained part of the Cherokee Nation.

Charleston was the site of the federal Indian Agency and eventually Fort Cass, the U.S. military headquarters for the Cherokee removal. The river there was an important crossing for troop movement in the Civil War and several officers on both sides of the conflict made Charleston a stop in their operations. You can explore those important stories and more at the recently expanded Hiwassee River Heritage Center designated by the National Park Service as a certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

The Hiwassee River Heritage Center is owned and operated by the Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society. The manager, Darlene Goins, told The Focus the society meets quarterly and that on Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. a special program will be given about the Cherokee Nation before and after the Trail of Tears.

The center also offers displays of early Cherokee history. A map is available at the Hiwassee River Heritage Center to guide you to the significant places.

"We also include in our interpretation of Civil War and early Charleston and Calhoun town history," Goins said. "We have an interpretive trail behind the center. It is about a block long and is entitled Voices from the Past. It is a point on point

comparison of Cherokee and Military points of view."

Charleston is also home to the Historic Henegar House, built in 1848 and thought to be oldest brick home in Bradley County. Henry Benton Henegar was a wagon master and secretary under Cherokee Chief John Ross and accompanied the Cherokee on the westward removal. He returned to the area and built the home, now on the National Register of Historic Places. The dwelling was built on the site of the military barracks of Fort Cass, the removal fort.

During the Civil War the home was local headquarters for both sides including Union General William T. Sherman. It is a private residence now and is located two blocks from Highway 11 between Cass and Water Streets.

The Charleston United Methodist Church was created in 1825 and was built as a mission of the Cherokee Agency.

Also in Charleston are the sites of the Lewis Ross House and Barrett Hotel, Fort Cass, and the beginning of the Trail of Tears.

More information is available by calling the Heritage Center at (423) 665-3373 or visiting hiwasseeheritage.com. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

God's Great Love

It is often celebrated with cards and candy, special dinners, and red roses. The short month of February brings the much-anticipated Valentine's Day holiday.



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to be a man and was crucified on a cruel cross. But, three days later, he rose from the grave. Because of his resurrection, Christians can have eternal life. This love will be celebrated in a few weeks at

Easter. There is no better verse in all of the Bible to tell of God's great love for man than the inspiring words found in the Book of John. The often-quoted scripture is, once again, the selection in this week's focus on love.

Words of Faith: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV).

Love. Songs and stories have been written about it; movies have been made about it. There are so many facets to the small, four-letter word. There is love for family, love for friends, and love for mankind. The focus of Valentine's Day is generally that of romantic love.

The greatest love, however, is God's love, also known as agape love. God's love came to man in the form of a tiny baby born in a manger. This love was celebrated recently at Christmas. The baby was God's son, Jesus. He grew

What is Split Confinement?

If you are charged with a crime, and you are considering pleading guilty, one of the big questions that you will want answered is how you will have to serve your sentence.



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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Code Annotated section 40-35-306 states, "A defendant receiving probation may be required to serve a portion of the sentence in continuous confinement for up to one year in the local jail or workhouse, with probation for a period of time up to and including the statutory maximum time for the class of the conviction offense."

So for example, if you are pleading guilty to something that carries an 8-year sentence, part of the agreement may be a split confinement sentence where you serve 1 year in jail and then do the remaining 7 years on probation.

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Your sentence is your period of punishment for the crime you have committed. The options available are either probation or jail. If you have to serve more than a year in jail, they send you to prison. But we will call them both "jail" for this column.

Usually, your sentence will be either probation or jail. Very rarely we will see someone get a sentence that includes both of these options. That type of sentence is called split confinement.

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DISTRICT 4-4A BASKETBALL

Farragut comes back to snap long losing streak in rivalry series

By Ken Lay

Seven years of frustration and futility finally came to an end for the Farragut High School girls basketball team against Kingston Pike rival Bearden.

Farragut snapped a 19-game winning streak with a 42-38 victory over the Lady Bulldogs before a packed and spirited house at Farragut High's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. Bearden's recent domination dates back to 2017 and includes a 52-44 victory over the Lady Admirals on Feb. 2 at Bearden.

The Lady Bulldogs appeared poised to nab their 20th consecutive victory in the longstanding West Knoxville rivalry as they had a 38-33 advantage midway through the fourth quarter.

The Lady Admirals, however, had other ideas as they stormed back to win the contest and capture the No. 1 seed in the upcoming District 4-4A Tournament at Maryville.

Farragut's defense held the Lady Bulldogs without a point for the final four minutes of the game and used a 12-2 run down the stretch to nab a victory that



PHOTO BY JESSICA JOHNSTON.

Farragut High girls basketball coach Jason Mayfield instructs Jaci Neubert (1) and Kate Priest during a timeout of the Lady Admirals' 42-38 victory over rival Bearden Thursday night. Both players played key roles in ending Farragut's long losing streak in the rivalry series.

was a long time coming.

Both teams endured some offensive struggles throughout the game, but it was Farragut that

manufactured just enough offense to end a long losing streak against the Bulldogs.

"It's been a long time.

The frustrating thing is that we've been right there multiple times," said Farragut coach Jason Mayfield, who saw his squad improve to

16-11 overall and 9-1 in the district. "I can count at least eight times where we were right there but we couldn't make that championship play, but tonight we did."

On this night, it was Lady Admirals' junior Annie Priest that scored what would eventually be the game-winning bucket, a 3-pointer with 23.2 seconds remaining to make it 40-38.

Priest had nine points but missed her first six attempts from beyond the 3-point arc before making her last two long-range jumpers on the night. Priest had another 3-pointer to pull Farragut to within 36-33 with 4:15 to play.

Priest said that it was ironic that she made the shot to end the streak.

"It's ironic. I'd been in a real shooting slump and then I hit the defining shot of my career to beat Bearden," Priest said. "I've never beaten Bearden and I've been playing them since my freshman year.

"That was the biggest shot of my career. It was the biggest play I've ever made, especially against

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Halls wrestlers take second at state duals

By Ken Lay

Halls High School boys wrestling coach Shannon Sayne had some mixed feelings when his team left the Williamson County Expo Center on Saturday, Feb. 3

He and the Red Devils had plenty to be happy about as they reached the championship match of the Class AA State Duals.

Halls, however, couldn't quite bring home another championship from the Midstate. After eliminating Bartlett and Bradley Central early in the day, the Red Devils fell to Cleveland, 38-36, in the finals.

The Blue Raiders jumped out to a 38-0 lead in the title bout before forfeiting the last six matches with the championship in hand.

"They're good and we're not quite at that level," Halls coach Shannon Sayne said. "We've got a lot of work to do.

"They were dominant all year. It's kind of bitter-sweet. It was great to get to the championship match in large schools. But you can't be content with it."

The Red Devils (18-7 in dual meets this season) earned all of their victories against the Blue Raiders via the forfeit as David Cook (126 pounds), Jordan Sexton (132), Trevor Sexton (138), Eli Benton (144), Harlen Hunley (150) and Barrett Whaley (157) were all awarded wins.

Halls, which was reclassified to Class AA after winning both the Class A dual and traditional state championships in 2022-23, advanced to the title bout with a 32-24 semifinal victory over Bradley Central.

Whaley won his bout by technical fall as he defeated Trent Crisp, 20-3. At 190, Ben Whaley claimed a 9-4 decision over Hayden Nichols.

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DISTRICT 3-4A BASKETBALL

Halls girls and Central boys are looking to advance

By Steve Williams

The Halls girls and Central boys will be playing in season-ending elimination games Tuesday night in the District 3-4A basketball tournament at Central High.

Games pitting the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeds and No. 3 versus No. 6 seeds on opening night are often among the best in the tournament, because for the losers of these games, there is no tomorrow.

The Lady Red Devils and Bobcats tuned up for the elimination games by ending regular season play in their district with victories last Thursday night at Central.

Megan Biliter stood out for the Halls girls with a triple double in their 74-56 win over the Lady Bobcats. Biliter scored 19 points, collected 15 rebounds and had 10 assists.

"She's just a very well-rounded player," said Coach Savannah Harrison, who is in her sixth season as head coach at Halls.

The Lady Red Devils were "bumped up" to Class 4A this season said Harrison and her team got its first district win with the victory over rival Central.

"We have more skill than our overall record (8-18) reflects," added Harrison. "They wanted it bad tonight. We came out in the second half with a much better vibe."

Halls had five players in all to score in double digits. Blake Holbert had 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Raegan Corvette also tallied 14 points and had eight rebounds. Bailey Roberts, who had been sidelined, bounced back with 12 points and Olivia Culp contributed 11 points.

District 3-4A tourney seeds

Girls: 1-Oak Ridge, 2-Karns, 3-Campbell County, 4-Powell, 5-Halls, 6-Central.

Boys: 1-Oak Ridge, 2-Karns, 3-Powell, 4-Central, 5-Halls, 6-Campbell County.

Halls fired in eight 3-pointers in the game. Central, which made 14 of 16 free throws, got 16 points from Avery Brewer, 13 from Cadence Horner and 11 from Ryah Winton.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



PHOTO BY DR. KELLY KEARSE.

Catholic student-athletes all signed for football. From left to right: Cooper Crook, Braylon Harmon, Elijah Lindsey, Hayden Oliver, Connor Ruth and Antori Hamilton.



Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) student-athletes signing letters of intent last week were: Campbell Ayres, Jonathon Van Ness and Alex Gaetz.



Farragut High student-athletes at National Signing Day are: Back Row (L to R): Jackson Bennett, Alli Duenckel, Matteo Tonnos and Harrison Cunningham. Front Row (L to R): Roger McNeer, Nathan Harville, Jack Alley and Michael Delph.

For many, National Signing Day is the culmination of a long recruiting journey!

LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to athletic directors at high schools in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, here's a list of student-athletes who have signed or will be signing Letters of Intent in the National Signing period, which began Feb. 7 of the 2023-24 school year, and later will be enrolling in college for the 2024-25 school year.

BEARDEN

Preston Gould, Carson-Newman, football
Amanda Parker, J. Hopkins, basketball
Gray Loftin, Cleveland State, golf
Rylie Lucas, McKendree, soccer
Jack Raulston, Berry College, soccer
Joe Scott, The Cumberlands, football
Rhys Thomas, Johnson, baseball
Brooks Wright, Tennessee, baseball
Anna Wyatt, Trevecca, soccer

CAK

Campbell Ayres, Covenant, women's soccer
Alex Gaetz, Walters State, golf
Jonathan Van Ness, Belmont, baseball

CENTRAL

Dante Strickland, Tusculum, football

FARRAGUT

Jack Alley, Air Force, football
Jackson Bennett, North Alabama, bass fishing
Harrison Cunningham, Xavier, CC/track
Michael Delph, Army, baseball
Alli Duenckel, Tennessee Wesleyan, lacrosse
Nathan Harville, The Cumberlands, football
Roger McNeer, The Cumberlands, football
Matteo Tonnos, Furman, CC/track

KARNS

Blake Dawson, Walters State, golf
Jackson Hawkins, Roane State, golf
Hannah Little, Austin Peay State, track

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Cooper Crook, Boston College, football
Antori Hamilton, Austin Peay, football
Braylon Harmon, Tennessee, football
Elijah Lindsey, Union College, football
Hayden Oliver, Maryville College, football
Connor Ruth, Tennessee State, football

POWELL

Matthew Clayton, Tusculum, football

THE KING'S ACADEMY

Caroline Rauhuff, Tusculum, lacrosse
Zac Wallace, Asbury, baseball
Elijah Williams-Smith, Dickinson, football

WEST

Carlo Adams, Illinois Wesleyan, lacrosse
Marshaun Bowers, Tenn. Tech, football
Kate Robinson, Georgia, CC/track
Ryan Scott, Tennessee, football
CJ Smith, UT-Chattanooga, football

- Compiled by Steve Williams

Q&A with Braylon Harmon



PHOTO BY DR. KELLY KEARSE

UT signee Braylon Harmon speaks at Knoxville Catholic's National Signing Day ceremony on Feb. 7.

By Mark Nagi

On Wednesday, February 7, Knoxville Catholic's wide receiver Braylon Harmon made things official, signing a letter of intent to play at the University of Tennessee.

Harmon had 84 catches for 1071 yards and scored 19 touchdowns during his senior year with the Fighting Irish. He also had scholarship offers from Army, Troy, Wofford and Lafayette.

We spent a few minutes with Harmon to talk about his decision to play for the Vols and attend UT.

Knoxville Focus: Well, first the easiest question... why did you decide to pick Tennessee?

Braylon Harmon: I feel like God moved me there... I was originally committed to Wofford. I was getting

more offers and more opportunities... and I just told him to move me where he wanted me to go. I felt the right doors opened to Tennessee, and other doors closed. It felt so right that I should go there.

KF: What has the Tennessee coaching staff told you about where they see you fitting in?

BH: They said that I will start as a return game specialist, as a kick and punt returner and gunner. Then they will move me into the slot receiver role as I get older and more involved.

KF: What is it about that Tennessee offense that makes so many skill position players like yourself want to be a part of it?

BH: It is so explosive. They run such a fast-paced offense that it is hard for defenses to stop. That makes me have even more

of a chance to go make plays and get to the next level after that, so I am excited for it.

KF: How did your time at Knoxville Catholic prepare you for playing at the next level?

BH: It was crazy. Every other week we were playing another big-time recruit that is similar to players that you will see playing in the SEC. It is the best competition (Division II-AAA) in the whole state, and it prepared me well because I had to step up my game to beat them and play to my best ability, which got me to where I can play at Tennessee.

KF: Have you thought about what it will be like running through the T and playing at Neyland Stadium in front of family and friends?

BH: That's all I have been

thinking about, honestly. It is crazy because I've grown up with it. Such a big stadium, such a big moment, that I never knew I could get to that. Now being able to do that and fulfill those dreams... it's surreal. It is such a blessing.

KF: You'll be at Tennessee pretty soon after graduation. What will the next few months be like for you?

BH: Definitely be in the weight room a lot, trying to keep or gain weight so I can get ready for that level. Definitely working on the mental side right now because I know SEC football is going to be a lot different and a big change from high school to college. I need to work on my craft, being a wide receiver, it is going to be a lot harder, work on my cuts and getting in and out of breaks, stuff like that.

Three SEC Championship Seasons to Remember

The 2024 season marks the 85th anniversary of the 10-1 1939 team, the 55th anniversary of the 9-2 1969 team, and the 35th anniversary of the 11-1 1989 team, champions all.

Each of these "Boys of Fall" teams contributed immeasurably to the Tennessee tradition.

The 1939 team, captained by Sam Bartholomew, is the last to hold a whole regular season slate of opponents scoreless. The 10-0 record earned the Vols a date in the Rose Bowl against Southern Cal, losing 14-0.

Vol fans wondered what Gen. Robert R. Neyland could do for an encore.

Neyland-coached teams kept winning and playing defense as if there were no tomorrow. He was adept at telling anyone who would listen how the 1939 team couldn't possibly be as good as the 1938 bunch.

The season's highlight was a 21-0 victory over Alabama on Shields-Watkins Field on Oct. 21. The Vols went to No. 1 the week after the Alabama game and stayed there through the Vanderbilt game, dropping inexplicably to No. 4 after a 13-0 win over the Commodores.

On the downside, tailback George Cafego suffered a knee injury against The Citadel in a Nov. 11 game that limited his effectiveness and caused him to miss nearly all of the Rose Bowl game against

Southern Cal. The 1969 team, captained by Knoxville's Bill Young, had impressive victories over Auburn, Alabama, and Georgia, the latter two on the road, on its way to the SEC title. It ended up in the Gator Bowl against Florida, losing 14-13.

Sophomore fullback Curt Watson was the unquestioned star offensively, teaming with junior tailback Don McLeary to give the Vols a solid one-two punch in the ground game. At Georgia on a wet field, Watson ran for a school-record 197 yards and McLeary added 101.

The offensive line, led by two-time All-American selection and 2006 College Football Hall of Famer Chip Kell, was a dominating bunch. Bobby Scott capably stepped in at quarterback, ending up with a 21-3 record as a starter.

Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds (the latter known as "Hacksaw") each earned All-American honors, while sophomore linebacker Jackie Walker showed the innate ability that would lead him to be an All-American selection for the next two seasons.

Walker had a first-quarter interception run for a score against the Tide that increased the Vol lead to 21-0. He still holds the NCAA career record for interception returns for touchdowns with five.

Kiner, who was national lineman of the week for his performance against Alabama (11 tackles, five tackles for loss, a pass interception, three assists, and four hurries), was



Two Tennessee College Football Hall of Fame members, Ed Molinski (L) and Bob Suftridge (R), are shown remembering their playing days from 1938-40.

named to the College Hall in 1999.

Bobby Majors, the last of the Majors brothers from Franklin and Moore Counties, had a 71-yard punt return against Alabama on his way to All-America honors the next two years.

The stretch run of the 1969 season always gives

longtime Vol fans a case of the "what-ifs," given an inordinate number of critical injuries and the disappointment following Doug Dickey's eventual move to Florida.

The 1989 team, captained by offensive guard Eric Still, came off a 5-6 record a season earlier to share the SEC title with

Alabama and Auburn. The team had a rain-swept victory over Auburn and equally impressive victories over Georgia and at LSU on its way to the top of the SEC. The No. 8 Vols defeated No. 10 Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl by 31-27.

Not much was expected of this team, but the Vols won at UCLA in the

season's second game. Many Vol fans had chalked this one up as a loss before the season opener, but when the dust had settled, it was Tennessee 24, UCLA 6.

John Majors made two significant moves that looked like money in the bank at season's end.

He moved sophomore quarterback Andy Kelly under center midway in the Alabama game and looking to shore up a secondary exposed in the Alabama and LSU games, inserted freshman wide receiver Carl Pickens at safety, and the results were immediate.

The offensive line, led by 1991 No. 1 NFL draft choices Charles McRae and Antone Davis looked like an old friend, opening holes for Vol runners and enabling Kelly to throw to a cadre of wideouts that had speed and precise route-running ability.

Tailback Chuck Webb, a redshirt freshman, had a school-record 294 yards rushing against Ole Miss and added 250 more against Arkansas. He led the 1989 team with 1236 yards rushing and made more than his share of fifty moves in the secondary. He injured his knee in the 1990 Pacific game, however, and never played again.

From Cafego to Kiner, Neyland to Still, Dickey to Majors, and through many, many more, these players and teams made Vol fans proud and added greatly to the Tennessee tradition.

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Knoxville has four in running for Mr. and Miss Basketball

By Steve Williams

Four Knoxville high school basketball players are Mr. and Miss Basketball finalists for 2023-24.

Sydney Mains of Knoxville Catholic and Natalya Hodge of Bearden are Miss Basketball finalists in Division II-AA and Class 4A, respectively.

Tyler Lee of Fulton and Shane Cherry of Austin-East are Mr. Basketball finalists in Class 3A and Class 2A, respectively.

The TSSAA awards will be presented to the top girls and boys in six classifications in all on Tuesday, March 12 at MTSU's Murphy Center at 5 p.m. The event will be open to the public.

A statewide committee of sportswriters selected winners based on performance during the 2023-2024 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration.



High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

Filmmaker looking to do documentary on TSD football

Alex Astrella, a filmmaker based out of Nashville, and his company, Blu Star Productions, is looking to develop a documentary about the football program at the Tennessee School for the Deaf.

A brief synopsis of the project states the documentary "Deafening" highlights the unique challenges faced by an entirely deaf football team in Knoxville. The film will focus

on one season of football at TSD. The success of the film will raise awareness for the resilience of deaf athletes while also showcasing the storied history of the TSD football program.

Eight to be inducted into TSSAA Hall of Fame

The eight TSSAA Hall of Fame inductees this year are: Bernard Childress, administrator from Murfreesboro; Phil Clark, coach from Bartlett; Glenn Falls, coach from Nashville; Joe Gaddis, coach from Oak Ridge; Jody Wright, coach from Clinton; Jerry McCarter, official from Powell; Steve Trussler, official from Manchester; and the late Chris Snoddy, contributor from Nashville.

The Hall of Fame luncheon and induction ceremony will be April 8 at MTSU in Murfreesboro.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Quite a shiner! Kian Jones, Hardin Valley wrestler, in January shows off a black-eye he received in a match this season.

The luncheon is to not only honor the new inductees and their families, but to honor all past inductees into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

Tickets will be available online beginning on Feb. 12 at the following link: <https://tssaa.org/hall-of-fame-luncheon>.

Tourney seeds in District 4-4A

Girls: 1-Farragut, 2-Bearden, 3-Maryville, 4-Hardin Valley, 5-William Blount, 6-West.

Boys: 1-Maryville, 2-West, 3-Bearden, 4-William Blount, 5-Hardin Valley, 6-Farragut.

The District 4-4A tournament will be played this week at Maryville High.

Catholic girls and Webb boys win again

In the second regular season meeting between rivals Knoxville Catholic and Webb School Friday night at Webb, the Lady Irish won 44-39 and the Spartans prevailed 66-65.

CAK girls, TKA boys in Division II-A title games

The Christian Academy of Knoxville and The King's Academy were scheduled to play in the girls championship game of Division II-A Saturday, followed by TKA versus Lakeway Christian in the boys' title game.

Chris Freeman reflects on his memories of Todd Helton

(The recent announcement that Todd Helton would be going into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame this summer got Chris Freeman, a teammate of Todd at Central High and UT, thinking a lot about their relationship in baseball over the years. And it started at a young age.)

"We met - I guess I was 12 and he was 11 - and played Little League baseball against each other at Fountain City Ball Park, and you knew then Todd had the 'it' factor. It was

amazing, and from that moment on, we either played on the same teams or against each other all the way through our time at Tennessee. (Todd was playing for Farragut and Chris for Inskip-Norwood in the City Little League District tournament that summer in the mid-1980s.)

"Todd grew up in Farragut and then they moved to Powell right before he came to high school, and with (his uncle) Joel being the football coach at Central is how he ended up at Central.



"Actually, grade-wise, Todd was two years behind my senior class (that won the TSSAA state championship in the spring of 1990).

"We were fortunate. Central had a run through the 80s and 90s and it just was unbelievable the amount of talent that had come through Central, so we were kind of an older team. Three or four of us started when we were sophomores, but by the time we were juniors our whole group of guys that ended up being on that 90 team was the mainstays

of the 89 team. (Todd was a freshman at Central in the 1988-89 school year.) Coach Bales knew how special he was and it just took a little bit of time to get Todd integrated into our lineup, and then once he was in there he didn't miss a beat ... He didn't start the first few games, but it didn't take him long to get his spot. He pitched, played first base and played outfield some.

"At first, Coach Bales was just getting Todd used to being around the guys and everything, then once Todd started in the lineup, he never came out.

"Probably the thing that impressed me the most about Todd - you know everybody talks about how good of a hitter he was, and he was. He's probably one of the best I've been around, along with Bubba Trammel and Pug Wood. Those guys, you could tell they were upper echelon hitters.

"But not many people

know that Todd owns the record in the SEC for consecutive scoreless innings pitched. (Helton finished his collegiate career owning the SEC record for consecutive scoreless innings pitched (47.2) as a sophomore in 1994.) For somebody that didn't concentrate on pitching, that just blows my mind that he was able to accomplish that. After knowing that, I wonder how many times he tried to get the Rockies let him pitch (Chris laughed)."

What kind of guy was Todd off the field? Did anything strike you about his personality away from the field, Freeman was asked.

"I heard a guy talking about Todd the other day. He said it perfectly. Todd didn't want the spotlight. Todd just wanted to go and do his work and be done with it. He'd rather go fishing or be out and away. He used to go to his grandmother's house a lot, so he liked that part of it. I

always respected that of Todd. You know ... Anybody could have bragged about how good they were; he never did.

"I think Coach Bales had a great mentorship in how you're supposed to act and how you're supposed to be as a baseball player. Even on that 90 team, even though that team was loaded with talent, we always went into every game - Okay, we got to play hard or we're going to get beat. I think Coach Bales was the main reason for all of that. He molded a lot of great men.

"I really would like to iterate how proud we are of Todd. He's always been a really good friend, a brother to me and I appreciate everything he has helped me out in life with and what he's meant to my life."

DISTRICT 4-4A BASKETBALL

Bulldogs start fast, beat Farragut in regular-season finale

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's boys basketball team closed out the 2023-24 regular season on a winning note Thursday night. The Bulldogs completed a regular-season sweep against longtime rival Farragut, notching their second win over the Admirals in six days.

And the next time Bearden hits the hardwood for competition, it will be against the Admirals.

The two rivals will renew acquaintances on Wednesday in the opening round of the District 4-4A Tournament at Maryville High School.

And the stakes will be much higher.

The winner of that game will move on to the district semifinals and to the Region 2-4A Tournament. The loser will see its season come to an end.

Tipoff for Wednesday's tilt is slated for 7:30 p.m.

"It's a weird situation we're in, knowing that we're going to come back and play them again on Wednesday," Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott said after the Bulldogs notched a 52-39 victory over the Admirals at Farragut's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The seeds for the tournament were determined before tipoff Thursday night, but that didn't mean the game was meaningless.

"We already knew that we were going to play them again because we were the third seed and they were No. 6, but the kids really wanted this one."

And it showed, at least early.

The Bulldogs (24-6 overall, 6-4 in the district) jumped out to a 23-7 lead by the end of the first quarter in front of a spirited crowd at Farragut (7-20, 1-9). Bearden extended its advantage to 34-12 at halftime.

From there, the game's outcome was never really in doubt but the Bulldogs, who defeated the Admirals at home on Feb. 2, got a little sloppy in the final frame and Farragut, which has lost eight straight district games, kept scrapping away and clawed its way back to within 10 points.

The Admirals narrowed their deficit to 45-35 when Parker Lane converted one of his two free throw attempts with 3 minutes, 44 seconds left in the game. But Farragut never came any closer.

Parrott said his team

made some mistakes down the stretch but he also commended the Admirals for their effort.

"There's no quit in those kids and they're good," Parrott said. "A lot of that's to their credit, but some of it was due to our poor decision making on the offensive end.

"It was a combination of both things; their fight and our inability to take care of the ball."

Brody Smith led the Bulldogs with a game-high 13 points.

Berkley Naro scored 11 to pace the Admirals' attack.

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Farragut comes back to snap long losing streak in rivalry series

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Bearden. It was on a play that was drawn up for anyone and they said that if we were open, to take the shot. I did and I knew it was good as soon as it left my hand."

Junior guard Jaci Neubert, who finished with 13 points, provided the winning margin when she knocked down a pair of free throws with seven seconds to go.

Mya Johnston also scored 13 points for the Lady Admirals, who trailed, 31-28, heading into the

final frame.

Bearden coach Justin Underwood wasn't around for the end of the game as he was called for two technical fouls in the third stanza and was ejected.

Sophomore guard Natalya Hodge led the Lady Bulldogs with a game-high 15 points.

District tournament play opens Tuesday at Maryville but both Bearden and Farragut have opening-round byes. Farragut has the No. 1 seed by virtue of a preseason tie-breaker draw.

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Jones' clutch free throws help Lady Hornets win

Carter boys make it a sweep

By Steve Williams

For the first time this season, the Carter girls and boys basketball teams both got to go home a winner Wednesday night (Feb. 7).

Senior Ivey Jones helped make it happen for the Lady Hornets as she made two clutch free throws with 11.4 seconds on the clock to stretch a one-point lead to three points and teammate Marah Yeo intercepted a pass on Gibbs' final possession to prevent a potential tying shot.

Back in the locker room after the game, Ivey was asked what she was thinking about when she stepped up to the line in that pressure situation.

"I better make 'em or I'm runnin'," she answered.

For the Carter girls, it's been a season with wins being few and far between. They had won only one of their last 12 games coming into the Gibbs game last



Carter senior point guard Ivey Jones helped the Lady Hornets snap a long losing streak last week.

How did this victory help?

"Well, we've been struggling, and once you get down, it's hard to get back up," said Ivey. "I think we're finally starting to get back up."

Parker McNew, who is in his second season as head coach at Carter, said: "Gibbs is our rival and nobody likes losing to Gibbs. I thought the girls were really focused today. As the game went on, I was like 'Man, we got this one,' if we continue to execute and do the things we are

coached to do. And we did that probably for 30 of the 32 minutes tonight."

In addition to her two free throws near the end, Ivey also hit three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points.

Yeo took individual scoring honors with 18 points. Olivia Craig contributed eight points, including two 3-pointers, and blocked multiple Gibbs shots. Lily Lampkin chipped in seven points.

"This year Ivey has struggled scoring the basketball, but she's taken a real big leadership role," said Coach McNew. "She's our best ball handler, so we've moved her over to the 1 position and we've moved Yeo over to the 2 position. Ivey has done a heck of a job handling the basketball. Without her, I don't know if we pull this one out when they started pressing us late. She's quick and she's hard to stay in front of. Great family. Great kid. She's a good one to coach."

"Every time at the end of practice when we shoot free throws to go home, if she's shooting them I just know 'Hey, let's wrap it up, it's time to go home.' She's

pretty money from there."

The Lady Eagles' Brianna Bates warmed up in the second half to score 10 of her 12 points. Maddi Whaley and Jadyn Parker added 11 points apiece.

Carter, 6-22 after the win, will play in the District 3-3A tournament, which starts Tuesday night at Fulton.

In the boys' game, Zion Oliver sparked Carter to a 71-70 win as he scored 17 of his 20 points in the first half. Zane Brown chipped in 14 points and Robert Jolly 12 as the Hornets defeated Gibbs for the third time this season.

"Zion is a 19-point, nine-rebound a night guy," said Carter Coach Tyler Cate. "He's got a really high motor. He's a joy to coach and he's a great kid. So the fact that he's putting up 19 and nine just makes it all the better for him."

The Eagles had the last possession in the closing seconds but junior guard Zack Turner missed a 3-point shot from the right wing.

Turner, however, had an impressive game overall as he poured in 33 points,



BOYS PHOTOS BY RANSOM WAYMAN

Above: Gibbs junior guard Zack Turner didn't end up on the winning side, but he poured in 33 points in a 71-70 loss at Carter last week in a rivalry game between the Eagles and Hornets. Left: Carter's Zane Brown wears one of the "Green Out" T-shirts as he takes the court before the Hornets' game against Gibbs last Wednesday. Brown would go on to score 14 points in Carter's one-point victory over the Eagles.

including six 3-pointers. Teammate Mason Melton contributed 14 points with four treys.

The win lifted Carter to 10-17, while Gibbs slipped to 11-15.

Halls girls and Central boys are looking to advance

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The Halls girls also built on the win the next night by notching a 66-53 victory over highly regarded Anderson County on Senior Night.

Coach Harrison had made plans earlier to take her team to see the Lady Vols play tonight (Feb. 12) at the Food City Center.

Horton fires Central to 50-46 win

Cam Horton's hot shooting lifted Central to a 50-46 win over Halls in the boys game. Horton finished with 18 points after connecting on five 3-pointers, including three in the final period as the Bobcats outscored the Red Devils 16-9 to take

the win.

JD Harris added 13 points and made 8 of 10 free throws.

The Bobcats had a big edge at the foul line, making 16 of 22 compared to Halls' 3 of 6.

Jake Lane led Halls' balanced attack with 11 points.

First-year Central Coach Marcus Huie puts a high

premium on defense. He said the key to the win was "getting meaningful stops."

Huie added: "The mentality for us is stop, score, stop ... And that's just one of the things I learned from my previous coaches. For 29 minutes, I didn't feel

like we played team ball at all. We were just arguing. Things didn't go our way. But those last three minutes we found a way."

Coach Huie also pointed out after the game that Central and Halls were "locked" into a No. 4 seed

versus No. 5 seed first-game rematch in the district tournament. Late in the game, he decided to let his team know that.

"I let them know we needed this win to help the guys build confidence going into Wednesday's game."



PHOTOS BY JOHN VALENTINE

Top: Central's JD Harris goes up for a shot against the Halls defense on Feb. 7. The Bobcats trailed by six points midway through the final period but finished strong for a 50-46 win. Above: Halls' Megan Biliter (13) guards Central's Ayuana Ramsey Thursday night at CHS. Biliter also had a "triple double" in the game, scoring 19 points, collecting 15 rebounds and handing out 10 assists. The Lady Red Devils won, 74-56.

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Halls wrestlers take second at state duals

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In the 285-pound weight class, Caleb Turner edged Rylan Freeman, 4-2. At 106, Halls High's Tanner Kitts won by fall as he pinned the Bears' Bryson Moats in 5 minutes, 49 seconds.

The Red Devils picked up a victory in the 120-pound division as Rylan May claimed a major decision with a 14-6 win over Landon Goins.

Halls closed out the match with three consecutive major decisions from Cook, Jordan Sexton and

Hunley.

In its opener in Franklin, Halls defeated Bartlett, 33-28.

Hunley, May and Jordan Sexton all won via the pin. Barrett Whaley, Ben Whaley, Turner and Gabe Freeman (165 pounds) all scored decision victories.

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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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant 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 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.

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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. This 23rd day of JANUARY, 2024.

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KENNETH DOWELL MIDKIFF-Vs- PATRICIA DIANE MIDKIFF Docket# 157961

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PATRICIA DIANE MIDKIFF is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PATRICIA DIANE MIDKIFF. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by KENNETH DOWELL MIDKIFF, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with JERRY R. GIVENS, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 9724 KINGSTON PK. STE 504, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

Michelle Henry Deputy Clerk

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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 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 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 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 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.

ESTATE OF ELMER L COSBY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICKY LEE COSBY; EXECUTOR 5608 OLD BROADWAY STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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) as described in (1)(A);

(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)
KELLEE LEIGH CULPEPPER CRONAN
308 RUSSELL 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 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 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 & 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 F. GRAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY MORTON VAUGHN
1632 LECONTE 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 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 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 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 MARGARET PIERCE HEADRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN WALDBAUER
831 GARRISON RIDGE BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN HOUSEWRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 88923-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN HOUSEWRIGHT who died on the 25th day of December 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 SHIRLEY ANN HOUSEWRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA GRIFFIN
7772 DEVONSHIRE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ERNEST E. JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88887-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNEST E. JOHNSON who died December 10, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedents date of death.

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VALERIE N. DALE
7809 CARPENTER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

GLENN B. RUTHERFORD, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 1668
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBIN WALKER JONES
DOCKET NUMBER 88625-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of ROBIN WALKER JONES, deceased, who died on July 25, 2023, were issued to the undersigned, Bethany Brianna Jones, by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBIN WALKER JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

BETHANY BRIANNA JONES
5215 VILLAGE CREST WAY, NO. 337
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

ERIN A. WHITE, ATTORNEY
408 N CEDAR BLUFF RD., STE 160
KNOXVILLE, N 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHERINE MAUREEN KERWIN
DOCKET NUMBER 88761-2**

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 KATHERINE MAUREEN KERWIN, 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 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE MAUREEN KERWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL EUGENE KERWIN
202 DOUGHTY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

CONSTANCE SUE KERWIN
445 ROLAND MANOR DRIVE
DACLUA, GEORGIA 30019

MARY KERWIN MORELAND
130 PUFFIN DRIVE, UNIT 2A
PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC 29585

CHARLES H. CHILD, ATTORNEY
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY LAWSON
DOCKET NUMBER 88924-3**

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

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

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

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

This the 26th day of January, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY LAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN DAVID LAWSON
1631 CHANCES RIDGE
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

MELISSA K. LAWSON
547 EMERTS VIEW CIRCLE
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GREGORY W. MADDOX
DOCKET NUMBER 88876-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day JANUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of GREGORY W. MADDOX, who died on November 13, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 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

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
MASCOT, 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 VANDERGRIF
720 COVENTRY RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGILL 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

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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 maybe) 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:

(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 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:

(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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID A. STEPHENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA COOPER
924 RACCOON VALLEY ROAD WEST
HEISKELL, TN 37754

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:

(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 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:

(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 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:

(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 GLORIA JEAN VANVALKENBURG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JULIE FAULKNER
3926 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

M. CATHERINE WARMBROD, 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:

(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 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOWELL JAMES BEELER DOCKET NUMBER 88930-3

Notice is Hereby Given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of LOWELL JAMES BEELER, who died September 21, 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 his estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LOWELL JAMES BEELER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHARON BEELER; EXECUTRIX
3829 HOLLYBERRY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

K. DAVJD MYERS, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 13 MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOAN PLATZ BURRIS DOCKET NUMBER 88900-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOAN PLATZ BURRIS who died Nov 21, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2024.

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, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOAN PLATZ BURRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOEL PATRICK BURRIS; EXECUTOR
8625 BRAVEHEART WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE CHAMBERS DOCKET NUMBER 88935-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE CHAMBERS on December 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE CHAMBERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA KAYE BROCK AND DENNIS JOE CHAMBERS, CO-EXECUTORS
4900 GARFIELD TERRACE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALVIN L CHESNEY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88945-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALVIN L CHESNEY, JR. who died Jul 18, 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 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALVIN L CHESNEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATRINA CHESNEY; EXECUTRIX
216 S ELMWOOD STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHERRILL H CREED DOCKET NUMBER 88903-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHERRILL H CREED who died Nov 14, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF SHERRILL H CREED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH A CREED; EXECUTOR
1147 DURHAM ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE SHIRLEY DRUSCHEN DOCKET NUMBER 88752-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE SHIRLEY DRUSCHEN who died Sep 27, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

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 ALICE SHIRLEY DRUSCHEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LYNN A DAVIS; EXECUTRIX
712 HARDWICK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN AVERY ELLIOTT DOCKET NUMBER 88968-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN AVERY ELLIOTT who died on November 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN AVERY ELLIOTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REGINA M. DELONG
1858 NANDINA DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

JARED T. ANDERSON, ATTORNEY 351 GLASCOCK STREET ALCOA, TN 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY C. FINLEY DOCKET NUMBER 88913-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY C. FINLEY who died November 13, 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF NANCY C. FINLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANE C. FINLEY; EXECUTRIX
8766 ARAGON LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LORETTA JEAN EZELL HARRINGTON DOCKET NUMBER 88762-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LORETTA JEAN EZELL HARRINGTON who died Jul 31, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LORETTA JEAN EZELL HARRINGTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHEENA BRYAN; EXECUTRIX
12780 CYPRESS CAPE CIRCLE, UNIT 115
FORT MYERS, FL 33966

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN HICKS DOCKET NUMBER 88882-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA JEAN HICKS, who died November 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 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; or

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

This the 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SENA TAYLOR PIERCE DOCKET NUMBER 88890-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH SENA TAYLOR PIERCE who died on October 13, 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH SENA TAYLOR PIERCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN TIPTON DAVIS
6084 BREEZY HOLLOW RD.
HARRISON, TN 37341

JEFFREY H. GLASPIE, ATTORNEY
500 PARK RD.
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN CLABO RAMSEY DOCKET NUMBER 88721-1

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

(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 MARTHA ANN CLABO RAMSEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ADAM JOSEPH RAMSEY; EXECUTOR
2302 ROCKLEDGE ROAD
BIG STONE GAP, VA 24219

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 88963-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT MICHAEL WILLIAMS who died October 27, 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 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN R. WILLIAMS
608 CHURCHILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 11, 2023, North Knoxville Health Education Center, applicant for a new Low Power FM station on 107.1 MHz, at Knoxville, Tennessee, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a low power FM construction permit. Members of the public wishing to view this application or obtain information about how to file comments and petitions on the application can visit - <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/views/public/fmDraftCopy?displayType=html&appKey=25076f918b25b6c1018b3e19354d06ab&id=25076f918b25b6c1018b3e19354d06a&goBack=N>

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids - KDCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at www.kcdc.org/procurement. Click on 'Open Solicitations' and follow the link.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
4. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:
5. APPLICATIONS:
 - 5a. Fuji Japanese Grill Fuji Japanese Grill
10508 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37922
On Premises
(District 5)
 - 5b. Pizza Hoss Inc Pizza Hoss
1301 E. Emory
Knoxville, TN 37938
On Premises
(District 7)

6. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/REVOCAION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

- 6a. BJ Fuel LLC, 2800 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy, District 9, Mr. Pankaj Sharma, owner
1st offense- January 22, 2024
Beer Permit issued March 29, 2021
- 6b. Lee's Food Market, 7608 Rutledge Pike, District 8, Mr. Terry Lee, Owner.
1st offense- July 28, 2021
2nd offense- September 21, 2021
3rd offense- January 22, 2024
Beer Permit issued October 31, 2012
- 6c. Shell Gas Station, 7135 Clinton Hwy, District 6, Mr. D.A. Patel, owner
1st offense- February 22, 2021
2nd offense- May 24, 2021
3rd offense- January 22, 2024
Beer Permit issued July 30, 2012
- 6d. Kenjo, 8901 Oak Ridge Hwy, District 6, Mr. Charles W. Carruthers, owner
1st offense- July 25, 2022
2nd offense- November 13, 2023
3rd offense- January 22, 2024
- 6e. Lucky Star, 3203 Maynardville Pike, District 9, Ms. Roveena Franklin, owner
1st offense- February 5, 2024
Beer Permit issued July 29, 2014
- 6f. Westland Market, 9233 Westland Dr, District 5, Mr. Saanvi Patel and Mr. Bharikkumar Patel, owners
1st offense- February 5, 2024
Beer Permit issued October 2, 2018

6g. Karns Food Mart, 7551 Oak Ridge Hwy, District 6, Mr. Puman Patel, owner
1st offense- February 5, 2024
Beer Permit issued July 15, 2015

7. ADJOURNMENT:

LEGAL SECTION

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

- Bid 3519, Pest Control Services, due 3/17/24;
Bid 3526, Work Release Facility Roof Replacement, due 3/13/24

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on FEB 26, 2024 at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

1. 07 Infinity G35 JNKBV61E17M726037
2. 21 Mitsubishi Mirage ML32AUHJ9MH010806
3. 20 Chrysler Voyager 2C4RC1CGXLR230636
4. 04 Ford Escape 1FMYU03134KA28568
5. 08 Honda Accord 1HGCP26398A150184
6. 01 Subaru Forester JF1SF63531H762362
7. 10 Hyundai Elantra KMHU4AD1AU104999
8. 05 Honda Accord 1HGCM56825A008065
9. 09 Honda Civic 1HGFA16549L028302
10. 99 Ford Taurus 1FAFP52U7XA305802
11. 98 Chevy Cavalier 1G1JC5243W7239043
12. 06 Scion TC JTKDE167760082565
13. 00 Suzuki Vitara 2S3TE52V1Y6105218
14. 23 Dodge Ram 1C6RRFF68PN156134
15. 98 Toyota Camry JT2BG28K1W0150142

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicle(s) impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction on February 24th at 9:00 a.m. in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Sutherland Avenue Wrecker Service, Inc. vehicle impoundment lot located at 2607 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee 37919. These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles Department, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been

checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/ serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

2003 Toyota Tacoma VIN 5TE5M92N532253524

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing Lisa at legals@knoxfocus.com or calling (865) 686-9970.



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