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Hurst honored in 2nd District



(Left to right) Dr. James Hurst, Minde Hurst, Wilson Hurst, Caroline Hurst, Deena Hurst and Dr. Fred Hurst

Each year the Tennessee Republican Party honors statesmen from each of the Volunteer State's ten congressional districts. A GOP statesman from each district is honored at the annual Statesman's Dinner in Nashville. Congressman Tim Burchett this year selected Dr. Fred Hurst as the statesman of the year for the Second Congressional District.

Dr. Hurst's wife Deena, along with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. James and Minde Hurst, as well as

grandchildren Caroline and Wilson Hurst traveled to the Music City Center in Nashville to see Fred honored by the Tennessee Republican Party.

Congressman Burchett hailed Fred Hurst as a professional who treats the mighty and the humble equally well, seeing no distinction between them. Burchett said all Fred Hurst sees are people who deserve the best treatment, professionally and personally that he can give them.

School board amends calendar

By Ken Leinart

The Knox County Schools 2024-2025 calendar was changed during the Thursday night, Aug. 8, Knox County Board of Education meeting.

Rather than have two early release days the board chose to install four half days.

The early release days were scheduled for Aug. 14 and Jan. 22, 2025. The board had considered two early release days during its work session Monday night, Aug. 5, as well as two full days off for students, and four half days for students during the school year.

The early release days were meant as a way to give educators more planning time for their classes.

The discussion was brought up by District 4's Katherine Bike. Bike said she had no objections to the current plan of two early release days, but wanted more information and input from her fellow board members.

District 2's Jennifer Owen noted teachers have to plan for 6-½ hours of instruction per day and the state requires teachers have 30 minutes of plan time per day, but that 30 minute time frame is often not enough.

"We should look at the time of preparation teachers have," She said. "Teachers only get 30 minutes per day."

Board member (District 9) Kristi Kristy agreed.

"I haven't heard from a lot of people," she said.

"I know this has already been planned for this year, already on the calendar."

But, she added, if the board changed the early release days to four half-days she was confident "staff would work around it."

"There is a lack of planning time overall (for teachers)," Kristy said. "Lack of planning time and collaboration with peers." She said she would "very much" like to see the changes.

"Meetings about things that may not be very relevant to their classes that isn't helpful and they really need that time for planning," she said.

District 5 board member Susan Horn questioned the timing of the scheduled early release days as well.

"I noticed the timing," she said. "Early in August and in January? When school is just starting and the second semester is just starting?"

"It's practical sense to adjust those (days)."

Horne also said it would be "cleaner" to have two full days off, but she sided with teachers who have voiced a preference for four half days.

"It is more advantageous for them," she said.

Bike made a motion to change the calendar to allow for four half days in the 2024-2025 school year and for the board to "assess" its options for the 2025-2026 school year in January or February in 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

County may take over water line project from utility district

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The Knox County Commission's agenda for August has more than 58 items. The agenda review next Monday, August 19, will whittle those down to items that will see discussion at the main meeting on the 26th. The agenda items that do not proceed to that meeting, including the school board items, will be approved on consent with one vote.

One resolution that may see discussion at the agenda review is an agreement providing for Knox County to take over the new water line project from the West Knox Utility District for the I-40/75 Business Park.

The commission will also consider moving left-over funds from Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2025 for various funds and departments. The amount of those transfers has yet to be set.

Parks and Recreation is asking for a resolution to create a Youth Sports Advisory Board to promote sportsmanship.

Additional design work on the Halls Greenway Connector may be approved and an unspecified agreement for Right-of-Way Acquisition Services is also on the agenda for that greenway project.

The Community Development Department is asking for the funds to enhance fire and rescue

service organizations and in a separate resolution requests funding specifically for the Karns Fire Department, Seymour Volunteer Fire Department and the Knox County Rescue Squad.

Six contracts with local firms are on the agenda for contractor services for the Home Rehabilitation Program as are agreements for block grant funds for various agencies.

The resurfacing of North

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Council agrees 8-1 on ballot referendum

All city council seats would be at-large if referendum passes in November

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The Knoxville City Council voted 8-1 Tuesday evening after hearing from many citizens and fellow council members on how to change the city charter for how local elections are held. A referendum now goes to the November

election ballot and basically sets all council races to be decided by all the voters rather than by individual districts.

The top two candidates in the city-wide primary would move on to a general election. Opponents fear the larger turnout in west Knoxville could overwhelm the votes in the other districts.

The change counters a new state law imposing direct election of district candidates by each district only, negating the city-wide final vote on all

districts that has been in effect since 1959. A separate referendum proposal by Councilwoman Amelia Parker was rejected by the council when her motion failed due to the lack of a second. Her proposal was similar to the new state mandate.

Parker told The Focus she was disappointed and, when asked if she planned to sue over the decision, she declined and said she would now focus on defeating the change at the polls.

Various speakers on both sides addressed the council including Cliff Rodgers, former Knox County Election Administrator, who said he supported the at-large vote and said the current council is "Example A of diversity." Currently, there are three minority members and six of the nine members are female. Nick Shapiro, who won a district primary against

Seema Singh and went on to lose when the seat was decided in the every-one-votes general election, cited that election as the reason for the state mandating district-only decisions on council seats. He said that contest, where voter wishes "were not honored" went on to state Representative Elaine Davis who introduced the new state law.

He called the proposal for everyone in the city to decide district races a "mob majority."

Councilman Andrew Roberto, who spearheaded the city-wide voting for district contests, said the idea was "expansive, not restrictive." Currently, the different districts in the city are numbered, such as District 1 for South Knoxville. The new districts would be named by their geographic locations so South Knoxville would be so named



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Former Knox County Election Administrator Cliff Rodgers spoke in favor of everyone voting in Knoxville city council races, pointing to the current city council membership as an example of diversity when all voters decide the races.

along with North, East, etc. There are nine districts.

Roberto's proposal,

amended to deal with tie voting results, passed a

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A 2003 Newsletter Still Accurate Today

From a distance



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Almost every week, even now, someone will say to me, "I really miss your newsletter." I am very grateful for those comments because I tried very hard to put out very detailed Washington Reports.

Most members of Congress did not publish newsletters and the ones who did usually produced very short puff pieces filled with non-controversial things like military academy appointments.

I was told once that my newsletters had too much print in them, mainly because I very seldom ran a photo in them. However, I couldn't resist running a

photo of Dolly Parton and me after we sang the Cas Walker theme song together at a UT luncheon in 2009.

I sent out those reports two or three times a year for each of my 30 years in Congress. I wish I still had copies of each of them, but things have a way of going by the wayside, and I now have copies of just 29 of them, and only four from the 1990s.

I recently picked up my newsletter from February 2003. It was six 8" X 14" pages with 20 single-spaced reports on a very wide variety of topics.

One article listed four very specific reasons why I voted against the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, which was scheduled to open on March 1 of that year. Reason #4 on the list said the bill "incredibly included a provision relieving big drug companies from liability for vaccines that kill, injure, or sicken people."

A New York Times

columnist called the Homeland Security bill the "Supersnoop's dream" because it would allow a database that would eventually keep track of every transaction, purchase, or call you make and every bit of information government or commercial sources have about you.

But the original 35-page proposal for the new department had turned into a 484-page monstrosity that few members had even read, and the bill passed 295-132 in the House, and 90-9 in the Senate.

This is especially interesting now in relation to the massive lobbying and public relations campaign that caused us to lead the world into a rush on the Covid vaccine.

On page 3 of my newsletter, I wrote about the "winds of war." This was almost two months before the second Iraq War started. I wrote that "war with Iraq appears to be likely but not an absolute certainty."

I wrote that Hussein's total military budget was only three-tenths of one percent of ours and that its military and weaponry were less than 40% of what they were at the time of the first Gulf War.

I quoted the late Charley Reese, a conservative who once had been voted as the most-respected columnist in a vote by many thousands of C-SPAN viewers.

Reese wrote that a U.S. attack on Iraq was being "urged on by a bunch of rabid intellectuals who wouldn't know one end of a gun from another," and added that "Americans will be bled dry by the costs in both blood and treasure."

I wrote then that "it is very bad policy to attack a nation - any nation - that has not attacked us, has not even threatened to attack us, and most importantly of all, is not even capable of attacking us."

In the newsletter I also talked about H.R. 2502, a bill I introduced to allow the Smokies to keep 100% of

the fees the Great Smoky Mountains National Park collected for camping and backcountry activities instead of having to send them to the national headquarters. This bill became law on Oct. 30, 1998, and was adding about \$300,000 a year to the park budget.

I also reported that our office had gotten the State Department to allow the Tennessee baseball team to make a goodwill trip to Cuba. The department had first denied permission for the trip because two of Tennessee's players had Cuban ancestors.

The 2003 newsletter also talked about my bill called the Smaller Schools Initiative. This was a bill to give school systems grants to help keep smaller schools open that had been scheduled to be closed down.

I had managed to get the bill funded at \$45 million the first year, \$125 million the second year, and \$147 million that fiscal year.

I wrote that this bill

"came from my very strong belief that extremely large schools make young people feel like numbers and cause some to resort to weird or dangerous behavior. In a smaller school, a young person has a better chance to make a team, serve on the student council, or be a leader at something and not feel so anonymous."

I still feel that way today - 21 years later. But the Department of Education favored even more school consolidation and later convinced the Appropriations Committee to use the money for alternative learning centers.

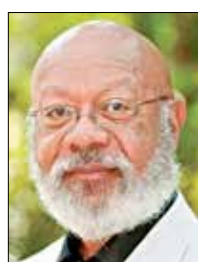
In that newsletter, I also expressed concern that "every year millions of poor and uneducated immigrants - both legal and illegal - pour into the U.S."

Most of the issues I wrote about in that newsletter are still big issues today, especially resentment around the world at our interventionist foreign policies.

Who Is The Biggest Threat To Democracy?

The Democrats have shouted "threat to democracy" since the advent of Trump. They and their media allies have done such a great job that over 80 percent of the public now believes that it is true.

On this both Republicans and Democrats agree. The Democrats think that the Republicans - in particular Trump - pose the threat while the Republicans think that the Democrats pose the threat. Ironically, even though Trump is the recipient of most warnings, a poll of voters in swing states found that Biden posed a greater threat than Trump. A solid number of the



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electorate think that both parties are an equal threat to democracy.

The threat to democracy and abortion are the core of the Democrats' campaign. Apparently, they cannot run on

their record. The Republicans have mainly run on the issues, with the exception of Trump occasionally conducting a name-calling personal vendetta. When the Democrats cite the threats to democracy they point to January 6, voter suppression, Trump not accepting the results of the 2020 election and his comment on wanting to be dictator for a day. Of course, the Democrats

never accepted the legitimacy of Trump's election either. Although Biden has ruled by executive order and ignored the rulings of the Supreme Court somehow Democrats do not consider these as threats to democracy. Republicans fear that Democrats will steal elections with ballot harvesting, ballot box stuffing and outright fraud. The Democrats want to make (or keep) voting easy while the Republicans want to eliminate early voting and limit voting by mail. Interestingly, these are done in many countries including England and France.

The Democrats actually only want to have one facet of democracy. They want the president to be decided by popular vote and nothing else. They want to

ignore or repeal the foundations of the country and its representative republic. They want to eliminate the Electoral College. They want to pack the Supreme Court. They want to make the Constitution a "living document" and repeal the Second Amendment. They want open borders and allow illegals to vote. They want an industrial policy and for the government to direct private enterprise. The Democrats have conducted lawfare that would make banana republics proud. They have prosecuted many of Trump's lieutenants and Trump himself. They have come down hard on the January 6 demonstrators while letting walk violent protestors on the left. They have tried to keep Trump off the ballot in several states. The Democrats ignored the democratic process in choosing their own presidential nominee with the anointment of Vice President Harris.

Biden and the Democrats say that The MAGA movement is a clear and present danger to American democracy. It will be interesting to see what they say when Trump finally leaves the scene.

The irony is that the party that accuses the other of being a threat to democracy is one that ignores the will of the people by

imposing rules and regulations that run counter to the preferences of the people. Biden's green energy policies that seek to ban gas-powered vehicles, stoves, weed eaters, HVAC units, lawnmowers and other stuff is not embraced by the general public. The banning of natural gas, the shutting down of pipelines, solar farms, windmills and other green initiatives are not favored by the public. Title IX changes. DEI mandates across the Biden administration and the woke military would not pass public referendum. These are clearly non-democratic dictates but the Democrats ignore that fact. If the Democrats so favor democracy, then why not put all of their actions on the ballot and let the people decide?

The Founding Fathers feared a democracy because of the tyranny of the majority. We all know the wisdom in that fear. Public sentiment is capricious. At one time the majority of the voting public favored slavery, denying women the vote and segregation. Rule by democracy will threaten the stability of the country and civil violence will be seen as the only way to counter the dictates of the majority.

So who is the greater threat to democracy?

Fulton Class of 1959 to celebrate 65th Class Reunion

"Falcons are birds that are strong fliers, that soar high into the sky". The Fulton High School mascot - The Falcon - was fittingly selected to represent the school back in 1951. The school has been going strong ever since.

The Fulton Class of 1959 has been reuniting for more than sixty years, and will celebrate their 65th Reunion on Saturday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. There is no pre-pay required as each guest will simply pay for their own meal. However, attendees are asked to confirm a reservation by contacting Sheila at (865)776-9282 no later than September 20th. We hope to see you there! GO FALCONS!

KPD hosts West, Central District Commander Forums

The Knoxville Police Department will host two commander forums this week.

The West District Commander Forum is on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, 7234 Middlebrook Pike.

The Central District Commander Forum will take place the following evening, Thursday, Aug. 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike.

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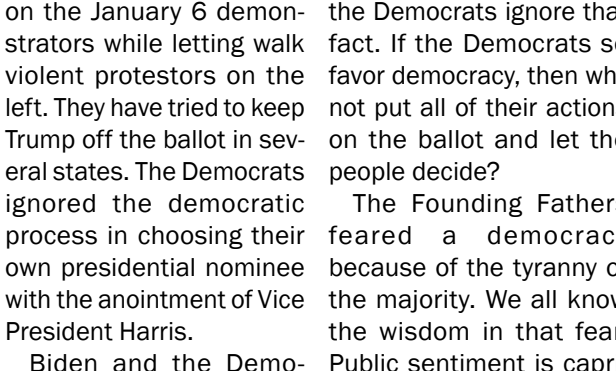
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Publisher's Positions



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City Council Members Should Be Elected By District

The Knoxville City Council, those lovers of democracy, are trying to undo what the Tennessee General Assembly tried to force them to do: allow district representatives to be elected by the district. By the logic of Andrew Roberto and some of his colleagues on the city council, every United States senator should be elected nationwide. Think about Chuck Schumer of being the U. S. senator from Tennessee instead of Bill Hagerty. By the same logic, every congressman should be elected statewide. Roberto's proposal calls for "regional" representatives to be elected in place of "district" representatives. Tennessee has

three distinct regions: East, Middle and West, so I suppose we should have three congressmen instead of ten. To tell the truth, renaming them "regional" council members is simply to differentiate between the three at-large members in name only. The only difference is the "regional" representative would come from a particular district, but would be elected by all city residents, just like those elected at large.

The system undone by the General Assembly was a vestige of the days when some wished to dilute the Black community's ability to elect its own representative to the city council. This, too, is designed to dilute representation from specific communities and deny them a voice before the city council. Seema Singh, for instance, was not the choice of the district she represents on the council. She lost the election inside her district, but won the balloting outside the district she supposedly represents.

The way Knoxville has elected its city councilmen has long been outmoded, not to mention that it denied communities a proper voice in their elected government. Electing every member of a legislative body at-large defeats the entire purpose

of neighborhoods and individual communities. Those who argue the at-large members must listen to everyone are either morons or so idealistic they would drown while looking up in a good rainstorm. No, they don't have to listen to everyone. It isn't inclusive, it isn't diverse, and worst of all, it isn't representative.

When any legislative body obediently rubber stamps the executive branch of the government, that body isn't functioning properly. The executive - - - whether it is the president, governor, mayor or superintendent of schools - - - should be upheld when he/she is right and overturned when he/she is wrong. Evidently, the mayor of Knoxville has always been right since at least Victor Ashe held the office. It's long past time when the people of Knoxville were able to elect their own representatives who not only live in their home communities, but are actually the choice of those communities rather than people across town.

'Walking Catastrophies'

The presidential campaign of Kamala Harris is already having to revise running mate Tim Walz's

biography on their campaign site. The revision involves Walz's military credentials which were evidently inflated. In the meantime, Harris has been backtracking on long held positions on gun control, eliminating private health care, banning fracking, as well as having lectured people about "How dare we say 'Merry Christmas!'" The progressive left was described last week as "walking catastrophes," not by a Republican, but by no less than James Carville.

The usual suspects are already coming out from their dens in the mainstream mockingbird media to circle the wagons. Monica Hesse, a columnist for the Washington Post, who defended drag queen story hour in one of her forays into what's best for America, is now defending Tim Walz for his decision to place tampons in boys' bathrooms in Minnesota. Hesse says boys should be checking with female classmates about their cycles. According to Hesse, boys who keep tampons on the ready will be "drowning in prom invites" from girls. Who knew? Mrs. Walz better keep her eye on Tampon Tim.

Yes, This Is Unjust

There was a time when

many couples in America believed they were incredibly blessed when God gave them a child of each gender. My wife and I have a daughter and a son, so we were one of those couples. It is painful for me to witness things like the boxing match between an opponent who was deemed to be a biological male in the past and a female athlete. One punch and the female boxer went down and yelled, "This is unjust!" That same athlete who threw the punch was disqualified from the world championships last year due to having failed testosterone tests. Maybe that's why this year's Olympic games opened with the bearded ladies and drag queen version of the Last Supper.

And it is. It is wrong on so many levels. For those men and women who are blessed to have a daughter or daughters, it is just awful to see the rights of young women simply stripped away in the name of social justice. Male athletes who were middling at best, or just not very good at worst, grow out their hair or simply say they identify as female and participate. The discomfort and lack of privacy of young girls and women in locker rooms changing and showering with biological men is nothing less than

appalling. What happened to the feminists? This is a big step backward in women's rights in the name of some kind of woke fantasy. It demeans and denigrates the very idea of girl's and women's athletics.

And it is terribly unjust to the girls and women who work very hard for countless hours in training for what is supposed to be sporting events and contests for females. Not the definition of female by the Left, but females. The truth is female athletes have gotten little publicity from the national media for protesting the inclusion of biological males in their sports and even less sympathy. No truer words have been spoken than when Angela Carini cried, "This is unjust"

Congratulations, Dr. Hurst

Congratulations to Dr. Fred Hurst for being named "Statesman of the Year" for Tennessee's Second Congressional District by Congressman Tim Burchett. Fred is quite well known and is a widely admired man in our community. Dr. Hurst is a warm and caring human being; Burchett's choice is a good one and deserves this recognition and more besides.

More housing, commercial zonings approved by Knoxville City Council

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In Tuesday's meeting, Knoxville City Council continued to approve zoning changes to create more housing and commercial zones. Changes to residential zoning included approving an RN-3 general residential zoning for 3514 and 3520 Sevier Avenue from RN-2 single family. An RN-4 general residential neighborhood designation was approved for 3 lots at 925, 929 and 923 Maryville Pike, a change

from I-MU, industrial mixed-use. Another property, at 315 Erin Drive, also moved to I-MU from I-G, general industrial. KARM's request to change 2909 North Broadway from office to C-G-2, general commercial was approved with the non-profit ministerial organization explaining the facility will basically be used as it relocates its administration office and as a day-use only for women and children. The property at 5900 and 5902 Kingston Pike was approved to switch from C-G-3

general commercial to C-G-1 general commercial. Also approved was changing 911 West Baxter Avenue from RN-4 general residential to C-N neighborhood commercial. Another switch from residential RN-2 to I-MU was approved for 3026 and 3030 North Central Street. Postponed until next Tuesday's regular council meeting was a request to change to RN-5 Residential for RN-1 residential zoned 962 North Gallaher View Road. In other action, the council

approved adding funds to the Old Broadway Sidewalk Project that will connect Fountain City to Broadway south of I-640. The new total of the project's contract with Whaley Construction, LLC is over \$2.9 million. The council passed along federal funds of \$54,131 to the Volunteer Ministry Center for rapid re-housing services and added \$50,034 in federal money to VMC for street outreach services. A center spokesperson explained the outreach program will add one employee.

Unicorn HCM was hired to provide payroll, tax preparation and human resources services for the Knoxville Area Transit. Two federal grant applications were approved, one for \$1.8 million for housing stability and another for \$4.6 million for lead-based paint removal. Both grants, if approved, require a city match of \$3,916 and \$400,000. Ben Ream was re-appointed as the First District's representative on the Public Property Naming Committee.

Many residential zoning requests before county commission Aug. 19

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The Knox County Commission will review 17 zoning change requests next Monday, the vast majority seeking residential designations. Following approval from the planning commission, several property owners are requesting changes from commission to rezone from agricultural to low density residential. Property at 1508 and 1510 Osborne Road, 2 lots on Gardner Lane, 3 lots on Rosewood Road and a Highland View Drive property are on the

agenda for this rezoning consideration. Requests for the switch from agricultural to planned residential zoning are also popular on the August 19 zoning agenda. A property on George Light Road could be approved for planned residential for up to 5 units per acre. The planners are asking that the road be widened to 20 feet. Agricultural lots on 8802 and 8744 Sevierville Pike lots may be rezoned to planned residential with planners approving 5 dwelling units per acre. Another request for Sevierville

Pike properties, at 7803, 7807 and 7809, wants 5 dwelling units per acre with planners recommending planned residential with 4 units. A similar request from agricultural to planned residential is before the commission for 5 units per acre with the planning commission only recommending 4 per acre for property at 7505 Blacks Ferry Road. A change to planned residential is requested for an agricultural-zoned West Gallaher Ferry Road property for 2 units per acre although planning recommends only

one. Eight units per acre, with a planning recommendation, may proceed if the zoning change is approved for property on Sam Lee Road. A developer is requesting an increase from 3 to 7 units per acre for planned residential property on East Governor John Sevier Highway following the planning commission's approval.

Twelve units per acre are requested in a zoning change from low density to planned residential for a property along West Governor John Sevier Highway but the planners are recommending 8 dwelling units there. If a request for a change from agricultural to general residential is approved for another West Governor John Sevier property,

the planners recommend a landscape screen from existing vegetation along the eastern to the northern boundary. Zoning changes not involving residential requests include a property along Chapman Highway that could change from agricultural to general business. A lot on Asheville Highway has the same rezoning request.

Council agrees 8-1 on ballot referendum

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first reading and he then successfully moved to pass it on an emergency basis. Also passed was changing when District 5 voters choose their city council member, putting that primary and election in with all the other district city council elections. Should the "everyone votes" charter change fail in the November referendum, the city would then

follow the new state law, which mandates a district election of six members

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Council rejects electric gas price sign on Washington Pike

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The city council voted in favor of Scenic Knoxville's appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals' approval of an electric display sign at a convenience store at 5014 Washington Pike. The applicant, Sycamore Signs, was represented by Randy Ridge who told the council the current gas price sign is located in a


drainage ditch and dangerous to manually change the pricing. Joyce Feld of Scenic Knoxville and Kevin Murphy of the Knoxville Planning Alliance, told the council a variance was not needed because, as Murphy said, there are "lots of other places on their property" for a new sign. "They don't have a hardship, there are lots of options," he said. Feld said the company that owns the station "created their own hardship" by continuing to use the hand-changed price sign located in the middle of the ditch. Although the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to allow the station to reduce the minimum street frontage from 250 feet to 174 feet, the council voted unanimously to approve the appeal and forbid the change.



The replacement of a gas price sign was voted down by Knoxville City Council following the appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision. The sign is in the middle of a drainage ditch and apparently will continue to have its prices changed manually.

A Sunday Drive along Clinton Highway

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Most of us are familiar with Clinton Highway, or Highway 25W, but there are probably some things along that familiar route that might surprise you. Not too long ago, I enjoyed a Sunday drive along the route and turned back toward town once I hit the

Claxton area. Starting at the Powell Community sign going north on Clinton Highway you'll pass the large Walmart Shopping Center on your left. Many of us older folks remember that being the site of the former Twin Aire Drive-In Theater. As you top the hill you'll come to the iconic Airplane Filling Station. I remember that from my childhood when we drove each fall from Williamsburg, Kentucky, to shop for back-to-school clothes and shoes in downtown Knoxville. The Airplane Filling Station is on the National Register of Historic Places and was built by two brothers who wanted something eye catching and different. It certainly was that. The station has been totally restored on the outside and still attracts people who want a photo or a memory. Justin Bailey bought the historic station and has turned it into an Airbnb. "It stays rented a little over half the month and going well. We've had people rent it for overnight stays mostly but even for a few birthday parties. All rentals go through the Airbnb website as we use a property management company called Haven," Bailey told The Focus. If you stand in the parking

lot of the filling station and look south, you can see the Walmart Shopping Center and imagine where the drive-in theater once was. Further up Clinton Highway you can turn and take a side trip to Powell's little downtown area along the railroad tracks. But back on Highway 25W you'll soon come to the Ciderville Music Store, another historic place full of memories, Cas Walker items and gifts, and a wide variety of musical instruments. Built in 1958 the complex has become a landmark between Knoxville and Clinton. You can stop by sometime and chat with Ciderville owner David West about all the famous musicians who have played there, the history of the place, and Cas Walker stories. You can find Ciderville Music online or call them at 865-945-3595. Ask about live music on the weekends. Continuing north on the highway I followed it to Racoon Valley Road in Claxton and turned east, following that two lane through the countryside to the intersection of Heiskell Road where I turned south toward Knoxville. The difference in that part of our county with its rural rolling hills and country homes to my neighborhood is striking. The name "Claxton" apparently comes from Marvin Claxton, an early settler, and "Heiskell" comes from the family of Christopher or Samuel Heiskell. Heiskell Road becomes Central Avenue Pike at the intersection of Emory Road and there I remembered when the large shopping center near that intersection was a large private air field. Just beyond the intersection, further south, is the Glenwood Baptist Church Cemetery which holds the hard-to-find grave of country musician and comedian Archie Campbell. I remembered interviewing

him many years ago while he was dedicating his childhood home in Bulls Gap. Just beyond the I-75 underpass and around the curve you may notice a small house on the left with unusual yard displays. I've called it the "Flying Saucer House" and it's aptly called that for one of the objects in the yard. From there I followed Central south, passing Tower Road and never really knowing why that street is named that, to Merchant Drive, named for the Merchant family and not the many merchants who have stores there, and back to my home. So, an afternoon or early Sunday drive within a few miles of your home can be refreshing and a good way to clear your head. With family or alone, it's good to get out and see our area and even better to do a little research and find out about place names when you return.

Annual Ijams Hummingbird Festival features more activities, new format August 17

Ijams Nature Center's 14th annual Ijams Hummingbird Festival: A Celebration of Wings will bring back its popular marketplace and add new activities to its offerings on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A general admission ticket provides access to educational booths and activities, dipnetting, live animal encounters, and a kids' nature zone where children and families can create arts projects and crafts, conduct experiments, and more. Community science opportunities, guided nature walks, and new hands-on workshops also will be offered.

This year's festival also brings back the marketplace featuring handcrafted art, nature-themed items, local plants, and garden décor, as well as speaker sessions.

"This year's festival will be bigger and better than ever," Ijams Education Director Jennie McGuigan said. "We're excited to be able to offer the marketplace and speaker sessions. They were a big draw before the pandemic, and I think everyone will have fun during the new hands-on educational workshops."

Attendees can choose to schedule a bird banding demonstration for an additional charge. Each small group will get the opportunity for an up-close look at a hummingbird or another bird in a small-group setting with master bander Mark Armstrong. Armstrong will weigh, measure, band, and talk about the birds before allowing one person in each group to release the bird.

Bird banding demonstrations are offered in 30-minute sessions starting at 7 a.m.; the last appointment is 12 p.m. Your best chance to see a ruby-throated hummingbird being banded is during the earlier appointments.

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults (ages 13+) and \$9 for children ages 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Ijams Nature Center members receive a 10% discount on the festival ticket price.

Bird banding sessions can be reserved for \$5 per person. If appointments are still available on the day of the festival, tickets will be sold at the event entrance at the Ijams Homesite.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the festival, visit ijams.org/ijams-hummingbird-festival.

The 14th annual Ijams Hummingbird Festival: A Celebration of Wings is sponsored by Accenture, HomeTrust Bank, Stanley's Greenhouse, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, and Wild Birds Unlimited Maryville.

Ijams Nature Center is a nonprofit, 318-acre educational nature center for all ages, abilities and walks of life. Ijams' mission is to encourage stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences. Located just three miles from downtown Knoxville, Ijams features 14 miles of hiking and mixed-use trails, a public access river dock, swimming, boating, biking, and more. The center offers hundreds of educational programs annually for all ages. The Ijams grounds and trails are open every day from 8 a.m. until dusk. The Visitor Center is open daily Monday through Friday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, visit ijams.org.





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County may take over water line project from utility district


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Cedar Bluff Road from Sherrill Blvd to Middlebrook Pike could involve a contract for state aid with a 2% county match. Improvements along Hardin Valley Road to Brighton Farms Boulevard are before the commission for consideration.


Adam Wilson Realty, Keith Foster, and Carter Lady Hornets and the Gibbs Lady Eagles softball teams are considered for honorary resolutions in August.

The Knox County Health Department has several items on the agenda involving mosquito control, funding of the WIC food program, immunization services, HIV prevention, and hepatitis program services.

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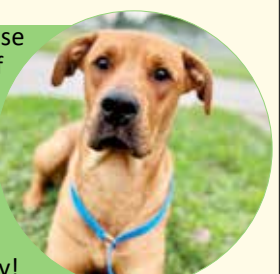


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Bank Your Vote

Have you wondered how someone can look at the disasters in our country and still support the Biden/Harris administration? I've written about delusional thinking which Mr. Webster defines as a "false belief or judgment about external reality, held despite incontrovertible evidence to the contrary." In other words, it is an "unshakable belief in something that is not true."

Despite the abject failures of Biden and Harris, people still support Kamala Harris. Is this because they believe she will improve the country by fixing the border that she and Biden destroyed? Do they believe she will enact policies that will fix inflation and the economy that she and Biden damaged? A vote for Kamala is a vote for more illegals and more inflation.

Perhaps some support Kamala in the hopes they will get a handout (as in student loans) or that

Democrats are capable of fixing crime, the drug crisis, sex trafficking, or protecting us from terrorists, Chinese aggression or the Russians. If you believe this, you are delusional and you should see a psychiatrist.

No matter how the Democrat media tries to spin it, things are a mess in this country and the world. So if you're in favor of term limits, and I certainly am, it's time for a change. Turn out the Democrats and bring back the policies of President Donald Trump which worked. We were all better off with President Trump. And Harris' selection of Tim Walz completes the ticket of the most liberal and truly "weird" candidacy in American history. The radical Democrats finally have their Bernie Sanders socialist ticket. Remember, it was South Carolina Democrat congressman Jim Clyburn who

saved Joe Biden and the Democrats from Bernie in 2020. They promoted Biden as a "moderate" and "an adult." He was actually the childlike puppet of Democrat radicals.

Where is Joe Biden these days? Now that he's a lame duck president and no longer useful to Democrat elites, he seems to have disappeared. The only thing I've heard him say lately is to repeat the delusional lie that President Trump warned of a "blood-bath" if he's not reelected in November. Trump was speaking of the auto industry which will be damaged by Kamala and the Democrats push for electric cars which will largely be made in China.

The media now seems fixated on Kamala, although they can't catch her for a news conference. And they are trying to salvage her pick of Tim Walz who said the BLM riots that burned Minneapolis were "exciting," while Kamala raised money to bail out the rioters. Walz said socialism is just being neighborly, and as governor of Minnesota he ordered draconian policies during Covid and put taxpayer-funded tampons in boy's bathrooms at schools, garnering the moniker of "Tampon Tim" on social media.

What scares me more than war in the Middle

East or Ukraine, the economy and the national debt, broken borders or crime is the November election. Despite lip service assurances that reforms are in place to prevent the abuses of the 2020 election, it is a certainty that cheating will nonetheless occur. The execrable Alejandro Mayorkas, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, is warning of cyber attacks on voting machines in November. This has the real potential of disrupting the election and producing long lines which may dissuade people from voting.

I have always voted on Election Day rather than voting early. I recently read that more Democrats vote early than do Republicans. While I'm not a Republican nor am I sure of these statistics, the danger of losing my vote if cyber attacks occur on November 5, 2024, has made me rethink my voting plans. In this most important election of my lifetime, I plan to vote early and "bank my vote."

As a precaution, I urge you to vote early.

Is Kamala Harris a chameleon or a charlatan? When campaigning all politicians tend to "run to the center" in order to garner votes. But the voting record and statements of Kamala Harris are so far from mainstream that it would be impossible for her to

honestly espouse a centrist position on anything. And "stolen valor" Walz is demonstrably worse. Because vice president selections never change people's vote for a presidential ticket, the rule is never to select a vice president candidate that damages your ticket. Harris' choice of Minnesota Governor Walz over Pennsylvania Governor Shapiro has raised the specter of antisemitism and proved disastrous.

People may take issue with President Trump's brash New Yorker style, but he is not a Nazi or the monster depicted by the progressive Democrat left and their media stooges. He was a successful president despite the Covid pandemic. We had a secure border, energy independence, a robust economy with low inflation and national security. And while cackling Kamala runs from the press, her record and the people, Trump held a press conference last week in his home deftly answering questions from a liberal press, outlining his plans to Make America Great Again.

While Kamala says "We love Bidenomics," Americans don't because they are paying much more for staples like food and gasoline. Kamala may love yellow school buses and be enraptured by craters on

the moon, but she apparently doesn't understand Economics 101. If you flood the market with dollars, the value of each dollar is worth less and inflation is the result.

I watched President Trump's press conference and he is sharp, energetic and the commanding presence in any room or place. Such a contrast to Biden and Harris. By the time you read this essay, you will undoubtedly have heard news expert's observations of Trump's press conference. However since like my readers I am just a citizen, my observations may be helpful.

I learned that Trump and his team have offered three debates with Harris in September, one on Fox and two others on ABC and NBC. CBS will hold the vice presidential debate between JD Vance and Walz. Along with eliminating taxes on tips, Trump will push for eliminating taxes on social security checks. He will focus on "security, safety and jobs" by removing criminal illegals from the country and securing the border. And he will protect 2nd Amendment rights because "people need to be able to protect themselves."

I'm on the Trump Train. Join Me!

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Knoxville Track and Field Club, Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon donate \$15,000 to community partners



Present at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley presentation last week are: (left to right) Knoxville Track and Field Club Executive Director Eric Weatherbee, BGCTV club member Jordan Jones, Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon Race Director Jason Altman, BGCTV Healthy Lifestyles Program Specialist Chara Carey, BGCTV President and CEO Bart McFadden, and BGCTV club members Skylar Jones and Hart Harned.

The Knoxville Track and Field Club and the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon presented checks totaling \$15,000 last week to two community partners following a successful 2024 event.

On Monday, August 5, 2024, race director Jason Altman presented a check for \$10,000 to 2023-2024 selected partner Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley (BGCTNV). The following day, August 6, 2024, a \$5,000 check was presented to the marathon's ongoing community partner, Patricia Neal Outpatient Center's Innovative Recreation Cooperative (IRC).

"Our partnership with the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon is a tremendous opportunity to help our members

experience the value and thrill of running and accomplishing great things through consistent habits of activity," said Bart McFadden, President and CEO of BGCTNV. "The support from the event helps us further this work with more than 7,500 kids across East Tennessee."

BGCTNV established running clubs within its participating clubs, boosting participation in the Covenant Kids Run and promoting healthier, more active lifestyles among East Tennessee's youth.

A second check was presented to IRC, whose focus is on developing life skills through adaptive sports. The program was designed to be a part of the continuum of care in the

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At some point in the existence of this planet, creatures crawled out of the muck and began life on solid ground. Some forms of life began the slow process of walking upright.

Species adapted to upright walking and developed the most comfortable means of doing so.

Amy and I revisited the Museum of Appalachia recently. Along our stroll, several peacocks crossed our paths. I suppose they were waiting for treats, but



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when we offered none, they turned in another direction where other folks might be kinder. I grew up next to a farm that had several of these birds, but I never paid attention to their walk. Each step

that they take seems to be carefully planned. At the same time, their necks are crooked and their heads poke forward with each step.

My favorite animal is a dog, a rescue mutt. Our pup Sadie is a medium-sized canine. She always

has a bounce to her step. Of course, she wanders from place to place and sniffs the ground for traces of her number one nemesis: a rabbit. If a bunny is in the yard, Sadie becomes a hunter; she slows to a crawl and oh-so-stealthily begins her walk toward the prey. She never catches one because the length of her leash keeps her safely away.

The most fascinating creature on two feet is a woman. Females always seem to be in a hurry. Their lives are so filled with demands at work and home that they have little time to leisurely walk. When women are herding children for activities, they move with the same grace as a Border Collie. Not even the smallest or quickest child can escape her herding skills. In no time

she has the car packed with children and all the gear that the young'uns need. On other occasions, women spend a great deal of time to look fabulous for a formal occasion. Many choose to wear high heels, and their quick walk slows to choppy steps that take them short distances. Some men decided one day that those shoes made women's legs look beautiful, and females fell for the line. The only thing good about those shoes is that they spend most of their time in the back of a closet. Most of the time, females wear tennis shoes. They are comfortable and allow women to move quickly and with more agility.

Men are the worst walkers of all. We might have been better off to have continued walking like apes. Instead, we walk upright

and perform tasks that invite back and leg injuries. Over the years, I've had two ankle operations, one cervical surgery, and one disc fusion operation. Overdoing things, like most men do, leads to those kinds of injuries. Our walks go from powerful, smooth motion to crooked backs with pains that run from the base of our spine to the tips of our toes. As the years pass, we males find our shoulders drooping and our spines curving. A walk turns into a shuffling of the feet.

Maybe we were meant to walk like apes, but I choose to think we were given the ability to stand up and wonder at the beauty. These days, however, some of us just need the help of braces, orthopedic shoes and inserts, not to mention a handful of Tylenol.

Rotary Club Top Golf fundraiser event to raise funds for area non- profits

The Rotary Club of Bearden will host a Top Golf Fundraiser to raise money for Knoxville area non-profits on Thursday, September 19 from noon - 3 p.m. at TopGolf iFarragut. Sponsorships, teams and individual tickets are now on sale.

Team competition, hole-in-one and a longest drive contest will be held for all participants. Lunch is included in the entry fee. A silent auction will be held on-site.

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RAM is also in need of general support volunteers to help set up on Friday, Nov. 1 and take down on Sunday, Nov. 3. Overnight parking volunteers to greet patients are also needed, and interpreters can volunteer to aid patients through the process, either in the parking lot or during clinic operations. Individuals do not need to work in the medical field to volunteer as general support. If you or your organization would like to volunteer your time to help provide free healthcare services to the Clinton, Tennessee and surrounding communities, please visit www.ramusa.org or call (865)579-1530.

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Pages from the Past



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The most notable actor who transitioned to politics was, of course, Ronald Reagan. Later came Arnold Schwarzenegger, who was elected governor. Before either Reagan or Schwarzenegger were elected, there was George Murphy. To get to the United States Senate, Murphy had to buck the national tide as GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater was losing badly to incumbent President Lyndon Johnson. Murphy also faced a nationally known candidate in the general election in Pierre Salinger, who had gained notoriety as the press secretary to President John F. Kennedy and his successor in the White House. Johnson was delighted when Salinger decided to go to California to run for the U.S. Senate and paid the candidate's filing fee to enter the race. Salinger defeated all the Californians who had been running for the Democratic nomination in the primary. The cigar-chomping, portly, jowly, wisecracking Salinger made quite a contrast to the sleek, handsome and polished George Murphy whose silver hair and tailoring gave him the aura of a statesman.

It was George Murphy who began a tradition inside the United States Senate that persists to this day. Murphy liked candy and kept it on his desk on the Senate floor. The Californian invited his colleagues to help themselves and the "candy desk" was born.

Known as "Murph" to his friends, George Murphy was educated at good schools and Yale University in his native Connecticut. After school, he tried his hand at a variety of jobs, which included working for the Ford Motor Company in a factory, a miner, a real estate agent and a dancer in a night club. The athletic Murphy kept dancing and went from Broadway to Hollywood where he headlined many a musical. For twenty-two years, from 1930 until he retired from acting in 1952, Murphy was a popular entertainer and received an honorary Oscar in 1951. Murphy headed the Screen Actors' Guild before his friend Ronald Reagan, winning the presidency of the union in 1944 and serving until 1946. Following his retirement from acting, George Murphy transitioned into the business end of Hollywood's biggest business, working as a vice president for the Technicolor Corporation, as well as Desilu, the studio founded by Lucille Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz.

Murphy had long been an active Republican; with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, he formed the Hollywood Republican

Committee. It was George Murphy who directed the inaugurations of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, gathering some of the biggest names in show business at the time.

California was not the bastion of the Democratic Party it has become today. Yet the Golden State's GOP had fallen upon hard times following a debacle in 1958 brought about by the presidential aspirations of three men: Richard Nixon, William Knowland and Goodwin Knight. In 1958 Nixon was vice president of the United States, Knowland was California's senior U.S. senator and minority leader of the United States Senate and Knight was governor of California. Nixon was the frontrunner to win the Republican presidential nomination to succeed President Eisenhower in 1960. Knowland blew everything apart by declaring he was running for governor of California in 1958. Knowland reasoned as California's chief executive, he could control the Golden State's sizeable delegation to the GOP national convention and have a chance to win the presidential nomination. Senator Knowland made it quite clear he would face off against Goodwin Knight inside the Republican primary if necessary. Eventually, Knight switched to the Senate race to run for Knowland's seat while the bullheaded minority leader ran for governor. The GOP ticket was wiped out in the general election in a debacle of epic proportions. Knowland lost badly to State Attorney General Edmund "Pat" Brown while Knight lost to Congressman Clair Engle.

Nixon did win the GOP presidential nomination and carried his home state of California in the 1960 election against John F. Kennedy. Losing by a fraction, Richard Nixon sought to regain his foothold in politics by challenging Governor Pat Brown in 1962. Nixon lost decisively.

George Murphy was the favorite for the GOP nomination for the United States Senate, beating industrialist Leland Kaiser and former Kansas Governor Fred Hall in the primary. Senator Clair Engle was stubbornly running for election, although he was seriously incapacitated by a malignant brain tumor. The ailing senator was dying, and State Comptroller Alan Cranston was off and running for the Democratic nomination. Salinger, a native of San Francisco, impulsively entered the race and won the primary. Senator Engle died, and Governor Brown appointed Salinger to fill the vacancy so he could campaign as an incumbent in the general election.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed portrait of California U.S. Senator George Murphy, circa 1968.

In 1964, Democrats in California outnumbered Republicans 3-2. Murphy's senatorial campaign was managed by Robert Finch, a former Nixon strategist. Perhaps no state in the union was as image-conscious as California and the contrast between Senator Salinger and George Murphy was stark. Finch was an extremely able campaign manager, carefully guiding the first-time candidate as it became readily apparent LBJ would win the general election in a landslide. For years, Salinger had lived in Virginia, a fact Murphy never failed to point out to voters. While Murphy had endorsed the presidential candidacy of Barry Goldwater, he was also careful to note his differences with the Arizona senator on civil rights legislation and cuts to foreign aid.

The highlight of the 1964 race for the U.S. Senate was a televised debate between the two candidates. Murphy came out looking better than his opponent. On Election Day, George Murphy outran Barry Goldwater by quite nearly 750,000 votes as Lyndon Johnson was carrying California with almost 60% of the ballots cast. Murphy beat Salinger by more than 200,000 votes to win a seat in the United States Senate. Even Governor Pat Brown had to confess Murphy's campaign had been one of the best he could remember. George Murphy was the only GOP candidate in 1964 to beat an incumbent Democrat to win a seat in the U.S. Senate. The defeated Salinger was philosophical. At age 39, Salinger joked, "I may be the youngest living ex-Senator in history."

TIME magazine commented after the election, "Senator Murphy's move from Hollywood to Capitol Hill came only after a great deal of intense personal dedication and strong self-discipline. In the Senate, such qualities should never be underrated."

Salinger resigned on December 31, 1964,

and Governor Pat Brown appointed George Murphy to the U.S. Senate, giving him a slight seniority edge over those colleagues elected in the 1964 election.

Sixty-two years old when first elected to the Senate, George Murphy went to Washington where he remained a celebrity. Senator Murphy concentrated upon issues pertinent to his state and was in high demand as a speaker and fundraiser for other Republicans across the country. Murphy's colleagues selected him to chair the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee and the GOP picked up several seats in the U.S. Senate in the 1966 election cycle, including one in Tennessee.

George Murphy faced several difficulties during his term in the Senate. Murphy underwent surgery for throat cancer and for the remainder of his life could not speak above a whisper. Murphy's wife, Julie, was ailing and the senator was known for his devotion to her. The Murphys had two children together. Each weekend, Murphy made the grueling flight from Washington, D.C. to their home in Beverly Hills, California, to be with his wife. Each Sunday night, Senator Murphy boarded the "red eye" flight back to Washington for work.

Murphy was reputedly the prototype for Crocker Jarman, the fictional U.S. senator in Robert Redford's movie "The Candidate." Senator Murphy began his 1970 reelection campaign as the favorite, easily dispatching a quixotic challenge from millionaire businessman Norton Simon inside the Republican primary. Murphy faced Congressman John Tunney, the son of heavyweight champion Gene Tunney. Tunney was no Pierre Salinger; quite the contrary. Young, handsome and articulate, the congressman was a critic of the Vietnam War, while Senator Murphy remained a supporter of President Nixon's war policy. Murphy's reelection bid was hampered

not only by his inability to speak above a whisper but also by reports he had remained on Technicolor's payroll while a member of the U.S. Senate. There were reports at the time Murphy was paid \$20,000 annually (roughly \$161,000 today) as a public relations consultant, provided a \$230 monthly allowance for rent and the use of a credit card. Of course, many members of Congress derived outside income from law practices and businesses and Senator John Stennis of Mississippi, Chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Standards and Conduct, had already given his stamp of approval to the arrangement. A goodly number of Independents in California looked upon the arrangement with disapproval.

Murphy's ticket-mate in the 1970 election was Ronald Reagan, who had been elected governor in 1966. Reagan was facing a hard race of his own against the powerful Speaker of the California General Assembly, Jess Unruh. Reagan had succeeded Murphy as president of the Screen Actors' Guild and there had been a time when the two had violently disagreed about Communists lurking inside the movie community. Reagan later acknowledged Murphy had strongly influenced him in noticing "strange creatures crawling from under the make-believe rocks in our make-believe town." Initially, Ronald Reagan had been furious with Murphy and dismissed him as "an arch reactionary." Reagan, at the time, had been a Democrat, while George Murphy was a proud Republican. Murphy refused to give up and eventually Reagan opened his eyes and recognized what was happening inside his own union. George Murphy and Ronald Reagan became friends and each strongly backed the other politically.

Following the GOP electoral successes in the 1966 election, George Murphy was the toastmaster at the most successful

fundraiser in the history of the Republican Party up until that time. Two thousand guests filled the ballroom of Washington's Hilton Hotel at \$500 per plate (roughly \$4,600 today), which raised \$1 million in a single night. "Here's your chance to sit in the presence of the next President of the United States," Senator Murphy told the audience.

Every major GOP presidential contender for 1968 attended, including Richard Nixon, Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, and Governor Ronald Reagan of California. It was Reagan who wowed the crowd after having won the "biggest applause of the night" according to TIME magazine.

Perhaps encouraged by the success of George Murphy and Ronald Reagan, Shirley Temple Black announced her candidacy for the House of Representatives when Congressman J. Arthur Younger died in 1967. George Murphy had danced with the moppet Shirley Temple in the movies and she had starred in "That Hagen Girl" with Ronald Reagan. While Mrs. Black didn't win that special election, she later became a diplomat and served as the United States Ambassador to Ghana and later, under President George H. W. Bush, to Czechoslovakia.

Governor Ronald Reagan was reelected in 1970 while George Murphy was upset in his reelection bid by John Tunney. Following his defeat for reelection, George Murphy became a consultant and worked past 80. Murphy's wife had died but love found the former song and dance man once again in 1982 when the former senator was 79. Bette Blandi was a former Powers model who confessed she had been torn when Murphy asked her to marry him. Blandi told her 26-year-old daughter, Debra, "I can't marry an 80-year-old man." Debra looked at her mother and replied, "If you don't want him, I'll take him." Later Bette Murphy laughed and said, "I'm glad I married the old geezer."

Murphy lived in Palm Beach, Florida, with his second wife and they built another home in the North Carolina mountains near Asheville. Murphy was still working in Washington, D.C., at the time. The former senator and movie star died in 1992 at age 89 from leukemia.

From waiting tables and stoking furnaces, attending Yale, singing and dancing on the silver screen and sitting in the United States Senate, George Murphy lived a full life.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICES

TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated July 15, 2022, Travis Lewelling, and Shelby Johnson conveyed 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: 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 TUFFANY 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.

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.

TO: MYRA KING

RE: 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.

TO: JORDAN MALIK MAYS

IN RE: The Adoption of Male & Female Children Whose Names Are: Jaeviauna Ray - DOB 7/11/2019 Niyyala 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

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, or a judgement 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 judgement 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.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

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

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This 18 day of JULY, 2024.

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.

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.

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, 1N 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.

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 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 JUSTIN MINCEY, 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 JUSTIN MINCEY, it is ordered that said defendant, JUSTIN MINCEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JENNIFER L. CHADWELL, an Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 4038, OAK RIDGE, TN 37831, 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 8th day of AUGUST, 2024

TO: JUSTIN MINCEY IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF: BELLA ANNA-MARIE BATES, DOB: 11/25/2010

STEPHANIE MARIE CSORBA and RICHARD ALLEN CSORBA, Co-Petitioners Vs. JUSTIN MINCEY, Respondent NO. 209314-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JUSTIN MINCEY, 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 JUSTIN MINCEY, it is ordered that said defendant, JUSTIN MINCEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JENNIFER L. CHADWELL, an Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 4038, OAK RIDGE, TN 37831, 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 HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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

This 8th day of AUGUST, 2024

Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 1st day of AUGUST, 2024.

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

TO: PATRICK EDWARD BARDSLEY IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD WHOSE NAME IS: TYSON JAMES BARDSLEY DOB: 02/10/2017 DAMI RYAN RICE and KATHLEEN RICE, Petitioners v. PATRICK EDWARD BARDSLEY, Respondent NO. 208883-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PATRICK EDWARD BARDSLEY, 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 defendant PATRICK EDWARD BARDSLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, PATRICK EDWARD BARDSLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with BRENT R WATSON, an Attorney whose address is, 800 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2001, KNOXVILLE, TN 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 CHRISTOPHER D. HEAGERTY in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of August, 2024.

TO: STEVEN LANCE IVEY

IN RE: DANNIELLE (IVEY) WILSON, Plaintiff vs. STEVEN LANCE IVEY, Defendant NO. 208246-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant STEVEN LANCE IVEY, 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 STEVEN LANCE IVEY, it is ordered that said defendant, STEVEN LANCE IVEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID L. VALONE, an Attorney whose address is 625 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 625 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 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 Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 3, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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Clerk and Master

TO: JUSTIN MINCEY IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF: BELLA ANNA-MARIE BATES, DOB: 11/25/2010

STEPHANIE MARIE CSORBA and RICHARD ALLEN CSORBA, Co-Petitioners Vs. JUSTIN MINCEY, Respondent NO. 209314-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JUSTIN MINCEY, 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 JUSTIN MINCEY, it is ordered that said defendant, JUSTIN MINCEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JENNIFER L. CHADWELL, an Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 4038, OAK RIDGE, TN 37831, 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 HEAGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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This 8th day of AUGUST, 2024

TO: JUSTIN MINCEY IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF: BELLA ANNA-MARIE BATES, DOB: 11/25/2010

STEPHANIE MARIE CSORBA and RICHARD ALLEN CSORBA, Co-Petitioners Vs. JUSTIN MINCEY, Respondent NO. 209314-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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This 8th day of AUGUST, 2024

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: COURTENEY NOEL WILSON IN RE: APPOLLO ULANI OTTE

By: BRANDON AND KRISTI MITCHELL, PETITIONERS vs. COURTENEY NOEL WILSON, RESPONDENT NO. 204944-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant COURTENEY NOEL WILSON, 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 COURTENEY NOEL WILSON, it is ordered that said defendant, COURTENEY NOEL WILSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with HILLARY DEWHIRST, an Attorney whose address is 4014 SUTHERLAND AVENUE 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 ExParte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of AUGUST, 2024.

TO: DARIAN WOODY RE: S.J.F., A MALE MINOR CHILD DOB: 05/05/2012 CASE NO. 24-AD-39

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BARTOW COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA NOTICE TO APPEAR, STATE OF GEORGIA, GEORGIA, Case No. 24-AD-39 IN THE INTEREST OF S.J.F., A MALE MINOR CHILD DOB: 05/05/2012 POB: Knox County, TN

TO DARIAN WOODY last known to reside in KNOX COUNTY, TN: You are hereby advised that a petition for adoption has been filed seeking to terminate your rights and obligations with respect to the referenced child, and of the child arising to her from the parental relationship, including the right to inheritance. As the legal parent of this child, you are entitled to notice of these proceedings. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 19-8-10, a conformed copy of the petition and the notice of hearing will be made available for your review. A final hearing on the matter has been set for October 11, 2024, at 10:30 AM in the Superior Court of Bartow County. You may contact the court directly to obtain information regarding this legal proceeding. The court contact and address is Adoption Clerk Bartow County Superior Court 135 W. Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA 30120. As the legal parent of the child, you are hereby informed that you are not a party to the adoption and have no obligation to file an answer, but you have the right to appear in the pending adoption proceeding and show cause why your rights to the child should not be terminated. Any written objection should be filed with the clerk of court at the address above with a copy provided to Christina R. Jenkins, Esq. Christina R. Jenkins LLC, 10 South Erwin Street Cartersville, GA 30120 (770) 387-7447, as required by the Georgia Civil Practice Act.

TO: STEVEN LANCE IVEY

IN RE: DANNIELLE (IVEY) WILSON, Plaintiff vs. STEVEN LANCE IVEY, Defendant NO. 208246-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant STEVEN LANCE IVEY, 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 STEVEN LANCE IVEY, it is ordered that said defendant, STEVEN LANCE IVEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID L. VALONE, an Attorney whose address is 625 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 625 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 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 Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 3, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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This 26 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF HORACE LEE BALLARD DOCKET NUMBER 89595-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HORACE LEE BALLARD, who died on November 10, 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 the notice 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 copy of 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 26 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF HORACE LEE BALLARD DOCKET NUMBER 89595-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHAD AUSTIN BOTTIGER who died June 3, 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 22 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHAD AUSTIN BOTTIGER DOCKET NUMBER 89659-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHAD AUSTIN BOTTIGER who died June 3, 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 22 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHAD AUSTIN BOTTIGER DOCKET NUMBER 89659-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHAD AUSTIN BOTTIGER who died June 3, 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 22 day of JULY, 2024.

WANDA BROUGHTON, ADMINISTRATRIX
8608 FLAGSTONE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MAURINE BRITT DOCKET NUMBER 89778-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MAURINE BRITT who died May 17, 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

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McKenzie, Massey and Johnson
move on to November election

By Mike Steely
Senior Writer
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While much of the attention in the November general election will focus on the race for U.S. President, there are other races on that ballot that involve Knox County decisions.

East Knoxville's incumbent state Representative Sam McKenzie easily defeated fellow Democrat Dasha Lundy in that party's primary this month. Lundy, who chose not to run for Knox County Commission re-election, opposed McKenzie but fell short. The District 15 seat now sees Republican Justin Hirst challenging McKenzie in the November general election.

Incumbent Republican state Senator Becky

Duncan Massey won almost 60% of her primary election, defeating Monica Irvine. She now faces Democrat Dmonica Bryan in November.

Incumbent District 90 state House member Gloria Johnson won her Democratic primary without opposition. There is no Republican opponent in November but Johnson is also a candidate for U.S. Senate having defeated three state-wide fellow Democrats to run against incumbent Republican Senator Marsha Blackburn. Johnson got 90% of the Democratic primary vote in Knox County and bested her three opponents statewide by 70% of the vote. Blackburn defeated her primary opponent with 88% of that vote in Knox County.

When asked about Johnson running for U.S. Senate and the Tennessee State House at the same time, Knox County Election Administrator Chris Davis told The Focus, "Yes, she can and will run in both races. If she wins the United States Senate, then she could not serve in the Tennessee House seat."

"There would have to be a special election as there would be a vacancy in that scenario," Davis said.

Whatever the election results may be, it appears that Gloria Johnson will continue butting heads with Tennessee Republicans in the future years as an elected official.

Other Tennessee house races pit incumbent Republicans against Democratic candidates.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

State Reps. Dave Wright and Becky Massey at the Knox GOP watch party on election night.

Those include District 14 with Jason Zachary challenged by Amanda Collins; Michele Carringer against Lauren Carver and Independent Sean Eastham in District 16; Elaine Davis against Bryan Goldberg in District 18; and Justin Lafferty against Cary Hammond in District 89.

Incumbent Dave Wright in District 19 has no Democratic opponent.

Knoxville Track and Field Club, Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon donate \$15,000 to community

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rehabilitation process and has welcomed more than 15,000 participants and volunteers since its founding in 1994.

"It's wonderful that the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon and Knoxville Track Club benefit the community in so many charitable ways, including support of local not-for-profit programs like the IRC," said Al Kaye, clinical specialist in recreation therapy and IRC coordinator. "It's a win-win event."

IRC partners with the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon to offer handcycling and race chair divisions for athletes who aren't able to walk or

run. These participants have gone on to compete in races nationally and internationally.

"The Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon is truly a community event," said race director Jason Altman. "It makes sense to invest our success in the community where we live, work, walk and run."

Registration is now open for events in the 2025 Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon. Race weekend includes full and half marathons, team relay, 5K and a kids fun run, all finishing in Knoxville's historic World's Fair Park, April 5-6, 2025. For more information, visit knoxvillemarathon.com.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FAYE STRANGE
DOCKET NUMBER 89779-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA FAYE STRANGE who died May 21, 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 22 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FAYE STRANGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA SUMTER, EXECUTRIX
8235 HILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MELVIN WENDELL TATE
DOCKET NUMBER 89590-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MELVIN WENDELL TATE, who died intestate on January 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident or non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this 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 the 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 a copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MELVN WENDELL TATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
MARY TATE
509 SURREY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

DANIEL KIDD, ATTORNEY
1308 WILSON ROAD, STE. 102
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA E. TINDELL
DOCKET NUMBER 89766-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA E. TINDELL who died on April 7, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 30 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA E. TINDELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY A. TINDELL, PETITIONER
4713 WASHINGTON VALLEY LN.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JOEL A. CANNON, JR., ATTORNEY
2924 TAZEWELL PIKE, STE. F
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARDSON V. TURNER
DOCKET NUMBER 89776-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of RICHARDSON V. TURNER, who died on March 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) 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 30 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RICHARDSON V. TURNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARILYN AVERY TURNER
9331 MILLSTONE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

O.E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MERILYN BARNHILL WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 89675-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MERILYN BARNHILL WRIGHT, who died on April 22, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MERILYN BARNHILL WRIGHT,

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA KYTE MCCLLOUD
P.O. BOX 925
OXFORD, NC 27565

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE ZIMMER
DOCKET NUMBER 89802-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of WILLIE MAE ZIMMER, who died on the 17th day of October 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 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 coy 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 30 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE ZIMMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHARON ZIMMER WOOD
4716 MAPLEHILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

RONALD J. ATTANASIO, ATTORNEY
625 MARKET STREET, SUITE 700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONOVAN OLCOTT ATCHLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 89809-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of AUGUST, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONOVAN OLCOTT ATCHLEY who died May 31, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEWIS CEPHAS CAGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 89388-2

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This the 5 day of AUGUST, 2024.

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DOCKET NUMBER 89806-3

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ESTATE OF GREGORY ALAN HARRIS
DOCKET NUMBER 89648-1

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

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This the 29 day of July, 2024.

ESTATE OF GREGORY ALAN HARRIS

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ESTATE OF KATHLEEN DONALDSON HICKS
DOCKET NUMBER 89197-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN DONALDSON HICKS who died August 30th, 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 all the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 31 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN DONALDSON HICKS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DOCKET NUMBER 89826-2

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED M. OAKLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 89810-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of AUGUST, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of FRED M. OAKLEY, who died on 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) below,

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ESTATE OF FRED M. OAKLEY

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This the 31 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF KYLIE VERONCIA ROBERTO

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ESTATE OF BARBARA WRIGHT STREHLOW,
AKA BARBARA ELEANOR STREHLOW
DOCKET NUMBER 89829-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of AUGUST, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA WRIGHT STREHLOW, also known as BARBARA ELEANOR STREHLOW, who died on May 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 5 day of AUGUST, 2024.

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First Baptist Academy's boys golf team opened the 2024 golf season with an impressive victory in the 5Star Preps Masters at Three Ridges Golf Course. With no seniors on their team, the Eagles' future certainly looks bright if this group continues to progress under Co-Coaches Karen and Johnny Cox. From left to right: Alex Green, Lane Stokes, Max Green, Luke McGhee, Brady Morris and Jesse Clowers.

FBA makes big news on prep golf scene

By Steve Williams

First Baptist Academy in Powell is one of the smallest high schools in Knox County enrollment-wise, but its boys' golf team recently won the county's biggest regular season tournament on the 2024 calendar.

FBA took top honors in the 5Star Preps Masters, which included 12 Knox County boys teams in its field of 19, for the first time in school history.

The Eagles, despite not having any seniors, combined for a 6-under-par total of 426 in a rain shortened 27

holes of play at the Three Ridges Golf Course on July 30-31.

Christian Academy of Knoxville and Maryville tied for second place with even-par totals of 432.

"That's the best we've ever played as a team in that tournament," said FBA Co-coach Johnny Cox. "CAK usually wins that, but they had a player playing in a national tournament and then they had one that broke his hand. So that's why I say we are one of the best teams (in the county). But we still won."

Cox expects the competition with CAK, a perennial state power with nine titles, to continue throughout the season, as the two Division II schools are in the same classification.

Max Green led FBA with a 3-under 69-36-105. His sophomore twin brother, Alex Green, contributed a 1-under 71, in the opening round.

Junior Brady Morris' totaled a 1-under 71-36-107. Lane Stokes, a junior, carded a 1-over 73-36-109. Sophomore Luke McGhee turned in

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

West's blueprint has same path to follow

Can Rebels win a third straight title?

By Steve Williams

West has a blueprint it follows in football and life.

Nose guard Wyatt Deroche alluded to it last week when asked how the Rebels were approaching this season after back-to-back state titles.

"We approach it like we have the last couple," he said. "We just need to be the best we can every week and trust in our coaches to get us to the right spot and just follow our blueprint."

"Basically, it (the blueprint) is a list and shows

how we want to carry everything out and includes stuff like relentless effort, brotherhood and trust, uncommon commitment. It's just kind of how we want to live our lives.

"We don't want to be common. We want to be different than everyone else as a team. We don't want to just do what everyone else does. We want to be 'one' together."

Wyatt added that at the team's summer camp, players would "go over the blueprint at night with each other ... it's always something we are thinking about."

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Sat	Aug. 24	7:30 p.m.	Bearden Rivalry Thursday	
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	Clinton	
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	at Farragut	
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	Maryville	
Fri	Sep. 20	7:00 p.m.	Central (R)	
Fri	Sep. 27	7:00 p.m.	Heritage (R)	
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	at Alcoa	
Thu	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Anderson County Rivalry Thursday	
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	at Halls (R)	
Fri	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	at Powell (R)	

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Knoxville Catholic playing at an elite level

By Ken Leinart

It's a Friday in mid-July and the Catholic High School Fighting Irish are already busy.

The skill players are taking part in a national seven-on-seven tournament in Alabama, and the rest of the team – the linemen – are hitting the weights with something akin to vengeance.

"We're getting stronger. We're getting faster. We're getting our mind right," junior offensive lineman Jacob Rice said."We lead in the weight room and we

lead on the field."

Rice is one of eight or nine linemen who will be vying for "starting" playing time on the offensive line.

There are eight or nine guys also vying for playing time on the defensive line.

That's part of the Irish philosophy.

"We play in one of the most physically abusive high school conferences in the nation," 12-year assistant coach, and Jacob's father, Alex Rice said.

The Irish want eight or nine kids available to play in the trenches because it's

so demanding.

"It's humanly impossible (to play the whole game)," Alex Rice said. "They're playing at an elite level now."

Catholic was 7-6 last season, posting a 1-4 record in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's Division II-AAA East. The season ended with a 49-35 loss to the Baylor (Chattanooga) Red Raiders in the third round of the playoffs.

Losing is not fun, but for the Irish, the third-round loss was a step up from the

42-0 loss to the same Red Raiders in the last week of the season. Both teams play the TSSAA Division II-AAA East.

The 2024-2025 Irish are deep. They are talented. They are experienced. And as witnessed by their play-off run, the Irish learn and adapt.

"Our kids are tested and know what's expected," Rice said.

And the tests come daily.

"That's what's good about our practices, we go 'best-on-best.' It's a competition every week for



Junior Fighting Irish linemen Jacob Rice, left, and Jacob Fowler at media day this summer.

playing time and a starter may change every week," Rice said. "You have to show up every day and give 100-percent all the time."

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High School Football Previews

West's blueprint has same path to follow

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Head Coach Lamar Brown, now entering his eighth year at West, said “we have a lot of kids that don’t have a lot of experience that will be playing a lot for us on Friday night. Those guys have really been engaged in trying to get better. And this started in January when we got back in the weight room. “We’ve got some great leaders that are bringing some young guys along.”

Three key seniors on the 2023 team that was 14-1 included linebacker Ryan Scott, defensive end CJ Smith and running back Marshaun Bowers. Scott is a preferred walk-on at UT, Smith signed with Chattanooga and is playing defensive tackle and Bowers signed with Tennessee Tech.

“I really like where this team is at,” said Coach Brown. “I think this group is grounded. Some of these guys have experienced these state championships and they know what you got to do to get there. They just think it’s their turn now and they’re putting in the work.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

West Head Coach Lamar Brown talks to his football team last Wednesday afternoon at Bill Wilson Field. With the temperature close to 93, West ended its practice at 5 p.m. because of the heat. The practice had been scheduled for 4 to 6. Coach Brown praised his team for the work they got in.

You have to earn it first and they are working really hard right now.”

The strength of the team on offense, said Brown, is four returning in the offensive line plus the tight end. Defensively, the secondary is experienced and has a lot of playmakers.

Antwain Burdine (5-9, 154) will be a four-year starter as a wide receiver and also will play cornerback and safety. He’s athletic and probably the team’s fastest guy.

Other wide receivers include David Drata, Abel Ancelot, James Mills, Jacob

Daggy (6-2, 186), Jack Hankins and Cory Person (6-3, 168).

Up front in the trenches will be center Brodie McFalls (6-2, 299), right guard Stephan Johnson (6-0, 260), left guard Nick Ernst (6-1, 264) and left tackle D’Shawn Battle (6-1,

255). Dominic Davis (5-11, 220) is the tight end.

Tavion Ray (6-2, 190) and Mesijah Wrenn 5-6, 134) will be the running backs.

Parker Dubon (5-11, 151) is “probably ahead” at quarterback, said Brown. “He’s a senior and been in the offense four years, so

he’s got a little more experience in it.”

Sophomore Jack Harrison is in the QB battle and Cannon Dowd “has had a really good fall camp as a junior,” added Brown. “We feel really comfortable with any of those three right now.”

Leading the defense is returning starter Jack Keith and Sam Lavelle at inside linebackers, while Davis Neely (6-2, 190) and sophomore J.P. Peace (6-4, 205) are the outside LBs.

Coach Brown says Deroche (6-0, 250) “should have been All-State last season.” The noseman will be flanked by Cam Leggett (6-1, 213) and Sam Hudson (6-0, 192) at the end posts.

Starting on the back end will be cornerbacks Jordan Hayes and Reilly Mannon with safeties Burdine and McAllister.

Jones Bollig returns as punter. Pete Rogers will handle the place-kicking duties.

West opens on the road at rival Bearden in a 7:30 TV game Saturday night.

Bearden faces ‘fun challenge’ in 2024

By Ken Lay

As Josh Jones prepares to begin his third season as Bearden High School’s head football coach, he knows one thing is certain. And that’s that nothing will be easy for the Bulldogs.

“Our region is tough and the only way we can get ready is to play tough games,” said Jones, who guided his team to a 9-4 record and an appearance in the Class 6A playoff quarterfinals in 2023.

The Bulldogs’ Region 2-6A schedule features some of the state’s top programs including Cleveland, Bradley Central and Maryville. Bearden also has two traditional geographic rivals on its league schedule in Hardin Valley Academy and Farragut and those games will be intense as the Hawks look to qualify for the postseason for the first time in several years. The Bulldogs also snapped

a long losing streak against the Admirals last season.

Region 2-6A is one of Tennessee’s toughest leagues, but Bearden faces three of its stiffest challenges out of the gate this season.

The Bulldogs tangle with a pair of multiple-time defending state champions to open the 2024 campaign.

They open at home against longtime rival West High on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The Rebels are two-time defending Class 5A state champions and have won 29 of their last 30 games.

From there, things won’t get any easier.

On Aug. 30, the Bulldogs host nine-time defending Class 3A state champion Alcoa. They also face a challenge in their first road game as they head to Clinton to take on Anderson County on Sept. 6. The Mavericks have won seven

BULLDOGS FOOTBALL 2024

Sat	Aug. 24	7:30 p.m.	West Rivalry Thursday
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	Alcoa
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	at Anderson County
Fri	Sep. 20	7:00 p.m.	Hardin Valley (R)
Fri	Sep. 27	7:00 p.m.	at Farragut (R)
Thu	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	Maryville Rivalry Thursday at Cleveland (R)
Fri	Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	Oak Ridge
Fri	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	at Morristown West
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	Bradley Central (R)
Fri	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	

consecutive region titles and haven’t lost a league game over the past seven seasons. Anderson County won the Class 4A state title, going 15-0 in 2022.

The one break for the Bulldogs is an open date on Sept. 13. Bearden had better enjoy its bye week. Following the open date, Bearden hosts the Hawks and then travel to Bill Clabo Field to collide with the Admirals in the annual showdown for Kingston

Pike bragging rights.

After league games against Maryville and Cleveland, Bearden hosts defending Region 3-5A champion Oak Ridge on Oct. 18. The Bulldogs then travel to Morristown West on Oct. 25 before closing the season at home on Nov. 1 against defending region champion Bradley Central.

“It’s going to be a fun challenge,” Jones said of Cont. on page 4

Webb's Mahoney 'extremely excited' for 2024 season

By Mark Nagi

The Webb Spartans enter the 2024 season looking for some help, after losing 16 seniors from a team that went 10-2 a year ago and finished second in Division II-AA East.

But head coach Don Mahoney believes that he has options in his growing roster to fill those voids.

“We are extremely excited for the season,” said Mahoney. “Guys that need to step up with opportunities. There are quite a few guys in the trenches that will need to step up and play big and do things we expect them to do for us. They are working extremely hard to do that.”

A team’s success doesn’t happen overnight. Mahoney says that he is seeing a commitment to football at all levels at Webb School.

“I’ve been pleased with their work in the offseason since December,” said Mahoney. “I’ve seen consistent commitment for us getting where we need to go. We are really excited with our middle schoolers as well as varsity. The number of kids that have attended the workouts have been encouraging. We all want success right now, but this is where we develop the team that you are wanting to be in terms of comradery and knowing each other.”

The Spartans, like many football teams, is a bit limited in the offseason due to its players taking part

in other sports. Back in the spring, they had a large number of their roster playing baseball and lacrosse.

“There’s a little bit of a catchup there,” said Mahoney. “There’s a high sense of urgency to get into the strength game to have success in football. It is so critical to show up at camp ready to go. It is an entire process in which the developing and growing together is so important.”

Mahoney says that a starter has yet to be made at quarterback, so they schedule more 7 on 7 competitions than is typical. Chris Cunningham is battling three other players for that top job.

“We say who is playing and who is leading,” says Mahoney. “Some guys just play QB. We need someone to lead the offense.”

The Webb Spartans’ strengths look to be in the secondary and skill positions.

“Be it Shevar Young or be it Greg Tate, the production is there with numbers,” said Mahoney. “Baxter Johnson is exciting. He is an exceptional lacrosse player and the last two years has played running back and wide receiver.”

In 2023 the Webb Spartans advanced to the second round of the Division II-AA playoffs. Can they take a couple more steps forward this fall?

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Knoxville Catholic playing at an elite level

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The younger Rice and JR Fowler know this. They attended media day in mid-July talked about their offseason work and the importance of fighting for, and keeping, their playing time. Both started as freshman linemen and both open the new season as starters.

“But you have to earn it every week,” Fowler said.

While these two have taken on a leadership role for the Irish, it’s record-setting quarterback Jayden Neal who is lighting the way for the offense.

Alex Rice said Neal is a dynamic playmaker who has the ability to place the ball exactly where the receivers need it.

“That’s what separates him,” Rice said. “We have some dynamic receivers and he can put the ball right on the money.”

When junior receivers Dominic Daddabo, Tyreek King, Casen Jenkins, and Aron Mase get the ball

IRISH FOOTBALL 2024			
Fri	Aug. 23	7:00 p.m.	at Lakeway Christian
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	Brevard (NC)
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	Winter Haven (FL)
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	Ensworth
Fri	Sep. 20	7:00 p.m.	at Briarcrest Christian
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	MBA (R)
Thu	Oct. 10	7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Acad. (R) Rivalry Thursday
Fri	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	at Lipscomb Acad. (R)
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	at McCallie (R)
Fri	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Baylor (R)

where they need to get it, magic happens for the Irish.

Gavin Jones, another junior, is a linebacker/running back, but Rice said he may see another slash added to his resume: Slash tight end.

Another junior the Irish expect big things from in lineman Anton Hamilton.

“He has the ability to be really good this year,” Rice said. Hamilton is a solid center and can be an obstacle for opposing defenses at nose guard.

Everybody looks good in t-shirts and shorts.

That’s the start of the

cautionary tale of the 2024-2025 Catholic High School Fighting Irish freshman class.

The Irish are deep, they are talented, and they are experienced.

The Irish also have high expectations of their freshman class.

The Irish have the largest group of freshman on the team in the school’s history, Rice said.

“Everybody looks good in shorts and t-shirts,” Rice said.

“But we won’t really know about them (the freshmen) for another month.

Expectations are high, but we want to throw them in the fire, get them in helmets and shoulder pads and see how they respond.”

Catholic has a good mix of players. And they love competition.

Neal is a good example, Rice said. “He loves the competition. He knows he has to earn his spot, but he also knows he’s training the guys he’s competing against,” he said.

“You can have the greatest individual players, but the greatest thing is when they play as one,” he said.

Competing against each other during the week does work.

“We go all week competing against each other and you don’t get the start you know you have to work harder and you pull for your teammate,” Fowler said. “Because on Friday it’s us against them.”

The Irish open Aug. 23 is Morristown at Lakeway Christian Academy.

SPARTANS FOOTBALL 2024

Fri	Aug. 23	7:00 p.m.	Cornersville
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	at Columbia Acad.
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	Franklin Rd Acad. (R)
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	at Pope John Paul II (R)
Fri	Sep. 20	7:00 p.m.	at Mid Tenn Christian
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	at CPA (R)
Fri	Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	Davidson Acad. (R)
Fri	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	Goodpasture (R)
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	at BGA (R)
Fri	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Providence Christian

As fans, how do we measure the success or failure of an individual football season or collection of seasons? That's an important question for all of us who call ourselves Tennessee fans. Each of us has the ability to play the role of historian, to put things in proper perspective.

Over the years, Vol fans have not been reluctant to share their opinions with their fellow fans and in the media. That may get messy at times, but that's part of the love for and loyalty to a Tennessee program that transcends the generations.

It's a scenario played out all across Big Orange Country wherever and whenever Vol fans gather. It's fodder for the talk shows, immediately after each game and over the years. Everyone seems to have an opinion. The fortunes of Vol football are always a fascinating (and intense) topic of discussion.

Expectations have always been high around Tennessee football. Fans find out very quickly that this is Tennessee football... and the future is now. Vol fans have streamed to Neyland Stadium and other venues in increasingly record numbers. Neyland Stadium is awash in fans wearing varying shades



The scoreboard tells the tale as Tennessee defeated Miami on Nov. 8, 2003. Football Time in Tennessee.

of orange every time the gates open.

It's an impressive sight. Vol fans can't imagine being anywhere else when the Vols line up against the SEC and foes from across the country.

Consider, however, what happened in 2003 and 2004, less than 10 years after the 1998 national championship season. That championship season still looms large over the Vol program more than 25 years later.

The question is this: How could Tennessee teams defeat both Florida and Alabama in successive years, win 10 games each campaign, and make

the SEC Championship Game in 2004. How could such seasons be perceived, rightly or wrongly, by elements of the fan base as "disappointing" or, for lack of a better word, "underachieving"?

These were two teams that went 13-3 overall in the SEC and played in the championship game that latter season, yet left fans wondering what might have been.

Back-to-back losses at Auburn and at home to Georgia, plus a dispiriting loss to Clemson in the "ACC Invitational," otherwise known as the Peach Bowl, marred perceptions of the 2003 season.

The unquestioned highlight of the 2003 campaign was a 51-43 win at Alabama, in which the two teams went up and down the Bryant-Denny Stadium greensward through the requisite 60 minutes and five overtimes before the game's outcome was settled. Vol quarterback Casey Clausen, a true warrior under center who twice led victories over the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa, led the way, making big play after big play.

That game ranks as one of the best in the historic series. It's worthy of being mentioned in the same breath as the 2022 contest in Neyland Stadium

settled, finally, with a Chase McGrath field goal at the horn.

The others were a 10-6 win at Miami, in a contest many fans had mentally chalked up as a loss in their pre-season season analyses. Derrick Tinsley had a big day, scoring the game's only touchdown and recovering a fumbled punt that clinched the game late in the fourth quarter.

There was also a 24-10 triumph at Florida, the Vols' second triumph in as many tries on the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium turf. A major highlight was a "Hail Mary" TD pass from Clausen to wide receiver James Banks at the end of the first half.

The 2004 team defeated Florida and Alabama at home and won at Georgia. That was the good news that should have satisfied Vol partisans. The Vols lost twice to Auburn, once at home and once in the SEC title game, and somehow lost to Notre Dame a few weeks before Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham was sent packing. The Tennessee game was Willingham's last victory as Notre Dame head coach.

There was also an inexplicable injury to Vol freshman quarterback Erik Ainge in the final seconds of the first half against Notre Dame that sidelined Erik for the season. It was one that many fans believed didn't have to happen.

The Vols won the Cotton Bowl game impressively, 38-7 over Texas A&M, as Casey's brother, Rick, led the way in Dallas. The Vols flirted with the Top 10 in both campaigns, but ended up 15th in 2003 (AP) and 13th in 2004.

Even with benefit of hindsight, the two seasons still didn't quite add up in the hearts and minds of many Vol fans. Somehow, it all "wasn't enough." Fans enjoyed the wins and bemoaned the losses. That's what happens when expectations, always high anyway, are raised.

These were times that 10 wins in a season just weren't enough, even if two of them were against Alabama and Florida. That's a manifestation of life in the SEC.

Grace Christian off to a positive start

By David Klein

For first-year coach Justin Price, change can be hard. He comes over from Campbell County High School, where he coached for 13 years and led the program to five playoff appearances. His group of new players at Grace Christian Academy have bought in to what he is trying to do at GCA.

"When you have change and transition, there's all these obstacles to overcome," Price emphasized. "The one thing about Grace is that the leadership that is there has made it such a smooth process."

"We've got a group of players that have just bought in since day one for us," Price added. "It starts with our leadership within the program — with our players. Obviously, change comes with its challenges but I couldn't ask for a better start."

Price will have some veteran players returning to help with the change, particularly at quarterback. Quarterback Weston Edmondson returns for his senior season after starting five games last year for GCA. "Wes is tall, he's got a great arm. His ability to pick up on our new offense and execute has been impressive," Price said.

Edmondson said, "I've been blessed to start at a young age. We've been blessed to have our whole receiving core coming back and our running back Terrion Thomas. We have a lot of guys that can make plays."

"Terrion is the most dynamic player we have,"

"We've got a group of players that have just bought in since day one for us. It starts with our leadership within the program — with our players. Obviously, change comes with its challenges but I couldn't ask for a better start."

- Coach Justin Price

Price said, speaking of his ability to play multiple positions and "what he can do when he gets the ball."

Grace Christian runs a spread offense with an emphasis on spreading the defense out and allowing their skill players to make plays in space.

"We're a spread offense," Price said. "We take what the defense gives us. Execution wins. We got to make sure we're completing passes and winning first down. We just want to keep building on it. Whatever the defense is allowing us, we're taking advantage of it."

On the defensive side of the ball, Price's twin brother Matt will be the defensive coordinator and former Central coach Nick Craney will be the co-defensive coordinator. "From a coaching standpoint, the level of coaches that we have on the defensive side is impressive," Justin Price said. "I believe Matt and Nick are gonna put those guys in the best position possible. We'll base out of the 3-4 defense. So, we're going to make sure those three guys up front are ready to go. We've got a good linebacking corps that we're excited about."

Price mentioned inside linebacker Jackson Coffey as a key returning defensive starter. "The elite teams have great defenses," Price said. "A lot of times that starts with your linebackers. We're fortunate to have Jackson there in the middle to control that."

Price is new to the private school football schedule and said Boyd Buchanan and Webb are the standard

RAMS FOOTBALL 2024			
Fri	Aug. 23	7:00 p.m.	at The King's Academy
Fri	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	York Institute
Fri	Sep. 6	7:00 p.m.	at Chatt. Christian (R)
Fri	Sep. 13	7:00 p.m.	CAK (R)
Fri	Sep. 20	7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame (R)
Thu	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	at Lakeway Christ. (R) Rivalry Thursday
Fri	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	at Austin-East
Fri	Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville Webb (R)
Fri	Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	Silverdale Acad. (R)
Fri	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	at Boyd Buchanan (R)

bearers. "I feel like the two teams that have set the standard in our region are Boyd Buchanan with Coach Rankin. He's one of the best coaches in the state, even the country with what he's been able to do over his career. Webb Coach Mahoney has continued to do what Webb is known for.

"We just got to focus on Grace and what are our weaknesses and how do we hide those weaknesses or develop them and then our strengths. How do we capitalize on our strengths?"

GCA opens the season on August 23 at The King's Academy.

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Knox cheer teams take ‘gold, silver and bronze’

By Focus Staff

West Knox cheer team places 2nd in nationals

The West Knoxville Champion Force Athletics cheer team known as the Wolf Pack Alpha Elite recently took second place in their division in the 2024 CFA Cheers Nationals in Lexington, Kentucky. “Our team worked hard all year and won the bid to compete,” Coach Jennifer Darby told The Focus, noting that in 2024 the team took first place in the state competition before its achievement in the national challenge.

“The team only practices one day a week for two hours,” she said.

CFA offers affordable cheer programs to all families no matter of their financial situation. Some of the girls have been Wolf Pack team members for four years. The team competes in tumbling, basket tosses and stunting.

“We’re so proud of the second place win in the national competition,” Darby said.

Vipers nab two titles in Biloxi

Two more Knox County cheer teams hit the road last month and came



The Division 5.4 Vipers perform their winning routine at the NYAA competition in Biloxi last month. Pictured in groups from left to right: Brooke Rose, Harlow Busby, Malaina James, Kensi Merrell (top girl) and Gracie Holt; Sydnee Lawhorn, Aneliese Prill, Aaliyah Guzman (top girl) and Laliah Billingsley; Lillie Musick, Raine Wilson, Jazz McQueen (top girl) and Alyssa Martin; and Aria Banks, Joscelyn Williamson, Bonnie Johns (top girl) and Piper Racey.

back with national bragging rights: a first and third place.

Coach Kelly Delph took two CFA Knox Vipers teams to the annual NYAA Association Cheerleading Competition that was held this year in Biloxi, Mississippi.

“The Viper teams range in age from 8-18,” Delph told The Focus. “I had two teams that competed

in two different categories. Routines are choreographed based on what’s required per judges’ sheets and with some added fun and flare.”

The Division 6 or U.S. All Star Federation level 3 Vipers brought home a 3rd place title. The Viper Division 5.4 or USASF L1 placed first and are national champions.

“The NYAA event is where

all the states that offer our program come together to compete. That would have been 18 states total.”

Teams work throughout the year to earn bids to CFA or NYAA events.

“I have been coaching for this company and program for 25 years,” Delph said. “I started back when my children were little and involved in cheer and it just took off from there.



Wolf Pack Alpha Elite took 2nd place in CFA Cheers Nationals in Kentucky. Bottom row: Claire Ellis, Emma Angelillo, Zayla Supan, Trinity Browning, Lilly Carey and Braelyn Douglas. Top row: Addie Devereux, Malaysia Carver, Chloe Thomas, Gracie Williams, Coach Jennifer Darby, Jae Carr, Leyton Martin, Delila Duncan, Kali Ramsey and Lisbeth Perez



The Division 6 Vipers are (left to right, back row) Coach Savannah Keck, Aneliese Prill, Brianna Burchfield, Catherine Fields, Coach Kelly Delph, Savannah Bucy, Jaylen Henderlight, Sydnee Lawhorn, Coach Skyler Sharp, (Front Row) Aaliyah Guzman, Ayamey Igisomar, Alayzha Johnson and Yasmine Fultz.

“I continue to coach because I truly love watching kids learn new skills, making friends, and it becomes like one big family!”

Included in that one big

family are valuable assistant coaches Savannah Keck and Skyler Sharp.

“We are incredibly proud of our athletes and their accomplishments!”

New skipper impresses West as a program builder



Rob Stacy, West High's new head baseball coach, is pictured in his Clinton uniform. Stacy coached the Dragons for five years (2020-2024) before recently filling the Rebels' coaching vacancy. Stacy is looking forward to competing in one of the toughest districts and regions in the state.

By Steve Williams

Leaving Clinton High School after building its baseball program for five years was bittersweet for Rob Stacy.

But he couldn’t resist the opportunity to coach against some of the best teams in the state.

“District 4-4A is for sure one of the most competitive districts in the state, along with Region 2 being one of the most difficult regions in the state ... which is why I chose to come here,” said Stacy, West High’s new head coach.

District 4-4A alone has perennial state power Farragut, Bearden, Hardin Valley, Maryville and William Blount that West faces.

“It has really good coaches and players ... from top to bottom,” said Stacy last Thursday, the first day of

the 2024-25 school year in Knox County. “Going against Geff Davis at Gibbs (and his highly regarded program in District 4-3A) made me want to be in that.”

Stacy, 37, will teach Physical Education, Weightlifting classes and Film Studies at West.

The previous coach, Mark Allen Bounds, was at West for two seasons.

“He resigned only because of a career opportunity that required him to leave the state,” said West Athletic Director Paul Romero. “We are very thankful for the direction Coach Bounds led our program and believe Coach Stacy will continue this development.”

Stacy graduated from Daniel Boone High School in Gray (TN) and went two years each to Brevard

College (N.C.) and the University of Pikeville (KY), where he played baseball and was an outfielder.

After graduation, he coached two years at Pikeville and one year at David Crockett High School in Jonesborough before filling the head baseball coaching post at Clinton. His first year at Clinton was the 2020 pandemic year and the Dragons’ season was halted after three games.

The Dragons managed to win only six games in 2021, but followed that with 17, 19 and 15 wins the following three seasons, giving Stacy 57 total victories at Clinton. In 2023, the Dragons finished in a three-way tie for first place in the district and hosted the District 4-3A tournament.

“My favorite highlights were

watching my kids sign to play in college,” said Stacy. “Seeing them grow and achieve their dreams.”

He had a total of 12 players to sign college scholarships at Clinton, including five this past season.

“We are very excited to welcome Coach Stacy to West High School,” said Romero. “We believe his experience in building a program, as well as his emphasis in player development will serve our student-athletes well going forward. We look forward to the growth of the program and competing at a very high level under his leadership.”

Rob and his wife Brittney have two sons, Rylan (8) and Ridge (2). Brittney works out of Norwood Middle School near Oliver Springs as a math curriculum specialist for Anderson County middle schools.

FBA makes big news on prep golf scene

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a 2-under 34 on his nine holes on the second day.

Jessie Clowers, a junior, shot a 77 but it didn’t figure into FBA’s team total.

First Baptist’s wife-husband coaching combo of Karen and Johnny Cox has been the key to the Eagles’ climb over the years.

“We’ve been to the state tournament the last two years,” said Johnny. “The

players wanted us to come back.”

The co-coaches have been with the program for eight years.

“If they were going to build a program, we told them they would have to start in middle school, get a swing coach and also play against strong competition in summer tournaments because that’s where they learn,” added

Johnny.

Halls won the girls’ team title as Madison Miller tallied a 1-over 74-35-109 and Lauren Davis shot 77-35-112 for a 221 total. Runner-up CAK finished two strokes back at 223.

The girls’ individual championship went to Gibbs’ Brook Farmer, who fired a 6-under 66-36-102, while Maryville’s Leo Huddleston was the boys’

champion with a 7-under 69-32-101.

MILLS INVITATIONAL:

The FBA boys played in their second tournament of the season on July 5 in the Mike Mills Invitational at Morristown and placed third five strokes behind co-finishers Bearden and Morristown West. Bearden won a three-hole playoff to claim the title.

Webb's Mahoney 'extremely excited'

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“Knowing more and more about the mentality here at Webb, where expectations are always high,” said Mahoney. “But tonight’s practice is right in front of us. I never want to get too far down the road when I want to focus on right now. I know that sounds like

coach speak, but that’s how I’m wired. If we stay the course towards what we want to accomplish, we are gonna like the end result at the end of the year. I believe that.”

Webb will open the 2024 season on Friday, August 23 when they play at Battle Ground Academy.

Bearden faces ‘fun challenge’ in 2024

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his squad’s slate of games. “Our expectation is to take the next step.

“Last year, we made it to the state quarterfinals and I feel like we’re built for a long playoff run.”

Senior wide receiver/safety Drew Parrott, Bearden’s starting quarterback last season, agrees.

“I’m looking forward to making a deep playoff run and we want to host playoff games,” said Parrott. “But we know that we’re going to have to be ready to play in

every game or we’re going to get beat.

“Every game on our schedule and every game in our region is going to be a toss-up and we just have to take things one day at a time.”

Bearden’s roster includes a solid core of returning players. The Bulldogs also have a talented crop of newcomers, included some highly decorated transfers.

Top returners, according to Jones, include: Boston Yeager (senior, defensive lineman); Ethan Hill (junior,

defensive end/outside linebacker); Kai Ironside (senior, linebacker); Rocky Brown (junior, linebacker); Ethan Couvertiere (senior, safety); Kehawn Mills (junior, cornerback); Tra’ Dennard (senior, defensive lineman); Parrott; Jayzon Thompson (junior, running back); Torian Riggins (senior, running back/linebacker); Tory Beaufort (junior, wide receiver/kick returner); Reid Rowland (senior, offensive lineman); Isaiah Harvey (senior, offensive lineman), Ton’ Reon

Brazelton (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Daniel Kinney (senior, kicker); William Pendergrass (junior, punter) and Seth Henry (junior, long snapper).

The Bulldogs also add several talented transfers as Deameion Leavell, D.J. Hunter and Eli Tolley.

Leavell, a junior, will play wide receiver and defensive back. He’ll also return kicks. He joins Bearden from Clinton, where he was the District 3-5A Returner of the Year and also a state

wrestling champion.

Hunter, a sophomore quarterback, played in Mississippi last season. He’ll start for the Bulldogs

this season. Tolley, a sophomore offensive lineman, played at Science Hill in Johnson City last season.

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