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Buuck makes appearance at Halls Republican Club

By Ken Lay

Knox County Law Director David Buuck spoke at the Halls Republican Club Tuesday night at the Halls Boys & Girls Club and, upon his arrival, he cleared up some misunderstanding about his job.

"The law director does not make policy, we're there when the county gets sued," said Buuck, who is seeking a second term as the county's law director. "People think we make policy. My opponent seems to think thinks the law director makes policy. County commissioners talk to me about the law. They don't talk to me about policy, and I would never tell anybody how to vote.

"It's the county commission that makes policy and it's the mayor that carries out that policy. Knox County is one of the counties that makes its own ordinances and we work for the taxpayers."

Buuck's opponent in the Republican Primary is former Knox County Republican Party Chairman Daniel Herrera. The winner of the primary election will run against Democrat Jackson Fenner, who ran against Buuck as an independent in 2020.

Buuck said that he is the most experienced candidate, having already served one term, and spending the previous eight years as chief

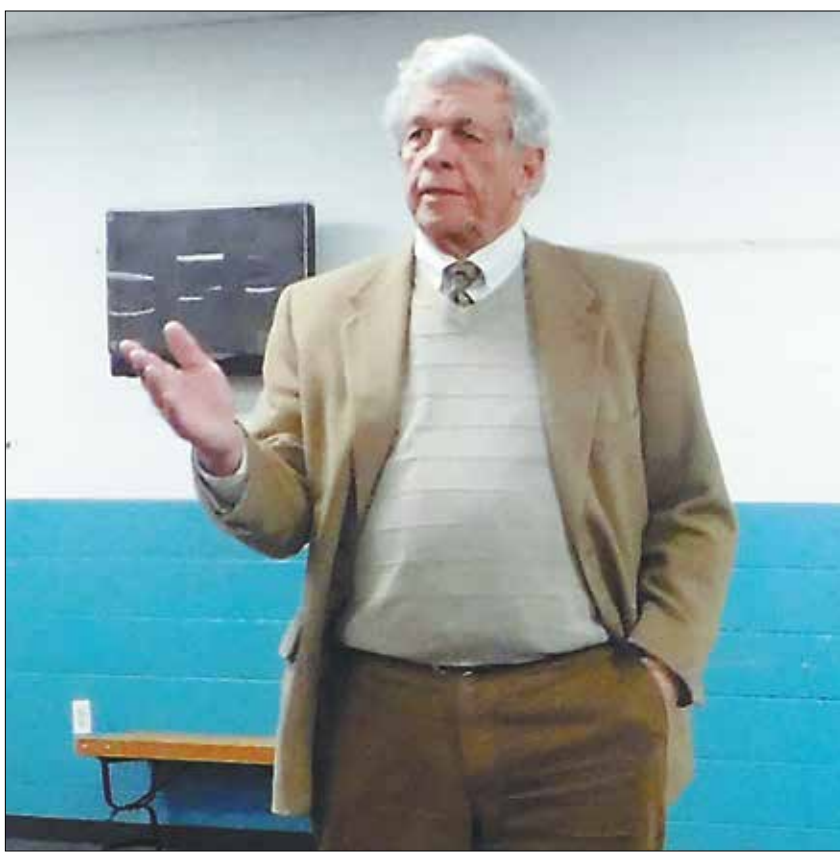


PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Law Director David Buuck addresses the Knox County Republican Club at its monthly meeting Tuesday in North Knox County. Buuck is seeking a second term.

deputy under former law director Bud Armstrong.

Buuck replaced Armstrong, who

was term-limited and is now a Chancery Court Judge.

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School security, new construction on county commission agenda

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When the Knox County Commission meets in a work session on Wednesday, February 21, because of President's Day and a city council meeting on that Tuesday, it will routinely approve items on its "consent calendar." The commission meets in regular session on Monday, February 26.

Among those items selected by the chairwoman and other commissioners are several Knox County Schools resolutions including \$11.4 million for a construction contract with Merit Construction Inc. for addition to Hardin Valley Academy.

Another \$2.4 million is on the school agenda for a design contract with McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects Inc. for a new Farragut-area elementary school. The school system is also seeking just over \$1 million for a contract for a literacy implementation audit.

A grant request for just over \$1.5 million in state funds is on the agenda for security and another for just over \$1.4 million from the state for supply chain assistance in administering the National School Lunch program.

A resolution for Americans with Disability Act

upgrades to the Halls High School stadium is also being proposed, allotting \$5,000 to Dollar and Ewer Architecture Inc.

Growth Plan vote pushed to next month

When the Knox County Commission meets in work session on Wednesday, the members will see a delay in voting on the county's Growth Policy Review Plan.

Chairwoman Terry Hill had informed the commission the vote would now move from February to March. Commissioner Kim Frazier has shared a map of that plan for Knox County's future growth with her fellow members for review.

Hill has indicated that the work session may also see a discussion of appointing a new member to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors. John Marshall has resigned from the board and the board is reviewing applicants to fill his unexpired term.

The work session may also discuss eliminating the EMS Cost Review Board since the current provider of ambulance service has been selected and the board is no longer needed.

Merit board re-elects its leadership

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In its quarterly meeting Thursday, the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employee's Merit System Board chose to re-elect Christopher Manning as chairman and John Valiant as vice chairman.

The board also set its upcoming quarterly meetings for May 16, August 15 and November 14, each at 1 p.m.

Manning brought up a discussion about the promotion assessments for KCSO employees and commented that he thought the approved questions were too vague.

"Three or four questions are rather brief," Manning said and added the questions prior to being recommended for promotion should be relevant and timely for the position that is available. Valliant suggested the questions be more specific.

Chief Brent Gibson said the assessments have little to do with actual promotions and are more of a formality as opposed to the tests taken for a position. Chief Debbie Cox of the Corrections Department echoed Gibson's opinion.

Micki Evans of the Sheriff's Department



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Chiefs Brent Gibson and Debbie Cox told the merit board that the initial assessment of applicants for promotion in the Knox County Sheriff's Office has little to do with getting an actual promotion, which is more based on testing and the department's decision.

Civilian Employees promotions in that said she likes the oral division have more to do assessments but added with on-the-job training.

Fire and Rescue Committee discuss ARPA funding and non-subscriber tax breaks

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Recommendations for the distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act were discussed Wednesday during a meeting of the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee. Three requests — which will go to the Knox County Mayor and the County Commission — include a training facility for the Karns Fire Department, an apparatus purchase for the Seymour Fire Department, and equipment for

the Knox County Rescue Squad.

Chief Jerry Harnish of Rural Metro Fire chaired the committee meeting at E-911 Headquarters and the 2024 budget was also discussed. The state's Insurance Rating Agency was also discussed with Harnish saying that the agency "doesn't follow its own rules."

The committee is asking state legislators representing the area to review contracted fire department subscribers' insurance rates and to determine

why non-subscribers also get an insurance cost break. The Knox County Commission has voted to support the measure to maintain the advantage of

subscribers for premiums for fire and property insurance and the committee is asking why the Tennessee Department of Commerce

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Housing takes up much of council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council recently approved from General Commercial to Light Industrial for 2000 Shoppers Lane and John Huber is seeking to decrease the front and rear setback requirements for seven properties in an RN-2 residential zone at 0 Helmbolt Road, 1817 Francis Road, 0 Francis Road, and 0 Old Amherst Road.

First up in that category is a request for change in zoning, from Low Density to Medium Density/Office for property at 1717 Loves Creek Road.

Erika Ayala Munoz is asking for a change from Neighborhood Commercial to Low Density

Residential for property at 2812 Merchant Drive.

Schaad Companies LLC is seeking a change from General Commercial to Light Industrial for 2000 Shoppers Lane and John Huber is seeking to decrease the front and rear setback requirements for seven properties in an RN-2 residential zone at 0 Helmbolt Road, 1817 Francis Road, 0 Francis Road, and 0 Old Amherst Road.

An easement agreement is sought by South Banks Apartments to get a variance permitting one of their units to be closer to Waterfront Drive than

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Trump Has Been Right On NATO For Years

From a distance



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

President Biden said Donald Trump's statement about NATO was "dumb, shameful, dangerous, un-American."

Never has such a mean-spirited partisan political statement been made from the White House by a president about his leading opponent.

The know-it-all analysts in the national media jumped on too, acting like Trump had brought a skunk to the garden party.

And then, of course, Sen. Mitt Romney joined in from the Senate floor, but he cares more about praise from the Washington Post

and the New York Times than he does about his constituents in Utah.

Actually, if you read what Trump has said about NATO over the years, the great majority of the American people agree with him.

In July 2018, NPR reported that just before joining a NATO plenary session in Brussels, Belgium, Trump called most NATO members "freeloaders."

Then President Trump said, "Many countries owe us a tremendous amount of money from many years back, where they're delinquent as far as I'm concerned, because the United States has had to pay for them. So if you go back 10 or 20 years, you'll just add it all up, it's massive amounts of money is owed."

A Reuters news story of Feb. 13 said: "As a U.S. President from 2017-21, Trump often lambasted NATO and members such as Germany, accusing them of not paying enough for

their own defence and relying on Washington to protect them."

The story added that other administrations, both Democrat and Republican "have also accused Europeans of not spending enough on defence, but in less strident terms."

What started all this brouhaha was when Trump said at a campaign rally in South Carolina that he was asked by a European leader if the U.S. would defend his country if it was delinquent in NATO dues.

Every country in NATO has agreed to spend two percent of its GDP on its military each year. Presently only 11 of the 31 NATO countries are meeting this requirement. Many of these countries have never spent that much.

As in most international agreements and foreign wars, American taxpayers have had to pay most of the bill. Trump has never thought that was fair.

Under Article five of the NATO Charter, if any of the 31 countries are attacked, all the others are required to go to war, too, and the U.S. would have to pay most of the cost.

This means that the U.S. could be forced to go to war to defend countries like Estonia, Albania and Bulgaria as well as several bigger countries.

The national media put President Biden into the White House and has had to protect him all through his term, especially now with his mental lapses. This means that Trump has to be attacked every day, even when he may be right.

Sen. Robert A. Taft was a graduate of the Harvard Law School and was considered, even by his opponents, to be a brilliant man of principle.

He was one of the men featured in President John F. Kennedy's "Profiles In Courage." Taft was sometimes called "Mr. Republican" and

was the Republican leader in the U.S. Senate when he died of cancer in 1953.

Kennedy described Taft as a man "of national greatness." He said the senator was a "brilliant political analyst" and called him "Mr. Integrity."

Taft was also the main opponent of the creation of NATO in 1949. On July 6, 1949, he said: "I believe our foreign policy should be aimed primarily at security and peace, and I believe such an alliance is more likely to produce war than peace."

He added: "How would we feel if Russia undertook to arm a country on our border; Mexico, for instance?"

He said this alliance could require us to go to war "no matter who is to blame."

Taft said then, that ringing Russia by arming all the countries of Western Europe could look like an attack on Russia, and when

we brought Finland (on Russia's border) into NATO last year, the Russian Defense Minister called it an "act of war."

Jeffrey Toobin, the liberal CNN analyst, wrote in USA Today that he disagreed with Trump on everything, "but he was right on Ukraine."

There would have been no war in Ukraine if Trump had been re-elected because he had told the Russians he would not expand NATO to the border between the two countries.

On Feb. 9, 1990, at a meeting with the Russian foreign minister, Secretary of State James Baker made what we called "ironclad guarantees that NATO's jurisdiction or forces would not move eastward" from Germany (meaning closer to Russia).

We broke that promise with Finland, and since Trump was no longer president, Putin apparently felt Ukraine was next.

Illegals, appeasement and mental acuity

Chris Murphy, a Democrat senator from Connecticut, calls illegals "undocumented Americans." Obviously, Murphy wants illegals to be able to vote (democratic of course). However, the ille-



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gals from South America are the antithesis of what the progressive wing of the Democratic Party wants in America. They are religious with strong nuclear families and a strong work ethic. They are also opposed to abortion. My bet is that they end up Republicans.

One reader has convinced me that the Democrats want the illegals to replace the citizens who are leaving their states so that they won't lose federal

funds and congressional representation. Makes sense to me. But that puts the local Democrat mayors in conflict with their national leaders. The local mayors have to deal with the influx of ille-

gals which strain their resources. But it is telling that these mayors want more funding to deal with the illegals rather than advocating policies to expel them. Remember when Trump argued that the census only counts citizens and the Democrats went ballistic? Now we know why. Tennessee's Sen. Bill Hagerty has introduced legislation that the census count only legal citizens for purposes of congressional

representation. Of course, there is no chance that the bill will pass the Senate.

Joe Biden appeases Tehran. Why? Did the Iranians pay Hunter too?

Trump appeased Putin and thinks he can use his personal charm to placate Putin, Xi, Kim Jong Un and other petty dictators. He's wrong. The question is whether he will weaken the NATO alliance and whether he will support Ukraine. If he lets Putin grab territory don't be surprised if Trump has a Neville Chamberlain moment. Also, don't be surprised if Iran doesn't get emboldened by Trump's penchant for isolationism and seeks to further destabilize the Middle East. Also, expect China to invade Taiwan.

There is very little to like about Donald Trump but

even less to like about Joe Biden.

I wonder how many Republican AGs will indict Biden when he leaves office.

The Democrats' strategy was first to indict Trump to make him look like a sympathetic figure to his base to get him the Republican nomination thinking that Trump was the only Republican that Biden could beat. But since Biden has botched the job of being president so badly, the strategy now appears to just bankrupt Trump by making him defend against all the indictments.

Just imagine how the media would have treated Biden were he a Republican. Hunter would be in jail. Biden would have been impeached and faced criminal charges. Stay tuned.

Finally, the documents prosecutor looking into Biden's illegal hoarding of classified documents did not recommend criminal charges - unlike Trump being indicted for the same

thing. Rather the prosecutor recommended no prosecution for Biden despite his being guilty on the grounds that a jury would likely be sympathetic to an old man with a bad memory! Mind you this elderly man with a bad memory is president of the United States.

Biden had a hastily announced press conference to counter the prosecutor's claim regarding his "diminished faculties" and promptly demonstrated his diminished faculties by confusing the Mexican president with the president of Egypt. He could not remember where his son Beau got a rosary that he valued. What is most illuminating is that the prosecutor stated "In his interview with our office, Mr. Biden's memory was worse." "He did not remember when he was vice president, forgetting on the first day of the interview when his term ended ('if it was 2013 - when did I stop being vice president?'), and forgetting on the second day of the

interview when his term began ('in 2009, am I still vice president?')." "He did not remember, even within several years, when his son Beau died."

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson immediately said that Biden was not fit to be president. Of course, he isn't. I personally believe that it is only a matter of time until Biden resigns. I do not see any way that he will be capable of running for re-election. Of course, that would make Kamala Harris the president in the interim. But I do not see her being the nominee for the Democrats. She is too unpopular. The diversity, equity and inclusion crowd can boast that she is the first woman president, the first black woman president and the first black Asian-American president without her being the nominee. Then the Democrats can nominate Gavin Newsom who would beat Trump if the Republicans decide to ride off that cliff.



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"I have experience," he said. "I was chief deputy for Bud, and once he was termed out, he became a Chancery Court Judge.

"I don't want to say anything bad (about Herrera), but he's been practicing law for less than three years and most of his experience is as a divorce attorney."

Buuck noted that Herrera once filed a case in federal court and that case was dismissed because he wasn't authorized to practice federal law.


Throughout his tenure as Knox County Law Director, Buuck said that he has been

wrongly accused of creating case backlogs.

"That's the judges," Buuck said. "They decide what cases they want to hear, and a lot of times the other side receives continuances because they want to keep the case out of court for as long as they can."

Buuck touts his experience as law director as one of his biggest assets but also credits his staff for their work in the office.

"We have 12 qualified attorneys and my staff is familial," he said. "We talk about cases and those people have an average of 25 years practicing law. I really owe my staff for their work."



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Publisher's Positions



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Election Complaint Filed Against West Knox Republican Club

A complaint has been filed with the Registry of Election Finance against the West Knox Republican Club. William Lyle Oelrich III has filed the complaint, pointing out the West Knox Republican Club "is not a recognized affiliate of the Knox County or Tennessee Republican Party." Oelrich stated in his complaint, "Up until 2013, it (the West Knox Republican Club) filed its own paperwork to raise and spend money as a Political Action Committee." Oelrich wrote the Registry that according to its own records "since 2013, and this is not a registered political action committee" and quoted the appropriate section of Tennessee State law defining a "committee, club, corporation, association or any other group of persons which receives contributions or makes expenditures to support or oppose any candidate for public office or measure during a calendar quarter in an aggregate amount exceeding two

hundred fifty dollars." The West Knox Republican Club had donated the rather large sum of \$1,500 to the campaign of Liz Tombras, who is running for the Knox County Commission in the 4th Commission District. Political observers credit Tombras being a candidate due to urging by Gary Loe, president for life of the West Knox Republican Club. Loe has been on a bitter crusade to disqualify the candidacy of Garrett Holt, who is an announced candidate for the GOP nomination for the county commission in the 4th District. Loe has questioned Holt's credentials as a Republican even though he supported Holt for the Knoxville City Council.

William L. Oelrich pointed to the financial disclosure of Liz Tombras which showed she had raised \$1,600, \$1,500 of which had come from the West Knox County Republican Club. Oelrich urged the Registry of Election Finance to investigate as the West Knox Republican Club was "acting as a rogue PAC."

Andrew Davis, a former top staffer to Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who has gone out on his own and is one of the up-and-coming political strategists in the region, has requested a copy of the bylaws of the West Knox Republican Club at least three times in emails, which Gary Loe has yet to acknowledge.

'I See Dead People'

Regular readers of The Knoxville Focus will recall Joe Biden telling an

audience in Nevada about speaking to Francois Mitterand, the president of France, when Mitterand had been dead for 28 years. Last Wednesday Biden told two different audiences at a fundraising event in New York about attending his first G-7 meeting in January 2021 that German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had asked him what he would say if 1,000 people had stormed the British Parliament to keep a newly elected prime minister from taking office. Apparently, Joe Biden attends seances regularly as Kohl died in 2017. The G-7 meeting referenced by Biden was attended by Angela Merkel, who was the German Chancellor at the time.

Biden has claimed that he spoke to the man who "invented" insulin. Insulin was discovered by two men, John Macleod and Frederick Banting and both were dead before Joe Biden was born in 1942.

Candidates Should Run For One Office At A Time

State Representative Gloria Johnson attracted a lot of fanfare when she announced she was challenging U. S. Senator Marsha Blackburn this year. City Councilwoman Seema Singh, who had proclaimed she was a socialist Democrat, not a Democrat, promptly followed with her own announcement she was running to succeed Johnson in the state House of Representatives. Last week, Johnson announced she was still running for the

U. S. Senate, but would also seek reelection to her seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Seema folded like a cheap suit and said she would withdraw her candidacy in favor of Johnson.

Johnson has turned playing the victim to a lot of mean Republicans into an art form. Now she is saying GOP lawmakers are preparing to pass a law that would block her from seeking state office at the same time she is running for a federal office. That bill is sponsored by state Senator Richard Briggs and state Representative Dave Wright.

It's going to be nigh well unto impossible to pretend Johnson can beat Blackburn in a general election while still clinging to her seat in the state house.

Johnson claims the change in her plans came about due to an avalanche of emails, text messages and telephone calls received from the public who evidently don't want to see her leave the State House for a losing campaign against Senator Blackburn.

Flanked at a Nashville press conference by the two Justins, Pearson and Jones, Gloria complained she was being targeted by a bill sponsored by state Senator Richard Briggs and state Representative Dave Wright, which would prohibit a candidate from seeking multiple offices in the same election. The Senate approved the Briggs Bill out of its State & Local Government Committee. The companion bill sponsored by Wright went to the House State Election & Campaign

Finance Committee on Valentine's Day.

Johnson is right that seeking two different offices on the same ballot was permitted under the law and the Tennessee Journal pointed out that state Representative David Hawk of Greenville ran for reelection to the state House while seeking election to Congress at the same time. Hawk lost the Republican primary for the U. S. House on the same day in August he won the primary for his seat in the state House.

The question isn't whether it is legal now, but whether should it continue to be allowed under state law.

Allow Me To Clarify

Sandra Clark's commentary about me and the Gibbs Middle School needs some clarification. Firstly, Sandra was never for a middle school for the Gibbs community. Secondly, I would point out the new middle school in Gibbs opened full, something Sandra had forecast could never happen. In fact, it was at capacity and at least during the first year, if not two or three, transfers were not allowed because there wasn't space for the extras. Holston Middle School is now inside the 8th District and doing just fine.

Condolences for Deputy Greg McCowan

The Knoxville Focus joins with thousands of others in mourning the needless loss of Blount County Deputy Sheriff Greg McCowan. Deputy McCowan was

murdered during what should have been a routine traffic stop. A solemn procession of law enforcement professionals wound down a long stretch of Alcoa Highway to Sevier Heights Baptist Church where family, friends and the community paid their respects to Deputy Greg McCowan and celebrated his life and commitment to his profession and serving our community. Governor Bill Lee ordered state flags lowered to half-mast and attended the service.

Greg McCowan was a man who loved life, who loved his family, friends and his job protecting the people of Blount County. McCowan enjoyed traveling and enjoyed restoring cars, dirt biking, and boating. People need to be reminded of the heart that beat behind the badge. Greg McCowan left behind a granddaughter, children, and a fiancé as well as many other family members.

Hundreds of people stood along the route as the procession carrying Deputy McCowan's body made its way to and from the church. To the members of the Blount County Sheriff's Department, The Knoxville Focus thanks you for your service. We mourn your loss and that of Deputy McCowan's family and many friends. We are grateful for Deputy McCowan's service and life. Nothing can ever diminish his service and we pray God will grant us all comfort in Deputy McCowan's loss.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 years as Chief Deputy Law Director (2012-2020) 4 years as Knox County Law Director (2020-present) 	Government Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZERO experience in the Law Director's Office ZERO experience in government law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overwhelmingly elected Knox County Law Director in 2020 	Elected Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsuccessfully ran for several offices while living in New Jersey and North Carolina and never exceeded 25% of the vote Recently sought appointment as a judicial magistrate and was rejected by all Knox County Sessions Court judges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life-long East Tennessee Republican party member and supporter 	GOP Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One disastrous term as Knox County GOP Chairman Eliminated the GOP precinct committees Spent thousands of local GOP dollars with cronies on City Council races and lost every race
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overwhelmingly recommended by Knoxville Bar Association attorneys in a recent poll 	Peer Opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by less than 10% of attorneys in the same poll

In search of the Crockett family

A Day Away



By Mike Steely



The closest Davy Crockett site to Knoxville is the Crockett Tavern and Museum in Morristown. While Davy was living with the Cherokee as a teenager, his father built a cabin and inn. The reproduction of the tavern is closed for the winter but will reopen to the public in May.

We are so fortunate to live in an area that has so much state and national history. Within a few miles of Knoxville, you can easily visit several places that have taken part in the history of the Crockett family.

Not just Davy Crockett, but his father's and grandfather's roles in early Tennessee settlement and military history as well.

Take Rogersville, for instance, the site of the "original" David Crockett, Davy's grandfather. He settled there in 1776 and was killed in a Cherokee attack reportedly led by Chief Dragging Canoe. The Rogers Cemetery, near downtown in that Hawkins County seat, has the graves of the Crockett family and a historic marker.

After the attack, one son, John Crockett, relocated his family to Limestone Creek where he built a cabin and his son, the Davy Crockett of fame, was born, the fifth of nine children. The David Crockett Birthplace State Park marks the site of the cabin with a reproduction of it and other exhibits.

John Crockett volunteered in the Overmountain Men during the American Revolution at the Battle of

Kings Mountain. John was a magistrate and justice of the court. The Crocketts moved again after a flood took their home and settled in what is now Morristown. Along that historic stagecoach road, he built Crockett Tavern. Today a reproduction of the tavern, on the original site, is a museum and gift shop. It's been closed for the winter but is scheduled to reopen in May.

Young Davy disliked school and skipped class. When his dad found out, he punished his son and Davy fled to live with the Cherokee for many years. When he returned home it was

said his father did not recognize him. Davy worked to help pay off his father's debts.

When Davy got married he moved his family several times in our state and many places bear his name or influence still. There's a Davy Crockett Cabin and museum in Rutherford, a Well of Davy Crockett in Franklin County, and the David Crockett State Park on Shoals Creek in Lawrence County. Crockett County in West Tennessee is named for Davy and the county seat there is "Alamo."

The Camp Blount Historic Site in Fayetteville has

historic markers detailing Davy Crockett's involvement in the Creek War.

Davy Crockett served two split terms in Congress but lost his seat because of his opposition to the policies of President Andrew Jackson, including objecting to Jackson's removal of the Cherokee from the state. One of Davy's sons later also served in the U.S. Congress.

He left Tennessee to take part in the Texas revolution against Mexico and was killed in the Alamo in 1836. It is said he and other survivors were killed after the battle and his remains were cremated.

Visit Farragut hosting Songwriters Showcase Feb. 22

Visit Farragut and 35 North are partnering to present a Songwriter's Showcase on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 6:00-8:30. The event will be held at 35 North Bar and Grill, 11321 Kingston Pike, and the music will feature a bluegrass vibe with performances by host David Haley Lauver, Karen Bowles and Savannah Swatland.

Tickets are free, but register in advance at Eventbrite.com to receive a FREE Visit Farragut Songwriters Showcase commemorative gift and priority seating. Guests may also register at the door.

All artists, David Haley Lauver, Karen Bowles and Savannah Swatland, are a part of the Knoxville Songwriters Association.

David Haley Lauver is a Farragut resident who serves as education and public relations director of the Knoxville Songwriters Association. Songs he

has co-written include the Grammy-nominated "Appalachian Blue," recorded by Kristy Cox, and Ali Shumate's "Jezebel," which reached #1 on the bluegrass charts.

Karen Bowles lives in West Knox County and is a board member of the Knoxville Songwriters Association. She writes Gospel, Country, Blues, Bluegrass and Children's songs. Karen is a co-writer of "Appalachian Blue," a Bluegrass hit for Kristy Cox that earned a Grammy nomination.

Savannah Swatland, a Sevierville resident, was a small-town farm girl when she won the national "Mountain Soul Vocal Competition." She has opened concerts for nationally known recording artists, released an album, and sings with the Rebel Mountain Band.

"We are glad to celebrate music with live performances and to celebrate

local songwriters and their art. We are also thrilled to host at 35 North, a vibrant restaurant and live music venue in the Farragut community," said Hallie Riddle, Visit Farragut Manager.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Tourism's Tennessee Songwriters Week. The goal of Tennessee Songwriters Week 2024 is to support music venues, support songwriters with live

performances, drive visitation, and inspire travelers to experience the state's music stories, history, attractions, and venues.

From bluegrass, country, rock and roll, blues, and gospel music and from Memphis to Nashville to East Tennessee, music plays such a valuable part for Tennessee.

For more information, please follow Visit Farragut online or email visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org.

Adultery: Grounds for Divorce or Not?

Often when people speak to me about filing for divorce, they speak about how they want to file for divorce on the grounds of adultery. Under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-4-101, adultery is a basis for terminating a marriage.

However, sometimes parties who are contemplating divorce will attempt to reconcile after the adultery was uncovered. I will ask these people if they have been intimate with their spouse after they learned about the adultery. If the answer is yes, then these people cannot seek a divorce on the basis of adultery.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-4-112 states:

If the cause assigned for the divorce is adultery, it is a good defense and perpetual bar to the same if the defendant alleges and proves that:

- 1. The complainant has



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been guilty of like act or crime; 2. The complainant has admitted the defendant into conjugal society and embraces after knowledge of the criminal act;

3. The complainant, if the husband, allowed the wife's prostitutions and received hire for them; or

4. The husband exposed the wife to lewd company, whereby the wife became ensnared to the act or crime of adultery.

So, you cannot seek a divorce on the grounds of adultery if you have been intimate with your spouse after learning of their adultery.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including family law, criminal, and personal injury. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

Housing takes up much of council agenda

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normally permitted. The complex has admitted a design flaw and is back before the council for some relief.

R. Bentley Marlow is asking the council to amend standards for Accessory Dwelling Unit standards within the new middle housing changes in the city code.

Benjamin C. Mullins is asking to change six zonings along Pratt Road from Low Density to Medium Density Residential.

In other action, the city council may vote to change the city code dealing with the administration and storage fees for the city's impoundment lot.

A wedge of parking lot, the site of a former restaurant at Clinton Plaza Shopping Center, may see its

previously planned district designation as AC-2 Shopping Center removed.

Rogers Group Inc. may be granted a resurfacing agreement for city streets in a near \$5 million contract. The Knoxville Area Transit is asking for approval to apply for a \$1.4 million grant from the federal government for operating assistance for an on-demand transportation service. If granted, the city's share of the plan would be \$280,121.

Brooke Lynn Bagley may be hired to provide part-time mental health and wellness assistance to the members of the police department for a salary of \$74,000 over 18 months.

Mayor Indya Kincannon is asking the council to approve Melissa Hatchett as a member of the Industrial Development Board.

Fire and Rescue Committee discuss ARPA funding and non-subscriber tax breaks

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and Insurance doesn't enforce its regulations so that fire departments can "be able to sustain themselves financially."

In other business, the committee heard Brad Anders, 911 director, discuss the consolidation of dispatch duties and the equipment needed for

E-911's satellite office in the city's new Safety Center.

Response to the recent winter snowstorm was discussed and the various fire and rescue systems' efforts were praised.

Anders presented a plaque to Daron Long for his efforts and membership as a 911 committee member.

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Oil and Water

There's a difference between character and personality.
Becky Ferguson

A friend sent me a meme showing a traditional two-prong electrical outlet and a cord with three prongs. The caption read, "Democrats and Republicans are incompatible." I don't think that's true. Former Democrat mayor of Knoxville, Randy Tyree, and I are good friends and participate in a Bible study together. And I think Harold Ford Jr. and I would get along just fine. But then I'm not a Republican. I'm a Conservative.

Years ago Becky and I were in Chicago for a meeting and at the last minute, we hopped on the "L" out to Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs play the Atlanta Braves. We sat in left field, ate hotdogs, drank brewskies and sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with Harry Caray during the 7th-inning stretch. It was heavenly, and so memorable that I bought a Cubs

baseball cap, and I'm not a Cubs fan. But now when I wear the cap and someone sees the "C" on my cap and asks me if I'm a Cubs fan, I say, "No, I'm a Conservative."

I'm a stickler for definitions because we need them to understand each other. Conservatism is a philosophy that advocates tradition and social stability. The word derives from the Latin word "conservare" which means to preserve. We conservatives are not against change, but we resist rapid, sweeping changes.

There are many "colors" of Conservatism. I'm a Constitutional Conservative and also a social, fiscal, political and governmental Conservative. I disagree with Liberals and Progressives who generally want larger government, more governmental programs, and greater control of our individual lives.

Of course, there is individual variation in Liberalism, as in Conservatism. But the

modern Liberal philosophy known as Progressivism advocates the so-called "living wage," through income redistribution. And they promote an interpretation of the Constitution as a "living," evolving document. As a Constitutional Conservative, I favor the amendment process rather than judicial interpretation of the Founders' original thoughts.

Leftists have extreme anti-American ideology and are oil and water with a Conservative like me. They are intolerant of ideas and speech with which they disagree, and they promote Marxist and racial class warfare. Leftists reject biology and believe that gender is what you feel. Consequently, they support gender reassignment surgery, even on children. They also advocate abortion up to the time of birth. And leftists like George Soros champion open borders and "world citizenry."

The backlash to Biden's Progressive Democrat policies was inevitable. Illegal aliens now have more rights than Americans. They fly without identification. It's not Delta Airlines Sky Club, but airports have special areas where aliens wait for flights as Feds fly them all over the country. Is this not the definition of human trafficking? Has Biden and his minions considered how we are to feed, house and provide free medical care - if not sex change operations

in California - for the 12 million aliens he shepherded into the US?

And then these aliens complain about the food they are given and flip us the bird after beating up New York City cops. In Maryland, there's a proposal to let only illegal aliens vote in local school board elections. Are we now to treat them as super "citizens"? And we're supposed to refer to them as migrants, not illegal aliens which, by definition, they are.

I am not a nativist and actually believe many illegals are hard-working, decent people, perhaps more deserving than Americans who feel entitled or deserving of reparations. Of course, we should not turn our backs on the needy or judge all migrants because of the lawless. Americans are more giving than any other country. But I wonder if Americans in sanctuary cities still welcome aliens as money and services are diverted to care for those who are in their communities after first breaking our laws.

In Knoxville we are largely spared the crime of Democrat sanctuary cities, but not immune to crime as evidenced by the shooting death of an area deputy by a career criminal and drug pusher. I recently read that there are 30 gangs and up to 1500 gang members in Knox County. The days of unlocked doors have been replaced by wary citizens,

security systems and armed citizenry.

We are supposedly a country of laws. But is that true any longer? We await the decision of the Supremes regarding the removal of President Trump from the 2024 ballot because he allegedly promoted insurrection. That is a Democrat lie. Trump was never charged or found guilty of insurrection. I listened to his January 6 speech and he asked his supporters to march peacefully and be respectful of the police. Where has the notion of innocent until proven guilty gone?

And we should be worried because Trump's fate and ours rest with an institution that once held that Dred Scott was subhuman and not entitled to liberty or basic human rights. Will the Roberts' court precipitate a civil war as did the Taney court in 1857 with their infamous decision?

A friend recently said she objects to Donald Trump's sometimes boorish behavior. Well, so do I. President Trump is from Queens, NYC, the same area as Archie Bunker. New Yorkers do not have the genteel personality and southern grace of my wife Becky, who pointed out that there is a "difference between personality and character."

I might wish Trump were more circumspect in his comments. But I have not been subjected to the lies and scurrilous attacks he

has endured since 2015; attacks designed to put him in prison and ruin him financially. Nor have my family and friends been attacked by Democrat lawfare, the Deep State and the media. I don't believe I would be genteel when responding to such wicked people. Would you?

So I asked my friend, "Give me an alternative to 45." Biden is demented and pitiable, but no longer presidential - if he ever was - and his minions are intent on destroying the country. Kamala is a cackling joke. I am opposed to the "male Karen," Gavin Newsom, doing to America what he's done to California. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is a decent but very liberal guy and is not supported by his own Democrat party. I just hope he is not attacked like his brother and father since Mayorkas and Biden denied him Secret Service protection. And that leaves Nikki Haley who, like RFK, is not supported by her own party and unelectable.

So, there you have it. Sometimes the best choice is the lesser of choices you don't like. That is life. Get over your hatred and vote for a competent Trump with indelicate tweets, rather than an incompetent Biden with dementia and criminal baggage. Do the right thing and save your children's future.

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126 acres near Corryton protected from development

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A historic 126-acre family farm near Corryton is now protected forever from development in an agreement between the descendants of the Warwick family with the Land Trust for Tennessee. The conservation group now protects 750 acres in Knox County and about 136,000 acres in the Volunteer State.

The announcement was made recently by Amy Frankel, marketing and communications manager for the Land Trust. Property owner Melissa Turney said she is following her mother's wishes to protect the family's heritage. The land was acquired by Melissa's ancestor

Orange Warwick in 1823 and has been in the family ever since. It was part of a much larger holding and has gone through changes over the years.

Just off of Jim Wolfe Road south of Highway 131, or Tazewell Pike, the property is next to the Boston Graves Cemetery. The historic burial ground is named for early settler Sebastian "Boston" Graves who was a Revolutionary War soldier that died in 1840 at age 92 and is buried there. The "Boston" nickname was probably given or derived from "Sebastian." He was a blacksmith, a son of a German immigrant and a prisoner of the British army during the Revolution.

Sebastian and his wife, Sarah, had several children who married into the Sharp, Clapp, Trout, Milton, Rutherford, Grills and Holloway families.

Ms. Turney said that five generations of Warwicks were born on the property and her mother, Diane Warwick Deck, wanted to keep the prime agricultural and forested land protected in the quickly developing Knoxville real estate market.

The conservation agreement protects the land and scenic properties of the land allowing Turney to continue to own, manage, sell or pass along the property to heirs. She plans to continue using the land for residential purposes and lease it for cattle grazing and hay baling.



Sebastian "Boston" Graves (sometimes known as Boston Sebastian Graves) was born on October 1, 1747, in Berks, Pennsylvania. Boston Graves was a blacksmith and Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. William Rogers' company of Col. William O'Neil's regiment of Orange County, N.C. troops. Boston died in Knox County in April 1840.

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Men panic, women think

We all know the book "Men Are from Mars and Women Are from Venus." Without reading the book, any man who's been married for a few years can vouch for that. Some of the more heated



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arguments Amy and I have experienced were because neither of us understood what the other was saying. Men, for sure, aren't always wrong, and women aren't always right.

Another time when the sexes are different is when a crisis arises. We men have our own set of terrible occurrences. When they happen, we panic. One is when the cable goes out and a big game is on. Just the other evening, the power failed, and I almost had a conniption because UT was playing. I growled like a wounded bear and fumed at the poor weather causing the problem in the first place. KUB played the hero by acting quickly and

fixing things so that I didn't miss the second half.

Driving is another time when men are apt to panic. An accident that backs up traffic for miles automatically sends me into a sweat-ing overload of emotions. I worry about having enough gas; I fear that the need for a bathroom will come with-out an exit for miles. Cars cutting line add a gallon of anger to the panic. By the time I reach my destination, exhaustion has set in.

A child injury is the worst of all panic situations. Dads hyperventilate as they try to think of what to do. If blood is part of that injury, a man's panic skyrockets. My son Dallas hit his head after falling on the edge of a chair at daycare when he was about three. I arrived to find him with a gash on his forehead. At the emergency room, I sat in a chair as the doctor cleaned the wound and

began stitching it. A nurse asked me if I was okay; I wasn't. Attention turned to me from my hurt son. They brought me a Coke and told me to breathe slowly. My panic and squeamishness embarrassed me.

Women rarely panic. Instead, they think. When the power failed, Amy made sure that she contacted the power company. She wanted to watch the game as well, but she spent no time fretting over something over which she had no control. Amy grabbed her book, found a space with sufficient light, and sat down until the problem was fixed.

Most women have little trouble driving. They go along with things as they come. My dear wife drives too slowly, but never is she bothered by traffic tie-ups or impolite motorists. She reasons that she can only control her car. She says that becoming angry is a waste of energy and time. She also explains that people who drive so dangerously should get in front

of her and hurry home.

No man can match a woman when a child is hurt. First of all, little ones want their moms when they have accidents. Mothers fix things by taking logical steps and keeping cool heads. They know whether a child has an "ouchy" or a serious injury. The entire time the little one is being attended to by doctors and staff, a mom acts as if it is all a part of daily life and that things will turn out fine. Inside, she might be about to collapse, but outside she is the picture of calmness. She's in charge.

I've spent bunches of years learning Amy's differences and am thankful they exist. I watched her with my children and know the good people that they are now came from her teachings. Yes, some men think, and some women panic, but for the most part, we are wired certain ways that only God can explain. I'm just glad one thinker is in our household.

Picture of this year's new crop of Easter flowers just beginning to bloom, by Ralphine Major.

Hope Spring is on the Doorstep

It was somewhat of a surprise as they seem to have appeared almost overnight. For the first time this year, shoots of green and even a couple of bright yellow



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still tease on early mornings, the hint of spring is showing up almost daily. Green grass is beginning to appear, and an occasional robin can be seen hopping around

the grounds. The long-awaited spring is making her way into 2024. Signs of Ash Wednesday have been seen. Good Friday and the glorious Easter Sunday is upcoming. The resurrection of our Lord is truly something for Christians to celebrate.

Words of Faith: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40:8 (KJV).

Already, the winter season seems to be transitioning into spring. While bitter cold temperatures

disqualified Dolly Parton from the quiz because she's from Sevierville, not Knoxville, the answers were surprising.

Who's the most famous Knoxvilleian?

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I'm not a Knoxville native but I've been in the East Tennessee region most of my life and in Knoxville about 28 years. I've often wondered who is considered the most famous person from Knoxville. Recently I went on the internet and asked folks there to respond. After I

disqualified Dolly Parton from the quiz because she's from Sevierville, not Knoxville, the answers were surprising.

Some folks voted for more than one person who contributed to Knoxville, most people only suggested one. I only left the question up for about two hours but the response was quick and interesting.

Knoxville grocery owner,

Knoxville Mayor and local TV show host **Cas Walker** was the most suggested. The late Cas got a nod from Gene Kennedy, Nancy Welch, Cindy Bradley, Stan Guffey, Clayton Wood and Carson Dailey.

"I vote Cas Walker, look at YouTube for some of the things Cas said, especially about thieves," Daily added.

The late UT Lady Vols basketball coach **Pat Summit** got votes from Mark Harmon, Tasha Blakney, Sam Guffey and Clayton Wood.

"She was a tenacious advocate for her sport and an accomplished, beloved coach," Harmon replied.

Former UT quarterback and retired pro-football player **Peyton Manning** was named by Kathryn Beaty, Duane Douglas and Stan Guffey.

The late banker and

political figure **Jake Butcher** was named by Garry Tener and Kathryn King.

Poet **Nikki Giovanni** was named by Vickie Jordan and Stan Guffey.

"For a moment in time, it was **Big John Tate**," Hugh Nystrom noted.

Of **Parson Brownlow**, Clayton Wood said, "The most important person whose legacy is shamefully diminished because he was a Republican back in the 1800s." Brownlow as also named by Larry W. Cooper.

Other famed Knoxville residents suggested as best representing Knoxville included **Todd Helton, Victor Ashe, Bill Haslam, Phillip Fulmer, the Duncans, Adolph Ochs, George Dempster, Brownie McGhee, Archie Campbell, Ava Barber, James Agee, Cormac McCarthy and Cal Johnson.**

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Judge Mansfield of Texas

Pages from the Past



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Joseph Jefferson Mansfield was originally christened "Beauregard" but as his father, born in 1807, died fighting for the Confederacy the younger Mansfield's name was changed to honor his late father. A slight man with a full head of hair, Mansfield wore a mustache. Mild-mannered, pleasant and courteous, J. J. Mansfield amply demonstrated throughout his life he could be highly determined. In 1921, Mansfield fell ill with what was likely polio, although some sources indicated he had suffered a stroke. After being bedridden, Mansfield became paralyzed in his lower extremities for the rest of his life. Bound to a wheelchair, Joseph Mansfield wheeled himself throughout the Capitol to attend committee meetings and the sessions of the House of Representatives. Oftentimes the House Pages could be seen pushing Mansfield and his wheelchair from the Capitol back to his office in the Cannon House Office Building. In one oral history, Glenn Rupp, a former page, recalled how he and other pages would push Judge Mansfield through the tunnel from the Capitol to the House Office Building and up the elevators. "And sometimes we'd get a call to pick him up, and he was kind of generous; every once in a while, he slipped us a dime," Rupp remembered. "He was always grateful.

"And we were glad to do it, whether he tipped us or not," Rupp added.

Judge Mansfield was impossible to miss while attending sessions of the House as his wheelchair was usually stationed right below the Speaker's rostrum.

Mansfield climbed the political ladder throughout his life, serving for 60 years in various offices. Stints as mayor, county attorney and county judge, where Mansfield was also in effect, the superintendent of schools, prepared him to run for Congress, which he did in 1916 and was elected. Good constituent service and the loyalty of his friends kept Joseph J. Mansfield in Congress for the remainder of his life. Like several of his contemporaries in the House of Representatives, Mansfield was usually referred to as "Judge" from his time as the county judge of Colorado County.

Judge Mansfield represented one of the wealthiest districts in Texas, the coastal area, which included the city of Galveston. Mansfield had not been born in Texas, but rather in Virginia in what later became Wayne, West Virginia. Joseph Mansfield came to Texas because of a land grant his late father had received from the Mexican government.

Mansfield was a highly industrious man, organizing two companies for the Texas National Guard, passing the Texas Bar exam, and starting a newspaper in his hometown of Eagle Lake all in 1886. Three years later, Mansfield was elected mayor.

The congressman from the Ninth District of Texas was George F. Burgess, who had first been elected in 1900. Burgess sought reelection and faced Judge Mansfield in the Democratic primary. Despite a glitch in the printing of a ballot, which severely hampered Mansfield's campaign in one county, the Judge nudged past Congressman Burgess to win the Democratic nomination. Upon winning the Democratic primary, Mansfield sought to heal any wounds left by the bruising contest by publishing a letter thanking his supporters. The Judge offered an olive branch to those who had not supported him, writing, "It shall be my purpose to represent fairly every section, class and interest in the Ninth congressional district, and without axes to grind, or enemies to punish."

The 56-year-old Mansfield took his seat in the House of Representatives on March 4, 1917. For the next thirty years, the people of the Ninth District of Texas would keep Joseph J. Mansfield in Congress. Some had derisively noted Congress was the South's revenge for the Civil War, as the South tended to reelect its congressman and senators, who grew in influence as they grew in seniority. By the time the Democrats gained a majority in Congress in 1931, Joseph J. Mansfield became chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. Likely sounding rather innocuous to the average person, it was the ideal committee for a congressman representing coastal Texas to serve on, much less chair. That chairmanship aided Mansfield politically and made him invaluable to the people of his district.

That committee assignment also won Mansfield a friend in James Stout of New York, an expert in shipping and navigation. For years, Stout visited Washington, D.C., every weekend where he could be found in Mansfield's office where the two men played chess.

After his initial race against Congressman Burgess, Mansfield faced no opposition or no serious opponent inside the only election that mattered in the Ninth District, the Democratic primary, from 1918 through 1938. The decade of the 1940s saw a series of challenges to the aging incumbent. The personification of that opposition came in the form



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION. PHOTO BY N. K. BENSON.

Congressman Joseph J. Mansfield of Texas (left) with 27-year-old freshman Congressman George Sarbacher (right) of Pennsylvania.

of Louis J. Sulak, a businessman, politician and gentleman who had been appointed to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas by Governor Miriam "Ma" Ferguson in 1932. That appointment apparently fueled Sulak's political ambitions and two years later he ran for and won a seat in the Texas State Senate. An immigrant, Sulak was lauded by his colleagues on the Board of Regents when he resigned before taking the oath of office as a state senator, for his "admirable control of both the English and Czech languages and with equal facility and ease edits a bilingual" newspaper.

Forty-five years old in 1940, Sulak evidently wanted a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives and challenged Congressman Mansfield inside the Democratic primary. As is always the case with an aging incumbent, Sulak tried to contrast his own vigor and relative youthfulness with the 79-year-old Mansfield. Judge Mansfield naturally stressed his value to the people of the Ninth District and his chairmanship of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. Sulak ran what the Houston Post referred to as a "bitter campaign." Sulak's campaign had circulated the charge Mansfield did not represent the people of his district, but rather the economic interests of Houston. The Post retaliated with an editorial widely reprinted by daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Ninth District lauding "America's Congressman," Joseph J. Mansfield. The editorial noted Mansfield had certainly benefitted the people of Houston as chair of the Rivers and Harbors Committee through the Port of Houston, just as he had every port in the State of Texas. The editorial reminded readers Mansfield was the congressman for Galveston and Corpus Christi and every harbor and port in the Lone Star State. The Houston Post stated Mansfield "has been too valuable to belong wholly to any city or any district. He has belonged to the nation." The editorial dismissed Sulak's charge Mansfield had neglected his own congressional district.

Judge Mansfield defeated Sulak and another challenger easily, winning better than 62% of the vote. Two years later, another challenger tried to dislodge Mansfield, but couldn't draw even a third of the ballots cast. By 1944, Judge Mansfield was 83 and ailing. Four challengers lined up against him inside the Democratic primary, including his old foe Louis J. Sulak. The old congressman was finally vulnerable, facing several opponents, Mansfield did not win the primary outright and was forced into a runoff election with Sulak. In yet another bitter race, Mansfield beat back the challenge by just over 1,300 ballots.

Congressman Mansfield was photographed with his great-grandson on February 9, the Judge's 85th birthday. The chubby toddler occupied himself by playing with his great-grandfather's pocket watch as General R. A. Wheeler, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, cut the congressman's birthday cake. The picture appeared in any number of daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Lone Star State, which was a reminder of the Judge's advanced age, but also showed the white-haired congressman as still on the job and looking alert. The number of generals and other important officials honoring the congressman on the occasion of his birthday sent a message to Mansfield's constituents that the Judge was still an important figure in Washington, D.C. To a thinking person, no mere freshman congressman could possibly hope to wield the same influence and power as the Judge.

The 85-year-old congressman showed no inclination to retire and announced he was indeed running again for reelection in 1946. Once again, Judge Mansfield faced opposition inside the only election that mattered - - the Democratic primary. Sensing the frail incumbent was increasingly vulnerable, a host of candidates announced their own congressional bids. Aside from being sickly and aged, the Judge's being confined to a wheelchair made it all the more difficult to get out and press the flesh with constituents. What Mansfield did have was a record of almost 30 years of service in the

House of Representatives. Mansfield's supporters pointed to his accomplishments, especially the yeoman work done by the congressman, as well as his seniority and chairmanship of the House Committee on Rivers & Harbors. Congressman Mansfield's campaign reminded voters in the Ninth District of Texas that from the time the Judge first took office in 1917 until the beginning of the Second World War in 1941, he had brought more than \$127 million in federal money for improvements to the ports of the Lone Star State. That figure, the Mansfield campaign heralded, was "more than three times as much as the entire period of Texas Statehood from the time you first elected him" to Congress. So, too, did the Mansfield campaign point out that when Mansfield first campaigned for the House of Representatives "only" 9.6 million tons of cargo came into Texas' ports. During the time Mansfield has been in Congress, that had increased to 100.6 million tons. The cargoes pouring into the ports in Galveston, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Freeport and Texas City represented hundreds of millions of dollars to the economies of those municipalities and their people. "There is scarcely a family in the district which has not sent one or more of their members to some good job close to home," the Mansfield campaign stated in an ad urging the congressman's reelection.

The Judge did announce the 1946 campaign would be his last. L. J. Sulak was persistent in his effort to take Mansfield's seat in the House and another strong candidate was Clark W. Thompson, who had served a brief term in Congress, winning a special election following the death of Clay Briggs. Thompson had fought in the First World War and returned to active duty once again to fight after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Thompson ran third and the runoff election was once again between Judge Mansfield and his perennial rival L. J. Sulak. The challenger pounded home the fact he was still "in the prime of life" in contrast to the elderly congressman. Sulak's campaign claimed he deserved a

"promotion" from the Texas State Senate for his hard work in Austin. The state senator's campaign during the runoff election became more pointed and critical. After three tries to dislodge Judge Joseph J. Mansfield, L. J. Sulak failed once again.

Old loyalties and friendships carried Congressman Joseph J. Mansfield to a narrow victory for a final time.

Political races can be won or lost, but one race always ends with the same result for any mortal. Time itself can never be outrun. Judge Mansfield had his photograph taken with 27-year-old George Sarbacher of Pennsylvania. Mansfield, at 87, was the oldest member of Congress, while Sarbacher, a Republican, was the "baby" of the House of Representatives. Mansfield continued going to his office and, as always, remained faithful in his attendance in committee and on the floor of the House. In February, Mansfield's office announced the elderly congressman was entering Bethesda Naval Hospital for a "checkup" upon the advice of the House physician. Apparently, the congressman might need a "minor" operation, but his constituents were assured Mansfield remained "cheerful" and hoped to return to his duties as quickly as possible.

Joseph J. Mansfield went to Bethesda Naval Hospital one last time. A combination of various ailments and old age finally caught up to the congressman. Keeping his customary good humor to the very last of his life, Judge Mansfield passed away peacefully on July 12, 1947.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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**TO: JOHN DOE
IN RE: AIDEN ASHLEY WINDHAM,
DOB: SEPTEMBER 26, 2010
BY:
BRANDON ROBERT STOOKSBURY AND
ALANNA GAIL WINDHAM,
PETITIONERS,
V.
JOHN DOE,
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, RESPONDENT.
NO. 207919-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOHN DOE, non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOHN DOE, it is ordered that said defendant, JOHN DOE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with CARIN C. BRIO, an Attorney whose address is 3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of JANUARY 2024.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, it is ordered that said defendants, WILLIAM BURL HENRY, MARY RUTH HENRY, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF WILLIAM BURL HENRY AND MARY RUTH HENRY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RYAN S. WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 30th day of JANUARY, 2024.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT
IN RE: NASTASSJA DESIREE HUCKLESBY
v. AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT**

NO. 207748-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, it is ordered that said defendant, AMOS KIBET CHERUIYOT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with GAIL F. WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 23rd day of JANUARY, 2024.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**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.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CINDY ALLEBACH, DANA ALLEBACH,
DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE ASH, GARY ASH, ROY BALES, AND THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, AND ALL OTHER UNNAMED INTERESTED PARTIES.**

**IN RE: REGIONS BANK v. CINDY ALLEBACH,
DANA ALLEBACH, DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE ASH, GARY ASH, ROY BALES, AND THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, AND ALL OTHER UNNAMED INTERESTED PARTIES.**

NO. 207718-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CINDY ALLEBACH, DANA ALLEBACH, DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE ASH, GARY ASH, ROY BALES, AND THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, AND ALL OTHER UNNAMED INTERESTED PARTIES, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, 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 CINDY ALLEBACH, DANA ALLEBACH, DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE ASH, GARY ASH, ROY BALES, AND THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, AND ALL OTHER UNNAMED INTERESTED PARTIES, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, CINDY ALLEBACH, DANA ALLEBACH, DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE ASH, GARY ASH, ROY BALES, AND THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, AND ALL OTHER UNNAMED INTERESTED PARTIES, file an answer with The Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with B. Anthony Saunders, an Attorney whose address is 333 Commerce Street, Suite 1050 Nashville, Tennessee 37201 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 13TH day of FEBRUARY 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS

**IN RE: RUBIN LUBLIN TN
vs.
CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS,
RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS**

NO. 206313-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, 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 CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, 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, GA 30071 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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 the first publication (or posting); or

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

posting) as described in (1) (A); or

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

This the 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
MAYNARDVIJJE, 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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 29th 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 GARBFIELD 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 CREEED
DOCKET NUMBER 88933-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JANUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHERRILL H CREEED 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 (or

(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 CREEED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH A CREEED; 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 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 88891-3**

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

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

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

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

This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN HICKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TOMMIE G. ROWLAND
7356 SHAKER RUN LAKE
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

TONI J. DIGBY

11315 BANK ROAD
CINCINNATI, OH 45251

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAISY HUDGINS JOHNSON
AKA DAISY ALVERETTA HUDGINS
DOCKET NUMBER 88977-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DAISY HUDGINS JOHNSON AKA DAISY ALVERETTA HUDGINS, who died on July 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAISY HUDGINS JOHNSON
AKA DAISY ALVERETTA HUDGINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA HUDGINS MONROE
4806 ALLEN BEND ROAD
SMITHVILLE, TN 37166

DAVID E. HUDGINS

4573 WALDON POND LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

REBECCA D. ABBOTT ATTORNEY
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM VINCENT HUTTON
DOCKET NUMBER 88939-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM VINCENT HUTTON, who died on December 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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

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

This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM VINCENT HUTTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LENA RUE HUTTON
9120 CARLTON CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

SARAH R. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 201
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NANCY JONES
DOCKET NUMBER 88433-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day

of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY JONES who died April 5, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER LYNN PHILLIPS DOCKET NUMBER 88593-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER LYNN PHILLIPS, who died July 27, 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 publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER LYNN PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STACY PHILLIPS
655 STOWERS DR.
CORRYTON, TN 37721

DUSTIN LANDRY ATTORNEY
859 EBENEZER RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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 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 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 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 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE J. ALLEN DOCKET NUMBER 87734-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CONNIE J. ALLEN who died on August 25, 2022, were issued to all the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CONNIE J. ALLEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH J. ALVAREZ
1711 BROWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

TOM R. RAMSEY, III, ATTORNEY
550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN CORLEY CHRISTIAN DOCKET NUMBER 89000-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN CORLEY CHRISTIAN who died October 21, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days form the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EVELYN CORLEY CHRISTIAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES S. CHRISTIAN
3016 BORIGHT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY CUMMINGS-BYERLEY DOCKET NUMBER 89008-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BETTY CUMMINGS-BYERLEY, who died on January 11, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of ox 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) of (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 such notice 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 or posting as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTY CUMMINGS-BYERLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL ALAN BYERLEY
228 E. OAK HILL AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLIFFORD RONALD DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88944-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLIFFORD RONALD DAVIS who died Jan 2, 2024, 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 of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN R. WILLIAMS

date of death
This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CLIFFORD RONALD DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HAPPY ANGELA BRODES; EXECUTRIX
248 BROWNING COURT
LEXINGTON, SC 29073

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEULAH ANN DUGGER DOCKET NUMBER 88964-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate BEULAH ANN DUGGER of who died January 1, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF BEULAH ANN DUGGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW RYAN CUTSHAW
6440 ZACHERY ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RETTA NOVA KELLY ELLIS DOCKET NUMBER 88998-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of RETTA NOVA KELLY ELLIS who died December 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 the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RETTA NOVA KELLY ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REED MITCHELL ELLIS
4123 HERON HILL DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

CHRISTOPHER A. HALL, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DR., STE. S700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH Z. EWALD AKA RUTH ELLEN EWALD DOCKET NUMBER 88984-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH Z. EWALD AKA RUTH ELLEN EWALD who died December 22, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUTH Z. EWALD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA SUSAN EWALD, EXECUTRIX
949 PONDER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

LUCAS M. FISHMAN, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOAN MEYER GIFFEN DOCKET NUMBER 88983-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOAN MEYER GIFFEN who died June 4, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured; against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

publication; or

- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOAN MEYER GIFFEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES KELLY GIFFEN
12428 HOUND EARS POINT
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

JAMES KELLY GIFFEN, ATTORNEY
2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MYRTLE JUNE HAYNES DOCKET NUMBER 89007-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MYRTLE JUNE HAYNES who died December 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 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MYRTLE JUNE HAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRYAN D. HAYNES
10228 BIG CANOE
JASPER, GA 30143

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIER, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD NORMAN HEITMANN DOCKET NUMBER 88922-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD NORMAN HEITMANN who died on December 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 first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RICHARD NORMAN HEITMANN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEIRDRE GEORGE
6080 HAWDRICK DRIVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE HENDERLIGHT AKA GARY W. HENDERLIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 89018-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GARY WAYNE HENDERLIGHT AKA GARY W. HENDERLIGHT who died January 3, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE HENDERLIGHT AKA GARY W. HENDERLIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOYCE ROBERTS
8013 EWING ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE KITTS DOCKET NUMBER 88524-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEE KITTS who died on June 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE KITTS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILLICENT S. LAW DOCKET NUMBER 88976-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILLICENT S. LAW who died January 4, 2024, 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
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 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MILLICENT S. LAW

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ESTATE OF RUBY L. RUCKER DOCKET NUMBER 88990-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RUBY L. RUCKER who died December 3, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUBY L. RUCKER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLEO L. SCARBRO DOCKET NUMBER 88971-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CLEO L. SCARBRO 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 of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CLEO L. SCARBRO

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILMA GERALDINE SCHRAMM DOCKET NUMBER 88961-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA GERALDINE SCHRAMM, who died on January 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILMA GERALDINE SCHRAMM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL HENRY SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 88946-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL HENRY SMITH who died December 14, 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.

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This the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAUL HENRY SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RITA INEZ DENNIS TRUSLEY DOCKET NUMBER 88941-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RITA INEZ DENNIS TRUSLEY who died November 8, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RITA INEZ DENNIS TRUSLEY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLES VINEYARD AKA JAMES CHARLES VINYARD DOCKET NUMBER 88940-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES CHARLES VINEYARD AKA JAMES CHARLES VINYARD who died Dec 23, 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.

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This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLES VINEYARD
AKA JAMES CHARLES VINYARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SONJA VINEYARD JONES;
ADMINISTRATRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKI LYNN WEBBER DOCKET NUMBER 88940-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of VICKI LYNN WEBBER, who died on November 24, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF VICKI LYNN WEBBER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH FOX WEST DOCKET NUMBER 88970-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary

in respect of the Estate of RUTH FOX WEST, who died on August 9, 2023, were issued to the referenced Personal Representative by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUTH FOX WEST

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE SUE JETT WISE DOCKET NUMBER 88908-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CONNIE SUE JETT WISE who died Oct 17, 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.

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CONNIE SUE JETT WISE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 3521, Electrical Auction, due 3/19/24;
Bid 3529, Golf Course Sand, due 3/12/24;
Bid 3530, Golf Course Chemicals and Fertilizer, due 3/13/24;
Bid 3531, Snow Plows, due 3/20/24;
Bid 3533, Produce for Government, due 3/19/24

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.

- 07 Infinity G35 JNKBV61E17M726037
- 21 Mitsubishi Mirage ML32AUHJ9MH010806
- 20 Chrysler Voyager 2C4RC1CGXLR230636
- 04 Ford Escape 1FMYU03134KA28568
- 08 Honda Accord 1HGCP26398A150184
- 01 Subaru Forester JF1SF63531H762362
- 10 Hyundai Elantra KMHDU4D1A1U104999
- 09 Honda Civic 1HGFA16549L028302
- 99 Ford Taurus 1FAFP52U7XA305802
- 98 Chevy Cavalier 1G1JC5243W7239043
- 06 Scion TC JTKDE167760082565
- 00 Suzuki Vitara 2S3TE52V1Y6105218
- 23 Dodge Ram 1CGRFF86PN156134
- 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 5TE5M92N53Z253524

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOOPS: Looking ahead to district championship games

By Ken Lay

The postseason is heating up and the 2023-24 district champions will be crowned tonight (Monday, Feb. 19).

In District 4-4A, West Knoxville rivals Farragut and Bearden will battle for the title at 7:30 p.m. at Maryville High School. The Lady Admirals are the top seed and Bearden is No. 2 after the two teams split a pair of games during the regular season. Both teams won at home with Farragut snapping a long losing streak at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium with a 42-38 victory on Thursday, Feb. 8.

That win ended a 19-game winning streak for the Lady Bulldogs (27-2), Farragut (18-11) defeated William Blount in Thursday night's semifinals, while Bearden toppled the host Lady Rebels in the other semifinal.

The Lady Governors will take on Maryville in an all-Blount County consolation game at 6 p.m.

The Lady Admirals and Lady Bulldogs will host Region 2-4A elimination quarterfinals Friday night, while Maryville and William Blount will be on the road.

Tipoff for the regional quarterfinals is slated for 7 p.m.

Hardin Valley Academy and West High made first-round exits in the district tournament as the Lady Hawks lost to William Blount, 61-47, and Knox County's Lady Rebels ended a winless 2023-24 campaign with a 58-14 loss to Maryville in the district quarterfinals.

In District 3-4A: A pair of Knox County teams will play for third place tonight at Central as Karns will play Halls at 6 p.m.

The Lady Devils won an opening-round 54-53 thriller over Emory Road rival Powell on Tuesday, eliminating the Lady Panthers.

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PHOTO BY MAKENLEE COX

Central's cheer squad brought out the pink pom poms for Valentine evening, but their Bobcats weren't sweet at all to the visitors from across Black Oak Ridge. Point guard Reggie Jones (3) helped Central play its best game of the season in a 70-48 runaway.

Bobcats are impressive in 70-48 win over Halls

By Steve Williams

Central had a new look when it took the court against Halls in the District 3-4A basketball tournament on Feb. 14.

"The last time we played this team they were beating us for the first 29 minutes and we won the last three minutes," recalled first-year head coach Marcus Huie. "The difference this time was we started off fast. We played as a team. We shared the basketball. We moved without the basketball on the offensive end. On the defensive end, we helped each other out."

"Not only that, we made sure (we knew) who the main guy was for Halls, which is No. 2 for them, Jake Lane. He's a heck of a player. The kids just followed the game plan. We knew he was their leader."

The Bobcats ran off and left the Red Devils in



PHOTO BY MAKENLEE COX

Josh Brown looks to go up strong for a basket as Central ends Halls' season in an elimination game in the District 3-4A tournament Feb. 14.

posting a 70-48 victory. Halls committed 10 turnovers in the first period as Central took a 19-8 lead. It was 36-25 at halftime and 57-33 after three stops.

"The best thing about this basketball team tonight," said Coach Huie. "It finally showed that when we are in offensive transition, we can be one

of the best basketball teams in Knoxville, maybe even in East Tennessee. That's where we hurt them the most."

JD Harris (17 points),

Reggie Jones (14) and Josh Brown (10) led the scoring. Efrain Pastrana chipped in nine.

Jones did a good job directing his teammates offensively, noted the Central coach. Brown owned the paint and hit two 3s on the outside. Harris had his normal night and really helped on defense and in rebounding.

"To be honest, that might have been our best basketball of the entire year," said Coach Huie.

Central, the No. 4 seed, was scheduled to face No. 1 seed Oak Ridge Friday night. Win or lose, the Bobcats will play in the Region 2-4A tournament Tuesday night.

"The job is still not finished," said Huie. "Oak Ridge, they are the kings."

Kaiden Stanton led Halls' balanced attack with 11 points. Lane, Gabe

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Halls girls weren't ready to hang it up

By Steve Williams

Halls' seniors weren't ready to see their high school basketball careers come to an end when it faced Powell in an elimination game on Feb. 13, but the scoreboard in the third quarter indicated otherwise.

The Lady Red Devils were trailing rival Powell by 14 points (35-21) in the District 3-4A tournament at Central.

It didn't look good for Halls.

But the Lady Red Devils came alive and went on a 15-2 run. Seniors Megan Biliter, Raegan Corvette and Olivia Culp lit a fire to pull Halls within one point of Powell.

Another senior, Blayke Holbert hit a 3-point shot from the right wing to tie the contest (39-all) in the opening minute of the final period.

And when Corvette sank two free throws to give her team the lead (41-40) with 6:57 remaining, the Lady Red Devils never trailed again.

Holbert grabbed a key defensive rebound and then hit an extra long 3-pointer to give Halls a four-point (44-40) lead. An interception by Corvette followed by a basket inside gave the Lady Red Devils their biggest advantage (46-40).

Powell made a charge of its own down the stretch. The Lady Panthers didn't quit and kept battling to pull within one point (47-46)

on a basket by sophomore post Krysta Madison.

Culp's fourth 3-pointer from the right wing gave Halls a 52-48 lead. A free throw by Biliter made it 53-48 with under a minute to go.

Alaina Schroeder scored Powell's last five points but missed a potential tying foul shot with 12.8 seconds left.

Halls' one-point lead held up in the last frantic 10 seconds.

The Halls girls came out of their locker room with smiles on their faces. Getting to the semifinal round of the district guaranteed the Lady Red Devils three more games and an automatic berth in this week's Region 2-4A tournament.

"I think they are trying to give me a heart attack one game at a time to be honest," said Halls Coach Savannah Harrison. "I tell them that all the time.

"I'm super proud of them. This group of seniors has been a special group to work with. They are so well-rounded. They can shoot well and they've played together for a long time. They vibe really well together and I mean on and off the court.

"We have a great time off the court. And then on the court, when they are on and playing together, they are just so much fun to watch. And they make it so enjoyable to be a part of."

Corvette and Culp finished with 14 points each.



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Halls' Raegan Corvette drives by Powell's Daisy Gentry in the Lady Red Devils' comeback win Feb. 13 at Central High. Corvette connected on 7 of 8 free throws in Halls' one-point win (54-53) to stay alive in the District 3-4A tournament.

Corvette scored 12 of her points after halftime and connected on seven of eight free throws. Biliter added 11 points. Bailey Roberts, a junior, chipped in seven points.

Schroeder and Izy Wiles led Powell with 12 points each. Madison finished with nine points and Daisy Gentry eight.

"It was a tough ball game," said Powell Coach John Fisher. "Both teams played well. I think if we had made our free throws and hit layups, we would have won. But we're young and probably the youngest team

in the state of Tennessee. And young teams do that.

"I think the difference was them making free throws and us not making free throws," added Fisher. "And they got hot.

"But you know, it was a good high school basketball game. We had a chance to win and just didn't get it done.

"If you step back and look though, that was a great high school basketball game; it really was."

Powell's team this season included one senior, two sophomores and six freshmen.

Lady Cougars end Central's season

Bella Lester poured in 21 points to lead No. 3 seed Campbell County past No. 6 seed Central 65-47 on the Lady Bobcats' hardware.

Lacey Pemberton and Carley Kitts added 12 and 11 points, respectively, to the Lady Cougars' total.

Central trailed 17-8 after the first period but pulled within five points (21-16) midway through the second period.

The Lady Cougars increased their command to 32-19 by halftime.

Central's Cadence Horner scored all 14 of her points in the second half. Avery Brewer added 11 points and Quiara Houston eight.

DISTRICT 3-4A GIRLS SCHEDULE
At Central
Monday, Feb. 19

CONSOLATION GAME
6:00-Halls vs. Karns

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
7:30-Campbell Co. vs. Oak Ridge

Andy Bolton recalls special times with Todd Helton

(The third part of a series on Todd Helton, who will be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown this summer.)

"I was actually sandwiched between Todd and Rodney in high school. Rodney was Todd's older brother and an All-State football player at Central and then signed with Alabama, but he also was an excellent baseball player at Central. I spent two years with Rodney and he was a really good teammate to me my freshman and sophomore years. When Todd arrived at Central, I tried to be the same thing for Todd my junior and senior years.

"Todd and I basically played the same positions. We spent a lot of time together taking ground balls at first base, going through pitching drills and obviously taking batting practice. Our connection in 1989 and 1990 at Central was baseball, but in all the time we had with baseball preparations in the fall and winter and then in spring, Todd



Central High School teammates Andy Bolton (left) and Todd Helton after their game at UT in 1994. Andy played for Carson-Newman and Todd with the Vols.

and I were together a lot and we talked about a lot of things outside of baseball. I tried to set a good example for him on and off the field and just tried to be

a good friend to him.

"When Todd arrived at Central I would describe him as a very mature 15-year-old, and with a lot of that maturity - he was thrust onto the scene as a freshman football player to be the quarterback at Central. Todd had a cool confidence that was special. I mean his emotions were never too high or never too low. There was no question that God blessed him physically. Nobody would dispute that. But I'm of the opinion that his mental makeup is why he was so successful for so long in major league baseball. And you could see that early on as a 15 and 16-year-old freshman and sophomore in football and baseball.

"We had 12 seniors on that state championship team in 1990, but we embraced Todd and brought him in and we considered him to be one of us.

"Opening day in 1990 when we started our season - back in those days nobody really committed to a college like they do now. In the fall of their senior year, there were no signing days or anything. Everybody goes into that senior year - with a few with an idea of where they might like to go - but there was nobody on that team that was committed anywhere.

"So opening day we're playing Doyle High School at Fountain City and there were probably 30 to 40 scouts from everywhere behind home plate. Central had had a lot of success in the 1980s and four or five of us seniors had started since our sophomore year and were projected to be college baseball players.

"In that game, my dad (Scott) just kind of mingled through those scouts to kind of listen to what they were saying - and we had been through the lineup a couple of times - and he said the Clemson scout said, 'Well,

there's a lot of good seniors on this team, but my favorite player on this team is that little sophomore leadoff batter named Helton. That kid is going to be a great player.' And that was something I'll never forget. And that was true. That guy had an eye for talent and the sophomore caught his eye the most.

"Another story I that like to tell is when we went into the state tournament undefeated - I guess we were 29-0 at that time - and we played Franklin County in the first round of a four-team tournament. And Franklin County had a big lefthander who ended up getting drafted that year. He was throwing about 90 miles per hour. It's a zero to zero game and Chris Freeman is mowing them down. The pitchers are just dominating the game.

"Somewhere around the third or fourth inning, we've got runners in scoring position, Todd's up and this guy throws a pitch probably a foot outside and maybe a foot above the ground. And Todd, in his own way, somehow gets a line drive right over the third baseman's head to score both runs. And I remember my dad saying after the state tournament, 'That's what a major league baseball player looks like when he's a sophomore in high school. That just doesn't happen, but I saw it happen.'

"I would say today, looking back on that hit, only a future Hall of Famer hits a ball like that. He had a lot of hits, but I would say that hit right there will never be forgotten - (A) because of the talent of the pitcher that he was facing and (B) what it meant for us to go on and win that first game.

"I kind of took somewhat of a big brother role with Todd in his freshman and sophomore year and my junior and senior year with the baseball team and I

enjoyed supporting him after high school. When I finished playing at Carson-Newman, he had one more year at UT. I went to watch him play several times. And then when he got in pro ball, I saw him play in Chicago once and in Florida with the Marlins, Atlanta and Cincinnati, then obviously in Colorado. Coach (Bud) Bales and I had the privilege of going to the 2007 World Series in Colorado and watching, and then Kathy, Ryan and Drew and I flew out to Colorado to see his last weekend series against the Diamondbacks before he retired in 2013. And he treated my family like family that weekend and that's something I will never forget.

"I would say in all and all, our 1990 team has a special bond. We love each other. We respected each other when we played. And that respect and love has just carried on for 30 years. A lot of the credit goes to Bud Bales and the way he ran his program and Jon Miller, who was his assistant. There's just a lot of respect on that team and a lot of love for each other. I can speak for all of us to say that we love Todd and we're beyond proud of him.

"In my opinion, I would say that the greatest athlete to ever come from the state of Tennessee has to be Todd Helton and here's why: To be a State Player of the Year in two of the three major sports - baseball and football - Todd accomplished that his senior year, and then went on to be the National Player of the Year in College Baseball in 1995. Including his 17-year career in the big leagues, capped off with the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame recognition, I would have to say if the state of Tennessee had to point to who is their greatest athlete of all-time I don't think there should be an argument that it's Todd Helton."

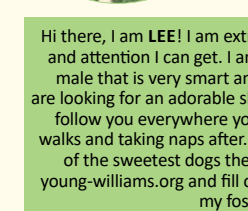
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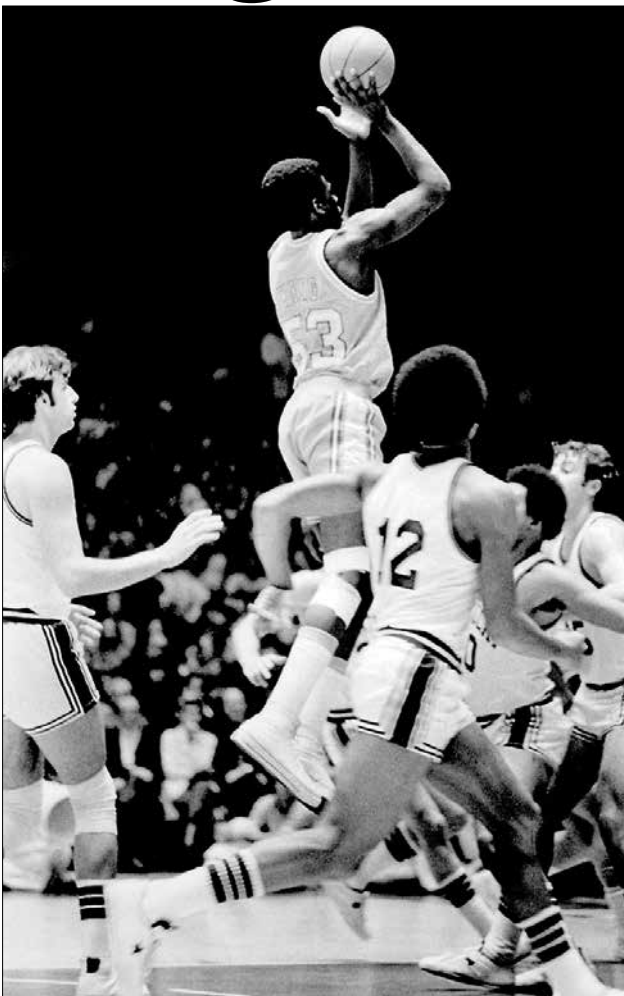
Bernard King was definitely something special, from his first stroll on the court against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in December 1974 to the time the music stopped in Baton Rouge. That came in the first round of the 1977 NCAA Tournament in an overtime loss against Syracuse.

It didn't take long, however, for Vol fans, even those in the far upper reaches of Stokely Center, to realize this was an immensely talented young man.

The "Bernie and Ernie Show," as his time at Tennessee with fellow New Yorker Ernie Grunfeld was dubbed, packed Stokely Center and arenas across the country. The duo appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated as "Double Trouble from Tennessee."

His jersey No. 53 hangs high in the rafters at Thompson-Boling Arena for a reason. Give Grunfeld credit for stepping back and letting King's jersey be retired first.

When the definitive book on the history of Tennessee basketball is written, their names will be right there



Bernard King (53) heads to the basket as Merion Haskins (12) and other Wildcats give chase in a 1975 game at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington.

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"Bernard was the best college player I ever saw," Marvin West ("Tales of the Tennessee Vols") has said, "better than Jerry West, better than Lew Alcindor. He had the perfect combination of quickness, size,

and competitive zeal. He was a splendid scorer and instinctive rebounder."

Two events in his freshman season foreshadowed the impact he would have on Vol hoops.

About this time of year, Tennessee defeated

Georgia in an impressive display of basketball. It was the Saturday matinee for the SEC television cameras, with the usual number of Tennessee fans present for the battle.

That was the afternoon Georgia partisans brandished a sign at halftime that proclaimed Bulldog freshman Jackie Dorsey, a good player in his own right, as the SEC's best freshman. They really believed it.

Their timing wasn't so hot, however.

They weren't very far around the court when the public address announcer announced that King had 31 points, doing all that in 20 minutes, going over, under, and through the Bulldog defense. There was no antidote for King's magic that day nor on many other days during his time at Tennessee.

That announcement got the crowd's attention. The banner disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

Bernard finished with 42 points as Ray Mears cleared the bench. Grunfeld added 29. King, who had an amazing ability to rebound as well as score, added 19 rebounds.

Also in that season, Tennessee lost at Kentucky, and King's competitive play earned the enmity of the Big Blue crowd at Memorial

Coliseum. He didn't give an inch to Kentucky's inside tandem of Rick Robey and Mike Phillips.

There was a troublesome scene as the Vols left the court. There were raised voices, and tempers flared. There might even have been an orange or two thrown on the court, maybe more. Bernard finally got to the solitude of the dressing room with only a couple of minor scrapes. Many in the Vol travel party let it be known there was a cigarette burn or two.

Undaunted by all of the furor, King told the assembled media the Vols would never lose to Kentucky again as long as he was at Tennessee.

The Vols won the next five, fulfilling King's promise.

Bernard did, however, often march to the beat of a different drummer.

He once ordered a hamburger at the oh-so-posh Boone Tavern in Berea on the way to a game at Kentucky a year or so later, despite a menu that contained all kinds of other delicacies. Hamburger just didn't happen to be one of them.

There was also a time he requested an a la carte order of cauliflower at a sophisticated eatery in New York City. That cost an extra \$6.95. That was

a definite no-no based on the UTAD per diem of so long ago. Bernard was not a happy camper, expecting the vegetable to be served differently.

"If looks could cook," wrote West, who had observed both scenes, "Bernard and the cauliflower would have been well done."

John Ward called Bernard "King of the Volunteers." That was no embellishment.

One night at Kentucky, maybe in 1977, when Bernard was at his best, Ward uttered these memorable words: "We don't editorialize... much, but this young man... can play ... this game."

You compare anybody to Bernard King at your peril, what with BK averaging double figure points and rebounds during his career, playing a brand of basketball you had to see to believe. He once scored 22 points against Kentucky in 1975, netting 22 points, yet never getting to the free throw line. He was that quick, getting the ball up and in.

Mears always said Bernard was the best player to ever step on a basketball court in the SEC, better, even, than Pete Maravich.

Not one of the best. The best.

The shame that is a tournament sport

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee's men's basketball team has never been to the Final 4.

You'll hear that a lot in the weeks to come, as we get closer to the NCAA tournament.

Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes has only been to the Final 4 once.

You'll hear that a lot in the weeks to come, as we get closer to the NCAA tournament.

And both of those talking points are a shame.

College basketball is a terrific sport. Yes, it used to be better back in the day when the greatest players stuck around for at least a couple of years. Michael Jordan stuck around at North Carolina for three years. Patrick Ewing was at Georgetown for four seasons.

Heck, we were able to admire yet still hate Christian Laettner for all four of his seasons at Duke.

But even though we don't see those guys on college courts nearly as long these days, there are few things better than the week in March which brings us Selection Sunday, followed by a week of Play-In games along with the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament as the field is whittled down from 68 to 16 teams.

Sometimes schools we know very little about get to the second weekend of the NCAA tournament. Every now and again one of those teams even makes it to a Final Four.

Loyola-Chicago and Florida Atlantic come to mind from the last decade, mainly because they beat Tennessee on their way to the last weekend of the season. But do either of those schools have a prouder tradition of basketball than Tennessee? No, of

course not.

But many fans, sadly, would trade UT's history just for a Final Four trip.

The differences between college football and college basketball are striking.

In 2022, the Tennessee Volunteers football team didn't get to the College Football Playoff, nor did they win the SEC title, or even play in that championship game. But that 52-49 win over Alabama will be remembered by generations of fans. Much like Tennessee's wins over Alabama in 1982 and 1995, the 1985 Sugar Bowl win over Miami, the Vols "Miracle at South Bend" win over Notre Dame in 1990, and the "Dobbnail Boot" Hail Mary victory at Georgia in 2016 are held in such high esteem.

The Vols didn't win a national title in any of those seasons.

But in college basketball,

it is often "Final Four or Bust."

The shame is that there have been so many great regular season victories for the Vols over the last couple of decades that simply get forgotten. Most of those Kodak moments came under Bruce Pearl and Rick Barnes. But the failures in March overshadowed most of those memories.

This year's Tennessee team has been a regular in the Top 10 rankings. They've beaten Alabama at Thompson-Boling Arena, which now brings out the ultimate troll job in the playing of "Dixieland Delight" whenever Tennessee beats Alabama in any sport. They scored 103 points in a victory at Kentucky (something that hadn't been done at Rupp Arena by a visiting SEC team in over three decades).

The Vols have likable,

experienced players who represent the University well... but for some all that matters is the Final Four.

Rick Barnes is closing in on 800 career victories. He's proven his critics wrong. He wasn't playing out the string to get one final big payday before retirement. Instead, in his nine seasons at Tennessee he righted the ship following the Donnie Tyndall disaster and turned Thompson-Boling Arena/ Food City Center into one of the toughest buildings in the country for road teams to get a win.

Personally, I'd like to see the Vols make the Final Four. It would get a big weight off Barnes's back and bring a brand-new banner to the rafters.

But if they don't, the season should not be deemed a failure.



Ella Murphey signs with Oklahoma City University, where she is expected to continue her outstanding wrestling career and study Art and Marketing.

Unbeaten Murphey signs with Oklahoma City University

By Steve Williams

Ella Murphey, undefeated throughout her high school wrestling career, has signed scholarship papers with Oklahoma City University.

She plans to study Art and Marketing.

Murphey won her state qualifying match Friday in the regionals at Science Hill High in Johnson City, competing in the 185-pound weight class. She is unofficially 28-0 this season.

The TSSAA Girls Wrestling State Championships will be this coming Friday and Saturday (Feb. 23-24) in Franklin at the Williamson Ag Center.

First Media Baseball Day set for Wednesday

The inaugural East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Media Day will be Wednesday (Feb. 21) at DICK'S House of Sport at West Town Mall.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest speakers will include Brett Carroll. The former MLB Player with



the Marlins, Brewers and Nationals will speak on high school baseball in the Knoxville area.

Brock Evans, Pellissippi State Athletic Director, will speak on the progress of starting their baseball program.

Thirty-two high school teams of the ETBCA, including 14 from Knoxville, are scheduled to be on hand to preview their seasons.

Karns has a new baseball skipper

Drew Patterson is the new head baseball coach at Karns, said Ben Collins, the school's athletic director.

"Drew Patterson was the head coach at Cherokee High School before coming to Karns," added Collins.

Clay Schall, who was the Beavers' head coach last season, is now an assistant coach at Grace Christian Academy.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wolves take third at state tournament

By Ken Lay

West Valley Middle School's boys basketball team recently completed its 2023-24 season on the Volunteer State's grand stage. They didn't win the ultimate prize, but veteran head coach Noel Landrum couldn't be happier.

The Wolves won 32 games, a regular-season Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference Class AAA title, the post-season tournament championship and the Section 1 Tournament crown.

West Valley qualified for the State Tournament in Smyrna after its victory over John Sevier in Clinton on Saturday, Feb. 3.

"It was a great year," Landrum said.

The Wolves reached the state semifinals and put up a valiant effort before losing to Blackman, 61-49,



The West Valley boys basketball team celebrates its recent sectional championship. The Wolves went to the Class AAA State Tournament where they finished third. Photo submitted.

at Stewarts Creek High School on Friday, Feb. 9.

"We were right there. It was close, and then we had to change our defense," Landrum said. "We had to press and I knew that it probably wouldn't work, but our regular defense wasn't working either, so we had to

do something."

The Wolves (32-2) actually had the upper hand early in the semifinals, as they were clinging to a slim 15-14 advantage at the end of the first quarter before Blackman took a 27-26 lead at halftime.

The Blaze led, 43-35, heading into the four closing the game on an 18-13 run.

Schlyer Heck led the Wolves in the semifinals as he scored 18 points. Porter Dixon added 13 points and Seaton Moffett finished with seven.

"We played really well

and it was close," Landrum said. "I knew that it was going to be a tough ride. All four teams (the Wolves, Blackman, Mt. Juliet and two-time defending state champion Elmore Park) have all been there before.

"We were all there last year and all four of the teams were really good, there just weren't any holes. Friday night was really tough because the kids were all crying."

But the Wolves couldn't brood for long. They had a short turnaround as they had to face Mt. Juliet in the third-place game during the

mid-morning on Saturday, Feb. 10.

"I told them that they had that night to feel bad about it, but that they couldn't feel bad long because they had to come back in the morning to play the consolation game."

And the Wolves didn't waste much time taking out their frustration against Mt. Juliet.

They won the consolation easily, notching a 60-46 victory. West Valley opened an early 15-5 lead and would never look back.

"We jumped on them early," Landrum said.

Cullen Heck scored a team-high 16 points, while Dickson had 11 and Eli Weissfeld finished with eight.

Landrum was also able to give every player on the roster a chance to play.

"Since we were in the consolation, I wanted to give everybody the chance to experience playing in the state tournament," Landrum said. "This was a special team, a special group, and I had a special group of parents."

"I kept 15 eighth graders and that could've been a problem, but it wasn't. Some guys knew that they weren't going to get to play much, but they never complained, and the parents didn't complain, or if they did, I never heard it."

The coach knew he had a special group during the preseason.

"We had the chance to play at a play day in Nashville," Landrum said, "And within 30 seconds, they all got back to me and said, 'Let's go,' so we drove two-and-a-half hours to play two games."

ALL-KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS (2023-24 Season)

Bearden Middle Boys: T.J. Vallejo
Girls: Charleigh Freeman.

Carter Middle Boys: Will Rose
Girls: Zoey Tolliver

Cedar Bluff Middle Boys: Kymani Smith
Girls: Ellie Copeland

Farragut Middle Boys: Braylen Gibbs
Girls: Livi Slagle

Gibbs Middle Girls: Karsyn Qualls / Rebekah Spierdowis

Gresham Middle Boys: Sully Biddle
Girls: Sasha Foster

Halls Middle Boys: Bryce McCarty
Girls: Audree Riehn / Isabella Wires

Hardin Valley Middle Boys: Kristian Oliver
Girls: Alaina Lineberry

Holston Middle Boys: D'Shawn Fenderson
Girls: Jyree Shepard

Karns Middle Boys: Hudson Bridges
Girls: Mia Miller

Northwest Middle Boys: Ben Yarborough
Girls: Amberlin Whiteside

Powell Middle Boys: Mason Powell / Braylon Hansen, Girls: Hannah Hayes

South-Doyle Middle Boys: Rondell North
Girls: Hannah Knight

Vine Middle Boys: JuJu Young / Da'ran Taylor
Girls: Karmen Tribble

West Valley Middle Boys: Shuyler Huck/ Porter Dickson, Girls: MC LeMarbre / Candence Nesbit

Whittle Springs Middle Boys: John Whittington

Halls Middle was 'last girls team standing' in Knox County

By Steve Williams

Halls Middle School's girls basketball team had to overcome a "scare" at its school the morning of Jan. 25 before playing West Valley that night in the championship game of the Knox County Class AAA tournament, said Coach Christi Bowling.

"We had a two-hour delay that Thursday and were all excited to see each other after the snow," recalled Bowling. "Some kids from Gibbs Middle School called in a hoax. But we found out later they claimed there was an active shooter in the school. So we went on an immediate lockdown."

The Knox County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Detectives Unit reportedly arrested three juveniles from Gibbs Middle School for placing a false active shooter call to 911 on Jan. 25. The calls came into E-911 at 11:31 and 11:32, where reports were made of an active shooter at Halls Middle School.

"It was really scary for the kids and for the teachers," added Coach Bowling. "We are very thankful for



Halls Middle 2023-24 basketball team. First Row Left to Right: Claire McGinnis, Addison Chipman, Isabella Wires, Maddie Malasitt, Sophia Marlow, Maclain Turner. Second row left to right: Ella Dennison, Savannah Green, Audree Riehn, Olivia Headrick, Lola Widener

the law enforcement. They did an amazing job and our kids still had to play the game. And it was the biggest game - it was for first and second place in the county. But they were still expected to play."

Although Halls lost the Knox County title game by five points (31-26), Bowling's team advanced to the Class AAA Area semifinals at Ocoee the following Saturday (Jan. 27) and defeated East Hamilton 24-19. With that victory, the Halls girls played Monday

(Jan. 29) at Clinton Middle School and defeated T.A. Dugger Junior High of Elizabethton 51-28 in the Area finals.

"And until tonight (Jan. 29), they played their best game ever (in the Knox County finals), even though they did fall short," said Coach Bowling. "To be nervous and have all that adrenalin used up, it was incredible."

Halls led the Elizabethton team 27-14 at halftime and pulled away for the 23-point victory.

Lola Widener, a 6th grader, scored a team-high 20 points. Bella Wires, who also is a standout softball player, scored 10 points. Others contributing to the win included Maclain Turner (7th grader), Savannah Green (8th grader), Audree Riehn (8th grader) and Ella Dennison (8th grader).

Coach Bowling was proud of her team, which made its first-ever trip to the Sectional in school history and continued to make history with its second win in the Area finals.

"We are the last Knox County girls team standing now," added Coach Bowling after West Valley (22-3) lost a 28-26 heartbreaker to Maryville in the Area finals that day. "I'm really proud of them."

Halls' post-season run ended on Wednesday (Jan. 31) when it lost to Sevier County Middle 51-18 in the Sectional semifinals. Halls finished the season 21-7.

Sevier County went on to win the TMSAA Class AAA state championship by defeating Mt. Juliet Middle 35-29 at Rockvale High School on Feb. 10.

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TKA's Williams-Smith is looking for another chance

By Steve Williams

Elijah Williams-Smith's high school football career was repeatedly shortened by injury. But his future is showing promise.

The King's Academy quarterback signed with Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA on National Signing Day Feb. 7.

"Elijah has overcome so much in two years," said his mother McKinna Williams via email last week.

According to his mom, Elijah suffered his first ACL

surgery in July 2022 and missed his entire junior season. In April of 2023, he tore his ACL again.

"He worked so hard to rehab so that he could have a senior season," said McKinna.

Williams-Smith started in the 2023 season opener at 19 weeks post op from his surgery. He played seven games before tearing ACL again. He had surgery for the third time last Oct. 10.

"Elijah's dream since he was little was to play college

ball, and that dream has finally come true," said his mom.

The only thing for sure right now, however, is Elijah is not a quitter.

And Dickinson College wants to give the young man another chance.

Dickinson College, a private liberal arts college in Pennsylvania, is a NCAA Division III football member. Last season, the Red Devils posted a 10-2 overall record and was 8-0 in conference play.



TKA's Elijah Williams-Smith signs to play at Dickinson as his proud family watches. Pictured are Elijah, brother DJ, father-Darrell Smith Jr., and mother McKinna Williams.

Unbeaten Murphey signs with Oklahoma

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David Dillon is listed in the TSSAA directory as the new baseball head coach at Hardin Valley Academy. He is a retired educator at TTU, 1989.

and as defensive coordinator in the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

This will be his first head coaching position.

The South-Doyle grad previously coached at William Blount Middle School.

Helton reportedly became strongly attached to the Carter community in 2018 when his nephew played at Carter.

THIS AND THAT: L&N STEM Academy's Hattie Gump recently signed with Nova Southeastern University for rowing, reported L&N Athletic Director Mark Waxmonsky ...Basketball player Chandler Gamble reportedly left Halls after Christmas break to transfer to South Greene ... UT and Lindsay Nelson Stadium will host a baseball scrimmage between Chattanooga Baylor and Farragut at noon on Saturday, Feb. 24.

TSSAA Spring Sports practice underway

Monday (Feb. 12) was the official first practice date for TSSAA spring sports - boys soccer, tennis, track and field, baseball and softball.

First official contest date to play for the spring sports is Monday, March 4.

Helton takes over football reins at Carter

Carter High's new head football coach is Todd Helton.

Helton has been on the staff at Carter as an assistant coach from 2020-23

Bobcats are impressive in 70-48 win over Halls



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell's Nathan Russell is uncontested as he soars for a shot in a 47-33 win over Campbell County last Wednesday night in the District 3-4A elimination game at Central High. The Panthers earned a berth in Tuesday night's championship game against Oak Ridge by defeating Karns 58-55 in overtime in the semifinals Friday night.

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Holmes and Evan Workman scored nine points each for Coach Clint Sharp's Red Devils. Jarrell Chandler added eight.

Powell ousts Campbell County

Powell, the No. 3 seed, put Campbell County out of the tournament with a 47-33 win.

The Panthers led 25-14 at halftime.

Veteran PHS Coach Gary Barnes concurred that elimination games can be kind of scary. "They are for the coaches for sure," he said. "I don't know if the kids get that much wrapped up into it. We try not to talk about it a whole lot. We just wanted to be who we are, play relaxed and they were able to do that for the most part. Shooting was not good; maybe that had a little something to do with it."

Barnes said his team's defense was really good in the do-or-die game. "We

held their best two players (Number 5 and 12) to a total of 17 points. I was proud of that."

Noah Brewer led Powell with 16 points. Nathan Russell contributed 10 points, Kaleb Walker nine and Deuce Rodgers seven. Luke Browning (12) and Tyler Kitts (11) were top scorers for the Cougars.

The victory upped Powell's record to 22-6. The Panthers were scheduled to play Karns in the semifinals Friday. The Panthers and Beavers split their two regular season games.

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BOYS HOOPS: District championship matchups set for Tuesday

By Ken Lay

The postseason has kicked into high gear and things are heating up as local basketball teams will play for district championships Tuesday night.

And there won't be much time to rest as the area's region tournaments get underway Saturday night.

Fulton, Carter, Bearden, Powell and South-Doyle will play for district tournament titles Tuesday night.

In District 3-3A, it will be an all-Knoxville championship contest as Carter will take on the defending Class 3A State Champion Futon Tuesday night at Northview Academy.

The Hornets had to come from behind to win their semifinal tilt against the host Cougars and nab a 67-64 victory.

Carter will make its eighth consecutive district championship game appearance when it tangles with the Falcons Tuesday.

Fulton, meanwhile, moved on to the title game with a 94-30 win over Seymour.

The Falcons, who got 21 points from Travis Turner, wasted little time putting this win away as they darted out to a 32-6 advantage

and never looked back.

Fulton and Carter will both host region tournament games Saturday at 7 p.m.

In District 5-3A: The Cherokees advanced to the district championship game with a 78-66 victory over Loudon Friday night at Lenoir City.

South-Doyle will play Heritage in Tuesday's final. The Mountaineers outlasted the host Panthers, 72-60, in Friday's other semifinal.

The Cherokees will open regional play at home on Saturday.

In District 3-4A: Powell outlasted Karns, 58-55, in overtime at Central.

The Panthers will play regular-season champion Oak Ridge in the title game. The Wildcats routed the host Bobcats, 79-33, in Friday's other semifinal.

Oak Ridge and Powell will both host region tournament games this weekend, while Karns and Central will both be on the road.

Meanwhile in District 4-3A: Bearden will play William Blount in the championship game.

The Bulldogs defeated West High Friday night at Maryville and will play

William Blount Tuesday. Bearden took down the Rebels, 53-52, in overtime.

The Bulldogs, the No. 3 seed, will face the fourth-seeded Governors in the championship games after both had to play in the quarterfinals on Wednesday. William Blount survived a test as it eliminated Hardin Valley Academy, 64-62. Bearden, meanwhile, ran past Farragut, 57-39, in Wednesday's other first-round elimination contest.

West will play the third-place game against host Maryville at 6 p.m. The championship game between Bearden and the Governors will follow.

West and Bearden have both qualified for the regionals. The Bulldogs will host, while the Rebels will be on the road.

In Region 2-2A: Semifinals were contested Saturday but results were unavailable at press time.

Austin-East played in the

semifinals and will advance to the regionals.

In District 4-3A: Gibbs saw its 2023-24 campaign end Wednesday night as it fell to host Scott, 64-57, in Huntsville.

In Division II: Webb played Chattanooga Baylor in the Class 2A East Regional championship game Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

In Division II-A, The King's Academy played in the region consolation game against Notre Dame in Chattanooga on Saturday.

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and ending their season. On Thursday, the Lady Devils ran into a buzz saw as they came up on the wrong end of a 72-31 decision.

In Thursday's other semifinal, Campbell County outlasted the Lady Beavers, 62-45.

The Lady Beavers and the Lady Devils will both open the region tournament on the road Friday night. Oak Ridge will look to complete a perfect run through the district as it plays in the title game against the Lady Cougars in Fountain City tonight at 7.

In District 3-3A, Seymour and Fulton will play for third place at 6 p.m. The Lady Falcons fell to Cocke County, 63-57, in Thursday's semifinals at Northview Academy. The Lady Eagles lost to Northview, 64-41.

In District 4-3A: Gibbs saw its season come to an end with a 54-42 quarterfinal

loss to Cumberland Gap on Tuesday.

In District 5-3A; South-Doyle will play Loudon in the third-place game at 6 p.m. The Lady Cherokees lost to host Lenoir City, 39-33, in overtime Friday night.

In District 2-2A: Semifinals were contested Saturday (results were unavailable at press time) at Alcoa. Austin-East qualified for the semifinals and the regionals with a 51-47 win over Pigeon Forge on Wednesday.

The district consolation game is tonight at 6 and the championship game will be played Tuesday night.

In Division II: Region Championships were held Saturday as Catholic hosted Webb in Class AA and Christian Academy of Knoxville played the King's Academy in the Class A title game in Chattanooga. Results were unavailable at press time.

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