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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

State Senator Becky Duncan Massey celebrates her primary victory at the Knox County Republican Party gathering last Thursday with family and supporters at the Crown Plaza Downtown.

Council scrambling to get voting changes on ballot

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening with a lengthy agenda that includes three different ways to change the way future councils are elected. The rush to get something on the November ballot includes two proposals up for their second and final readings and one alternative proposal very different than the others on first reading.

The first proposal, if voters approve, would change the cycle of District 5 Council elections, removing it from the Knoxville Mayor, city judge and at-large city council elections and putting it in with all the other council district elections. Councilman Charles Thomas is hoping for that change.

The second proposal, promoted by Councilman Andrew Roberto, would remove the term "District" and replace it with "Region" with all qualified regional candidates running in primary and general elections at large, meaning everyone in the city would vote on each region race.

The third option, suggested by Councilwoman Amelia Parker, would establish that only citizens within the existing districts could vote on those seats. At-large candidates could win with a majority of votes in a primary and the two highest-vote candidates in each district primary would face each other in a general election.

Given the number of sponsors, the first two proposals may be chosen. Parker appears as the

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Republicans celebrate victories, call for unity in November

By Ken Lay

It was a night of celebration for the Knox County Republican Party. But there was also a feeling of trepidation about the upcoming election in November.

Many who were victorious had plenty to celebrate at the watch party at the Crowne Plaza in Downtown Knoxville, but those who celebrated were quick to point out that the party's work was not done.

David Buuck was re-elected for a second term as Knox County Law Director. He expressed gratitude, but he also sounded the biggest alarm and

warned voters to get out and vote in November. He defeated Democrat Jackson Fenner to earn re-election.

"I'm looking forward to another four years," Buuck said. "But the Republican Party has to get itself together,

"There are fractures in the Republican Party and we have to come together. The Republican Party has to get itself together."

Others including Terry Hill (Knox County Commission, District 6), Michele Carringer (Tennessee House, District 16), Elaine Davis (Tennessee House, District 18) and Dave Wright

(Tennessee House, District 19), called for unity and implored their supporters to get out and vote.

Becky Duncan Massey also won the primary election for Tennessee House, District 6, and she'll be opposed by Democrat Domonica Bryan in November.

"I didn't win this race," Massey said. "Team Massey won this race.

"I have an incredible team and everybody sacrificed. They gave up time at the lake and gave up time with their family. I have incredible friends in the house. Dave Wright wasn't putting up

his signs, he was putting up my signs."

Hill won a second term Thursday night. Wright will be unopposed in the general election. Carringer and Davis won their respective primaries but will face Democratic opponents in November.

On the Knox County Board of Education, Travis Wright was on hand. He won the District 8 seat in the primary and was sworn in following the death of longtime board member Mike McMillan.

"I want to thank everybody here and I want to thank the

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Spangler: Cancer 'is almost non-existent'

By Ken Lay

On a night when Republicans celebrated victories and turned their attention to the general election in November, some of the loudest cheers came for someone who wasn't a candidate.

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler was one of the first people to take the stage Thursday night at the Republican watch party in Downtown Knoxville.

Spangler drew cheers from those in the audience but he's term-limited and was not in a race for office.

He's in a bigger fight and he wanted to tell supporters that it's

a fight that he's winning.

"Everything is good right now," said Spangler, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. "I'm doing good, really good.

"I've been blessed. Things are positive. The tumor's DNA is at zero, which is absolutely where they wanted it to be. I think we started out with it being at 11, so, it's gone down to where it is almost non-existent. It's not moving around in my blood system."

Spangler was elected sheriff in 2018 and won re-election in 2022, defeating former Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones.

"I want you to know that I appreciate all the phone calls, texts and emails," Spangler said. "It helped and without it, I wouldn't be here. It's truly been a blessing."

"It really helped after I went through my second treatment when things were pretty bad and I wasn't sure if I wanted to go on."

Spangler said he would continue to serve the rest of his term.

"I'm humbled to be your sheriff, Knox County's sheriff for the next two years and 29 days," he said. "I'll continue to help all of the candidates as much as I can because we have a helluva race ahead."



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler addresses the crowd at the Knox GOP celebration last Thursday.

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Liberals: Believe Us Or Your Lyin' Eyes

When people ask me about "the good old days" and what do I miss the most, I always say people being able to think for themselves and make up their own minds. There are more and more reports taking up what I had already written about in a recent editorial; that is the fact Joe Biden was dumped after the entirety of the Democratic Party and the majority of the national media all shamelessly and deliberately participated in one of the biggest lies ever told. The lie being that Joe Biden was as sharp as a tack. The "deep fake" videos the incompetent Karine Jean-Pierre talked about never existed. There was nothing fake about Barack Obama leading a confused and dazed Joe Biden off the stage at the Hollywood fundraiser. It was there George C-Looney noticed Biden was cognitively impaired but said

nothing about it until the party chieftains gathered together and stabbed Joe Biden to death politically just as Caesar's friends murdered him. In other words, Jean-Pierre was lying about the supposedly altered videos. None has surfaced to date and if they really existed does anyone doubt the media would have played them again and again, over and over? The entire world would have seen them by now.

The truth of the matter is the national Democrats will lie and they are liars who lie to the American people to gain power and keep it.

What we are supposed to believe now is the Democrats in Congress, the talking heads in the national media on MSNBC, CNN, and the other countless outlets that are little more than extensions of the Democratic Party, were all positively shocked by Joe Biden's pitiful performance in the presidential debate. They had no idea! They could barely believe their eyes and ears. When did this happen? Well, we all know it's been happening for the last 3 ½ years. All the signs and outright evidence of poor old Joe Biden's mental and physical decline has been well-documented, but these folks have all claimed it to be right-wing propaganda or "deep fakes." There has been a ton of propaganda spewed but it has come from the very people

claiming the truth is actually right-wing propaganda. It's all based on the same theory espoused long ago by Dr. Josef Goebbels, Hitler's Minister of Propaganda. His theory was tell a lie often enough and before long people will believe it is the truth.

Biden's downward spiral didn't happen all at once. The commentariat of the country and the Democrats in Congress simply looked the other way, did their best to pretend Biden was strong, vigorous and decisive, a brilliant leader, when all the evidence would have caused a rational person to wonder who was really running the country.

We were told Biden's standing there like a statue amid a joyous crowd dancing at a concert was nothing more than never having been one to dance. There had been plenty of time to nominate someone else and allow Democrats to vote for their preferred candidate. Instead, the Democrats greased the skids to keep prospective candidates from challenging Biden in the primaries. Those same self-appointed defenders of democracy show they don't even know the meaning of the word by lining up behind Kamala Harris who got exactly the same number of votes in the primary as our little dog, Sophie. That would be NONE. It's only slightly worse than her campaign for president in 2020

when she got less than 2% and was one of the first candidates to drop out. The same media now singing Kamala's praises found her less than impressive just four years ago.

Kamala Harris will be the first candidate in generations not to have received a single vote inside the primaries to win the nomination of a major party, but we are supposed to believe these people love democracy.

They had every opportunity to observe Biden's all too obvious decline and do something about it. They preferred to maintain the lie and hoped you'd all believe it. Voters consistently mentioned Biden's advanced age in polling data as a serious concern. Democrats stomped on any among them who deviated from the official party line that Joe Biden was in tip-top shape. Joe Scarborough looked directly into the TV cameras and lied, telling us the present Joe Biden was the best Biden there ever was. One journalist wisely wrote that rarely ever "are so many people exposed as liars and hypocrites" at one time.

The next question any intelligent person would rightly ask, would be: what else are they lying about?

Woke To Broke

When companies go woke, they oftentimes head toward broke. Just ask the folks at Bud Light

whose marketing wizard came up with the brilliant idea of taking the favorite beer of working Americans and giving it a drag queen or trans spokeswoman. Clearly, whoever thought of that brilliant marketing strategy had no idea who bought their beer. When woke and DEI enter sports, people start turning off their television sets. So, now the Olympics has to show its own commitment to the woke agenda by allowing the mockery of one of Christianity's most deeply held convictions and beliefs: the Last Supper of Christ. Just why this was allowed at the Olympic games, which have nothing to do with art, is proof enough of inserting things that don't fit to be a part of the narrative promoted by the activist Left. Think, if you can, for just a moment, to ask yourself how tolerant the Left in this country - - or any other for that matter would be if the mockery had depicted the Muslim prophet Muhammad as a drag queen. The Left would have had a vapor lock, not sure which constituency to side with. Riots would have erupted in the streets of Paris and Iran or Hezbollah would have likely killed citizens in France in retaliation. There is NO tolerance for mocking any organized religion in the United States and apparently at the Olympic games except for Christianity. Of course, there is no war on Christianity, mind

you. Oh, no. That is another lie told by the Left.

City Council Should Be Elected By Districts Only

The Left tries to pretend to be inclusive while all the time practicing the politics of power. Disagree with them and find out what that means. The Knoxville City Council is trying to evade allowing voters to choose their own representatives by having voters elect all their representation at large. That is a leftover practice from back in the day which limited the ability of Black citizens to be elected to the city council. These days it would keep people in office like Seema Singh, who failed to win the election inside the district she supposedly represents. There are three members of city council who are elected by the people at-large, which is more than enough. Why does the council hate the idea of actually having members elected to represent districts? Because they might not be socialists and could very well have the gall to represent the people who elected them, not the folks across town. But, by golly, they, too, love democracy, even when it denies communities their own representation.

Five new faces will join Knox County Commission

By Mike Steely
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The election last week saw voters choosing candidates from a long ballot that included federal and state primary candidates and the local Knox County general election. Of the estimated 303,000 legible voters about 56,768 voted with 31,294 of those voting early. That's just over 18% of the total people who could have voted.

for Durrett and 59% for Hill.

One new member is Democrat Damon L. Rawls who defeated Republican Charles Frazier in District 1 in a contest to replace Dasha Lundy. Lundy chose not to seek re-election and challenged state Representative Sam McKenzie in the Democratic primary.

In a surprise victory Shane Jackson, a Democrat, defeated Republican Garrett Holt in District 4 and goes on to replace Kyle Ward who chose not to run again. The close race saw Jackson pull 50.8% to Holt's 49.2%.

Republican Angela Russell defeated S. Arthur Moore to replace fellow Republican John Schoonmaker in District 6 and Republican Adam Thompson defeated Charles V. Chandler in the District 8 race to replace Republican

Richie Beeler, who also chose not to seek re-election.

The race to fill the seat of term-limited Carson Dailey in District 9, was close but fellow Republican Andy Fox pulled 49.77% to Democrat Matthew Park's 46.54%.

The August meeting of the commission will be the final session for Commissioners Lundy, Ward, Schoonmaker, Beeler and Dailey.

Remaining commission members include Gina Oster, Rhonda F. Lee, and at-large members Larsen Jay and Kim Frazier.

Following the September oath of office ceremony, the commission will select a new chair and vice chair. Hill currently holds the chair position with Oster serving as vice chair.

Knox County Offices

Incumbent Knox County Law Director David L. Buuck won 55% of the county-wide vote to defeat Democrat Jackson Fenner.

Former Assessor of Property Phil Ballard, a Republican, defeated Drew A. Harper for that office, replacing term-limited John Whitehead. Ballard received 54% of the votes.

Criminal Court Judge Hector I. Sanchez had no opponent and was re-elected in his first election after being appointed to that office.

Knox County School Board

Incumbent Jennifer Owen lost her bid for re-election to Democrat Anne Templeton for the District 2 seat on

the school board. Independent Pat Polis came in third.

Democrat Patricia Fontenot-Ridley defeated Republican Angie Goethert to replace Daniel Watson in the District 3 race.

Republican Lauren Morgan defeated Democrat Terry Whitaker to take the seat of Susan Horn in the District 5 race.

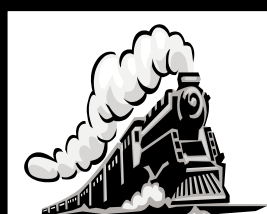
Republican Travis Wright will replace the late Mike McMillan in the District 8

seat. There was no Democratic opponent.

Town of Farragut Offices

Alexander J. Cain defeated Jeffery Devlin for the Alderman Ward One seat to replace Scott Meyer.

Incumbent District Two Alderman Drew Burnett defeated Randal Roberts in Burnett's bid for re-election.



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S.O.U.L.S. choir performs debut concert in Lonsdale

By Ken Lay

Members of the Sounds of Unity Lifting Spirits youth choir made their debut Wednesday morning at a local church.

The S.O.U.L.S. choir performed with the Center for English choir at the fellowship hall at West Lonsdale Baptist Church.

The performance was a culmination of a summer of free music lessons for the Center for English choir, directed by Sandra Fugate, and the S.O.U.L.S. choir, directed by Dr. Jill Hobby.

Both organizations are 501-c non-profits.

The Center for English has English classes for people who immigrate to the United States, either as refugees or professionals and their spouses.

The Center for English choir is comprised of children of those immigrants. That choir joined with S.O.U.L.S. to perform collaborative renditions of “Amani Utupe,” a Kenyan folk song which is “Give Us Peace, Give Us Courage” translated, and “America the Beautiful.”



The S.O.U.L.S. Youth Choir and the Center for English Choir perform at their debut concert Wednesday morning at West Lonsdale Baptist Church.

“America the Beautiful” included a solo performance by Maryville High School freshman Alex Luhn who was joined by Sindy Messerett, Monera Messerett, Laura Morris, Pragnya Latha, Suhaira Farishta and Shadha Waijah.

The S.O.U.L.S choir performed “Gloria Deo,” a Latin song, “Believe For It” and “God Bless

America.”

The choirs were accompanied by Farragut Middle School seventh grade pianist Vincent Xiazo, who also opened the program with a piano solo. Chris Justice also played congas and clarinet.

The purpose of S.O.U.L.S is to bring children from various backgrounds together through music.

“Music is the universal language. It brings people together and makes everybody happy,” Hobby said. “Everybody who leaves a concert leaves happy.”

“In sports, one team always leaves sad.”

Hobby was ecstatic following the S.O.U.L.S. choir’s first performance, which took place after

just seven rehearsals.

“The S.O.U.L.S. Singers have bought into the idea that singing is more than hitting the right notes, but is about working hard, learning about the pieces, and singing with passion,” Hobby said. “This group of young people genuinely likes each other. They get along and yet they are from such a variety of backgrounds, but the music draws them together.”

“These kids have come together, They’re from different backgrounds and different faiths and they come together to sing folk songs, patriotic songs and songs of praise to God.”

The S.O.U.L.S. choir is open to children ages 9-18, and the choir is currently seeking new members. It features singers from five East Tennessee counties. Hobby said that she hopes to expand to cover nine counties.

Participation in the choir is free.

The choir rehearses on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at Callahan Drive Baptist Church.

PARC updated on recruitment programs

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The Police Advisory and Review Committee met for its quarterly meeting recently and, after the Racial Profiling report given by PARC Vice Chair Saadia Williams, the discussion turned to complaints against officers.

Williams read the report showing only one profiling complaint reviewed over

the past quarter.

None of the complaints involved police cadets in training but Police Chief Paul Noel addressed a question about cadets, recruits and officers. The cadet program includes paid internships and Noel said that program is “sort of a tryout” to see if a person would make a good officer.

Asking PARC and the public to “get the word out” about the Summer in the

City internship program, open to anyone 18 to 21 years old, Noel noted that a city officer must be at least 21 years of age to serve.

Chairman Jonathan Haskell asked Noel about the maturity level of cadets and Noel said the department “keeps a close eye” on those trainees. He noted that complaints or individuals being dismissed from the program show that system works.

“They are heavily supervised and not armed,” Chief Noel said, adding that the cadet program has about 25 cadets now, up from two when he took office.

Asked about diversity in the program Noel said it currently has a couple of African American cadets and a good number of women. He said the department speaks to high schools and is always looking for cadets.

PARC Director Jered Croom suggested the department look to other groups in the city to expand the cadet program and the police chief said he was not opposed to that, especially expanding the department’s Explorer Program for people 14 to 21 years old.

PARC member Andre Canty noted that a Knox County Sheriff’s Office program function for children

turned into a “Scared Straight” event that traumatized some of the children. Noel replied that was “kind of the opposite of what we are trying to do.”

Colin Ickes, Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency director, was the guest speaker and he described the EMA headquarters, EMA’s duties, and how the agency interacts with local law enforcement.

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sole sponsor of her proposal.

In other business, Joyce Feld, representing Scenic Knoxville, is on the agenda to appeal a ruling by the Board of Zoning Appeals to reduce the street frontage at 5014 Washington Pike.

The contract with Whaley Construction may get a \$439,621 boost for the Old Broadway Sidewalk Project, upping the cost to over \$2.9 million.

Volunteer Ministry Center may get pass-through funding from HUD for rapid re-housing for the homeless and additional HUD funds to provide street outreach services. The council may

also approve the mayor to apply for about \$1.8 million from HUD to provide housing and services for homeless youth.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may get approval to apply for a federal lead-based paint hazard reduction grant. If approved, the \$4.6 million funding would be matched with \$400,000 in city funds. A contract for \$194,922 may be approved in an agreement with A & A Associates to provide recycling service in five areas of the city.

Asylum Avenue LLC is asking for a zoning change from mixed-use special district to mixed-use regional center as the owners continue to develop that

historic area for commercial use, venues and concerts. The property is located at 940 Blackstock Avenue.

Several additional zoning changes are before the council, most of them requesting changes to residential areas. Changing from low density to medium density is being requested for 3514 and 3520 Sevier Avenue. The change would be to a general residential neighborhood.

Three lots on Maryville Pike may change from RN-4 residential to industrial mixed-use. A change from low density to medium density is requested for 962 North Gallaher

View Road, an RN-5 designation.

A lot at 315 Erin Drive may go from general industrial to industrial mixed-use and 2909 North Broadway may be changed from office to industrial mixed-use. A change from general commercial C-G-3 to C-G-1 could be approved for 5900 and 5902 Kingston Pike.

The property at 911 West Baxter Avenue may change from RN-4 residential to C-N, neighborhood commercial. A change from RN-2 residential to industrial mixed-use is being proposed for 3030 North Central Avenue, adding a historic overlay to the classification.

Republicans celebrate victories, call for unity

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Republican Party and I want to thank all of my supporters.

“I’m already (on the school board) and I look forward to working and serving the children of Knox County.”

The Republicans also won District 5 on the school board as Lauren Morgan was elected as a first-time candidate.

“I look forward to continuing the great work in Knox County Schools,” Morgan said. “I want to continue the excellence of Knox County Schools.”

“I’m ready to get to work.”

On county commission, Adam Thompson won the seat for District 8. He noted that the primary was a bit tougher than his victory in

Thursday’s general election.


“District 8 is the reddest district and the hard part was getting through the primary because we had a pool of great candidates,” Thompson said. “It’s a great day to be a Republican in Knox County.”

Andy Fox will now represent District 9 on the Knox County Commission. He defeated Democrat Matthew Park and Independent Stacey Bryan Smith.


Fox noted, however, that his biggest opposition came from the Republican establishment.

“I ran as a conservative and I ran as a Christian and everybody was against me,” Fox said. “Victor Ashe, Mike Ragsdale and Mike Arms were all against me.”


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Retcon

The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command.

George Orwell in his novel “1984”

After the profane attack on Christianity during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, it was a relief to sit among hundreds of Christians in Sunday morning worship service praising the Lord.

People have expressed astonishment that the Olympics would open with such an insensitive, woke display and offend millions of Christians worldwide. Unfortunately, many cannot grasp the warped minds of godless, progressive socialists.

I keep waiting for the light bulb of reason to turn on in the minds of liberals, but if they don’t get it after four years of Biden/Harris, they probably never will. A twisted individual used the occasion of my mother’s recent death to offer a feigned email condolence before launching into the warped and hateful screed of Trump Derangement Syndrome.

The liberal commentariat rushed to explain and defend the Olympic freak show of severed heads, faux blood shooting from windows and drag queens around the communion table. They said it was artful and “inclusive,” as they tried to tell us we didn’t see what we saw. The opening ceremony should have been all about the world class athletes who have earned our recognition and support. Instead, the ceremony will be remembered as the travesty of elitist Euro woksters. If this is what Macron’s France has become, I don’t see the need to save them again.

A friend told me he believes we are entering the end times. Since Jesus’ Olivet discourse (Matthew 24) people have been wondering when the end will occur. Jesus said he didn’t

know and I certainly don’t. However, we are undoubtedly living in the destructive times of our modern day Ahab and Jezebel (1st Kings 19). History teaches that Ahab, like Corn Pop, “was a bad dude.” But his Jezebel was worse.

I understand why people have dark thoughts because we see “wars and rumors of wars” all around us and lies promoted as truth. God will not be mocked (Galatians 6:7) by godless elites without frightful consequences. We should be worrying that Hezbollah claims it has an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) weapon to destroy Israel, and NATO member Turkey threatens to invade the Jewish nation to “protect the Palestinians,” the people Turkey and other middle Eastern countries treat as pariahs.

I had lunch with a friend who expressed concern for me. He is worried that my outspokenness will put me at physical risk or that my “voice” will disappear from the pages of The Focus. I told him that I’m probably too small a fish for the Democrat’s Injustice Department to be concerned with. (I know that sentence ended in a preposition, but sometimes it’s just awkward not to write the way you think). Furthermore, The Focus has stood behind my ramblings for 15 years.

With all that said, let’s return to “Kamalot,” where

Democrats and their media goons try to reinvent Kamala Harris (KH). Retcon is short for recontextualization, defined as revision of an established story. In other words, it is the reimagining or reinvention of KH, the woman Joe Biden said was in charge of the border. They now tell us she was never the “border Czar.” But, in true Orwellian doublespeak, they tell us we didn’t hear them call her border Czar. Likewise, they tell us she can’t be a DEI hire, even though Joe Biden vowed to select a woman of color as his vice president running mate, showing us the selection was principally sexist and racist rather than meritorious. And we’ve seen what non merit, ideological DEI hiring does: it gets people shot and killed like President Trump and Corey Comperatore.

So we must pay attention as the Democrat party tells us they are “saving democracy” by forcing Ol’ Joe off the Democrat ticket and anointing KH. Actually, it was the Democrat politburo, consisting of Obama, Pelosi, Schumer, and the donor class who threatened Biden with the 25th amendment and dethroned him, thus invalidating the votes of millions of Democrats.

Democrats and their alphabet media are trying to suppress the fact that the Congressional voting record of KH was to the left of Elizabeth Warren and

Bernie Sanders. She is not “moderate.” The “Karens” for Kamala, “Dog moms for Kamala” and “White Men for Kamala” apparently are oblivious to the border catastrophe caused by Biden and his media dubbed “border Czar.”

These same sycophants ignore the historic inflation produced by the Biden/Harris administration and her opposition to fracking and American energy independence. And what about her support of Black Lives Matter and defunding the police? Or the fact that KH never won a single delegate in her bid for the presidential nomination, is less popular than Biden and wants Medicare for everyone (even illegals)? She can’t keep a staff and speaks word-salad. But most importantly, can you trust someone who hid Biden’s dementia?

Apparently, Democrat talking points went out labeling JD Vance as “weird.” The Republican vice presidential candidate is a former Marine, an Ohio senator and has a rags to riches story. He is married to a “woman of color” and has three children. Weird is the Democrat Rachel Levine, luggage thief Sam Brinton and the trans woman who flashed his/her breasts on the White House lawn.

“A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,” said Ralph Waldo

Emerson. So, voting for someone because they have a “D” beside their name is as bad as judging someone by the color of their skin (or their sex) rather than their character (Martin Luther King). It’s just plain wrong. Just like it is insane to trust the legacy media because they have repeatedly lied to us.

Our country is in a time of shadow. However, shadows are only possible because of the bright light of truth. Our shadowy shell of a president has been discovered, and the cackling Kamala cannot run from her record. And the light of truth will reveal the Secret Service and FBI rats in the basement hiding from the light of truth.

Every day there’s a new revelation about the attempted assassination of President Trump. A friend asked my opinion of July 13, so I offered three speculative possibilities. The first is abject incompetence of the Secret Service (SS) leadership. The second is a murderous conspiracy. But the most logical explanation is the political ideology of the SS leadership which led to complacency and resulted in murder, serious injury and near assassination of President Trump.

X-Files FBI Agent Mulder said, “The truth is out there.” Demand it!

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KCDC officially breaks ground for First Creek at Austin Phase 3 housing development

Knoxville’s Community Development Corporation (KCDC) officially broke ground Aug. 1 for the third phase of First Creek at Austin, the city’s first mixed-income, affordable housing community.

First Creek at Austin is being built in three housing phases with Phase 1 already finished, Phase 2 nearly completed and Phase 3 now getting underway. Business and community leaders, stakeholders and residents attended the ceremony.

“First Creek at Austin is creating a diverse neighborhood close to downtown

opportunities and amenities,” KCDC Executive Director and CEO Ben Bentley said. “Phase 3 will not only add more affordable housing units to the urban area, but it also will feature supportive housing and independent living for low-income seniors. Additional amenities, including new parks and connectivity to downtown and South Knoxville as a result of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant, will further improve the quality of life for residents.”

Phase 3 will include **Continue on page 4**



COURTESY OF KNOXVILLE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Knoxville’s Community Development Corporation officially broke ground Aug. 1 on the third phase of First Creek at Austin. The city’s first mixed-income, affordable housing community is being built on the site of the former Austin Homes, and Phase 3 will include approximately 161 new housing units, including 50 supportive housing units for low-income seniors, age 62 and older.



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What does Boilerplate contract language mean?



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During your life you may have been reading a contract and had someone tell you, “Oh, you can skip over that part, that is just boilerplate language.”

What does that mean exactly? If you look up where that language originated, it comes from where printing plates would have prepared text on the plates such as advertisements and

syndicated columns they would distribute to newspapers. That way the newspapers would not have to set the type individually for these items.

That terminology has stuck around long enough to be included in the legal field and typically means parts of a contract that are considered standard. That means you see these provisions repeatedly

in contracts no matter the nature of what else is included in the contract.

Here are examples of some boilerplate contract terms:

This contract is the entire agreement between the parties and no oral representation of either party can or should be relied on.

If any provision of this contract is considered invalid, the rest of the contract shall continue in full force and effect.

This contract and its terms shall be binding on any heirs or successors to the contract.

If either party must sue to enforce this contract, then the party who prevails in either enforcing the contract or defending against improper enforcement shall be awarded their attorney’s fees related to the same.

The jurisdiction to enforce this contract is in Knox County, Tennessee.

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

Ripley’s Aquarium celebrates SpongeBob SquarePants’ 25th Anniversary

Ripley’s Aquarium visitors will be treated to an immersive SpongeBob experience with exhibit signage, branded scavenger hunts, episode screenings, and more in celebration of SpongeBob SquarePants’ landmark 25th anniversary.

Through September 15th, Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies will be celebrating SpongeBob’s 25th Anniversary. Featured elements will include:

- Free Scavenger Hunt and Earth Goals Activity Sheets
- Fun SpongeBob theming throughout the aquarium

“We are delighted to be involved in the SpongeBob SquarePants’ 25th Anniversary Celebration. These lovable characters have brought the undersea world to life in such a fun and engaging way. We

are excited to join them in this special milestone event,” said Amanda Caton, general manager of Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies.

In honor of 25 years of nautical nonsense, Nickelodeon and Paramount+ will be rolling out a wide-ranging slate of 25th anniversary programs that invites audiences around the globe to LIVE, EAT, GAME, PLAY and WATCH LIKE A SPONGE. This includes all-new original content across the Paramount ecosystem; one-of-a-kind location-based experiences; exclusive consumer products and games, first-to-market partnerships and so much more.

For more information, call (865) 430-8808 or visit www.ripleysaquariumofthesmokies.com.

Goofy and lovable

I’ve been thinking about the early years of my life lately. Don’t get me wrong because I have no desire to go back to that time. Just thinking about it makes me feel the need for a nap. Still, living on the verge of young adulthood was a wonderful time. One thing has stood true throughout the years: young boys are the goofiest form of life on the planet.

As things about our bodies changed, most of us guys suddenly developed the need to “Tush-hog.” For those not familiar with the term, it means to try to impress others with our physical abilities. Boys were consumed with their verticality, what we knew back then as jumping. We never passed a doorway that we didn’t jump to slap the top header. Athletic boys soared and sometimes conked their noggins on the



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tops of the door frames. Others, like me, jumped about 3 ½ inches and “just missed” the thing.

PE turned into a time of embarrassment and torture. Our first task after dressing out was going to the chin bar. Muscle-bound guys loved the opportunity to show off in front of guys and the girls’ PE class on far end of the floor. Fat boys like me had no hope of completing a single pull-up. I’d grip the bar and strain to pull my rotund body toward it. Without fail, some smart aleck would take the opportunity to yank my gym shorts and expose my roundness. Throughout the day, freshmen boys sneaked up on friends and pinched, poked, or pushed them. Such actions were called “grab-a—ing!” We’d spend free time in class arm wrestling or playing thumb war.

Some of us discovered

the smoking pit, and in that place we developed a habit that would kill us, debilitate us, or torture us over the months as we struggled to quit. Many of us arrived tardy to classes and walked to the office to receive a note of forgiveness. That pit was the scene of several fights, usually an upperclassman knocking a freshman around. Principals appeared to check smoking permits. They were given to students whose parents had given the children permission to smoke.

At some point in our dorky lives, girls changed. In truth, the red blood flowing through our veins awakened our appreciation of the opposite sex. We began flirting with females in our way-pulling hair, bumping into them, or goosing them. If one girl turned out to be special, we would make attempts to call them. So many calls were terminated early as boys lost their nerve or couldn’t think

of anything to talk about. Making those calls was no easier with the family sitting in the kitchen where the one phone was located.

I wonder if boys today are the same way. Hanging up isn’t so easy with Caller ID available. Some reports declare that teens aren’t interested in dating. Have boys matured so much that they no longer goof off and perform acts to impress friends? Life is much more difficult for these young people, and I’m curious what they do to have fun. Whatever it is, I’m sure it involves a cell phone or computer. Little talking actually takes place between them. I hope that events to come in their lives will teach them that realistic, face-to-face communication is necessary. I also hope that they get into some trouble in school over some silly something. Most of all, I hope boys will continue to be goofy and lovable.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON Chance Encounter on the Borderland

By Jadon Gibson

Many soldiers of the Revolutionary War were granted land on the borderland that would become Kentucky and Tennessee. Those who accepted the offer were generally a more adventurous lot and offered a stabilizing element to the settlers. They were generally tough individuals who were adept at survival.

There were lawless individuals on the borderland as well. Outlaws fled to the new settlements to escape prosecution. Many continued their evil ways at the expense of settlers and Native Americans.

A few years ago, I wrote about the Harpe brothers who zigzagged through

the territory that is now Kentucky and Tennessee in about 1793, murdering, stealing and burning. They made every effort to stay away from populated areas, opting to inflict mayhem along the wilderness trails and at solitary cabins. They murdered the occupants and burned their cabins.

The Harpes encountered lone individuals along the trails, murdered them and covered them with brush. Victims were found several days later after the appearance of buzzards.

The sparse settlements organized groups of regulators to deal with lawless individuals and operated under a “lynch law” to set

harsh examples for those who quashed the rights of others.

Some individuals settled with their families in remote locations away from everyone. One of these early settlers was Mr. Muldrow.

Muldrow settled in an isolated area away from the paths that would bring Indians and white men too. He brought his wife from North Carolina on a packhorse with a rifle and axe and little more. They survived the first year on game he hunted and from wild fruits and nuts they gathered in the wilds.

One day about one year after his arrival he heard something while hunting and turned to see a small

dog that was following him with his nose affixed to the path Muldrow had walked. Muldrow stood silently as the dog came closer and closer until he was upon him. Once the dog noticed him it began to whine as if concerned by what it had found.

“Someone is near.” Muldrow thought to himself as his heart gained in rhythm. “The dog wouldn’t be here without it’s master.”

Motionless and still, Muldrow immediately began to scan the area. He thought it might be Indians as they were a constant danger. Then he thought it might be an outlaw. They too were a threat.

Finally Muldrow heard

something and his eyes turned toward the noise and he immediately spotted a movement. It was someone walking through the woods slowly and cautiously. The individual, unrecognizable and not more than a moving form to Muldrow was speaking in a low voice to his dog.

Muldrow didn’t know what he said or if he was speaking English. He simply knew that a stranger was approaching, the first human being he had encountered in more than a year except for his wife. Muldrow stooped down to remain unseen and noticed that the man wore deer-skin leggings, hunting shirt and a hat. He carried a gun and wore a tomahawk and knife.

“An injun,” Muldrow said under his breath as he slipped behind a nearby tree while making ready his rifle lest he be seen and shot on the spot by the intruder.

Muldrow cocked his rifle and when he did the sound was heard by the intruder. His heart raced as well and his eyes immediately went toward the spot where Muldrow hid. Springing behind a tree, the intruder cocked his own rifle, the sound reaching Muldrow’s ears and put him in a heightened state of alert.

Each was hid behind trees approximately thirty-five yards apart, their guns at the ready, waiting for the opportunity to shoot the other.

The intruder put his hat on the end of a tree limb that he hoped would entice Muldrow to shoot. Muldrow

took careful aim but recognized it as a ploy and decided to hold his shot. Muldrow tried to trick his adversary as well by flipping walnuts, which lay nearby, twenty feet or so away to lure the intruder from his hiding place. He stayed put behind his tree however and finally Muldrow became fed up with the stalemate.

“Shoot, you cowardly varmint,” he said sarcastically.


“Blast ye, ye bloody red-skin, shoot yourself,” the intruder answered.

“I’m no injun,” Muldrow shouted.

Each determined at once that neither were Indians and both stepped out from hiding. They stared at each other briefly for reassurance and then stepped briskly toward each other where they embraced with a hearty laugh.

The stranger lived a few miles away and, like Muldrow, had not seen another human for many months except for wife and children.

Similar chance meetings occurred between hunters on the borderland in early America.



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John E. Rankin of Mississippi

Pages from the Past



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It is a very rare thing when a human being has absolutely no redeeming feature. There have been instances where someone, usually a psychopath, doesn't seem to have one good quality. The People's House - - - the U.S. House of Representatives - - - is a reflection of the attitude of those who send men and women to Congress. John Elliott Rankin was a member of Congress for 32 years and he exemplified the best and the worst of the prevailing attitudes of his time in his home state of Mississippi. The Magnolia State was a one-party state in Rankin's day, still smarting from the losses inflicted by the bloody Civil War and the hated carpetbaggers who came to govern the state during Reconstruction. To most Mississippians, there were few things worse than Republicans.

John E. Rankin was a slight man with a mop of white hair who was early to rise and made a habit of walking to his office in Washington daily from his apartment in the nearby Methodist Building. Rankin liked to brag he had accomplished half a day's work before most of his colleagues had arrived in their own offices. If Rankin was a man of small stature, everything else about him - - - his personality, tenaciousness, booming voice and savage oratory - - - were all outsized. Congressman John Rankin was something of an eccentric. His dislike of the smell of paint was so pronounced it is probable his suite of offices in the House Office Building likely hadn't been painted since he had moved in to occupy them. When painters were attempting to paint doorways near his own office, the Mississippi congressman forbade it. The job had to wait until he left Washington to return to Mississippi. It was rare for Rankin to leave Washington, D.C., as he insisted on remaining at the Capitol during most of the congressional holidays, recesses and the like.

Despite his diminutive size, John E. Rankin needed no magnification of his voice to reach the upper rafters of any meeting. According to one contemporary observer, Rankin "spoke in a rather high-pitched piercing voice" from which venom could easily drip, especially when the Mississippian was agitated. It was not difficult to agitate John Elliott Rankin.

Even during his own time, John Rankin was one of the most controversial members of Congress. Far from being accepted by most citizens, Rankin's blatant racism horrified many, including some fellow Southerners, and was roundly denounced in

many quarters.

Rankin always liked to be personally present on the House floor during the opening and closing session of the House "because that's when the skullduggery is done" the congressman explained to a visiting reporter.

Throughout his time in the House, Rankin lectured his colleagues on any number of topics, most of which they could have done without. John E. Rankin spoke frequently about the blessings of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which he had sponsored in the House of Representatives, as well as the Rural Electrification Administration which brought light to tens of thousands of homes in his congressional district and throughout the South. As in the case of the TVA, John Rankin had been the House sponsor of the original legislation to create the REA. A veteran of the First World War, John E. Rankin was the long-time chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and there was no bigger advocate for veterans in Congress than the Mississippian. Rankin worked, along with Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, to shape the legislation that became the G.I. Bill of Rights approved by Congress.

The Mississippi congressman liked to hold the House floor and decry Southern freight rates, which he insisted were unfair to the people of the South. Rankin was an outspoken and powerful advocate for the creation of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, a project that did not come to fruition until well after the congressman's death. John Rankin's other topics of hatred was scalding and, in some cases, loathsome, especially when it came to racial matters. For those who insist we live in a terribly racist, white-supremacist society today, the oratory of Congressman John E. Rankin would cause them to likely faint dead away. The fiery little Democrat from Mississippi really was a full-blown white supremacist and made no apologies for it; quite to the contrary, he was proud of it.

Rankin was virulently anti-Communist at a time when virtually every member of Congress realized the threat of communism to the United States. John Rankin was responsible for creating the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Members of the House Press Gallery grew amused by the almost daily lengthy statements and pronouncements on issues flowing out of Congressman John Rankin's office. The Mississippian was promptly sarcastically dubbed "Silent John" for the torrent



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Mississippi Congressman John E. Rankin in 1933.

of printed words pouring into the press gallery. Rankin's news bulletins were released to the press and printed on slick yellow paper, notifying the newsmen Congressman Rankin was opining on yet another issue or topic. Rankin was so regular with his nearly daily bulletins the newspaper writers wondered what had happened when the congressman had not sent any press releases for three days. On the fourth day, a statement, written on the familiar yellow paper arrived in the press gallery. Most of the reporters began their story by writing, "Breaking his long silence Rep. John Rankin said today ..."

When Speaker of the House Henry Rainey died suddenly, John Rankin jumped into the race to succeed him but was never taken seriously by fellow Democrats. Nor did Rankin's ambitions stop there. When race-baiting Senator Theodore Bilbo died, Rankin entered the special election to fill the vacancy. Rankin boldly bragged he would "out-Bilbo Bilbo." Although he campaigned hard, times were already changing in Mississippi. Neither of the two strongest candidates, John Stennis and Congressman William Colmer, made white supremacy an issue. John Rankin got a thorough beating at the polls.

Angry that his fellow House Democrats had removed him from the House Un-American Activities Committee, Rankin purposely sponsored a bill that would have provided overly generous pensions to veterans and their widows. The cost of the legislation was deliberately high as Rankin calculated no congressman wished to appear to be unfriendly to veterans or their widows and orphans. According to some estimates, the Rankin Bill

would cost more than the country had spent on veterans since the Revolutionary War. Seven members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee stomped out of the hearing room in protest after Rankin managed to sledgehammer the bill through. As to those congressmen who protested the high and questionable cost of the legislation, Rankin serenely replied, "If we can spend untold billions of dollars on other countries, feeding and clothing every lazy lout from Tokyo to Timbuktu - - - then we can take care of our aged veterans when they are unable to care for themselves." Rankin devilishly turned a newly approved House Rule to his own advantage. That rule had been aimed at Rankin by the leadership of the House and permitted the chairman of committee to bring a bill out after the Rules Committee had pigeon-holed it for 21 days. In short, Rankin was gleefully forcing every member of the House to vote on the record for or against his bill. With the confidence of a fox entering the hen house, John Rankin "rolled his stupendous veterans' pork barrel onto the floor of the House and defied the quaking Congressmen to throw it out."

Leadership determined the only way to outmaneuver the wily old Mississippian was by allowing veterans in the House to take the lead in beating the bill. Twice the bill was defeated in standing and teller votes, which were not recorded. John Rankin demanded a roll call vote and watched with satisfaction as the House of Representatives did precisely what he believed they would do: keep his bill alive. "A revival of righteousness," Rankin exulted.

The next day the debate was led by Congressman Charles Potter of Michigan,

a veteran who had lost both legs in the Second World War. Aided by crutches, the congressman walked to the well of the House on artificial legs. "I hate to see the veterans of this country used as political pawns in this great Washington game of cheat," Potter told his colleagues. Congressmen began attaching amendments to the Rankin Bill to make it unpalatable to almost everyone.

By the third day of intense debate, Congressman Olin "Tiger" Teague of Texas moved to kill the Rankin Bill outright. Teague was also a veteran of the Second World War, and his valor was unquestionable, having been wounded three times in combat. Knowing how close the vote was likely to be, there was complete silence in the House Chamber. In fact, TIME magazine noted it was so quiet the click of the Clerk's "mechanical hand counter was audible in the galleries." The Clerk announced the final vote, 208 to 207. By a single vote, the House had killed the shrewd John Rankin's bill.

To remove John Rankin from Congress, the Mississippi legislature, facing the loss of a congressional seat, put Rankin in the same district as his colleague Tom Abernethy. The aging congressman campaigned gamely and hard but lost to Congressman Abernethy by a wide margin. Abernethy even beat Rankin inside his native county.

Vito Marcantonio, a congressman from New York, according to liberal news columnist Drew Pearson, "liked practically everything with a Russian flavor," which was a polite way of saying the New Yorker was the closest thing to a Communist in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rankin, Pearson wrote, made a career out of being

"agin' Negroes, Catholics, Liberals and Northerners." Both Rankin and Vito Marcantonio had lost their seats in the 1952 election. Pearson wrote a column stating while the two publicly hated one another, privately each personally liked the other. According to Drew Pearson, both realized the usefulness of the other when campaigning for reelection inside their respective districts.

Following his defeat in the Democratic primary in 1952, Rankin had months to acclimate himself to private life and the idea of beginning anew at the age of 72. Ignoring the House rules, which stated he should have vacated his suite of rooms, the congressman was found by an errant newspaperman while rattling around his office. Noting he was something of a "lonely figure," Gordon Brown recalled Rankin had occupied Suite 358 in the Cannon House Office Building for the last 22 years. That day, Rankin's nameplate outside the door to his offices was due to come down after 32 years in the House of Representatives. Asked about his future plans, the congressman replied, "Well, down in Tupelo (Miss) I own 180 acres right in the city limits and I think I'll do some real estate business for a while." After thinking for a few moments, Rankin said his hometown of Tupelo was "booming" due to gas and oil strikes in the area. "I may get into that," Rankin added hopefully.

Like many an aging incumbent forced to retire involuntarily, John Rankin said it was a "relief" to leave Congress. "There's been terrific pressure on me, heavy responsibilities, constant pulling and tugging," Rankin told Gordon Brown. "Yes, it will be a relief to get away from it." As he prepared to return home to Tupelo, John Rankin offered some advice to the new Congress. "Concentrate on cleaning out the subversives, protecting our own country and developing our own resources," Rankin said. The Mississippi congressman counseled lawmakers to urge the United States to return to a policy of "no entangling alliances."

Once out of Congress, John E. Rankin's health began to fail. It was as if denied the public forum he had enjoyed for so long, the life force inside him seemed to seep out and evaporate. For the last three years of his life, John E. Rankin was confined to his home in Tupelo. The former congressman died in 1960; he was 78 years old.

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The 50 units of supportive housing for seniors became possible in 2021 with a \$7.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to a Knoxville nonprofit, the only program grantee in Tennessee that year. Southeastern Housing Foundation II, a subsidiary of the nonprofit Knoxville Leadership Foundation, received the grant, and KCDC serves as the developing partner and property manager.

The Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program grants are awarded through a competitive application process.

The funds provide both construction funding and rental assistance to low-income seniors ages 62 and older.

Also in 2021, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) awarded Southeastern Housing Foundation a \$900,000 grant to help build the family housing units for Phase 3. Southeastern Housing Foundation is a partnership of KCDC and Knoxville Leadership Foundation.

The state grant is made possible through THDA's Tennessee Housing Trust Fund and must be used for affordable rental housing and address the needs of low-income households. The grant will supplement tax credits and debt and will focus specifically on developing a portion of units designated for extremely low-income residents.

First Creek at Austin

is built on the site of the former Austin Homes, which was established in 1941 on nearly 23 acres near the Old City and downtown Knoxville, for connectivity, a sense of community and access to employment, entertainment, sports and retail opportunities.

Phase 3 amenities include a fitness center, resident lounge, pet spa, playground and Wi-Fi in common areas. Additional plans for the site include a park, greenway with direct access to the new multi-use stadium opening in 2025, early childhood center, community space and resident gardens.

Phase 1 opened in 2022 with 105 total units – 57 in one multifamily building and 48 spread across eight smaller townhome-style buildings. The diverse housing styles allow residents to choose from various floorplans and amenities to suit their needs.

Phase 2, which will officially open in 2024, will provide 180 one- to three-bedroom units with a fitness center, outdoor green space and indoor community spaces.

The overall First Creek at Austin redevelopment followed months of dialogue with residents, stakeholders and community members in interviews and public meetings and included options for overall site use, street layouts, residential building types and open spaces.

At the point of redevelopment, former Austin Homes residents living at the site received relocation choices to other KCDC properties, including the revitalized Five Points community and the renovated The Vista at Summit Hill, which are

both located nearby and in the same school district. The former residents also have the right to return to the site with the opening of First Creek at Austin, if they choose to do so.

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About Knoxville's Community Development Corporation: Since 1936,

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Smokies host reunion for 1978 championship team

By Ken Lay

Minor league baseball fans took a walk down memory lane recently at Smokies Stadium. The Tennessee Smokies, who won the 2023 Southern League Pennant, honored another team to win a league title. In 1978, the Knoxville Sox won the last outright league title. The Smokies shared the title with the Mobile BayBears in 2004 as the championship series

was canceled due to the threat posed by Hurricane Ivan. The 1978 Sox were managed by Tony LaRussa, the Hall-of-Famer, who (along with Spanky Anderson) is one of two managers to win the World Series with teams in both the American and National League. LaRussa answered the call to go to Chicago to join the White Sox coaching staff just past the midway point of the 1978

season. He would later manage the White Sox and guide them to an American League West title in 1983. Joe Jones replaced LaRussa in Knoxville and the Sox went on to defeat the Savannah Braves in the league championship series. On Sunday, July 28, the Smokies honored the Sox at a reunion at Smokies Stadium. The festivities included a meet-and-greet and brunch with fans, an

autograph session with the team that was honored before the third inning of the game. Three people with ties to the team reside in the Knoxville Area. Andy Pasillas and Phil Trucks were on the team and Jack Tate was a bat boy in Knoxville (with both the Sox and Blue Jays) from 1974-80. Trucks is working at Smokies Stadium this season. "Those were the seven best summers of my life," said Tate, who serves as the sports information director and assistant athletic director at Farragut High School. "That 1978 team was about like the 2022 (University of) Tennessee team. "It was the best team. You had some 19 and 20-year olds and you had the 23 and 24-year old veterans." LaRussa was named manager to open the season. It was his

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Sportsmanship and championship were Capps' way

By Steve Williams

Mike Capps will be the recipient of the Buck Vaughn Legacy Award at the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame event on Aug. 22. Vaughn, who passed away in 2018, was founder of the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and had his hands in every part of the growth and development of the Hall as well as the Knoxville area's Boys and Girls Club annual fund raising. Capps, who became the Sports Camp Director at the Knoxville Boys and Girls Club in 1988, knew Vaughn. "He was always very supportive of my Sports Program and very appreciative of the program," said Capps, who will soon turn 71. "I'm not technically coaching, but helping the coaches now. I've always been a mentor, but I'm exclusively in a mentor role now." Capps' 54th year in youth sports will be coming up when signups and tryouts for basketball begin in early October.



Longtime youth sports coach Mike Capps will receive the Buck Vaughn Legacy Award during festivities at the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame on Aug. 22.

For 51 years, he coached basketball teams. He also coached AABC Willie Mays baseball (9-10 years old) 30 years and football for 25 years. His football coaching included the Boys Club's Minor Pee Wees (10-year olds) and Hoppers (7-8s) and Cutters (9-year olds). He also coached some in the Baby Falcons' program and the 9-year old Cutters at Halls with longtime coach Teddy Williams. "That's just why I consider myself a youth sports coach," he said. "It was year round for me (some years) and that's what I loved doing." Capps was most successful in basketball. His teams won six Junior Pro National titles, one Girls Basketball Association (12U) National championship with his Lady Pride team at Cincinnati in 2009 and one USSSA National title with his 13U Lady Pride team in 2005. His Instructional Coed teams (ages 6-7) took first place in two Junior Pro tournaments in 2001 and 2005 and he had four other Girls Training League teams (9-10s) to come out on top in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2007. With so many awards having been won over the years, Capps said: "I started asking my former players to be caretakers of the trophies. "I've already given away two National Final Four trophies and

five AAU State Championship trophies." Capps had four teams make it to the AAU Final Four in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2010. Winning championships were great, but Capps' teams also strived for Sportsmanship Awards through the years and earned that honor 95 percent of the time. In fact, going into each tournament, Capps ranked his team's goals: 1-Sportsmanship, 2-Play Hard, 3-Fundamental Skills and 4-Teamwork. "We broke the huddle," said Capps with "Play! ... Hard!" That was the recipe. "It was for our program," he said. "The parents as well were included in that."

Coach Capps has been a 'giver' in youth sports

Shelley Sexton Collier, a point guard for the legendary Pat Summit at UT, who went on to notch multiple state championships as a high school coach at Webb School, also assisted Mike Capps when her daughters played for the Lady Pride youth basketball team. Below are some of her memories and comments on Capps, who will receive the Buck Vaughn Legacy Award on Aug. 22 at the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. "There are two kinds of people ... givers and takers," said Coach Collier, who now is the head coach at Lenoir City High. "Mike Capps is definitely a giver. "It's hard to put into words just how special he is to me and to my family. "All of our daughters played in his Boys and Girls Club program. Two of our daughters and me were with him in his Knoxville Girls Club Lady Pride program as well. They played and I was an assistant coach. "The lives that he has impacted through the years in our community and beyond are truly incredible! He inspired and influenced not only players and coaches but

also referees and parents. He made everyone around him better and taught people how to act appropriately. I learned so much from him. I and my family are forever grateful for him and how he has touched our life. He is definitely deserving of this award. "There are so many moments and special memories that we have shared with Mike Capps." One was the Lady Pride's battle with the West Virginia Thunder. "They had not been beaten and we were about to upset them," recalled Shelley. "Word had gotten out and people started coming over to our court to watch. In the heat of the moment there was a timeout and I remember him saying in the huddle to the girls, 'Pressure is something you feel when you don't know what you are doing, and you know what you are doing!' We beat them and the gym was absolutely crazy! "I love Mike Capps and everything he has stood for. He is truly one of a kind. He is a legend! You can ask anyone that played for him in his program and they will say the same."

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Seymour Head Coach Patrick Carter talks to his team after a practice last week. The Eagles are working for better results in 2024 after last season's 0-10 record.

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Seymour is working to turn things around

By Steve Williams

Jackson Gratton, a versatile player and senior leader for Seymour, is eyeing a bounce back year after the Eagles' winless season in 2023.

"I feel like we're a lot more driven towards success and just willing to work with anything that gets put in front of us," he said after last Wednesday morning's practice at Gary Householder Stadium. "We don't really back down from anything."

The 6-2, 180-pound Gratton can play quarterback or "block and run a lot of routes" out of the H

back (tight end position.) Defensively, he will be an outside linebacker and wear jersey No. 0.

"Last year we lacked a lot of leadership and when it came to the weight room, we just took it as a joke, and just never worked towards anything," recalled Gratton. "That's how I feel about last season."

Coach Patrick Clark is in his fourth year at Seymour and second as the head coach. He coached inside LBs and was defensive coordinator the first two seasons. He'll continue to be the DC, too.

"Last year we didn't have a full staff," said Clark. "We had guys pulling double

duty. This year we've got a full staff and I'm real happy with the work ethic that they are putting in. It's very different for me because I'm floating and kind of orchestrating the whole practice. I've never approached it this way, so we'll see how it goes."

Clark was a head coach in North Carolina before he came back home (to South Knoxville).

In last year's 0-10 season, the Eagles gave up an average of 41.5 points per game.

"We had a big focus in the off-season," said Clark. "One was tackling and being more sound defensively. Last year, we

had several implosions in the games, where we went from it being a pretty good game to taking ourselves out of it. No discredit to the other teams, but we've got to help ourselves in those situations and I think that we are better prepared for that now."

Defensively, our strength is going to be our outside backers and d-line. Our outside backers are much improved. We've replaced a lot of guys in the secondary. I'm happy with them. We've just got to be battle-tested and we'll find out in the next couple of weeks."

Offensively, Gratton

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Farragut is eager to return to postseason play

By Mark Nagi

For the first time since the mid-1990s, there's a new man in charge of the Farragut Admirals football team as Geoff Courtney takes over for his father, Eddie. Geoff has been around the Farragut program most of his life. He played for the Ads, served on that coaching staff in a variety of roles, including as offensive coordinator since 2017. He's excited about the Admirals future.

"They were very hungry this offseason in the weight room, in conditioning, and practice time," said Courtney. "They had a productive spring session. Really excited about our senior nucleus and our young guys getting opportunities for the first time."

Last year didn't go as planned for Farragut, as the Admirals went 4-6 and missed the playoffs. But a strong finish to 2023 could pay off this fall.

"They have a bad taste in their mouth from last season but gained a lot of confidence in wins at Hardin Valley and at Maryville in the final two weeks," said Courtney. "They saw at the tail end how good they

ADMIRALS FOOTBALL 2024				
Fri	Aug. 23	7:00 p.m.	at Dobyns-Bennett	
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	at Powell	
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	West	
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	at Cleveland (R)	
Fri	Sep. 27	7:00 p.m.	Bearden (R)	
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	at Bradley Central (R)	
Fri	Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	at Oak Ridge	
Fri	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	at Jefferson County	
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	Hardin Valley (R)	
Thu	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	Maryville Rivalry Thursday	

could be."

The Admirals bring back nine starters, with six of those returning on defense. "We are excited about the group of guys that we have, with 14 seniors coming back. That's half of what we normally have. Guys are competing for positions. We will be younger this year but I like what we have. We will be leaning on our defense the first couple of weeks until we have our quarterback situation settled to move forward."

In terms of that QB situation, the Admirals have three guys competing for the starting spot. Kent Carbaugh, who started 16 games at strong safety and was their backup QB the last two years. Also with the opportunity will be junior Noah Haag and sophomore

Corbin Hobson.

"They each have different skill sets," said Courtney. "Kent is dynamic. He runs and throws well and understands the offense. "Noah can throw the ball on the run and uses his feet as well in the run game. Corbin is the prototypical pocket guy at 6-2, 195 pounds. He has a big arm and has to get more time getting comfortable in the offense."

No matter who is under center, they'll have some very good options to deliver the football.

"At the skill positions we are relying on our receiving corps," said Courtney. "Landon Collins coming back. He started every game for us last year on both sides of the ball. MTSU and ETSU have offered him, among others.

Robbie Jacobs is on opposite side and has offers from Roanoke, and UVA-Wise. He is electric and can stretch the field."

In addition, the Admirals like what they see from Harrison Kilpatrick, who played outside linebacker and edge rusher last year. He saw time at tight end in the spring. Versatility in the skill positions will be a plus for the Ads.

One place that Farragut has some work to do is up front, with Jacob Cabrera the only returning starter. "We have a lot of junior linemen," said Courtney. "In the spring there was a lot of competition and a few of the guys showed the ability to be versatile. We feel that if we can identify the five in spots, we will be ok, but we have got to get them experience in a hurry."

In all this is a team looking to get back into the postseason, while looking for the future. "There's an opportunity for so many young guys," said Courtney. "We have been very successful on the JV and 9th grade level the last two years. I'm excited about the staff of coaches we have to work with these young men."

TKA looking to 're-establish standard' on gridiron

By Ken Lay

As coach Jonathan Sellers and The King's Academy football team prepare for the 2024 season, one thing is for certain. Nobody associated with the program wants a repeat of the nightmare that was last season.

The Lions, who began playing sanctioned high school football in 2013, endured their worst season in school history in 2023. They went 0-10, losing five of those games by 26 points.

"We couldn't finish games last year," said Sellers, who begins his sixth season as the school's coach. "We lost games late and we just couldn't finish."

"We can't get any lower than we were last year. We went 0-10. I don't want to dwell on it but I don't want to forget about it either because I don't want to do it again."

The Lions have established a successful program. But going 3-13 over the last two seasons has left the team eager to re-establish the standard of success.

"The King's Academy began playing sanctioned football in 2013 and we established a standard for the program and the last two years have been tough," Sellers said.

"This year, we want to re-establish that standard. For whatever reason, whether it be luck or injuries, we haven't lived up to that standard."

"We made four state quarterfinal appearances in five years. I've told all the people in the program that I don't want to dwell on what's happened in the last couple of years. We're excited, but if we had to play tomorrow, I wouldn't like our chances. Luckily, we have some time, about 30 days."

The King's Academy is one of the area's smaller schools. The Lions compete in Division II-A and depth is always a glaring

concern, The Lions also have a front loaded schedule as they open with four tough games against four teams that made the playoffs last season.

TKA opens the season at home against on Aug. 23 against Grace Christian Academy. The Lions then hit the road to head to Christian Academy of Knoxville on Aug. 30 before playing Campbell County in Jacksboro the following week. On Sept. 13 the Lions host Lenoir City.

"Depth is always the No. 1 concern, especially when you play teams like Grace, CAK, Campbell County and Lenoir City," Sellers said. "We have to find people to create depth."

Top returners for the Lions include: Colby Cogdill (junior, wide receiver/outside linebacker); Jack Hamilton (junior, tight end/defensive lineman); Cade Brown (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Maki Bell (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Brady Swaggerty (a senior who can play anywhere. He'll open the season as a slot receiver and linebacker); Triston Brown (senior, offensive tackle/inside linebacker); Parker Ferree (senior, wide receiver/running back/safety) and Avery Jordan (senior, quarterback).

Key newcomers include: PK Hodari (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back); Mason Eckerson (sophomore, quarterback/safety); Austin Underwood (freshman, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Matthew Agee (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back) and Tensley Ryan (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

According to Sellers TKA's strengths will be on both the offensive and defensive lines and he noted that he's excited to have depth at the quarterback position.

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Fri	Sep. 27	7:00 p.m.	at Providence Christian (R)	
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	Ezell-Harding (R)	
Fri	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	at MidTen Christian (R)	
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Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	Gatlinburg-Pittman	
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	South Doyle (R)	
Thu	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	at Knoxville Halls Rivalry Thursday	
Fri	Sep. 27	7:00 p.m.	at Anderson Co. (R)	
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Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	at Fulton (R)	
Thu	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	at Seymour (R)	

'Lindsey Nelson's finest hour'

Hearing Todd Helton's remarks on his induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York brought back poignant memories. In retrospect, there was another day a "Tennessee Man" had his moment in the sun there in 1988, as the sport of baseball honored its great names.

I wrote this in the late summer of 1988, when my time at Tennessee was in its infancy. I was fortunate to interview Lindsey more than once and shared a memorable lunch one day with him at the counter of Long's Drug Store. This happens to be one of my favorite Lindsey stories.

It was July 31, 1988, at Cooperstown, N.Y., as the world of professional baseball paid tribute to Lindsey Nelson's career in sports broadcasting. That day, Lindsey received the Ford Frick Award, given since 1978 for "major contributions to the game of baseball."

The Knoxville Journal's Ben Byrd called it "Lindsey Nelson's finest hour."

It was a high moment in a career replete with high moments, a career that established Lindsey as one of the nation's top sportscasters.

It was all pretty heady stuff for the Giles County native, born near a place called Brownlow



By Tom Mattingly

Creek, near Campbellsville. He grew up in nearby Columbia.

"What I remembered were the days I was first connected with baseball," he said.

"Pillow Park was where we played baseball all day until it got dark. I spent afternoon after afternoon chasing baseballs down on the banks of the Duck River."

His acceptance speech that day was a vintage look at a tenure covering five decades, including the introduction of television, the development of the New York Mets franchise from scratch, and countless memories emanating from broadcast booths across the country and world.

It was a time of recollections, a time a broadcasting career and lifetime passed in review, a time for memories of a beloved wife, who died in 1973 in Menorca, and their daughters, Sharon and Nancy. "When I say baseball is a family sport, I speak from personal experience," he said.

"My wife was named Mildred, but practically no one knew that. Everybody called her 'Mickey.' She grew up in Detroit. The Tigers were managed by a great catcher named Mickey Cochrane."

He worked with Ralph Kiner and Bob Murphy for

17 years with the Mets. "No amount of money can replace the joy and experience of being with the Mets. Baseball has all the elements — drama, tragedy, and comedy."

Lindsey was the consummate professional who made play-by-play into an art form. He swept awards in both radio and television. Radio-Television Daily wrote, "Seldom has a profession been so dominated by one man."

His concluding remarks demonstrated the eloquence that won him the respect of his peers and fans alike. The voice that spanned the generations was in full flower, resplendent as always.

"The baseball story is endless and eternal. Some nights now when I'm in bed, just before I fall asleep, I can hear a voice that sounds strangely like my own. It says, 'Hello, Everybody, I'm Lindsey Nelson, with Bob Murphy and Ralph Kiner at Shea Stadium in New York.'

"My journey has been from Columbia to Cooperstown, from the Duck River to Doubleday Park, from the mules of Pillow Park to the Mets of Shea Stadium. And to all of you I've met along the way, my gratitude is endless."

In a surprise move, he left a tangible mark on the Hall of Fame. Lindsey had a collection of sports coats that were his trademark. You could never confuse



A day a broadcasting career and lifetime passed in review.

any of Lindsey's coats with anybody else's. His were something special.

"Since my working days have ended, I really don't need my work clothes anymore," he said. "As a reminder, however, the Hall of Fame will receive one of the Lindsey Nelson working jackets. As a matter of fact, it's this one."

That said, he took it off to the cheers of the crowd.

Over the years, crowds cheered numerous times for Lindsey Nelson. Lindsey did it all, as a tutor for Tennessee athletes, soldier, announcer, husband,

and father. In later years, he was a columnist for the News Sentinel and professor at the University of Tennessee. He had a seat in the Neyland Stadium Press Box.

He called the NBA "Game of the Week" for six years and NCAA football for 14 seasons on three networks, many years with Red Grange. He did baseball with Leo Durocher and Johnny Bench. He did the Notre Dame replay with George Connor and Paul Hornung. In the mid-1980s, he was the voice of college football on WTBS.

For 26 years, he was the voice of the Cotton Bowl. He did pro football and nearly everything else that came up, except professional wrestling. He once called a Mets game at the Astrodome from a broadcast location 200 feet above second base shared with television camera and monitor.

His was the mellowest of mellow baritones. Whenever sports fans heard Lindsey's voice, whatever the sport, they knew instinctively whose it was.

Potential for a fun season in Strawberry Plains

By Ken Leinart

For four years Carter High School football fans watched Justin Pressley roam the sidelines as the head coach.

Pressley's gone, heading to Georgia to take over the Paulding County program in that state.

Defensive coordinator Todd Helton was named the big dog (or Big Stinger if you will) of the Hornets last February.

The new head coach was roaming the sidelines of Hornets Field, too.

It is a transition for the coach and the players, but not a very difficult one.

"I see everything as difficult," Helton said with a laugh. "I tell people all the time it would be nice to just be coaching football."

"You don't realize until you're sitting in that chair (head coach) the amount of work that goes into running the program. It's incredible. It's work. It's a task."

But Helton said the kids are worth it.

"It's imperative we give these kids the experience they want. We want to run a program like Bearden, like Powell, like West."

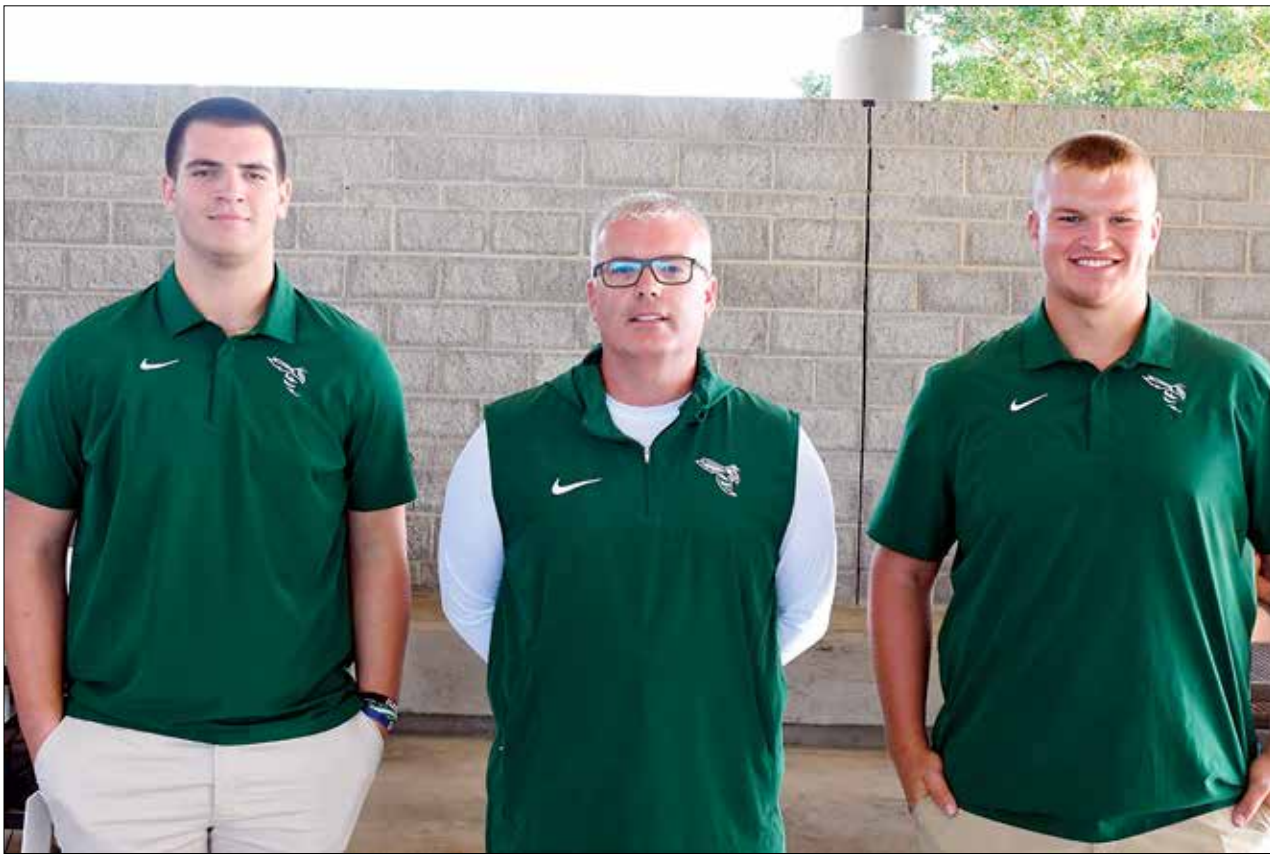
Helton has some tools to work with.

The Hornets return eight starters on offense and have a young gun quarterback in Brody Sparks. Just a sophomore, Sparks cut his teeth in fine form last season when he threw for almost 1,200 yards in just four starts.

He's a classic example of a young veteran.

"Offensively we have the potential to be explosive," Helton said.

Carter will feature a lot of experience and talent coming out of the backfield



Carter High School Head Football Coach Todd Helton brought team leaders Hayden Warwick (left) and Judd Taylor to the Knoxville Football Officials Media Day.

and lining up at wideout.

Brody Martin, Gabriel Dennis and Isaiah Monday are expected to pick up where they left last season.

"And it never hurts to have a workhorse like Jody Scruggs behind you," Helton said.

Scruggs was an 1,800-all-purpose yard back during his sophomore campaign last season.

He can, literally, do it all. "He can bust an 80-yarder at any time, but he's also a great blocking back," Helton said.

The heart and soul of the Carter offense is the offensive line.

"We have some talented kids coming back and we have some depth," Helton said.

Upperclassmen Cadence Stenson, Beaux Sharpe,

Tyrece Flack, will set examples for a slew of underclassmen.

But seniors Judd Taylor and Hayden Warwick will be "those guys."

"There's no pressure," Taylor said. "It'll be exciting to see how we come together as a team."

Warwick said it's a matter of trust. "We trust those guys (backs) and they trust us. Obviously we want to go further in the playoffs and that's how that starts."

Junior Jake Coffey is going to be a huge factor for the Hornet O-line.

"He (Coffey) is an explosive football player," Helton said.

As good as the offense can be, it's the defense that's going to be perhaps the most interesting phase of the Carter approach.

Helton's a defensive minded guy and with only four returning starters from last year he's letting the kids have a little fun.

"We have some kids coming in who are hungry," he said. "We've shown them they can fly around on defense with passion."

And anyone who knows anything about football knows, "defense with passion," means they're going to swarm the ball and they're going to hit you.

Seniors Brody Martin, Gabriel Dennis, and Hayden Simmons, as well as junior Jayvion Morgan are more than capable pass defenders and are shut down run defenders.

And, Helton added, they all "translate" to the offense when needed.

Junior Gavin Thomas

will take over the kicking duties this year and Helton promises the special teams play is going to look a little different.

"It's a work in progress," he said.

After a 6-5 season last year and Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association football playoff loss in Round One, Helton said, obviously, the goal is to be better.

The Hornets came in third in Region 2-4A behind Anderson County and Gibbs, and were bounced by Elizabethton in the first round.

"When we come to work every day we are constantly trying to improve," Helton said.

And, he noted, it's important to look good from the start, to look comfortable

and confident and be resilient from the get go.

"First game there are always going to be 'game jitters,'" Helton said. "We'll mold into that. We have to be comfortable feeling uncomfortable."

"We have to fix ourselves, work through our discipline, work through any breakdown. A bad snap can't lead to a bad quarter. A bad quarter can't lead to a bad half," he said.

"It snowballs. Mental issues lead to lopsided losses."

The Hornet did not have close losses last season. They won big or they lost big.

The offense has the potential to light up the scoreboard and the defense getting into that "flying around on defense with passion" thing.

It could be a really fun season in Strawberry Plains.

Helton said the players have bought into the message.

"The kids are fantastic and kids are more resilient than they're given credit for," he said.

In fact, he said, the whole Hornet community, the school, the players have been great.

Carter opens the season Aug. 23 at Sevier County.

That will be followed by four home games, three of which are non-region tilts.

South-Doyle will be the Hornets' first region test Sept. 19.

Region 2-4A matchups against Anderson County (Sept. 27), Gibbs (Oct. 11), and Fulton (Oct. 25), and Seymour (Oct. 31), round out the regular season.

Silvera excited to be joining TWU lacrosse

By Steve Williams

With boys' lacrosse becoming a new sport in the TSSAA in 2024-25, that could be a boost for the Tennessee Wesleyan University program.

And Rico Silvera has become a part of it.

Silvera, who coached Webb School for 21 years and led the Spartans to their first state title in lacrosse last spring, was officially hired by Tennessee Wesleyan last week after not being retained at Webb.

"My paperwork has cleared HR (Human Resources)," said Silvera. "I am excited to announce that effective August 1st 2024 I will be joining Coach Kevin Parker's staff on the men's lacrosse team at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens.

"My duties will include acting as Offensive Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator for the program. I am incredibly grateful to Coach Parker for this opportunity and the new challenges it presents.

"I believe the Lord closes some doors and opens others. Life has taught me great opportunities are not just where you work but who you work for and who you work with. In that context I couldn't ask for a better next chapter in my coaching journey."

Tennessee Wesleyan has had a men's lacrosse program since 2007-08. Its roster this past season included freshman Torin Piper from CAK, a 6-5, 210-pound defender.

The Bulldogs' record in 2024 was 5-9 overall and



Rico Silvera (left) is welcomed to the Tennessee Wesleyan University men's lacrosse staff last week by Head Coach Kevin Parker.

3-6 in conference play. They played two of their matches at Knoxville Catholic and notched a 23-8 win over Missouri Baptist – their first win of the season.

TWU also traveled to West Palm Beach, Fla., for two conference games. The first was their Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) opener against the No. 1 team in the NAIA and defending National Champions, the Keiser University Seahawks, who won 26-5.

Tennessee Wesleyan also has a women's lacrosse program.

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- Coach Rico Silvera

Fountain City Recreation Commission Announces New Girls Softball Recreational League

The Fountain City Recreation Commission is excited to announce the launch of their Girls Softball Rec League, offering an exciting opportunity for girls in and around the Fountain City area to participate in a recreational youth softball league. This new league aims to provide a fun, engaging, and positive environment for players of all skill levels.

"We are thrilled to start a girls recreational softball league for the first time in years for the Fountain City community. This will be a true rec league without a mix of travel and rec teams. We want to purely focus on rec ball ensuring that girls of ALL skill levels can enjoy the game, develop their abilities, and enhance their teamwork and sportsmanship in a supportive environment," said Justin Sanders, a representative of the Fountain City Recreation Commission.

This initiative underscores the commitment of the Fountain City Recreation Commission to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for young athletes. By focusing solely on recreational play, the league ensures that every participant has the chance to develop their skills and love for the game in a positive, team-oriented setting.

Key Dates:

- Registration Period: Now open until August 16
- Evaluations: August 17

- at Fountain City Ballpark
- Team Formation: Week of August 18th via draft
- Practices Begin: Week of August 25
- Games Begin: Week of September 15
- Closing Tournament: November 1 through November 3

Location:

Games and practices will primarily take place at Fountain City Ballpark, with the potential of playing at Inskip.

Age Groups:

- 8U (Coach Pitch) - 7 and 8 years old
- 10U - 9 and 10 years old
- 12U - 11 and 12 years old

Registration Information:

Interested participants can register at www.fountaincitysports.org. The registration fee is \$150. For more information, email info@fountaincitysports.org

The Fountain City Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing high-quality recreational opportunities for the community. Through various sports programs and events, the commission aims to promote physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among youth in the Fountain City area. The Fountain City Ballpark is a volunteer-operated non-profit organization that has provided youth athletic programs for the community since 1953.

Seymour is working to turn things around

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worked real hard at quarterback and (Madden) Guffey (6-0, 170) is back and looks really good (at QB).

"I'm really happy with where the o-line is at. We're undersized, so we're going to have to be very disciplined, tenacious and just get after it.

"Right now I feel like we have four pretty good running backs. Two of them are injured right now, but we'll have them back in early season."

Sanjay Samtani is a leader in the weight room. The 6-2, 200-pound tackle plays on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

"I just make sure I stay in close touch with him," said Gratton, "and (monitor) which way we're going and if we need to fix something or if we need to regroup. "I just hope (our fans)

can expect us to be better than we were last year and proud."

Other probable offensive starters are wide receivers Robbie Farmer, Connor Ogle and Seth Bell and running back Ryan Gibson, o-linemen Ethan McAndrews (5-8, 190), Daltin Sellers, Colt Campbell (6-3, 285), Lucas Small (6-0, 210) and Samtani.

Defensively, Alec Brown, Eli Sullivan, David Canterbury and Farmer will be in the secondary. Josh Rowe (6-1, 215) is a DE and Dillon King is an OLB. Gibson and McAndrews are ILBs. Sellers and Samtani are linemen.

Jackson Kendall will be the place-kicker and King will be the punter.

Seymour will host rival Gatlinburg-Pittman in its season opener on Aug. 23.

Smokies host reunion for 1978 championship team

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first managerial job, and even then, it was evident that he had the tools to be a Major League manager.

"I remember Tony LaRussa and I remember the respect that he had from the players," Tate said. "I remember that he always had a briefcase and I remember that no player ever questioned him."

Tate went on to be a baseball coach at Bearden High School. After serving as a longtime assistant, he

became head coach and guided the Bulldogs to an appearance in the Class 3A state championship game before reassuming duties as an assistant coach.

Tate's love of baseball was fostered during his days as a bat boy and he was thrilled to take part in the recent reunion.

"Those were special times and I hadn't seen a lot of those guys in 46 years," he said. "I never thought I would ever see

those guys again. I saw a lot of those guys play on TV."

The 1978 Knoxville Sox had several players play for the White Sox. Those players included Richard Dotson, Rich Barnes and Rusty Kuntz had solid Major League careers. Mark Naehring played for Chicago briefly and later returned to Knoxville as a member of the Charlotte O's, the one-time Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles.

Those players, Mike Wolfe, Don Siedholz and Larry Monroe were at the reunion. LaRussa was scheduled to appear, but did not due to illness.

Tate said he saw some surprises at the autograph table.

"I can't believe the number of Richard Dotson baseball cards I saw, and they were all in mint condition too."

SEVIER COUNTY 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR	
AUGUST 8 - FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	
AUGUST 30 and SEPTEMBER 2 - VACATION DAY, NO SCHOOL	
OCTOBER 14-18 - VACATION DAYS	
NOVEMBER 5 - INSERVICE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)	
NOVEMBER 11 - VACATION DAY, NO SCHOOL	
NOVEMBER 27 - HALF DAY	
NOVEMBER 28 and 29 - THANKSGIVING, NO SCHOOL	
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3 - VACATION DAYS	
JANUARY 6+7 - ADMINISTRATIVE+INSERVICE DAYS (TEACHERS ONLY)	
JANUARY 20- VACATION DAY	
FEBRUARY 17- VACATION DAY	
MARCH 31-APRIL 4 - VACATION DAYS	
APRIL 18 - HALF DAY	
MAY 26 - VACATION DAY	
MAY 29 - ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)	
MAY 30 - LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS (HALF DAY)	

GO EAGLES!

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated July 15, 2022, Travis Lewelling, and Shelby Johnson conveying the following described premises to A. Nicole Troutt, Trustee, for the benefit of Stanley M. Reno and wife, Joyce D. Reno, as Co-Trustees of the Reno Real Estate Trust dated May 24, 2019, owner and holder of the indebtedness, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 202207180003771, in Register’s Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, will advertise and sell the property described herein, on **Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and proceed to offer for sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Eight of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, and being known and designated as all of Lot 1R1 of Resubdivision of Part of Lots 1 and 2, of the “John D. and Ina McMillan Farm”, as shown by the plat of same of record as Instrument Number 200701300061792, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Travis Lewelling, single, and Shelby Johnson, single, by Warranty Deed from Eddie Lee Johnson, Jr. and wife, Angie R. Johnson, by Warranty Deed dated July 15, 2022, and recorded on July 18, 2022, as Instrument Number: 202207180003770, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The above description is the same as the previous deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable restrictions, easements, building setback lines and all conditions as shown of record in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Property bears the address of: 8608 Ellis Lane Knoxville, Tennessee 37924

Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Eddie Lee Johnson, Jr. L & M Landscape Materials and Gift Shop, Inc. Knox County, Tennessee

The property will be sold free from the equity redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which were hereby expressly waived under the provisions of the above stated Deed of Trust. The above property will also be sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances, unpaid taxes, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The right is reserved to rescind or adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set for the above.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

A. NICOLE TROUTT, BPR#021726 TRUSTEE
101 Dalton Place Way
Knoxville, TN 37912
865-524-1636

PUBS: 07/29; 08/05 & 08/12/2024

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK
IN RE: LAKEN ELIZABETH CONLEY
V.
ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK
NO. 208704-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon, it ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK , file an answer with The Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Laura E. Metcalf, an Attorney whose address is 800 Gay Street, Suite 2275 Knoxville, Tennessee 37929 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 The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 11th day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS
IN RE: KENZIE MARIE SELLERS v.
BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS
NO. 208660-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS is a non-resident

of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS it is ordered that said defendant BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with HARRISON C. DUSEK, an Attorneys whose address is, 310 N. MAIN STREET, CLINTON, TN 37716, 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 ExParte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 18th day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA

IN RE: LESNIA TIFFANY SANCHEZ POSADAS
v.
ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA
NO. 207850-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA cannot be served upon, it described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA, file an answer with The Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DANNY C. GARLAND, an Attorney whose address is 103 SUBURBAN ROAD, SUITE 202 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923 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 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 22nd day of July 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EFRIM HOWELL

IN RE: NEVAEH DOROTHY HOWELL
BY:
RECTOR THOMAS WYRICK and
ELSIE L. WYRICK, PETITIONERS,
vs.
MISTY RENA KEY (deceased), and
EFRIM HOWELL, RESPONDENTS,
NO. 209181-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant EFRIM HOWELL is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon EFRIM HOWELL it is ordered that said defendant EFRIM HOWELL file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with ALLISON H. ANKROM, an Attorney whose address is 117 CENTER PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922, 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 ARMSTONG, JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 22ND day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

SHEILA AND MAURO VEGA
JOHN AND KELLY WHITE
-vs-
MYRA KING AND JAMES B. HAMM
Docket# 158809

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MYRA KING is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MYRA KING.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR ADOPTION filed by SHEILA AND MAURO VEGA, JOHN AND KELLY WHITE, Plaintiffs herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with LUKE SHIPLEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST. SUITE 700, KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 17TH day of JUNE, 2024.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JORDAN MALIK MAYS

IN RE:
The Adoption of Male & Female
Children Whose Names Are:
Jaeviauna Ray - DOB 7/11/2019
Niyayla Ray - DOB 6/06/2017
Messiah Ray - DOB 9/09/2020
Children Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

BY:
HEATHER SELLERS, Petitioner
vs.
KYLEE RAY, Respondent and
JORDAN M. MAYS (LEGAL FATHER
OF JAEVIAUNA), Respondent
DOCKET NO. 208311-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
RESIDENT NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Petition

for Adoption After Direct Placement and for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed by Petitioner Heather Sellers against Respondent, Jordan Malik Mays, who is believed to be a resident of the State of Tennessee and his whereabouts cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him. In compliance with T.C.A. 21-1-204, it has been Ordered that said Respondent, Jordan Malik Mays, file his answer with the Chancery Court of Knox Tennessee, located at 400 Main St. SW #125, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902, and a copy to the Petitioner’s attorney, Timothy Chambers, whose address is 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D200, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of this publication exclusive of the last date of this publication, or a judgment may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. Further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in the judgment being taken against him and entry of a Final Order.
This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 18 day of JULY, 2024.

Richard B. Armstrong, Jr.
Chancellor of the Knox County Chancery Court

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
IN RE: KING ALI KEY

BY:
RECTOR THOMAS WYRICK and
ELSIE L. WYRICK, PETITIONERS,
vs.
MISTY RENA KEY (deceased), and
UNKNOWN FATHER, RESPONDENTS,
NO. 209187-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN FATHER it is ordered that said defendant UNKNOWN FATHER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with ALLISON H. ANKROM, an Attorneys whose address is, 117 CENTER PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922, 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 ARMSTONG JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 18TH day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ROCHELLE and HARRIETT ROGERS

IN RE: PAVEL CHEKHOVSKYY
and KELLY CHEKHOVSKYY
VS.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROCHELLE
AND HARRIETT ROGERS,
and 3308 HARRIS ROAD,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924
NO. 208489-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ROCHELLE and HARRIETT ROGERS, 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 ROCHELLE and HARRIETT ROGERS, it is ordered that said defendant, ROCHELLE and HARRIETT ROGERS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with LUKE D. DURHAM, an Attorney whose address is 265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 26 day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
CHARLES L. WHITSON,
and 4408 VENTURA DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

IN RE: ALEKSANDR AND
NATAYLA CHEKHOVSKYY,
Plaintiffs,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
CHARLES L. WHITSON,
and 4408 VENTURA DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NO. 208485-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES L. WHITSON, and 4408 VENTURA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, IN 37938, 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 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES L. WHITSON, and 4408 VENTURA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with LUKE D. DURHAM, an Attorney whose address is 265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B ARMSTRONG 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 31st day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
CHARLES L. WHITSON,
and 4412 VENTURA DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

IN RE: ALEKSANDR AND
NATAYLA CHEKHOVSKYY,
PLAINTIFFS,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
CHARLES L. WHITSON,
and 4412 VENTURA DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NO. 208486-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES L. WHITSON, and 4412 VENTURA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938, 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 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES L. WHITSON, and 4412 VENTURA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938, it is ordered that said defendant, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES L. WHITSON, and 4412 VENTURA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with LUKE D. DURHAM, an Attorney whose address is 265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 1st day of AUGUST, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
IN THE MATTER OF JOI WILSON
AKRIDGE, RESPONDENT
STATE BAR NUMBER 791096
SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
DOCKET NO. S2481064
STATE DISCIPLINARY BOARD
DOCKET NO. 7881

TO: JOI WILSON AKRIDGE,
7101 STOCKTON DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

You are hereby notified that the above-styled Formal Complaint was filed in the Supreme Court of Georgia, pursuant to Bar Rule 4-208.4, on May 20, 2024. Pursuant to Bar Rule 4-212, you are hereby commanded and required to file an answer to the Formal Complaint with the Clerk of the State Disciplinary Boards within 30 days of August 19, 2024. If you fail to answer, the facts alleged and violations charged in the Formal Complaint shall be deemed admitted.

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS -
8/5 & 8/12/24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAVYARIMANA ALAIN
DOCKET NUMBER 89755-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HAVYARIMANA ALAIN who died June 11, 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:
(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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF HAVYARIMANA ALAIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NOIZEYE BONNE-ANNEE, ADMINISTRATOR
1427 MCSPADDEN STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 89748-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS, who died June 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 22 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL ROBERT ATKINS
7912 BENNINGTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

MAURICE K. GUINN, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARSHA BREMERS
DOCKET NUMBER 89611-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARSHA BREMERS, who died on April 21, 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 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 this 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 15 day of JULY- 2024.

ESTATE OF MARSHA BREMERS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT C. BREMERS

RONALD L. GRIMM, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 2466
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2466

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAINES EUGENE BRUCE
DOCKET NUMBER 89623-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAINES EUGENE BRUCE who died May 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GAINES EUGENE BRUCE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC WILLIAMS LUCE
291 HUNTERS BRANE
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE HENRY BURGESS, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89734-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GEORGE HENRY BURGESS, JR. who died May 19, 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:
(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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GEORGE HENRY BURGESS, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DERRICK CARTER BURGESS, ADMINISTRATOR
7628 BILL KEATON DRIVE
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EULA ESTELLE CALDWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 89669-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of in respect of the Estate of EULA ESTELLE CALDWELL who died on April 29, 2024 were 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EULA ESTELLE CALDWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JO ANN KIRBY HURST

A. NICOLE TROUTT, ATTORNEY
100 DALTON PLACE WAY, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN CLOWERS
DOCKET NUMBER 89221-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY JEAN CLOWERS, who died June 25, 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN CLOWERS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAY M. CLOWERS
7716 BLACKS FERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JESSE R. CONNER
DOCKET NUMBER 89628-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JESSE R. CONNER who died Apr. 1, 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:
(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.
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA I. GRAVES
 DOCKET NUMBER 89717-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA I. GRAVES, who died December 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF MARTHA I. GRAVES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SABRINA I. KEHL WATSON
 6447 CHRISTIAN SPRING DR.
 CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL H. HALL
 DOCKET NUMBER 89728-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL H. HALL who died February 29th, 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAUL H. HALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 PAULA BOATWRIGHT

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY
 7632 GLEASON DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD
 DOCKET NUMBER 89608-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD, deceased. who died on December 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons. resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred;

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.
 This the15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KIM DEIGHTON
 1028 VON CANNON LANE
 SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY
 5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR.
 DOCKET NUMBER 89683-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR. who died April 19, 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 as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 VICKI H. KING
 6809 PICKLE LANE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37754

FRED DOYLE HUMAN, JR.
 127 WATER DRIVE
 HEISKELL, TN 37754

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE
 DOCKET NUMBER 89740-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE who died May 31, 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:

- (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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 NANCY CAROL KECK, EXECUTRIX
 4640 ANGAKOT ROAD
 CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA CAROL
 PINCKLEY JOHNSON
 DOCKET NUMBER 89730-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA CAROL PINCKLEY JOHNSON aka PATRICIA P. JOHNSON who died June 12, 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA CAROL
 PINCKLEY JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE
 C/O LEIGHANNE COVINGTON, J.D.
 515 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
 PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY
 P.O. BOX 2047
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON
 DOCKET NUMBER 89731-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON aka JOSEPH E. JOHNSON who died September 29, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 HOME FEDERAL BANK OF
 TENNESSEE, EXECUTOR
 C/O LEIGHANNE COVINGTON, J.D.
 515 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
 PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY
 P.O. BOX 2047
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD VANN JONES
 DOCKET NUMBER 89708-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD VANN JONES who died on April 17, 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DONALD VANN JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 GARY LEE JONES, EXECUTOR
 696 SANDY VALLEY ROAD
 ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

PHILLIP L. BOYD, ATTORNEY
 P.O.BOX 298
 ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA WALLACE KITTS
 DOCKET NUMBER 89696-1

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy 6E 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 decedent's date of death.
 This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA WALLACE KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JOEY L. BREWER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY
 DOCKET NUMBER 89757-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY who died July 18, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 AMANDA OGLESBY, EXECUTRIX
 7613 FREEDOM LANE
 CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA J. MAJOR
 DOCKET NUMBER 89760-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA J. MAJOR who died June 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(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 12 day of JULY, 2024

ESTATE OF LINDA J. MAJOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KELLEY LYLES, EXECUTRIX
 1533 SNODDERLY ROAD
 LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE MEADORS
 DOCKET NUMBER 89612-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEE MEADORS, who died 04-23-2024 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE MEADORS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KAREN LEACH CLARK
 1735 SAINT PETERSBURG ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH MORSE
 DOCKET NUMBER 89610-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RUTH MORSE who died on January 15, 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUTH MORSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SHEILA G. HARTSELL
 6717 SHREWSBURY DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

MATTHEW J. MCCLANAHAN, ATTORNEY
 PO BOX 51907
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37950

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW MOYES
 DOCKET NUMBER 89654-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN ANDREW MOYES, who died on May 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk if the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW MOYES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KRISTEN MARIE MOYES
 239 N. SCOTT DRIVE
 CHANDLER, AZ 85225

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY
 DOCKET NUMBER 89754-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY who died Apr. 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:

- (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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 RUSSELL OVERBAY, ADMINISTRATOR
 3911 FAIRMONT BLVD
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOISE RAWLINS
 DOCKET NUMBER 89758-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOISE RAWLINS who died May 25, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of

the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 15 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LOISE RAWLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CINDY TURNER, EXECUTRIX
 1025 VENICE ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES GEORGE VANDERINK
 DOCKET NUMBER 89551-3

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days form the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES GEORGE VANDERINK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR.
 DOCKET NUMBER 89720-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR., who died on April 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 abovenamed 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ELSIE FLORENCE WEILL
 308 LAUREL LANE

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MARY TATE
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

(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