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Republicans celebrate primary victories at Crowne Plaza

By Ken Lay

The 2024 Knox County Republican Primary had plenty of close races, many of which weren't decided until late Tuesday night.

And when the dust had settled there was plenty of celebration and even some sighs of relief at the Crowne Plaza in Downtown Knoxville.

One winner didn't have long to relish his victory, despite not facing another opponent in the general

election in August.

Travis Wright defeated Tommy Lakins in the race for the seat representing District 8 on the Knox County Board of Education. He replaces Mike Millan, who passed away recently. He won Tuesday night and was sworn in Wednesday since no Democrat ran for the seat.

"Since there was no Democrat running, the county commission decided that whoever won the

primary would be sworn in," Wright said. "So, I'll have to get to work, and I would normally have five months to prepare, but since Mr. McMillan passed away, I'll get started right away.

"I know that I will have huge shoes to fill."

Wright was in place at the board's regular session meeting Thursday night.

Also in District 8, Adam Thompson, a late entry into the race for Knox County Commission, defeated D.J.

Corcoran and Kara Daley Tuesday night. He'll face Democrat Charles Chandler to replace Richie Beeler, who didn't seek re-election, in August.

"We got a lot done in very little time," Thompson said. "This was a tight race, but we were cordial.

"We were cordial because at the end of the day, we're all neighbors and we all have the same issues. The next thing for **Continue on page 2**



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Buddy Burkhardt, chairman of the Knox County Republican Party, congratulates Law Director David Buuck on his primary win at last week's watch party.



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Republican Party Chair Buddy Burkhardt and former Congressman Jimmy Duncan stand on the dias to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the annual Lincoln Day Dinner Friday.

Annual Knox County Lincoln Day Dinner a Huge Success

By Jamie Schnell
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The annual Lincoln Day Dinner was held Friday night at Rothchild's Event Center in Knoxville. The event is a fundraiser named after Abraham Lincoln, the first elected president of the Republican Party.

The reception was hosted by chairman of the Knox County Republican

Party, Buddy Burkhardt, who opened with a prayer and recognized the "high-scoring" Republicans, Republican candidate elects, junior commissioners, Blount County Sheriff Berong and Knox County Sheriff Spangler. Burkhardt expressed the goal to "keep Knox County Red." Cale Parrott sang the national anthem and "God Bless America," and the Color Guard

presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evelyn Sexton, the widow of Pastor Clarence Sexton, was greeted with a standing ovation and thanked everyone for their support. She spoke about how her husband loved this country and supported those who spoke the truth. Pastor Sexton was an advocate for the unborn and

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Knox County Election Commission counted 71 provisional ballots Friday morning but the number of extra votes approved did not change the results of any of the contests.

Provisional ballots may not affect close primary races

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Election Commission's Provisional Ballot Counting Board found that 71 provisional ballots did not change last Tuesday's results when it met Friday morning in the commission office at 109 Lovell Heights Road.

Chris Davis, election administrator, called the meeting to examine the ballots to determine if those ballots should be counted. At least two races could be settled with an acceptance of the ballots.

Republican candidates Charles Frazier and Justin Hirst were only five votes apart in the primary for the District 1 seat on county commission last week. Frazier got 464 votes to Hirst's 459. Frazier goes on to face Democrat Damon L. Rawls.

The race for Knox County Property Assessor had only 12 votes between Phil Ballard's 21,285 votes and Jackie Raley's 21,273. Current assessor John Whitehead watched the count as a spectator. Ballard goes on to face Democrat Drew A. Harper.

Davis told The Focus that both Ballard and Raley received an additional 13 votes from the provisional ballots, leaving Ballard as the Republican victor.

The meeting drew a crowd of a dozen or so interested people watching two tables, one for each political party, as primary ballots cast were examined by hand. The questioned ballots, Davis explained, were

those of people who didn't have a photo ID, may have voted by mail-in but wanted to vote in person, and those who were not sure where to vote.

Davis said votes accepted will change the totals but not the outcome of the races.

Buuck and others win big in primary election

Incumbent Republican David Buuck easily defeated challenger Daniel A. Herrera to capture his party's nomination for re-election as Knox County Law Director. The primary results have Buuck with 61% of the vote to Herrera's 39%. Buuck now goes on to face Democrat Jackson Fenner in the August 1 general election.

In the only disputed primary on the Democratic primary ballot, Damon L. Rawls got 57% against Evelyn Gill for the District 1 county commission seat. Rawls will face Republican Charles Frazier.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett will face Republican Debbie Phillips. Both were unopposed in their primaries for the District 2 seat on commission. Ethan Grantham is in that race as an Independent.

Garrett Holt defeated Liz Tombras to capture the Republican nomination for the Knox County Commission District 4 contest with 68% of the primary vote. He'll face Democrat Shane Jackson in the **Continue on page 3**

Knox Co. Board of Education welcomes new member, recognizes Reward Schools

By Ken Leinart

Thursday night's Knox County Board of Education meeting welcomed a new member and congratulated two of Knox County School's best.

Travis Wright was elected to represent District 8 in the Tuesday, March 5, primary election. Wright garnered 4,201 votes against Tommy Lakins' 2,870 to fill the seat formerly held by the late Mike McMillan, who passed away Jan. 26.

Thursday night KCS recognized 24 schools for achieving "Reward School" status by the Tennessee Department of Education.

The 24 schools recognized Thursday are:

A.L. Lotts Elementary, Amherst Elementary, Ball Camp Elementary, Bearden Elementary, Blue Grass Elementary, Bonny



Chancellor Richard "Bud" Armstrong gives the oath of office to new District 8 School Board Member Travis Wright as Colby Wright holds the Bible.

Kate Elementary, Career Magnet Academy, Copper Ridge Elementary, Christenberry Elementary, Faragut High School, Faragut 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.

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

The 24 schools recognized Thursday morning amplifies strong growth in the Knox County system. For the 2021-2022 school year Knox County had nine schools designated at "Reward Schools."

"I know we took a little time, about 20 minutes, to recognize these schools tonight, but maybe next year we'll take 45 minutes as we continue to grow," KCS Superintendent Jon Rysewik said.

Where Do You Stand: Pie Or Cake?

From a distance



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

As my wife and I were driving on a recent Saturday to watch the basketball games of two of our grandsons, there was a discussion on the radio about whether people preferred pie or cake.

Vickie immediately said she preferred pie. I then said, "What about Litton's strawberry cake?" Then she amended her choice, saying, "Litton's strawberry cake and any kind of fruit

pie." I don't smoke or drink (alcohol) but I seem to like about everything else that's bad for you. I like almost all junk food and don't eat an especially healthy diet.

I don't eat much candy, but it would be hard to find a dessert that I don't like. All of the cakes at Litton's are great, but the best is strawberry, and Italian Cream is a close second.

I spoke at a Cattleman's Dinner in Madisonville several years ago, and they had served great steaks. I told them that the rest of my body wasn't much to brag about, but that I was blessed with some of the greatest taste buds in this world.

I have a very strong ice cream taste bud, and you can satisfy me with the simple dessert of vanilla

ice cream with Hershey's chocolate syrup on it. And we have recently started pouring on Hershey's caramel syrup.

I have always preferred Breyers ice cream, but Vickie has been extremely loyal to Blue Bell ever since it came to this area.

A few weeks ago, we discovered the frozen custard at Culver's. I read that custard is a combination of milk, cream and pasteurized egg yolks, and that it is written into law that true custard has to be at least 1.4% egg. Whatever, it is very good.

I like almost all fruit pies and cobblers and like them best if heated with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream on top.

I do not like so-called high-class restaurants where they give you just

a tiny scoop of ice cream. In fact, I sometimes half-jokingly, half-seriously told out-of-town waiters and waitresses that I usually based my tip on the size of the ice cream on the pie. I got some very big scoops that way.

At Thanksgiving, or really anytime, I like pumpkin pie with real whipped cream, and pecan pie is good, too.

Years ago when I was a judge, Martha Phillips, the Criminal Court Clerk, twice made me coconut cakes, and a very nice older woman named Carmen (probably younger than I am now) made me caramel cakes. They were all great.

My mother, never wanting to waste anything, could take bananas that were about to go bad and make very good banana cakes. She and Vickie have both

made me another dessert I love - warm, fluffy tapioca pudding (not cold and lumpy like in some hospitals).

I really miss Wright's Cafeteria on Middlebrook Pike. I liked all their food, and I always saw a lot of friends there. Their coconut pie and banana pudding were both very good, but I almost always couldn't resist their butterscotch pie, because I never found it anywhere else.

Knowing that I love the butterscotch taste, Sandy Richards, Zane's mother-in-law, used her mother's recipe and made a great butterscotch pie a few weeks ago.

A very unhealthy but wonderful dessert is to pour hot butterscotch pudding over vanilla ice cream.

Thinking of Wright's,

many years ago the late lawyer Jay Garrison asked me to play golf with him and Gary Sousa, who had just moved here from Connecticut to become the UT Band Director.

Director Sousa asked me what were some of my favorite restaurants, and I recommended Litton's, Regas, and Wright's Cafeteria.

With my East Tennessee accent and his Connecticut ear, he was very surprised to hear that there was a very popular place to eat called "Rat's" Cafeteria.

I try every day to be more thankful, but I take too many blessings for granted, and the abundance of food we have in the U.S. is certainly one of our greatest blessings.

Republicans celebrate primary victories

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me is to get some sleep." Thompson defeated Corcoran by less than 200 votes, so he breathed a sigh of relief.

"This was a close race and 200 votes was too close," Thompson said.

In another close Knox County Commission race, Charles Frazier edged Justin Hirst by five votes.

Frazier, who will face Democrat Damon Rawls in August, couldn't resist the

chance to show his sense of humor after his close victory in the primary.

"What a landslide, man I tell you," he said. "I won by five votes," he said.

In all seriousness, however, Frazier said that he's looking forward to "elevating the people of the First District."

In the race to represent District 4 on the Knox County Commission, Garrett Holt defeated Liz Trombas handily, but he said

that he didn't have much time to celebrate as he will face a tight race this summer against Democrat Shane Jackson, who ran unopposed.

"I can't tell you how excited I am that thousands of people have supported and put their faith in me," Holt said. "But I know (the general election) will be a tough race for me.

"But I've been using the Kobe Bryant quote, 'the work is not done,' and the work is not done."

Knox County Law Director David Buuck defeated challenger Daniel Herrera by a wide margin, but he said it wasn't easy.

"When you're running, you either run unopposed or you sweat," Buuck said. "This was an overwhelming victory, and it would be my honor to defend Knox County and work for the taxpayers."

Buuck will face Democrat Jackson Fenner this summer. Buuck defeated Fenner, who ran as an independent, in 2020.

Early Voting

I voted in Tennessee's March 5 primary on February 19. No, I did not enter a time warp into the future. Rather I voted early. I arrived when the polls opened and there was already a line. We love early voting in my precinct. On Election Day, the lines are long and the wait is longer, so we vote early.

For the life of me, I don't understand the Republican establishment's opposition to early voting. Clearly, Republicans vote early because in my precinct most voters were Republicans. I can understand the angst that comes from mail-in ballots which are ripe for fraud because it seems that only the Democrats have figured out how to cheat. But early voting at polling places is secure. Here in Knoxville, we are asked for either a driver's license or a voter registration card in order to vote. We do not have to show proof of citizenship. However, when one registers to vote, most states (I presume all states) make you swear that you are a citizen. The state is supposed to check to make certain that you swore the truth. Arizona has purged over 400 voters from its rolls when it determined that noncitizens had registered. Not surprisingly most of the noncitizens had registered to vote when they got their driver's licenses.

Perhaps the Republican establishment figures that if voting only occurs on Election Day, the Democrats are less likely to vote than Republicans. Economics would postulate that those people willing to stand in long lines for lengthy periods have lower opportunity costs than those who are less willing to stand in line. If opportunity costs are high, then voters are losing considerable earnings by standing in line. Since it is illegal to hire a surrogate to vote for you, the choice would be to either forego earnings and vote or not. Thus, those people with lower opportunity costs such as retirees, the unemployed or stay-at-home spouses would be the ones to dominate voting. If these voters were predominately Democrats, then the Republicans should embrace early voting. Rather they oppose it. Perhaps the opposition stems from the fact that over 50 percent of Democrats vote early versus 35 percent of Republicans. Also, a higher percentage of women vote early versus men. I hope this isn't interpreted

as sexist, but if women are likely to be the stay-at-home spouse, then their voting early is contrary to the predictions of economics in that they have lower opportunity costs. However, they do have the greater advantage of being able to vote at any time during the polling window.

I voted for Ron DeSantis. Yes, I know that he suspended his campaign. But DeSantis had proven to me that he would have made the best president. I liked most of the things that he did in Florida and wanted them repeated nationally. I did not like his interaction with Nikki Haley when they were the only two left but hopefully, he learned his lessons and will be back for another run in four years.

I did not like Nikki Haley. She seemed too fond of direct military intervention in foreign disputes. This must be a South Carolina thing because Lindsey Graham always wants to bomb somebody. I didn't understand her position of having to register to be on the internet and its chilling effect on free speech. Her response on the cause of the Civil War where she omitted slavery seemed to harken on a fear of alienating the die-hards who champion the mournful "Lost Cause" position on southern slavery. Haley impressed me as being not sincere and an opportunist. Her core values were not evident.

I wish that she had run on her record in South Carolina. For a person of color to be elected and reelected governor there is an accomplishment that should be touted. The confederate flag was removed from the state capitol on her watch. She was the one who appointed Tim Scott to the Senate. She supported voter ID laws and opposed the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the state. As governor, she focused on small business development and cutting of taxes and burdens on small businesses. Surely these would have made for attractive platforms for a run for the presidency. But somehow, she seemed to be more focused on other areas. Perhaps she thought her time as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations was more important in a presidential race than being governor of a small southern state. But Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton showed that not to be the case. Haley should have heeded their example.




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Publisher's Positions



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court or a post on Instagram is quickly labeled an assault on our democracy. Interestingly, they didn't worry too much about democracy until January 6, 2021. Nobody had heard Leftists even mumble the word "democracy" up until that point in time.

Like much of what they do, there is a big difference between what they say and what they do. The truth is the biggest assaults against freedom and democracy come from Leftists and Democrats. The very fundamental bedrock of our justice system was the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. Now the only people who are presumed to be innocent to the Left are illegal migrants and criminals. Defunding the police, destabilizing communities and penalizing hardworking, taxpaying citizens is undermining our democracy and country.

Most of what the Left prattles on about defies not only logic and common sense, but defies good judgment

and reality itself. A man can get pregnant and have a baby, and I suppose have an abortion if need be. Drag queens can read stories to kindergarteners and next I imagine it will be strippers. There may be as many genders as 72... and in the same breath they tell us to follow the science.

Is anything less democratic than the notion of trying to pack the Supreme Court or trying to rule people off ballots? Denying the American people their right to vote is absolutely anti-democratic.

What is more fundamentally horrifying than stifling free speech as they did through the use of social media companies by censoring anyone who questioned the position of the government? If the Left had their way, we would have an official Ministry of Truth and that is the purpose much of the mainstream media serves presently.

What the Left wants and what it means by its version of "democracy" is one-party

rule in perpetuity. That is the point, after all, of the wide-open border. They want everyone dependent on a class of governmental and societal elites. Just look at Rachel Maddow, Jen Psaki and Joy Reid mocking people for merely living in West Virginia on the night of Super Tuesday. They were giggling because of Republican voters in Virginia saying their top concerns were illegal immigration and the border. Anything or anyone they dislike is horrible and racist. And to those same people antisemitism doesn't exist, and they can excuse the use of rape and terrorism against girls and women.

There can be no criticism of the war in Ukraine, the politics of identity is sacrosanct, and Free Speech is reserved for themselves alone.

The Left likes the same kind of democracy as exercised by Adolf Hitler's fascist government and Josef Stalin's Communist government where the state was everything and there were no

distinctions between public and private. To oppose the regime was to end up in a concentration camp or worse.

The biggest lie these people tell now is about democracy. Never forget, they mean progressivism.

Travis Wright Appointed To Finish Term Of Mike McMillan

The Knox County Commission met in special session and appointed Travis Wright to fill the vacancy on the board of education caused by the passing of board member Mike McMillan. Accompanied by his 13-year-old son who held the Bible, the oath of office was administered by Chancellor Richard "Bud" Armstrong. Wright won a big victory inside the Republican primary last week and the commission had determined the fairest solution to filling the vacancy was appointing the winner as there was no

contest in the general election. Wright has pledged to be an advocate for his district and the students and parents and schools of the 8th District.

Antidevelopment Sentiment Gaining Ground?

In pouring over the election returns, the political class is discerning a distinct whiff of anti-development bias on the part of voters. The victories of Adam Thompson, Andy Fox and Angela Russell all signal a different direction for the Knox County Commission, depending on the outcome of the general elections.

The housing crisis is becoming more acute in Knoxville and Knox County and despite all the new construction, prices aren't coming down. What has slowed home sales has been the high interest rates and the economy.

The REAL Threat To Our American Democracy

These days we hear constantly about threats to our democracy. It's time to boil these down and that's easy to do. The people usually talking about the threats to our democracy are almost invariably those who don't really believe in democracy. When they say something threatens our democracy, what they mean is it threatens progressivism. Anything they don't like, decision by a

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supported life. He had talked with Senator Blackburn about how to "lead in faith."

Senator Marsha Blackburn and Congressman Tim Burchett were still in Washington, D.C., at the time of the event, but some of Burchett's family were in attendance. Blackburn sent a video in which she spoke about the crisis at the border.

Former Congressman Jimmy Duncan spoke on the country's deficit and border issues, emphasizing that there needs to be more concern about our border than the Ukrainian border. Duncan stated,

"If we don't have borders, we don't have a country." Duncan shared his belief in what makes this country great: free enterprise, private property and fiscal conservatives. Duncan told the attendees, "We are very lucky to have Glenn Jacobs as Mayor of Knox County, and I hope to one day call him governor."

Speaker Glenn Jacobs made an impactful speech, recognizing the work of Senator Blackburn and how he's "proud of everything she had done and the great way she represents our wonderful state." Jacobs stated, "Our values are under attack; Blackburn has a proven record

of serving Tennessee families, protecting them from things that violate their beliefs, protecting our children, and providing education, not indoctrination.

Jacobs added, "Let's take our country back and America back on the path of greatness. He spoke on the importance of elections and the need to take them seriously to fix the endless flow of illegal immigrants.

Jacobs concluded, "Tennessee is a beacon, built up in the firm foundation of liberty. We are what America can be, should be, and will be. Let's keep Tennessee great."

BOE examines pay plan study

By Ken Leinart

In March 2023, Knox County Schools (KCS) commissioned \$123,500 to Evergreen Solutions to complete a year-long "compensation study" as the board works to comply with a state law passed last year requiring all public school teachers to make at least \$50,000 annually beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Knox County currently pays a minimum of about

\$48,000 a year for certified teachers with a master's degree.

Evergreen Solution's Kristen Fitzpatrick unveiled the finding during the Monday, March 4, KCS work session meeting.

During its study, Fitzpatrick said, Evergreen Solutions found that Knox County teachers ranked KCS 3.9 on a scale of 1 - 10 for satisfaction regarding compensation and that pay did not keep up with

the cost of living in Knox County. More than half of KCS's 9,000 employees took part in that survey.

The study also found that retaining employees was a problem due to low pay.

The new plan will cost an estimated \$39 million, with \$28 million of that to be directed to teachers.

The new pay plan will be presented during a budget meeting in April and during the board's April 4 meeting.

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general election to replace Kyle Ward who chose not to seek re-election. Angela Russell won over four other Republicans, Brad Hall, Toni S. Scott, Dale Skidmore and Brian Walker, with 48% of the primary vote. Russell will face Democrat S. Arthur Moore for the commission District 5 seat.

Current Commission Chairwoman Terry Hill captured 67% of the vote in the Republican primary against Julie McBee-Fritts. She

will face Democrat Daniel Edward Greene for the District 6 commission seat.

Adam Thompson defeated D.J. Corcoran and Kara Dailey in the Republican contest for District 8 with 40% of the vote and will face Democrat Charles V. Chandler in the general election.

In the District 9 Republican primary, Andy Fox got 70% of the vote against Barry Neal. Fox now faces Democrat Matthew Park and Independent Stacey

Bryan Smith in the general election to replace term-limited Commissioner Carson Dailey.

In the school board primary contests, Travis Wright got just over 59% of the vote against Tommy Lakins to capture the District 8 seat.

Angie Goethert bested Robert V. Daspit in the District 3 school board primary race with 53% of the vote and will face Democrat Patricia Fontenot-Ridley in the general election.

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Accessory Dwellings, Sanitary Laundry Building OK'd by council

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The owner-occupancy rule in regards to accessory dwelling units was upheld by the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening.

Several citizens spoke to the issue with one, R. Brentley Marlow, claiming that adding a separate dwelling for a family member does nothing to help renters. Councilwoman Amelia Parker said that accessory dwellings will not help the working class nor produce affordable housing.

Other council members addressed the issue with Lauren Rider saying she was concerned about who would be living in the accessory dwelling, like a garage apartment, when the property was sold outside the family. Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto urged keeping the "owner-occupied" portion of the city code.

Seema Singh said that renters are not in the conversation and Parker was critical of the "wide-sweeping policy."

"Every housing change does not carry the burden of housing needs," said Tommy Smith.

Despite the concerns, the second reading on updating the city code regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit passed unanimously.

The long abandoned Sanitary Laundry Building at 621, 625 and 627 North Broadway was transferred in a council vote to Knoxville's Community

Development Corporation. Councilman Charles Thomas said the property may see new life as the blighted site could transform into affordable housing.

In other action, the council voted to rezone several properties along Pratt Road from RN-1 to RN-5 residential neighborhood, postponed a variance for South Banks Apartments over right-of-way infringement, and renamed a portion of Topside Road to Scenic River Road.

The first reading of approved zoning changes included a Delrose Drive lot from low-density to medium-density residential, a property on Parkview Avenue from RN-2 to RN-4 residential, a lot on Jefferson Avenue from RN-4 residential to Mixed Use, and a site on Kohlmier Road from Rn-1 to Agricultural.

Also approved were the reappointments of Ellen Lee and George Anna Yarbro to the Knox County Board of Equalization at the request of Mayor Indya Kincannon and the appointment of Judy Mullins to the Knoxville City Golf Course Advisory Board at the request from Councilwoman Debbie Helsley.

The long abandoned Sanitary Laundry Building on North Broadway was transferred from the city to the KCDC with the hopes of developing more affordable housing.

City passes growth plan with some questions

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The Knoxville City Council met Tuesday evening and spent much time discussing and eventually passing, with reservations, the proposed Knoxville-Farragut-Knox County Growth Policy Plan. The plan was passed by the Knox County Commission recently but requires, by state law, the approval of Knoxville and Farragut.

In 2020 Farragut killed a revision of the proposed growth plan and the current version will be on that town's agenda for a March 28 meeting.

The council heard from several people about the plan including Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell, Amy Nolan for the Knoxville Chamber, Hancen Sale for the East Tennessee Realtors, and Kevin Murphy of Knox County Planning Alliance.

Sale called the new growth plan a "healthy compromise" that limits housing units in projected growth areas from three to two dwellings

per acre. Murphy said he is "neutral" on the proposal and said the plan is better than originally proposed.

It's been 20 years since the county plan for future growth has been amended and some council members were frustrated that the city has no say in the final "comprehensive" plan that the county will consider.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider quizzed Knoxville-Knox County Planning Director Amy Brooks and tried to amend the city's approval to be pending subject to a final county approval of the overall plan. Brooks said it was fully up to the county commission to pass the final plan.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker said the final comprehensive plan should have the council's approval as well. Councilman Charles Thomas asked about postponing a vote and Mayor Indya Kincannon said she had attended the various growth plan hearings and postponing a vote doesn't aid the process.

Parker countered that the city council wasn't part of the planning.

Councilman and Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto said the proposed growth plan does not restrict hillside or ridge-top protection nor does it require a traffic study for new subdivisions. He said language was removed from the proposal specifying mandatory restrictions.

The council was told it could accept or reject the plan but could not change it. Parker's motion to delay a vote until April 30 failed. After further discussion, Rider withdrew her motion to echo the county's vote and tie approval for the growth plan to the county passing the comprehensive growth plan. She was told the motion was redundant because the Knox County Commission had already made that stipulation.

The vote on the original motion, to approve the Knoxville-Farragut-Knox County Growth Policy Plan, passed 7-2 with Roberto and Parker voting "No."

The final approval is now before the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Knox Commission to vote on Comprehensive Plan

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Between now and 2045, more than 75,000 new residents are expected in Knox County and already there are conflicts between the need for additional housing and the use of land. The Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan, three years in the making, is before the Knox County Commission this month before going to the City of Knoxville and Farragut for approval.

The commission may discuss the plan in their work session on March 18 or the regular meeting

on the 25th. The commission voted in its February meeting to approve, with one change, the proposed Knoxville-Farragut-Knox County Growth Policy Plan with the stipulation that it would be effective when the final comprehensive plan is approved.

The ongoing debate and opposition from farmers in the county may add to the discussion as some rural landowners object to the inclusion of rural land into the urban and suburban growth map.

Next Monday's meeting agenda may include the approval of \$7 million for the Coward Mill Road

Improvements - Phase II project, eliminating duplicate or redundant utility poles along roads or rights-of-way, and allocating state COVID recovery funds to several agencies.

Just over \$99 million in general obligation bonds may be approved as well as a final agreement between Axle Logistics on a property swap. The rapid growth of population in the county is resulting in more and more new subdivision streets being completed and transferred for future upkeep. Eleven new streets are on the agenda to become "new county roads."

On the school section of the agenda, which must be approved by the commission by law, is a \$2.6 million contract for a roof replacement at Farragut High School, a \$2.3 million request for "Innovative School Models Projects" at various schools, and \$3 million requested for a contract for internet connectivity.

Office space for the Knoxville Leadership Foundation to rehab adult offenders at the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility is being requested at \$90,000 by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.



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The Doctor is in
a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Sanctuary

2nd Chronicles 7:14
(Some will recognize this Spiritual truth, but if you need a refresher, I challenge you to look it up and reflect.)

Last week patriotic Americans lived to fight another day. The war to save our country will continue, but a battle was won when the Supremes ruled 9-0 against Colorado's attempt to remove President Trump from the ballot.

It should have been a foregone conclusion because Trump was never charged nor convicted of insurrection on January 6. So how could the post-Civil War prohibition against insurrectionists running for office apply? Perhaps SCOTUS learned from the infamous Dred Scott case of 1857 which led to the American Civil War. I'm not a lawyer, nor am I able to plumb the mind of a Washington bureaucrat. But, I suspect the Supremes just wanted

to avoid a similar mistake and therefore followed the Constitution.

Democrats scream about threats to democracy, but it is Democrats who are threatening democracy everywhere. Remember when Chuck Schumer stood on the Supreme Court's steps and threatened the Supremes, saying they would unleash a hurricane if they overturned Roe v. Wade? And recall that New York changed the statute of limitations enabling gold diggers to sue President Trump. New York's District Attorney Letitia James and creepy "Judge" Engoron convicted Trump of fraud with a statute that has never been used and where there were no victims. I read the other day that Trump is the actual victim of 91 dubious political indictments. This is weaponization of the justice system known as lawfare and rational people see it.

Super Tuesday is over and President Trump won all the races except Vermont, where Democrats can cross over and vote in the Republican election. Trump also lost Washington, D.C., to Nikki Haley. My only surprise was to find that actual Republicans were living in the swamp.

Trump will be the Republican nominee for president. Even Haley conceded this and suspended her protest campaign funded by Democrats and Trump haters. I wonder if there is a difference?

I was not surprised that our recent election confirmed that Tennessee remains Trump country. However, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that our Volunteer State ranks number one in election integrity among the 50 states. To vote, a valid photo identity is required, my address was checked and my signature was required. And the nice lady who verified my credentials recognized me! She reads my column in The Focus and recognized me from my picture. It's always great to meet readers. It is useless to be a writer if no one reads your work. Writers yearn to be read.

To paraphrase Democrat consigliere, James Carville, "It's the border stupid," rather than his iconic reference to the economy during the Clinton years.

Biden's open border policy with resultant crime, drugs and human trafficking is an unmitigated disaster. His foreign policy failures like the Afghanistan withdrawal and his economic policy failures of inflation produced by printing money pale by comparison.

The "world" has invaded America. Dozens of nationalities are among the illegal aliens swarming the border and now walking the streets of America. Sanctuary cities like NYC, Chicago and other big cities have angered their citizens. But the onslaught is hastening the decline of cities everywhere. Sanctuary cities are now crying for help, but we all are suffering because the Biden administration has flown and bussed illegals all over the country, including our state. In fact, Chattanooga was one of the 43 airports where Biden's administration flew illegals. Maybe I should claim sanctuary for my home, neighborhood, town and state to prevent its destruction by the Democrat progressives who manage the old coot.

Several years ago, while driving our grandson home from preschool, Becky asked him about his day. Eventually, he became frustrated and told her he couldn't remember what happened earlier, saying, "BB I can only do now."

How true. I don't dwell on the past either, perhaps

because I can't do anything about it. Even an apology is of the present moment, offered as atonement for a past mistake. And hopefully, we learn to avoid future mistakes.

The Oxford Don and Christian apologist C. S. Lewis held that God exists out of space and time. Logically, since there is a creation there must have been a Creative force to orchestrate our universe. This makes infinitely more sense than the notion that the universe emanated from a quantum flux of some proto-reality, imagined as foam-like bubbles in a tub. That's possible, but I side with Aristotle who said that something does not come from nothing. We moderns call this causality. I'm here because of my parents and they existed because of their parents and so on back to the beginning of everything. We imagine the beginning as the Big Bang, but I go even further back to the first cause of everything: God.

I was reminded of how quickly humans forget the past when I read an article by Connie Beard regarding the Trump administration's accomplishments. If you're interested you can Google the article, but here are a few of Beard's 121 accomplishments of the Trump Administration:

During President Trump's administration, America

became the largest producer of fossil fuels which drives the engine of the world. Fossil fuels produce 80% of the world's energy and without energy, civilization ceases.

African-American, Hispanic and Asian unemployment reached all-time lows. Women and youth unemployment were at 65 and 50 year lows.

Understandably, poverty rates plummeted.

Trump's remain-in-Mexico policy worked.

The Abraham Accord was driving peace in the Middle East.

Inflation was a fraction of what it is under Biden.

In other words, the economy was better, inflation was under control, people were working, the border was under control and peace was breaking out.

And then Covid hit, followed by a corrupted mail-in ballot process, capped off by Biden's presidency which rescinded Trump's policies and led to the current disaster.

I know I harp on these points, but unfortunately, we forget the prosperity, pride and peace we had four years ago. I say, bring back the successful president and the policies that worked.

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Peggy Myers is Knoxville's Good Neighbor of the Year



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Mechanicsville leader Peggy Myers was chosen Thursday evening as the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year. For 50 years, Myers has lent a healing hand to preserve the community, help children and make sure the elderly have enough to eat.

Myers enjoys helping plan the Mechanicsville Homecoming Festival.

Other neighborhood leaders nominated for the honor were Aaron Searcy of Park Ridge, Betty Jo Mahan

of Inskip, and David Lee of Town Hall East.

Sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment and hosted by Debbie Sharp, last week's awards dinner featured each nominee in a brief video in their neighborhoods. Mayor Indya Kincannon presented the awards that included the Wiffleball Champions, Healthy Knoxville Recognitions, Building Strong Organizations, Neighborhood Achievement and Police Liaison Officer of the Year.

The annual event, held



Darrell Griffin was selected as Liaison Officer of the Year during the Neighborhood Awards Dinner.

at The Brookside at 1221 North Central Street, drew a full house of neighborhood leaders, elected officials and well-wishers.

Hit Songwriter Steve Dean To Perform March 12 at Fountain City Library

Nashville songwriter Steve Dean will play his hits and tell stories behind the songs on Tuesday, March 12, at the Fountain City Branch Library, 5300 Stanton Road.

Dean will perform at a special 5:30 p.m. meeting of the Knoxville Songwriters Association that is open to the public. Earlier that day, he will be a guest on the WDVX "Blue Plate Special" noon concert broadcast from the Knoxville Visitors

Center, 301 S. Gay Street.

Dean has co-written six number-one Billboard country hits, including "Watching You" for Rodney Atkins, the most played song on Country Radio in 2007 and Country AirCheck's Song of the Decade in 2017.

His other Country #1 songs include the Grammy-nominated "It Takes A Little Rain" for The Oak Ridge Boys, "Southern Star" for Alabama, "Round About" **Cont. on page 2**

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The Colors of Spring

It was only a couple of weeks ago that a small cluster of Easter flowers bloomed in the yard, their bright yellow color a distinct contrast to the barren ground below them.



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spring scene. There will be more to look forward to as the pink and white dogwood trees bloom. The reddish-purple color of the redbud trees and the white blooms



Picture of the ever-popular Easter flower that grew into an extended line along the fence recently, by **Ralphine Major**.

Days later, a whole line of yellow blooms appeared along the fence. While they are now beginning to fade and wither, spring does not lack beauty. Get ready, Spring is bringing her parade of colors again this year.

Almost overnight, nature's landscape can burst into a palette of gorgeous colors. Already, forsythia bushes are bringing their yellow blooms to the

of the Bradford pear trees are always a joy to behold. The deep purples and lavender of the creeping phlox will mushroom over the ground, and multicolored tulips will add to the mix of color as well. It is unbelievable how little color there may be one day; and overnight, colors seem to appear almost like magic. While spring offers one of the most

beautiful seasons of the year, her beauty is fleeting. Enjoy the Creator's masterpieces while they are here, for they are truly magnificent.

Words of Faith: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he

shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8 (KJV).

The Unauthorized Practice of Law

What would happen if someone just put on a suit and tie and walked into court, and started acting as a lawyer for someone even though they were not actually a lawyer?

If anyone figures out that this is happening, that person may be charged with a crime for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. Engaging in the unauthorized practice of law is a Class A misdemeanor.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 23-3-103 states, "No person



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shall engage in the practice of law or do law business, or both, unless the person has been duly licensed and while the person's license is in full force and effect."

You are always allowed to represent yourself in

court, but you can never speak in court on someone else's behalf. Why would anyone even attempt to do this? It comes up in situations more often than you think. For example, an elderly individual may be involved in some legal

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Way" for George Strait, "Walk On" for Reba McEntire and "Hearts Aren't Made To Break" for Lee Greenwood.

Dean's songs also have been recorded by Sister Hazel, LoCash, Joe Nichols, Dierks Bentley, Lee Ann Womack, Waylon Jennings, Pure Prairie League, and many other Country, Bluegrass and Gospel recording artists. He has earned eight BMI Songwriter Awards and two BMI Publisher Awards.

In addition to telling stories from his career,

Dean will give advice for aspiring writers, share his thoughts on the music business today, and discuss his work with Freedom Sings USA, a creative partnership with American veterans.

The Knoxville Songwriters Association meets each Tuesday at the Fountain City Library. Meetings usually opening with a 5 p.m. jam session, followed by a program and song critiques. Annual dues are \$30 (\$15 for writers under 21) and new members are always welcome.

Two Ways to Do Something

I'm not sure when it started, but at some point in my life, I began giving advice to folks. Some might say that I stuck my nose where it didn't belong, but that never silenced me. All sorts of



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people have been subjected to the Joe Rector version of what is right. They've discovered that two ways exist: my way and the wrong way. Poor humans never saw it coming and couldn't escape it.

For 30 years, I taught high school, and students received tons of advice

from me. These days, such activities would lead to my firing. However, back in the day, when I closed the door to my classroom, I was in charge. Now, I never gave any advice

that was illegal or immoral, but I offered my opinion on some occasions. Fridays used to be discussion days. Students circled up in their desks, and we began. I told these teens that we would not discuss religion, politics, or war. Some classes ignored that rule, and I had to drag them back to an acceptable topic. Most of the time, I played "devil's advocate." I asked questions or made teens give proof to back up their contentions. I told those students they'd never know what I really thought, but chances are they had an inkling of my beliefs.

In 1974, Amy and I married. I swept her off her feet, and she landed in Knoxville. I thought since she was only 19 that I, as a man of 22, could make decisions for us. I was older and much wiser, or so I

thought. Amy was the real mature person in our relationship. Oh, I tried to tell her what she should do and shared my opinion on a variety of topics. Sometimes my wife humored me and let me think that I was in charge; at other times, she gave me the look, that one that screams, "You moron, be quiet!" Most of the time, however, my dear wife simply ignored me. I'm so lucky that she has put up with my tendency to think I'm right most of the time.

My children, Lacey and Dallas, have been swept away in the flood of their father's opinions. I had something to say about any topic. Folks who know Lacey should ask her my ideas about the fall of the Egyptian civilization. Others might ask Dallas about the advice I gave him for years on baseball. To understand how off the charts I've been, people might ask them what kind of expectations I had for them as children of a teacher. I learned many of these from my mother, who was a teacher. It's been a rough life at times for my children.

Age is such a shocking teacher. I still try to give advice to others. My

intentions are good; I don't want individuals to suffer through some of the things that I have. The shocker for me is that I'm too old to give advice. No one wants to hear what I think. Even worse, I don't understand so much of this world and the new things in it. Like too many oldsters, my opinions on topics of life today sound incredibly like whining and complaining. We Boomers are each day becoming more like square pegs that don't fit into round holes.

I try now to ease up on telling people what they should do, but too often, I fall back into the trap and begin lecturing them on what is the correct way to go about things. Some of it comes from being a teacher. A person who is the head of the class is supposed to be in charge. Yes, a part of education is self-discovery, but sometimes, the only way to drive home a concept is by verbalizing it and having students write the words down, and then test them. No one should worry that this will never end. All of us have an expiration date, and when they arrive, the bossiness disappears. Just be patient with us until then.



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Republican Leader Wallace White of Maine

Pages from the Past



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Wallace Humphrey White Jr. is little remembered today, but at one time he was the leader of Senate Republicans, at least in name. White could easily have come right out of central casting in Hollywood to play the role of a U.S. senator. White-haired with a stately personal appearance, Wallace White came into public service with one of the most immaculate political pedigrees in the Pine Tree State. His grandfather was William P. Frye, who was both a congressman and U.S. senator from Maine. There was an element of tragedy to the Senate career of Wallace White. Although White was the leader of Republicans in the Senate, the real power amongst GOP senators was Robert Taft of Ohio. As noted in his biography by the Senate Historian's Office, White was quite nearly destroyed by the stress of his leadership role as he was "loved and exploited" by the membership of his own party. For 32 years, Wallace White became an institution in Maine politics and Congress.

Margaret Chase Smith, White's successor in the United States Senate, recalled the former senator's personality when he died. "To know Wallace White was to love him. To those of us who were fortunate enough to know him well, he was the personification of gentle patience, deep understanding and quiet greatness." Mild mannered and generous, Wallace White was universally well-liked by his congressional colleagues. White also had a keen intellect and was oftentimes sought out by younger or newer members for advice and counsel. Majority Leader Scott Lucas recalled, "He spoke from the heart of truth."

In spite of his national prominence and having the high esteem of the people he represented, Wallace White always was genuinely a modest man. Even after winning election to the U. S. Senate, White missed the collegial atmosphere of the House of Representatives and frequently wandered over to the other wing of the Capitol where he enjoyed eating at the House Restaurant. White would remove the burdens resting upon his own shoulders for a few minutes by taking a seat in the House of Representatives and listening.

A small, compact man, White did not speak in the usual booming tones of many of his colleagues. Wallace White always spoke in a low voice and was self-deprecating. The senator's friends shook their heads as they believed he considered others more than he should.

During his service in Congress, White became an expert in the field of communications and had a remarkable ability for the art of writing legislation into law. Although mild mannered and modest, Wallace White could be quite direct in debate. When some of his colleagues were highly critical of "subsidies" in a pending Merchant Marine bill, Senator White softly replied, "I am not afraid of a word."

As might be expected of a United States senator from a coastal state, Wallace White was interested in all matters pertaining to the high seas and oceans. When the Senate was considering an ocean mail contract, it was Senator White who best summarized the issue succinctly. "The real question here is whether you are going to pull down the American flag and get off the seas," White said.

Unlike many of his more isolationist colleagues, White was strongly for amendments to the Neutrality Act to arm ships in the Merchant Marine as the Second World War loomed. Indeed, White was one of Secretary of State Cordell Hull's legislative and personal friends. Many Saturday mornings during the war, Wallace White could be spied going into the state department through a rear entrance so as to attract as little notice as possible. White and other members of the Senate leadership would receive weekly secret briefings from the secretary of state.

Maine's Congressman Robert Hale once attested to White's knowledge of the Merchant Marine and issues the senator had been involved with during his time in the Senate. "It is conservative to say that he knew as much about merchant marine as any man who ever lived," Hale said. "He was a great authority on patent law and on radio communications."

While capable of cooperating with the Democrats, there was no mistaking Wallace White "was a Republican to the bone." When Republicans lost the presidential election for the fifth straight time in 1948, White said, "People used to be born, live and die Republicans, but they don't do that any more. Maybe that's the new way, maybe it's right, to swing from one party to the other." After a pause, Senator White added, "But it's not my way."

White's grandfather William P. Frye represented Maine in the Senate for 30 years. White grew up under the watchful eye of his grandfather and gained his first apprenticeship in politics while working as a clerk for the Senate Commerce Committee, which was chaired by Frye.



U. S. Senators Warren Austin (left) of Vermont and Wallace White (right) of Maine in 1944.

Eventually, White became secretary (today it would be chief of staff) to his grandfather. At the same time he was working for his grandfather, Wallace White attended classes at Colombian College (the forerunner of George Washington University) where he got his law degree. White returned to Maine to practice law and his grandfather continued to serve in the Senate until his death in 1911.

Wallace White first ran for Congress in 1916 against Democratic Congressman Daniel McGillicuddy, who had represented Maine's Second District for six years. White nudged McGillicuddy out of office by a scant 547 votes. Daniel McGillicuddy sought a rematch two years later, but Wallace White had begun entrenching himself in the district and won easily. Congressman White was routinely reelected every two years, usually by increasing majorities. When Arthur Gould retired from the U.S. Senate in 1930, White announced his candidacy.

Congressman Wallace White faced former governor Ralph O. Brewster inside the GOP primary along with Dugald B. Dewar, who ran as a foe of prohibition. White won better than 50% of the votes cast and carried all sixteen of Maine's counties in the general election against Democrat Frank Haskell.

White entered the United States Senate while Republicans were still in control of that body, but their majority would be gone by 1933 when Franklin D. Roosevelt took office. To Wallace White the centralization of power in the federal government was anathema and he opposed much of the New Deal. Senator White was oblivious to what was news and therefore was constantly causing reporters headaches. When a reporter complained, Senator White always replied, "I never got into trouble by keeping my mouth shut."

White was particularly adept at making short after-dinner speeches in Washington that demonstrated wit and good humor. Always polite and habitually punctual, White once arrived at a function precisely at the designated hour of 7 o'clock, only to

find the hall dark and empty. Senator White turned around, went home, took off his shoes, ate a sandwich and enjoyed a glass of milk and settled into his library. When Republicans finally trickled into the hall and found their guest of honor missing, they began to panic. Someone finally called the senator's home.

"You said seven," White reminded his caller. "I thought maybe I got the wrong night." The caller explained that in Washington seven o'clock meant eight o'clock. Grumbling a bit, White put his suit and shoes back on and hurried to the event where his seat awaited him at the head table.

When Wallace White sought reelection to a second term in 1936, he faced the most personally popular Democrat in the Pine Tree State, Governor Louis J. Brann. The contest between two highly popular public officials was nip and tuck from beginning to finish. The governor carried six counties to White's ten, but the election results were tight. Wallace White had edged out Louis J. Brann by 4,648 votes, a margin of 50.75%. Six years later, Senator White was unopposed inside the Republican primary and rolled over his Democrat opponent by carrying every county in the state. White won quite nearly 67% of the ballots cast.

Charles McNary of Oregon, the longtime leader of Republicans in the U. S. Senate, began to ail after having run for the vice presidency on the 1940 GOP ticket with Wendell Willkie. McNary was suffering from a brain tumor and Republicans elevated Wallace White to acting Minority Leader. McNary died in 1944 and White was elected minority leader. When Republicans won a majority in both house of Congress in 1947, Wallace White wanted to take the chairmanship of the Senate Commerce Committee, which he was entitled to do because of seniority. His fellow Republicans were having none of it. Any other prospective candidate to become majority leader would spark an intra-party brawl. Still, White insisted upon chairing the Senate Commerce Committee,

causing some who wanted his seats on that and other committees to complain.

Much to the detriment of his personal wishes and happiness, White very reluctantly accepted the post of majority leader. While Wallace White was the acknowledged leader of Senate Republicans to the public, behind the scenes it was Robert Taft who dictated policy and most everything done inside the United States Senate.

The assignment began to seriously worry and wear on Wallace White. In December of 1947, Wallace White checked into Bethesda Naval Hospital. The official reason was the senator was ill with the flu and suffering from exhaustion. Several weeks later, one newspaper reported White's actual hospitalization involved a "nervous condition," a polite way of saying the senator had gone through a nervous breakdown. White did not return to the Senate until March 26, 1948. Wallace White never did really resume his position as majority leader, although he still officially occupied the post, the actual work was done by Nebraska's Kenneth Wherry.

The senator was likely worried about more than official business, especially where his beautiful, honey-blond-haired granddaughter Nina Lunn was concerned. Nina Lunn Black was a regular on the Washington, D.C., social circuit for decades until her death at age eighty in 2005. Senator and Mrs. Wallace White watched as Nina married Nathaniel Luttrell Jr., the heir to the Woodward & Lothrop fortune at the elegant Sulgrave Club in Washington. The marriage ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Peter Marshall, the Senate chaplain. The couple was quietly and discreetly divorced two years later as Nina was having an affair with the Argentinian ambassador to the United States. Nina Lunn had enjoyed a very brief career in the movies in bit parts.

Not only was Senator Wallace White tired, but he was also ailing due to hypertension and heart disease. By 1952, White was confined to his bed. Colleagues on the commerce committee wrote to the former

senator remembering his "friendliness, charm., courtesy and painstaking consideration" of others during his service. White was touched by the remembrance, and it was timely. Not long after the letter arrived, Wallace died peacefully in his sleep in his home.

After 32 years in Washington, the 74-year-old Wallace White announced he was not running again in 1948. When one reporter asked him what he was going to do, White replied, "I'm going to sit on the porch at my farm and tell Mrs. White what to do."

Had he wished, White could have earned a small fortune as a lobbyist with his expertise on a variety of subjects including communications law. True to his word, Wallace White went home to Maine and stayed there. After his death, Mrs. White reported her husband's time away from Washington gave him some measure of peace. Wallace White was certainly where he wanted to be, back home in Maine.

May Craig, the maven of newspaper columnists from the Northeast, wrote when former Senator Wallace White died, the epitaph on his tombstone should read, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Lewiston Sun Journal editorialized that Wallace White throughout his service in Washington "placed conscience and honor above all else." For most people, it is almost unthinkable a newspaper editorial would remember any public official in such a way as Wallace White was remembered then. Yet there really was a time when giants roamed the halls of Congress.

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Just to your left, you see the mighty Tennessee River take in the waters from the Clinch and flow southward toward what will become Chattanooga. On the hill behind you, Fort Southwest Point is being built on the hillside overlooking the area, atop what was an old Native American mound.

The ferry on the east side of the river was operated by a Cherokee chief who had a village on the west side where Rockwood is now located. The ferry passed to the hands of settlers and continued service until a bridge was built across the Clinch. Back then the soldiers at Southwest Point escorted travelers going west through a very dangerous part of the Cumberland Mountains where Cherokee attacks often took place.

A few years later, the town of Kingston will be created further up the Clinch River. The town will host a gathering of the young Tennessee

A Day Away



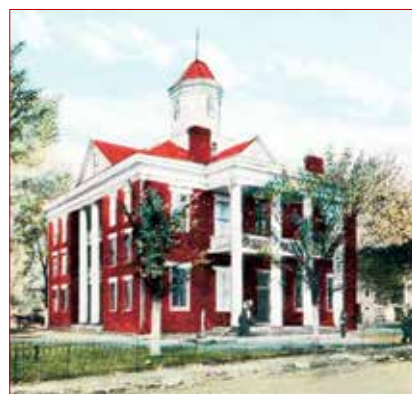
By Mike Steely

Legislation and Kingston will become the capital of the state for one day in 1807 to legally satisfy a treaty with the Cherokee to relocate the state's seat of government.

Now imagine you are standing at the new Roane County Courthouse, built in 1855, in downtown Kingston during the Civil War. Just across from the historic courthouse, you will see the legendary Morgan house, the home of that historic family who co-existed with the Native Americans and lent their name to several historic East Tennessee places. The home was built in the early 1800s by Col. Gideon Morgan and still stands today.

If you turn back to the courthouse you'll find, in that imaginary visit, soldiers of both the Union and Confederate Armies occupying the building on separate occasions. If you walk up the hill just southeast of the courthouse to Bethel Cemetery, you'll find the graves of some of the earliest settlers including the ferry operators and other public officials.

There is so much history in Kingston, now the county seat of Roane County. The town was named for Robert King, an officer at Southwest Point, and occupied the furthest west point of the Southwest Territory, which would later expand



The historic old Roane County Courthouse in Kingston has a wealth of information about the town, the county and the history of the region. It also hosts various events and is open to the public.

and become the State of Tennessee.

The Historic Roane County Courthouse is a living museum you can visit. Mary Pippin and Robert Bailey oversee the facility. The courthouse lawn will host a street festival on March 23 and, on March 30 will have an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny.

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trying to evict someone. The LLC cannot represent itself; it is not a person. This can be problematic if you have rental properties owned by a LLC. You did a smart thing by having an LLC own the properties, but when you need to evict someone, you will have to

have a lawyer represent you as the LLC cannot represent itself.

We do not normally see non-lawyers trying to trick the court and practice law, but they may end up doing it without realizing it.

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Longtime Farragut football coach Eddie Courtney announces retirement

By Ken Lay

One of the area's top high school coaches is calling it a career.

Longtime Farragut High School fixture Eddie Courtney, beloved coach, educator and community leader, announced his retirement from coaching at a press conference early Wednesday morning at the school's football field house.

Courtney, a staple at Farragut for decades, was the Admirals' head coach from 1996-2023. He also served as an assistant before becoming head coach.

Courtney, who first arrived at Farragut in 1977, won 204 games and leaves the gridiron as the state's active leaders in victories as he is fifth among active coaches in victories in the Volunteer State.

He has also won 28



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Eddie Courtney, pictured in 2016 in his 40th season at Farragut High and 21st as head coach, celebrates the Admirals come-from-behind win over Independence for the Class 5A title game. He was voted *The Knoxville Focus - Coaches' 2016 Knox County Coach of the Year* by his peers.

postseason games and guided the Admirals to the Class 5A State Championship in 2016, the

school's lone state football title.

In a highly decorated coaching career, he was

named regional Coach of the Year four times and was inducted into the Tennessee Football

Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021, as part of the Class of 2020 inductees.

A two-time cancer survivor, Courtney was awarded the Greater Knoxville Area Sports Hall of Fame Pat Summitt Ignite Award in 2017.

He has coached six NFL players, six Mr. Football Finalists, more than 200 college signees and 47 all-state standouts.

But that's not what matters most to the coach, who was the Grand Marshal of the 2023 Town of Farragut Fourth of July Parade.

"I've never been one to count wins or how many guys played college football," Courtney said. "The relationships are what meant more to me than anything."

"The wins, and stuff, (the) championships will come. If you start looking at those things, and not looking at the human being or individual people, it's not going to be fun because that stuff is

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

A long night, but a good ending for A-E

By Steve Williams

Both teams should have realized right from the start that it was going to be a long night.

Austin-East's Shane Cherry, a Mr. Basketball finalist, was whistled for a holding foul less than 30 seconds into the game after the Roadrunners scored on their first possession.

A-E went on to defeat longtime rival Brainerd 72-65 in the Class 2A Sectional at Chattanooga on Monday, March 4, to qualify for its first TSSAA state tournament berth since 2019.

But it didn't seem to be an enjoyable evening for either side of fans due to how tight the contest was called. "No one was heard to say: They're letting them play."

The officials, who were from a Middle Tennessee Association, were consistent; you have to give them that. But the teams never adjusted.

As a result, 54 fouls were called - 28 on Brainerd and 26

on Austin-East. There were four technical fouls. There also were numerous traveling violations, including one "carrying the ball," which is hardly ever seen called anymore, and two lane violations. A lot of the fouls were for minor hand-checking.

A-E made 28 of its 36 free throws, while the Panthers hit 19 of 32.

With all the stoppage, the game took 1 hour and 45 minutes to play. The average time for a high school game is 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Did the major unsportsmanlike incident involving Austin-East and Brainerd in 2018 that led to each school's basketball program initially being suspended for two years have anything to do with how the last week's game was called?

In his post-game comments, Austin-East Coach Denard Bertram said he always tells his players: "Officials do not want to be the reason why a game is won

or lost."

Bertram went on to comment on his team's previous game for the region championship at Alcoa, which A-E lost 86-85. "That game, you didn't know the refs were even there. Today (in the Sectional game), they wanted to enforce some things that put us kind of in a hole; it stifled us early. We weren't able to get in a flow. We were over thinking everything. That was the tough part of it."

"But I can say, overall, all we want to ask is that you be consistent and I felt like they were consistent both ways (with the travels and touch fouls). So you have to learn to adjust."

In Brainerd Coach Levar Brown's post-game comments, he said: "I agree that it (the officiating) was consistent. I would like for the game to have flowed a little bit better. I think the fans were looking for excitement and not a free throw competition. But I do feel like it was very consistent,



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

As teams warm up on the court, Austin-East Coach Denard Bertram (left) and Brainerd Coach Levar Brown (center) meet with the Game Administrator at center court prior to the Roadrunners' Class 2A Sectional game in Chattanooga on March 4. A-E won 72-65 and will play Thursday in the TSSAA Class 2A state quarterfinals at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

fair across the board. I don't think it swayed in either direction."

Brown added: "It was set up to be a really nice night, especially coming back from 2018 and the last time we were all in this

gym. To play Austin-East again and to have that atmosphere with everything on the line again, it was set to be a really good night win or lose. The fans deserved an

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Walk-off single propels Irish to first win of 2024 season

By Ken Lay

A one-out walk-off single by Grant Tallent helped the Catholic High School baseball team earn its first victory of the 2024 season.

Tallent, a senior outfielder for the Irish, drove in the game-winning run and lifted Catholic to a 3-2 victory over Central Thursday night at Gaylor Field.

Tallent, who played both right field and center field against the Bobcats, went 2-for-4 and his final hit of the night plated pinch runner Harrison Veira with the winning run.

First baseman Nate O'Donnell singled to open the frame and was lifted for Viera, who advanced to

second on an errant pick-off throw. He advanced to third on a single by Cooper Williamson, and after Hudson Lutterman drew an intentional walk to load the bases, Tallent came up with the game-winning hit for the defending Division II-AA State Champions.

"Coach (Caleb) Moore told me what to expect and I saw it and put the bat on it, and what happened, happened," said Tallent, a senior for the Irish.

His heroics followed a two-out, two-run rally by the Bobcats (1-1), who won the District 3-4A Tournament Championship last season.

Central relief pitcher David Grimes led off the

top of the seventh and was hit in the head with a pitch by Lutterman. Lutterman then caught Blake Mills looking and induced Chris Peters to ground out before Nick Riordan singled and Andrew Hill walked to load the bases.

Cole Wessel then made the score, 2-2, with a two-run single before Lutterman retired the side.

Central coach Brandon Roberts said he was pleased with the way his team rallied after not being able to manufacture much at the plate all night.

"In innings 2-5, we couldn't do anything at the plate," Roberts said. "We left two runners on in the

sixth and then David Grimes got them out (in the bottom of the sixth with the bases loaded).

"David is a kid who does everything right, and we told him when he came in after getting them out, that he had to find a way to get on. And he did. He got hit in the head."

Central, which opened the 2024 campaign, with a 7-4 victory over Loudon at home Tuesday afternoon, squandered an early scoring chance in the first as Hill was hit by a pitch. Wessel walked and Samuel Myers singled to load the bases before Williamson (who started on the mound for the Irish) recorded consecutive

strikeouts to avert damage. Catholic (1-1) took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second as Jordan Hussey came up with an RBI single and DJ Lowery came home on a wild pitch.

Then the offenses went quiet until Central tied the game in the top of the seventh with two outs only to see the Irish win in the bottom of the frame.

Moore was pleased with the win by his team, which dropped its season opener against Farragut on Monday, March 4.

But he knew that Catholic could've won the game without the late-game heroics.

"I hate to say it but I think that this is going to be the

MO for this team this year," Moore said. "But that's high school baseball and it's never over until you get that last out.

"Central is a good team. They have good players, good bats and good arms, and you can't hit a guy in the head with an 0-2 count and Hudson knows that, but this is a good win for us, and hopefully this will be a learning experience for us."

Roberts said that the game would also serve as a positive experience for his club.

"This was a great high school baseball game and this was an exciting experience for us," he said.

Powell hoping for production at the plate

By Steve Williams

Coach Josh Warner says he likes this season's Powell High baseball team.

"We were young last year and have six returning starters," he said. "If these guys hit, I like our chances to compete."

Oak Ridge and Central are expected to be the Panthers' top competitors in District 3-4A. Powell finished third in the district last spring.

The Panthers are slated to open their season today (March 11) at home against Lenoir City. It'll be the Battle of the Panthers.

Junior right-hander Tyler Early, Powell's No. 2 pitcher last season, has moved up to No. 1.

Senior outfielder Ryan Satterfield, junior middle infielder Caleb Emert and junior first baseman Lucas Myers attended the Baseball Media Day at Dick's House of Sport on Feb. 21.

"I think we are going to be a lot better this season," said Satterfield. "We have a mature team. Some guys are waiting to play and are looking for the opportunity to stepping up and having a bigger role."

"A lot of the senior class is pitchers."

Warner is in his fifth season at Powell. He took the Panthers to



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Powell Coach Josh Warner with three of his players at the ETBCA Media Day on Feb. 21. The Panthers are Ryan Satterfield, Caleb Emert and Lucas Mayes.

the state tournament in 2022 – the first time in 41 years PHS had made it that far.

Improvement is ongoing at Fulton

Building a baseball program at Fulton under Coach Buzz McNish is in season No. 2.

"We have a whole lot more of a team and baseball IQ this year," said McNish at the inaugural Media Day event.

Last season, the Falcons (7-25) played mostly with freshmen and sophomores.

"We have a lot of speed and a lot more experience now," said McNish. "Growing up, change can come very quickly as far as culture and team narrative."

"I think we're going to see a turnaround. The facility is improved and I think we're going to see improvement on the field, too. We have a little more depth." Fulton is scheduled to open its

season today (March 11) with a doubleheader at Chattanooga Tyner.

The Falcons' home opener at Larry Cox Field is slated for next Monday (March 18) against the Sunbright Tigers.

Maddox Myers, a junior third baseman and pitcher, and Travis Ballenger, a junior pitcher and leftfielder, accompanied McNish on Media Day.

Sophomore Jake Hicks, a pitcher and catcher, is another key returnee.

The Falcons have two tournaments on their schedule this season, the ETBCA tourney April 4-6 at Christenberry Park and the Sports Animal Spring Classic April 11-13 also at CP.

New Karns skipper likes a challenge

Drew Patterson knows what he's getting into and looking forward to it.

The new Karns baseball coach will be competing in District 3-4A and Region 2-4A – which has the reputation of being the toughest region in the state.

"I'm a competitive person and I like a challenge," said Patterson at the ETBCA Media Day event in February.

"It's an opportunity to be

around good baseball and a little more competitive with the move from Class 3A to Class 4A."

Patterson coached the past two seasons at Cherokee High in Rogersville and was the District 2-3A Coach of the Year in 2022, posting a 19-12 record. His team last season advanced to the Region 1-3A tourney and was 23-14.

Accompanying him at Media Day was the Beavers' junior outfielder Brodie Miles and SS-P Conner Clark.

The strength of the team, Patterson said, has been the players' "buy-in and committing to the program."

On the field, Patterson believes "on mound depth" will be a strong point for Karns. "We'll also hang our hat on base-running and hopefully bring a lot of havoc."

Patterson added that he was looking forward to the new staff, facilities and good young players. "The future is looking bright," he said.

Karns will open its season with a 7:30 game tonight (March 11) at Seymour in the Playing for a Cure Tournament. The Beavers' home opener is scheduled for Thursday (March 14) at 6 p.m. against Claiborne.

A long night, but a good ending for A-E

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opportunity to see those guys go at it."

Gene Menees, Assistant Executive Director at the TSSAA who oversees the basketball officials, said the state office does not instruct the officiating crews on how to call a game – tight or let them play. "Just call it by the rule book," he said.

Not all crews are alike and it's up to the teams to adjust, Menees added.

Shane Cherry led A-E with 31 points. Juwaan Troutman and Condis Cherry contributed 15 each and stood out down the stretch after Shane Cherry fouled out with 4:15 remaining. Demarcus Allen added 11.

Ashtun Munson led the Panthers with 19 points. Anthony Byrd chipped in 16, Trea Shaw 11 and Kobe Jackson eight.

Fourteen turnovers – eight by Brainerd and six by A-E – occurred in the opening period that saw the Roadrunners take a 16-10 lead.

The Panthers never led but pulled within one (16-15) early in the second period, which saw Brainerd commit four more turnovers. A-E pulled away for a 33-24 halftime lead.

Three-point shots were not falling for Shane Cherry or either team.

Every time Brainerd would close the gap, A-E would pad its lead. The Roadrunners was ahead 55-44 after three stops.

Munson's jumper pulled Brainerd within four (57-53) with four minutes left in the game. Condis Cherry's off-balance jumper built the lead back to six.

Then Troutman went to work, starting with a defensive rebound. He followed with two clutch free throws and then scored inside and added a foul shot for an old fashion 3-point play to extend A-E's margin to 11 (64-53).

Coach Bertram felt the key to the win was rebounding.

Brainerd's Coach Brown thought the difference in the game was Austin-East's ability to "live in the moment." He added: "I think our kids got consumed by the atmosphere and I think there were three mental lapses for our kids that didn't affect Austin-East. Austin-East did a good job of just being consistent in what they do and what they do best. And they were able to pull out the victory that way."

The Roadrunners (23-11) will play Douglass (33-0) in the state quarterfinals Thursday at 11 a.m. (CST) at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro. Brainerd's season ends with a 15-15 record.

An 'exciting time' for players, families and A-E community

By Steve Williams

Going to state ...

"It's an exciting time," said Denard Bertram, Austin-East's boys basketball head coach, after the Roadrunners' 72-65 Class 2A Sectional win at Chattanooga Brainerd on March 4. "It's just like I told our kids; it's about each one of these players and their families and the Austin-East community."

"Our community needs good things to happen, and we're glad that we were able to shed that and get the people behind us. We feel like with that momentum it will help our school to see us all band together and be able to go and meet one common goal and that's to win a state championship."

The Roadrunners have been to the state finals 11 times, finishing runners-up eight times and winning state championships in 1977, 1985 and 1987.

"This school has been predominantly the best basketball school in Knoxville for years," Bertram added. "We've had some deals with different situations – kids leaving – but this was big for us to get the younger group of kids to say, 'Hey, we can stay at home and win also.' And so that's what

it means for us."

A 'great job' at A-E vs. Brainerd game this year

The unsportsmanlike incident involving the Austin-East and Brainerd boys basketball teams and fans in 2018 at Brainerd High was "a lingering idea in everybody's mind" prior to this year's Sectional game, said Coach Bertram.

"I know our administration worked well with Brainerd's administration to make sure that the players stayed safe and that crowd control was handled and I felt like both schools did a great job," said Bertram, who is in his second season as A-E's head coach. "I felt like both fan bases also did a good job."

Players from both teams went through the line shaking hands after the game, which Austin-East won. It was like the two schools and their boys basketball programs had come full circle.

After the incident in 2018, Brainerd Coach Levar Brown said he heard "We (A-E and Brainerd) couldn't play each other, unless we had to (for the post-season

reasons). That was initially one of the stipulations put in when we tried our first appeal; we would refrain from scheduling each other unless we just had to play each other."

"But that appeal got denied, so we took that off the table because we definitely still wanted to play each other. This has been a 30 to 40-year rivalry."

Brown added that he and Bertram talked at this year's Sectional game. "We definitely want to make sure we bring it (the game) back now that we are able to do so."

Lot of administrative support and three new assistants

Coach Bertram said he plans to stay at Austin-East.

"It's a big thing for the administration (led by Principal Tammi Campbell) and athletic director (Jeff Black) to have confidence in me and run the program the way we needed to," said Bertram, who has three new assistants this season (Darius Collins, Joe Rader and Richard Vineyard) who have joined Dre Mathieu.

'A little story that turned into a big story'

Hearing about football and basketball recruiting can be a year-long obsession with sports fans. Sports writers and other media discuss recruiting nearly every day of the year. It's often an intense conversation. The outcome of future championship competitions is influenced by the players recruited and signed each year by schools across the country, even beyond.

Coverage affects the lives of fans across the country in a number of ways, particularly when a favored player goes elsewhere or their school signs a big-time prospect.

Recruiting announcements today bring to mind how different things were in the 1960s and into the 1970s and 1980s.

Recruiting hadn't yet become a way of life. There were none of the instant communication links we all know and follow today. When a local television station in those days said, "Film at 11," they meant it. Videotape had not yet found its niche.

Cable television, complete with ESPN and other sports media, was not yet a "must-have" item for the

well-equipped sports devotee's home. There was no way, short of extensive travel, fans could watch the players of tomorrow do their thing on the field or court.

There was, however, "Signing Day" in football, a major event in those days. On Saturday afternoons in early December at Tennessee, signees would put pen to paper at a ceremony in one hallway of Stokely Center. It was a media event beyond parallel. More players would sign in the ensuing weeks and months.

That was occasionally a chancy endeavor. Alcoa's Albert Davis signed with the Vols in the spring of 1967 but was declared ineligible under uncertain circumstances a few months later. U.T. historian Dr. Milton Klein later called the withdrawal of Davis's grant-in-aid "embarrassing" to Davis and the university.

There were, of course, the major, highly-recruited players, such as Lew Alcindor, Rick Mount, Bill Walton, and others, but, other than the players close to home, fans had to rely on sketchy newspaper reports of the high school players considering signing with the Vols or anybody else.

It was nothing like what

it is today. Marvin West called the coverage "a little story that turned into a big story." Local fans rooted for their favorite player to be recruited by Tennessee. Sometimes they were, sometimes not.

When Ray Mears showed up at a high school game in Knoxville or surrounding areas, it was a big deal.

Mears showed up at Holston High School one winter night in 1965 to watch teams led by future Vols Jimmy England and Bill Justus square off. There wasn't a seat to be had, but when Mears, resplendent in an orange blazer, arrived, the waters parted, and he found a seat in the Holston student section. The man knew how to make an entrance. The Vols ended up signing both players, and neither one disappointed Vol fans once they arrived on campus.

There were some interesting moments as players made campus visits. In 1970, no one could miss the sight of Vol assistant coach Stu Aberdeen, all 5-4 of him, squiring Tommy Bureson, all of 7-2, around Stokely Center. North Carolina State eventually signed him and won a national championship in 1974, but Bureson had to have been impressed by the welcome he received.



Alcoa's Albert Davis signed with the Vols in the spring of 1967, but was later declared ineligible under uncertain circumstances and never played a down for the Vols.

So were many other players.

Aberdeen was a master of the recruiting details (West called him "tenacious"), from camping out in New York City, allegedly for 30 days, to make an impression on recruits such as Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King (not to mention AD Bob Woodruff, who once threatened to pull Stu off the road and tried to cut the hoops recruiting budget).

One of the memorable aspects of the Tennessee experience was the half-time introduction of a prospect Mears wanted to be a Volunteer. It was all part of

the pageantry Ray brought to Tennessee basketball.

The arena was full, bathed in orange. The games were hotly contested. Moments after the teams left the floor at halftime, the house lights dimmed.

A spotlight, ably operated by Wallace McClure, shone down on the Tartan floor where two cheerleaders escorted a prospect to the old-fashioned "UT" at center court. The band cranked up one or more school songs. In the early years, one of the songs wasn't "Rocky Top." That popular little ditty did not make an appearance until

the 1972 Alabama game at Neyland Stadium.

Fans rose as one as Hayward Harris read a marvelously well-crafted script about the prospect's exploits on the court. It was definitely a thrilling moment.

The NCAA later put the kibosh on such shenanigans, but they were an integral part of the Tennessee basketball experience.

Fans today don't know what they missed in earlier years. While often called the "Dark Ages," those good old days were pretty good. Don't let anybody tell you any differently.

Falcons working to be ready for state

By Steve Williams

Fulton High's boys basketball team hasn't been tested in over a month.

In post-season district, region and sectional action, the Falcons breezed through six games by an average winning margin of 45.0 points.

Is that good or bad for Fulton going into the TSSAA state tournament Thursday in Murfreesboro?

Since a 60-58 win at Gatlinburg-Pittman on Feb. 6 and a 58-56 win at Oak Ridge on Feb. 10 - Fulton's last two regular season games - the best sweat the Falcons have worked up has most likely been at practice this week scrimmaging 4 on 4 in half-court and 5 on 5 in full-court among themselves.

On top of that, Fulton Coach Jody Wright has had his defending Class 3A state champion team, which returns four starters, running wind sprints and working out in the weight room.

The built-in week off while the girls' state tourney is being played has to be a blessing.

"You lose a little bit of conditioning," said Wright after Thursday's practice. "Experience has taught me these practices need to be



demanding from a physical standpoint and as far as intensity and conditioning. It's getting self-ready to play three games in a row."

Wright said his team didn't have a game in district and region tournament play that didn't have a running clock.

"My guys practice at a high level and play at a high level," said Wright. "Toughness (physical and mental) and fundamentals are very important this time of year."

The Falcons defeated Tennessee High 71-42 in the sectional.

Fulton (32-2) will go against Fayette-Ware (24-5) in the state quarterfinals Thursday night at 8:45(CST) in Murphy Center at MTSU.

Only two Knox County teams left

Austin-East and Fulton boys are the only teams representing Knox County in Division I state tourney play this year.

Bearden (28-9) was eliminated at Morristown

East 54-52 in a Class 4A sectional.

South-Doyle, the Region 3-3A runner-up, was ousted by Upperman High at Baxter 66-46 in Class 3A sectional play. The Cherokees finished with a 19-12 record.

In the girls' sectionals, Dobyns-Bennett topped Farragut 54-47 and Sevier County turned back Bearden 69-55.

Mains 'super proud' of Lady Irish

"These girls never cease to amaze me," said Knoxville Catholic Coach Travis Mains, who saw his team defeat Knoxville Webb 53-39 to win the Division II-AA title for the second straight season.

"The power of TEAM is hard to stop. When you have kids that accept roles and step up when their time to contribute is called on, they stepped up every time.

"I am just super proud to be able to be their coach and go on these amazing journeys together. It's kind of sad that this one has come to an end, but super excited for Caroline Krueger's and Sydney Mains' next chapters. They have stamped their legacies and left so many memories for us to enjoy."

Eddie Courtney announces retirement

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not going to matter to you." He said it was time to move on but said he doesn't have any health problems.

"I feel good," Courtney said.

Now, it's time to spend more time with his family, "I knew that those 12-13-hour days were starting to add up on me a little bit," said Courtney, who recently celebrated his 70th

birthday. "I knew it was time to change."

He's not leaving the program completely behind. He said that he plans on being around in some capacity.

"I'm going to try to spend time with my family and friends," Courtney said. "But I'm going to continue to serve and give to this school."

He cherishes his time with the school, the football team and the Town of

Farragut.

"It's a great program, great community, great everything," Courtney said. "I can't complain and I've been blessed to be in a super place, and it's time for somebody to add a few things to it and (bring) more energy to the program."

Farragut principal, Dr. John Bartlett, said that the school hopes to have its new head football coach in place by March 22.

Eddie Courtney Steps Down at Farragut

By Mark Nagi

Since 1996, one man has been leading the Farragut High School football program. But after 204 victories, four region titles and a state championship, Eddie Courtney has made the decision to retire from coaching the Admirals.

"I started thinking about the future," said Courtney. "I've gotta be the first one here and the last one to leave. That's the way I did things every day. And I started thinking about those 11, 12, 13-hour days... even at this time of year. I just can't commit to that. These kids deserve more than that. This is how I want to go out and this is who I am."

He added, "Everything is in place to continue to be good. I've been blessed to be here all these years. I'm happy and want to go out happy."

Courtney has fought cancer on two separate occasions but says that his health is great and that his decision has nothing to do with his well-being.

Overall, Courtney has been a coach for 46 years. In that time, you coach a lot of kids.

"You wouldn't believe the amount of phone calls and texts I've had," said Courtney of his former players. "Just thanking me for what they learned when they were here that helped them in life. Yeah, we won the biggest share of games, won championships and those kind of things... but it goes back to who you believe in and trust. And when those bullets start flying in the heat of battle you revert back to your training. I feel like that has been consistent and been a good thing."

Courtney was a grad assistant at UT in 1976. He started on the Farragut coaching staff in 1977, and other than three years as the defensive coordinator at Halls from 1979 to 1981, Courtney has spent his entire coaching career just off Kingston Pike in west Knoxville.

"This place is special," said Courtney. "The community is very supportive. They want the kids to do well academically. They care about their grades. They want their kids to compete for championships and those good enough to complete at



Coach Eddie Courtney announced his retirement Wednesday morning at Farragut High School's football field house.

the next level. I've been blessed to have administrators that have supported me and let me do things the way I want to do it."

That backing is a big reason why he decided to stay at Farragut for all these years.

"There are guys that have messed up," said Courtney. "They left jobs that (they thought) were better and didn't realize it in time. They should have stayed where they were at because they were more successful and know how to motivate that style of kid. They know how to fundraise but will jump to another job just for the name of the place. I tell the young guys all the time to find out how that community really is."

He added, "Why leave if it is not broke, and you can still be productive and still be comfortable and get better every day?"

Courtney will not be a stranger to Farragut High School or the program. He will serve as the Director of Football Operations for the Admirals.

"I've had two or three facility plans that I have had on my calendar that I have tried to work on," Courtney said. "Upgrades to the stadium and an addition to the fieldhouse. My goal the next three years is to get those things done."

Kimber twins' last week could be bittersweet

By Steve Williams

Most high school sports reporters in the Knoxville area learned the jersey numbers of the Kimber twins four years ago because that was about the only way to tell them apart.

Denaj is No. 4 and Taj is No. 20. Both became starters as freshmen for Fulton Coach Jody Wright's basketball team in 2020-21.

They've been standout members of the Maroon and White throughout their prep careers and The Focus is featuring them in this week's issue.

As sophomores, they were state runners-up in the TSSAA tournament in Murfreesboro.

Last year, as juniors, they helped Fulton put together one of the greatest first-half performances ever in a state finale as the Falcons led 45-19 at halftime en route to an 82-52 victory over Haywood.

The Kimber twins will be playing in the state tournament for the final time this week and hope to win three games at MTSU and bring back another gold ball to FHS.

The first game will be in the Class 3A quarterfinals Thursday night at 8:45 (CST) against Fayette-Ware.

Denaj and Taj are 18-year-old fraternal twins and the sons of Deontra and Jazz Kimber. Both parents played basketball in high school – the mother at Central and the father at Austin-East.

The twins have two older brothers and four older sisters, with Jamonie, 14, the youngest girl in the family.

Taj said he's the oldest of the twins by "five minutes." Taj also is the tallest at 6-4 and weighs 165 pounds. He plays a wing position and is a good scorer and rebounder.

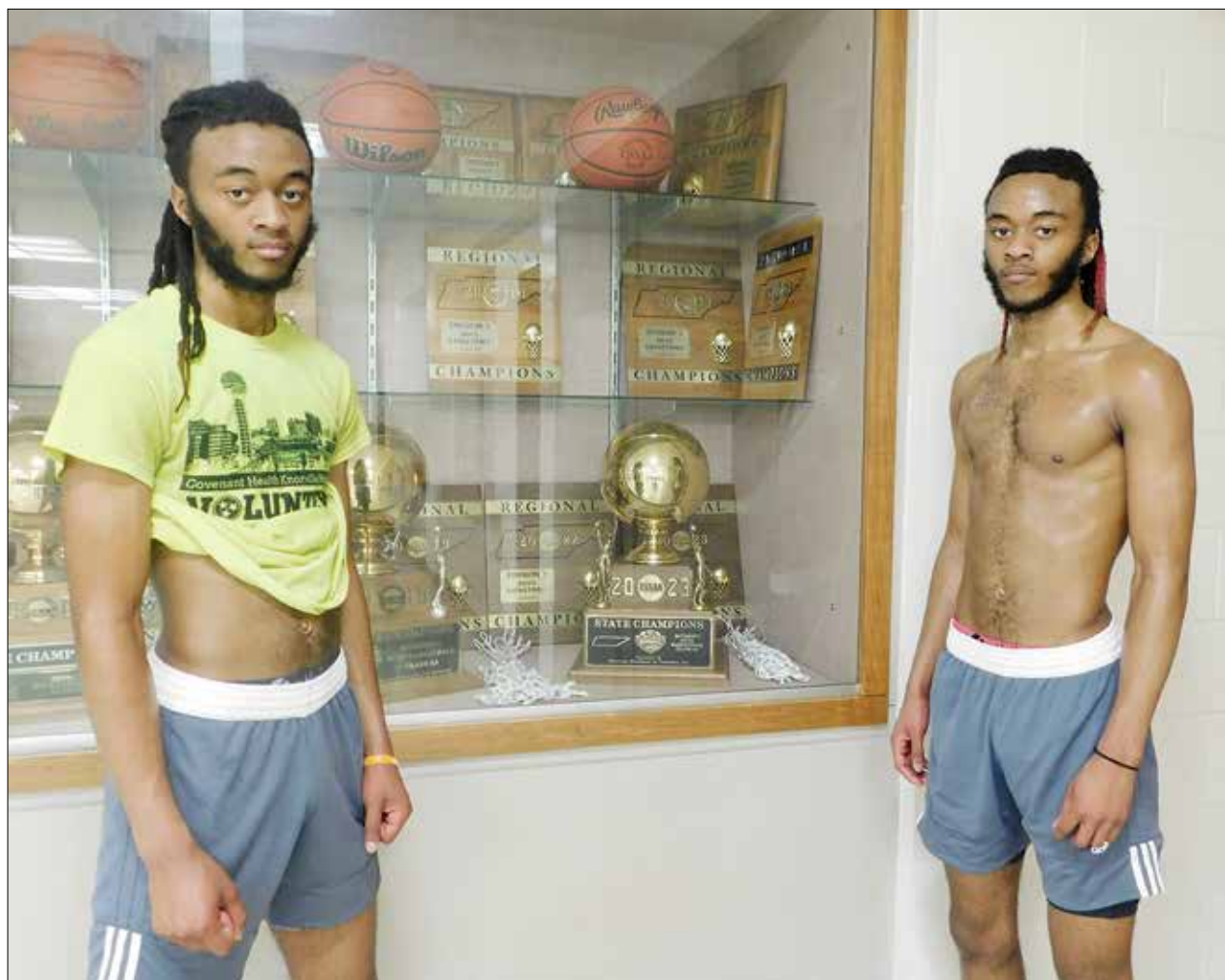
Denaj runs the Fulton offense at point guard and a good defender. He's 6-3 and said he weighs 157. "But I might have gotten heavier," he added. "I've got to go weigh myself."

Both shoot left-handed and are athletic.

A note about the twins' past: Playing for Coach Linwood Holloway at Whittle Springs in middle school in 2019-20, they won the Knox County championship by defeating West Valley at South-Doyle, but lost the chance to advance to the TMSAA State Tournament when they lost to West Valley in a post-season rematch at Hardin Valley.

As for their future: They both have offers from Tusculum University, Maryville College, Roane State, Walters State, Columbia State and Johnson University, and plan to play together in college.

Here are some questions we asked Denaj and Taj:



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Fulton twins Taj Kimber (left) and Denaj Kimber pose in front of the trophy case, where the Falcons' 2023 gold basketball shines. The two Falcon standouts are in their senior season of their prep careers and hope to bring back another state title from Murfreesboro this coming Saturday.

Being twins, are you really close in other things you do?

Denaj: "Yeah, always. We enjoy being with each other doing other things. (But) basketball is not the only thing we're close with ... (We have) same friends (and enjoy) going out. You know, obviously brother stuff, not just twin stuff."

Taj added: "Coming over to everybody else's house and just hanging out."

Any story on your similar first names?

Taj: "They came up with my name first and then they just decided to make the other name like it. Since we're twins, you mind as well try to match each other's names (in sound). Then they came up with Denaj."

Denaj: "I think my mother told me they came up with my name from somebody in a concert ... The name of the woman in the concert was Denajah, but they shortened my name to Denaj."

Denaj, What would you say about Fulton Coach Jody Wright, who ranks in the Top 10 in the state in wins among high school coaches?

"He develops people," said Denaj. "He might not get you places to play, but he'll always develop you; make you a man going out of high school. Coach Wright is the best coach I ever had, aside of Linwood Holloway and my Pops of course. But other than that, I say Coach Wright is No. 1 right now."

Taj, what would you like to say about Coach Wright?

"Coach Wright helped me through everything when I first came to Fulton ... skill-wise, footwork ... Even being a man, Coach Wright has put me through a lot,



Twins Taj (left) and Denaj Kimber take a short break at practice March 6 inside the Jody Wright Arena.

but it helps me; helped me become who I am right now."

Denaj, What's your feelings about possibly having only three games left in your high school career?

"I'm trying to enjoy it as much as I can these last few days of practice, these last few games with my guys for the last time," said Denaj. "I know it's going to end how we want it, but I know it isn't going to feel good, so I'm trying to enjoy it right now."

So you think it's kind of going to be bittersweet?

"Yeah, exactly," answered Denaj.

Taj, what are your feelings about going into this state tournament with possibly only three games left?

"I'm very happy to be in this position where we are now," said Taj. "I'm glad we made it to where we need to be. We still got to buy-in and try to win all three."

Denaj, What have you enjoyed the most of your years playing basketball at Fulton?

"Well actually winning the

championship," said Denaj. "Getting the ring, getting the trophy, cutting down the nets felt good. That's my favorite right now, so hopefully I can have two favorites going on this year, too."

Denaj, Outside of basketball, what have you enjoyed about being at Fulton?

"Well, I always say hopefully making it to graduation and enjoying that with my friends and family," said Denaj. "And prom. I'm waiting on prom. I didn't go to prom last year, so that too. We (Taj and I) didn't go last year. We were playing AAU, so we weren't really worried about prom. So we'll go this year."

Taj, Is there anything you want to add outside

of basketball that you've enjoyed at Fulton?

"Just all of us connecting like being together, building a bond to where we always keep in contact with each other regardless of what goes on outside of school or basketball," said Taj. "In the long run, we'll still be connected."

Taj, Do you have mixed feelings? Is it going to be kind of bittersweet?

"I can say I'm glad I'm happy, but at the same time I'm not ready to let go playing with my brothers, because I've been playing with them since we were kids," said Taj. "So it's going to be tough, but I'm going to just enjoy the time that we have and be ready to play every night."

"This is hard to put into words. Those guys have come in from Day 1 and just been on a quest to get better. I love their work ethic. I love their personality. Man, you coach guys like that; I could coach forever. It's really hard to quantify their contributions. They're class kids. I don't know how many times I get another coach call me and just compliment those guys: 'I spoke to them after the game Coach. Just the way they interact with my kids.' I get that literally all the time; coaches calling me to compliment those guys and then that affects everybody. It makes the culture of your program a winning culture when your best players are your hardest workers, and you can throw Tyler Lee in there with them. Nobody outworks those guys. So yes, they have been a joy to coach; they really have. I think I told them on Senior Night here was the day I've been dreading for four years. I knew it was going to come. Yes, what an impact they have had on our school, on our community. We've had some really good basketball teams here at Fulton; some really, really good ones and I don't know if we've had any that our community and our people love as much as this team. They're easy to like; they really are. And I give a lot of that credit to Taj and Denaj."

- Fulton Coach Jody Wright's comments on the Kimber twins

The Kimber twins' favorites

Denaj's 'favs'

Color: red and pink.

Food: chicken and tacos

Soft drink: cranberry juice

Dessert: birthday cake. "I don't like all that chocolate stuff."

Hobby: reading. (Big Nate and Amulet books)

Class subject: math.

Pro or college sports: NBA, "because I watch it more."

NBA team: Denver Nuggets

NBA player: Nah'Shon Hyland

College team: Tennessee

Taj's 'favs'

Color: red

Food: chicken wings

Soft drink: strawberry lemonade

Dessert: Cookies and Cream ice cream

Hobby: "just basketball."

Class subject: math

Pro or college sports: "College for sure. College is more competitive."

College player: Elliot Cadeau

Pro sports: NBA

NBA team: Golden State Warriors

NBA player: De'Aaron Fox

College team: North Carolina basketball



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FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of May, 2023, Jason Charles Swanson and Chelsea Erin Fontaine executed a Wrap Around Deed of Trust to Wagon Wheel Title & Escrow, LLC, a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee, as Trustee for the benefit of First to Fight, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, to secure a promissory note in the principal amount of \$235,000.00, all as fully set forth in said Deed of Trust that is recorded at Instrument No. 202305230062746, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, the holder of the Note, pursuant to the authority granted in the Deed of Trust, has appointed C. Dan Scott as Substitute Trustee, with the same powers as the original Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness, said indebtedness being now past due and the entire amount thereof having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Note and the Deed of Trust.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the authority invested in me, I will on the **27th day of March, 2024** at 11:00 a.m. (EST), offer for sale and sell at the front door of the City and County Building, Main Street Entrance, located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, in Knox County, Tennessee, to the last, highest, and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate to-wit:

SITUATED in Civil District Number Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the South line of Strawberry Plains Pike, distant 497 feet, more or less, Westerly from the center line of Mollie Bright Road and said point being distant 30 feet from the center line of Strawberry Plains Pike; thence from said beginning point, South 16 deg. 20 min. East 435 feet to a 10 inch persimmon tree on the hill; thence South 76 deg. 10 min. West 343.4 feet to an iron pin; thence North 04 deg. 06 min. West 439.7 feet to an iron pin in the South line of Strawberry Plains Pike; thence with said line, North 75 deg. 54 min. East 250 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

This conveyance is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and building setback lines of record in Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Jason Charles Swanson and Chelsea Erin Fontaine by deed of record at Instr. No. 202305230062745, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

THE REAL PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO the terms and provisions of the Deed of Trust granted by Monique Lisa K. Resto, a single woman, securing indebtedness in the original principal amount of \$225,000.00, that is of record at Instr. No. 202212300037518, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made.

All references to recorded documents refer to recordation at the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place of sale set forth above

The address of the property, but not a part of the property description, is believed to be 8218 Strawberry Plains Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924.

This notice shall be published in the The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, on March 4, 2024, March 11, 2024, and March 18, 2024.

Date this the 28th day of March 2024.

s/C. Dan Scott, Trustee

Scott Law Group, PC
P.O. Box 545
Seymour, TN 37867
865-246-1050

Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13TH day of FEBRUARY 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

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

NO. 206313-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIE SANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with PATTY WHITEHEAD, an Attorney whose address is 3145 AVALON RIDGE PLACE, SUITE 100 PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30071 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

D. CHRISTIAN CAIN, Petitioner,
vs.
SUSAN B. CAIN, Respondent.
No. 205772-1

LOCATION: SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 2, RESUB OF LOT 1, B. A. BOWER ESTATE AND TRACTS 1 & 2 OF KNOXVILLE CANVAS CRAFTERS, as shown on the plat of the same record being Instrument No. 200107050000906, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the rights and obligations in and to a 50-foot joint permanent easement as shown on the recorded map of record in Instrument No. 200107050000906, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and by Joint Permanent Easement Agreement of record in Deed Book 1807, page 461, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the rights and obligations in and to a 25-foot joint permanent easement as shown on the recorded map of record in Instrument No. 200107050000906, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and as set out in Declaration of Permanent Easement of record as Instrument No. 200107050000895, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

FURTHER CONVEYED SUBJECT TO Fire Protection Agreement of record in Deed Book 1807, page 473, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to D.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

Christian Cain and wife, Susan B. Cain from Janet S. Bower by Warranty Deed dated October 8, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200210100031093, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 8910 Valgro Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920, and bears Tax Parcel No. 138-273.03.

The sale is being conducted by the Clerk and Master for the Knox County Chancery Court on behalf of the Knox County Chancery Court pursuant to the Order entered October 27, 2023, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, April 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid.

The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an upset bid within ten (10) days following the sale and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110. Any upset bid shall be at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the original winning bid. If the Clerk and Master receives an upset bid, he shall conduct an upset sale on April 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the same location as the initial sale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

Mabel Harris, Petitioner,
vs.
Edward Baysolow, Respondent.
No. 197651-1

LOCATION: SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 25th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 6 and part of Lot 5, Block C, GALBRAITH'S SUBDIVISION of the Western Park of the Welker Property, as shown on the map on the same of record in Map Book 7, page 54, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and according to the survey of Smoky Mountain Land Surveying Company, Inc., Howard T. Dawson, Surveyor, dated January 12, 2001, bearing Drawing Number 010016, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a new iron pin in the southeastern right-of-way of Greenwood Avenue, corner to Lot 7, said iron pin being located in a southwesterly direction 748.33 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of Woodlawn Pike and the southeastern right-of-way of Greenwood Avenue; thence with the line of Lot 7, South 35 deg. 00 min. 26 sec. East, 250.30 feet to an existing iron pin corner to Lot 20; thence with the line of Lot 20, South 56 deg. 33 min. 04 sec. West, 85.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence with a severance line of Lot 5, North 35 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. West, 247.30 feet to a new iron pin in the southeastern right-of-way of Greenwood Avenue; thence with the southeastern right-of-way of Greenwood Avenue, North 54 deg. 31 min. 43 sec. East, 84.94 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

BEING the same property conveyed to Edward Baysolow and Mabel N. Baysolow, husband and wife, from Lance Truax and Beth M. Truax, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed dated March 31, 2006, filed for record as Instrument No. 200604030082117, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 232 Greenwood Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920 and bears Tax Parcel No. 1090C-006.00.

The sale is being conducted by the Clerk and Master for the Knox County Chancery Court on behalf of the Knox County Chancery Court pursuant to the Order entered March 31, 2023, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, April 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: 1203 TEXAS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORA WINTON THOMPSON, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEONA THOMPSON, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF YVONNE "BONNIE" LATHAM

IN RE: DANIEL G. LATHAM v. 1203 TEXAS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORA WINTON THOMPSON, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEONA THOMPSON, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF YVONNE "BONNIE" LATHAM

NO. 208060-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant 1203 TEXAS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORA WINTON THOMPSON, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEONA THOMPSON, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF YVONNE "BONNIE" LATHAM, 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, it is 1203 TEXAS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORA WINTON THOMPSON, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEONA THOMPSON, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF YVONNE "BONNIE" LATHAM, 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, 1203 TEXAS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CORA WINTON THOMPSON, the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEONA THOMPSON, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF YVONNE "BONNIE" LATHAM, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with LUKE D. DURHAM, an Attorney whose address is 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604 Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 5th day of MARCH, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

JAMES B. SHARP, Petitioner,
vs.
WILLIAM C. SHARP, GARY DEAN SHARP SR., VIVIAN MINCEY, BOBBIE JEAN WIGGLESTON, KENNETH CARL LOVEDAY, BECKY SHARP, ANDREW JAY SHARP, NATALIE NICOLE SHARP, SHON MICHAEL BERRIER, JOSHUA ALLEN SHARP, JUSTIN WAYNE SHARP, DIA NICOLE SHARP, JAMIE SPICKARD, MELISSA LANDIS and CYNTHIA ROCHAT, Respondent.
No. 205448-1

LOCATION: SITUATED in the Second (2nd) District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 11th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, lying and being at the Southeast corner of Scott Avenue, and being more particularly bounded and

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Clerk and Master

described as follows:

BEGINNING on a point located in the Southeast line of Scott Avenue, the same standing North 42 deg. East, 44.1 feet from the intersection of the Southeast line of Scott Avenue, North 42 deg. West, 25.9 feet to an iron pin; thence at right angles to Scott Avenue, South 48 deg. East, 82.5 feet to an iron pin; thence parallel with Scott Avenue, 42 deg. West, 25.9 feet to the Southeast corner of the property now belonging to J.A. Lyon, et ux Cora J. Lyon thence with the Northeast line of the property of said J.A. Lyon, et ux Cora J. Lyon, and at right angles to Scott Avenue, North 48 deg. West, 82.5 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

There is also conveyed a twelve foot easement or right-of-way from Cornelia Street over property of J.A. Lyon, et ux Cora J. Lyon, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the Northeast line of Cornelia Street, said point standing South 48 deg. East, 64.3 feet from the Southeast corner of Scott Avenue and Cornelia Street; thence parallel with Scott Avenue, North 42 deg. East 44.1 feet to a point, thence at right angles with the Northeast line of Cornelia Street, North 48 deg. West 12 feet to the point of BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF Sehorn & Kennedy, Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated October 31, 1941.

BEING the same property conveyed to Betty Sue Johnson, single for her lifetime, with the remainder to all the children of Doris Evelyn Sharp, deceased, by Quitclaim Deed dated June 5, 1999, of record in Instrument 200607270007816 and by Warranty Deed dated April 5, 2001, of record in Instrument 200607270007815, both in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office. Betty Sue Johnson is deceased.

This parcel is commonly known as 304 E. Scott Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917, and bears Tax Parcel No. 081LQ-002.00.

The sale is being conducted by the Clerk and Master for the Knox County Chancery Court on behalf of the Knox County Chancery Court pursuant to the Order entered September 08, 2023, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, April 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid.

The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an upset bid within ten (10) days following the sale and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110. Any upset bid shall be at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the original winning bid. If the Clerk and Master receives an upset bid, he shall conduct an upset sale on April 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the same location as the initial sale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master

ESTATE OF SALLEY BROOKS
DOCKET NUMBER 88947-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SALLEY BROOKS who died Jan 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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) Twelve (12) 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 22th day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF SALLEY BROOKS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA MARIE BENJAMIN; EXECUTRIX
3934 CONLEY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ESTATE OF JUDY F. BURROUGHS
DOCKET NUMBER 88955-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY F. BURROUGHS who died August 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) 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 23th day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JUDY F. BURROUGHS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ESTATE OF JUDY F. BURROUGHS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF A. J. BUSSELL
DOCKET NUMBER 88949-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of A. J. BUSSELL who died Dec 25, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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) 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 16 day of FEBRUARAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF A. J. BUSSELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
A J BUSSELL JR.; EXECUTOR
11905 BURDAK CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

ESTATE OF A. J. BUSSELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
A J BUSSELL JR.; EXECUTOR
11905 BURDAK CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF LAVERNE T. CARTER AKA FRANCES LAVERNE T. CARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 89036-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAVERNE T. CARTER AKA FRANCES LAVERNE T. CARTER who died January 20, 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) 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 22th day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LAVERNE T. CARTER
AKA FRANCES LAVERNE T. CARTER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM JACKSON CARTER
9032 MASCOAT ROAD
MASCOAT, TN 37806

ESTATE OF LAVERNE T. CARTER AKA FRANCES LAVERNE T. CARTER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM JACKSON CARTER
9032 MASCOAT ROAD
MASCOAT, TN 37806

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF REBA S. CHADWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 89028-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBA S. CHADWELL, who died January 26, 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) Four 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 REBA S. CHADWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH N. CLARKE, JR.
700 FOREST HEIGHTS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANN COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 89014-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PEGGY ANN COLLINS who died Jan 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANN COLLINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONNIE LEE COLLINS; ADMINISTRATOR
4606 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANN COLLINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONNIE LEE COLLINS; ADMINISTRATOR
4606 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

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 REBA S. CHADWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH N. CLARKE, JR.
700 FOREST HEIGHTS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ESTATE OF REBA S. CHADWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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DOCKET NUMBER 89014-3

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

This the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANN COLLINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONNIE LEE COLLINS; ADMINISTRATOR
4606 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 379

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LOUIS FAW DOCKET NUMBER 88341-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL LOUIS FAW who died March 17, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 described 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.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LOUIS FAW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA FAW BOLING
5840 COUBRA DRIVE
MARRERO, LA 70072

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY
5344 NORTH BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. GIBSON AKA WILLIAM ARTHUR GIBSON DOCKET NUMBER 89030-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM A. GIBSON AKA WILLIAM ARTHUR GIBSON who died January 5, 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.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. GIBSON AKA WILLIAM ARTHUR GIBSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN DAVID GIBSON, EXECUTOR
2404 WEST GALLAHER FERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

JACKSON G. KRAMER, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RENE L. HARGER DOCKET NUMBER 88979-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of RENE L. HARGER who died December 28, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF RENE L. HARGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSICA HARGER
1605 W. MICHIGAN ST.
MT. PLEASANT, MI 48958

NATHAN MILLER
2115 BAINBRIDGE WAY
POWELL, TN 37849

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10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON GAY HYDER DOCKET NUMBER 88880-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHARON GAY HYDER who died October 9, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division, Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or not, against the estate are required to file same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

ESTATE OF SHARON GAY HYDER

ESTATE OF SHARON GAY HYDER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL E. HYDER

JONATHAN R. HAMBY ATTORNEY
PO BOX 1250
CROSSVILLE, TN 38557

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA G. KESSEL AKA GLORIA GRUBB KESSEL DOCKET NUMBER 89054-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLORIA G. KESSEL AKA GLORIA GRUBB KESSEL who died January 7, 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.

ESTATE OF GLORIA G. KESSEL AKA GLORIA GRUBB KESSEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN KESSEL NELSON, EXECUTRIX
12101 EAST ASHTON COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JACKSON G. KRAMER, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ANNE KRAMER DOCKET NUMBER 89003-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA ANNE KRAMER, who died on 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.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ANNE KRAMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CASPER EMIL KRAMER
403 MOSER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

MATTHEW T. McDONALD, ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ODELIA LAUGHTERTY DOCKET NUMBER 88892-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ODELIA LAUGHTERTY, who died November 28, 2023, were issued to Debra D. Dylan 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:

(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.

ESTATE OF ODELIA LAUGHTERTY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA D. DYLAN
5212 VANARDO WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ARNOLD G. COHEN, ATTORNEY
606 W. MAIN STREET SUITE 2205
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO ANN LOY DOCKET NUMBER 89111-1

Notice is Hereby Given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of JO ANN LOY, deceased, who died January 30, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against her estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JO ANN LOY

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 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JO ANN LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HENRY FORD LOY, JR.; EXECUTOR
9719 E. EMORY ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSEMARY MARINO DOCKET NUMBER 88872-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ROSEMARY MARINO who died Oct 27, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSEMARY MARINO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA MCGREGOR; ADMINISTRATRIX
210 VANOSDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMIE C. MCFALLS DOCKET NUMBER 89037-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMIE C. MCFALLS who died January 16, 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.

ESTATE OF JAMIE C. MCFALLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHEN NASH COPELAND
PO BOX 20319
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37940

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY SUE PATTERSON DOCKET NUMBER 89032-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PEGGY SUE PATTERSON, who died January 8, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 described in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF PEGGY SUE PATTERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIM RAY PATTERSON
2519 BRIGHTON FARMS BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

PAMELA KAYE MCCULLOUGH
274 RIVERMONT CIRCLE
FRANKLIN, TN 37064

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY
5344 NORTH BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY PATTON DOCKET NUMBER 88837-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY PATTON who died Nov 29, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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.

ESTATE OF BETTY PATTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CLARA MICHAELLE PULEO; EXECUTRIX
206 RIVER TRAIL
BALL GROUND, GA 30107

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUELLEN BROWN ROEHL DOCKET NUMBER 89051-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of SUELLEN BROWN ROEHL who died on December 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF SUELLEN BROWN ROEHL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH HENRY CATE, JR. 9183 WESLEY PLACE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

AMANDA M. BUSBY, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 2588 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2588

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID B ROSINE DOCKET NUMBER 89009-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID B ROSINE who died Dec 28, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the 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

ESTATE OF DAVID B ROSINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS B ROSINE; EXECUTOR
4841 SHELL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA SHEDDAN DOCKET NUMBER 89112-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA SHEDDAN who died November 2, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA SHEDDAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK OLIVER
5208 BEVERLY OAKS DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ROGAN OLIVER
7205 IMPERIAL DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DUSTIN LANDRY ATTORNEY
859 EBENEZER RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE P STEELE DOCKET NUMBER 89050-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of

FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE P STEELE who died Nov 20, 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.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE P STEELE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTHAN ANNE DOCKINS; CO-EXECUTRIX
7923 GATEKEEPER WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

DONNA KATHERINE KECK; CO-EXECUTRIX
7922 GATEKEEPER WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID WARD JR DOCKET NUMBER 88832-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES DAVID WARD JR who died Oct 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.

ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID WARD JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS B KARNES; EXECUTOR
1917 E GOV JOHN SEVIER HWY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

WESTON A GANTTE ATTORNEY
P.O BOX 398
DANDRIDGE TN 37725

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARRETT STEVEN WATTS DOCKET NUMBER 88995-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GARRETT STEVEN WATTS who died Dec 29, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on 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.

ESTATE OF GARRETT STEVEN WATTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOAN BEVERLY WATTS; ADMINISTRATRIX
8552 BARON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DANA PEMBERTON ATTORNEY
920 VOLUNTEER LANDING LANE SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HEATHER MONIQUE WHALEY DOCKET NUMBER 89015-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HEATHER MONIQUE WHALEY who died Nov 30, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF HEATHER MONIQUE WHALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES HOWARD RYMER DOCKET NUMBER 89115-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES HOWARD RYMER who died on January 27, 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 29 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLES HOWARD RYMER, DECEASED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTINA MARIE SILVEIRA; EXECUTOR
5305 GARDEN DR.
CRESTWOOD, KY 40014

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN SCHLATRE DOCKET NUMBER 89083-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVEN SCHLATRE who died Dec 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024

ESTATE OF STEVEN SCHLATRE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEIRDRE MILSTEAD; EXECUTRIX
1536 N COURTNEY OAK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET STOCKS DOCKET NUMBER 89106-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET STOCKS who died Dec 14, 2013, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGARET STOCKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALAN STOCKS; EXECUTOR
8420 ANDERSONVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE WILSON STOOKSBURY DOCKET NUMBER 89074-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WAYNE WILSON STOOKSBURY who died Jan 6, 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 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WAYNE WILSON STOOKSBURY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHIRLEY ANN STOOKSBURY; EXECUTRIX
4732 RIDGE GROVE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THELMA JEAN W TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 89084-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THELMA JEAN W TAYLOR who died

Dec 3, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2024.

ESTATE OF THELMA JEAN W TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONALD AUBREY TAYLOR; EXECUTOR
9000 GRANADA LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 89086-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID WAYNE TAYLOR who died Jan 9, 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 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JULIE TOWNSEND; EXECUTRIX
6921 N RUGGLES FERRY PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK HOWARD TILLET, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89066-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACK HOWARD TILLET, JR. who died Dec 6, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1 day of MARCH, 2024.

ESTATE OF JACK HOWARD TILLET, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURIE TILLET; ADMINISTRATRIX
7709 STONEWOOD CREEK DRIVE
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS JUNE WILKE DOCKET NUMBER 89078-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MARCH, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS JUNE WILKE who died January 18, 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 MARCH, 2024.

ESTATE OF DORIS JUNE WILKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBIN L. NETTLES
1860 PINESTRAW LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 89080-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID MICHAEL WILLIAMS, who died October 7, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will 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 4 day of MARCH, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CATHERINE M. WILLIAMS
330 WINTHROPE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

KATHERINE A. YOUNG, ATTORNEY
9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 121
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROSE GRACE ZIMMER DOCKET NUMBER 88965-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ROSE GRACE ZIMMER who died on September 24, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 if 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 29 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROSE GRACE ZIMMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK ZIMMER; ADMINISTRATOR
210 S. HAMPTON DRIVE
JUPITER, FL 33458

CARIN C. BRIO, ATTORNEY
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR AN INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP ABOUT THE KNOX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

THIS MEETING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC FORUM FOR THIS MEETING.

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN. THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME. MEMBERS OF KNOX COUNTY MAYOR'S STAFF WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

LEGAL SECTION

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

- Bid 3525, Russell Road Bridge Replacement, due 4/9/24;
 - Bid 3539, Traffic Control Equipment, due 4/10/24;
 - Bid 3540, Medical Waste Collection and Disposal Services, due 4/9/24;
 - RFP 3541, Strategic Planning Services, due 4/9/24;
 - RFO 3542, Architectural Design Services, due 4/11/24;
 - Bid 3543, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0045, due 3/21/24;
 - Bid 3544, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0047, due 3/21/24;
 - Bid 3545, Home Rehab Program Workorder 2022CN0048, due 3/21/24
- For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Main Assembly Room, City/County Building 400 W. Main Street

NOTE: Those wishing to sign up to speak on any agenda item can do so via the Merit System website at www.knoxcounty.org/meritsystem, emailing merit_system@knoxcounty.org or calling the office at 865-215-4446. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, March 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that Prosperity Retina, LLC (the "Company") has been dissolved and is in the process of winding up and liquidating its business and affairs. All persons with claims against the Company must send them to the Company in writing to 9050 Executive Park Drive, Suite 202A, Knoxville, TN 37923-4670.

The following information must be included in each claim: (a) the name and address of the claimant; (b) the description and basis of the claim; (c) the amount of the claim; (d) the date it arose; and (e) any documentation substantiating it. A claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice.

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