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Kendall Hubbs, a Bearden High School softball player, places a wreath on a gravestone and says out loud the fallen veteran's name at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike Dec. 14 during the Wreaths Across America event. Please see more community service displayed by Knox County students in this week's Sports and Recreation, Section C.

New Hopewell Elementary Fights Youth Hunger

New Hopewell Elementary School in South Knoxville recently received funds from the state-wide program "Shooting Hunger" which is a sporting event conducted annually to help reduce hunger problems that are too often present among our youth. Funds received will go to purchasing backpacks of food to be distributed among the school's most deserving students.

Funds presented to the school were generated through Shooting Hunger sporting events conducted across the state sponsored by Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Farmers Co-op and Farm Credit Mid-America. Each of the state's 95 counties have received beneficial funds directly from the program, with the biggest portion of funds being distributed to schools. New Hopewell was the school selected in Knox County and was the



Megan Nicely (center), 4th grade teacher at New Hopewell Elementary School, is presented a check from Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Farmers Co-op and Farm Credit Mid-America associates. Pictured with Nicely are (left to right) TFB Field Director Logan Browne, Farm Credit Associate Financial Officer Kendall Griffin, Farm Bureau Women's Chair Pam Stout and Knox County Farm Bureau President John Jared.

recipient of \$2,700 from this year's shooting events.

New Hopewell would like to thank the sponsors of Shooting Hunger for their generous contribution. The funds will be used to provide nutritious, non-perishable

and easy to prepare whole-some foods to ensure that youth receiving backpacks have access to proper nutrition on the non-school days of weekends and holidays. The goal is to make a positive difference in the lives

of those students selected.

The school will put together and deliver backpacks to deserving students under the direction of 4th grade teacher Megan Nicely and principal Sarah Mercer.

Funding approved for four affordable rental units in Hardin Valley

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An 84-unit housing development planned for Hardin Valley received some questions from the Knox County Commission last week. The approval of \$1 million in federal funding to finance four low-income units within the complex passed in a 9-3 vote.

Fifth District Commissioner Angela Russell led the opposition to the funding of the four rental housing units at what will be the Scenic View at Hardin Valley. She said the complex is being built on "very expensive property" and the funding from the HOME project of the U. S. Department of Housing will allocate about \$400,000 per unit. Russell said the units will not benefit underprivileged people and uses tax dollars.

She questioned who will set the income cap for occupants.

Several commissioners commented on the commission's approval of using the funding. Shane Jackson asked if refusing to allocate the federal funding could jeopardize the county's standing with future federal funding. Jenny Holden, the county's Senior Director of Grants and Community Development, replied it could.

"It would be difficult to explain," Holden told the commission.

The federal funding requires no local matching money. There was some discussion of placing the four affordable units in Hardin Valley, one of the fastest growing upper-income areas.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said if the county develops a pattern of turning down funds for certain areas it could affect future federal grants. Russell said she was opposed to using the funding in expensive property.



Commissioner Angela Russell

Chairwoman Gina Oster said she favors using the funds "because of where it is located" and noted the nearby schools and the four units would possibly "give them a foot up" and is needed.

Commissioner Andy Fox said he opposed the grant because it involves federal funding.

Voting "No" on the federal grant were Russell, Fox and Rhonda Lee.

The commission also voted to accept a federal award of \$ 100,000 for the operation and conduct of the Broadband Readiness Community Program, and postponed improvement programs at Tipton Station Road, Kingston Pike and Ebenezer Road, and Coward Mill Dam.

A utility easement for the Knoxville Utilities Board at 8050 Oak Ridge Highway was approved for the Knox County Sportspark.

The anticipated discussion of adopting the Residential Infrastructure Development Act was postponed until the commission's January meeting.

First District Commissioner Damon Rawls honored the late Knoxville poet Nikki Giovanni, a 1961 graduate of Austin High School. The commission recognized two Hardin Valley High School champions: the boys cross country and Special Olympics Unified Sports Flag Football Teams.

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You Are Welcome At Eastminster Church

From a distance



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This column will be published the day before Christmas Eve. I want to invite you to my church, Eastminster Presbyterian, for a beautiful candlelight service at 5:00 p.m. the night before Christmas.

If you do not have a regular church or if you are looking for a new one, I believe you would love Eastminster. I hope you will come for a visit either on Christmas Eve, or this Sunday, or both.

I have been blessed to have been a member of only two churches during my long life that has gone by so fast. I heard someone

recently say that the days are so long, but the years are short. It really seems that way to me.

I was born in 1947. I was baptized in the Park City Presbyterian Church almost two years later. We lived in the Veterans Village, housing for people who had served in World War II as my father and other families there had.

The Veterans Village was located where the Austin-East football field is now. When I was four and a half years old, we moved to a new home on East Sunset Road in Holston Hills. This was a 1,400-square-foot, three-bedroom, one-bathroom house.

The Veterans Village must have been tiny because I think I cried myself to sleep the first few nights because I felt so far away from my parents. My bedroom, which I later shared with my younger brother, was separated from my parents only by a small bathroom.

In 1959 we moved from the Park City Church to Eastminster because my older sister, Beverly, had several friends in the youth fellowship there.

I am still there over 65 years later, so you can tell I love my church. Like most churches, Eastminster was hurt by Covid. We now usually have about 100 in attendance at a typical service and many more on Christmas Eve and Easter.

The minister for the last 15 years has been Sean White, who grew up in Jefferson County and came to us from Fountain City Presbyterian. He is a great, down-to-earth preacher with a wonderful sense of humor.

You will be amazed that a church as small as ours could produce such grand music led by the very talented music minister, Pam Minnich and the lovely voice of choir director, Lynn Bennett.

They bring in outside

talent on many Sundays, and often Terry Gallaher or Becky Ritzmann open with a flute solo. I love the sound of a well-played flute. And our hymns are sung to the accompaniment of a 24-pipe organ. Steve Tarpy opens each service with several rings from a large, professional handbell.

Gail Winter, a retired teacher, always has a great lesson for children's church. She uses colorful, old-fashioned flannel graphs which wow the children in this technological age.

We have a very active youth group, headed by Missey Hurd, which goes to the beach every summer and just got back from a trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky.

We have a wonderful meal every Wednesday evening at 5:30, often led by master chef Donna Hager and her husband, Bruce, with a short lesson for those not at choir practice. Eastminster is filled

with kind, friendly, middle-income people. It is not snobbish at all. And being Presbyterians, no one is pushy and everyone is welcome.

Most people come dressed very casually, including the minister when he is preaching in the pulpit. Having grown up when the minister always wore a robe when preaching, I have never fully adjusted to that.

I grew up in a time when there was such a thing as "Sunday best." I can't understand why announcers wear suits and ties to broadcast football games, but most people do not dress up for church.

Two or three others and I wear suits or coats and ties, but most do not. I still do it out of respect, and because I just got used to wearing suits and ties every day in my career. But no one ever feels out of place at Eastminster.

Some say the churches are filled with hypocrites.

Actually, the least hypocritical people are regular church goers, people who admit that they sometimes sin and fall short of the glory of God and need help to do better.

I read recently that so many got out of the habit of going to church during Covid, and now only about 20% are regular church attendees.

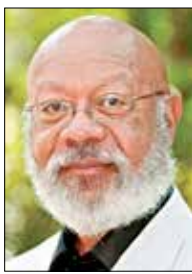
I have been blessed with a wonderful life, but like everyone I have had some very tough times and some very big problems. Attending church regularly has really helped me, and I believe it will really help you, too.

I hope you will come to Eastminster Church on Asheville Highway some time, and get to know the wonderful church family there. It is well worth the visit just to see the beautiful stained glass windows there.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Heaven for all or for some?

I love Christian principles and strive to live by them. I firmly believe that those principles that helped mold Western civilization have led to a better world than one that would exist in its absence. I admit to being prejudiced. I would rather live under Western Christian values than under any other that exist anywhere in



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the world. However, even as a child, organized religion puzzled me. As a close friend of mine once said when he asked if he prayed, he answered yes, but he did not need the middleman.

I asked my Bible school teacher why was there a hell. She said it was for sinners. I then asked her if anyone was in heaven.

I later asked my pastor why was there a heaven. He said it was a reward for being virtuous. Again I asked if anyone was in heaven.

I loved my parents for encouraging us to read, learn and think for ourselves, even if it was out of the box. My mother used to just shake her head in wonder and dismay with some of the questions I asked. I once asked her when she had become especially vexed by me, "Why did you have me?" She said "We didn't know it was going to be you."

In one of our discussions I asked my parents (Dad was a good Baptist while Mother was AME) if only Christians go to heaven and Dad answered that Christian heaven was for Christians and other religions had their own heavens. I

said "You mean heaven is segregated?" My parents then told me to go talk to the pastor.

My pastor essentially confirmed that each religion has its own view of the after death uniting with God. I then asked if Christianity was the only correct view and all the rest of the non-Christian world would go to hell. He demurred.

Of all the major religions only Buddhism does not have a concept of an afterlife where the soul leaves the body after death and transitions into another existence. So are the 600 million Buddhists condemned to Christian hell? Actually what the Buddhists in Myanmar are doing to the Rohingya Muslim minority makes me want those Buddhists to go to Jahannam, the hell of the Muslims.

I came to the opinion

while in high school that each person would enter into whatever they believed since it seemed presumptuous to assume that only an enlightened few know the Truth. I remember seeing a woman with a t-shirt on that said "The Bible said it. I believe it." I asked which one of the 50 or so versions of the Bible did she believe and she got totally confused. But if you believe in a heaven with angels, harps and cherubs strewing flowers, then that will be your heaven. If you believe in a hell with a lake of fire and sulfur and a red devil beating you with cat-o-nine tails, then that will be your hell.

My mother would always make me blow leaves and weed eat several acres of land at the farm. I hated it, so one of my hells will be to be greeted by St. Peter who will have a weed eater

in one hand and a leaf blower in another and condemn me to blowing leaves and whacking weeds for all eternity.

My second hell will be to have St. Peter say, "Welcome. You love dark beers so let me take you to my favorite brew pub." Inside we see 38 taps of IPAs and I say, "You would think in heaven there would be at least one stout" and St. Peter would say, "What makes you think you are in heaven?"

My third hell is that I hate sailboats. I love powerboats and have owned one continuously since 1971. It is that when sailboats tilt, it is time for me to get on shore. So my last hell would be stuck for eternity on a sailboat with Al Sharpton and Chuck Schumer.

But anyway, Merry Christmas.



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Publisher's Positions



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admitted she made the whole thing up. The three big networks, the New York Times and the Washington Post have debased whatever reputations they once enjoyed, all due to their intention to relentlessly pursue and destroy Donald Trump. The owners of the Post and Los Angeles Times have already stated their intent to try and balance their coverage. It's way past overdue as the coverage of both newspapers has been supremely biased, part of the corruption of the corporate media which lied repeated about Joe Biden's mental state, insisted there was no inflation in this country, that the economy was in crack-jack working order, and there was no crisis at our southern border. On and on it went, lie after lie.

Credibility is important whether it is a person, a business, a public official, the media or the government. That has been amply demonstrated by the reminder of Alejandro Mayorkas stepping behind a podium to address the drones appearing over an area of New Jersey, which includes military-related businesses and installations. Throughout his time in the Biden administration, Mayorkas has repeatedly lied about there being no crisis at our southern border. The American people have not one single reason to believe any pronouncement he makes. In

fact, one would be wise to add a healthy dose of salt to anything Mayorkas says.

The drones, at least some of which have been reported to be as large as SUVs, have been flying in a coordinated pattern and are most certainly operated by somebody. It is a sorry statement when high-ranking officials in the government all say they have no idea who or what is behind the sighting of 25 or 50 drones the size of an SUV flying in coordinated formations, but they tell us it's NOT an adversary. That response boggles the mind. How in the world can anyone definitively state no adversary or foreign power is involved if our government doesn't know who is behind it and operating the drones? This problem, which is more of the Biden administration's constant lying and incompetence, illustrates a frightening weakness that we are vulnerable to drone attacks.

Leftist Violence

There is something fundamentally sick and quite wrong about the number of people on the Left who express delight with the murder of the United-Healthcare CEO who was brutally gunned down on the streets of Manhattan. It is yet another example of how the Left in this country condones violence and the end justifies the means. It is further evidence of just

what kind of people populate the far Left of this country. The use of violence is never right and celebrating the death of a husband and father over national television is a sorry and sickening spectacle unworthy of our airwaves.

Luigi Mangione is no mere deluded student from a fractured family and a poor background. Quite to the contrary, he was born into a wealthy family who provided him with every material advantage and opportunity. In fact, Mangione is an Ivy League graduate and may well have been the victim of leftist indoctrination. It is becoming clearer with every passing day that Luigi Mangione is an elitist.

When Brian Thompson was first murdered on the streets of Manhattan, it was speculated that he had been the victim of a professional "hitman." Apparently that was not the case, although there is every reason to believe the accused shooter Luigi Mangione acted with forethought of malice and acted with the same kind of ruthless and coldblooded efficiency as any professional assassin.

It does appear to be true that the alleged killer suffers from some form of mental illness. Still, celebrating the death of any human being is a cruel and vile thing to do.

More Information On January 6

Michael Horowitz, inspector general for the Department of Justice, has let the cat out of the bag with reference to the 26 "confidential sources" in the crowd outside of the US Capitol on January 6, 2021. Three entered the Capitol during the riot while 11 others entered restricted areas around the Capitol.

Lillian Bean, A Great Public Servant, Passes Away

Lillian Bean, former clerk of the Knox County Circuit Court, passed away on December 11, 2024. Lillian and Richard Bean were married for 56 years and had three children together. Richard Bean is the superintendent of the Knox County Juvenile Court's Detention Center, which is named for him. There was a time when Mrs. Bean was one of the most prominent officeholders and Republicans in Knox County. Lillian Bean was recognized by the Volunteer Republican Women's Club no less than three times as its "Woman of the Year."

Lillian Bean was a member of the Leadership Knoxville Class of 1996 and was honored by the American Business Women's Association, the Sunsphere Chapter, as its "Woman of the Year." Mrs.

Bean helped to blaze a trail as a woman elected to countywide office and was honored by other groups and organizations for her service and contributions to Knox County.

The "Bean suppers," which were fundraisers for Lillian Bean, became a fixture of the political circuit for years. Oldtimers still remember how Lillian would clip items out of local newspapers and insert them inside a printed brochure proclaiming, "I've been reading about you ... " and mail them to the recipients.

For 18 years, Lillian Bean served as clerk of the Knox County Circuit Court. Lillian was a woman of ability and intelligence, well-liked by most who knew her. Mrs. Bean had been in ill health for some time and The Knoxville Focus extends its collective sorrow and condolences to her family and many friends throughout our community.

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

Lastly, we know that a newspaper is nothing without its readers. We here at The Focus wish you a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you and your family only good things. We pray God's blessings upon you and our country.



Knoxville honors fallen veterans

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The placement of wreaths at Knoxville's three veteran cemeteries drew huge crowds on National Wreaths Across America Day as people turned out to honor and remember those who served our nation. The wreaths were placed at headstones in the National Cemetery downtown, the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway, and Old East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike.

Each event began with the unloading of the wreaths from the trucks and a memorial ceremony featuring military spokespersons and elected officials. Following the wreaths being picked up, each person visited a grave, placed the wreath, and then stood and spoke the name of the veteran interred there. Some people saluted the veteran's grave.



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Pearl Harbor Day remembered at Wallace Baptist Church

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Hundreds of people turned out for the Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church earlier this month. December 7, 1941, will be remembered as one of the pivotal dates in American history when the nation of Japan surprised our nation with the bombing attack in Hawaii.

While almost all of us were not yet born, our forefathers, now called the Greatest Generation, were shocked and angered by the attack, which led to the United States joining the Allied powers in World War II.

Very few veterans or citizens alive then remain with us today. But the sons and daughters of

those patriots, today called the "Boomer" generation, remember the stories of our parents, relatives and older citizens. Many generations beyond that sad day continue to remember the event and the contributions of those who lived back then, 83 years ago.

A large crowd attended a special ceremony on Saturday, December 7 at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church including elected officials, families and military veterans. Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 24, the ceremony featured various speakers including Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient Walter "Joe" Marm Jr.

Introduced by Brigadier General Gilbert S. Harper (US Army-Ret.), Marm told the luncheon

of his history in the Vietnam War and called attention to all the other medal recipients as well as other military veterans.

Larry Sharp served as Master of Ceremonies in the event organized by Jim Hackworth. Chaplain David Stanton gave the invocation and colors were posted by the Central High School Junior ROTC. Garrett Hanas, commander of the DAV, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 12:55 a moment of silence was held to remember the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and the 2,403 servicemen and civilians killed that day. A wreath was placed by the Central High School AF-ROTC followed by Taps. Outside a bagpipe salute was held.



Medal of Honor recipient Joe Marm is flanked by state Representative Michele Carringer and Knoxville Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Photo by Mike Steely.

Merit board backs sheriff's policy change

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board met Monday, December 9 and approved a change in policy for the hiring of correctional officers to include "other than honorable" discharged people. Sheriff Tom Spangler told the board there have been inquiries from people discharged from the military for medical reasons and others with general discharges. Some he said were discharged because they refused a Covid test.

Spangler said opening the employment eligibility

to "uncharacterized" military discharges would help fill the ranks. The merit board voted unanimously to accept his proposal. The sheriff said that all applicants would be vetted and their applications sent to state organizations for approval.

Chairman Christopher Manning introduced the board's newest member, Dan Johnson.

The board chose Kenny Boatman as vice chair to replace the resigning John Valliant Jr. and set their next meeting for Monday, January 13 at 12:30.

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Reminiscing

I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams.

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This bittersweet Christmas classic, recorded in 1943 by Bing Crosby, always reminds me of soldiers far from home. However, that thought is too restrictive because the same holds for families separated for any reason at Christmas.

It's not a Christmas tune, but perhaps my favorite song by Dolly Parton is her "Coat of Many of Colors." I especially love her metaphor, "Back through the years I go wandering once again;" and I do so every Christmas season.

Most of our family lives in the Knoxville area. The exception is my West Coast

daughter, Emily, and her family who won't be making it home this Christmas. But son-in-law Matt's family now lives close to her, so new family gatherings on Christmas Eve will occur.

I asked Becky and my daughters for Christmas reminiscences. Everyone mentioned gatherings at the Venable home on Christmas Eve for supping, singing and sampling selections from the fancy Christmas cookie tray. We would watch kids cavort and then "perform," before reacting with age-appropriate apprehension or joy when Santa Claus magically appeared. In fact, the gathering was so special and brought in such a crowd that the Ferguson clan decided to spread out to our home. and now the torch has been passed to

daughter Jenny and son-in-law Ryand in the Big House. They host such a great Christmas Eve party of family, friends, food, drink and carols with Santa that another expansion may some day be needed.

Years ago, I told the story when my parents arranged for Santa to come to their Christmas Eve party, because the sophisticated third graders at my school lunch table had convinced me that the Jolly Old Elf was a ruse. But when I saw Santa in my home, the magic of Christmas warmed my heart and continued a while longer.

So, I felt compelled to do the same for my grandkids and endured a scratchy white beard and a pillow-stuffed Santa suit (see pic) on December 24, 2020, the night my daughter Jenny's wish for a White Christmas finally came true.

Unfortunately, I don't have much of a stage presence or the ability to disguise my voice. My "Ho, Ho, Ho's" were standard, so I have passed the Santa suit to actual thespians. My Christmas Eve contribution is stumbling through Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas." My errors of recitation produce comedic

shtick and bonhomie as everyone laughs and helps me through the poem.

For decades the highlight on Christmas Eve was Becky's mom, Joanna Venable, doing her Crooked Mouth skit. It's impossible to describe the contortions of her mouth while telling the story of Mary and her Volunteer boyfriend. And every year as the story ends, she amazed the children by snuffing out a candle with her fingers. Mama Jo is gone now, but the "candle" was passed to daughter Emily and then to my grandson Oakley, when he was just eleven.

We all have Christmas memories and "wandering back through the years" helps kindle others. Years ago, a friend who was going through a tough divorce spent a Christmas with us. Our young daughters were aware of the difficult situation and that Santa might bring her daughter Allison a lot of gifts. Admittedly, the gifts under the tree for our girls looked pitiful by comparison. We made the best of things, but a few days later Santa came again after we found the rest of our girls' Christmas in a seldom-used closet! Understandably, I'm sympathetic with Clark Griswold's

hidden gifts in "Christmas Vacation."

During our traveling days, Becky and I used to collect Christmas tree ornaments from all over the world. Every year hanging our treasures on the tree aided reminiscing about the places we have been. My daughters remembered the time I almost tumbled from a step ladder trying to get the angel atop the substantial tree, like Ralphie's Old Man in "A Christmas Story."

Christmas morning is especially exciting for younglings. As a kid I remember looking from my room to see if Santa had come during the night. Of course, he had, but just like Ralphie, we couldn't assault the cornucopia of gifts until my parents gave the OK. My daughters remember sitting at the top of the stairs and calling to Becky and me asking if it was "OK" to come down on Christmas morning. Some years ago, daughter Emily and husband Matt were visiting and I remember their calls to us, while sitting at the top of the stairs, asking if it was "OK" to come down! Traditions linger.

I'm not tech savvy, but as a twentieth-century guy trying to make it in the

twenty-first century, I persevere. I've written about how the technology of email and text makes communication so easy that it's a shame it is not used more by seasoned citizens. I used to write letters, but snail mail is passing away. Chatting on the phone is not a man thing and FaceTime is a bit awkward for an introvert -- unless the grans are prancing around on screen.

We won't be with our West Coast family this Christmas, but I am glad I am able to text regularly with both my daughters and share pictures through my iPhone. We've been sharing thoughts for this essay of reminiscences.

I'll close this somewhat abbreviated essay with a thank you and a Merry Christmas to my loyal readers. I know you're out there because I hear from you and regularly run into people who say they follow this column in The Focus.

I'm thankful for many things this Christmas including faith, family and friends. But I'm also thankful for the purpose and the creative joy this column affords a retired Santa.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com



The South Knoxville Elementary School third grade class was recognized earlier this month for outstanding reading scores with a check for \$10,000 by former state legislator David Coffey. The lifelong public education advocate was present on the occasion of presenting it to Dr. Tanna Nicely, principal at the school since 2014. Also present were Knox County School Superintendent Dr. John Rysewyk and Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Coffey said the school was selected after studying data from across the state and South Knoxville Elementary was found "among the very best." The presentation was made Thursday before the entire school. Coffey made a similar gift to Grand Oaks Elementary in Anderson County. Both schools had the highest third grade reading scores. Photo courtesy of Mike Cohen.

Lessons learned in my (almost) 78 years

The day after Christmas I will turn 78 years old.

I've often said that in my head I'm 35 and sometimes that thought can cause problems for my much older body. I am

grateful for my many years, my old friends, my wife, my sons and my grandchildren. I'm grateful for a comfortable home although it requires constant upkeep. I'm thankful that I'm still able to work, think and report the news. I'm thankful for The Knoxville Focus

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

and the opportunity it has given me to get out into the community and find news and feature stories.

I am thankful for my service with the U. S. Coast Guard, which kicked off my career

and I'm thankful to the Veterans Administration for health care. I'm thankful for the recognition over the years for my efforts in and out of print media.

I am thankful for the many positions I've held that permitted me to move about the country and learn

how other people live, the history of our region, and the many people I have come to know in Knoxville in my 28 years of living here.

I am glad to be mostly healthy and retain most of my mental capacity. I'm thankful for all the memories that roll around in my head and glad to share some of those with readers now and then.

And I'm thankful for being an East Tennessee native. No matter where my family and I moved in this nation, I was often drawn back to our region because of its rich history, its beauty, and its diversity.

Over those years there are several things I've

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Maybe next year

Christmas is barreling at us like a runaway eighteen-wheeler. I'm not sure how, but my shopping is completed. Of course, I only have to buy for Amy. She's the one who runs herself ragged and fights the crowded stores as she searches for gifts for the rest of the family. Like so many other women in this country, her only wish is for Christmas Day to come so that she can finally relax for a while.

So many people dread Christmas or wish it didn't come at all. Moods of those people are joyless. Some suffer from loved ones who have passed. Celebrating without those special folks is pointless for it brings no happiness. I sometimes miss my two children when they were little, before they discover "the truth." Sure, those years were fraught with worry. I remember searching for the perfect gifts for Lacey and Dallas. One year, the boy wanted a sword that lit up. We finally found one, only to discover on Christmas morning that the thing didn't work. I convinced my son that Santa had an agreement with the stores to replace any broken toys.

On another Christmas Eve, Amy and I worked until the wee hours of the morning putting toys together with the aid of instructions written in a foreign language. Every Christmas, I asked the children and Amy if they got everything they wanted.

All the searching and putting together were worth it on Christmas mornings. To see those little faces light up with joy when they spied the presents and opened them to find what they asked Santa to bring.

The rest of Christmas was spent overeating and playing with our children. At some point, I'd find a place to lie down for a nap. When I awoke, night had come, and it was time to eat another big plate of food. Slowly, the adrenaline from the day wore off and the two little ones would fall asleep. Amy and I fell into bed with a satisfied tiredness. We knew the day had been a success and that we were all safe and happy.

The next day, the children and I missed the excitement of Christmas. Amy smiled and sympathized with us. Inside, however, she was rejoicing that it would be another year before the madness started again.

This year will be different. Our family has suffered the excruciating loss of our son Dallas, and the pain will dampen our normally giddy holiday moods. Yet, when we think of the loss and what it means, we take some comfort in knowing where he is and that his pain and suffering are over. I'll be glad for Christmas 2024 to be over. We'll try again next year. Maybe next year we can experience more joy than grief.



By Joe Rector
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The Glorious Tragedy of Christmas

The Christmas message is wrapped up in one sentence: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." This was the glorious declaration that angels offered to some poor, probably uneducated, and cast-off shepherds who were minding their own business the night that God entered into the world in the Person of Jesus.

Christmas truly is a glorious season. It's a time of joy, a time when our hearts are more consumed with what we can give than what we can get, and a time to celebrate with the people that we love. But beneath the surface of Christmas, beyond the twinkling lights and decorations, the festive music and gathering celebrations, lies a profound tragedy that at its core is glorious. The Christmas narrative, often sanitized and sentimentalized, is a touching reminder of what the season is about. It can be found in the plurality of names given to the newborn Baby born in Bethlehem. The angel declared that night to humanity that this Child was "a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

As Savior, His appearance conveyed a message that God had sent Him into the world as a rescuer from imminent danger. 'Christ' means that He was the long-awaited and anointed One who had been sent by The Father to carry out the rescue mission. The Messiah has arrived and not in the fashion or form that the world had expected it. This little infant who grasped the finger of his virgin mother was the one that the angel revealed to them in a third title as, "Lord." A revelation of His infinite power and authority.

Author John Blanchard wrote, "When Jesus came to earth He did not cease to be God; and when He returned to heaven He did not cease to be man." This is the marvelous mystery that becomes the glorious story of Christmas: A Savior with all power and authority has been sent to the earth by God to rescue humanity from sin and despair. What a glorious thought!

Christmas, though it is a magnificent truth, is also in a sense a glorious tragedy. A world that had been created by God and once perfect has now been marred by sin and rebellion of the humans that God placed on it to sustain it. Their rejection of God's law and His love created a massive chasm between man and his Creator. An insurmountable divide. It was in the midst of this tragedy that God chose to act. His action: to send His only begotten Son to be a "Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

There is a paradoxical element to Christmas: a time of great joy and great sorrow, of celebration and anguish, of hope and despair. An annual reminder that the world that we live in is broken but that God has stepped in, as the ultimate fixer of broken things. How would he accomplish such a thing? The answer is being born specifically to die. This is the glorious tragedy of Christmas. That, the One who was conceived by the Holy Spirit for His birth was also the same one who was consecrated by the Holy Spirit for His death. We cannot ever look at His cradle without seeing the long shadow of His cross. As we celebrate the magic of Christmas, let's marvel that amid such tragic darkness, God has sent forth a glorious ray of light; a baby that was born. The glorious tragedy of Christmas is not just a story to be annually told, it is a transformative message that should daily be lived! "For unto YOU is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11. Merry Christmas.



By Justin Pratt,
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The Senator From Arkansas

John L. McClellan

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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John Little McClellan remains the longest serving United States senator from Arkansas. Not one to waste words, John L. McClellan had the appearance of a fierce church elder merely waiting to spot the first flicker of frivolity. When McClellan came to national prominence for his fearless investigations into organized crime, the senator was featured in a profile by TIME magazine, appropriately titled, "Man Behind the Frown."

I recall meeting Senator John L. McClellan in Washington, D.C., in 1977. It was towards the end of his life and he was waiting for the Senate subway, a small car that ferried senators, staff and tourists back and forth between the Capitol and the Senate Office buildings. McClellan was wearing a brown suit, a wide matching tie, and leaning on a cane. I knew who he was and approached him, calling out, "Hello, Senator McClellan." The senator stuck out his hand and smiled, pleased to be recognized. "You from Arkansas?" he asked. "No, sir," I replied, "I'm from Tennessee." "Next best thing," McClellan said. I've never forgotten that exchange.

McClellan was a man who rose to the heights of political power, but he also knew suffering. Throughout his life, John L. McClellan's faith was tested regularly. Death stalked those McClellan loved throughout his long life. John L. McClellan was named for Congressman John Little. When the congressman heard about his namesake, he sent the little fellow \$5.00 (quite nearly \$200 today). McClellan's mother, Belle, "a lovely woman with a fine singing voice," died six weeks after the birth of her child. As she lay dying, Belle McClellan asked for only one thing: out of the \$5 sent by Congressman Little, a part of that money be used to buy her son a Bible.

John's father Isaac was a man of many talents, working as a schoolteacher, farmer, editor of a country newspaper, and lawyer. Isaac remarried three years after Belle's death and began tutoring his son when John was only four. "Ike" McClellan also liked politics and his frequent companion on the campaign trail was his young son. McClellan's favorite was Jeff Davis, a talented demagogue who was usually attired in a light gray Prince Albert coat and could orate on just about any topic at any time. Davis was a man who attracted devout supporters and equally determined political enemies. One of the Democratic Young John McClellan took

things to heart and even as a child, he had a serious demeanor about him. Ike McClellan later said, "I should have held off until John was a little older and could understand that our opponents didn't really mean what they said."

While running the family farm, young John studied law books, causing one family friend to say, "His father was a lawyer - - - and his only mother was the law." Evidently John L. McClellan was a prodigy. Ike McClellan had to wrangle special permission from the Arkansas state legislature to permit his son to take the oral test required of aspiring attorneys at the age of 17. John McClellan scored a 90 on his examination, well above the minimum requires for passage. It surprised nobody who knew him that John L. McClellan had become the youngest attorney in Arkansas.

The same year John McClellan passed the bar examination, he married Eula Hicks, reputedly the prettiest girl in Sheridan. While John went away to fight in the First World War something happened. Whatever it was, only John McClellan knew, and he remained utterly silent about their 1921 divorce.

McClellan worked hard and by age 30 was elected prosecuting attorney for a judicial district comprised of three counties. McClellan's knowledge of the law was complete, and his cases were well-organized and thorough, although his father Ike was a defense attorney and understood emotions, people and juries. As prosecuting attorney, McClellan's integrity was never challenged. John McClellan "feared nothing and favored no one." He prosecuted one boyhood friend for moonshining. The offender was convicted of the crime and summarily fined. After the fellow paid the fine, he approached McClellan with steely eyes and said, "John, this time's all right. But don't you ever prosecute me again." McClellan returned the glare and looked his friend square in the eyes. "Albert, I don't care how much whisky you make or sell - - - but don't get caught. If you do, I'm going to send you to the penitentiary."

Representing those three counties gave McClellan a political base to challenge Congressman David D. Glover in the 1934 Democratic primary. McClellan won that race and was reelected in 1936. Almost immediately John L. McClellan showed his prickly independence. One of the Democratic "whips," the official vote



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Senator John L. McClellan of Arkansas speaking in 1972.

counters for the House leadership, sidled up to the newly elected congressman from Arkansas and gave a terse order to vote for a pending bill. "Look," McClellan snapped, "you don't know me and I don't know you, but we're going to get to know each other pretty darn quick. I vote as I please." It never bothered McClellan to vote against the Roosevelt Administration and the New Deal program.

McClellan had remarried to a woman named Lucille Smith and the couple had three children together, two boys and a girl. While McClellan was serving in the House, Lucille was driving the children back to Arkansas when she became seriously ill. Stopping at the home of family in Jackson, Tennessee, she died a few days later of spinal meningitis. The marriage had been a happy one and McClellan was devastated. He thought of resigning his seat in the House of Representatives, but Ike McClellan talked his son out of quitting Congress.

John McClellan, always dedicated to his work, immersed himself in his work to the exclusion of most everything else. One worried fellow congressman urged McClellan to come with him to visit the house of friends who were entertaining a "very attractive lady." McClellan was immediately struck by the visitor, who came down the stairs, a vision in blue hat and dress. The woman in blue was Norma Cheatham, who soon became Mrs. John McClellan. They remained married for the rest of the senator's life.

Death visited McClellan again, striking his son Max from his marriage to his first wife, who was in North Africa as a corporal during the Second World War. Max McClellan complained of his back hurting and his superiors refused to take his complaint seriously, thinking he was "goldbricking." Neglected by the Army's doctors, Max McClellan died of spinal

meningitis. The boy's mother had died hating his father and her last advice to Doris and Max McClellan was to have nothing to do with the McClellan family. Yet Senator McClellan was tortured by his lack of a real relationship with his son. McClellan also carried some guilt with him for the rest of his life. Max McClellan's body was returned to the United States almost six years after his death. Two nights before the funeral for Max, John McClellan Jr. was injured in a car accident near Fayetteville, Arkansas. Initially, the boy was not thought to be seriously injured. Senator McClellan and his family attended the funeral for Max and flew to Fayetteville. Jimmy McClellan remembered a small group awaiting the senator. "When we arrived at the airport, there was a little delegation waiting to see us. Dad looked out of the window at their faces and he knew." Johnny McClellan had suffered from an unknown brain injury and had died that morning. Max McClellan had been buried on a Friday and the following Monday, John McClellan Jr. was laid to rest beside his mother. Jimmy McClellan would die in a plane crash in 1958.

No one could have been surprised that Senator McClellan sought solace in a bottle of bourbon. For a while his drinking increased, which caused serious marital problems and Norma demanded that he stop. "I am going to show you that I am the master of my own soul," McClellan replied. Through sheer will power, McClellan stopped drinking and the couple remained married.

McClellan had his eyes fixed on the United States Senate and entered the 1938 senatorial primary to face the first woman ever elected to the United States Senate, Hattie Caraway. Mrs. Caraway had confounded the politicians and upset the political order when she decided to become a candidate

after having been appointed to the Senate to succeed her dead husband. Caraway sat near Senator Huey Long on the floor of the Senate Chamber and Long felt sorry for the hopeless situation in which the widow found herself. Long invaded Arkansas and brought all the trappings with him, staff, literature by the ton, a sound truck, and his ability to entertain audiences. Huey and Hattie waged a whirlwind campaign and beat all her opponents easily.

Huey Long lay in his grave, felled by an assassin's bullet. McClellan thought he could beat Senator Caraway and he almost did, falling 10,000 votes short. The congressman accused Senator Caraway of having "improper" control of federal employees in Arkansas and was critical of her record in the Senate. No speaker, Hattie Caraway used her numerous contacts and the debts owed to her from those who had benefitted from her service to Arkansas. Senator Caraway had yet another advantage, which was the support of the White House. In the end, the women of Arkansas had rallied behind Mrs. Caraway and provided her margin of victory. McClellan also insisted the 50,000 Works Progress Administration workers in the state voted for Hattie.

It was the first and only loss of John L. McClellan's long political career. McClellan went back home to Arkansas where he opened a law practice in Camden. When Senator John Elvis Miller was appointed to a federal judgeship, he resigned his Senate seat and the governor appointed G. Lloyd Spencer, who did not seek election in 1942. Having gained statewide name recognition from his race against Senator Caraway, John L. McClellan announced his own candidacy. The Democratic primary, tantamount to election, was a crowded affair with four serious candidates. Aside from McClellan, Jack Holt,

the popular state attorney general was running hard, along with two sitting congressman, Clyde Ellis and David Terry. Holt led in the first primary, only barely ahead of McClellan by 456 votes. Jack Holt and John McClellan faced one another in the run-off election, which the former congressman won by more than 50,000 ballots.

McClellan quickly established himself inside the Senate as a work horse, as opposed to a show horse. McClellan tended to his home state and the needs of his people. Two years after his election to the Senate, he was joined in that chamber by a freshman colleague: J. William Fulbright. Fulbright became known for his interest in foreign affairs, rising to chair the prestigious Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1958. There was a subtle but noticeable rivalry between McClellan and Fulbright. The senior senator was more deeply entrenched inside Arkansas, but did not command the same respect, especially from the news media of the time, much of whom fawned over his junior colleague, especially after Fulbright broke with Lyndon Johnson over the Vietnam War.

John L. McClellan's political primacy in Arkansas was challenged repeatedly. A bitter rivalry developed between McClellan and Governor Sid McMath, perhaps because the senator strongly suspected the governor wanted his seat in the Senate. That challenge came in 1954 and McClellan kept his temper and ignored his opponent throughout the primary campaign and won outright, beating McMath by better than 10% in the first primary, along with two other challengers.

Toward the end of his long career, McClellan faced a fresh, young, talented opponent in Congressman David Pryor inside the 1972 Democratic primary. McClellan had already been in the Senate for thirty years. In the first primary, McClellan was only 16,000 votes ahead of his young challenger and it appeared the 76-year-old senator might lose the run-off election to his young opponent. The old senator proved to be resourceful and campaigned hard personally. McClellan beat Pryor 52% - 48% in the run-off primary election to win another six-year term.

John McClellan did not complete that term, dying in his sleep on November 28, 1977, after having undergone surgery to implant a pacemaker. © 2024 Ray Hill

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant **ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT**, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT AS 1337 BEAUMONT AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with **DAVID J. OTTEN**, an Attorney whose address is **PO BOX 32211, KNOXVILLE, TN 37930** within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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IN RE: **SELMA PENA- PEREZ, Plaintiff, vs. GERSON LEVY HERNANDEZ, Defendant**

NO. CE-32334
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TN

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion of the Plaintiff, which is sworn to, that the defendant, **Gerson Levy Hernandez** is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him. Said defendant must file an Answer in the Circuit Court for Blount County, at Maryville, Tennessee, and with plaintiff's attorney, **William L Gribble II**, whose address is **550 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804**, within 30 days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex-parte as to defendant.

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Blount County, Tennessee

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TO: **CALEB TAYLOR SPEARS**

IN RE: **JOSH DUTTON, PLAINTIFF V. CALEB TAYLOR SPEARS, INDIVIDUALLY, AND SPEARS EXTERIORS AND CONTRACTING, LLC., AND SPEEDY DJ/A SPEARS GUTTERING, DEFENDANTS**

NO. 209781-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant **CALEB TAYLOR SPEARS**, 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 **CALEB TAYLOR SPEARS**, it is ordered that said defendant, **CALEB TAYLOR SPEARS**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with **GREGORY H. HARRISON**, an Attorney whose address is **800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929** within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor **RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG JR.** at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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This 10th day of December, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES MARVIN BLALOCK, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90250-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **JAMES MARVIN BLALOCK, JR.**, who died December 7, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 25 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES MARVIN BLALOCK, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KELLY S. NORRIS
2013 CRENSHAW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARLENE RUTH FISK DOCKET NUMBER 90275-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of **ARLENE RUTH FISK**, who died on October 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ARLENE RUTH FISK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY R. BARTELS
532 W. CUMING ST
LINCOLN, NE 68521

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK THOMAS FOLEY DOCKET NUMBER 90301-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **MARK THOMAS FOLEY**, who died Jan. 12, 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARK THOMAS FOLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBIN FOLEY, EXECUTRIX
5140 MCNUTT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONRAD O. FORSYTHE DOCKET NUMBER 90296-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **CONRAD O. FORSYTHE**, who died Nov. 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CONRAD O. FORSYTHE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT C. FORSYTHE, CO-EXECUTOR
1142 LINDEN DRIVE
BOULDER, CO 80304

CAROLE FORSYTHE, CO-EXECUTOR
20459 SCIOTO TERRACE
ASHBURN, VA 20147

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY JOHNSON GRIFFEY DOCKET NUMBER 90231-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **JERRY JOHNSON GRIFFEY**, deceased, who died on the 7th day of October, 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 such notice at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication or posting as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 2 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JERRY JOHNSON GRIFFEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY L. HINES DOCKET NUMBER 90302-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **GARY L. HINES**, who died July 18, 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GARY L. HINES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANICE Y. HINES, EXECUTRIX
6601 KERN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULA MARIE KEY DOCKET NUMBER 89955-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **PAULA MARIE KEY**, who died April 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 2 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAULA MARIE KEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SEAN MICHAEL DOTSON
10808 2ND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANTHONY GUIN KIDWELL DOCKET NUMBER 90253-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letter of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of **ANTHONY GUIN KIDWELL**, who died May 30, 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 6 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANTHONY GUIN KIDWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RHONDA HOWE-KIDWELL
421 TAMMY DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

P. TIMOTHY GRANDCHAMP, ATTORNEY
123 CENTER PARK DRIVE,
STE. 214, BOX 11
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLE ZWICK MANDEL DOCKET NUMBER 90212-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **CAROLE ZWICK MANDEL**, who died Sept. 14, 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CAROLE ZWICK MANDEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRETT R. MANDEL, EXECUTOR
819 18TH AVENUE S., #217
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

JAMES S. MACDONALD, ATTORNEY
606 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 225
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL LEE MAPLES DOCKET NUMBER 90305-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of **CAROL LEE MAPLES**, who died on the 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against this Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

This 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CAROL LEE MAPLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEREK MAPLES
3521 BURNS TRL.
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

J. W. HAYNES, ATTORNEY
218 PATTON RD.
WARTBURG, TN 37887

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUBY JEAN MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 90287-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of **RUBY JEAN MOORE**, who died October 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUBY JEAN MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL JAY MOORE
12712 HALIFAX ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ROGER D. HYMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 26072
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH CUTHBERT OGLE DOCKET NUMBER 90268-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **SARAH CUTHBERT OGLE**, who died Oct. 25, 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SARAH CUTHBERT OGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KELLE DUGGER, ADMINISTRATRIX
7821 CRANLEY ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY R. OWENS DOCKET NUMBER 90284-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of **LARRY R. OWENS**, who died Aug. 25, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same 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 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 in (1)(A); 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 in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LARRY R. OWENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIEL L. HILEMAN
6454 RIDGEWALK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MARK E. BROWN, ATTORNEY
2633 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET H. PAGE DOCKET NUMBER 90272-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **MARGARET H. PAGE**, who died Oct. 12, 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 NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGARET H. PAGE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH RICKER
DOCKET NUMBER 90266-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH RICKER, who died Oct. 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 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 NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH RICKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES JUNIOR MCMAHAN, EXECUTOR
1711 BREDA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM ROUTH
DOCKET NUMBER 90307-3

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

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

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

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

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM ROUTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTHA C. ROUTH
1120 SNOWDOWN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HU ED SHARP
DOCKET NUMBER 90052-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of HU ED SHARP, who died on April 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, 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 25 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HU ED SHARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY BROOKING (BROOKE) BLACK
8919 GARRISON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MICHEL CHENAULT (SHELLY) BEARDEN
4311 ESTESWOOD DRIVE
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

CHARLES G. TAYLOR, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN THOMPSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90013-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GREGORY LYNN THOMPSON, who died on June 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN THOMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACOB LEE THOMPSON
3328 GRASSY POINTE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARNOLD DAZA BASADA
DOCKET NUMBER 90293-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ARNOLD DAZA BASADA, who died July 12, 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 9 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ARNOLD DAZA BASADA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANA ISABEL BATARSE
BASADA, ADMINISTRATRIX
531 CUMBERLAND RIDGE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON J. BELL
DOCKET NUMBER 90292-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHARON J. BELL, who died on October 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or(2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SHARON J. BELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES CLAYTON THOMPSON
595 GOGGIN LANE
DANVILLE, KY 40422

WILLIAM E. DUFFEY, JR., ATTORNEY
112 DURWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LELA MAE MEEKS BOCH
DOCKET NUMBER 90318-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LELA MAE MEEKS BOCH, deceased, who died September 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (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 this notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LELA MAE MEEKS BOCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA MARIE GIPSON ASHER
115 BELLE CREEK DRIVE
OKA RIDGE, TN 37830

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY
125 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHRYN JANE CAMERON
DOCKET NUMBER 90322-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KATHRYN JANE CAMERON, who died September 22, 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:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN JANE CAMERON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37716

LAUREN S. BROWN, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE CASH
DOCKET NUMBER 90326-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EUGENE CASH, who died on the 5th day of October, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 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:

(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 posting); or

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

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

This the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE CASH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEVON HOSKINS

NIKOL D. PLUESS, ATTORNEY
416 HIGH STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA W. CATE
DOCKET NUMBER 90206-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA W. CATE, who died Aug. 10, 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 deat.

This the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA W. CATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA LYNN CATE, EXECUTRIX
8801 HOLLES LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA LOUISE COX
DOCKET NUMBER 90086-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of LINDA LOUISE COX, who died on April 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA LOUISE COX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1021 HARDWICK DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY
402 CLYDE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY F. CRAWFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 90189-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JUDY F. CRAWFORD, who died October 4th, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JUDY F. CRAWFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA C. BRADEN
425 HICKS CIRCLE
CLINTON, TN 37716

CURTIS W. ISABELL, ATTORNEY
251 SHORT STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAN LOUIS DOCKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 90317-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAN LOUIS DOCKINS, who died October 6, 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 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAN LOUIS DOCKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FREDERICK MASSINGILL
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POWELL, TN 37849

SARAH E. C. MALIA, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BONNIE R. DOUGLAS
DOCKET NUMBER 90342-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of BONNIE R. DOUGLAS, who died on October 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 abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BONNIE R. DOUGLAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CUMBERLAND TRUST AND
INVESTMENT COMPANY
ATTN: SARA KATE NASH
40 BURTON HILLS BLVD., SUITE 3015
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

RICHARD S. MATLOCK, ATTORNEY
KEELEY N. MORTON, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY J. ESTES
DOCKET NUMBER 90304-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. ESTES, who died on the 12th day of October, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. ESTES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DELORIA PICKELL
6116 NEW BEAVER CREEK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MATTHEW B. FRERE, ATTORNEY
1001 E. BROADWAY
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DENNIS BRUCE FRANCIS
DOCKET NUMBER 90366-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters of Testamentary respect to the Estate of DENNIS BRUCE FRANCIS, who died on October 29, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DENNIS BRUCE FRANCIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THERESA M. HABIGER
12538 RIVENDELL WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 870

KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARILYN GIBBS
DOCKET NUMBER 90213-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARILYN GIBBS, who died February 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 date of 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 (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 (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or

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

This the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARILYN GIBBS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
POWELL DOUGLAS GIBBS
16478 HICKORY RD.
CONROE, TX 77302

RACHEL E. SANDERS, ATTORNEY
1348 DOWELL SPRINGS BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DWIGHT ARNOLD GOODMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90338-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DWIGHT ARNOLD GOODMAN, who died September 2, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DWIGHT ARNOLD GOODMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES THOMAS HALL
DOCKET NUMBER 90127-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of CHARLES THOMAS HALL, who died on September 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All person, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLES THOMAS HALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLENE LAIL GOSKOWITZ
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SARAH R. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HORACE WAYNE HOLMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90309-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of HORACE WAYNE HOLMAN, who died October 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HORACE WAYNE HOLMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA WILLIFORD JOINER
DOCKET NUMBER 90325-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of WANDA WILLIFORD JOINER, who died on the 27th day of September 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WANDA WILLIFORD JOINER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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6305 STILLGLEN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGIA RUTH KING
DOCKET NUMBER 90233-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGIA RUTH KING, who died May 9, 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 and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GEORGIA RUTH KING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICKIE MAGNUSON
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

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City announces holiday schedule

City of Knoxville offices, including Office of Neighborhood Empowerment and 311, will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.

There will be NO household garbage or recycling collection on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Waste Connections' office will be closed. Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up Saturday. Regular trash/recycling schedules will resume for Monday, Dec. 30.

Between Thursday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, properly bagged excess holiday household trash and broken-down cardboard set next to full garbage carts will be picked up.

Downtown trash and recycling will not be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 25.

The city's five recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will only be available for household goods donations for ½ day on Tuesday, Dec. 24. The center will be unstaffed, but open for recycling drop-off on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1. Please wait to drop off donations until an attendant is available.



The City's Solid Waste Facility located at 1033 Elm St. will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, with normal hours resuming on Thursday, Dec. 26. For the New Year's holiday, the Facility will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, with normal hours resuming Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

For tips on how to prevent waste by recycling or donating gently used items during this giving season, please visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/reuseguide.

Lessons learned in my (almost) 78 years

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- learned.
- Here are a few:
- If it works, don't fix it
 - Leave good-enough alone
 - Moving or traveling around the country opens your mind
 - Family should always come first
 - God has various names, depending on your language
 - Truth is not a matter of opinion
 - Reporting is a challenge to get things correct
 - Don't judge other people
 - Aging doesn't bring wisdom
 - If you don't know history you are bound to repeat it
 - Friends are still friends even if they disagree
 - Things change, try to live with it
 - Do it yourself if you can, then get an expert
 - Life goes on for others after you pass on
 - How you treated others is all that will be remembered
 - Make the best of any situation

- Serve our nation in the military, public service or simply by voting.
- It is hard to be a boss, sympathize with them
- Politicians are as faulted as anyone else
- Most politics is local
- Technology has actually complicated our lives
- Hold your tongue, don't speak too much
- Your children are your children no matter how old they are
- Do unto others as you do to yourself.



DAV KNOXVILLE, CHAPTER 24

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS W. OAKES
DOCKET NUMBER 90137-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS W. OAKES, who died May 9, 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 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF THOMAS W. OAKES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY OAKES
12828 PECOS ROAD
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

AMANDA SMITH, ATTORNEY
112 KINGSTON STREET
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LANE PARKS
DOCKET NUMBER 90064-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL LANE PARKS, who died June 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 17th day of September, 2024.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LANE PARKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES L. SCHMIDHAMMER
DOCKET NUMBER 90334-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES L. SCHMIDHAMMER, who died November 1, 2024, were issued to HEATHER CRAIG by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, TN. 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES L. SCHMIDHAMMER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY ALAN SELLERS
DOCKET NUMBER 90339-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY ALAN SELLERS, who died November 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY ALAN SELLERS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE SHONK
DOCKET NUMBER 90308-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACQUELINE SHONK, who died September 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE SHONK

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VINCENT C. SICA, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90160-3

Notice is hereby given, as required by T.C.A. § 30-2-306, that on December 16, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of VINCENT C. SICA, JR., deceased, who died on June 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF VINCENT C. SICA, JR.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CURTIS TRAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 90311-1

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

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CURTIS TRAVIS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AMELIA R. WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 90102-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of AMELIA R. WALKER, who died August 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 6 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF AMELIA R. WALKER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AMELIA R. WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 90345-2

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

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

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

This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN T. WHITE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELAINE WINENGER
DOCKET NUMBER 90319-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET ELAINE WINENGER, who died October 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELAINE WINENGER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF OTHA WINNINGHAM, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90313-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of OTHA WINNINGHAM, JR., who died November 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 16 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF OTHA WINNINGHAM, JR.

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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- BID 3618, Fishing Pier, due 1/22/25;
- BID 3622, Field Marking Robot Rental, due 1/24/25;
- BID 3623, Janitorial Services for Head Start Centers, due 1/23/25.

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on January 6, 2025 at 701 Cooper St. Knoxville, TN 37917.

- 20 FORD F350 1FT8W3B7LED74896
- 12 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZA5E04CF171728
- 17 NISSAN VERSA 3N1CN7AP4HL855014
- 12 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3H29CL185289
- 11 CHEVY AVEO KL1TD0D638B142402
- 05 FORD ESCAPE 1FMU931155K837202
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- 00 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1B62K21YU647893
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- 07 MAZDA CX7 JM3CR293570107650
- 08 BMW 328i WBVA37598NL19706
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- 09 KIA SPECTRA KNAFE222795655243
- 14 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB7AP3EY340973
- 08 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP24W28G163556
- 12 NISSAN MAXIMA 1N4AA5AP5C818259
- 08 LEXUS ES350 JTHBJ46G482253810
- 08 PONTIAC G6 1G2Z657B684238791

HOLIDAY HELPERS

Bearden softball players remember fallen veterans

Wreaths Across America event held at Lyons View

By Steve Williams

Bearden High School's softball team participated in the Wreaths Across America event again this year.

Their community service was laying a wreath at a gravestone of a fallen veteran and saying out loud his or her name to keep their memory alive.

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that honors veterans and their families. More than two million volunteers and supporters gather annually on a Saturday in December to "Remember, Honor and Teach" at more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

This year's site for the Bearden team was the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at 5901 Lyons View Pike and began at noon on Saturday, Dec. 14.

"It means a lot to not only me, but the whole team, to be able to lay the wreaths every year," said senior Kendall Hubbs.

"It really sets the perspective of why we are able to play softball



Bearden High softball players and coaches get together for a picture to remember their day at the Lyons View Veterans Cemetery, where they honored fallen soldiers in the Wreaths Across America event.

and enjoy the sport we love – which is because of our fallen troops and soldiers who fought for our freedoms. Especially since having family members and teammates whose families also served our country, it allows us to bond over the respect we share for our troops who protect us every day with their own lives."

Sophomore Jenna Gonzales said she felt honored to be able to participate in the laying of the wreaths with her teammates.

"This event means so much to all of us and is a great way to get involved with the community.

Laying the wreaths felt like such a tribute to the lives of our fallen soldiers. Though, the most meaningful part of the event is saying the names of each soldier to honor their legacy.

"The fact that we are a part of making sure that their sacrifices will never be forgotten and they will live on forever in our minds is beautiful.

"This event is a reminder for our team that we would not be here without their selflessness and hope for our futures. We are forever grateful for our fallen heroes and will keep them in our mind as

we go on in life."

Also thankful to participate, freshman Raya Inge said: "My grandpa was a Marine and served in the Korean War, receiving a Purple Heart and Silver Star. Because of our veterans we are free and we should always honor those who sacrificed for us. It was so special placing a wreath and saying a veteran's name out loud to remember them. It really meant a lot to me to honor them and to keep their name remembered for all they did for us. Thank you to all our servicemen and servicewomen from all branches of military for your service."

Bearden Coach Kenneth Boles said it was truly an honor to participate in such a meaningful ceremony.

"Taking part in a wreath-laying event to honor fallen soldiers with your Bearden softball team reflects great respect and gratitude for their sacrifices," he summed up. "It's a moment to come together, show appreciation, and embody the values of remembrance and unity. Being part of this ceremony is both a privilege and a powerful way to pay tribute."

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Bears capture road win at Whittle Springs

By Ken Lay

A stifling defense helped the Vine Middle School girls basketball team dart out to a fast start and cruise to an easy 35-10 road victory over Whittle Springs in a Knox County Middle School Conference Class AA contest in North Knoxville Thursday night.

The Lady Bears surrendered just four points in the first half and held the Lady Warriors without a field goal over the first 12 minutes of the contest. Vine opened a 15-1 advantage in the first quarter and extended its advantage to 25-4 by halftime against Whittle Springs, which didn't field a team last season and hasn't had a team in two

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Carter bowling teams a big help at Christmas party

By Steve Williams

Carter High School's girls and boys bowling teams continued their holiday community service by helping put on a Christmas party at Strike & Spare Family Fun Center at Fountain Lanes on Dec. 16.

David Spiva, the founder and director of the event "for children in need," said this year marked the 24th year to have the Christmas Party. David, a longtime bowler himself, has been assisted by his son Ricky the last five years.

"It's a blessing for the families and children," said David. "Funds are provided by league bowlers and outside sponsors.

"Carter's bowling teams (coached by Ray Wynn) have assisted the last three years and they've been a big help."

The Christmas Party started at 5 p.m. and lasted until 9.

Santa was there as 150 local kids and their families enjoyed plenty of food, drinks and bowling. Each child received a gift.

"We've been upstairs wrapping and giving out coloring books for presents," said Ella Bailey, a junior and three-year bowler at Carter. "We started coloring in them for the younger kids five to eight years old to help show them how.

"The kids have been in and out. We had a total of around 30 kids we were helping."

Other bowlers, who had been helping upstairs, included seniors Maddie Lewis, Loren Chamberlain and Gabi Lawson and sophomores Callie Palmer and Abbi Lawson.

"I think it is fun to participate in this event and I like helping out with the community," added Ella. "I like doing volunteer work."

Kali Gentry, a state



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Kali Gentry (left on back row) is a member of Carter High's girls bowling team that gave their time to help at the Christmas Party at Fountain Lanes on Dec. 16.

tournament qualifier in bowling this season as a sophomore, was helping set up food and treats

along with Harper and Peyton Smith, sophomore sisters on the Carter team. Kali's older sister Aaliyah



Alicia Gentry (right) and her daughter Aaliyah help with the presents for the children at the Strike & Spare Christmas Party at Fountain Lanes on Dec. 16.

had been a bowler on the Carter team before graduating last year. She was helping with this year's Christmas party, too. Their mom, Alicia, also was helping at the party right up to the last gift put a smile on a youngster's face.

"Before we became part of the Carter bowling program, we were one of the families in need and that's why we're still involved,"

said Alicia. "We're giving back. And this is the season for that."

Members of the Carter boys team at the Christmas party were Ethan Miller, Carson Lewis, Micah Taylor, Jabin Wood, Chandler Bowman, Billy Romines, Johnny Pedigo, Seth Stallings, Justin Umbarger, Blake Martin, Brandon Hernandez and Bryson Sabol.

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Two games in one night

Ray Mears did not come up with all the gimmicks surrounding Tennessee basketball by himself. Ray did his share, but one of the more interesting ways to try to get people in the seats at the Armory-Fieldhouse



By Tom Mattingly

came in the season-opening game of the 1960-61 season. While Ray was still at Wittenberg College on his way to a 25-4 record and the NCAA Small Division national championship, head basketball coach John Sines actually outdid Mears. That was before Tennessee had Ray on its coaching radar. All Sines did was

schedule two games for one night. History seems silent on the matter, but he did. It happened Dec. 1, 1960. There it was in the Vol basketball media guide, "Thursday, December 1 — E. Tenn. & Chattanooga, Knoxville." It was presented as if the Vols had opened with two opponents every year. The game with Chattanooga started at 7 p.m., with the nightcap against the Bucs set for 9, "after a few whiffs of oxygen," wrote Knoxville Journal sportswriter Ben Byrd. Byrd had termed the twinbill a "daring gamble." Whatever it was, it allowed the Vols to be 2-0 the morning after their season opener. Sines did not seem fazed by the twinbill, taking it all in stride. There was no fanfare, no hoopla, nothing like Mears would have done given the opportunity. Nothing in the brochure indicated that anything special was being planned, something different, something unusual. "John Sines will know tonight whether he bit off more than he could chew when he scheduled two opponents instead of the

orthodox one as a basketball opener for his Tennessee Vols," wrote Byrd. "A moderately large and curious crowd is expected to invade the UT Fieldhouse for the unusual occasion." Sines said he had "no apprehension" playing two games in a four-hour period. "None at all," he had said, "although I did wake up in the middle of the night once and started to call Chattanooga coach Tommy Bartlett and ETSU's Madison Brooks to see if they wanted to call it off." He didn't, apparently going back to sleep, and the games went on as scheduled. The crowd was estimated at 2,500 in a 7,500-seat arena. Lyle Varnell and Charles Bloodworth officiated both games. Sid Hankins was the timekeeper and Sam Venable, Sr., the official scorer. The Vols of that season included: Seniors — Glenn "Skimp" Campbell (Fall Rock, Ky.), Bobby Carter (Bristol, Va.), Ron Carmichael (Dayton, Ohio), Dick Fisher (Jackson, Tn.), Bill Gilley (Carlisle, Ky.), Bob Perigo, (Lebanon, Ind.); Juniors — David Anderton and John Houston

(Knoxville), John Martin (Watseka, Ill.), Howie Moss, (Oak Ridge, Tn.), Eddie Test (Chattanooga, Tn.); and Sophomores — Phil Britnall (Bryson City, N.C.), Bill Booth (Pikeville, Ky.), Orbie Lee Bowling, who would become one of the school's most popular players ever two years later, (Sandy Hook, Ky.), Fred Collins (Des Moines, Iowa), Steve Van Antwerp, (Franklin, Ind.), Tommy Wilson (Springfield, Ohio), and Roy Wright (Lenoir City, Tn.). The Vols dispatched Bartlett's Chattanooga squad 81-51 and edged Brooks' ETSU team 71-68. Against the Mocs, the Vols led 37-22 at halftime and won handily, enjoying a 61-38 edge on the backboards. Fifteen players got in the game. The Vols were led in scoring by Test (13), Campbell (12), and Fisher (11). Fisher, whose son, John, would play for the football Vols from 1988-91, also had 11 rebounds. The second game was a battle all the way. A considerable number of State fans made the trip to Knoxville down Highway 11E, and both sets of fans really got into it as the game wound down to a wild finish.

The Vols couldn't stop Buc forward Tom Chilton, who worked his magic for 29 points. Tennessee did hold on for the win, thanks to some outstanding play from Carter and Campbell. Carter had 19 points, Campbell 16, including four of six free throws in the waning moments, and Martin had 15 off the bench. "I'm proud of all of them," said Sines after the second game was in the record books. "I don't see how Carter and Campbell and some of the others did it. I thought John Martin played his best game since he came to Tennessee." Byrd wrote perceptively about the game's finish. "The lead was kicked around from one side to the other like an unwelcome relative, but in the end it was the class and poise of the two great senior guards that enabled the Vols to pull it off." The Vols finished 10-15 overall, 4-10 in the SEC, but will be remembered as the last Tennessee team to play two games in one night.



There was at least one gimmick designed to attract attention in Tennessee basketball that predated Ray Mears' arrival in Knoxville.

Why do we care so much?

By Mark Nagi

I feel like I write an article like this one at least twice a year, typically when one of my sports teams loses in a crushing or an emotionally taxing manner. I ask the question...why do we care so much about sports? I mean, with everything we have going on in our lives that actually matters ... our families, our jobs, maintaining a roof over our heads ... what is it about sports that plays with our emotions, our psyche, our very souls? I thought about this last week when I was back up north, watching my New York Rangers play the L.A. Kings at Madison Square Garden. Here's some background. I grew up about 3 hours north of New York City and became a Rangers fan at the age of 6. The Rangers made it to the Stanley Cup Final that year, losing in 5 games to the legendary Montreal Canadiens. For years the Rangers found ways to fall short, and the chant of "19-40" could be heard in hockey arenas across North America.

The Rangers are one of the NHL's Original 6 franchises, but despite the limited number of teams in the league (expansion didn't happen until 1967), they hadn't won a Stanley Cup since 1940. But 1994 was different. That was the year I graduated from SUNY Geneseo, a 25-minute drive south from Rochester on the western side of the state. I had been accepted to grad school at UT-Knoxville but was scared to death to travel that far from my upstate home. That spring the Rangers went on a magical run, eventually beating Vancouver in the Final in 7 games, ending a 54-year curse, and forever ending the "19-40" chant. It sounds weird, but I took that win as a sign that everything was going to be ok. I moved to Knoxville two months later and eventually chose to spend my adult life in East Tennessee. In the 30 years that have followed I have continued to watch the Rangers on TV and in person, making trips to Ottawa, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Detroit, Washington D.C.,


Nashville, Columbus, Toronto... and eventually I hope to see the Rangers play in every NHL arena. Rangers games have even turned into a good opportunity to bond with my oldest daughter. Over the years we've seen the Rangers play eight or so times. Going to those games is always a pleasure, especially at their home of Madison Square Garden. It's one of my favorite places on this planet. I've seen games there since 1992 ... and rarely see them win. So, it wasn't a surprise that last week my daughter and I were in MSG and watched the Kings jump out to a 5-0 lead and eventually knock off the Rangers 5-1. And the game wasn't nearly that close. Last June the Rangers were two wins from making it to the Stanley Cup Final. Today they are reeling, and well on their way to not even making the playoffs in the Spring. I just turned 52. I hope to live a long life, but even if I get to be 100 years old, I don't know if

I'll ever see my Rangers hoist Lord Stanley's Cup again. I mean, in the last 84 years they've only done it once, so maybe I should be thankful that I've seen it happen. I don't know what it is...


but if the Rangers do win another Cup, I know that my life will be better, and if they don't my life will be worse. I'd imagine that some of our readers have similar beliefs with Tennessee once again beating Alabama after 15

long years in the desert. And I'm sure that after Tennessee's baseball team won its first national title last summer that there was a pep in their step. I don't know why... but sports matter.

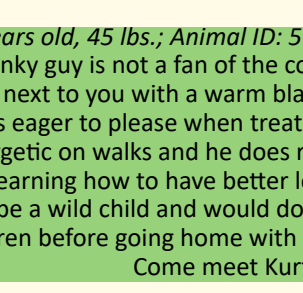
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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Young helps Vine overcome slow start, topple Warriors 66-42

By Ken Lay

When Julius Young hit a three-point basket as the final buzzer sounded in a Knox County Middle School Basketball game at Whittle Springs Thursday night, he put the finishing touch on a dominant performance for Vine Middle School's boys basketball team.

"When he gets going and he turns it on, he's hard to stop," Vine coach Jadarius

Suber said of Young after the Golden Bears notched a 66-42 victory over the host Warriors. "When he finally got in there and got it turned on, he couldn't be stopped."

The long-range jumper at the end of the contest accounted for three of Young's game-high 20 points.

Young, who had 13 points in the first half, had a quiet first few minutes at Whittles, scored six points

late in the opening frame, as he was fouled after making lay-ups and being fouled in the act of shooting. He then converted the subsequent free throws.

He was also a defensive force for the Golden Bears as he blocked multiple shots and forced the Warriors to alter several of their other field goal attempts.

Things, however, didn't start well for Vine in this showdown between the top

two teams in the Class AA classification of the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

The Warriors started fast, opening a 10-6 lead after Vine was called for a technical foul. But after a spirited talk from their coach, the Golden Bears awoke with a vengeance and closed the first quarter with a 15-4 run. The surge netted Vine a 21-15 lead.

"We got off to a slow start but what we need to

do is ignore and stay away from the outside distractions," Suber said.

The coach saw his team settle in and take control of the game. After the opening six minutes, the Golden Bears never trailed again. Their advantage swelled to 40-26 by halftime and ballooned to 53-31 by the end of the third quarter.

Young shouldered the bulk of the offensive load but he also received some help from his supporting

cast as the Golden Bears boasted a balanced scoring attack. Young was one of four Vine players to post double figures in the scoring column.

Jamir Kimbrough scored 13 points. Keivon Stinson added 11 and William Dixon finished with 10.

DeAndre Brinson led the Warriors with 14 points and Jett Bryge added 12

Lady Bears capture road win

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of the last four seasons.

Vine's Ja'miah Myers had nine points to lead all scorers. Jordyn Hodge added eight points and, most of her offensive production came from transition

lay-ups as she came up with five steals against the Lady Warriors.

Whittle Springs converted two field goals after halftime as Shaelyn Troutt made a three-point shot in the third quarter and

Kalissa Monday-Hines scored from the floor late in the final frame.

Troutt, who led the Lady Warriors with seven points, accounted for all of Whittle Springs' offensive production in the third stanza.

Fulton hopes to bring back first state title to Knoxville

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Leeyauna Stewart, a cheerleader at FHS who also plays softball, added to her reputation of being a "good athlete" by playing on offense and defense.

Haddison Daugherty was the team's snapper, which in girls' flag football is also an eligible receiver, and she caught a couple of TD passes.

"We'll go down there and do the best we can and hopefully we can bring a championship back to Knoxville. The first one," said Coach Sewell.

"I think we can do it and it's not going to be that cold either," said Dee.

"Man, it's going to be warm," added Ra'shya.

"That was the worst part, playing in the cold in shorts," summed up Williams.

Coach Sewell said Fulton will be trying to raise money for the trip to Murfreesboro, which could cost \$3,000 to \$4,000, he said.

"We'll be asking for donations from local businesses and work as a team to earn money," he added. "Any amount will help."

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