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Senator Blackburn to speak at Knox GOP Lincoln Day Dinner

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William "Buddy" Burkhardt, the chairman of the Knox County Republican Party, has announced the annual Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 8 at Rothchild's Event Center located at 8807 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. The keynote speaker for the event will be Senator Marsha Blackburn.

Burkhardt is ready to sell more tickets, which are available at any time. He told The Focus, "I have been working with Senator Blackburn's campaign to ensure the event runs smoothly. We currently have just under 200 people signed up to attend, and we hope to have 300 attendees in total - this would be amazing!"

"Typically, we have two

months to prepare for this event, but I only had five weeks. Despite this, I used everything in my power to make sure that people knew the event's date and times. The response has been tremendous and significant."

Burkhardt describes Senator Blackburn as a "fireball" who has been excellent to work with. "She's a tremendous senator and

stands by our Republican beliefs. She is attending the event and buying two tables to bring in her supporters. I'm very thankful to have her support. Aside from Senator Blackburn, Mayor Jacobs will be the master of ceremonies, and Rep. Tim Burchett will be there doing introductions and speaking briefly. We should have an excellent turnout for the

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Tennessee's senior U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn will be the keynote speaker for the annual Knox County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner next Friday, March 8.

TDOE Designates 24 Reward Schools in Knox County

By Ken Leinart

Knox County Schools (KCS) announced 24 schools have earned "Reward School" status for the 2022-2023 school year.

The announcement was made Thursday, Feb. 22, at Ritta Elementary School, which hosted the event. Principals for all 2022-2023 designated schools were honored during the announcement.

Tennessee Department of Education designates "Reward" school status when a school demonstrates high levels of performance and/or meets specific goals to improve performance.

The 24 schools recognized Thursday morning exemplify the strong growth

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PHOTO BY KEN LEINART.

Ritta Elementary School Principal Shawnda Ernst speaks during Thursday morning's announcement of the Knox County School's "Reward schools" event. Principals from the other Knox County Reward schools were all recognized at the event by KCS Assistant Superintendent Keith Wilson.

Who will fill Mike McMillan's seat on the school board?

By Mike Steely
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Iconic North Knox County leader Mike McMillan was on his last term of serving District 8 on the board of education before his death in January. On Wednesday evening, the Knox County Commission discussed appointing a temporary replacement for him until the general election in August.

Commissioner Richie Beeler noted that two Republicans, Tommy Lakins and Travis Wright, are on the ballot to replace McMillan. There is no Democrat on the ballot for the 8th District school board seat.

While Beeler said that several people have reached out to him, volunteering to serve out the term until the election, he suggested that the commission wait until after the March 5 primary election and appoint the winner to serve out the term. The primary winner's name will appear on the general election ballot in August and become the winner of the full term of office that begins in September.

The commission discussed the idea and has called a special meeting for 11:30 a.m. on March 6 to select one of the two candidates. The official primary winner will be certified by the Knox County Election Commission on March 20.

Growth plan, merit board member and honors on commission agenda

By Mike Steely
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When the Knox County Commission meets today at 5 p.m. it will take up several items passed along from last week's work session, including a possible vote on the county's Growth Plan, honoring a historic local drug store, naming a section of Emory for a fallen soldier, and filling an empty seat on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board.

Those items, plus 16 zoning change requests, are before the commissioners in their 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. sessions.

Growth Plan

The Growth Plan, which has seen many objections from farm owners and rural advocates, has been altered to reduce the amount of rural land for housing development and could see lots of debate



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knox County Junior Commissioners joined the work session meeting last week, sitting beside their sponsoring commissioners. Those high school students will eventually hold their mock commission session as they learn how local county government works. Their next visit is to the Knox County Jail.

from public speakers and commission members. In the work session last week, Kevin Murphy and Lisa Starbuck urged caution in adopting changes.

Murphy is critical of the wording in the document that suggests that preservation of land is "not a requirement" and only a suggestion. He said the plan could expand 10,000

acres of vacant land to future development.

Merit Board

Two applicants may be considered to fill out the term of John Marshall who resigned from the merit board. The term runs until September next year. Anthony Parker and Michael A. Crichton have

applied and Crichton spoke briefly during the work session. Parker is expected to speak today.

Crichton said he is a retired California policeman and teacher.

Honors

The commission will also discuss naming a portion

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U.S. Senate Votes To Send More Billions Down Ukrainian Rathole

From a distance



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

comes out to over \$2,600 per person for this year and over \$106,000 per person on the total debt.

This has come about because the easiest thing in the world to do is to spend other people's money. Also, no politician likes to say no to anyone.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there has been about 60% inflation since 1988 when I was first elected to Congress.

The things that the federal government subsidizes, like medical care and college tuition, have gone up even more. This is because when government subsidizes anything, it removes most of the incentives and pressures to hold down costs and/or operate efficiently.

Also, the cost of housing has exploded because government at all levels has taken so much prosperity out of private ownership,

and/or restricted so much development that when houses or apartments are built it can be done only on land that has gone way up in price (and then only on postage-stamp size lots).

Do you see a theme here? As President Reagan used to say, when the government says it wants to help, watch out. The people get hurt; only government bureaucrats and government contractors are helped.

That brings me back to the latest foreign aid bill. I really appreciate Senators Rand Paul and Mike Lee leading a 5½ day filibuster against this bill.

I told the News-Sentinel that I believed close to 90% of the people in East Tennessee would have opposed giving Ukraine \$61 billion more on top of the \$114 billion that Congress had previously approved for that country.

Ukraine was rated as one of the most corrupt governments in the world just prior to the start of the current war.

The basics of a peace agreement had been reached a little over two years ago until it was stopped by U.S. and British leaders. Actually, it was probably stopped by the very powerful influence in the biggest countries of the military-industrial complex.

I wrote in this column a few months ago that when it comes to action by big government, here and in other countries, you should just "follow the money."

Anytime someone opposes spending huge amounts of money on foreign wars or doing anything in other countries, they are attacked as being isolationists. This is so false. No one wants to put up a wall around the U.S.

We should have trade

and tourism and cultural and educational exchanges with other countries. But we should stop spending money we do not have just because giant defense contractors want more money or because bureaucrats in every department want offices in every country so they can justify foreign travel and feel more powerful and important.

The bill also contains \$14.1 billion more for Israel when we already give that country \$3.8 billion each year for military spending and billions more spread out over almost every appropriations bill.

It also includes \$4.8 billion for Asia, mostly for Taiwan. I have nothing at all against either Israel or Taiwan, but both are in far better financial shape fiscally than is the U.S.

I was so disappointed in President George W. Bush. I was so excited about him

when he ran for president because he campaigned saying over and over that we needed a more humble foreign policy and we needed to stop doing nation building (of other nations). Then he followed a neo-con, globalist foreign policy his entire time in the White House.

And I am disappointed in the 22 Republican Senators (some of whom were friends of mine in the House) who voted for this foreign aid bill. They all ran as America-first Trump supporters but changed when they got to the Senate.

Mitch McConnell and Mitt Romney both begged for Trump's support when they were campaigning and have since attacked him repeatedly so they can be praised by the national media.

Donald Trump is Herbert Hoover

Donald Trump has this penchant for calling his opponents names. Although this is not presidential, there was scant little about Trump that is "presidential." Democrats are ridiculed

like Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas," Hillary Clinton as "Crooked Hillary" or Joe Biden as "Sleepy Joe" He hasn't spared Republicans either. There is Ron "DeSanctimonious" and now Nikki "Birdbrain" Haley. Trump, never the statesman, has called out Haley's supporters telling them that they are not welcome to join his supporters. This is just plain stupid. Trump's base is not large enough to get him reelected. Trump should be trying to unite all those who want a regime



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change from the present group running - or should I say ruining - the country. Yet Trump is willingly rejecting those who would vote for him, if only not to see four more years of Joe Biden.

Trump is vindictive, petty and small despite his stature. If elected he will oversee a government that will go after his enemies - well a few of his enemies because four years won't be enough to go after all of them. He will try to reverse Biden's policies such as soft on Iran, embrace the climate agenda, and reverse the Education Department's edicts on LBGTO, especially the transgender part. However, he has promised a disastrous policy of ramping up the imposition of

tariffs on everyone including our allies. He is proposing a 10 percent border tax which makes him a mercantilist. Those were the advocates who wanted to limit imports and maximize exports during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The great Scot Adam Smith and his intellectual descendants successfully debunked mercantilism showing that it harmed the host country by raising prices, decreasing the quality of goods, increasing unemployment and decreasing the population's real income. Yet like the bad penny, the concept keeps refusing to die and keeps coming back. Trump is its latest manifestation. He railed about NAFTA and called it the worst trade agreement ever even though the evidence showed otherwise. The states supposedly harmed

by NAFTA all accrued benefits outweighing the costs. One unmentioned benefit was that the industry that grew in northern Mexico provided good-paying jobs and stemmed illegal Mexican immigration into the country. Now the illegals mainly are fleeing Central America.

The Trump tariffs in essence imposed a tax on Americans of \$80 billion by raising the cost of foreign goods. Not only did he impose tariffs on China, but he also imposed them on our allies with tariffs on steel, aluminum and timber. The affected countries retaliated by raising tariffs on American goods. One of the things that Trump forgot is that many of the imported goods were intermediate goods used in the manufacture of American final products. Raising the price of those inputs led to an increase in the price of the final goods to the American consumer. It is estimated that the tariffs on steel cost 166,000 manufacturing jobs and some companies shifted production overseas and closed US facilities. Overall as many as one million jobs may have been lost. Remember when Trump

tried to justify the tariffs by invoking national security? Ironically, Trump's 25% tariff on imported steel has been given as the reason for Nippon Steel's acquisition of US Steel. So much for national security.

Now Trump wants to double down on his mercantilism by imposing a 10 percent border tax. So instead of just alienating our Western allies, he is seeking to alienate the rest of the world. A border tax will be met by retaliatory tariffs from all the countries affected. Trump thinks that imposing a border tariff will force manufacturers to make their goods in the US as prices of imported goods rise. He then proposes a reciprocal tax equal to what the exporting country would put on American goods. Trump and his protectionist allies need to heed history. When the last time such tariffs were imposed Herbert Hoover was president and signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 whose tariffs dramatically shrank world trade and is credited by many to have caused the Great Depression.

Although Biden has purged most things with Trump's name on it, tariffs (along with COVID vaccines) have been an exception. He continued Trump's tariffs on Canada and Europe which along with the provisions of the so-called "Inflation Reduction" Act are leading to a trade war. As some European companies are shifting production to the US to take advantage of the act's wildly generous green subsidies, the Europeans are countering with their own green subsidies. The worry is that Europe will impose retaliatory tariffs and help spark another worldwide recession. If that happens, thank Trump.

Senator Blackburn to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

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Knox County delegation." The Lincoln Day Dinner is one of two annual fundraisers for the Republican Party in Knox County to support Republican candidates in the general election and the Republican Party's day-to-day operations. Most of the funding for the year is from this dinner and the next opportunity to raise money will be the sporting clays tournament, which will be held on August 9th this year at Iron Mountain Sporting Clays.

The doors will open for the Lincoln Dinner at 5:00 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 p.m., with an elected official's reception from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Senator Blackburn is set to speak at 7:30 p.m.

Individual tickets for the event are priced at \$100 per person. Sponsorships are sold out, which Burkhardt called a "beautiful problem." Buddy said the annual Lincoln Day dinner is an excellent opportunity for anyone to come and see a good portion of their elected officials in one place, shake their hands, and share their thoughts.

If you have questions or want to purchase tickets, please contact Buddy Burkhardt at buddb9021@gmail.com or (865)356-5050 or visit www.knoxcountyrepublicanparty.com/lincolnday-dinner/



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Publisher's Positions



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of what he talks about are federal issues.

Herrera claims to have "defended freedom" by suing the government over unconstitutional mandates. If we were depending on Herrera to save us, we'd all be not just up the creek, but under it, as his lawsuit never went anywhere.

Herrera says he will "advocate for more aggressive detaining and deportation" of illegals. Anyone can do that by writing Congressman Tim Burchett or Senators Hagerty and Blackburn and have as much effect as Herrera.

Herrera claims to have fought the "liberal city government on high taxes, recode," and promises to "go after it on illegal immigration and homelessness." Herrera fought the city government and lost every time. If we depend on Daniel Herrera to stem the tide of illegal immigration, we'll all be living in Mexico.

Daniel Herrera likes to say others are incompetent when the judges of the General Sessions Court wouldn't approve of him to sit on the bench of night court as a judicial magistrate.

David Buuck, our current law director, is one of the best law directors Knox County has ever had. Experience trumps inexperience every time.

Cliff Rodgers Goes All In With Democrats

Cliff Rodgers, who was the direct beneficiary of Republican largesse throughout his career, is the campaign treasurer for Shane Jackson, Democrat candidate for the Knox County Commission in the 4th District. In an email soliciting contributions, Rodgers brags about his years as the administrator of elections, a post he held precisely because he was a Republican. Cliff says Jackson is a "breath of fresh air" and will "bring us together and lead with kindness." Didn't Joe Biden run in 2020 saying he would "unite" the country? Cliff bemoans the lack of civility in politics today, but I would also point out that the Democrats have their fair share of cranks, extremists and haters. It wasn't a Republican who refused to vote for a resolution sponsored by Congresswoman Lois Frankel, a Democrat with bipartisan support, condemning the use of rape and sexual violence as weapons against Israeli girls and women by terrorists. No, Rashida Tlaib, one of the worst anti-semites in Congress, voted "present."

I have yet to hear one Knox County Democrat condemn the antisemites inside their own party.

Now, that really would be a breath of fresh air.

Joe Biden Reads The Polls

Only in the last few weeks have Joe Biden and Alejandro Mayorkas acknowledged there is a crisis at our southern border. For the last three years, both have insisted our southern border was secure and no crisis existed. It was a figment of a MAGA-infected imagination. It was a lie, and everybody knows it. Just after taking office, Biden signed an executive order that required the U.S. Census Bureau to calculate all residents, including noncitizens, as part of its figuring the American population. That was politics at its rawest, as it changed the colorization of both the Electoral College and the configuration of the U. S. House of Representatives. Illegal immigrants are NOT supposed to be in this country, so why would the government count them as part of our population?

It is a perversion of the law and a detriment to our democracy. It does explain why Joe Biden and his administration have opened our southern border and practically invited anyone and everyone to come on in. The number of illegals allowed into the country under Biden exceeds 7.2 million,

which is an amount greater than the population of 36 states, including Tennessee. It is larger than the population of almost every American city. Researchers from Yale and MIT estimate there were more than 22 million "undocumented" illegal aliens in the country in 2016.

Special Meeting Called To Appoint School Board Member

The Knox County Commission has called a special meeting to appoint a new member of the Knox County Board of Education for District 8 on March 6, the day after the primary election. The consensus opinion seems to be that the winner of the Republican primary will be appointed to fill the vacancy of Mike McMillan who passed away January 26. Folks need to cast their vote as they are voting for a school board member who will take office early.

My wife and I live in the 8th District and we voted for Travis Wright and hope you will too.

Robert J. "Bob" Booker

A Life Well Lived

Goodbyes are never easy, and Knoxville has lost one of its leading citizens with the passing of

Robert J. "Bob" Booker. Bob Booker's life read like a resume of remarkable achievements. Booker was born in what was known as "The Bottom," an area that was considered the poorest area in East Knoxville. Throughout his life, Bob Booker became an agent for change. A gifted writer, an eloquent speaker, and a man with a heart of abiding affection for his friends and family, Bob Booker gave much of himself to his community. Booker was a Knoxville City Councilman, a state legislator, an aide to Mayor Kyle Testerman, and a historian. Bob Booker became the leading expert on Black history in Knoxville and Tennessee.

Booker deserves much of the credit for desegregating the City of Knoxville. Bob Booker became the first Black person ever to be elected to the state legislature from Knox County.

Bob Booker lived a useful life and made history as well as writing about it. Robert J. "Bob" Booker was one of the closest things to a living institution in our community and his passing is a terrible loss. The Knoxville Focus joins in mourning the loss of our friend Bob Booker.

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Council votes 'owner-occupied' for accessory dwellings

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The first reading of a proposed amendment to Knoxville's code dealing with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) took up the majority of the city council meeting Tuesday. After an hour or so of discussion and input from citizens, the council voted unanimously to permit the dwellings to be built and operated only on property occupied by the primary home dweller.

The matter will come back for a finale in March as the city's new Middle

Housing continues to be tweaked. The new policy also describes the size, parking and height specifications of any added second dwelling on a residential property.

Citizens addressing the issue included R. Bentley Marlow who said the city policy is an "offense to renters" and suggested 1.5 stories be permitted.

Lee Hume of the West Hills Community Association urged keeping the owner-occupied requirement and Jay Schmitt of the Kingston Pike Sequoyah Hills Association agreed

that the primary homeowner should be present.

In the council member discussion, several voiced opinions with Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto saying that dropping the owner-occupied requirement is "about profit, not family."

Seema Singh said that some neighborhoods want special privileges and Lauren Rider said that "owner-occupied" cannot be easily enforced and chastised people who talk badly about renters.

Gwen McKenzie noted that "people who would benefit from ADUs can't

afford them" and suggested slowing down approval. Tommy Smith suggested another work session on the issue and said that tax breaks for homeowners to build accessory dwellings should be considered.

Lynne Fugate agreed with Smith's idea of incentives and Debbie Helsley said the public needs more input. Mayor Indya Kincannon said that "more community input is a good idea."

While the issue will be back in the next council meeting, the motion passed the first go-around

with a unanimous council vote.

In other home and real estate business, the council voted to permit Huber Properties to build 67 new single-family homes on seven lots along Helmbolt, Francis and Old Amherst roads. Zoning changes were also approved for 2812 Merchant Drive from neighborhood commercial to low-density residential and removing a shopping center designation for property in front of Clinton Plaza.

Several lots on Pratt Road between Merchant

Drive and Tower Road were approved to move from RN-1 designation to RN-5. The request came from the owners of two hotels along the street who bought the residential lots and houses and have future housing plans there.

The council also approved a request for a \$1.4 million grant from the federal government with a city match of \$280,121 for on-demand KAT bus service. Brooke Lynn Bagley was approved to provide part-time mental health and wellness assistance at the police department.

Fundraisers approved by city beer board

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More and more organizations are turning to the Knoxville City Council's Beer Board for approval of beer sales at upcoming events to help raise funds for their causes. Tuesday's meeting saw several organizations request and receive approval.

Chairwoman Lauren Rider whizzed through the meeting as the board approved beer permit requests for upcoming events such as Arab Fest, three Dogwood Arts Festival events, and fundraisers for Make a Wish Foundation of East Tennessee and the Young-Williams Animal

Center. East Tennessee Kidney Foundation Manager Katie Martin requested and was approved for a permit for the Shamrock Fest on March 17th at the World's Fair Park.

Other applicants approved for permits included Enjoy the City, Save A Lot, Crafty Bastard Brewery, Dragonfly Aerial and Circus Arts, The Kennedy, the Mill & Mine, Ashes Bearden Beer Market and California Mexican Grill. Lunaverse Knoxville at 940 Blackstock asked the board for permission to include their parking lot in the permit, which was neglected in the original application. The addition was approved.

TDOE Designates 24 Reward Schools in Knox Co.

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in the Knox County system. For the 2021-2022 school year, Knox County had nine schools designated as "Reward schools."

"The Reward schools, like Ritta Elementary where we are today, have earned this recognition through hard work and dedication of the students, the teachers, and the administrators," KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk said Thursday morning.

To earn "Reward school" status takes work and dedication and there are a lot of moving parts involved.

Ritta Elementary School Principal Shawnda Ernst shared a brief explanation and insight into what is involved – and she noted Ritta had a bit of a climb to achieve designation as a Reward school.

"We got some bad news from the state at the beginning of last school year," Ernst said.

"Our biggest sub-group was in the bottom 5% in math. We were like, 'Whoa! How did that happen?' I can speak for all of us – we work hard every single day so, 'What in the world?'"

Ernst said Ritta administrators sat down with teachers and poured over data, looked at pacing, and talked with the school counselor.

Tutors were all involved in the Ritta game plan

She noted last year the school had two part-time tutors who were "dedicated and committed."

"They (tutors) helped fill in the smaller gaps," Ernst said. "Intervention groups helped fill in the bigger gaps."

And, she added, "The kids and the families really stepped up."

Ernst said all parties involved were invested in the success of the students, which translated into success for the school.

"There are so many people who help make this designation possible," she said.

One of the partners of KCS is the Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley.

President and CEO Bart McFadden spoke about another moving part in the growth and success of schools.

"There are more grandparents, more caregivers raising kids and they need support," McFadden said.

He said more and more children are in need of social support as well.

He said a student without social well-being, a child going through some sort of trauma in their lives, "Are a greater challenge for the teacher and a greater challenge for other kids in that classroom."

Organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club offer support for students facing challenges away

from school and they work with all schools in the Knox County system.

He congratulated the schools honored Thursday morning. "You all have done an amazing job," McFadden said.

The 24 schools recognized Thursday morning were: A.L. Lotts Elementary, Amherst Elementary, Ball Camp Elementary, Bearden Elementary, Blue Grass Elementary, Bonny Kate Elementary, Career Magnet Academy, Copper Ridge Elementary, Christenberry Elementary, Farragut High School, Farragut Intermediate, Gap Creek Elementary, Gibbs Elementary, Hardin Valley Elementary, KCS Virtual Middle School, L&N STEM Academy, Mt. Olive Elementary, New Hopewell Elementary, Northshore Elementary, Ritta Elementary, Sequoyah Elementary, Shannondale Elementary, South Knox Elementary, and West View Elementary.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Engineering and Public Works Director Jim Snowden spoke to the Knox County Commission's Work Session last week, detailing the county's response to the recent week-long snow and freezing weather. He said that the storm was the largest he's seen in 25 years of service and the county is looking at revising snow removal routes. Commissioner Kim Frazier praised Snowden as the "hardest working man in Knox County." She asked if the county needs more than the 26 trucks for future bad weather events and Snowden said that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is being asked to help out the county for future such events.

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of Emory Road in honor of Specialist Jeremy Daniel Evans, a local soldier killed in a vehicle accident while serving in Alaska.

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President's Daze

President Trump secured the border without a border deal.
Senator Tim Scott

There's not much to commend about February, except that it's short. However, this is Leap Year, and we must endure an additional day of this drab month to balance the calendar. Because the earth takes 365¼ days to circle the sun, we have to add an additional day to the calendar every four years. February does have Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day, but little else to commend it.

We once had two other notable days in February because we "celebrated" George Washington's birthday on February 22 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12. But these two extraordinary presidents were lumped in with all the others in 1971 when Congress declared Presidents' Day as the 3rd Monday of February.

Brilliant! Now, our two most notable presidents don't even rate the recognition that each of us gets with our own birthday.

Since I'm no longer a kid and have experienced 72 birthdays, I'm not big on something I didn't earn. In antiquity, birthdays were noted far less than someone's death, which was a time to recognize accomplishments - at least the accomplishments of notables. We moderns have adopted this concept with "celebration of life" services. Of course the deceased is not there to hear the kind words spoken of their life - unless they're listening from Heaven. But that's OK; funerals are for the living.

However, I offer the following sidebar. When I published my first novel, we had a book signing at our church's outdoor pavilion. It was a beautiful fall afternoon and I was shocked by all the friends, patients, church members and family who came, not

because they liked science fiction, but because they appreciated me. On reflection, I told Becky it was like attending a celebration of life service before I was gone!

I love and collect quotes. And I love pithy memes. A friend sent me a meme with an image of President Trump captioned "Make America Great Again." But above that was Abraham Lincoln and "Make America Great." Above that was George Washington and "Make America." My friend's only comment was that the meme should have depicted God above all of them with the caption, "Make."

Do we expect heroes any longer? When I was a kid there was the aphorism about growing up to be president. Does anyone have this wish now? As our local election approaches, I am pondering what makes people run for elected office. I admire people who step up, just as I always thank the servicemen, police and firemen for their service.

By definition, presidents are flawed human beings, but some are more flawed than others. I'm reluctant to quote Obama regarding Joe Biden, but he said, "Never underestimate Joe's ability to 'eff' things up." And I cringe to use the codified euphemism for the scatological "F" word. Nonetheless, I no longer doubt Obama's first-hand

observations of Biden. But remember, it was Obama who told Putin's puppet president Medvedev to be patient, he would be more flexible on missile defense after the election. Folks, that's real impeachment fodder, not Hillary's fake Russian collusion dossier or President Trump's Ukrainian phone call.

The axiom is that all politicians lie. However, Joe Biden lies about everything all the time, but maybe he's just in a daze. Yes, he is demented, but he was dishonest and spinning his yarns long before he became mentally impaired.

The South Carolina Republican primary was February 24th and a foregone conclusion. Swampy RINOs still hope President Trump will be destroyed by the Democrats, who made their 2024 primaries irrelevant. We should "thank" South Carolina Democrat James Clyburn for delivering the Black vote to Biden in 2020 and saving the Democrat Party from socialist Bernie Sanders. And the nation still suffers from Clyburn's intervention.

There are now two Americas, just as there were in the mid-19th century which led to the Civil War. I've recently written about Jon Meacham's biography of Abraham Lincoln. Sometimes an event or perhaps a book opens your eyes and clarifies a complicated situation. Meacham's book did so for

me. The issue in Lincoln's time was slavery. The issues today are multiple including the border invasion and crime, the economy and the national debt, the weaponization of the justice system and the loss of trust in government institutions like the FBI. I could go on, but Meacham's book showed me the remarkable similarities between Presidents Lincoln and Trump and their struggle against Democrats.

In Lincoln's day Democrats believed slavery was Biblically ordained and the basis of their power structure and way of life. The slave states wanted to spread slavery throughout the vast territories of the American West. Today, Democrats want illegal invasion to maintain and expand their power. To date, Biden has caused 7.2 million illegals to enter the US on his watch. The Democrats want these people on their government plantation to increase their census-derived constituency numbers, Congressional representation and to vote for Democrat largess. Make no mistake, illegals will be voting this November. Democrats will see to it.

Irreconcilable differences existed between slave states run by Democrats and Union abolitionists. Not only was Lincoln fighting the Confederacy, he also had to contend with the Copperheads, anti-abolitionist northern Democrats.

President Trump contends with Democrats, the mainstream and social media, the Deep State, RINOs and the weaponized justice system. Democrat John Wilkes Booth killed Lincoln. And Democrats are trying to destroy President Trump.

I rarely watch debates or political town halls. They are especially irrelevant in this presidential contest because we know the policies and records of President Trump and Biden (the border, the economy, etc.).

However, I briefly watched Laura Ingraham's town hall to assess how Trump was holding up. He appeared vigorous, poised, articulate and in command of his faculties and all the issues before our country. Frankly, the 77-year-old Trump is more vigorous than me. The contrast with the 81-year-old Biden is striking. Biden can hardly read a teleprompter, often speaks in gibberish, stumbles and falls and is cognitively impaired. Yet Dr. Jill and his handlers put him out there for reelection. My secondary medical boards were in Geriatrics. I know elder abuse when I see it.

My modification of the Boy Scout Pledge goes, "Do your best and your duty for God, country and those you love." America needs a vigorous leader.

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February Knoxville Flea Market a huge success

Shuttle service planned for March

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The Knoxville Flea Market's recent move to the Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building was hugely successful. The 250 vendor booths drew people from around the region and the free parking filled up the spaces around the building. The next weekend set for the very popular flea market is March 15, 16 and 17.

John Stewart of Stewart's

Promotions told The Focus, "The Grand Opening weekend of the Knoxville Flea Market at Chilhowee Park couldn't have gone any better. Nearly every vendor reported record sales and we estimate 10,000 shoppers over the three days."

"With the facility being new to both us and many of our shoppers, we can't thank them enough for coming out and spending their hard-earned money with our vendors. With five

more dates in 2024, we are working hard to make the upcoming shows even better," he said.

"We expect even more vendors at the future shows, and we're hoping to have a shuttle service as soon as our March 15-17 show that will take people from the parking lot(s) directly to the side door entrance," Stewart commented.

All of the Knoxville Flea Market 2024 dates can be found at www.KnoxvilleFleaMarket.com.



Thousands of people show up for the Grand Opening of the Knoxville Flea Market at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park and the company is planning a shuttle service for its March event.

BARRY Neal FOR 9TH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



Hello, I am **Barry Neal**, a lifelong South Knoxville and candidate for the 9th District County Commission seat. I am currently in my 34th year serving as program coordinator for the University of Tennessee in the Department of Conferences and Event Services.

I pledge to bring my experience and home-grown East Tennessee values to the Knox County Commission. I would be honored to serve as your County Commissioner, and I ask for your vote in the Republican primary during early voting or on Election Day, March 5th.

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- Member of Knox County Charter Review Committee
- Member of Chapman Highway/James White Parkway Task Force
- Youth Advisor for several high school Key Clubs
- Volunteer for Knoxville SOUP

A Downed Tree Sparks Memories

Well, it took 9 ½ inches of snow, several inches of rain, and the runoff from the upper yard to do it, but the old pine tree at the end of the woods finally came crashing down.



By Joe Rector
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was a chicken coop. Daddy decided to buy about a hundred chickens and some banty hens. They proved to be meaner than the others, so I kept my distance from them.

It occurred at about 9:30 p.m. Amy came into the family room and asked me if I had heard the noise. I answered "yes," and then she asked me if I knew which tree just fell and I again answered "yes."

For some time, that tree which stood about 80 feet tall had been leaning. Two men who cut trees told me it wasn't quite bad enough to drop the tree yet. Neither knew just how much water and snow had soaked the ground and weakened the hold that the tree roots had. At any rate, I examined the downed pine and the damage its drop had caused to other trees. A few large limbs were lodged in some trees, but for the most part, the damages were minimal, and the mess to be cut and cleaned was large.

That tree was special. Like so many others, it brought back plenty of memories from half a century and more. This monstrosity that lay in my yard was once nothing more than a scraggly little tree no taller than I was, I remembered. Behind it

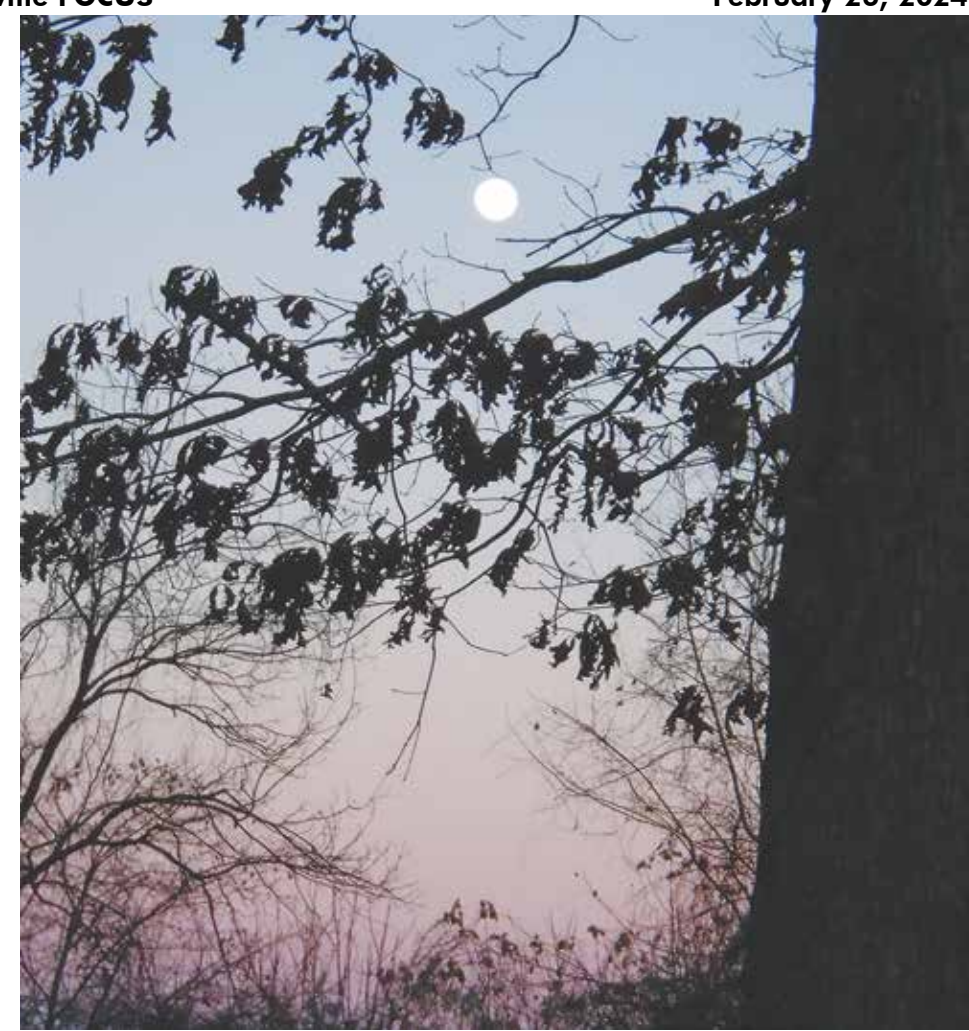
Sometimes on Saturdays, Daddy would walk to the fenced area and choose a chicken. He'd bring it to the backyard and wring its neck. Nothing I knew of at that time in life was creepier than a chicken running around without a head. We boys would cross the barbed wire that lined the neighbor's farm and search for the head. After a few minutes, we lost interest in it and went back to our yard.

A few years later, we went out of the chicken business. Mother converted the coop into a shop. Someone ran electricity to the old building, and Mother had a bandsaw and other tools in there. That pine tree had grown quite a bit and offered some shade to the building and kept the ever-present scent of chicken manure down. She made several wooden circles and then took them to school. She taught her classes how to make baskets by weaving wooden strips around the circles. After middle schools became the rage for Knox County, she quit making

them with students who no longer seemed to think such a project was special.

Our parents got us a basketball goal one year, and that pine tree served as a solid pole on which to hang it. In no time, our court was nothing more than dirt. Dribbling on it was next to impossible, and after a rain, we were left shooting baskets until the muddy ground dried. Before long, the backboard loosened, and perfect shots deflected off the goal as the backboard wobbled.

I've worked on this old tree since it fell. My chainsaw isn't working correctly, and my experience is limited with cutting up such a big piece of wood. Luckily, a former student of mine does this kind of work and is willing to cut this big thing into chunks. Oh, I'll pay him for his work, but not as much as I would have to pay a company. I'll set the wood on the side of the road and put a "Free" sign on it. Eventually, I will have to haul the stuff to the back of the yard and burn it. I won't have to dodge the tree or its roots anymore when I mow, but every time I pass the spot where it stood, I'll think of it and how tall and old it had grown. In many ways, that tree and I have plenty in common.



Picture of a favorite early morning sunrise scene looking toward House Mountain when the day is new, by Ralphine Major.

The Gift of Time

There never seems to be enough of it. Time. I have often thought that time plays tricks on our minds. One minute it seems like there is a world of time before the start of something; the next minute it has all but disappeared!

We are blessed with several hours in a day, several days in a week, several weeks in a month, and several months in a year. The years multiply into decades. Yet, they can



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seem to evaporate in a blink. There is time for work and jobs. There is time for worship. There is time for recreation and rest. There is time for family, fellowship, and celebrations. There

is time to enjoy the simple pleasures in life—enjoying a beautiful sunset in the evening or a spectacular sunrise in the early morning, listening to the happy songs of birds, watching snowflakes fall quietly from the sky on a winter day, or soaking in the sweet smell of honeysuckles in summer or the fresh

smell of raindrops in spring. In a few weeks, Daylight Saving Time will once again require our clocks to spring forward at this time of year. This is done to "save" an hour of daylight at day's end, and it seems to make the day longer. Still, there are only twenty-four hours in a day. Perhaps, it is what we make of our time that is most important, rather than how much we have. Time is fleeting—enjoy all your time for it is those special moments in time that mean the most.

Words of Faith: "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:5 (KJV).

Leap into Convenience with KAT's Leap Day Promotion

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is thrilled to announce its special Leap Day promotion, inviting Knoxville residents to embrace the future of transit with mobile tickets. On Thursday, February 29, 2024, in celebration of Leap Day, KAT encourages everyone to "Take the Leap!" by trying out mobile tickets and experiencing the ease and convenience they offer.

As part of this exciting promotion, passengers who create a mobile ticket account in the Transit app on Leap Day itself will receive a FREE Day Pass loaded to their mobile ticket account. To claim this offer, individuals simply need to visit the Knoxville Station Customer Service Booth between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on February 29, 2024, and show their phone with the newly created mobile ticket account.

"We have had a great response with our introduction of mobile ticketing and have seen many early adopters taking advantage of this convenient fare payment option," says Isaac Thorne, Director of Transit for the City of Knoxville. "If you haven't tried it yet, Leap Day is the perfect opportunity."

It's important to note that the free Day Pass is only available to those who create their mobile ticket account on February 29, 2024. For those who may need assistance setting up their account or learning how to use mobile tickets, KAT staff will be on hand to provide guidance and support throughout the day.

For additional resources, including mobile ticket how-to videos, step-by-step instructions, and Terms of Use, please visit www.katbus.com.

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Maine's 'Mr. Democrat'

Louis Jefferson Brann

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Years ago, Maine was one of the most reliably Republican states in the nation. While Democrats there weren't quite as rare as Republicans were in the South at the time, they were used to losing elections. Even as Franklin D. Roosevelt almost swept every state in his 1936 reelection bid, he lost only two: Maine and Vermont. During the age of Roosevelt, Louis Jefferson Brann proved to be more successful in the Pine Tree State than even FDR. While President Herbert Hoover was easily outrunning Franklin Roosevelt in Maine in 1932, Louis J. Brann eked out a victory over GOP gubernatorial nominee Burleigh Martin by 2,358 votes. For a decade, Louis J. Brann was "Mr. Democrat" in the Republican State of Maine. When Louis J. Brann was first elected governor, Maine held its general election in September rather than November like the rest of the country. Hence the slogan, "As Maine goes, so goes the nation." Since the Civil War, only twice had Maine voters gone to the polls and elected Democrats as their governor; those elections had occurred in 1878 and 1914.

While his majority was small, Brann ran ten times better than FDR in Maine. The Lewiston lawyer had accrued considerable personal popularity in his native state and the Portland Evening Express remembered the former governor as the greatest "publicist" in the state's history. Brann had won that title through his relentless promotion of the virtues and wonders of Maine. Governor Brann tirelessly bragged about the recreational opportunities offered by Maine and his promotion of their state pleased tens of thousands of Mainers.

"Brann had most of the attributes common to good salesmen and good politicians. He dressed smartly, could remember names as well as faces, was genuinely interested in people and their problems, listened well and talked well," the Evening Express wrote when the former governor died. "He was also always ready to conciliate - - - a trait that helped him enormously in dealing with a predominantly Republican legislature and a wholly Republican Executive Council." Maine was one of those New England states that elected an executive council, which approved or disapproved of programs recommended by the governor. Executive councils were a relic of the past and thought to safeguard against dictatorial governors. Maine abolished its own executive council in a

statewide referendum in 1975.

Brann's ability to speak extemporaneously on virtually any subject at any time made him an effective salesman for his state, as well as a popular speaker to audiences in Maine. His speaking skills also helped him become a highly successful attorney. Originally, Louis J. Brann had been a Republican and later became a Democrat. Brann's first foray into statewide politics was a failed bid for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1926.

There were those critics in the Pine Tree State who believed Governor Brann got along better with Maine Republicans than he did New Dealers in Washington. Evidently, the governor and the Roosevelt Administration had difficulties over patronage matters in Maine, causing Brann to pay only lip service to the president. That changed in 1940 when Louis J. Brann was running for the United States Senate for the second time. The former governor gave full-throated support to President Roosevelt's foreign policy.

Louis J. Brann retained a lifelong interest in athletics and sports, especially baseball. Brann had been invited frequently while serving as governor to attend big league ball games. Brann invited numerous figures prominent in politics, entertainment, business and sports to attend functions at the governor's mansion, as well as his fishing parties. Governor Brann initiated "Maine Summer Visitor Day," which always drew throngs of people to the state.

Brann had earned his political spurs by serving in a variety of positions and was elected mayor of Lewiston five times. Brann also served in Maine's House of Representatives, representing Lewiston. Like most politicians of his day, Louis J. Brann was a joiner, holding memberships in the Grange, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Lions and Rotary clubs.

Brann proved his political mettle by winning reelection to another two-year term as governor in 1934, beating Republican nominee Alfred Ames with quite nearly 54% of the votes cast. Louis J. Brann was the first Democrat in Maine's history to win reelection as governor. Today Maine is considered a more liberal state and the state's most enduring public official is Senator Susan Collins, a Republican. Senator Collins, however, is much more moderate than many Republicans sitting in the Senate. In 1934, Maine was a more conservative state, a fact recognized and



Picture postcard of Governor Louis J. Brann of Maine (circa 1934).

acknowledged by Governor Louis J. Brann, who maintained some distance from much of the New Deal. As Maine's votes would be heralded throughout the country in advance of the general election for the rest of the country, both parties sent a host of speakers and money into the Pine Tree State to affect the outcome. GOP Senator Frederick Hale, who was seeking another six-year term, told Mainers that to reelect Governor Brann was to endorse the New Deal. Republicans were both shocked and appalled by the results on Election Day. Governor Brann made an effective argument when he pointed to the federal spending in Maine through Roosevelt's New Deal and compared it with what had been received in rock-ribbed Republican New Hampshire. Voters voted their pocketbooks.

Congressman Carroll Beedy, thought to be a safe bet for reelection, had been defeated by Simon Hamlin, who described himself as a plain old "dirt farmer." Governor Brann easily beat Ames, who was described as "an elderly retired lumber merchant," who was unable to keep up with the give-and-take of an election contest. Senator Hale barely survived, winning by only 1,200 votes. The New York Herald Tribune huffed, "Maine Votes For Santa Claus."

Louis J. Brann was one of several governors who attended the "million dollar fight" of the century between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. Ringside seats were selling for \$250 for two (almost \$5,500 today).

While he worked well with the Republican majority in his state, Governor Louis J. Brann did not hesitate to differ with the other party or his own. Brann nominated

Frederick G. Payne, then the mayor of Augusta, to serve on Maine's Public Utilities Commission in 1935. The executive council refused to approve the appointment. Governor Brann stubbornly nominated Payne six times, only to see the executive council refuse to approve Payne's nomination six times. Finally, Payne asked the governor to withdraw his name from consideration which Brann did reluctantly. Brann released part of a letter to Payne that said, "I prophesize for you, after you have ceased to be mayor of Augusta, a continuation in the public service, and the establishment of a reputation for ability, fairness, for judgment and for character and attention to public affairs that will win the further commendation of your fellow citizens." Payne was elected governor the year Brann died.

As Governor Brann's second term was expiring in 1936, he turned his eye toward the United States Senate. The incumbent was Wallace H. White Jr., a gentle, unassuming, first-term senator who had first been elected to the House of Representatives in 1916. White was the scion of a political family; his grandfather, William P. Frye, had served thirty years in the United States Senate from Maine. Without a doubt, Louis J. Brann was the strongest candidate the Democrats could field against Senator White. The end result was a photo-finish, with Brann losing by 4,648 votes.

Brann was not done with politics, announcing he would challenge GOP Governor Lewis O. Barrows for reelection in 1938. The former governor intended to return to the statehouse and ran a strong, but ultimately losing campaign. Brann had been hindered

in his campaign by voters frowning upon the governor's seeking a third term. Perhaps the most notable aspect of the campaign had been Rudy Vallee, a popular star of radio and motion pictures, campaigning for the former governor.

Louis J. Brann made his last statewide campaign in 1940 when he was the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate to succeed retiring Senator Frederick Hale. Brann's opponent was Congressman Ralph Owen Brewster, something of a controversial figure even inside Maine's Republican Party. Waging a fighting campaign, the former governor was swamped on Election Day as the Pine Tree State was returning to its Republican roots as the effects of the Great Depression were ebbing. Brann carried only two of Maine's sixteen counties in the general election.

After leaving office as governor, Brann divided his time between Lewiston and Boston; Brann maintained his hometown law practice as well as a partnership with Joseph Ely, the former governor of Massachusetts.

In 1942, Louis J. Brann ran for public office for the last time. The former governor had moved from his home, which was located in Maine's Second Congressional District to Falmouth, which was in the First District. Brann hoped to take advantage of a bitter primary contest between incumbent Congressman James C. Oliver and challenger Robert Hale. Brann also believed his chances for election were vastly improved by the thousands of workers who had come to Maine for work in the state's shipyards. Brann had no difficulty in winning the nomination of his party and campaigned

as an all-out supporter of President Roosevelt's war policies. Brann raised the issue of Hale having once penned an article entitled, "But I, Too, Hate Roosevelt." Robert Hale defended himself, saying, "I am probably the most outspoken advocate in Maine of President Roosevelt's foreign policies. Also, I guess I am the most outspoken critic of his domestic policies." Hale's answer deflected much of Brann's criticism.

The Second World War was not going well for the Allied powers in 1942 and the voter turnout was low, and the Republicans made an excellent showing that year, although the Democrats kept control of both Houses of Congress. Brann lost to Hale, winning just over 43% of the ballots cast. The defeat effectively ended Louis J. Brann's electoral career.

Louis J. Brann, suffering from what relatives described as a "bad cold," was reading in bed when he suddenly closed his eyes and died in February 1948. The rites for the former governor drew both the mighty and the common to attend the funeral. Brann's body was brought home to Lewiston for both the funeral rites and burial.

The Portland Press Herald published an editorial lauding the former governor, which might well serve as a reminder of the fleeting nature of fame. "There was a time, and not so long ago, when the name of Louis J. Brann was on every Maine tongue. No man of his time so completely captured the news of the day and became so interesting and important subject of conversation." The Press Herald acknowledged the former governor's personal popularity and the legion of friends Brann had retained even after his political career was over. The newspaper refuted the idea Louis J. Brann's reelection had much to do with Franklin Roosevelt or the New Deal, but rather had been accomplished through the governor's "own personality and ability." The Press Herald noted Brann's subsequent defeats at the polls "was in no sense" the result of any "lack in himself." The editorial pointed out the fact Brann had quite nearly toppled "the immensely popular Senator Wallace H. White in 1936 was proof of the esteem in which people of all parties here in Maine held him."

The Press Herald editorial quoted a judge who called Louis J. Brann "able, kindly, genial, with a heart that beat in unison with that of the common man."

The Portland Evening Express published its own editorial on the passing of former governor Louis J. Brann, noting he was widely known all over the state as "Lou" or "Louie" to thousands of Mainers. "First and last, he was a politician," the Evening Express stated, "but a politician in the finest sense of the word: he liked people."

To be remembered fondly by both friends and foes in death is quite a tribute to a life well lived. In fact, there may not be any greater tribute than that.

Our Civil Duty

As both a Christian and an American, I have learned to accept the fact that I have a double identity. First and foremost, I am proud to be a Christian. Like Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel" and count it a great privilege to be a part of the family of God, purchased by the blood of Jesus. To believe, know, and understand the great sacrifice that the Lord Jesus Christ made for me, I would never want to be embarrassed or ashamed of Who it is that I belong to.



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist
Church Senior Pastor

Secondly, I am an American. A very proud American. I salute the flag and I stand when I hear the anthem played. Having been born here in the beautiful, rolling hills of East Tennessee, I recognize the great honor I have been afforded by my Creator to be an American. In a sense, I have a double identity: as a Christian and an American. While at the same time, I have a dual citizenship: in Heaven and in the United States. When I consider this, I

become distinctly aware that as a God-fearing, red-blooded American, I have great responsibility because of the honor I have been given. I love this nation. We have our issues, but the United States has afforded me opportunities that many in the world will never know. This is why I say, that we as dual citizens with double identities, have a great responsibility. As a Christian, who is sojourning for a temporary time on this earth, I should desire to do good for all people and the country I am a part of. Every day we should be leaving footprints of kindness, generosity, and love that make the world a better place.

We should care about those who are suffering. This means that we should assist in the problems of homelessness, drug addictions, mental illness, and behaviors that are criminal. We actively do our part in making neighborhoods safer, housing more affordable and improving our schools. Christians are not called to sit idly by and do nothing. We are called to 'do good' as Peter instructs us to do in I Peter 2. Every believer ought to do their part to silence those who say that Christianity is bad for the world.

One of the ways that we do good, is to fulfill our civil duty to vote. It's one of the

ways that our voices can be heard. We commit to vote with the hope that we nominate capable and competent political leaders (with integrity) who seek to do what's best for their communities, counties, cities and country and not their own personal interests or agendas. I firmly believe, that in principle, the privilege to vote and elect the candidates of our choice is one of the greatest gifts that we have as Americans. To forfeit that opportunity is a travesty, considering that a large part of the civilized world is not given the same privilege. God has granted this honor and with every election cycle, we should

all take full advantage of the responsibility and freedom we have been given. We all, regardless of religion or denomination, should examine the candidates, know their positions, and then go vote our conscience. I would never in any form or fashion use a platform to tell a person 'how' to vote, but I certainly want to encourage you to at least go do it! I pray we never see a day where this precious gift of democracy is taken away. A determination should be made, by all of us, that we would do our part in letting our voices be heard by going to the polls this election year. Blessed.

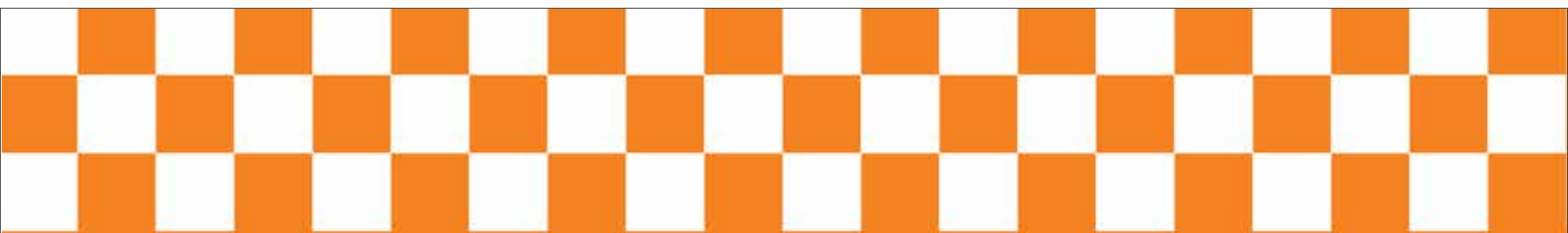
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ALL-KNOX COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mains is Player of the Year despite injuries

Hernandez tabbed Coach of the Year

By Steve Williams

Sydney Mains has had multiple injuries in her high school basketball career at Knoxville Catholic but still managed to become one of the most decorated players to wear the Green and Gold.

As the season continues with tournament play, more honors could be coming Sydney's way.

One is being announced today as the 5-10 senior combo guard has been selected The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year.

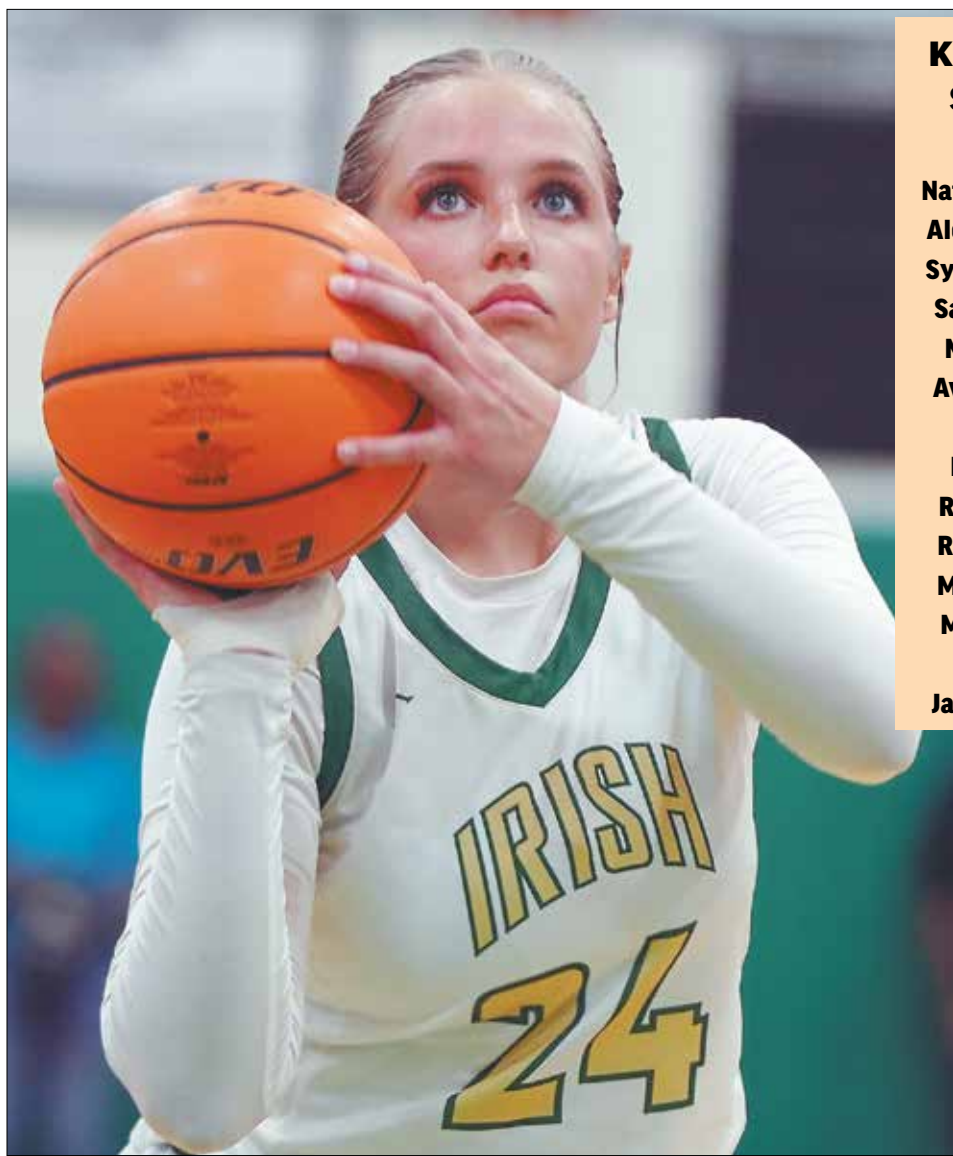
Despite wearing a bandage on the right thumb of her shooting hand throughout the season, the blonde bomber has averaged 18.5 points while playing for her dad and head coach, Travis Mains. She joined the 2,000-point club on Dec. 22 and also has averaged six rebounds, three assists

and three steals in leading Catholic to a 24-4 overall record and a perfect 8-0 slate in Division II-AA.

Sydney and the Lady Irish, ranked No. 1 in the state in their classification, were scheduled to play Harpeth Hall Friday night in a state quarterfinal game, with a berth in the Final Four on the line at Tennessee Tech's Eblen Center in Cookeville this week.

Mains, coming back from knee injury, helped guide Catholic to its first state championship at TTU last March.

The Florida Atlantic University commit is a McDonald's All-American nominee and a three-time TSSAA Miss Basketball Finalist. There's a good chance her name will be announced when this season's Miss Basketball **Continue on page 4**



Knox County Girls' Scoring Leaders 2023-24

- Natalya Hodge, Bearden 22.0
- Alexis Hammonds, GCA 19.0
- Sydney Mains, Catholic 18.5
- Sammy Taylor, Fulton 18.0
- Maddie Braden, CAK 17.0
- Avery Brewer, Central 17.0
- Natali Fender, CCS 16.8
- Payton Rollins, S-D 16.4
- Rylee Roberts, Karns 16.0
- Reese Roberts, Karns 15.0
- Meeyah Green, Webb 14.0
- Maiya Moore, Fulton 14.0
- Kendra West, HVA 14.0
- Jaci Neubert, Farragut 13.4

With the thumb on her shooting hand bandaged up, Sydney Mains eyes the mark on a free throw during her senior season at Knoxville Catholic. She is The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year for 2023-24. Photo by Dr. Kelly Kearse.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL MEDIA DAY

Central returning key players from district title team



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Central Coach Brandon Roberts and two of his seniors, Andrew Hill (left) and Miles Johnson, at the ET-BCA Media Day.

By Steve Williams

Central High's baseball team is hoping to build on last year's District 3-4A tournament championship, the school's first since 2001.

"We're pretty optimistic," said Brandon Roberts at the inaugural East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Media Day last Wednesday at Dick's House of Sport. "We're returning the majority of our key players - our top three pitchers, two infielders, two outfielders and five others with varsity experience."

"The goal is to compete to be one of the top teams in our district. We'll have more guys with experience in the lineup this year."

Central finished with a 20-14 record last spring.

Joining Coach Roberts at Media Day were seniors Andrew Hill and

Miles Johnson. Hill is a third baseman, shortstop and pitcher, while Johnson is a right-handed pitcher and outfielder.

Other key players for CHS this season include junior Cole Wessel, a LHP and first baseman; Samuel Myers, a senior second baseman and pitcher; and Nick Riordan, a sophomore shortstop and centerfielder.

"We'll have more depth than in the past," added Roberts, and "five to seven other guys" that we'll be getting a look at to check their potential.

The Bobcats have a new pitching coach in Blake Bivens, and Roberts said the pitchers "have gained six miles per hour on average with the fastball."

Central will open the season against Loudon on March 5 at Tommy Schumpert Park.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL MEDIA DAY



PHOTO BY BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Austin-East High baseball Coach Kaylin Chesney being interviewed at the inaugural ETBCA Media Day event on Feb. 21.

Austin-East continues to build baseball program

By Ken Lay

As the 2024 high school baseball season looms, Austin-East coach Kaylin Chesney Sr. is continuing to attempt to build a program. The Roadrunners returned to the diamond in 2022 after not fielding a team since 2015.

Chesney said that he faces two major challenges as the program attempts to move forward.

One is numbers and the other is that many of

the Roadrunners simply haven't played the game.

"We have about 20 guys, and we have 13 who have been coming (to practice) consistently," Chesney said. "A lot of our players are either in their first year or they have never played."

"They don't play in the summer, so they haven't picked up a glove since May, so when we come into the season, we have to work on fundamentals." The 2024 Roadrunners

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Austin-East Coach Kaylin Chesney Sr.

feature three seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and 10 freshmen. Top returners include: Tylan Baker, Zyome Gillette, Kouri

Glasper, Michael Gladney, Chris Smith and Tyler Scott. Key newcomers are: Jeffrey Minor, Victor Hayes II and David Weaver.

Central returning key players from district title team

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Gibbs expecting to have good year

Gibbs' baseball program came close to winning a third state championship under veteran coach Geff Davis in 2023.

The Eagles were district and region champions but lost to eventual state champion Greeneville in the Sub-State, said Davis, who is entering his 27th season as the Eagles' head coach and is president of the ETBCA.

Representing Gibbs at the Media Day event were Hayden Mills and Talan Owens.

Mills is a shortstop and

pitcher who earned All-District and All-Region honors last season and is a Walters State Community College commit. Owens was an All-District third baseman last year and hit .352.

The Eagles will be without southpaw standout pitcher Reilly Byers, who is now pitching for Gulf Coast Community College in Florida.

Taking Byers' place on the mound this season will be right-hander Will Sharp and left-hander Will Price.

"Hopefully, our hitting will be better," said Davis. "We expect to have a good season."

The Eagles will be playing in a new district that includes Anderson County, Clinton, Cumberland Gap, Scott, and Union County.

Gibbs will play its season opener at Seymour on March 5.

Carter looking for senior leadership

Chris Armstrong will be in his fifth season as the skipper at Carter High this year.

His Hornets were 15-14 overall last spring.

"We will be very young," said Armstrong, "and looking for seniors to guide these guys. Fourteen of our 20 players are freshmen

and sophomores."

Seniors Clayton Cummings and Jude Dixon represented Carter at Media Day. Cummings is a 6-3, 240-pound first baseman and pitcher. Dixon plays centerfield and is the No. 2 golfer for Cummings, who also coaches the golf team.

Luke Burnett, a sophomore, will play shortstop and is the Hornets' No. 1 pitcher. Cainan Crowe will be Burnett's battery mate behind the plate and also is the team's No. 2 pitcher.

Carter will play its first game at home on March 5.

Evans discusses adding baseball at Pellissippi State

By Ken Lay

Pellissippi State recently announced plans to add sports in the Fall of 2024 and the community college will add baseball, which is slated to begin in 2025.

The Panthers will also add softball and men's and women's basketball during the next academic year.

Pellissippi State athletic director Brock Evans updated the progress of adding baseball Wednesday at the first annual East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Media Day at Dick's House of Sports.

"We're extremely excited to be adding baseball, and it will be added at the Hardin Valley campus," Evans said. "The most common question is who our coach is going to be, and I can tell you that I have about 90 candidates who applied. I can't go into specifics.

"I can tell you that I want somebody with head coaching experience and I want someone local, with East Tennessee ties, and someone who will resonate with our players."

The Panthers, who already field men's and women's soccer, golf and cross country and half-marathon teams, will have a scholarship program and compete in TCCAA Division I Region 7 against the likes of Roane State, Cleveland State, Chattanooga State and others.

"We'll be a scholarship program, and with the Tennessee Promise Program, it will be fairly easy to get a scholarship," Evans said. "We'll put a field on the Hardin Valley campus, and we have a footprint for the baseball field, but if you've been on the Hardin Valley campus, you know that it's tight."



PHOTO BY BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Top: Geff Davis, Gibbs head coach and president of the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association, making opening comments at the inaugural Media Day at DICK'S House of Sports on Feb. 21. Above: Brock Evans, Pellissippi State Athletic Director, commenting on the progress of starting their baseball program last week.

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By Tom Mattingly

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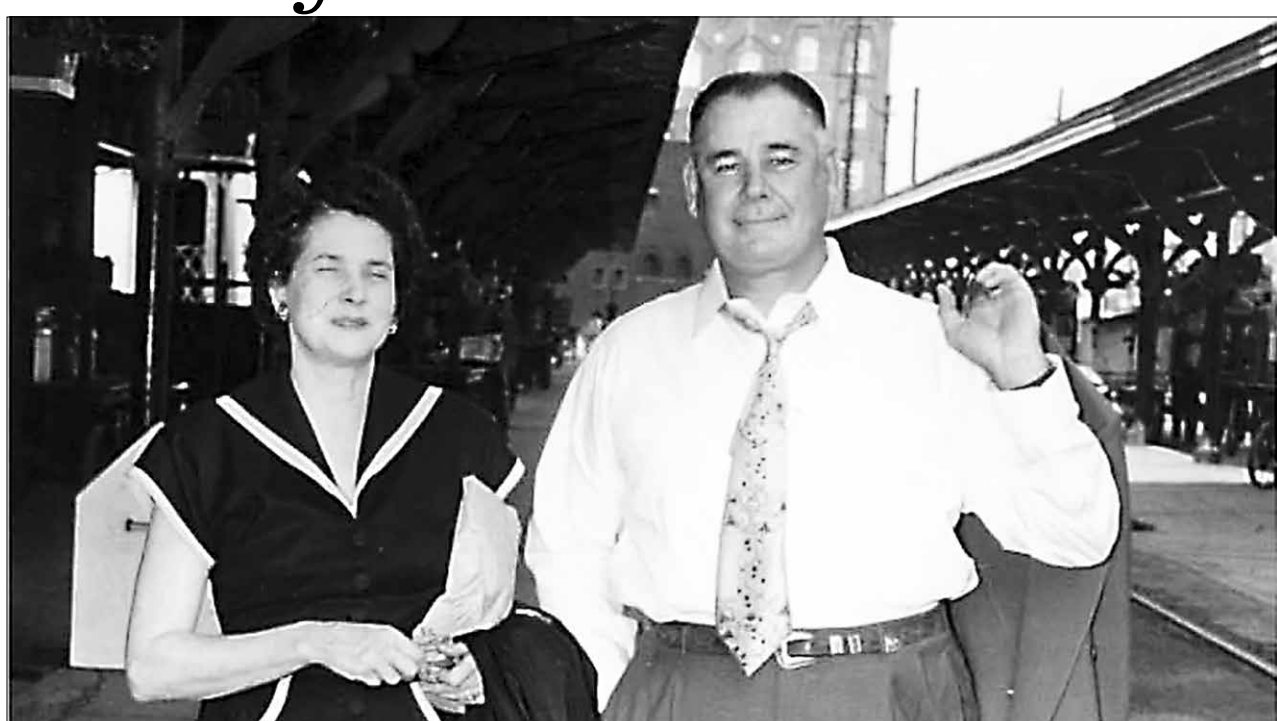
That man's name was Robert Reese Neyland. He was the University of Tennessee's legendary head coach and a 1956 inductee to the College Football Hall of Fame.

He was born Feb. 17, 1892, in Greenville, Texas. He died March 28, 1962, at the Oeschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans at age 70.

Here is the perspective behind those facts.

"Gen. Neyland the man is gone, but no eulogy and no monuments are needed to mark his passing," said Bowden Wyatt, Tennessee's 1938 captain and head coach. "His great contributions to our youth, to the university, and to his state will endure. I have lost my coach, my friend, and my benefactor. The precepts of honesty and integrity that he instilled in the hearts and minds of countless young men who came under his exacting tutelage will live on and on."

Before he transformed the Tennessee football program, Neyland was a superb student-athlete



Neyland and wife, Peg, are shown at the Southern Railway Station in downtown Knoxville

at West Point. He won 35 games (20 consecutively) as a baseball pitcher, played starting end on the Cadets' 1914 national championship football team, and won the academy's heavyweight boxing championship in his final three years.

In 1925, Neyland was serving as a UT assistant football coach and an ROTC instructor, before being named head coach. His marching orders were to beat Vanderbilt, given that the Commodores had dominated the series until Neyland arrived. "Even the score with Vanderbilt," Dean Nathan Dougherty said, "Do something about the terrible series standings."

He developed one of the most efficient single-wing offenses in the country,

complemented by unyielding defenses. Of the 216 games he coached, the Vols shut out their opponents 112 times. From 1938 to 1940, his teams recorded 17 consecutive regular season shutouts.

During World War II, Neyland left his coaching duties and returned to active military service, eventually earning a promotion to brigadier general.

Although health issues forced Neyland to step down from coaching after the 1952 season, he served as U.T. athletic director for the ensuing decade and helped design the stadium. The stadium was named "Neyland Stadium" at the 1962 Alabama game on Oct. 20, 1962. In 2010, U.T. officials dedicated a statue on the stadium's west side.

Neyland didn't live to see the improvements to the stadium that bears his name, a new press box and west side upper deck that also opened in 1962, but had been kept up to speed on the progress of construction by trusted aide Gus Manning.

Wallace Wade, who coached against Neyland at Alabama and Duke, said, "He could take his and beat yours or take yours and beat his."

"It is evident from all accounts that Neyland had a towering, dominating, and even intimidating presence," one Tennessee football historian has written. "Taciturn in demeanor and seeking excellence on all fronts, Neyland had an impact on collegiate football that was felt across the south and the nation."

"Today, he is revered by those who played for him, respected by those who coached against him, and more than 60 years after his death, honored as his name and legacy have lived on. In a 1969 poll, a panel of 100 experts named Neyland the No. 2 coach of all time, second only to Knute Rockne. This accolade came 17 years after Neyland had hung up his whistle and seven years after his death."

Lindsey Nelson knew all about the Neyland mystique. This passage came from his 1985 autobiography, "Hello Everybody, I'm Lindsey Nelson."

"And let me say that influence exerted on me by General Neyland has never left. At present, I live in a condominium in Knoxville, Tennessee, after spending

twenty-seven years of living in New York. In the far distance is a mountain range. My townhouse is high on a bluff, and at sunset the view is spectacular. One looks out on the sprawling campus of the University of Tennessee, bathed in the setting sun and so enriched and so expanded in the fifty-odd years since that young army captain arrived to the ROTC department and, incidentally, to the athletic department. Workers on their way home after their day's duty drive along a broad boulevard. They call that Neyland Drive.

"Lifting one's gaze only slightly, the last towering thing one sees on the horizon is a rising silhouette of a magnificent football stadium with a capacity of more than ninety thousand. They named it Neyland Stadium."

Neyland and wife, Peg, are buried at Knoxville's National Cemetery, just off Broadway near Emory Place in North Knoxville.

Nelson had a perceptive touch in his biography, summing up Neyland's life in 44 well-chosen words. "I think of all his achievement, of the many lives he touched for the better, the man who valued loyalty seemingly above almost all other virtues."

"I think of all of that, and I always smile. And sometimes, when no one's looking, I salute."

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ALL-KNOX COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mains is Player of the Year despite injuries

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Division II-AA award is presented on March 12.

"Sydney has had a back and hip injury this year along with the thumb and overcoming the ACL, MCL and PCL injury," pointed out Coach Mains.

As far as being named a Miss Basketball honoree, Coach Mains said: "She has been recognized three times; maybe it is her year to win it. She has finished second to the top player in her 2024 class nationally in (Ensworth guard) Jalon Cambridge."

Coach Mains added that his daughter "has been blessed to go to Knoxville Catholic and play with tremendous teammates."

Greg Hernandez, Webb School's new coach this season, was chosen The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Coach of the Year. Hernandez came to Webb from Seymour High, where he had several successful seasons.

Hernandez lost three times to rival Catholic this season, including the East Region championship game, but his Lady Spartans (22-9, 6-2) played the Lady Irish close in their last two meetings. Webb was scheduled to play in Memphis Friday night in a state quarterfinal game against Hutchison (18-2, 7-0).



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Greg Hernandez, in his first season as head coach of the Webb Lady Spartans, applauds his team in a win over Elizabethton in a holiday tournament at Greeneville in late December. Hernandez has been selected The Focus / Coaches' Knox County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

Catholic's Mains and Powell Coach John Fisher also were among those who received votes.

Others on the 2023-24 All-Knox County first team, which was based on regular season play, includes:

Amaya Redd, Catholic: The junior power forward averaged nine points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals per game.

Natalya Hodge, Bearden: The super sophomore guard

also was among those who received votes for Player of the Year in Knox County. A Miss Basketball finalist in Class 4A, Natalya averaged 22 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.9 steals and 3.3 assists for the Lady Bulldogs, who were 9-1 in District 4-4A and 27-2 overall.

Kendall Anne Murphy, Bearden: The junior talent averaged 11.4 points, 5.2 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 1.7 assists.

Meeyah Green, Webb: The Lady Spartans' sophomore guard led her team, averaging 14 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Jaci Neubert, Farragut: The junior helped lead the Lady Admirals (9-1, 18-11) to a share of the District 4-4A regular season title and was the team's top scorer, averaging 13.4 points per game.

KJ McNealy, Farragut: The sophomore was a strong

inside player, averaging 9.9 rebounds to go along with 12.1 points per game and 4.2 assists.

Maddie Braden, CAK: The freshman connected on 51 percent of her field goal attempts as she averaged 17 points per game. She also pulled down 4.7 rebounds and averaged 1.3 blocks, 3.3 steals and 2.3 assists per outing.

Izzy Proffitt, CAK: The veteran senior averaged 11.2 points as she connected on 48 percent of her field goal tries. She also averaged 4.6 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 3.6 assists for the Lady Warriors (23-7, 12-1) who came on strong late in the season and won the Division II-A East Region title.

Natali Fender, CCS: The Lady Lions' senior, a two-time All-District honoree, averaged 16.8 points per game plus 6.2 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 3.2 steals for Concord Christian (9-4, 13-10).

Alexis Hammock, GCA: The freshman was a standout offensive player for Grace Christian Academy as she had a triple-double in five games and a double-double in 10-plus games. She averaged 19 points, nine rebounds and eight assists as the Lady Rams posted a record of 10-3 and 18-10.

SECOND TEAM

Megan Biliter, Halls, sr.
Avery Brewer, Central, soph.
Kamryn Butcher, HVA, jr.
Caroline Krueger, Catholic, sr.
Maiya Moore, Fulton, sr.
Annie Priest, Farragut, jr.
Reese Roberts, Karns, jr.
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Raley Qualls, Gibbs, jr.
Emory Thomas, CCS, 8th.
Cloey Wade, South-Doyle, jr.
Maddi Whaley, Gibbs, jr.
Rachael Wilhoit, Bearden, sr.
Lindsay Wilson, Bearden, sr.
Marah Yeo, Carter, jr.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Young Lady Warriors headed to State Semis for third straight year

By Ken Lay

For the third consecutive season, the Christian Academy of Knoxville girls basketball team is headed to Cookeville and the Division II-A state semifinals.

The young Lady Warriors (26-9) punched their ticket to the 2024 semifinals with a 46-42 victory over Murfreesboro's Providence Christian Academy Friday afternoon in the state quarterfinals at CAK.

After the game, the Lady Warriors and head coach Abby Williams cut down the nets, continuing a basketball tradition, but while waiting for the ladder and scissors, Williams had plenty of hugs for her team, which was supposed to be

in rebuilding mode after losing nine seniors to graduation from last year's squad.

"Nobody gave this team the love they deserved and I can't tell you how proud I am of them right now," Williams said. "It feels good to be going back to state."

"Everybody kind of counted us out after we graduated nine girls last year, so to have a whole new group pretty much come in and keep going with what's a standard for us, I couldn't be prouder of them."

Four seniors from the Class of 2023 were starters. Izzy Proffitt, the team's lone senior this year, is also the Lady Warriors' only returning starter.

She led CAK with 13

points and knocked down three 3-pointers. Fittingly, she was the first player on the ladder snipping a piece of the net.

Proffitt said that the Lady Lions were a tough opponent.

"They were a really strong team and they really fought," Proffitt said of Providence Christian. "We scouted them hard and we really came through."

"We had a lot of people step up."

Proffitt's supporting cast included freshman guard Maddie Braden, who finished with 12 points, including six over the final eight minutes, sophomore Colie Thompson (who scored nine points) and junior Kari Whited (who had

seven).

Braden said that Friday's win was special for the Lady Warriors.

"We got to do this last year and there was a great vibe," Braden said. "To do it this year is a privilege because we're really young."

"It just means a lot for me and my senior."

The win was special for Proffitt, too.

In addition to making it to the State Final Four in 2022 and 2023, the Lady Warriors reached the state semifinals in 2019, Williams' first year as coach, and lost the title game to Providence Christian. CAK hasn't been back to the championship game since.

"This game meant

everything to me because I've been short twice in a row," Proffitt said. "People have been doubting us and people have been dissing us just because we're younger and smaller, but that's not going to stop us."

"We're going to keep going and we're going to win the state championship."

CAK certainly looked like a team with a chip on its shoulder early Friday afternoon. The Lady Warriors opened a 24-16 lead by halftime and extended its advantage to 13 points before the Lady Lions (23-6) closed the third stanza on an 11-0 run to pull to within, 29-27, by the end of the third quarter.

PCA took a 30-29 lead early in the fourth stanza

when Daisy Gale, a Miss Basketball Finalist converted a long-range jumper with 7 minutes, 42 seconds left in the contest. The Lady Warriors responded by reeling off six straight points to make it 36-30. They never trailed again.

"Our kids never quit, even when they lost the lead," Williams said. "They kept fighting, they made big free throws and they made the plays they had to make."

CAK next plays Friday against an opponent yet to be determined.

TKA EDGES JACKSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: The King's Academy will join its rival in Cookeville. The Lady Lions edged Jackson Christian, 34-30, Friday night in West Tennessee.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Lady Bulldogs hold off Karns to advance to region semifinals

By Ken Lay

Postseason basketball always presents a challenge because no team wants to see its season come to an end.

Bearden High School's girls basketball team found out just how tough its region tournament could be late last week. The Lady Bulldogs survived an upset bid from Karns, but the victory wasn't easy to come by.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced with a hard-fought 65-57 victory over the Lady Beavers Friday night in the Region 2-4A Tournament quarterfinals Friday night at Bearden High.

The Lady Bulldogs, the District 4-4A champions, got off to a slow start and the Lady Beavers, who had lost five consecutive games entering the regionals, actually had an 8-4 lead late in the first quarter before Bearden (29-2) managed to tie the game, 8-8, by the end of the frame.

Bearden used an 18-7 second-quarter run to create a bit of separation and open a 26-15 advantage by halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs still had a double-digit lead at the end of the third stanza but the Lady Beavers (13-18) continued to stay within striking distance and Bearden led, 45-35, heading into the final frame after sophomore guard Natalya Hodge made a basket as time expired in the third frame.

Bearden extended its advantage, leading by as many as 15 points on multiple occasions in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Beavers, however, refused to go away



PHOTO BY TAMMY DAVIS KREGEL

Bearden's Rachael Wilhoit (3) dribbles while Karns High's Rylee Roberts attempts to defend from behind. Wilhoit scored five points as the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Beavers, 65-57, Friday at home, eliminating Karns from postseason contention.

quietly.

Karns rallied and pulled to within five points three times down the stretch. Rylee Roberts trimmed Bearden's lead to 56-51 as she buried a 3-pointer with 2 minutes, 35 seconds remaining. Bearden's Kendall Anne Murphy made it 58-53, before Roberts answered with a pair of free throws.

Karns trailed 60-55, before Bearden closed out the contest by scoring five of the game's final seven points.

Lady Bulldogs' coach Justin Underwood said he expected a tough test from Karns, which lost its previous two postseason games and finished fourth in the District 3-4A Tournament.

"Our region is tough and I knew they didn't play well

in their district tournament," Underwood said. "But they're as tough as any (No.) 4 seed as you will see.

They're a desperate team and desperation makes a team dangerous."

Hodge had a game-high 35 points for Bearden and Aisha Patel added 13. Roberts had 22 for Karns.

IN OTHER REGION 2-4A TOURNAMENT GAMES, Farragut ran past Halls, 82-50. Oak Ridge notched a 60-40 victory over William Blount. Maryville defeated Campbell County, 50-37.

Tournament play resumes tonight at Bearden with the semifinals as the host Lady Bulldogs play the Lady Rebels at 6 p.m. The Lady

Admirals play Oak Ridge at 7:30.

Tonight's winners will play for the region title on Wednesday and advance to the state sectional round on Saturday.

IN REGION 2-3A: Fulton upset Clinton, 42-36, and will play Northview Academy, which defeated Union County, 72-51. Seymour also advanced after upsetting Anderson County, 47-39. The Lady Eagles will play Cocke County tonight.

IN REGION 1-2A: Hampton defeated Austin-East, 77-65, eliminating the Lady Roadrunners.

IN REGION 3-3A: South-Doyle was eliminated as it fell to Soddy-Daisy, 61-52.

Lady Irish in Final Four after strong finish

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic's girls basketball team got off to a poor start but finished like a team that could be on its way to a second straight Division II-AA state title.

"We were really tight, missing layups and throwing up air balls, but playing hard the whole time," said Lady Irish Head Coach Travis Mains after Friday night's game at Catholic. "I just told them to calm down and relax."

His message solved the problem.

After trailing 8-7 at the first stop, the Lady Irish took the lead in the second period and coasted to a 55-37 state quarterfinal win over Harpeth Hall.

The Honeybears from Nashville (20-12) are coached by Amy Josephson, who is from the Farragut area, and came into the state quarterfinal contest having won 12 of their last 13 games. They fought hard to the end, despite a huge deficit in the second half.

"They were long and strong and playing good defense," said Mains. "We just weren't making shots." Defense and rebounding kept Catholic (25-4) in the game.

"Then we got hot," said Mains. "They made a little run and she (Sydney Mains, the coach's daughter) made her own little runs. She's been doing that for a long time now. We're going to miss her next year for sure."

Sydney scored 19 of her game-high 30 points after intermission. She connected on six 3-pointers in the game and hit the floor battling for the ball a handful of times.

"She'll give everything she has," said dad. "You play hard, you get hurt and so she's worked through these injuries. I think she's a better player and a better person because of it."

Sydney is one of only two seniors on the team. Senior teammate Caroline Krueger, a 6-foot forward/center, added 10 points. Junior guard/forward Tinsley Walker contributed seven points – all in the second half. Amaya Redd chipped in four points and was a strong force up and down the court.

Taylor McCall and Ava Krumwiede led Harpeth Hall with 11 and eight points, respectively.

Catholic outscored the Bears 22-13 in the third period and was in command 43-25.

"We've got a special group of kids that care about each other and they work extremely hard," said Coach Mains. "We coach them extremely hard and they are very resilient. And they've got good parents that let us coach them hard, so we're blessed people."

SYDNEY'S SHOES: They were hotter than her shooting hand ... Neon pink with lime-colored laces and her bright orange socks popped, too.

"Her momma (Assistant Coach Missey Mains) picks out her shoes," said Travis. "She's got a bunch of different types of Kobie Bryant shoes she likes to wear. They're an awfully loud color. You better be able to play, if you're going to wear shoes like that."

UP NEXT: Catholic will play Christ Presbyterian Academy (17-12) in the semifinals at Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center in Cookeville at 12 noon (CST) Thursday.

The finals will tip off Saturday morning at 11.

Knoxville Webb advanced with a 48-33 win over Hutchison in Memphis and Webb of Bell Buckle defeated Father Ryan 41-33. The two Webb teams will face each other Thursday at 3:30.

Want to play senior softball?

By Mike Steely
Senior Writer
steelym@knoxfocus.com

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The regular season begins on Tuesday, April 2, at 9 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona Street.

The \$10 covers the whole season through October 31.

The Knoxville Senior Co-ed League is non-competitive with an emphasis on exercise and fun. Players of all skill levels are welcome and everyone plays every game and you can take part when and if you like.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Irish notch comeback victory to advance to state quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

No one could blame Catholic High School's boys basketball team's players if they would've hit the panic button early Wednesday night.

But they didn't.

Instead, the Irish methodically engineered a comeback.

Catholic, which trailed by more than 20 points in the first quarter, stormed back to capture an 81-73 victory over Nashville's Christ Presbyterian Academy in the first round of the TSSAA Division II-AA State Tournament at Catholic High School.

The Irish (16-13) fell behind, 25-4, at one point in the opening frame as the Lions (9-120) used some hot early shooting from beyond the 3-point arc to open their big advantage.

But the Irish didn't fold. Instead, they closed the opening frame with a 10-2 run to pull to within 27-13 by the end of the end of the period.

Heading into the second stanza, Catholic still faced an uphill climb, but they never panicked as they kept chipping away at the deficit that at one time appeared to be insurmountable, but the Irish, thanks to a long-range jumper from Carson Abaty as time expired in the second quarter, had their deficit down to four points. Catholic trailed, 40-36, at halftime.

After the break, the Irish continued to battle and by the end of the third quarter they had actually taken a 59-57 lead setting the stage for a wild fourth quarter.

CPA's Maddox Routh scored the first three points of the final frame as he made a field goal and converted a free throw on the Lions' first two possessions, enabling the visitors to take a 60-59 lead. From there, the roller coaster ride continued until the Irish finally seized the upper hand for good. Catholic took a 65-63 lead on a bucket by Cade Murphy with 4 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the contest.

Murphy's basket ignited a 16-10 surge that ultimately helped the Irish find their way into the win



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Catholic High's Caleb Asbaty dribbles into the front court against a CPA defender in Wednesday's state quarterfinal game won by the Irish, Catholic overcame a 25-4 deficit to defeat the Lions, 81-73 at home.

column and advance to face rival Webb School of Knoxville on Saturday for the right to go to this week's state semifinals at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. (Results for the state quarterfinal game were not available at press time).

The Irish led by as many as nine points on two occasions late in the contest.

Catholic interim head coach JaJuan Smith said that he wasn't surprised by the Irish's comeback.

"I preach that basketball is a game of runs, and that everybody makes a run," Smith said. "We want the other team to make their run early, so we can make ours late."

"And we'll make our run."

Smith added, however, that his squad exhibited maturity throughout the contest.

"I told them that the (regular) season is over and that they already know what to do at this point, but I really think we grew up tonight."

The Irish and the Lions each had four players post double figures in the scoring column.

Murphy led all scorers with 25 points and Juice Eleam added 22 for the Irish. Asbaty had 12 and Jayson Gainey finished with 12 for Catholic.

Gunnar Lewis led CPA with 21 points. Jason Taylor Jr. added 14, while Routh and Leroy Harris III finished with 12 points apiece.



PHOTO BY EMMALYNN STITT

Fulton players are in a happy mood as they come out on the court to receive their District 3-3A championship plaque at Northview Academy on Feb. 20.

Wright uses early timeout to get Falcons going

It's on to region play for defending state champs

By Steve Williams

Veteran Fulton boys basketball coach Jody Wright wasn't happy with his team's play early in the the District 3-3A tournament championship game against Carter at Northview Academy on Feb. 20.

And when the Hornets' Zane Brown quickly scored on a jump shot and teammate Xzaveon Gibby stole the ball and passed to Naviyon Shipe for an easy basket, Wright immediately called a timeout with 1:59 left on the first quarter clock.

He got his team's attention and from that point on Fulton rarely made a mistake.

In fact, after leading only by three points when Wright called that timeout, the Falcons went on to outscore Carter 53-20 over the next two periods and the TSSAA's mercy rule went into effect with a running clock in the fourth quarter. The final score: Fulton 76, Carter 36.

"I just wasn't real happy with our energy and our effort," Coach Wright said of his team's start. "It was like we were expecting it to be a cakewalk and they never are this time of year. So I was disappointed with the way we were playing and called a timeout to let them know that to get our pace going and play smarter. We were turning the ball over. We were taking very average shots. We just weren't playing particularly well I didn't think."

"I thought we had a good stretch in the second and third quarter."

After turning the ball over four times in the first period, the Falcons made only three turnovers the rest of the way.

Freshman wing Nick Steen led the Fulton attack with 17 points. Tyler Lee, 6-5 senior forward, added 13 and senior wing Taj Kimber 12. Denaj Kimber, Dexter Lewis and Derrick

Smith chipped in eight each.

Brown, Carter's quick senior guard, led the Hornets with 17 points.

Fulton, 28-2 and the defending Class 3A state champion, was scheduled to host Scott High Saturday night in Region 2-3A first-round action, while Carter (14-18) would entertain Union County.

After the loss to Fulton, Carter Coach Tyler Cate said: "Fulton is really good at taking advantage of their easy opportunities. I mean they create a lot of them. When we got ours, we didn't take advantage of them."

After the opening period, the closest the Hornets got was a 17-12 deficit.

"We didn't take advantage of it," added Cate. "It just slowly ballooned from there."

"I was proud of how hard we played. Tomorrow we'll go to work to improve."

Fulton's Coach Wright said: "I don't know if you ever feel really great about your team this time of the year. You're always looking ahead. I definitely think there are some things we can take out of here that we can go to work on tomorrow and that we're going to have to clean up to win down the road. All in all a good performance. Carter has got a good basketball team."

Northview pulled away for a 107-72 win over Seymour in the consolation game.

Steen was named the tourney's MVP and was joined on the All-Tournament team by the Kimber twins and Lewis. Carter was represented by Brown, Zion Oliver and Dylan McGee. Other honorees were Seymour's Cam Salages and Baylen Wolfe and Northview's Blayne Jackson and Richard Bell.



PHOTO BY EMMALYNN STITT

Fulton's Tyler Lee goes up for a shot against Northview Academy last week in the District 3-3A finals. Freshman Nick Steen (10), the tourney MVP, and Taj Kimber (20) are ready for a rebound if needed. The Falcons caught fire and rolled to a 76-46 win over Carter.

BOYS REGION TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS

All were contested Saturday (Results were not available at press time). Winners advance to the semifinals on Tuesday.

Region 1-2A

West Greene at Austin-East

Region 2-3A

Scott at Fulton

Union County at Carter

Seymour at Anderson County

Region 3-3A

Chattanooga Central at South-Doyle

Region 2-4A

West at Oak Ridge

Maryville at Powell

Karns at Bearden

Central at William Blount

DIVISION II-AA STATE QUARTERFINALS

(Winner advances to state semifinals at Tennessee Tech Thursday)

Catholic at Webb

Nikko McDonald Picks Tusculum

By Mark Nagi

"I like to hit people."

That's why Powell's Nikko McDonald says that he likes football.

Last week McDonald made the decision to continue playing the sport he loves at nearby Tusculum University.

"Honestly, it felt like another home," McDonald said. "I felt very comfortable when I went there. They treated me like a brother, and I appreciated that. That's what really got to me the most."

Playing in college wasn't always a given for

McDonald.

"If you were to ask me if I was going to college a year ago, I would have said no. There were a lot of ups and downs. Schools hadn't reached out to me, and my film wasn't that good. Overall, I wasn't that good a player. I didn't think I had the talent to play at the next level."

But McDonald made the jump between his junior and senior seasons. In 2023, McDonald had 69 tackles, 48 of the solo variety. He also had eight sacks along with 34 QB pressures, while forcing

two fumbles.

Powell is no stranger to college coaches' attention. He admits that watching his teammate, LB Steve Soles Jr., get recruited gave him a push to succeed as well. Soles signed with Kentucky back in December.

"My mentality was that people were talking about Steve... he's gonna do this and that. They weren't speaking about me. That motivated me."

McDonald visited Emory & Henry College and Lindsey Wilson College, receiving offers from those programs as well

as Louisburg College and Maryville College. He was planning to visit ETSU as well but committed to Tusculum before a trip to Johnson City.

"When I came up here (to Powell HS) I was really excited," said McDonald. Coach (Matt) Lowe brought me in, treated me like family and developed me well. They helped me overall. Coming from a small school, Coach Lowe helped me a lot. He put my name out there. We had coaches come to school and talk to me and meet me. I appreciate them for that."

McDonald got the opportunity to test himself against some of the best teams in the state and was part of a Panthers team that advanced to the state semifinals in Class 5A in 2022 and state quarterfinals last season. "When you get to that part of the season, it is a different mode," said McDonald. "It's a different type of game. The competitiveness of it. Gets more nerve-racking. I love it."

The Pioneers have gone through their share of changes, notably the hiring of long-time college

football assistant coach Billy Taylor as their new head coach. He replaces Jerry Odom, who resigned after eight seasons running the Tusculum football program. Taylor spent the last eight seasons as the defensive coordinator at ETSU.

"They are running a whole different defense," said McDonald, who is anticipated to play defensive end for Tusculum.

McDonald will head to Greeneville to begin his college career in June.

A tribute to Lynne McCoy, wildlife caregiver extraordinaire

On March 7th the UT Arboretum Society will honor Lynne McCoy, an East Tennessee woman who provided rehabilitation to local injured and orphaned wildlife for 49 years. In a virtual presentation on Thursday, March 7th at 7 pm, join UT Arboretum Education Programs Coordinator, Michelle Campanis, and naturalist, artist, and author Stephen Lyn Bales via Zoom for the March First Thursday Nature Supper Club. Friday, March 8 is International Women's Day so we chose our March program to honor the contributions of this exceptional defender of wildlife.



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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 II, 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
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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 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

Mike Hammond
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 Michelle Henry
 Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CINDY ALLEBACH, DANA ALLEBACH, DEAN ALLEBACH, C.A. HENRY, H. VINCENT OLSON, DEBBIE 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 II, 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 OF 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, it is ordered that said 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, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with SARAH R. JOHNSON, an Attorney whose address is 11907 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 201 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934 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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: NATHAN PODEWILS

IN RE: MATTHEW DEAN PODEWILS, a minor
By Natural Parent and Guardian,
LYSA NICOLE COLLINS
Petitioner.

NO. 207869-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant NATHAN PODEWILS 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 NATHAN PODEWILS, it is ordered that said defendant NATHAN PODEWILS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with SARAH R. JOHNSON, an Attorney whose address is 11907 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 201 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024

J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master

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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EVELYN CORLEY CHRISTIAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES S. CHRISTIAN
3016 BRIGHT 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 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) 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 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 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
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVE
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 the first publication; or

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

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

This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUTH Z. EWALD
AKA RUTH ELLEN 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 GILLIAM, 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)
DEIDRE GEORGE
6080 HARDWICK 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
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
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 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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM POWELL PARTRIDGE, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 88925-1

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 of WILLIAM POWELL PARTRIDGE, SR. who died December 30, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their 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 WILLIAM POWELL PARTRIDGE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM POWELL PARTRIDGE, JR.
852 W. OUTER DRIVE
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERTRUDE TIPTON PULLIN
DOCKET NUMBER 88936-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GERTRUDE TIPTON PULLIN who died October 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GERTRUDE TIPTON PULLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA B. WRJGHT
1226 LINVILLE STREET
KINGSPORT, TN 37660

D. SCOTT HURLEY, ATTORNEY
205 MOHICAN STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARCUS B RANDOLPH
DOCKET NUMBER 88943-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARCUS B RANDOLPH who died November 10, 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 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARCUS B RANDOLPH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERTA ODELL; ADMINISTRATRIX
5326 JONATHAN WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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:

- (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 RUBY L. RUCKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELISE ANN MCCALVIN
ELISE ANN MCCALVIN

4221 FOREST COURT, SOUTHEAST
CONVERS, GA 30094

BEN T. NORRIS, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 397
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

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 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:

- (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 CLEO L. SCARBRO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKI S. LEITNAKER & LINDA S. DIETZ
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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:

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

ESTATE OF WILMA GERALDINE SCHRAMM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HARVEY ABOUELAT
1824 DUNKIN RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

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 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAUL HENRY SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA S LAWHORN; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
1208 DAVIS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

TIMOTHY P SMITH; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
1360 COUNTY ROAD, 658
ATHENS, TN. 37303

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RITA INEZ DENNIS TRUSLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 88851-2

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:

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

ESTATE OF RUBY L. RUCKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELISE ANN MCCALVIN
ELISE ANN MCCALVIN

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

ESTATE OF RITA INEZ DENNIS TRUSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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436 SUGARWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

M. CATHERINE WARMBROD, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLES VINEYARD AKA JAMES CHARLES VINYARD
DOCKET NUMBER 88941-2

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 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 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLES VINEYARD AKA JAMES CHARLES VINYARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SONJA VINEYARD JONES; ADMINISTRATRIX
800 BRITTS DRIVE
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37772

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 of 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:

- (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 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF VICKI LYNN WEBBER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUSTIN C. WEBBER
303 LYNNWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

SARAH R. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditors 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 RUTH FOX WEST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
EDWARD BYRON WEST
1241 BURCH COVE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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 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.

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 CONNIE SUE JETT WISE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA MORGAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
3715 SHIPE ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED BRANAM
DOCKET NUMBER 89010-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED BRANAM who died Nov 25, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF MILDRED BRANAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM BRANAM; EXECUTOR
2764 HONEY HILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD FIELDER
DOCKET NUMBER 88991-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID EDWARD FIELDER died December 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD FIELDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAULA JOHNSTON FIELDER; EXECUTOR
1205 EAGLE NEST LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

TERESA M. KLENK ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID IRWIN HEIER
DOCKET NUMBER 88674-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID IRWIN HEIER, who died on August 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID IRWIN HEIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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74335 THETA AVENUE
COVINGTON, LA 70435

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY DEAN LEACH, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89001-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of TERRY DEAN LEACH, SR. who died November 29, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the

creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF TERRY DEAN LEACH, SR.
MS. SHANNA OSBORNE
2719 HOLBROOK DRIVE, APT. 19
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALEXANDRIA ELIZABETH NUNN
DOCKET NUMBER 88750-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALEXANDRIA ELIZABETH NUNN who died Oct 16, 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALEXANDRIA ELIZABETH NUNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN DARREL NUNN; ADMINISTRATOR
5023 TRAVIS
POWELL, TN. 37849

REBECCA BELL JENKINS ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JENNIFER LOU DELLER PECK
DOCKET NUMBER 88973-1

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Sam Houston: Young man, great future

By Jadon Gibson

Gen. Andrew Jackson was astonished by events after arriving in Maryville, Tennessee, in early 1813. The famous general was to make a speech but his greeters and those who had gathered to hear him speak were distracted by preparations being made for a duel of sorts.

The event would be an old-fashioned whip race and the participants were a good-natured young lad referred to as "Injun Sam" by local residents and a brutish bully of a man by the name of Hooten who was known for his willingness to take on one and all. Injun Sam was bent in the Indian ways after spending several years with the Cherokees after losing his father at the age of fourteen.

Unwillingly the young lad took Hooten's challenge but as they dressed down for the upcoming event, Sam noticed the brutishness of the man and knew it was ill-advised to engage him in fisticuffs.

"It'll be a whip race or nothing at all," Sam countered in his bargaining with Hooten.

Hooten, who wasn't the cleverest fellow you'll ever meet, took the offer perhaps because a crowd had gathered and he never wanted to be known as someone who turned down a challenge.

Sam had seen variations of the whip race while living with the Cherokee Indians

and knew he was faster afoot than Hooten. The race would be run over a quarter-mile course with their respective opponent chasing after and whipping at them with a leather whip.

The townspeople and those gathered to hear "Old Hickory" speak were lined up along the route the race would take. Those who normally met to gamble away their time with games of chance were busy putting and taking wagers on the outcome. Some of the brighter minds amongst them had odds favoring Hooten while a few that knew Injun Sam personally favored him.

General Jackson decided to join in and watch the event and right away he recognized Injun Sam as a young man by the name of Sam Houston, who had fought "smart and hard" with him in the war against the Creek Indians.

Jackson was known to engage in several duels himself and in fact he had killed a man in a duel. He was a proud man who fought for his honor and that of his wife, Rachel. Yet Andrew Jackson was destined to become the seventh president of the United States.

He knew young Sam's adversary would be a formidable opponent in a death struggle but he also felt Sam could hold his own in a whip race because he was fleeter afoot and the runner was given a head start of fifteen feet.

A coin was tossed to determine who would take up the whip first. Sam won the coin toss but elected to let Hooten swing the whip on the first run. During the race, Hooten could never get close enough to touch Sam with the whip and the crowd roared with delight with his frustrated effort.

Hooten was so infuriated that he struck young Sam with a vicious swing after the race while the young man was bent over catching his breath. Sam knew it best to keep his composure and continued to rest but kept a wary eye on his opponent. His time

at swinging the whip would soon be at hand and he now had an added incentive. Several others let it be known that they would protect the young man and see to it that the event would be fair to all.

When the second half of the whip race began it wasn't long before Sam's whip began catching up with the fleeting Hooten as the townspeople yelled their approval. A few seconds later the flogging became even more serious as the licks brought blood.

Hooten, never one to follow rules, abruptly stopped and attempted to

attack young Sam Houston "with fists and feet." Luckily Sam dodged the effort and renewed his strikes with the whip while stepping aside each time the bully attempted to tackle him. Soon Hooten realized it was folly and that he had best get to the finish line as quickly as possible to cease the striking whip.

As Hooten ran as best he could to the finish line Sam got in several more choice licks stinging the man again and again to the delight of the crowd and to Gen. Jackson.

Following the general's speech he met with Sam

Houston and talked about the Indian wars and discussed the young man's future.

It would be bright and colorful. Houston had many accomplishments. He was the first (and third) president of the Republic of Texas, and governor of Tennessee among many other attainments.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLASS ROBERT SPENCER DOCKET NUMBER 88422-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOUGLASS ROBERT SPENCER who died 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 above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

NATHAN D. ROWELL ATTORNEY
100 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 400
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

AGENDA

- Call to Order.
- Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing _____ to the Knox County Board of Education as the 8th District member until the August 2024 General Election results are certified and the Oath of Office is administered. (Full Commission) R-24-3-101-SS
- Adjournment.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 15, 2024 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc.

- 623 Simmons Rd Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.
- 2010 Ford Fusion 3FAHP0HG3AR405051 (Jessica Long)
- 1987 Chevy S10 1GCBS14E2H2159987
- 2010 Honda Civic 2HGFG1B91AH529253 (Tiffany Kinsler)
- 2008 Nissan Quest 5N1BV28U98N122282 (Suzanne Schriver)
- 2005 Ford Explorer 1FMZU62K15ZA76600 (Daniel Jones/ Titlmax of SC)
- 2010 Nissan Titan 1N6BA0CC9AN320172 (Erwin Rivera)
- 1998 Honda Accord 1HGCG1650WA051665 (Adrian Blackwell)
- 2007 Honda Civic 2HGFG12607H574036 (Adam Smith/ TMX Finance of TN)
- 2005 Dodge Caravan 1D4GP25RX5B395350 (Dennis Ray)
- 2016 Kia Soul KNDJP3A5867386194 (Amanda Mcbee/ Heritage South)
- 2001 Nissan Altima 1N4DL01D91C239692 (Joyce Roegelien)
- 2012 Chevy Sonic 1G1JC6S8C4135041 (Lorenzo Navarrette)
- 2004 Mercury G. Marquis 2MEFM75W94X611445 (Lawrence Or Mary Barrett)
- 2001 Acura 3.5RL JH4KA96641C002256 (Rufino Sanchez)
- 1999 Buick Century 2G4WS52M7X1494868 (John Siglin)
- 2009 Ford Taurus 1FAHP24W29G125374 (Michael Barfield)
- 2013 Ford Fiesta 3FADP4BJ1DM218578 (Brian Appleton/ Pace Financial)
- 2015 Ford Transit 1FDBF82M2FKB32200 (Wheels L/ Best Buy Stores)
- 1985 Chevy Caprice 1G1BN69H7FX156017 (D'Angelo Shelton)

- 2014 GMC Acadia 1GKKR7K06EJ103686 (Nikolas Ditzler/Kala Welch/Consumer Portfolio)
- 2012 Dodge Journey 3C4PDCBG0CT153872 (Daun Poole)
- 2016 Chevy Cruze 1G1PE5SBXG7180500 (Kaleb Hines/ Credit Acceptance Corp)
- 2007 Pontiac G6 1G2ZG58B074246625 (Kenneth Dr Brittany Hauck)
- 1994 Nissan Pickup 1N6SD11S6RC402343 (Michelle Riffey)
- 2000 Mits Mirage JA3AY26C6YU004213 (Jose Melgar)
- 2006 Buick Lucerne 1G4HD57246U248518 (Carlos Lattimore)
- Trailer 5HABV08144N031563 (Allstate Insurance)
- 2012 VW Passat 1VWBN7A3XC100151 (Brandon Coonrod/ Wamm Finance)
- 2013 BMW 328i WBADW7C57DE731496 (David Myers/ Onemain Financial)
- 2004 Chevy Avalanche 3GNEK12T34G216107 (Joseph Slusher)
- 2003 Cadillac deVille 1G6KD5473U110781 (Barry Or Dottie Culberson)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 15, 2024 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

- 2004 Subaru Forester JF1SG63664H733870 (Karen Oliver)
- 2007 Mazda 3 JM1BK32F671747015 (Donovan Varela)
- 2002 Chevy Trailblazer

- 1GNDS13S622179500 (Kenneth or Priscilla Chafin)
- 1999 Ford F150 1FTRX17L2XNA01950 (Blanca Rodriguez)
- 2014 Ford Focus 1FADP3F27EL159536 (Latisha Nibblins/Darrell Coxton/ 1 Auto Finance)
- 1998 Ford F150 1FTZX1722WNA25039 (Michael Lawson)
- 2013 Chevy Malibu 1G11E5SA6DF282603 (Baylei Troutt)
- 2009 Nissan Altima 1N4AL21E89C170951 (Jose Garcia/ B&G Auto Sales)
- 2014 Mini Cooper WMWZB3C5XEW32672 (Debra Tindell/Kenneth Huff/ BMW Bank of North America)
- 2006 Chevy HHR 3GNDA13D06S524311 (David Haun)
- 2002 Toyota Camry 4T1BF30K52U009875 (Jamie Peacock/ Robert Mingle)
- 2013 Dodge Avenger 1C3CDZAB9DN591044 (Ginger Hickman)
- 2006 Saturn Vue 5GZCZ53406S880885 (Raymond Burdick)
- 1994 Mercury G. Marquis 2MELM74WXR699630 (Joseph Slack)
- 2002 Lincoln LS 1LNHM86S52Y608045 (Michael Croft)
- 1997 Geo Metro 2C1MR2293V6752964 (Richard Lovelace/ Charles Sherrill)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicle(s) impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction on March 24, 2024 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.

2013 FORD ESCAPE
VIN 1FMCU96X7DUB16525

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, March 13, 2024 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE

254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923; A29 Derek Dalton, F28 J.W. Dukes, D01 John Rector, C06 John Rector, C39 Penni Road, K62 Sharae Spears. 7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: D08 Lictor Deleon. 4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: B04 Dana Brock, C12 Jeffrey Buckholtz, F04 Shane Canter, F55 Tiffany Creameans, F17 Tiffany Kitts, H21 John Lee.

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