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Farragut senior pole vaulter Julian Gorfido clears the bar at 14 feet, 7 inches to set one of the six new records at the KIL Track and Field Meet last week at Hardin Valley Academy. Please check out the other record-setters and winners along with the team results in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Isaiah 117 House holds fundraising luncheon

By Ken Lay

The Knoxville Isaiah 117 House held its fundraising luncheon early last week at Buffat Heights Baptist Church.

The event, hosted by WVLT anchor Casey Wheelless, was held to raise money and seek volunteers for the Isaiah 117 House, located just a few yards from Buffat Heights.

The house serves children who have been removed from their homes and are awaiting placement in foster care.

The Knoxville Isaiah 117 House is one of several houses in Tennessee, and is one of 40 across 17 states. The Knoxville house was conceived in 2019 by Kristi Whitehead and opened in 2023 with Whitehead serving as the



Isaiah 117 House program coordinator Kristi Whitehead discusses the development of Knoxville's Isaiah 117 House at a fundraiser held last week at Buffat Heights Baptist Church.

program director. Whitehead said she felt the need to open Knoxville's Isaiah

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Hardin Valley part of continued growth in the Sixth District

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Knox County's District 6, which includes much of Hardin Valley and Karns, may have the largest population growth of new residents, houses, and businesses.

The boom is reflected in the number of new subdivision roads requested in the northwestern district on the county commission's work session agenda next Monday.

"Consideration of the Acceptance of New County Roads" includes Districts 6's Hatmaker Lane and Utopia Lane in the Sonesta subdivision; Yellow Aster Road, Sugar Cane Lane, Valentine Meadow Road, and Old Andes Road in The Grange subdivision; Brooke Willow Boulevard and Bridge Valley Lane in The Glen at Hardin Valley; Campbell Park Lane in Campbell Park

Subdivision; and Gecko Drive in Braxton Creek. All but two of the two roads requested to be maintained by the county are in District 6.

County Commission Chair Terry Hill represents the district and commented on the area's growth in a Focus request:

"I absolutely agree with my District 6 constituents that growth in Hardin Valley has far exceeded the capacity for adequate infrastructure and recreation. The explosion of development that began in 2019 was unprecedented in the history of Knox County and in Tennessee. We were not prepared and the majority of these new developments were rezoned and approved before my tenure as Commissioner.

"The good news is after over two years of dedicated efforts I am excited to have contributed

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Protesters prolong city council meeting again

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The ongoing disruption of city council meetings came to a head Tuesday evening when the same three citizens spoke on every agenda item. The protesters spoke to the agenda topics in general terms that had nothing to do with the subject being considered.

Each speaker used their five minutes per topic to vaguely reference it before ending with "cease fire now" slogans. They spoke on a paving and engineering contracts, a federal grant request, software service, funding of a sexual assault center, landscaping for Safety City, the city budget and even the closing of an alley.

One speaker came to the podium and asked which agenda item the council was going to vote on. The mayor asked her to sit down if she didn't know the agenda item.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker accused Mayor Indya Kincannon of forbidding citizens to speak and moved to overturn the mayor's ruling. Her objection received no second and

failed. She then accused the mayor of stifling free speech.

Beyond that encounter and according to the rules the mayor continued to invite speakers to the podium and the topics were mentioned by each speaker who again shouted "Cease Fire Now" and "Free Palestine."

The repetitive speakers

took up several hours. Aside from Parker there was an obviously annoyed council who had to wait at least 15 minutes for the protesters before each vote. Each item on the agenda passed unanimously except for contracting with a software provider, where Parker passed.

The speakers had implied that the software company

was a supporter of Israel. Another charged that the upcoming city budget supports "indiscriminate bombing" of Palestine. That speaker was escorted from the podium by three policemen. Another speaker chided the funding of the police department and little funding for people in need including the homeless.

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I Oppose Both Killing Of Children And Lawbreaking By Students

From a distance



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Regular readers of my column know that I have been extremely saddened by the killing of thousands of little Palestinian children with Israeli bombs.

Possibly even worse is the slow death of so many little children by Israel's very severe, very cruel limitations to food, water and medicines allowed into Gaza.

Also inhumane is forcing several thousand Palestinian women to have their babies under the worst possible conditions and the destruction of most Palestinian homes with many people of all ages still

buried under the rubble. Having written all the above in addition to my earlier columns on this war, it is clear that I have felt and still feel very sorry for what the Palestinian people have gone through for the last seven months.

But I must add that I in no way support or even condone spoiled brat students who have protested Israel's actions in the most rude, obnoxious and, at times even unlawful, ways.

These kids, in their screaming immaturity, have hurt the very cause for which they claimed to be fighting. They have done this at exactly the wrong time, just when a big majority of people all across the world, and even in the U.S., were starting to sympathize with the Palestinians.

Israel and its supporters have worked over the years to make any criticism of Israel to be called anti-semitic. This is so false. Palestinians are Semitic people, too.

However, even Senator Charles Schumer, Israel's number 1 defender in Congress, said in a speech in the U.S. Senate on November 14 that criticism of Israel's action in this war was not antisemitic.

Most people who have spoken out on this war do not have an antisemitic bone in their bodies. They simply have been sickened by the killing and starvation of little children and the cruel treatment of the Palestinian people, over 95% of whom had nothing to do with Hamas.

There is a right way and a wrong way to protest something. The Hamas militants were very wrong to do many of the terrible things they did last October 7.

The belligerent, hateful students on college campuses across the country have been wrong in the arrogant, fanatical way they have protested. Some, with warped minds, have even felt heroic when they were arrested.

Our Founding Fathers thought freedom of speech was so important they made it the first amendment to our Constitution. No patriotic American should ever criticize anyone for making a peaceful protest, as long as they do not damage property or interfere with other people's freedom of movement.

Screaming at people in hateful, rude or obscene ways is not peaceful protest.

Israel certainly has a right to defend itself. But indiscriminately bombing a refugee camp filled with 500 innocent men, women and children to get one Hamas member is going too far. Bombing hospitals is going too far. Destroying 80% of Palestinian homes is going too far.

The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs says, "Just War Theory presumes that there are legitimate uses of war, but also sets moral boundaries on the waging

of war." Bellevue College, in a study on the Principles of Just War, said among other things, "The violence used in the war must be proportional to the injury suffered."

The study adds: "The weapons used in war must discriminate between combatants and non-combatants. Civilians are never permissible targets of war."

The U.S., not being a barbaric nation, subscribes to Just War Theory. Israel has far exceeded the moral boundaries of Just War in its war against Gaza.

The land around Israel was called Palestine for at least hundreds of years before Christ. According to Google, "In 1948 only eight percent of Palestine was owned by Jewish individuals and concerns. The 1948-1949 armistice gave Israel control over 77.4 percent of all land."

After the 1948 war, some 750,000 Palestinians were forced from their homes.

Since then, most Palestinians have been limited to living in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem under conditions that have often been called "open air prison camps."

The terrible treatment of Palestinians by Israel for the last 76 years certainly does not justify Hamas' actions on Oct. 7, but it is what led to it.

The tremendous power and influence of the Israel Lobby in the U.S. has given it control over our foreign policy in the Middle East. This has created great resentment toward us from most other countries in that region and has made the U.S. unable to be a broker for peace there.

Ethnic cleansing and genocide are both official international crimes. The ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Israel is a crime to which the U.S. should not be a partner.

Et Tu, Kamala?

It is not inconceivable that the "winner" of the presidential election in November might not become president. The Founding Fathers were fearful of the tyranny of the majority and established the



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Electoral College. One of the purposes of the College was, along with the Senate, to keep smaller states relevant in the political process. Each state would have two senators regardless of population and the president would be elected by the Electoral College and not by popular vote. The number of electors would be determined by the number of representatives and senators for each state.

I would bet that 99.9 percent of the American

population have no idea what the January 6 "insurrection" was all about. Perhaps they think that it was an organized plot to overturn the results of the election of Joe Biden. But how could the results

be overturned? Indeed, Donald Trump had been alleging all along that the election was stolen and he has been investigated for inciting the storming of the Capitol on January 6. Because civics is seldom taught in our schools, few realize that the president is not elected in the November election. Rather, the voters vote for electors and the electors vote for the president. The electors form the Electoral College and cast their votes for the president

and vice president on the first Monday after the second week in December. The results are sent to the president of the US Senate - who is the vice president of the United States - along with the Archivist of the United States. The "insurrection" took place on January 6 because, on that date, Congress met to certify the winner of the election. Each state announces its votes.

Again, the number of votes in each state is equal to the number in its congressional delegation. The vice president as president of the Senate presides over the proceedings. After the vice president announces the results, any member of Congress can object to the results. The Democrats in the House tried unsuccessfully to block the election of George W. Bush in 2001. Democrats also objected

in 2005 and 2017 and failed again to overturn the votes of the Electoral College. I don't recall any of the Democrats being indicted for trying to overturn these elections. Recall that Trump did not want Vice President Pence to certify the results? If Pence had not, then the House and the Senate would vote on whether the objection were valid.

Let us suppose that Trump - like before - loses the popular vote but wins in the Electoral College. When the results go to Congress let us suppose just like in 2001, 2005 and 2017 the Democrats object and call for a vote in Congress and Kamala Harris refuses to certify the results of the Electoral College. What happens next? Here both the House and the Senate will vote as to whether the objection is valid. If they vote differently, the objection fails. But if they both agree that the objection is valid then the House will vote for the president with each representative getting one vote. The Republicans have a very slim majority in the House but the Democrats have the majority in the Senate. It is not inconceivable that the Republicans who squabble amongst themselves more than they govern, might have a few deflections and elect Biden. There would be no doubt that the Democrats would be united in voting for Harris for vice president. On the other hand, if the Republicans hold firm and elect Trump, the Senate might still elect Harris! Can you imagine that? Donald Trump as president with Kamala Harris as his vice president? Some small part of me would love to see it.



Herb Anders, a volunteer for Knoxville's Isaiah 117 House, speaks to the crowd at a fundraising luncheon held Tuesday at Buffat Heights Baptist Church.

Isaiah 117 House holds fundraising luncheon

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117 House to serve the youth of Knoxville.

"Imagine when you are at school and they tell you that you need to go to the principal's office," she said. "It's always scary to go to the principal's office, and when you get there, they tell you that you can't go home."

Before the Isaiah 117 House, a non-profit organization that provides temporary housing to children awaiting placement, many of those removed from their homes spent days cooped up in a Department of Children's Services office. Many had their belongings in trash bags.

The Isaiah 117 House has changed all that. Not only is the house staffed by volunteers, it provides temporary shelter, meals and other necessities while the children it serves are waiting for foster homes.

It also strives to provide children with normalcy by

buying toys, backpacks, coloring books and other supplies.

While Whitehead painted a dismal portrait of DCS offices, she no way intended to disparage DCS workers.

"They have a hard job," she said. "They have the hardest job in the world."

Instead the two entities work together and Caren Broadnax of DCS said she relishes the assistance that the house provides for children, but also to DCS workers.

"They come in and say that they are going to feed dinner to the children," Broadnax said. "And then, they say they're going to feed you too."

"And you don't know how much that means. There are times when you simply don't take time to stop and eat. I'm fighting for our kids. I can't tell you the number of times that I've clocked out for lunch and didn't get a bite to eat."



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Publisher's Position

Peaceful Protests Or Insurrections?



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America is wearing its crown of thorns following a decade of restorative practices and the absence of consequences rampant for so long, and most especially in the last four years. During the summer of the antifa riots, there were 574 riots, billions of dollars in property damage, which every productive citizen has had to pay through higher insurance premiums and the like. Federal buildings were defaced, set on fire and worse. More than a dozen people were killed and hundreds, if not thousands, of police officers were injured or maimed. Of course, the only police officers the Left cares about are those injured on January 6. How many of the rioters or insurrectionists considering the assault on the property of the federal government, were prosecuted? Virtually none, less than 5% of those arrested and fewer were arrested than should have been the case. Was there any attempt to identify the rioters/insurrectionists? Of course not.

The violence on the campuses of this country's elite and elitist campuses has erupted on both coasts. The pro-Hamas protesters are here in Knoxville as well, disrupting the city council meetings. Mayor Indya Kincannon did the right thing by having protestors removed. People have the right to protest peacefully and by that I do not mean while buildings are burning in the background. Yet they do NOT have the right to disrupt public business or intrude upon the lives of others without repercussions and there should be serious consequences.

The serious moral failure of the administration of colleges and universities in the United States is on display for all to see and it is disgusting. The rioters occupied a building on Columbia University's campus and barricaded themselves inside, which in other circumstances have been labeled insurrections. The most shameful aspect of the rioting is the fact there is so little difference between the rioters and the Hitler Youth.

This has been going on too long. The blatant antisemitism is unlike anything seen since the rise of the Nazis in Germany. The civil rights of Jewish students have been violated repeatedly and the Left in this country doesn't care. College and university administrators have not stood up for the rights of Jewish students. Tenured professors have described

the slaughter of innocent Israeli citizens as awesome. As pointed out in a previous editorial, the question posed by a Jewish professor, how long would an instructor be tenured if he/she suggested lynching Blacks or burning gay people? Not very long, and they should be removed. So, too, should the antisemites who are violating the rights of Jewish students and threatening their well-being and lives. It is exactly what Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana said about these people who believe in diversity, inclusion, equity and killing Jews.

The "demonstration," supposedly for a ceasefire in Gaza, after innocent civilians were slaughtered, families murdered, women and young girls raped, babies burned alive and beheaded, but these people cry for the people of Gaza by supporting the very terrorist organization who make them hostages and targets. The only lives the rioters care about are Palestinian lives and frankly, why anyone should take any of them seriously is beyond me.

The hypocrisy involved is on an epic scale. Spewing antisemitic hatred and slogans, the students, as well as handfuls of paid protesters, claim theirs is protected speech, free speech. Free speech has not been allowed on college and university campuses for years and we all know it. Any conservative voice has been regularly denounced as "hate speech" and stifled

immediately. Conservative voices could never be heard and violated the "safe spaces" of students, so we were told. Now they claim the right of free speech to spew what really is hate speech.

The moral decay of the administrations of our college and university campuses is abundantly clear in the length of time it has taken to bring the rioting under control. It's still going on a month later. Tent encampments are being set up on campuses, supposed in solidarity with Gaza, and have been tolerated as administrators seem not to know what to do and how can that come as a surprise to anyone? After all, these are the very same administrators who cannot bring themselves to say chanting "Death to Israel" is hate speech. These are the same administrators who mealy mouth about "context." A person can be expelled or fired for using the wrong pronoun but "Death to Israel," and "Death to America" is just peachy keen. I wonder how long it will be before these people revise history and polish up Adolf Hitler's image and claim he was merely terribly misunderstood in the context of his time?

America's most elite and elitist colleges and universities have been losing their luster for quite some time now and Forbes magazine has already begun a new list of Ivy League schools. One of those was the University

of Florida which declared it was not a daycare and would not tolerate rioting.

Someone is supplying money for many of these rioters to come together and the NYPD has released a video of a professional "protest consultant" telling the pro-Hamas rioters what to do. New York City Mayor Eric Adams claims the rioting/protesting has been co-opted by professional agitators. Somebody is paying for that. One Washington Post columnist has rushed to condemn a writer for the New York Post for piecing together groups who have been the beneficiaries of money from Leftist billionaire George Soros.

When Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and several GOP congressmen from New York visited Columbia University, they were told they could not move about the campus freely. Yet there were two darlings of the mainstream news media, Alexandria O'Crazy Cortez and Ilhan Omar moving freely amongst the rioters.

The very same people who believe they can alter reality by simply denying it or changing the meaning of a particular word, have chosen to believe October 7 never happened. Hamas never killed innocent civilians, never raped women and girls, never burned babies alive or beheaded them. Insisting a giraffe is a mule doesn't make it one and never will. Their chant should be "Death to Facts." That could be the slogan for

progressives in this country who are less progressive than they are delusional, socialists who don't believe Jews are human beings. Election denying, at least those Republicans who deny election results, has become more horrific than denying the Holocaust or the October 7 massacre of Israeli citizens.

The Soros-elected district attorneys in this country have caused rioters to expect if they are arrested, they will be released hours later. Violence and disruptions are treated as no big deal in such jurisdictions. Naturally, that leads to more violence and disruptions.

It is way past time to get off the Merry-Go-Round of Crazy. It is time to stop petting criminals and making excuses for people who haven't the slightest shred of human compassion for anyone but whomever and whatever they think is appropriately woke. The rioting on campuses could be ended in less than an hour. Give the protestors, not rioters, a designated space, and a time limit. Any violation of any code of behavior or university rules will result in students being expelled, student loans must be paid, and subject to staying in jail for 11/29.

There are consequences to raising a generation with no consequences and we are reaping the whirlwind of what our generation has sown.

Protesters

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The city council heard speaker after speaker on each item in a meeting that ran about four hours and could have been concluded in about an hour.

In actual city business, the Knoxville City Council voted to approve the first reading of the city budget, no net property tax increase, and payment for city employees. The final reading of the new budget will be on the city's third meeting this month on Tuesday, May 28.

The council also voted to extend the prohibition on personal delivery vehicles for six months while the little robotic food delivery vehicles are being studied in other cities. The operator of the UT delivery system is asking for permission to cross some city-owned streets to serve UT students who don't live directly on campus.

Two items dealing with citizen objections to planning commission approvals of a driveway and a

duplex were postponed for two weeks.

The contract with Cannon & Cannon for third-party engineering was increased by \$58,100 for a new total of \$193,000.

A \$55 million application to the federal government with a local \$11 million match was approved for the city's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths and injury on city streets.

Rimini Street Inc. was hired for three years to help transition the city from Oracle Products software to cloud-based programs.

The council voted to provide \$25,000 to help the Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee and hired KMF III Services, LLC, to maintain the lawn and landscape at the Safety Center.

Rogers Group was hired for \$3.6 million for the 2024 Resurfacing Phase II Project on a request from the Engineering Department.

Commission Work Sessions may go away, be replaced with Zonings

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Zoning requests have tended to be a problem for the Knox County Commission. Not only have zoning change requests mushroomed in recent years but so has the size of the agenda for the commission's regular meetings, which are held on the same night as zoning decisions.

The commission's regular session starts at 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month and the zoning meeting is at 7 p.m. Holidays may change the schedule such as how this month's Memorial Day moved the meetings up a week on the calendar.

Commission often has to adjourn their meeting, switch to the zoning session at 7 p.m., and then resume the paused meeting following zoning votes. That drags the meetings out, especially for citizens interested in later parts of

the regular agenda or those who sign up for public forum at the meetings.

In the work session set for Monday, May 13, the Rules Committee is asking that the zoning meetings take place on the third Monday of each month, eliminating the commission's monthly work sessions and devoting that day only to zoning requests starting at 3 or 5 p.m. If passed, the change would start in September.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett suggested the idea came at a Rules Committee meeting in April. She said the change would eliminate redundancy and be more

efficient. She also said that people wanting to speak in public forum often have to stay late, sometimes until the end of the meetings.

Deputy Law Director Michael Moyers said the required two readings of an agenda item could turn into a two-month issue rather than passing a first motion in a work session. Commissioner John Schoonmaker said it may be a good idea and suggested also starting the regular 4th Monday meeting at 3 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

The idea went to the law department and is before the commission for a

decision. Moyers suggested moving the beer board meeting before the regular meeting.

The Rules Committee is also suggesting that all votes on beer permit applications and penalties be by roll call vote.

In other business, the commission may add an at-large commissioner to the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee. One commissioner, Carson Dailey, currently represents the commission on that body and apparently would be joined by one of the two at-large commissioners, either

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Emerald Youth Foundation holds annual prayer breakfast

By Ken Lay

Emerald Youth Foundation President and CEO Steve Diggs kept it simple as he made his remarks at the organization's annual prayer breakfast Friday morning.

"The time is now," Diggs said in his opening remarks as he addressed many supporters who braved some early morning showers and answered an early wake-up call to attend the annual breakfast at the Knoxville Expo Center. "The time is now for our youth in East Knoxville." Diggs announced plans to build a complex in East Knoxville, which is similar to the Sansom Sports Complex on Dale Avenue.

The complex will be built in a seldom used parking lot within walking distance of Austin-East Magnet High School.

"We are grateful for the leadership of Mayor (Indya) Kincannon and to members of the city council," Diggs said. "We are going to pray to ask God for the means and the money to build this complex."

Several community leaders, including Kincannon, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay were in attendance Friday morning at the event, which is one of

Emerald Youth's annual fundraisers.

The morning's program, emceed by WVLT news anchor Ted Hall, included a scripture reading and call to worship as well as a musical performance by the EYF's youth choir, The Emerald Youth Voices, which was conducted by Jasmine Andrews.

The alumni from the Emerald Academy spoke about the impact that the foundation had on their lives while growing up in the inner city.

"My parents always wanted the best for my brother and me. I had great parents and the people and Emerald Youth were like a second family to me," said Zach Hurley. "I played sports at Emerald Youth gave me opportunities to experience things that I wouldn't have been able to otherwise experience."

"It wasn't always easy. I faced a lot of adversity in my life and I appreciate the services like tutoring. I wasn't always eager to do my homework."

Angeline Irankuda also attended Emerald Academy after immigrating from Tanzania. She is now a senior at Austin-East and is preparing to attend college.

"My family came here from Tanzania and we lived in Georgia before coming to Knoxville and I had to learn the



Emerald Youth Foundation CEO Steve Diggs addresses the audience at the organization's annual prayer breakfast at the Knoxville Expo Center.

language," she said. "I want to thank the foundation for making me the person that I am today."

Cumecus Cates, now 26, graduated from Emerald Academy. He went on to high school where he played basketball. He later attended college and graduated with an MBA.

"I spent my formative years in Western

Heights and I lost my mother and my grandmother," Cates said. "I was always competitive in football, basketball and soccer. When I went to Fulton, we got to experience what winning a championship was like."

"Emerald Youth prepared me to go to college where I played basketball and graduated with an MBA."

Hardin Valley

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to Advance Knox. This legally approved and Commission adopted (last month) Growth Plan updates an over 20 year old inadequate growth plan that was irrelevant and non-binding. We cannot undo what has already happened in the Hardin Valley and all of District 6. As their Commissioner, I now have the ability and legal backup to control future development which was non-existent before Advance Knox was passed.

"Our Hardin Valley Community was able to move forward with a new playground on Hickory Creek to include a Community Center, walking trail, picnic area and totally accessible facility (under construction), a remodeled Melton Hill playground and water access

area, a new freshman wing to Hardin Valley Academy, including 32 classrooms (under construction) and a new Mill Creek Elementary School, opened August of 2023. Hardin Valley Road now includes a Hickory Creek roundabout, a second under construction and major road safety improvement to begin in May. We have gotten the attention of our Knox County Mayor, and we are moving toward a better tomorrow for the Valley."

In addition to the new roads, the county commission will meet in a zoning session Monday, May 20 to consider numerous residential zoning requests. District 6 has changes requested for Ball Road, Night Time Drive, West Emory Road and West Gallaher Ferry Road.

Commission Work Sessions may go away, be replaced with Zonings

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Larsen Jay or Kim Frazier. That change is being sponsored by Jay and Commission Chairwoman Terry Hill.

The firm of CDM Smith may be hired for \$224,000 to assist with engineering services in producing the East Knox Mobility Study to support the planned growth area expansion. Traffic control equipment may be purchased from three companies.

The health department has several items on the agenda including an assessment of mental health resources, disease control and grants. Two companies may be contracted to supply equipment for water sports at Knox County parks. A grant from the state


for substance abuse services to the Mental Health Court may be approved.

The Knox County Code may be revised regarding the Fleet Safety Program and the commissioners may approve elected officials to designate a driver for their county-owned vehicle.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs will make several appointments to Visit Knoxville and the Technology Corridor Authority. Two people will be added to the Knox County Health Insurance Appeal Board.

Public improvement projects include the Russell Road Bridge repairs, stream gauging stations, and water quality on Turkey Creek.






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a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

The Apology

Never confuse education with intelligence; you can have a PhD and still be an idiot.

Richard Feynman (theoretical physicist)

I may owe my readers an apology if this week's column is not perfect. I use that superlative whimsically because my stories are never perfect. They are homemade - written at home. I'm not a professional writer because my writing is an avocation rather than a vocation. Arguably, a profession is a driving force in someone's life and often defines them. An example might be a doctor, lawyer, professor, athlete, etc. So, perhaps my late-in-life craft might someday rise to the level of "writer."

My apology is offered because my editress is out of town to clean up my prose. Becky has been my wife and life partner for forty-nine years this September. And she has been my editress for the

last decade or so. She graciously accepted the responsibility of policing incorrect verb tenses, misplaced modifiers, etc. in her husband's musings. She is certainly a better grammarian than me. However, she also eschews the professional moniker of editress. Like I said, our stories are homemade.

Becky is out of town for a few days with her "Hiker Chicks." No, not biker chicks on Harleys! This is an annual pilgrimage of women to the Smoky Mountains focused more on fellowship, food and wine than hiking. So, if grammarian readers find more than the usual typos, I apologize, but childishly proclaim, it's not my fault - although it is.

Failure to take responsibility is a characteristic sign of immaturity. A recent example is the anti-Israel protesters who are now demanding amnesty, reparations and gluten-free snacks. They demand

forgiveness for seizing college campuses, hate speech, racism and the destruction of the reputations of the schools they attend which will result in the loss of millions of dollars in endowments to those schools.

University of Tennessee Law Professor Glenn H. Reynolds recently wrote a wonderful piece in the Gateway Pundit about the problems of higher education. The piece was also carried in the New York Post. True adults understand and accept the consequences of their actions. Apparently, the radical college kids do not. But they are learning as job offers are revoked, and that breaking the law will follow them for years. Understandably, who would hire radicals and idiots?

Certainly not Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman. I've never read of a specific area of the brain responsible for progressive, liberal lunacy. However, since his stroke (which destroys areas of the brain) Fetterman gets it. He wouldn't hire Rep. Ilhan Omar's pro-Hamas daughter who whined when she was suspended and shut out of her Barnard dorm and cafeteria for protesting at Columbia. However, you won't see real push-back from Brandon (Biden) whose "two-state solution" is appeasing Muslims so he can win Minnesota and Michigan.

And there will be no closing of the border because Ol' Joe needs voters, and Democrats need more constituents (replacement theory) which translates into power, money and careers in Washington.

But apparently there are a lot of other Americans who still don't understand the consequences of voting for Biden. I wrote about delusional thinking in last week's essay. If you missed it go to The Knoxville Focus archives online and consider what Biden's planned massive tax hikes will do to you if he's reelected. Bidonomics has already made everything more expensive. However, his "wealth tax" proposals will ruin your 401K and the Stock Market, tax the equity in your home and collapse the Housing market and complete the country's destruction. Look up the wealth tax consequences if you doubt me.

And have you read Biden's Title IX revisions? The 1972 Federal regulations were written to protect women's sports and made The Lady Vols possible. Now, my granddaughters may be forced to compete with and share locker rooms with larger, muscular, gender-confused men. Biden and his progressive handlers are actually endangering girl athletes and are destroying women's sports to appease trans activists.

Only a person or parent with delusional thinking would believe otherwise. But then I believe taking a child to a drag queen performance sexualizes children and child welfare should be involved.

I've also wondered how any Jewish person or a Catholic could vote for Biden. After the Hamas massacre of Jews, I wrote an essay (November 20, 2023) summarizing the salient points of Dennis Prager's book, "The Chosen," explaining why his fellow Jews overwhelmingly vote Democrat. It's complicated, but the single best answer is the Jewish label of "chosen people," and their somewhat insular community.

I'm a Protestant and believe President Trump's proposals for abortion (April 24, 2024 Focus essay) are pragmatic. I'm not Catholic, but that Christian denomination is opposed to all abortion. Biden considers himself a Catholic, but he "crossed" himself at an abortion rally which I found profane. The sure sign of cognitive impairment (dementia) is the lack of awareness of inappropriate behavior. We can only hope his handlers keep him away from the nuclear "football."

As if things couldn't get worse, it is apparent our clueless leaders don't understand economics 101. I'm not an economic wizard like Harold Black,

but while in pre-med at UT, I was able to take an economics course pass-fail. Fortunately, I passed and was able to move on to UT Medical School. I do understand that we use dollars in trade for goods and services instead of bartering. And if you flood the market with dollars, the ability to purchase goods and services will be lessened because each dollar is less valuable amidst the flood. Our elite geniuses don't comprehend this concept and our debt is now 34 trillion dollars. When the World Trade Organization says the US debt is a crisis for the world, you know we're in trouble. Someone should explain Economics 101 to Ol' Joe and his handlers, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, RINOs, Dems and the media.

No fair-minded or reasoned American should vote for Biden. And yet when I ask people why they would vote for Biden, they say it's because they "hate" Trump. Jesus commanded us to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves. I envision hatred as the opposite of love. I don't hate anyone. So, my vote for president will be for practical reasons rather than being driven by the antithesis of love.

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After 43 years of service to Knox County Schools, Dennis Webster of Corryton recently retired. He started as a carpenter with the maintenance department in 1979 and for the past 20 years has been a manager in the maintenance and new construction office. Pictured left to right: son and current Gibbs High School Principal Jason Webster, wife Vickie, Dennis Webster and daughter Jennifer Webster. Photo courtesy of Dale Hall.

Knox Museum of Education's Sock Hop benefit coming back

By Mike Steely
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Saddle shoes and penny loafers, poodle skirts, short shorts, stovepipe jeans, greased back hair on boys and teased hair for girls, early rock and roll, golden oldies, The Stroll, Doo-wop, the mashed potato, harmony and sideburns.

If these words mean anything to you than you are a child of the 1950s and there's two other words you probably remember fondly: Sock Hop.

"We're thrilled to announce the return of a beloved tradition, our annual Sock Hop



Fundraiser," Knox County Museum of Education Executive Director Danielle Sherrell said recently. "This year, on Friday, June 7,

starting at 6 p.m. the Sarah Simpson Professional Development Technology Center will be transformed into a nostalgic haven

straight from the 1950s." The 8th Annual Sock Hop will also have a silent auction of local goods and **Cont. on page 2**

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Dangerous Detour

Work continues on the new road that will relieve congestion on Ball Camp Pike. Those of us at this end of the county have waited plenty long enough to have completion of the project in sight. The road work began



By Joe Rector
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about 15 years ago, but the economy sank like a rock, and the work stopped for years. I talked with one worker who thought this new road might be open for business in about another year. All of us are a bit tired of the inconveniences that have arisen.

Just recently, Ball Camp Pike was closed at Frostland Lane. Drivers have had to detour onto Frostland, turn right on Wheatland, and, if they follow the sign, wind up right just above the same detour. On the first day of the closing, Amy and I sat on the front porch and watched hundreds of cars drive by. One elderly lady passed us three times as she continued to follow the signs. Little did she know that taking a left at the end of Wheatland would have put her at the right place.

Turning left proved to be a test of skills for drivers. They entered Boss Road. This is one of the many roads that could be considered "one lane." Some drivers took their halves in the middle of the road; others pulled over to let cars pass, but their courtesy turned into a disaster for homeowners who face plenty of work to repair damages to their yards.

These driving tourists in our subdivision made no changes in their driving habits. Just as they did on Ball Camp Pike, motorists drove

like the proverbial "bats out of hell." Speed bumps had no effect on slowing them down. We watched several vehicles buck like wild horses as they flew over the bumps.

Some of the drivers were morons.

They pulled onto the subdivision road and immediately maneuvered to the left to pass other cars that were going too slowly. I yelled at one driver, but my protest went unheeded. Several neighbors walk their dogs during the day, but doing so is a dangerous proposition these days. I'm not nimble enough to walk Sadie and jump into a yard to avoid a speeding car.

To add insult to injury, rumor has it that a lane will connect Ball Camp Pike to Andes Road and will lead to the renaming of the first to the second. I've lived on or just off of Ball Camp Pike most of my life, and I just don't like the change. When the project began, the finished road was going to be named the New Ball Camp Pike. For some reason, it was then changed to the Schaad Road Extension.

I'd like to think that this new road will cut down on the snarling lines of traffic. However, the area's open land is being filled with subdivisions that will dump hundreds of cars onto the roads again. I seldom go far from home, but when all this road work is done, I might choose to never leave or be unable to do so. Our scruffy little city has outgrown its roads.

I won't hold my breath and wait for improvements.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

The bloodless duel

By Jadon Gibson

John Randolph's mother brought him up strictly teaching him, as he often remarked, "the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments."

Born in 1773, his early Virginia upbringing served him well. Randolph studied at Princeton, Columbia and William & Mary and in 1799 he presented himself as a candidate for Congress. On the same occasion, Patrick Henry, who was then 67 years of age, presented his candidacy for the state Senate before the electors as was customary. The measure of Patrick Henry's fame was full at the time.

"The alien and sedition laws have planted this old warrior's pillow with thorns," Patrick Henry began, noticeably aged and in ill health. "I am quitting my retirement to make one more effort for my country. I am declaring for the state Senate."

He gradually gained strength and animation while his eloquence overtook the house like an avalanche. Henry descended into the arms of the throng at the conclusion of his candidacy speech as he was heartily accepted with approving smiles and backslaps by the electors. Many, such as Dr. John Rice, considered it Patrick Henry's finest effort.

"The sun has set in all his glory," Dr. Rice exclaimed.

The 26-year-old Randolph was the next candidate to announce. His gait was in the Indian manner, placing his feet straight forward. His positions were totally opposed to those of Patrick Henry and the electors thought it presumptuous that such a youthful stripling should rise following the great oration of the famous national hero – and in opposition to his words.

"Tut, tut, it won't do," an elector of Irish descent said. "It's like the banging of a tin pan after hearing a fine church organ."

Yet as Henry's sun set in all his glory, Randolph's sun rose with a great brilliance. The beardless wonder, as Henry called him, quieted the tumultuous crowd and after gaining their ear, effectively made the points of his platform before finishing to a houseful of hurrahs.

Henry again mounted the platform and congratulated the youthful Randolph for his rare talents saying, "He is a young man of promise; cherish him he will make an invaluable man." Henry went on to say he regretted the political errors brought about by Randolph's youthful zeal.

Patrick Henry won his Senate seat but died before he was sworn into office. Randolph won his campaign for Congress and won several reelection bids over the years that followed.

Later he served as U.S. senator but he had a penchant for speaking without restraint, at times with a devilish wit and caustic tongue. A frequent opponent of statesman Henry Clay, who was a presidential candidate in 1844, Randolph credited Clay with "having the brilliance of a dead mackerel in moonlight." When he accused Clay of corrupt dealing the latter challenged him to a duel.

Gen. James Hamilton, a friend of John Randolph, wrote of the following occurrences:

"Mr. Randolph sent for me the night before the duel," Hamilton penned. "He was in a confiding mood and remarked that he would receive but not return Clay's fire.

"Nothing will cause me to harm a hair on his head," Randolph said. "I will not make his wife a widow nor will I make orphans

of his children. Their tears would be shed over his grave; but I am alone and when the sod of Virginia rests on my bosom there is not one individual to pay this tribute upon mine."

When Gen. Hamilton told Col. Tattnal, a congressman from Georgia, of Randolph's plan of inaction, he threatened to disassociate himself and not act as a "second" for Clay.

Randolph finally relented. "If I see the devil in Clay's eye, I may then change my mind."

The two adversaries, two of the greatest Americans in service and esteemed then and now, met on the banks of the Potomac River the following afternoon.

Randolph saw no devilishness in Clay's eye – only a focused, somber resolve. Randolph was wearing buckskin gloves when Col. Tattnal handed him the loaded pistol and the lack of feeling due to the thick gloves caused him to accidentally spring the hair trigger with the gun firing prematurely. The muzzle was pointed to the ground, the shot reverberating about the countryside.

"Mr. Randolph," Clay's friend Gen. Jessup, spoke up. "I must warn you that if that occurs again, I will leave the grounds."

Clay, who had witnessed the event, promptly spoke up, "General, it was entirely an accident. Mr. Randolph meant no harm and no harm has been done. We will continue."

Soon thereafter word came for the duel to commence. After pacing ten steps Clay quickly raised his pistol and fired so as to get off the first shot. There was no evidence that the shot was true as Randolph stood unwavering. Randolph then had the supreme advantage and would be able to aim and fire. Yet he raised his arm

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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The first woman ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives was Jeanette Rankin of Montana, a Republican. Miss Rankin was first elected in 1916. The first woman elected to the House as a Democrat was Mary Teresa Norton of New Jersey. Unlike many of her colleagues, she did not come to the House as the widow of a husband who had preceded her; Mrs. Norton had won election to the House of Representatives in her own right. Indeed, as her biographer noted, no male member of her family had any connection to politics. Born the daughter of immigrants from Ireland, Mary Teresa Norton became a trailblazer for her gender and a productive legislator and leader.

Mrs. Norton was the first congresswoman elected from the eastern part of the United States. TIME magazine once described Congresswoman Mary Teresa Norton as "a large, brown-eyed Roman Catholic, a onetime social worker and since 1920 a wheelmare for New Jersey's Democratic Boss Frank Hague." Because of her interest in labor issues and dedication to her working-class district, biographer Lisa Kutlin appropriately christened Congresswoman Mary T. Norton as the "Matriarch of the Living Wage." Kutlin's biography quoted from a manuscript of Mary T. Norton's unpublished autobiography.

A career in politics is never without its peculiar challenges, but Mary T. Norton faced challenges in the context of the time in which she lived that have faded in today's world.

During her 25 years in the House of Representatives, Mary T. Norton was a staunch supporter of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, a strong advocate for the rights of women, and a friend to working people and labor. Mrs. Norton's own parents had been working-class people; her father had worked for the railroad, as well as in construction. Norton's mother, Marie Shea Hopkins, had been a governess before marrying her husband, Thomas. The Hopkins family lived on the second floor of a three-story home while renting out the other two floors to pay the mortgage. Mary T. Norton's formal education ended at age twelve, a fact she did her best to hide throughout her career. Much of Mary T. Norton's life was molded by the early loss of an elder brother she idealized and that of her only child, who died in infancy. "When my only child, a son, died in infancy, the bottom dropped out of my world for a time."

Mary Teresa Norton got to Congress by working

her way up through the political ranks and represented Hudson County as a member of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee in 1920. From 1921-1932, Mrs. Norton served as the vice chair of that committee. Mrs. Norton's electoral career began with her election to the Board of Freeholders for Hudson County in 1922. Two years later, Mary T. Norton was elected to the House of Representatives from Hudson County. In truth, Mrs. Norton was the product of one of the most notorious political machines in the country. Mary T. Norton was the congressional emissary of Boss Frank Hague, who was the political master of Hudson County, New Jersey. Of course, many members of Congress have had strong ties to political machines, not the least of which was Harry Truman. Like Harry Truman, Mary T. Norton bristled at the notion she was merely a creature of the Hague machine. Mrs. Norton well understood Boss Hague needed her as much as she needed him, if not more. Hague had promoted Mary T. Norton when women first got the vote. Hague, like Ed Crump in Memphis, realized the political necessity in drawing female voters into his machine. Perhaps because of her gender, throughout her time in Congress, Mary T. Norton worked especially hard to justify the confidence the people of her district had placed in her. It was a thought that was omnipresent in her mind. Certainly, as the first woman elected to Congress as a Democrat, Mary T. Norton had something to prove. Norton had first been elected in what was considered a "Republican" year. In fact, Republicans had done very well in Hudson County, but Mary T. Norton had won decisively over her GOP opponent. The truth is, Mary Teresa Norton was much like the great majority of the people she represented, being from a working-class background and a Catholic.

Lisa Kutlin illustrated Mary T. Norton's ability to handle a hostile audience by recounting the future congresswomen attending a meeting where she was to speak to what she thought would be a group of women. Mrs. Norton was surprised to find a sullen group of men awaiting her. "Where are your women?" Mrs. Norton wondered. "This was supposed to be a meeting for women." One fellow stood up and said, "Our women are home, looking after their children --- where you ought to be." Mary T. Norton acknowledged in her unpublished autobiography that she initially "really saw red for an instant." Taking a breath,



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(Left to right), Georgia Congressman Robert Ramspeck congratulates Congresswoman Mary Teresa Norton of New Jersey on becoming Chair of the House Labor Committee, 1938.

Mrs. Norton replied with dignity, "How very, very fortunate they are to have children! [T]hat privilege has been denied me. If I had children, I'd certainly be at home with them now if they needed me. But since I haven't, I am here to talk to you about a new responsibility that has been given women." Her response caused the man to rise after her talk and apologize for his earlier comments.

Mrs. Norton readily acknowledged that she paid very close attention to the Democratic leaders of her district. "I always take the recommendation of county leaders as to the fitness of a man or woman for a job," she said.

As to being one of the few women elected to the House, Mrs. Norton revealed her formula for getting along with her male colleagues. "Don't disagree with men unless it's necessary. You can have your own way without antagonizing them."

Nor was Mrs. Norton a mere decoration in Congress. Her matronly appearance disguised a quite savvy politician who knew the ins and outs of the legislative process and understood how to jab an elbow into the ribs of political opponents. Mary T. Norton was quite popular in her own right, tending to the needs and problems of her constituents. Mrs. Norton's warm personality and thoughtfulness was much appreciated by those who knew her. One such example of those qualities occurred during a memorial service for the seven members of Congress who had died in 1935, which included Senator Huey Long. As the House clerk read the biography for the late Senator Long, Mary T. Norton took an American Beauty rose and quietly placed it in a vase in memory of the late Louisiana senator. As the roll call of the dead was read, one by one, Mary T. Norton placed a rose in a vase for each fallen member.

Mrs. Norton's matronly exterior masked a steely determination that became readily apparent when the occasion demanded it. It was Mary T. Norton who successfully went around John J. O'Connor, the

chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee. When President Roosevelt's Wage & Hours Bill got stuck in the Rules Committee, it was Mary T. Norton who carried a petition and convinced 216 of her colleagues to sign and discharge the legislation to bring it to the House floor. Mary T. Norton had been the first congresswoman ever to chair a committee of the House when she assumed the chair of the House District of Columbia Committee. Mrs. Norton's chairmanship of the House Labor Committee was important to the people of her working-class district and made her invulnerable in an already safe seat. Mrs. Norton was the first woman to chair a major committee in the House of Representatives.

That same tenacity of purpose won New Jersey its first veterans' hospital. Assigned to the Veterans Affairs Committee, Mary T. Norton assiduously pushed for a veteran's hospital for her state. Under consideration by the committee was a veterans' hospital in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Norton noted Pennsylvania already had two veterans' hospitals while New Jersey had none. The congresswoman made a motion to build and operate a veterans' hospital in New Jersey by splitting \$3.5 million between her state and that of Pennsylvania. To the surprise of quite nearly everyone, Mrs. Norton's motion passed. To the fury of Congresswoman Norton, the committee report apparently did not mention anything about her motion or building a veterans' hospital in New Jersey. Insisting she be allowed to read the committee report, Mrs. Norton's worst fears were confirmed; the report did not contain any mention of her motion, nor the fact that motion had carried or the building of a veterans' hospital in New Jersey. Congresswoman Norton approached every member of New Jersey's House delegation, most of them Republicans, and organized them all in support of a veterans' hospital for their state. The Veterans Affairs Committee met, and a furious Mary T. Norton demanded the committee members acknowledge her motion and the fact it

had carried almost unanimously. After an awkward silence, a congressman from Pennsylvania confessed he recalled Mrs. Norton's motion. Mary T. Norton made her motion once again and it passed yet again. Because of Mary Teresa Norton's persistence and determination, New Jersey finally got its own veterans' hospital.

In 1937, Mary T. Norton, then 62 years old, was elevated to the chairmanship of the House Labor Committee, one of the busiest committees in the House of Representatives. Mary T. Norton was instrumental in passing the Fair Labor Standards Act the following year. "I am prouder of getting that bill through the house than anything else I've done in my life," Congresswoman Norton said. Yet her ascension to the chairmanship of the House Labor Committee did not come easily even though she had the seniority to make her the chair. The speaker of the House, William Bankhead of Alabama, urged her to remain as chair of the relatively minor District of Columbia Committee. Southern Democrats especially preferred Georgia's Robert Ramspeck to chair the House Labor Committee. The Southerners had issues with some aspects of the Fair Labor Standards Act and Congressman Ramspeck was sponsoring his own version of the bill, which was far more palatable to Southern congressmen. The opposition was formidable, a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats were opposed to the bill desired by President Roosevelt. Mary T. Norton insisted upon her seniority rights and by those rights, she was entitled to chair the House Labor Committee. Congresswoman Norton was able to navigate between various factions, including Mayor Frank Hague who was frequently anti-labor.

As might be expected of a congresswoman who represented a working-class district, Mary T. Norton was a firm friend of organized labor. While Congresswoman Norton strongly supported equal pay for equal work, she

was opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment. When Mary T. Norton asked to be sent as a delegate to the first meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945, President Truman instead appointed the congresswoman as an alternate delegate to the International Labor Organizing Conference meeting in Paris.

Throughout her tenure in Congress, Mary T. Norton used her seniority and committee assignments to see to it that her congressional district received its fair share of public favors and projects, which always brought much-needed jobs and money to her people.

When Republicans won control of both houses of Congress in 1946, the mirror opposite of Mary T. Norton assumed the chairmanship of the House Labor Committee. Fred A. Hartley, one of the authors of the Taft-Hartley Act, was also a congressman from New Jersey, albeit a conservative and a Republican. Congresswoman Norton was as strongly against the Taft-Hartley bill as Hartley was for it. Mary T. Norton refused to further serve on the committee and resigned her spot on the Labor Committee.

Mary T. Norton voluntarily retired from Congress in 1950, choosing not to run again at age 75. In 1953, Norton resigned as New Jersey's Democratic National Committeewoman. "When a woman gets to be 78 years old, she has reached a time when she should retire," Mrs. Norton said.

The former congresswoman lived quietly until her death in Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1959.

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and intentionally fired his shot into the sky. This had a profound effect on Clay and the others.

Clay was overcome with pent-up emotions. He approached John Randolph saying, "I trust God, my dear sir, you are unhurt." Randolph indicated that Clay's bullet had only pierced his clothing. "You owe me a coat, Mr. Clay," Randolph jested. Clay answered, "I am glad the debt is not greater Mr. Randolph. I would not harm you for a thousand worlds." Gen. Hamilton, Randolph's other second, grasped Clay's hand with a hearty shake saying, "My good sir, our friendship has been long separated, but after the events here today I feel that we will be friends forever."

Several years later John Randolph gave his farewell speech to a group of constituents.

"I have served you to the best of my ability and you have supported me through both good and bad reports," he said. "You call me a faithful representative. No man ever had such good constituents. I know I'll get an acquittal for my earthly tribunal but it is time for me to retire and prepare to stand before a higher tribunal. That final tribunal is of infinite more importance."

Announcing his retirement, he bent forward as though rolling a great weight from him and exclaimed, "Take it back, Take it back!" He then mounted his horse and rode away.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated January 24, 2018, recorded in Instrument Number 201902150048381, of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, Total Automotive Protection Plan, LLC, a Tennessee Corporation and Jon Hankins conveyed to Greg T. Pratt, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE OF KNOX COUNTY, TN, WITHIN THE 47TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 102, OF THE GATE LANE OFFICES, A CONDOMINIUM, AS DESCRIBED IN THE MASTER DEED RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201010300024903, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST APPURTENANT TO THE UNIT IN ALL COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT AS MORE COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN THE MASTER DEED.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT,

IN RE: MICHAEL A. SMITH

V. ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT,

NO. 208176-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, 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 ordered that said defendant ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, 3423 SKYLINE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID J. OTTEN, an Attorney whose address is THE OTTEN LAW FIRM P.O. BOX 32211 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930 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 10TH day of APRIL, 2024.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914.

IN RE: MICHAEL A. SMITH

Plaintiff,

v.

ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NO. 208177-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914 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 ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914, it is ordered that said defendant, ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914 file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID J. OTTEN, an Attorneys whose address is, PO BOX 32211, Knoxville, TN 37930 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 24th day of APRIL, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD M. ALBERT
DOCKET NUMBER 89343-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD M. ALBERT who died March 15, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Courts: Chancery. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF EDWARD M. ALBERT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN L. SMITH
1601 OKLAHOMA AVE.
MATTTOON, IL 61938

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN CARVER
DOCKET NUMBER 86271-2

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition, which is sworn to, that the heirs at law, Tasha LeaAnn Whitehead and Lauren Michelle Carver are a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary process cannot be served upon them. Said beneficiaries must file an Answer or Objection in the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, and with Administrator's attorney, Jennifer L. Chadwell, whose address is P.O. Box 4038, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, within 30 days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said heirs at law. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This the 2 day of MAY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold, Clerk and Master.
Attorney: Jennifer L. Chadwell.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN

OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

IN RE: MARGARET DUTY, Administratrix of the Estate of Rory Dale Harmon

Plaintiff
v.
VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

Defendants
NO. 200168-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN" 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:

VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

it is ordered that said defendants, VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RANDALL A. EADS, an Attorney whose address is 825 COLONIAL ROAD ABINGDON, VA 24210 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 John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 19th day of APRIL, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 89348-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of PATRICIA B. ANDERSON who died March 13, 2024 were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. ANDERSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE R. ARRAITS, JR.
1363 KENSINGTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. ANDERSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE
ATTN: TRUST DEPARTMENT
515 MARKET STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MACK A. GENTRY, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS RICHARDSON ANZ
DOCKET NUMBER 89357-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of April, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DORIS RICHARDSON ANZ 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.

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DORIS RICHARDSON ANZ
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL MAUREEN ANZ
11326 BERRY HILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JAMES T. NORMAND, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 6197
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN DODSON ARRAITS
DOCKET NUMBER 89344-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JEAN DODSON ARRAITS who died January 4, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 JEAN DODSON ARRAITS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE R. ARRAITS, JR.
1363 KENSINGTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

APRIL, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID RAY BELL, who died October 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID RAY BELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHIRLEY GAIL WILLIFORD; ADMINISTRATOR
1616 POPEJOY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ALLEN BRASWELL, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89313-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM ALLEN BRASWELL, JR. who died Feb 23, 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 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 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 17 day of APRIL, 2024

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ALLEN BRASWELL, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS AARON BRASWELL; EXECUTOR
552 WARWICK WILLOW COVE C
OLLIVILLE, TN. 38017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET GERAVA CARPENTER
DOCKET NUMBER 89327-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARGARET GERAVA CARPENTER who died February 23, 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 dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGARET GERAVA CARPENTER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES H. CHILD, ATTORNEY
SLOANE R. DAVIS, ATTORNEY
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LYNN RICHARDSON,

IN RE: RUBIN LUBLIN TN PLLC, Petitioner,

v. BRENDA G. BRAWNER, as Executor of the Estate of Tracy H. Derrick, Jr. and individually, TRACY DERRICK, JR., LYNN RICHARDSON, Respondents.

NO. 200589-2

Gregory T. Pratt, Substitute Trustee
705 Gate Lane, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-769-6969

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL HURLOCK CHAMBERLAIN DOCKET NUMBER 89293-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL HURLOCK CHAMBERLAIN who died on November 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication;
(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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF CAROL HURLOCK CHAMBERLAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
C. ALLEN RAGLE
PO BOX 23380
KNOXVILLE, TN 37933

CHRISTOPHER W. MARTIN, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 23380
KNOXVILLE, TN 37933

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE M. CHRISTIE DOCKET NUMBER 89316-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of JACQUELINE M. CHRISTIE, who died on March 2, 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE M. CHRISTIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S):
KATHLEEN CHRISTIE
1509 DUNCAN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOYLE E. CURREY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89339-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOYLE E. CURREY, JR. who died March 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.
This the 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOYLE E. CURREY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT JAMES OLIVO
11025 CROSSWIND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN DAW DOCKET NUMBER 89320-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANNA LYNN DAW who died on November 19, 2023, were issued by J. Scott Griswold, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims against 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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DIANNA LYNN DAW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBYN MECHELLE NORRIS
2312 BISHOPS BRIDGE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

AMY LYNNE HOWARD
4212 MONTSERRAT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

DANIEL L. ELLIS, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 31601
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY L. DEWICK DOCKET NUMBER 89358-2

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF TERRY L. DeWICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARIE LYNN O'BRYANT
673 JAMESTOWN BLVD., UNIT 2048
ALTA MONTTE SPRINGS, FL 32714

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN CHAPMAN DUFFY DOCKET NUMBER 89178-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the ESTATE OF JOHN CHAPMAN DUFFY who died February 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court within 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 18 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN CHAPMAN DUFFY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RANDOLPH B. DUFFY
RICHARD N. DUFFY, III

JON G. ROACH, ATTORNEY
1500 RIVERVIEW TOWER
900 SOUTH GAY STREET
P.O. BOX 131
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK CECIL DUNLAP DOCKET NUMBER 89277-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARK CECIL DUNLAP who died February 15, 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 paragraph (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARK CECIL DUNLAP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES DAVID DUNLAP

W. ALLEN McDONALD, ATTORNEY
249 N. PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT FOX, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 89346-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT FOX, SR. who died on March 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 against 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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

(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 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT FOX, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM ROBERT FOX, JR.
1500 RED MAPLE CT.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MICHAEL WAYNE FOX
8609 FOX LONAS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAYMON LEE GILLENWATER DOCKET NUMBER 89352-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAYMON LEE GILLENWATER who died January 26, 2024 was issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Com1, 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 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF RAYMON LEE GILLENWATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNIFER ROCHE
1912 SHADY HOLLOW LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES L. HICKS DOCKET NUMBER 89350-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters of in respect of the Estate of CHARLES L. HICKS who died on December 14, 2023 issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLES L. HICKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENA L. HICKS

A. NICOLE TROUT, ATTORNEY
100 DALTON PLACE WAY, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT J. INGRAM DOCKET NUMBER 89353-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL, 2024, letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of ALBERT J. INGRAM who died March 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 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 the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALBERT J. INGRAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN H. INGRAM; ADMINISTRATOR
10626 KINCER FARMS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HORTENSE ELIECE JONES DOCKET NUMBER 89336-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HORTENSE ELIECE JONES, who died March 2, 2024, was 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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF HORTENSE ELIECE JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HARDING LARRY JONES, III
7834 GRAY JAY COURT
HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER C. KNOBLOCK DOCKET NUMBER 89328-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the ESTATE OF ROGER C. KNOBLOCK, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROGER C. KNOBLOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VANESSA R. HELGERSON
4317 BEAVER RIDGE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JORDAN T. NEWPORT, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY ST., STE. 2100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WARREN PARKER LUHN DOCKET NUMBER 89340-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WARREN PARKER LUHN who died March 23, 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 of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF WARREN PARKER LUHN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID HERTZ LUHN
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SCOTT E. MANTOOTH DOCKET NUMBER 89274-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SCOTT E. MANTOOTH, who died November 30, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the elate 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 elate that is four (4) months from the elate of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 19 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF SCOTT E. MANTOOTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACOB EVANS
2366 FLORIBANNA STREET
NORTH PORT, FL 34287

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY NADINE MCGILL DOCKET NUMBER 89307-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY NADINE MCGILL who died Feb. 4, 2023. were issued the undersigned

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this notice if 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 17 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY NADINE MCGILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID ALAN MCGILL; ADMINISTRATOR
6209 PERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CLERSIE MCKINNEY DOCKET NUMBER 89298-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH CLERSIE MCKINNEY who died Oct 12, 2020, 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 17 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CLERSIE MCKINNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WAYNE E MCKINNEY; ADMINISTRATOR
6733 TROUSDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED WILLIAM MCNEIL DOCKET NUMBER 89146-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRED WILLIAM MCNEIL, who died on January 23, 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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF FRED WILLIAM MCNEIL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S):
MARTIN ANTHONY MCNEIL
2001 BISHOPS BRIDGE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NINA MURPHY (A.K.A. NINA KATHERINE HICKEY MURPHY) DOCKET NUMBER 88712-1

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MINERVA RAY REECE DOCKET NUMBER 89355-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of MINERVA RAY REECE, who died on March 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MINERVA RAY REECE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MS. GAYLA A. HUFFAKER
2735 RUSHLAND PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA RAE ROPER DOCKET NUMBER 88958-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, 2024 letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LISA RAE ROPER who died on September 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 25 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF LISA RAE ROPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM B. ROPER, JR.
422 W. YOUNG HIGH PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ERIC B. FOUST, ATTORNEY
422 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 302
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA PRICE SCOTT DOCKET NUMBER 89330-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, Letters of Administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of LISA PRICE SCOTT who died on March 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF LISA PRICE SCOTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONALD SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR
721 CESSNA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA D. SPRAGINS DOCKET NUMBER 89347-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA D. SPRAGINS, who died on March 25, 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 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA D. SPRAGINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LYNDEY C. SPRAGINS
3098 CARMELLO AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32814

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILTON CECIL TATE DOCKET NUMBER 89108-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MILTON CECIL TATE who died December 4, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier 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 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 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MILTON CECIL TATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER M. HOLLOWAY
751 MALLET HILL ROAD, #12201
COLUMBIA, SC 29223

SLOANE R. DAVIS, ATTORNEY
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LON H THORTON, III DOCKET NUMBER 89289-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LON H THORTON, III who died Oct 13, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 5 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF LON H THORTON, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONYA MOYERS; ADMINISTRATRIX
4456 HOLLY TREE LANE
MORRISTOWN, TN 37814

MATT E MILLER, ATTORNEY
859 E BROADWAY BLVD
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DELIA BLACK TURNER DOCKET NUMBER 89338-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DELIA BLACK TURNER who died March 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 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:

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

This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DELIA BLACK TURNER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD G. WYRICK DOCKET NUMBER 89345-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day APRIL, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD G. WYRICK who died March 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:

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This the 24 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF RONALD G. WYRICK

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LEE BEAN DOCKET NUMBER 89361-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LEE BEAN who died Oct 19, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY LEE BEAN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH W. BOOKER DOCKET NUMBER 89382-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH W. BOOKER who died Mar 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:

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This the 2 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RALPH W. BOOKER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEVIN BOWMAN DOCKET NUMBER 89317-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KEVIN BOWMAN who died March 4, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 25 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF KEVIN BOWMAN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD DOCKET NUMBER 89312-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD who died Aug 25, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA L FINE DOCKET NUMBER 89311-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA L FINE who died Feb 27, 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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This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DONNA L FINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANNEKE JACOBSON DOCKET NUMBER 89212-3

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This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANNEKE JACOBSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DESSIE MARTHA KITTS DOCKET NUMBER 89369-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DESSIE MARTHA KITTS who died Oct 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DESSIE MARTHA KITTS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE DOCKET NUMBER 89362-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE who died Mar 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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ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH H LONG DOCKET NUMBER 89254-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH H LONG who died Dec 13, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024

ESTATE OF RALPH H LONG

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TAMMY LYNN LUTTRELL DOCKET NUMBER 89157-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TAMMY LYNN LUTTRELL who died September 5, 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

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD

Field event winners lead Farragut's charge to title

Thompson and Gorfido set new KIL meet records

By Steve Williams

Twice on opening night of this year's Knoxville Interscholastic League Track and Field Meet, fans and spectators were clapping their hands in unison as they applauded the performances of two Farragut High field event athletes who broke meet records last week.

The first to hear the cheers and encouragement was Julian Gorfido, the Admirals' senior pole vaulter, who cleared the bar at 14 feet, 7 inches on the west side of the Hardin Valley Academy stadium Monday evening.

An hour or so later on the opposite end of the venue, Farragut junior teammate Bryce Thompson amazed the crowd at the shot put event as he tossed the 12-pound ball a KIL record 63 feet, 5 inches. The ball landed just inches from the wooden end of the pit and bounced over into the grass before stopping.

"I've only seen four or five in 47 years of coaching track go over 60 feet like that in this area," said South-Doyle's Rick Wood, who marveled at Thompson's throw. "There was a kid from Bearden a few years ago (Joshua Sobota) who could throw out of the pit there too. He dominated the shot and disc."

The 6-foot, 235-pound Thompson, the defending state champion, threw his PR (64-2¼) the week before at the Volunteer Track Classic.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Farragut junior Bryce Thompson loads up to throw the shot a KIL meet record 63 feet, 5 inches on Monday (April 29) at Hardin Valley Academy.

Thompson also won the discus event at the KIL meet with a throw of 164 feet, 11 inches to tally 10 more first-place points.

Farragut senior Max Smydra also prevailed in the field events with a mark of 44 feet, 2 inches in the triple jump.

It was an excellent start (four wins in six field events) for the Admirals, who would go on to repeat as KIL champions with a total of 155 points under first-year head coach Chelsea Osborne.

The host Hawks were runners-up with 101.5 points. Webb (76.5) placed third.

The other two first-place winners in the field events were Gibbs junior John Caldwell (6-2 in the high jump) and Webb senior Michael Conley (21-5¼ in the long jump).

Halls' Domarian Noe equaled Caldwell's mark in the high jump but Caldwell had fewer misses.

Conley nipped Halls sophomore Brody Foster by one-fourth of an inch in the long jump. Foster was a distant second in the pole vault.

Webb senior Ari Klasky took runner-up honors



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Colin Eckerman of Webb runs with great determination Tuesday on the Hardin Valley track, setting a new KIL meet record in the 1600-meter event with a time of 4:07.48 -- more than eight seconds faster than the previous record that was set in 2002.

in both the shot put and discus.

In the triple jump, Karns senior Gavyn Duke gave

Smydra a good battle, but his mark was just a tad over two inches behind

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Diamond notes: A look at early postseason games

By Ken Lay

The 2024 high school baseball regular season is now in the rearview mirror. Now, area teams are in postseason tournaments. The stakes are high as Division I schools are competing in district tournaments and Division II teams have embarked on regional play.

In District 3-4A two underdogs have gone on the toad and pulled upsets.

The first was Wednesday as No. 5 Karns edged Halls, the No. 4 seed, 4-2, at Bob Polston Field at Halls Elementary School.

The Beavers, however, couldn't sustain their play-off momentum as they fell to top-seeded Central, 5-1, at Tommy Shumpert Park.

The Bobcats were set to host Oak Ridge Saturday after pitchers Andrew Hill and Miles Johnson combined to stifle the Karns' offensive attack. Hill also had a round-tripper in the game.

The third-seeded Wildcats upended No. 2 Powell, 9-3, at Danny T. Maples Field. The Panthers swept Oak Ridge during the regular series, turning the

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lady Admirals win two tournament games to remain in winner's bracket

By Ken Lay

A long night on the softball diamond ended with Farragut advancing in the winner's bracket of the District 4-4A Tournament on Thursday.

The third-seeded Lady Admirals, playing in their home park on Bellamy Field, upset No. 2 William Blount, routing the Lady Governors, 10-3.

With the victory, Farragut earned the right to play top-seeded Maryville in a game set for Friday night. Results were not available at press time.

The Lady Admirals, who opened the tournament Wednesday with a 2-0 win over sixth-seeded West, got two hits from junior and University of Tennessee commitment Elsa Morrison. Morrison had a solo home run and drove in another run with a double against the Lady Governors.

Hailey Nichols also had a two-run homer for Farragut, which set the tone for the

contest early by darting out to a 7-0 lead.

In the circle, Emma MacTavish tossed a complete game, going seven innings. She allowed three runs (two earned), eight hits and two walks. She finished with 12 strikeouts.

Ava Barnes also had a big night at the plate as she went 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored, while Rylee Raby had two hits, including a double, while driving in a pair of runs.

In the other winner's bracket semifinal Thursday at Bellamy Field: The top-seeded Lady Rebels notched a 3-0 victory with a walk-off three-run homer by Ava Maples with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Maples' walk-off hit spoiled a dazzling pitching performance by Rylee Sieber, who yielded just two hits in the contest. She walked three and struck out nine.

Abigail Kelton and

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

Maddie helps Lady Hawks win KIL in a runaway

By Steve Williams

Maddie Archdale's last KIL Track and Field Meet gave her bittersweet feelings, but she left with some joyful moments to cherish.

"My last one ever," she said after winning the 1600-meter run and catching her breath. "I'm kinda bittersweet you know."

The Hardin Valley Academy senior distance runner was a triple winner as she helped lead Coach Chris Kane's Lady Hawks to the team championship last week on their home track.

HVA won by a sizeable margin as it totaled 142 points. Defending champion Catholic settled for runner-up honors with 93 points and Webb placed third with 91 points.

"The strategy was very simple today," added Maddie. "It was just to race. The KIL is about placing. Coach really just told us to 'Go out there and race your race.'

"I wanted to get my team points. The goal is to win the whole meet for Hardin Valley. With me and Allie finishing first and second, it really helps the team points a lot."

Archdale, a University of Tennessee track / cross country signee, started her day by running the leadoff leg on HVA's 4x800 relay team, which set a new KIL meet record time of 9:34.80 and finished a good ways ahead of runner-up Webb. Carrying the baton after Maddie handed it off were Ryann Winterbotham, Laure Johnson and Alexandra Vesser.

Next in Archdale's four



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHEIN

Hardin Valley Academy's Maddie Archdale (center) on her way to winning the 1600-meter run in a close finish. In her final time in the KIL meet, the Lady Hawks' senior was a triple winner and ran the leadoff leg on the record-setting 4x800 relay team. Near the end of the day, Maddie said: "We've all worked really hard in practice and it's paid off."

events was an extremely close win in the 1600-meter run, as she posted a time of 5:02.17. "Allie," her talented freshman teammate, took second place (5:02.97) and Webb sophomore Calysta Garmer was just a hair back in third place (5:03.03).

Later in the meet, Maddie took top honors in the 3200, again just nipping Vesser, the rookie, 11:11.42 to 11:11.50 or

by eight one-hundredths of a second.

Archdale ended her busy day with the baton in her hand as the anchor runner in the girls' final event, the 4x400 relay. HVA finished fifth.

Maddie and the Lady Hawks still have much to look forward to as the post-season is just getting started.

Senior Gracie Waite was a double winner for the



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Payton Sipos, versatile Catholic sophomore, skims across the barriers to win the KIL 100-meter hurdles race. Sipos also won the 300 hurdles event, ran a leg on the Lady Irish's victorious 4x200 relay team and won the high jump event.

Lady Hawks in the field events and set a new KIL record in the shot put with a throw of 42-5. She also prevailed in the discus event with a 119-5 mark.

Carolina Areheart, Catholic sophomore, set a new KIL record in the 800 run with a time of 2:13.46. It bettered the existing record of 2:14.34 set by Rebecca Story in 2017.

Farragut senior Parker Willis placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:15.67. Cathoic's Maggie Frana were runners-up behind Waite in the shot put and discus, respectively.

Catholic sophomore Chloe Truss swept the sprint events, winning the 100 in 12.33, the 200 in 26.02 and the 400 in 57.9. The second place finishers in those events were Fulton freshman Zion Thompson (12.61), Gibbs sophomore Addison Miller (26.27) and Karns senior Hannah Little (59.35).

Sophomore Payton Sipos picked up 20 points

for Catholic in winning the 100 hurdles in 14.99 and the 300 hurdles in 45.09, while runner-up honors went to Powell junior Shataya Crowley and CAK junior Amelia Wedemeyer, respectively.

Katie Edmunds, Farragut junior, won the pole vault event in 11-0 and junior Lilyana Helton got Concord Christian some points with her second place mark of 10-6.

In the high jump, Catholic's Sipos prevailed with a 4-10 mark and had fewer misses than Karns' Rebecca McElroy, who also had a 4-10 mark.

The long jump went to Webb junior Lennox Langham, who sailed 17-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. Farragut freshman Ada Becker placed second. Langham also won the triple jump in 37-10.70. Farragut senior Sehynesh Coffey took second.

Hardin Valley reached the finish line first in the 4x100 relay with a time of 49.71. The Lady Hawks' foursome included

Acheema Cummings-Scott, Lily Swenson, Kyree Maxey and Lauren Gray. Fulton placed second with a time of 50.38.

Truss ran a leg on Catholic's winning 4x200 relay, which nipped HVA in a close race. The Lady Irish was timed in 1:44.80, while the Lady Hawks were clocked in 1:45.20. Truss' running mates were Maeva Cox, Sara Salsbery and the versatile Sipos.

West took top honors in the 4x400 with Emory Townsend, Katherin Legg, Elle Etheridge and Kate Robinson putting together a 4:07.2 time to get past runner-up Webb (4:08.6).

GIRLS' SCORING: Hardin Valley 142, Catholic 93, Webb 91, Farragut 81, Karns 73, West 39, CAK 30, Gibbs 29, Fulton 24, Bearden 19, South-Doyle 15, Powell 13, Concord Christian 11, Central 9, Austin-East 8, Halls 8, Carter 6, L&N STEM Academy 3.

Field event winners lead Farragut's charge to title

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A forecast of rain and thunderstorms for Tuesday night had plans in the works to postpone the track events to Wednesday, but weather conditions remained good and clear.

Webb senior Colin Eckerman's determined effort in the 1600-meter run produced a KIL record time of 4:07.48 and was the highlight of the boys' track events. Farragut's Matteo Tonnos, who will be a teammate of Eckerman at Furman, came in second.

Senior Christian Valentin led Farragut to a 1-2-3 showing in the 400-meter dash with his 49.57 time. Tony Spadafora and Noah Eaker followed as the Admirals racked up 24 points in the event.

The Admirals also got a 1-2 showing in the 3200 run with Tonnos' time of 9:26.02 leading the way. Braden Ebbert wasn't far off at 9:28.32.

Conley posted two victories in the sprints, posting a 10.8 in the 100 and 21.96 in the 200.

Junior Keegan Smith's time of 1:54.79 edged Eckerman by just a little over a second in the 800.

CAK junior Silas Fulford crossed the 110 hurdles in a winning time of 15.08, while HVA junior McKale Hayes triumphed in the 300 hurdles at 39.81. Carter came into the

meet with the top-ranked 4x100 relay team and backed it up. Leadoff man Spencer Russell, Andre Thomas, Lawson Branch and anchor man Joseph Armenta combined for a time of 44.09. The top five teams in the race crossed the finished line within less than a second.

Gibbs took first place in two of the four relays. Evan Hall, Milo Willets, Lee Wolosiki and Dajuan Harris combined for a time of 1:31.41 in the 4x200, nipping South-Doyle (1:32.11).

The Eagles' 4x400 was clocked in 3:27.93 with Waylon Spierdowis, Hall, Willets and Will Spierdowis carrying the baton. Farragut came in second.

Hardin Valley's 800 quartet of Gabe Allen, Carson Long, Josh Hunt and Garre Hawkins combined for a victory time of 8:14.84. Rival Karns took second at 8:16.74.

Farragut junior Dane Skinner took second place in the 110 hurdles and Admiral soph Chase McAvoy was runner-up in the 300 hurdles.

BOYS' SCORING: Farragut 155, HVA 101.5, Webb 76.5, Gibbs 59, Catholic 50, Karns 49, Halls 46, CAK 46, South-Doyle 29, Central 23, West 23, Carter 21, Bearden 9, Austin-East 8, Fulton 1, Powell 1, L&N Academy 1.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SIGNING

Walker and Brewer to play at Alice Lloyd

By Steve Williams

Two players off of Powell High's boys basketball team, which had a 23-8 overall record this past season, will be continuing their education and athletic careers at Alice Lloyd College.

Kaleb Walker and Noah Brewer signed scholarship papers with Alice Lloyd last Tuesday (April 30) in the Powell library with a proud Coach Gary Barnes looking on.

"They are the reason we had a great year," said Barnes. "They both led us on and off the floor. They are just model student-athletes and they've worked hard for four years here and went through the whole process of getting stronger, getting faster, getting better."

"Each year they've added a little bit to their game. It kind of came together for them as seniors this year. Both just had outstanding years."

Alice Lloyd, which is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association and NAIA, is a four-year school in Pippa Passes, Kentucky.

The Eagles were represented at the signing by Assistant Coach Phil Arnett. The head coach, Scott Cornett, also coaches baseball at ALC and couldn't attend because of obligations to that program.

"I think we are getting two great kids to come



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Powell basketball players Kaleb Walker (left) and Noah Brewer on their April 30 signing day with Alice Lloyd College. At far left is Powell High Head Coach Gary Barnes and at far right is Phil Arnett, an ALC assistant coach.

and be a part of what we are trying to do at Alice Lloyd," said Coach Arnett.

"The main thing that impressed me about Kaleb was how under control that he is on the floor. He doesn't let anyone speed him up and he has really incredible shot-making capability."

"I see him playing the 1, but I think with his size and the capability that he has to shoot, I think he could be a 1 or a 2 at the next level."

As for Noah, Arnett said: "Anytime that you can find a kid who is about 6-4 and able to shoot it the way that he can, that always catches your eye and then his ability to play defense and just how hard he plays."

"I could see him at his size most likely being a 3, but I think he could play

the 3 or the 4."

Alice Lloyd had a 17-16 overall record this past season and finished on a "strong note" said Arnett. "We went 2-1 at the (NCCAA) national tournament and the game that we lost was to the eventual national champions of that league."

Walker, who was named the MVP in District 3-4A this season, had offers from Brewton-Parker College in south Georgia, College of Coastal Georgia and Mississippi State and about 10 or more other schools, said Coach Barnes, while Brewer, an All-District honoree, was looking more at JUCOs and prep schools.

"Alice Lloyd was recruiting Kaleb pretty heavy and then Noah went with him," recalled Barnes. "I sent some film of Noah

and they got interested in Noah just because of his size and the way he shoots the ball. He went up there and visited and they really liked him and he liked them, so it was like a match made in Heaven."

"They are really good friends. They are going to be roommates and all that, so it's going to be good."

Kaleb said: "I'm excited for this opportunity to continue to play at the next level and I'm ready to go to work and give my all."

He plans to major in Business.

"I just want to thank Alice Lloyd for the opportunity to play at the next level and thank you to Coach Phil and Coach Cornett," said Noah, who plans to major in Business Administration.

Visionaries who dream great dreams

Over the years, Vol fans across the expanse of Big Orange County have anxiously awaited game stories and columns in the state's newspapers by Bob Wilson, Walter Stewart, Early Maxwell, Edgar Allen, Tom Anderson, F.M. Williams, John Bibb, Ed and Harold Harris, Tom Siler, Marvin West, Frank "Red" Bailes, Ben Byrd, Russ Bebb, David Climer, Ward Gossett, Chris Low, Jimmy Hyams, John Adams, Mike Strange, Gary Lundy, Randy Moore, Wes Rucker, and many others.

You may not recognize these names, however, but H.I. Leyshon and Jimmy Smith were scribes who covered the Vols in the early part of the 20th century. Writer Jimmy Burns wrote eloquently about the 1922 game with Emory & Henry, a 50-0 Tennessee win, the game in which the orange and white jerseys made their debut.

His game story had a nice literary touch, noting that the Vols "rendered the Wasps as helpless as a one-armed revenue officer in a moonshiner's lair."



Gen. Robert R. Neyland (L) and News-Sentinel Sports Editor Tom Siler (R) observe a 1953 Tennessee football practice at Hudson Field on campus.

There was one minor detail missing in his story. There was no mention of the new orange jerseys.

There was another nice touch in the Knoxville Journal's story of the 1909 Transylvania game. When the Vols, scoreless in their first eight games, knocked off Transy, 11-0, the Journal

had the following sub-head on its game story: "The Team of the Recent Past Didn't Know Itself Yesterday, and Thereby Hangs a Pleasant Tale." They don't write headlines like this one these days.

There's more to the coverage. On Sunday afternoons, Vol fans turned on

the television at 1 p.m. on Channel 6 in Knoxville and at various other times in cities across the state. After the opening credits, Vol broadcaster John Ward appeared on the screen with opening comments that went something like this: "It was a beautiful day yesterday afternoon at Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama, and, when it was over, Tennessee came home with a 24-13 victory. Coach Doug Dickey, the turning point of this football game..."

Then Ward, succeeded in 1999 by Bob Kesling, and a host of head coaches, described the game in great detail for the next hour. It was great theatre.

It was marvelous, always high-tech way above the standards of its day. Even though they might have seen the game live a day earlier, Vol fans wouldn't have missed seeing it for anything. For many years, the game film was shown on Monday afternoons after the Knoxville Quarterback Club's weekly meeting. The film of the 1965 UCLA game, Tennessee 37, UCLA 34, was one of the most requested by civic clubs, church groups, and anybody else whose life is defined by the fortunes of

the Vols. In the history of every organization, there are those visionaries who dream great dreams and are fortunate enough to live to see their dreams reach fruition. There are those whose actions 30, 40, or even 50 years ago or longer, live on and help shape the sports landscape as we know it today.

The Vol Network, the brainchild of Lindsey Nelson and Edwin Huster Sr. in the 1940s, grew into one of the finest in college sports. Edwin Huster Jr. continued what Lindsey and his dad started, and the Vol Network stood then and stands today for class, professionalism, and dignity.

After Edwin C. Huster Jr. died suddenly in the early 2000s, Steve Early took over and the Vol Network hasn't missed a beat. Today, Vol Network broadcasts are heard worldwide thanks to the Internet, and heroes in orange and white continue to build the Tennessee legend.

Nelson said he had originally wanted to call it the "Volunteer Network," as in, "You're listening to the Volunteer Network. Stand by for the kickoff." He even rehearsed the tagline at his

home on Valley View Drive in North Knoxville.

He needed Gen. Neyland's approval. Gen. Neyland preferred "Vol Network," Lindsey Nelson said.

So, the "Vol Network" it was.

Ward was the principal architect of a media strategy starting in the 1960s when the University of Tennessee athletic program was reaching for the stars, leading to a golden era when his voice and visage echoed far and wide across the expanse of Big Orange County.

Ward did play-by-play for the Vol Network in football from 1968-98 and in basketball from 1964-99. His broadcast style was light years ahead of its time. John brought home the story of Tennessee athletics in a manner that could never be duplicated.

Ward's calls of these moments have resonated over the years, savored as an essential part of life wherever Vol fans gather. These were magic moments indeed, as Vol fans could not get enough coverage of their favorite team. Neyland Stadium and the Vol Network were the epicenter of it all.

Lady Admirals win two tournament games to remain

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Lauren Spainhower each collected two hits for the Lady Bulldogs, who also got a hit from Kendall Hubbs.

Bearden advanced to the winner's bracket with a 7-2 victory over Hardin Valley Academy Wednesday night.

Abby Thompson went 3-for-3 with a double, a triple, two runs and two RBIs. She also recorded a stolen base against the Lady Hawks.

Tournament play continues throughout this week.

Diamond notes: A look at early postseason games

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In opening-round games Tuesday, Maryville got past William Blount and HVA shut out West High, 12-0.

Eagles to play for District 4-3A Championship: Defending tournament Gibbs was set to play for a second consecutive district championship Friday night at Steve Hunley Field.

The Eagles who won the District 3 Title in 2023, was set to play the winner of the Clinton-Union County loser's bracket final, which was contested Friday afternoon. The Eagles could've ended the tournament on Friday. A winner-take-all if-necessary game was scheduled for Saturday.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville picked up a pair of region tournament victories Thursday as it swept Grace Baptist Academy (Chattanooga) in a history-making doubleheader. The Warriors prevailed 10-0 and 14-0.

In both games, CAK pitchers threw combined no-hitters. In Game 1, Parker Jones, Will Wright and Jon Yeager had a combined no-no, while Jonathon Van Ness, Jackson Biles, Joey Sulish and Tyler Burnett tossed a combined no-hitter. CAK has won 14 straight games.

Farragut was set to host No. 3 Maryville Friday after the third-seeded Rebels upset No. 2 Bearden, 7-3, at Phil Garner Ballpark Wednesday night

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Beavers notch comeback win to open district tournament

By Ken Lay

The 2024 baseball season has been a tough one for Karns High School as the Beavers have a young lineup. They've endured growing pains all year, but they picked up a signature road win in the opening round of the District 3-4A Tournament.

After a rocky start, Karns, the No. 5 seed, bounced back to earn a 4-2 victory over fourth-seeded Halls Wednesday at Bob Polston Field at Halls Elementary School.

The Beavers scored first as they played a run to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The rally opened with one out when Connor Clark tripled. He would score on an RBI groundout by Brodie Miles before Red Devils' starter Ethan Heath got out of the inning.

Halls, however, would answer in the bottom of the frame as it came up with two runs off Karns starter Brayden Elliott.

Colby Comparato started things off with a lead-off single. He advanced to third base when Cooper Faust reached on an error.

Comparato came in to score when Landon Wells lifted a sacrifice fly to right field to tie the game, 1-1. The Red Devils took the lead when Faust scored with the help of an error by the Beavers.

But that would be all the scoring for Halls in the contest. Elliott finished the first inning but didn't return to the mound in the second as he gave way to Sam Akers.

"It just wasn't Brayden's day," Karns first-year head coach Drew Patterson said. "So we made a change."

Patterson called upon freshman Sam Akers, an all-district player and the youngster was up to the task as he pitched four innings of scoreless relief and gave up just one hit, an infield single to Cash Sentell to open the fifth inning.

Akers, a freshman, retired the Red Devils (11-19) in order in the second and fourth innings. He walked Comparato to open the third but escaped damage in the inning as Halls' leadoff hitter was stranded after stealing second and advancing to third on a balk.

"We brought in Sam and he made some big pitches. He's an all-district performer and he's a freshman," Patterson said of Akers, who walked two and struck out one. "And he's only going to get better."

"He's going to be a good one."

Karns knotted the game, 2-2, in the top of the fourth inning as Braden Harness reached on a single with

one out. He would later come home when Heath uncorked a wild pitch after issuing a pair of consecutive four-pitch walks to CJ Burnette and Akers.

The Beavers would take the lead in the fifth when Owen Burnette successfully executed a squeeze play to make it 3-2. Karns would add another run in the frame when an RBI double by Harness plated Miles, who walked earlier in the inning.

Blake Bowers took the mound for Karns in the bottom of the sixth. He gave up a two-out double to Seth Perry in the sixth before slamming the door on the Red Devils, retiring the side in order in the seventh.

"Blake Bowers came in in the sixth and he just didn't give them anything," Patterson said. "This was a big win for us. We're young and we've been starting six or seven freshmen at any given time."

"But we have some juniors who have some experience and are great leaders. We're led by Connor Clark."

Clark, the Beavers' shortstop, went 3-for-4. He tripled and scored twice, while Harness was 2-for-3.



Halls High's Ethan Heath delivers a pitch in last week's District 3-4A Tournament game at Bob Polston Field. Heath took the loss as the Beavers upset the Red Devils, 4-2, Wednesday night.

He doubled, scored and recorded an RBI for Karns.

Halls first-year head coach Ryan Gentry tipped his hat to the Beavers after being bounced into the loser's bracket.

"They made big pitches and they made plays. Credit them for making the plays," Gentry said. "We had our chances."

"Now, all the complication is gone for us, if you win, you get to play again. It's that simple and we have to approach things that way."

Karns, however, was unable to stay in the winner's bracket as they dropped a 5-1 decision to Central Thursday night at Tommy Schumpert Park.

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Three Vols picked in 2024 NFL Draft

By Mark Nagi

The NFL Draft is once again a showcase for Tennessee Volunteer athletes.

Last month three former Vols were picked. This might not have been as impressive as 2023 when five former Vols were taken in the first three rounds, but running back Jaylen Wright, quarterback Joe Milton and defensive back Kamal Hadden could each continue their football careers at the next level.

Let's start with Wright. The running back position has been devalued in

recent years, but the Miami Dolphins thought so highly of Wright that they selected him in Round 4.

Miami already has a lot of weapons in their offense, with quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle, plus running backs Raheem Mostert and De'Von Achane.

Wright believes that he can make an explosive group even better.

"It's going to be really scary," said Wright. "I got a lot of fire built up in me right now, just from this whole process. I'm just ready to

get out there and just prove my point. These people that passed on me, make them feel it. So just ready to bring that aggression to the field, make a lot of plays, make a lot of big plays."

In the 6th round, the New England Patriots picked Joe Milton. This was a very interesting decision from that franchise, because they drafted North Carolina quarterback Drake Maye.

The Patriots finally gave up on Mac Jones, trading the former first round pick out of Alabama to Jacksonville back in March. New England is looking for

their quarterback of the future, and while Maye is the guy, Milton will be there to push him, and perhaps open the eyes of other teams, if not the Patriots. Remember, New England hired former Tennessee Vols linebacker Jerod Mayo to replace Bill Belichick as head coach.

"It's just an opportunity," said Milton. "I feel like everywhere you go, no matter what quarterback got selected in this draft, no matter where you go, you're going to have to compete. Nothing is just given

to you, no matter who you are. So, no matter where you go, you're just going to have to compete, so that is what I am looking forward to doing."

Also taken in Round 6, Kamal Hadden will get to start his career with the two-time defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs. Hadden led the Vols in interceptions the last two seasons, including a memorable pick 6 against South Carolina last season. He will join former Tennessee Vol offensive lineman Trey Smith on a group that will

try to become the first NFL team to win three straight Super Bowls.

Of course, these aren't the only former Vols from the 2023 team that will have a chance to make NFL rosters. A bunch of Vols inked free agent deals, including tight end Jacob Warren. The former Farragut standout will join Milton in Foxboro.

Among the others were running back Jabari Small signing with the Tennessee Titans and wide receiver Ramel Keyton giving it a go with the Las Vegas Raiders.

GIRLS' SOCCER SIGNING



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Former Powell soccer coach Victoria Weinhandl accompanies the players she had for three years at their signing ceremony on April 29. From left to right: Coach Weinhandl, Makhira Ralston, Ciarrh Turner and Savannah Kerns.

Three from Powell sign to play college soccer

By Steve Williams

Three Powell High girls soccer players have signed scholarship papers to play on the college level starting next season.

Ciarrh Turner will be going to Johnson University, while Makhira Ralston and Savannah Kerns will be headed to Roane State Community College.

Their signing ceremony was held last Monday (April 29) in the Powell library.

Head coaches from both colleges – Todd Halliburton from JU and Donnie Green from RSCC – attended the signing and spoke at the ceremony. Roane State Assistant Coach Nathan Worley also was present.

Last season's head coach at Powell, Zinyor Babiker, no longer has that position.

Victoria Weinhandl, the PHS head coach for three seasons (2020 through 2022), attended the

ceremony and commented on her former players.

"I loved coaching all three and they all improved in their own way," said Weinhandl, who now is with the One Knox Youth Club and director of the girls 9V9.

Powell lost in the District 3-3A semifinals in 2023. In the fall of 2021, when the three signees were sophomores, they won the district championship.

Turner, who plays the center back and outside back positions, was a second team All-District player for three years.

Ralston was second team All-District her junior and senior seasons and plays the left back position on defense.

Kerns, who plays midfield, said she earned All-District second team honors her freshman and sophomore years.

All three signees were

asked separately what they were looking forward to the most in playing soccer at the college level.

"Just the high intensity," said Turner. "Getting to work with all the girls that are at a higher level than me. And getting to experience a different coaching staff."

Ciarrh added: "I want to thank all my coaches and my family and the people that pushed me to do this."

"I'm looking to meeting new teammates and growing even stronger together," said Ralston.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know new people and playing with them and learning things from my coaches and my teammates," answered Kerns.

Turner said she plans to major in psychology, while Ralston said she will major in Business Administration. Kerns plans to major in Pre-Professional Vet.

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