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Muse Knoxville Executive Director Allison Comer, Director of Advancement Katie Mixon, and Director of Education and Exhibits Lee Robinson are joined by Betsi James and the Food City team as Food City presented a generous \$25,000 donation to support the creation of the Mini Food City exhibit.

Muse Knoxville receives \$25,000 from Food City for future Mini Food City

Muse Knoxville is excited to announce a generous \$25,000 donation from Food City to create a brand-new Mini Food City exhibit, set to debut later this year. This interactive addition will bring fresh energy to the museum's Live Smart, Stay Well area, one of its most popular spaces.

Designed to mirror a real grocery store, the Mini Food City exhibit will inspire hands-on, imaginative play while teaching essential life skills like decision-making, teamwork, and financial literacy. Young visitors can role-play as shoppers,

cashiers, and stock clerks—encouraging social interaction, early math skills, and nutritional awareness in a fun, engaging environment.

"We are deeply grateful to Betsi James and the entire Food City team for their incredible generosity and commitment to fostering learning through play," said Allison Comer, Executive Director of Muse Knoxville. "This partnership represents the power of community collaboration and its impact on the next generation of learners."

The Live Smart, Stay Well area promotes healthy habits and wellness,

and the Mini Food City exhibit will further enhance its mission by helping children understand balanced nutrition, food choices, and how a grocery store operates. Located in one of the museum's most visited areas, this exciting addition will provide valuable lessons that extend beyond each visit.

Muse Knoxville is honored to partner with Food City to bring this vibrant new exhibit to life and is grateful for their commitment to enriching the lives of children and families in the community.

START Center, KCS and TCAT team up for trades dual-enrollment

One of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' key initiatives – the START Center – welcomed eight seniors from Central High School this semester thanks to a partnership among TCAT, the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Tennessee and Knox County Schools. The opportunity will provide these highly qualified students

with multiple opportunities within the trades.

The Skilled Trades Academy and Regional Training Center – dubbed the START Center – opened last year and is designed to attract and train construction workers. It is located at 1801 N. Central St. and is run by ABC of Greater Tennessee.

"This dual enrollment program is a testament to our

commitment to preparing our students for successful careers," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "The education and hands-on experience they receive will prepare them for a promising future."

ABC Greater Tennessee is providing NCCER Core Certification – a training course that prepares individuals for entry-level

construction jobs – and matching each student with an industry partner for hands on learning opportunities in the field.

"ABC Greater Tennessee is extremely proud of our Construction Trades Academy in Knoxville," said Clay Crossover, President and CEO of ABC Greater

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Changes suggested for Knox County Commission rules

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The Knox County Rules Committee met Tuesday to review several rules governing meetings and discussed changes in the processes involving right of way and road closures, commission and committee appointments, and the agenda consent list. The committee also discussed the duties of the chair and vice chair and changing the name of the Community Development Corporation.

At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier chaired the meeting and heard recommendations on the various items. Most of the changes would clarify language. Law Director David Buuck told the meeting that public notice of appointing an elected official is required but noted the selection of non-elected members to a board or committee would

not require a public notice and would appear on the agenda as an item for a vote. The public hearing has to be at least seven days before an elected official is replaced. Buuck referenced the resignation of a former Knox County Trustee.

Buuck also said that closing of a right of way, while often considered on two votes, only requires one reading and one vote.

Frazier said the membership of both the county commission chair and vice chair on the Community Development Corporation is not required and only the chair should be the member. She also said that the organization will now be called the "Joint Economics and Community Development Board."

All the changes will now go to the full commission's February meeting and the Rules Committee will meet again on April 22.

Task force begins reviews of city rules, charter

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The task force assigned to review all of the Knoxville City Council rules and work on updating the city's charter began Tuesday with a brief organization meeting. Councilwoman Lynne Fugate chaired the meeting of those current and former council members appointed to delve into the current way meetings are held and then look at revising the charter.

Fugate was joined by council members Tommy Smith, Amelia Parker and Debbie Helsley and former council members Finbarr Saunders and Nick Pavlis. Former city policy director Bill Lyons is also a member and said he would also seek out suggestions from the Baker Center.

The task force has

two assignments: review the rules of each council meeting, including the public forum, and review the current charter. Fugate suggested, and the members agreed, to first take a look at the council rules and later look at the charter.

Parker arrived a little late and said she was interested in the rules on public comment and in seeing if there are contrasting rules that exist in the state. Fugate suggested that City Recorder Will Johnson also provide suggestions on rule changes.

Fugate asked the former city council members to confer with other former members for suggestions.

The task force agreed to meet again on February 18 and monthly thereafter during its nine months of duty.

Co-responder funding approved by city council

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The Knoxville City Council passed the funding of the city's Co-Response Team in its Tuesday meeting, upping the contribution to \$820,000 per year and adding two response teams, but not without heavily debating the matter before passing it with an 8-1 vote.

Amid the debate, which included outcries from some in the audience in the small assembly room, was a vote to postpone an

application for \$1.7 million from the state Opioid Abatement Council requested by the police department.

Knoxville HEART spokeswoman Elizabeth Rowland and other public speakers questioned the opioid abatement grant request. Police Chief Paul Noel said the state funding would hire co-responders, and add three vehicles and a drug diversion advocate.

Councilwoman Seema Singh said that information was not in the agenda package and added, "The police department should

not be social workers." Mayor Indya Kincannon said the funding would allow a "hybrid approach" to the local drug problem.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker questioned why the funding is going through the police department and was critical of the slow progress of creating an alternate response team.

The vote on seeking the state funding was postponed for two weeks on a motion by Lauren Rider who said she had more questions about the co-responder teams' reports

to council. Parker also questioned how the McNabb Center was funded month to month when the contract for the co-responder program expired last year. She said the council was never asked for the monthly funding extension.

Council members Andrew Roberto and Gwen McKenzie also questioned the funding and the slow pace of creating an alternate response team.

Some questions were also raised about the funding of local non-government groups such as Knoxville

HEART and TurnUp Knoxville.

In other action the council combined, or bundled, three resolutions involving the rezoning of 4325 Pinehurst Drive, site of a former Quaker Church, for a housing development requested by Knoxville's Habitat for Humanity.

A general commercial zoning change was approved for 5941 Kingston Pike for White Realty & Service Corporation.

Councilman Charles Thomas moved to postpone the first reading of

rezoning four Milton Street properties to general residential neighborhood. He said that the weather and an illness were the reason for the postponement.

The council approved Jered Sprecher, Kristen Combs and Ana Halliwell Gianferante to the Public Arts Committee, contracted with WSP USA and Gresham Smith for staff augmentation services for the city's transportation engineering division and approved a tax break for the Knoxville Utilities Board.

President Trump Gave A Positive, Hopeful Inaugural Address

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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It was entirely predictable and at times almost humorous to see the sour, partisan reaction by Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Hillary Clinton, and some in the national media to President Trump's inaugural address last week.

It was obvious that Biden, Harris and Mrs. Clinton are still bitter over Trump's two victories and it seemed very painful for them to have to listen to him advocate so many things that are so popular with the majority of the American people.

Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) said the speech

was "the darkest inaugural address ever" but to most people, there was nothing dark about Trump saying his administration would be "colorblind and merit-based."

Chris Hayes of MSNBC said the speech showed that Trump is like a "cult leader predicting different dates for the end of the world."

But the overwhelming majority of the people want a leader who will enforce our immigration laws and stop the flood of millions coming across our border illegally.

Jen Psaki, President Biden's former press secretary, said unlike previous inaugural addresses, Trump's was very "politicized."

But the overwhelming majority of the American people, I believe, were happy to hear how Trump will end the electric vehicle mandate and not force everyone to buy expensive, unreliable electric cars and

trucks like Democrat politicians wanted.

And while Biden and Harris wanted to keep pouring billions of dollars down the rat hole in Ukraine, most Americans agreed with Trump when he said the government cannot manage even a simple domestic crisis "while at the same time stumbling into a continuing catalogue of catastrophic events abroad."

And the great majority especially agreed with Trump when he added: "We have a government that has given unlimited funding to the defense of foreign borders but refuses to defend American borders, or more importantly, its own people."

When Trump criticized former House members Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) and Liz Cheney (R-WY) in a second speech at the Capitol, Kinzinger said the president was "childish." All that did was show that Kinzinger can dish out criticism

(as he often has toward Trump), but he can't take any in return.

Kinzinger is still bitter because the Republican Party in his congressional district condemned him for joining Nancy Pelosi's kangaroo court Jan. 6th Committee, and he blames Trump.

Almost every former Republican official who appears regularly on CNN or MSNBC is doing it for money and/or is mad at the Party because of some slight or for being turned down for some position.

Trump followed his speeches by signing many executive orders on his first day back in the White House. Executive orders, through most of our history, were mostly done to handle non-controversial, administrative matters. They were not supposed to be used to bypass Congress.

However, President Biden, or the power-mad people around him, used them on his first day to do

all sorts of controversial and left-wing actions. So, many of Trump's new executive orders were to undo things Biden had done.

The executive order that I was most pleased about was Trump issuing pardons to over 1,500 J6 defendants, as they are called, and commute the sentences of about 14 others to time served.

Almost all these defendants were patriotic Americans who simply walked around the Capitol that day after going through doors held open for them by Capitol Police.

The Democratic J6 Committee covered up most of the films taken that day and refused to release them. It was only after Kevin McCarthy became speaker of the House and ordered the release of the films that the true story came out. People could then see how peaceful most of these people were and how the Democrats had so greatly exaggerated the events of

that day for partisan political purposes.

The few who destroyed property or actually assaulted police should have been punished. But most were given very excessive sentences solely due to hatred for President Trump, and many were held in jail without trials longer than is usual even for people who have committed far more serious crimes.

Probably my strongest support group throughout my career has been by local law enforcement, and I liked all the Capitol Police. But the truth is that they had about the safest law enforcement jobs there were, and 99% of the time were just very nice, highly-paid tour guides.

President Trump will get strong pushback on everything he wants to do, but almost all items that were mentioned in his address are things the great majority want done.

Young Pianist Series kicks off February 9

The Young Pianist Series will begin its series on Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m. at the Sandra G. Powell Recital Hall in the Natalie Haslam Music Center in the University of Tennessee College of Music.

Join Iranian pianist Parnian Rezaei for an afternoon inspired by William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience."

In the first half, journey through the elegance of the French Baroque to the lyricism of the 19th century with works by Debussy, Clara Schumann, Schubert, etc. The second half dives into 20th-century innovation, with pieces by Cowell, Crumb, Fazil Say, and more, exploring extended techniques and prepared piano.

Currently pursuing an Artist Certificate under Dr. Chih-Long Hu at UT Knoxville, Parnian has performed across Iran, the US, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Northern Ireland. In addition to her solo work, she is a sought-after collaborative pianist and dedicated piano instructor.

START Center, KCS and TCAT team up

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Tennessee. "Our partnership with Knox County to offer trades training to local high school students is a significant step toward providing them with a strong career path after graduation while strengthening the region's workforce with skilled, quality tradespeople for the future."

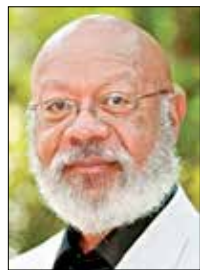
Kelli Chaney and her team at the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, or TCAT, are teaching a dual enrollment course which gives students college credit toward furthering their education following graduation.

"TCAT Knoxville's partnership with the START Center embodies the power of collaboration in

driving workforce development and empowering individuals with skills for success," notes Kelli Chaney, President of TCAT Knoxville. "Dual enrollment is key to preparing students for careers in the skilled trades, providing a head start on their path to certification and employment."

A climate change denier? Who, me?

Donald Trump is a climate change denier and calls it a hoax. I am not a climate denier because it is obvious that the climate always changes. I am just not in the camp that believes that



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climate change constitutes an existential threat. I am not in the camp that contends that whatever change is occurring is man-made and I am not convinced that even if it is man-made the change will destroy the environment.

I have constructed economic models my entire professional life. Rarely do researchers use the same model, the same statistical technique, the same time frame and the same data set. That calls into question as to what is the appropriate model, the appropriate technique, the appropriate data and the appropriate time frame.

The same can be said about climate models. Questions arise as to their predictive power. Researchers have found different conclusions given what time period they study, how they model the climate and the technique used. Consider that in a survey of 36 climate change models it was found that the models overestimated the change in the earth's climate by 43% according to "Global Warming: Observations vs. Climate Models" by Roy Spencer. Another paper states, "And now we have way too much confidence in some very dubious climate models and inadequate data sets."

I am certainly no expert on atmospheric physics, but I do know that climate models tend to be overly complicated with multiple equations on the physical and chemical processes attempting to mimic the climate system. Yet the models are still crude and rudimentary. One scientist has said, "We do not know much about modeling climate. It is as though we are modeling a human being. Models are in position at last to tell us the creature has two arms and two legs, but we are being asked to cure cancer. There is a good reason for a lack of consensus on the science. It is simply too early. The problem is difficult, and there are pitifully few ways to test climate models."

I have always wondered about the relationship between carbon dioxide and global temperatures. It would seem simple enough to see if carbon changed by a certain amount, then how much did the temperature change. We model relationships like this all the time in economics. What about in climate models? The results are contradictory. There have been periods of rising carbon dioxide and rising temperatures and periods of rising carbon dioxide and falling global temperatures. If we happen to be in the former and not the latter then the climate alarmists will warn us of impending doom.

Does the earth repair itself and will it ward off any adverse effects of climate change? Who knows?

Is the climate change itself a natural occurrence? Who knows? Is climate change manmade and can it be reversed through draconian government edicts? Actually, no. A study of over 1,500 climate policies in 41 countries showed that only 63 actually reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Anyone who claims to know the truth is doing so on faith rather than on fact. That is why the climate change zealots are said to have adopted climate change as a religion. It is a religion based on faith, a particular belief in what set of results and observations are factual, and a belief in a causal positive relationship between emissions and global temperatures.

Don't misunderstand me. I am glad that we no longer see smoke belching from diesel engines. I am glad the air and water are cleaner. I am glad that we are no longer dumping our waste in rivers. But why ban coal-fired plants given today's technology of "clean coal?" Why ban internal combustible engines? The environment is the cleanest it has been in industrial history and it is getting cleaner. I want that to continue. However, most measures undertaken today do not make a measurable difference in the earth's temperature and should be rescinded. Solar and wind energy need to be reevaluated. Nuclear needs to be expanded. All this should be done in the name of a cleaner environment and not one due to trying to frighten little children that the earth will die if we don't ban weed eaters and pizza ovens.



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Publisher's Position

Welcome Back, President Trump



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history," Harris wrote. Leftist heads likely exploded as Harris wrote that Trump is "holding power under circumstances in which reasonable people cannot deny a basic fact: He is the greatest American figure of his era."

Having served as president for four years previously and having another four years to contemplate a return to that high office, Donald Trump was uniquely prepared to return to the White House. Trump's second inaugural address was plain-spoken and to the point at a time when few things are. It was an excellent speech. Trump pledged, "We will forge a society that is color-blind and merit-based." It was the death knell of DEI, which has nothing to do with merit.

Trump's speech was a forthright repudiation of the previous four years. President Trump spoke of pride in being an American and pride in our country, something patriots appreciate. The crisis at our southern border, the rising crime rate in the country, and the weaponization of our own justice system. Trump talked to Americans

like we were adults, precisely the opposite of how Joe Biden and his administration operated.

Immediately, Trump began delivering on the promises he made as a candidate, beginning to fulfill the platform on which he won the election. Trump declared an emergency at our Southern border, deployed the military to that same border and designated the drug cartels as the terrorist organizations they are. Trump, with a sweep of his pen, revoked the security clearances of the 51 ex-intelligence officials who lied when they stated the Hunter Biden laptop was nothing but "Russian disinformation." Trump rolled back the federal DEI requirements imposed by Joe Biden and knocked the EV mandate in the head. At the end of the day, President Trump signed almost 100 new executive orders.

On his first day in office, Trump made six speeches, attended three inaugural balls, signed a huge stack of executive orders rolling back the Biden agenda, and held a 90-minute press conference at the Resolute Desk in the

White House. Trump is the same age that Joe Biden was when the latter was first inaugurated. Clearly, everyone ages differently. Trump's press conference allowed him to speak to more reporters than Biden has in a month of Sundays.

Sadly, Joe Biden left office the same way he entered the White House. It is one thing to disagree with the policies of a particular politician, one can still respect that person's genuine belief in his or her own stand. Unfortunately, Biden, his administration and the legacy media just flat-out lied for the entirety of his presidency. Biden promised to unite us and did exactly the opposite; Biden promised to govern from the center and proceeded to go as far left as he possibly could. Biden and the media insisted high inflation eating up the paychecks of working Americans was a figment of our imaginations. Biden and the media said inflation, if it existed, was "transitory." Biden and the media said there was no crisis at our southern border. Biden promised he would never pardon his son. Fifteen minutes

before leaving office, Joe Biden pardoned every member of his family, Anthony Fauci, Liz Cheney, and several others.

Biden's Justice Department was quick to state that those January 6 prisoners who had accepted a pardon from President Trump were admitting guilt.

If that is the standard, it certainly applies to the Biden family, Liz Cheney, and Anthony Fauci. The Biden administration and the legacy media treated Americans with cynicism and expectation we were all stupid and had a memory of perhaps ten minutes.

Biden's boundless hypocrisy remained his most steadfast characteristic until the very end. The same worn-out puddinghead who warned the country about billionaire oligarchs bestowed the highest civilian award on George Soros, who has singlehandedly done more to destroy this country than any other single individual in the minds of many Americans. The "decency" of Joe Biden existed only in the minds of his complicit allies in the media who routinely reported

narrative and ignored and tried to destroy those who spoke truth to power. From the very beginning, Joe Biden lied about the influence peddling of his son and family. The very same Democrats and leftist media morons who now squall about retaliation and lawfare are the same people who cheered the effort to disembowel Trump financially and doom him politically by weaponizing the judicial system.

The recent court decision finding CNN guilty of defamation is but one of the woes of the network. Rachel Maddow and Joy Reid are kicking their little feet and squalling to a viewership smaller than some cable access shows. If they ever had a time, it has long since passed. Both Rachel Maddow and Joy Reid would kill for an audience the size of one Sponge Bob episode and when MSNBC sinks beneath the waves for the final time there will be few tears shed for a network that valued narrative over news and never reported anything aside from failed ideology.

Guest Opinion

School Choice is the Rising Tide that Lifts All Boats

By Zach Wishart

As Governor Bill Lee convenes a special session of the Tennessee legislature, we have an important opportunity to take bold action for the future of our children and our state. The Education Freedom Account (EFA) bill is on the table, and it is time for Tennessee lawmakers to vote yes—to empower parents, expand educational choices, and create more opportunities for every student in Tennessee.

While Tennessee's public schools have made significant strides in recent years, it is clear that many students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, still face barriers to academic success. With only 39% of Tennessee students currently meeting grade-level expectations, we must continue to find innovative solutions that give all children the best chance to succeed. The EFA bill offers an exciting solution to this challenge by providing families with the flexibility to choose the educational path that best meets their child's needs. This bill is not about replacing public schools but about enhancing educational opportunities by giving families more choices.

Tennessee's current education savings account program, though limited, has already proven successful. In the 2022-2023 school year, ESA students saw impressive academic improvements, including a 4-point increase in English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency and a 6-point increase in math proficiency. Notably, in Memphis-Shelby County, ESA students outperformed their public school peers in ELA and matched them in math. These results demonstrate the potential

of educational choice in closing achievement gaps and giving students from all backgrounds a chance to thrive. The diversity of students benefiting from Tennessee's ESA program is noteworthy. Nearly 46% of ESA participants are Black or African American, and 33% are White. The program is accomplishing what it was designed to do: be a flexible tool that can meet the individual needs of every child—regardless of income, zip code, or race.

However, the current ESA program only serves a small percentage of families in certain parts of the state, leaving many families, particularly those in suburban and rural areas, without access to these transformative educational options. The Education Freedom Account bill of 2025 will give all Tennessee families, regardless of location or income, the opportunity to choose the educational path that best meets their child's needs.

Why Voting Yes on the EFA Bill Matters

1. Expanding Access to Opportunity for All Students. Every child deserves the chance to attend a school that aligns with their individual needs and learning style. Education Freedom Accounts ensure that all families, whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, can access the educational options that will best support their child's success. It's about increasing opportunities for every child, no matter their background or zip code.

2. Empowering Parents to Make the Best Choice for Their Children. Parents are the best advocates for their children's education. The EFA bill puts parents in control, giving them

the freedom to choose the education option that will help their children thrive. Whether it's a specialized curriculum, a different learning environment, or a faith-based education, parents know what their child needs to succeed. By empowering parents, we create a stronger connection between families and schools, leading to better outcomes for students. When parents choose, students succeed.

3. Encouraging Positive Competition Among Schools. Expanding the EFA program fosters healthy competition across all types of schools, including public, charter, and private. This competition encourages schools to innovate and improve in order to meet the needs of students. Evidence from other states has shown that competition in education drives overall improvements in school quality, benefiting all students and creating a more dynamic educational system.

4. Saving Taxpayer Money. While Expanding Access Critics sometimes argue that EFAs could increase the cost of education, but data from states like Florida and Arizona show that universal EFA programs can actually reduce the cost per pupil while improving outcomes. By funding students at a lower per-pupil rate than traditional public schools, states can save money while providing more educational choices to families. Florida's universal ESA program, which expanded to all students in 2023, is a powerful example of how school choice can transform education. The results have been nothing short of remarkable—tens of thousands of students are now receiving a more personalized education, and the state has

saved money in the process. Passing the EFA program in Tennessee could help reduce costs while increasing access to high-quality education for all students.

The Education Freedom Account bill is a step toward a more flexible, responsive, and effective

education system in Tennessee. By voting yes, legislators can ensure that every child, regardless of where they live or their family's income, has access to the best possible education. It's time to empower families, foster educational innovation, and provide students with the tools they need to

succeed. Let's make this vision a reality. It is imperative that legislators across Tennessee vote yes on the Education Freedom Account bill during Governor Lee's special session, and give every Tennessee child the opportunity to thrive.

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Terry Gaylor's impromptu remark during a zoning hearing Wednesday was a surprise and brought some levity to the Knox County Commission zoning's meeting.

'They can't start without you'

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission's zoning session was running an hour later than planned Wednesday when Terry and Wilma C. Gaylor appeared before the session and requested a change for their property at 1915 Andes Road. Mrs. Gaylor told the meeting they wanted an "RA" Low-Density Residential zoning change so they could build a home for their daughter. The couple's request has been approved in a 13-0 vote by the planning commission and saw no

opposition during the meeting.

"We need to vote and get them out of here because they are missing church," Commissioner Terry Hill said. The Gaylor request was approved unanimously.

Just as the couple was leaving the podium, Terry Gaylor turned and said, "And I'm the pastor."

"Well, they can't start without you," Chair Gina Oster said during the laughter.

See Section B for zoning news this week.

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Heroic

I was saved by God to make America great again. Donald J. Trump

In my lifetime there have been nineteen presidential inaugurations, but I can remember only a few. And ashamedly, I have rarely watched the presidential oath of office. Nor have I paid attention to the pomp and pageantry of presidential inauguration festivities. But January 20, 2025, was different. Others have noted a new attitude of hope, confidence and even renewed patriotism.

Nonetheless, hatred still burns in the hearts of lost souls like the activist Episcopal pseudo-priest who presided over the presidential prayer service at the National Cathedral. She turned the traditional ceremony into a divisive leftist diatribe before hustling off for appearances on CNN and The View. If I had to listen to her bilge, I

wouldn't go to church. The country wants unity, whereas her Progressive "weaponization of the pulpit" is the reason why mainline denominational churches are dying. Apparently, the separation of church and state doesn't apply to leftists.

Perhaps the unprecedented interest in inaugural events was because the weather drove the ceremonies indoors and allowed citizens to have a ringside seat to watch on television. Perhaps the renewed interest resulted from the destruction we've experienced over the last four years. It is undeniable that Washington is broken and making subtle changes by either party stands no chance of fixing the generational corruption. What gives us hope is that we elected a disrupter of the status quo. The image of Donald Trump taking the oath of office in the Capitol Rotunda beneath a

backdrop of John Trumbull paintings was heroic and only delusional anti-Americans driven by ideology or hatred can deny it.

Americans want to believe in our government again. "Biden promised normalcy and delivered chaos" (Ben Domenech). Donald Trump is our new president and offers us a way forward. He is not a traditional Republican nor is he a Democrat, although he was once a Democrat; but so were Tulsi Gabbard, RFK Jr., Joe Rogan and Elon Musk.

The best descriptor of Trump is that he wants to "Make America Great Again." It is stunning that Democrats and RINOs oppose this. Trump did not need to be president and has suffered mightily to lead us again. He was highly successful in his first career as leader of his company and family. But because he saw his country's need, he embarked on a second career as leader of the MAGA movement and he is now a historical president of the United States again.

I regularly pray for strength and courage, as well as discernment and wisdom. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln was reported to have said, "Many times I have been driven on my knees with the conviction that all my faculties and those around

me were insufficient for the problems of the day." I pray for President Trump, Vice President Vance and our leaders, just as I regularly prayed for Biden and confused, conflicted, lost souls to hopefully bring them discernment, wisdom and salvation.

I have written about my struggle with forgiveness. Perhaps President Trump is right, saying, "Success is the best revenge." However, I believe it is poetic justice that Biden and Kamala had to sit and listen to President Trump's inaugural address when he took them to the woodshed. Their life aspirations were discredited by Trump and rejected by America.

My father was a naval officer and ran a tight ship in my childhood home. My brothers and I were never spanked, even if we deserved it. Most have seen drill sergeants with new recruits as in the movie "An Officer and a Gentleman." My brothers and I were kept in line by the threat of a woodshed harangue by Captain Ferguson, far worse than a spanking. Perhaps Biden and Kamala have been punished enough by being shamed by President Trump on national television.

Becky and I are reading a fascinating book, "Elon Musk," by Walter Isaacson. While I read science fiction and she likes the

genre of "cozy murders," we read and discuss substantive books together. She's a thespian at heart and reads aloud. I made a career by listening carefully. And it's a good couple's activity.

I believe Elon Musk and Donald Trump are the most unique individuals of the last 50 years. Musk saved free speech by purchasing Twitter and removing censorship. He is committed to sustainable energy use, producing Tesla vehicles and roof solar panels. His Starlink satellite communication system is renowned and his Neuralink system is integrating computer connection to the brain, something I have written about in my science fiction novels. And oh, by the way, he launches rockets and is committed to expanding humanity to Mars and beyond. Isaacson writes well and his extensive research brings Musk to life for the reader.

Elon Musk is a complicated figure. One quote sums it up, Musk is a "manic genius who thrives on drama and risk-taking." If you don't want to read the book, I recommend Musk's interview with Joe Rogan on his podcast recorded days before the November 5, 2024, election.

It is a mistake to think you know someone by reading a book, but background information helps with

the composite. Musk has Asperger syndrome and his social awkwardness and mannerisms have nothing to do with Nazi salutes.

We know more about President Trump, but have we been told the truth about 47? Our background information was largely from the now-discredited legacy media. I never watched "The Apprentice" nor have I read a book about Trump, but I watched and listened to him carefully in his first term. No one is perfect, but he has triumphed over the forces of darkness, impeachments, lawfare, Democrats and even assassins who are hell-bent on destroying him.

Historians have long argued whether history causes great men to arise or whether leaders produce history. I suspect it is both, though there are notable examples like Einstein, Musk or President Trump who seem to tip the scale to the individual. Perhaps Abraham Lincoln would have been a great president without the Civil War, but arguably Lincoln gained heroic stature by saving the Union during the Civil War.

So, I challenge you to pray for our country and our leaders. Prayer is powerful and always right.

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It's Maple Syrup Time in Johnson City

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

The Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site in Johnson City is hosting the 22nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 8. The 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. event illustrates where maple syrup comes from and more

importantly, you can partake of the product.

You can learn how the sap is extracted from maple trees on the grounds of the historic home and how it is boiled down in a wood-fired furnace until it becomes the rich syrup. Did you know it takes 10 gallons of sap to make a pint of syrup?

Along with the pancakes with maple syrup, you can dine on bacon, sausage, grits, and more with juice, coffee and milk available. The tasty syrup comes from Maple Grove Farm of Afton, Tennessee, which will also offer the syrup for sale.

Admission is only \$6 for



On Saturday, February 8, you can pair a visit to the historic Tipton-Haynes home and a pancake breakfast in Johnson City and maybe learn of the connection there involving Knoxville's John Sevier.

adults and \$3 for kids 12 and younger. Children 3 and under dine for free.

More information about

the event and the historic site is available by calling (423)926-3631 or emailing

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Special development on Tipton Station Road property questioned at public meeting

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A public hearing was held Wednesday by the Knox County Commission on a request that 2814 Tipton Station Road become a residential infrastructure development district. Some residents of the South Doyle Area Neighborhood Association oppose the change and spoke against the request.

What is a residential infrastructure development district?

"It's sort of like a toll road, the people who use it are the people who pay for it," said Myers Morton, Knox County Deputy Law Director. He explained, if passed, bonds would be issued to cover the cost of building the development's infrastructure and new homebuyers would pay it back over the years in a special annual assessment. In this instance, each lot would be assessed \$1,000 per year for 25 years to pay

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I Have Car Fever

Sickness is at hand. So many "bugs" and viruses are in the air that almost all of us will at some point succumb to the effects of them. Covid, no matter how many people deny its existence, still hits folks to varying degrees. I've had a couple of bouts with the virus myself in the fall. Fortunately, the flu hasn't attacked nor has the stomach bug nor has the bronchitis.

I have been infected with a different kind of bug. It's called the "new car bug." The fact that I am ill with this affliction is really my



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wife's fault. We have talked about cars on occasion, but recently, she suggested I should begin to look for the kind of vehicle I would like to have. By new car, I mean a used car with low mileage. My vehicle now has 160,000 miles on it, and that means things will begin to break, wear out or fall off. I have the best mechanic in the world, but the worry of what will hit next stays in the back of my mind.

I didn't need to give a second thought about which car I should turn my attention to. We are

a Nissan family and have been when they were called Datsuns. In 1987, I bought a Pathfinder, and only in the last month has it left the family. Presently, I drive a 2011 model, an upgrade to the "bare bones" one I bought almost forty years ago.

I like my present car. It has leather seats that hold up much better than the plastic ones in the old car. The air conditioning functions, as does the radio. It's the little things that mean so much to me. The 2011 also has three rows of seats, although the back row has only been used one time. The backup camera is a nice feature, especially since my neck is much too stiff after having had

surgery several years ago to place screws, bone and metal in place of a ruptured disc.

This new vehicle will be a 2022-2025 Pathfinder. One huge reason for choosing this SUV is that I struggle to get down into and up out of sedans. I need something that allows me to open the door, step out and be on my feet at once.

Another reason for a Pathfinder is that I haul wood for projects in the car. The interior is covered so that no tears or scuffs are inflicted. I also have to have a tow package to pull the trailer that hauls lawnmowers and mulch and all sorts of things. Of course, I still need to learn the tricks of backing the trailer into

spaces. People who've watched me attempt this feat leave shaking their heads or laughing until they cry.

I don't like driving a dirty car and take opportunities during winter and early spring to wash and vacuum it. I also keep a coat of wax or some other product on the car to prevent damage to the paint from dust, tree sap and bird poop.

I'm rather sick right now with this car fever. I've found no less than half a dozen Pathfinders in which I'm interested. However, Amy tells me the earliest we will begin the search is April 1. To me, telling me to begin a search and then delaying the purchase date is as close to malpractice

as a wife can come. She knows how I obsess when she gives me the go-ahead to look.

At any rate, before long I might have a different car. Amy has the final say on every aspect of the car, especially the cost. Finding the right one might take a while, and that will drive me even deeper into the infection. My only prayer is that a Pathfinder is out there that will cure me of this sickness. I am not a good patient and have little patience when it comes to securing a new vehicle. I wish someone could come up with a cure for this illness. It already causes too much pain and suffering for us men.

It's Maple Syrup Time

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The Tipton-Haynes and John Sevier connection

Did you know there's a direct connection between the Tipton-Haynes home and Knoxville's John Sevier?

Before becoming Tennessee's first governor,

Sevier headed the effort to pull away from North Carolina and create the short-lived independent State of Franklin. Colonel John Tipton was a supporter of that state and ordered the North Carolina Sheriff in Washington County to seize Sevier's property for taxes owed to the state. Sevier's belongings and slaves were taken to Tipton's home. He attempted to arrest Sevier

but Sevier escaped and, in 1788, led forces against Tipton and his supporters called "Tiptonites," attacking Tipton's home with 100 Franklinites.

The Battle of the State of Franklin lasted 10 minutes.

Tipton's son inherited the home in 1813 and served in the Tennessee Legislature, as president of the state Senate and as lieutenant governor. The home passed to Landon Carter Hayes as a wedding gift and Haynes expanded the home, built an office building, edited a newspaper, and served as speaker of the Tennessee House. The editor of the

newspaper, The Tennessee Sentinel, was Knoxville's William G. Brownlow.

The historic site is located at 2620 South Roan Street in Johnson City, TN 37601. The easiest way to get there from Knoxville is to follow Interstate 81 to Interstate 26, head south to South Roan Street and follow Roan to the complex.

A day away with the family can be a great break from home with the family and visiting the Maple Syrup Festival could also be tasty.

Council votes down temporary RV camping on private lot

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A marathon of commission meetings last Wednesday began at 3 p.m. with an agenda review session, went on to a public hearing that lasted until about 6 p.m. and concluded with a zoning session that stretched until about 10 p.m.

The zoning session included 16 zoning changes and an appeal by a landowner to get permission to host temporary campers on his property near Governor John Sevier Highway.

Hunter Brewster was appealing a planning commission denial of the use of his almost five acres. Brewster told the meeting he has about 20 campers using his farmland while working on a gas pipeline project. He said he had poured gravel and each RV unit has water and sewer. He also said he did not know he was in violation

and was trying to seek a zoning change that would permit the temporary lodging there.

"I didn't realize I was doing wrong," Brewster told the commission.

Brewster's neighbor opposed the idea, said Brewster's property also had lots of junk, and urged denial. Brewster said the clutter there was farm equipment and a car collection. He had sought a change from suburban residential zoning to corridor commercial.

Local resident Steve Coffman said that Knox County Codes Enforcement told Brewster to stop grading and he did not. Coffman said the campers are packed tight and said that Brewster continues to put more campers on his property. He also said two large commercial RV parks are ready to assist the transient workers and their RVs if Brewster loses the

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The Gentleman From Connecticut

William J. Miller

Pages from the Past



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William Jennings Miller made the most of his short life, fighting for his country, overcoming a serious handicap at a time when there were little or no concessions to people with disabilities, and serving six years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Miller was the kind of man who was used to overcoming obstacles and the odds. When the tide turned against him, William Miller never complained, much less whined. Miller was a man of unquestioned bravery and very real character who stuck to his core beliefs with the steadfastness of one who knew he was right. Named for one of the most famous orators of his age, William Jennings Bryan, Bill Miller was of the other political faith, being a Republican.

The Hartford Courant remembered Miller as having "attained a remarkable degree of success despite a physical handicap that would have discouraged a less courageous man." The Courant saluted Miller's political courage, noting Miller "wore nobody's collar when he was in Congress." The newspaper lauded Miller's leadership of his own political party when he thought it wrong, as "he voted as his conscience dictated." Few members of the House knew more about veterans' affairs than William J. Miller, who had been in and out of veterans' hospitals from the time he lost both legs in the First World War until 1931. Miller won the respect of his colleagues on matters relating to veterans and once the House rose as one to give him a standing ovation. Bill Miller never hesitated to tell able-bodied veterans they needed to stand on their own two feet.

Arthur Wimer, the Hartford Courant's veteran Washington correspondent, thought Miller was gifted with "the down-to-earth common man" touch. Wimer was initially surprised by Miller's "almost boundless energy," as well as the congressman's remarkable "ability to grasp the precise fundamentals of a situation." The journalist also admired Miller's "stubborn independence" from the leadership of his own Republican party during his first term in the House. Wimer marveled at Miller's "unusually cheery disposition."

That same streak of independence afforded Miller more notice than was usual for freshmen legislators and won him the cooperation of numerous congressmen on the other side of the aisle. It was Bill Miller's ability to win Democrats to his side that helped kill off the excessively low price

ceilings imposed by the federal government, which caused typewriter companies in Connecticut to refuse to do business with the government. "I am a firm believer in the two-party system," Miller once said, "but sometimes I wish the voters wouldn't take it so darned seriously."

Bill Miller liked to campaign as a non-politician and once he returned a large contribution to his campaign, writing he had already met the full budget for his campaign and the contribution could better be used for a candidate not so fortunate. That attitude won him a new friend and client for his insurance business who liked the congressman's honesty.

Voters had to be impressed by the fact that Miller, whose legs were amputated just below the hip, drove himself to meetings and appearances throughout the First Congressional District. Miller's car was devised so that he could drive it despite his handicap. Upon arrival at his given destination, Miller transferred himself to his wheelchair and began shaking hands and visiting with folks.

While firm in his convictions, Miller also "had a big heart and a winning personality." The congressman was never disagreeable with those who disagreed with him. Bill Miller took his job as a congressman seriously and was loyal to his country and friends. Miller's home state of Connecticut was, at least during his political career, a raging battleground state and went back and forth between the candidates of the two major political parties. Yet Bill Miller always seemed to run just a little bit ahead of his fellow Republicans inside his own district.

Miller had been a combat pilot during the First World War and was testing a plane when it crashed, leaving him severely injured with a broken back. The crash mangled Miller's legs so badly that both had to be amputated. Bill Miller spent the better part of six years in hospitals, but once he was free of hospitals, doctors and nurses, he got married, started his own business and answered the call of public service. In 1936 much of Connecticut was ravaged by a terrible flood and Miller was the commander of the Nutmeg State's American Legion, where he guided and supervised the relief work to the victims of the flooding.

Although confined to a wheelchair, Miller's accident never robbed him of his love of flying. During his six years in Congress, Bill Miller regularly traveled between



Congressman William J. Miller (left in wheelchair) and Congressman Melvin Maas of Minnesota (right, standing) in 1939.

his home in Connecticut and Washington, D.C., via airplane.

Bill Miller ran six times for the U.S. House of Representatives and won three races for Connecticut's First District, which was Hartford County. Five out of the six times, Miller contested with Herman P. Kopplemann, a New Deal stalwart, to represent Connecticut's First District. Kopplemann had first been elected in the 1932 Roosevelt landslide when Congressman Augustine Lonergan had run for the U.S. Senate. Kopplemann was elected and reelected in 1934 and 1936. 1938 was a good year for Republicans nationally and Connecticut as well. Senator Lonergan lost his reelection bid to John Danaher and Congressman Kopplemann lost to William J. Miller in a three-way race where the Socialist candidate polled an astonishing 24,718 votes (15.66%). Miller topped Congressman Kopplemann by just over 4,000 votes.

During his first term in Congress, William J. Miller made a significant contribution in the crafting of legislation that later became known as the "G. I. Bill of Rights." Miller appeared countless times before the committee drafting the bill to testify as to the needs of veterans. As the House considered the bill, Congressman Harry P. Jeffreys of Ohio got to his feet and praised Miller's help and untiring effort to mold the legislation. Nobody in the House of Representatives was stronger for an amendment to the "G. I. Bill" giving the widows of veterans benefits than Bill Miller.

1940 was an election year and Herman Kopplemann was anxious to return to the House of Representatives. With Franklin D. Roosevelt heading the Democratic ticket, the former congressman was optimistic

he could beat Bill Miller. Kopplemann, accompanied by his wife, stopped in Washington, D.C., to assure his former colleagues that President Roosevelt was the only Democrat who could carry Connecticut with certainty. Then Kopplemann and his wife motored down to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for a bit of golf and then onto Palm Beach where they would remain for the winter. Kopplemann announced his candidacy and quickly discovered there were lingering hard feelings inside his own party from his attempt to take the Democratic nomination from Senator Lonergan in 1938. Kopplemann's effort had been unsuccessful, and many Democrats thought the division had cost both Lonergan and the congressman reelection that year. As the election returns began trickling in, it was readily apparent Democrats had done very well in the Nutmeg State. Kopplemann reclaimed his seat in the House of Representatives, winning by just under 17,000 votes. Congressman Bill Miller conceded the election even before all the returns were tallied.

Two years later, Bill Miller was eager for a rematch. Congressman Kopplemann was well-entrenched, having ladled out considerable largesse during the height of the New Deal. Miller evidently never stopped campaigning, continuing to speak throughout the First District and visit with folks. Congressman Kopplemann hit Miller hard on his opposition to the Selective Service Bill; Bill Miller favored universal military service instead, a point Kopplemann never mentioned. Miller replied that Kopplemann had voted against the United States building needed battleships. Connecticut's First District once again followed the ebb and flow of the election tide. 1942

saw Republicans fare well in the midterm elections. Bill Miller beat Herman Kopplemann by just under 4,000 votes.

The fourth rematch between Bill Miller and Herman Kopplemann occurred during the 1944 election. Once again, former Congressman Kopplemann was pleased and hopeful with the prospect of Franklin Roosevelt heading the Democratic ticket. It was another reversal of fortune for Congressman William J. Miller who lost to his predecessor and sometime successor. FDR carried Connecticut and Herman Kopplemann won Hartford County by quite nearly 18,000 votes. Listening to the election returns on the radio, Miller heard an announcer say Kopplemann was carrying Hartford County by approximately 20,000 votes. "That does it," Miller said crisply. With his usual good grace, Bill Miller told his friends and supporters, "I am grateful to all those who helped in my campaign. I want to say that I'd rather have the friendship and respect of those with whom I've worked than be president of the United States."

Miller told the Hartford Courant, "I've done my best. When the voters speak there is no appeal. I accept their verdict." Bill Miller and his wife took his second defeat philosophically, but the congressman tried his best to comfort the one who took his loss the hardest: 10-year-old Dawson Trenchard, who had been eagerly carrying messages between the candidate and the telephone desk where returns were being reported. "I've been trying to tell him for a week that it might happen and that it's just one of those things," Miller told a reporter. The congressman gently reminded the tearful boy they would once again be next-door neighbors with him out of

Congress. Even in defeat, Bill Miller had run at the top of the Republican ticket.

Once again, Miller continued running and he and Herman Kopplemann fought their last electoral tussle in 1946.

The pattern held true: Herman Kopplemann had won the First District during presidential election years while Bill Miller carried it in the off-year elections. Miller won the general election by just under 11,000 votes. It was the end of Kopplemann's career in elective office. The Republicans had won a spectacular victory campaigning on the slogan "Had Enough" under the leadership of the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Carroll Reece. The GOP won both Houses of Congress. It would be the first and only time Bill Miller would serve in the House of Representatives when his party was in the majority.

Congressman William J. Miller was proud of his work in the House and sought reelection in the 1948 election. It was the first contest where he did not face Herman Kopplemann. Miller faced a younger, sleeker challenger who would become one of the most successful officeholders in Connecticut's history, Abraham Ribicoff. Virtually every political prognosticator in the country was forecasting GOP presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey was a sure winner over Harry Truman. So, too, did most everyone think the Republicans would keep the House while some thought there was a chance the GOP would lose control of the U.S. Senate.

The 1948 election has gone down in history as one of the most disastrous for the Republican Party. Tom Dewey lost to Harry Truman and Republicans took heavy losses in the House and Senate to lose control of Congress to the Democrats. Still running ahead of his ticket, Congressman William J. Miller lost the 1948 election to Abe Ribicoff by more than 24,000 votes.

As always, Bill Miller was gracious in defeat, accepting the vicissitudes of politics. Ribicoff would go on to become governor of Connecticut, Secretary of Health, Welfare & Education under President John F. Kennedy and serve 18 years in the U.S. Senate.

Following his loss in the 1948 election, Miller closed his House office and went back home to his home in Wethersfield, Connecticut. In March of 1949, Bill Miller's body began to fail. The former congressman was plagued by a serious "kidney condition" that kept him confined to his bed for almost a year. Miller was able to get out of bed on his 51st birthday in March 1950. The former congressman suffered from a heart problem which became increasingly worse and led to his death on March 22, 1950.

What is 'bundling' at local legislative meetings?

By Mike Steely
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An interesting change has been increasingly used at Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission meetings recently. A member, often the sponsor of a resolution, can move to "bundle" several items together to be discussed and voted on with one decision.

Bundling happens more often on zoning change requests, where three resolutions regarding the same property are on the agenda. The first would change the sector plan to permit a change, the second would approve a change in the One Year Plan and the third would actually change the zoning.

During a recent city council meeting, the zoning request from Knoxville Habitat for Humanity for the Pinehurst Drive property saw "bundling" at work. While there was some objection at an earlier meeting from neighbors, that objection was resolved and the matter was on the agenda for a second and final vote.

The three ordinances for the Pinehurst property were placed on Tuesday's council agenda, combined into one item, discussed and approved.

In cases where there is no public or member objection, those "bundled" resolutions or ordinances would be approved in one vote. When there is

objection all three agenda items could be discussed and debated as a whole, rather than arguing each of the three motions separately.

Often the bundling saves time and shortens a meeting, especially when there is not public or member discussion.

Bundling is similar to "consent" items. Both the commission and the council have agenda items that routinely are placed on the consent list and approved in one vote. Members may suggest moving other items to that list and may do so with a majority vote.

Most of the Knox County Commission agenda, sometimes 40 to 50 items

or more, usually sees consent items "bundled" together. That includes, by court order, all of the items involving the Knox County School's requests. Most of the other agenda items end up on the consent list, at the request of the chair or members, and are "bundled" and voted on in one vote.

Items on that list may be pulled on request from members and discussed but often are not and go on to being approved. Of the many agenda items only a handful are not on the consent list and are discussed, postponed, deleted or discussed.

Special development on Tipton Station Road

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at the request of the sponsor. Kay said the road changes proposed would affect the neighbors and possibly lead to the demolition of two homes where the owners were not told of possible plans.

The new category to permit residential districts was passed in 2024 by the Tennessee Legislature.

Victoria Kay of the neighborhood group attended the hearing. Since last year she has objected to the zoning of the 85.81 acres that could permit 340 homes to be built. Several other local residents spoke in opposition to the change.

The development is planned apparently for the old Atlas Powder Farm and the Alex Schubert property and Kay says it is not consistent with the surrounding area.

The designation of the Tipton Station property as a residential infrastructure development district passed in a 10-1 vote last week following the hearing with Fifth District Commissioner Angela Russell voting "No."

The Knox County Commission has two Tipton Station Road-related items on its agenda for its regular meeting today. One would approve a memorandum of understanding with the Tipton Station Road property developer, D. R. Horton, Inc., for road improvements at two intersections along Tipton Station Road at Martin Mill Pike and at Maryville Pike. The road improvement MOU was proposed in October and deferred through November and December

The commission will also discuss "approving certain Policies and Procedures relating to the Consideration of Petitions for the Creation of Infrastructure Development Districts."

As the property was once the home of Atlas Powder which made explosives, Knox County Engineering Director Jim Snowden said that the developer cannot disturb the land until the Tennessee Department of Conservation inspects the acreage for explosive residue. Several conditions were put in place for the approval of the future \$82 million development pending the results of the state report.

Council votes down temporary RV camping

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appeal. Brewster, represented by Benjamin Mullins, said he would accept a "transition" zoning with a time limit on how long campers could remain, saying the gas pipeline project is scheduled to be completed in March. He said there is no real definition of "lodging" in the Knox County Codes.

When asked if any fine has been imposed regarding the violation, Mullins said no but added he thought fines would be issued if the appeal is denied.

The commission voted unanimously to deny Brewster's appeal.

Among those requests approved were planned residential developments of up to eight units per acre for 7507 Ball Camp Pike and four

dwelling units per acre on six acres at 1824 North Campbell Station Road; and rezoning 6350 Clinton Highway from agricultural to general residential, 6356 Clinton Highway to general business, and Zero Parkerhill Lane to planned residential for three units per acre.

The request of William Dale Rhoton to change 611 West Governor John Sevier Highway from agricultural zoning to general residential saw former Ninth District Commissioner Mike Brown speak against the request. Brown spoke for the South Doyle Area Homeowners Association and said the cluster of dwellings there would "be out of place."

The original request has been deferred month to month since last year.

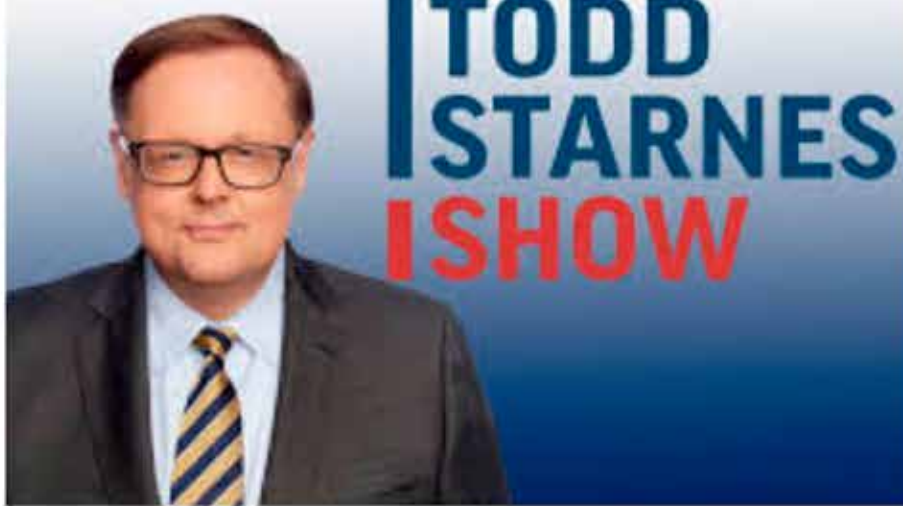
A substitute motion to deny the request was approved and the change was turned down.

An application from Mesana Investments LLC for 205 North Wooddale Road for six dwelling units per acre was postponed for 30 days pending a meeting with the developer and the community after a 6-5 vote. Another Mesana request, to change 6209 Hammer Road to planned residential, was denied.

In other action, the commission voted to rename some roads around the Schaad Road improvements at the request of Jim Snowden, Knox County Engineering and Public Works Director. Ball Road and Bailey Farm Drive will be added to the new road map emerging for use by 911 emergency dispatch.

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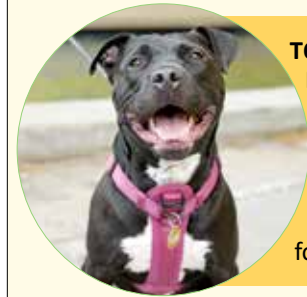
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, BRANDON LEE GIBSON and JOCELYN GIBSON executed a Promissory Note payable to HAZEL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, dated November 30, 2015, in the original principal amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) (the "Note"), which Note is more fully described in and secured by a Commercial Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Lease, and Financing Statement executed by BRANDON LEE GIBSON and JOCELYN GIBSON, dated November 30, 2015 and recorded as Instrument Number 2015120010033342 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made, and the undersigned, STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ., having been appointed Trustee (the "Deed of Trust"):

WHEREAS, default in the payment of the Note and Deed of Trust has occurred and proper notification of the parties and proper notification of said default has previously occurred; and

WHEREAS, HAZEL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, the owner and holder of said Note and Deed of Trust, has demanded the real property described in the Deed of Trust be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt. The real property as described in the Deed of Trust will be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt and any costs legally accruing in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ., as Trustee, or my agent, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon me in said Deed of Trust, will on February 4, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., prevailing time, at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and in bar of the right and equity redemption, whether statutory or common law, the right of redemption granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 66-8-101 (as amended or renumbered), homestead, dower, marital share, and all other rights and exemptions of every kind, all of which have been expressly waived by grantors as provided in said Deed of Trust, certain real property more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 1R1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Resubdivision of Lot 1R, James A. Hart Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record under Instrument No. 200906050079844, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Brandon Lee Gibson and wife, Jocelyn Gibson, under Warranty Deed dated November 30, 2015, and recorded as Instrument Number 201512010033341 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Best known addresses to be 0, 2300, and 2304 West Gallaher Ferry Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37932, and 0 Hickory Creek Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37932, Parcel IDs 129-03512, 129-03513, 129-03514, 129-03515, and 129-03516.

Other interested parties include:
None.

In the event of a discrepancy between the property address and the property description, the property description shall control. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day and time certain, without further publication and in accordance with the law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

No warranties are made as to the merchantability of title of said real property, which property is being sold, "where is, as is", subject to all restrictions, easements, governmental zoning or regulations, subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect with respect to the property, unpaid property taxes, assessments and all superior encumbrances and liens, if any, whether of record or not. The Trustee herein makes no representations or warranties as to status of title or description of this property.

Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

The Trustee will make a deed to the purchaser on the day of sale, and the premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes, other than those tax encumbrances which are divested by nonjudicial sale, further, the premises will be sold subject to any and all other restrictions, encumbrances and any governmental zoning or regulations and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect with respect to the property.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above, from time to time, as needed at the sole discretion of the Trustee.

This communication and notice is an attempt to collect a debt and any information or funds collected or garnered hereby or as a result hereby may be used for purposes of collecting the debt.

This 6th day of January, 2025.

STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ.,
Trustee

This notice will run in The Knoxville Focus for 3 consecutive weeks: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, and Jan. 27, 2025.

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SEAN NANCE

IN RE: MA'LAYAH AMIRRAH NANCE
BY: BRANDIE RYESSHA NICOLE JACKSON
Vs.
CIERRA AUDREANA TRAMMELL
and SEAN TRAE NANCE
NO. 209848-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SEAN NANCE, 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 SEAN NANCE, it is ordered that said defendant, SEAN NANCE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with ALEX D. BRINSON, an Attorney whose address is 2018 CLINCH AVE., Knoxville, Tennessee 37916, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for

hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 30th day of December, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: RICHARD MANAGAN
IN THE MATTER OF: DELANEY ANN MANAGAN, a minor juvenile
DOB: JUNE 18, 2011

DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
24 JT 78

TO: RICHARD MANAGAN, Respondent and parent of a Female Child born June 18, 2011, in Davidson County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you in the District Court of Davidson County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights of the minor child. You are required to answer the Petition and make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice on January 13, 2025. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Raini K. Singleton, Attorney for Petitioner
Penry Terry & Mitchell LLP
NC State Bar No. 60444
17 East Center Street
Post Office Box 626
Lexington, NC 27293
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This notice will run in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks: January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2025.

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DAVID W. RICHWINE, ANGELA RICHWINE, and AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants

IN RE: CASCADE VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC., PLAINTIFF
V. DAVID W. RICHWINE, ANGELA RICHWINE, and AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants

NO. 209345-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing by sworn Affidavit, that the residence and whereabouts of DAVID W. RICHWINE and ANGELA RICHWINE, Defendants herein, cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, and that personal service of process cannot be had upon said Defendants; service of process by publication is hereby ORDERED, and said Defendant(s) are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Complaint filed herein by Plaintiff, Cascade Villas Condominiums Association, Inc., whose attorney is Kevin C. Stevens, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, Tennessee, once weekly for four consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of January, 2025.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN VON MANN

IN RE: 5900 GROVE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918
ESTATE OF MARILYN VON MANN, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. 89549-1
FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

From the sworn Petition for Sale of Real Property and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that any Heirs are unknown and the residence(s) of the respondent(s) is/are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, or respondent(s) is/are a non-resident(s) of this state.

It is therefore ORDERED that any Unknown Heirs shall be served by publication of the following notice in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, as provided by law.

TO: Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Marilyn Von Mann

It is ordered that said Unknown Heirs, file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Felicia Coalson, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of Marilyn Von Mann located at 5900 Grove Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918 will be sold.

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

This 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

JOHN F. WEAVER
Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, MELODIE DANIELS, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, AND MELODIE DANIELS

IN RE: DCS REALTY, LLC vs. PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, MELODIE DANIELS, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PAUL ROBERT DANIELS AND MELODIE DANIELS

NO. 209527-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants

PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, MELODIE DANIELS, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, AND MELODIE DANIELS, 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 PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, MELODIE DANIELS,

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, AND MELODIE DANIELS, it is ordered that said defendants, PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, MELODIE DANIELS, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF PAUL ROBERT DANIELS, AND MELODIE DANIELS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RYAN S. WORTLEY, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 22nd day of January, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK DANIEL ALFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 90417-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARK DANIEL ALFORD, who died November 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 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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARK DANIEL ALFORD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMBER NICOLE ALFORD
114 CASH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD C. BARBER
DOCKET NUMBER 90408-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RICHARD C. BARBER, who died December 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RICHARD C. BARBER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEWART COOPER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT HENRY CALDWELL, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90396-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of Albert Henry Caldwell, Jr., who died January 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALBERT HENRY CALDWELL, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN AL CALDWELL
8217 PEBBLE POINT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

JONATHAN D. REED, ATTORNEY
KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE SUIT

TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS OF KNOX COUNTY

Knox County Chancery Court lawsuits are now being prepared by the Delinquent Tax Attorney for collection of all delinquent 2023 Knox County Taxes.

The Knox County Chancery Court Lawsuits will be filed on or after March 1, 2025 in Chancery Court.

You are advised that after February 28, 2025 additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office.

SUCH ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND COSTS MAY INCLUDE INTEREST, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES AND PENALTIES ON EACH PARCEL

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO AVOID THIS COSTLY PROCEDURE.

You may make payment at the following Knox County Trustee locations:

- KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE ONLINE - <http://www.knoxcounty.org/trustee/>
 - MAIN OFFICE - 400 Main Street - 215-2305 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
 - HALLS - Center - 7328 Norris Freeway - 215-3461 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
 - SOUTH - 7339 Chapman Highway - 577-3680 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
 - CEDAR BLUFF - 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road - 215-8555 - (Mon.-Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
 - EAST - 4734 Centerline Drive - 258-3516 - (Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 5:00pm)
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Justin Biggs
KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE
trustee@knoxcounty.org

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT R. CAMPBELL
DOCKET NUMBER 90406-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT R. CAMPBELL, who died December 6, 2024, were issued to the referenced Personal Representatives 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 creditors received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This, the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT R. CAMPBELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT R. CAMPBELL, JR.
5537 STANFORD DRIVE
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

WILLARD B. CAMPBELL
7138 SIR ARTHUR WAY,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CADY CAMPBELL WILSON
153 RIVERBRIAR DRIVE
FRANKLIN, TN 37069

DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD THOMAS CATE
DOCKET NUMBER 90416-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RICHARD THOMAS CATE, who died on October 14, 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RICHARD THOMAS CATE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA LYNNE CATE

CHARLES H. CHILD, ATTORNEY
SLOANE R. DAVIS, ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY JAMES CHAPMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90340-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration, as the case may

be) in respect of the Estate of LARRY JAMES CHAPMAN, who died on November 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to 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 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY JAMES CHAPMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH JANE CHAPMAN
7354 BELLINGHAM DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

JOHN M. NEAL, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 51930
KNOXVILLE, TN 37950

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAY F. COX
DOCKET NUMBER 90407-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of RAY F. COX, deceased, who died on November 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RAY F. COX
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURA LUALLEN
400 CONTENTMENT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT G. DAY
DOCKET NUMBER 90353-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT G. DAY, who died Nov. 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE FADNEK DOCKET NUMBER 90426-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LOUISE FADNEK, who died November 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE FADNEK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RYAN FADNEK, CO-EXECUTOR
5017 MAGIC LANTERN DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MICHAEL FADNEK, CO-EXECUTOR
7720 KESWICK ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

BRENDEN S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONNIE LEE GIBSON DOCKET NUMBER 90444-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RONNIE LEE GIBSON, who died Nov. 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RONNIE LEE GIBSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC GIBSON, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
8305 CHAUVIN LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

RONALD GIBSON, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
3200 GAZEBO POINT WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY MARIE HAMMOCK DOCKET NUMBER 90443-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY MARIE HAMMOCK, who died Aug. 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY MARIE HAMMOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA HOLLAND, EXECUTRIX
6818 SAM TILLERY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS DOCKET NUMBER 90027-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS, who died August 10, 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 17 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA SMITH
112 KINGSTON STREET
LENOIR CITY, TN 37721

LENOIR CITY, TN 37721

AMANDA SMITH, ATTORNEY
112 KINGSTON STREET
LENOIR CITY, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PETER MARK HORODYSKY DOCKET NUMBER 90410-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PETER MARK HORODYSKY, who died November 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PETER MARK HORODYSKY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA H. BAYNE ADMINISTRATOR,
222 WHEAT RIDGE TRACE
OLIVER SPRINGS, TN 37840

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 90344-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON, deceased, who died on the 9th day of March, 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 the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSS WILLIAM SHELTON, JR.
5905 MCGINNIS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAREN ALICE LAMBECK DOCKET NUMBER 90418-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN ALICE LAMBECK, who died December 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KAREN ALICE LAMBECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANICE SLYMAN
646 BROCHARDT BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

GLENNVA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE 0200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THERESA ANN LEA DOCKET NUMBER 90411-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of THERESA ANN LEA, who died August 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County 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 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THERESA ANN LEA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GAVIN KANE
5212 JACKSBORO PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

REGAN D. CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA DOCKET NUMBER 90129-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA, who died were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR
900 S. GAY ST., #800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL,
DIVISION OF TENN CARE
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD, 3 WEST
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARTHUR F. LONG, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90440-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARTHUR F. LONG, JR., who died Oct. 30, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ARTHUR F. LONG, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN B. YOUNG, EXECUTRIX
7914 THORN GROVE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL S. MILLS DOCKET NUMBER 90105-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL S. MILLS who died July 28, 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 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL S. MILLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON ADAM MILLS, EXECUTOR
127 MACEDONIA CHURCH ROAD
ANDERSONVILLE, TN 37705

DARRICK L. EDMONDSON, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 789
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT DOCKET NUMBER 90438-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT, who died Nov. 23, 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 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 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANITA MAE SHIPLEY, EXECUTRIX
5300 DANIELS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARRY WAYNE NORMAN DOCKET NUMBER 90402-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of HARRY WAYNE NORMAN, who died on November 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 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HARRY WAYNE NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA DORSEY, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
6600 RIDGE RUN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 27921

JENNIFER MARLOW, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
155 EAGLE CREEK ROAD NW
CLEVELAND, TN 37312

S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS PEASE DOCKET NUMBER 90359-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS PEASE, who died Oct. 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DORIS PEASE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL DAVID PEASE, EXECUTOR
3307 WEXGATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA COLE PETERS DOCKET NUMBER 90423-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA COLE PETERS, who died November 11, 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

THE ESTATE OF BARBARA COLE PETERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN G. PETERS, EXECUTOR
624 LITTLE TURKEY LANE
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOLLIE R. PORTER DOCKET NUMBER 90414-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOLLIE R. PORTER, who died November 11, 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

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Young players help Webb end losing streak against Lady Irish

By Ken Lay

Greg Hernandez didn't need anyone to tell him that Webb School of Knoxville's girls basketball team hadn't beaten its Cedar Bluff area rival, Knoxville Catholic, since the 2022-23 season.

The Lady Spartans' second-year head coach didn't have to be reminded that he'd never won against the Lady Irish as Webb's coach.

Well, thanks to his team's 57-50 victory at Catholic Thursday night, he won't have to hear about those things anymore.

While he prepared his

team for the rivalry showdown against the Lady Irish, he approached the contest as if it were just another game.

"My assistants gave me a hard time in the sense of, 'What do you mean, it's just another game?' I didn't want to feed into it," Hernandez said. "I know how many we had lost.

"I just felt like if we came in here and did what we needed to do, that should be enough."

It was certainly "enough" as the Lady Spartans improved to 19-3 overall

and 3-0 in Region II-AA East Region play.

Catholic (12-11, 1-1) won its second consecutive state championship last season and knocked off the Lady Spartans four times along the way.

Thursday night's matchup was tight early but Webb never trailed as they turned the tables against their heated rivals. The Lady Spartans were clinging to a narrow 15-12 advantage by the end of the first quarter. But things didn't stay close for long as Webb held the Lady Irish to just seven

points in the second stanza and extended its advantage to 29-19 by halftime.

The Lady Spartans followed up their second-quarter surge with a 17-6 run in the third stanza. They led 46-25 heading into the final eight minutes of the contest.

Webb snapped its losing streak to Catholic despite the fact that its star player, Meeyah Green, scored just four points.

The Lady Spartans, however, got an offensive spark from some of their younger

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PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS.

Webb guard Harper Ladd (4) shoots as Catholic's Tensley Walker throws a block in the Lady Spartans' victory over the Lady Irish Thursday at Catholic High.

Spartans notch comeback victory at Catholic

By Ken Lay

Webb School of Knoxville's boys basketball team took sole possession of first place in the Division II-AA East Region standings with a road win against Knoxville Catholic Thursday night.

The Spartans survived an upset bid from the Irish and notched a 61-54 victory before a packed and spirited house at Catholic High.

Webb (22-3 overall, 3-0 in the region) took control of the contest when Wilson Luton buried a 3-pointer, giving the Spartans a 55-45 lead with 2 minutes, 38 seconds remaining.

But early on, it didn't look like the Spartans were going to beat anybody. Catholic came out blazing and opened a 9-0 lead when Carson Asbaty, who finished with 23 points, scored with 3:45 remaining in the opening frame, forcing Webb

coach Ricky Norris to call a timeout.

"It was disappointing," Norris said of his team's slow start. "We've got an older team and we've played a really tough schedule against some high-quality teams, and to come out and look like we hadn't been in that environment before was real disappointing.

"I was shocked a little bit, but more importantly, I was just disappointed. We can't do that. We're too experienced and there's too much talent on this team to come out and start a game that way."

Webb would eventually break out and overcome a start that saw it miss multiple early shots and commit several turnovers. The Spartans would make it 13-7 by first quarter's end and they would do enough to take a 24-21 lead at halftime.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The West Valley girls' Knox County AAA basketball champions and cheerleaders celebrate another championship in Coach Josh Ballard's program.

West Valley girls roll to AAA title, 52-26

By Steve Williams

It didn't take long for the West Valley Middle School girls basketball team to take control and capture the Knox County Schools' Class AAA district championship at South-Doyle Middle's Pete Stafford Sports Complex Wednesday night.

The Lady Wolves doubled the score on Hardin Valley Academy, 52-26, as Janiya Turner scored 17 points, Reese Underwood 13 and Emery Cooper 11. Liv Walker added six points.

Cooper scored nine of her 11 points in the second period as West Valley stretched a 10-5 first period advantage to 28-12 by halftime.

Annabelle Holmes led Hardin Valley with 11 points. Brynn Williams and

Maimai Nogom each added five points.

"We've been putting in the work since September," said WV Head Coach Josh Ballard after the game. "The girls come to practice every day. The eighth graders are our leaders. They show us how to be good teammates and how to work. And through our work, of course, we put ourselves in position with the talent we have to come out here and play a good game against a good team and represented our school well.

"The key to the win is actually the girls and their mentality to be unselfish."

Underwood, the daughter of Bearden High School girls head

coach Justin Underwood, made the All-Tournament team along with teammate Jaide Patel.

"She (Patel) maybe didn't score the most points, but she affected their bigs (by being) able to get a lot of hands in the passing lanes and get some steals (and) rebounded hard," said Coach Ballard. "Sometimes those things go overlooked.

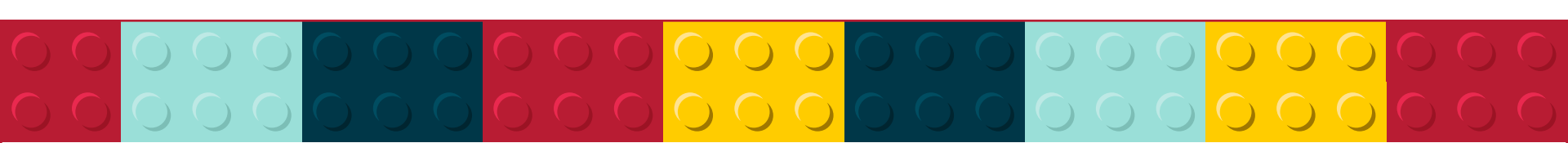
"That defense gets our offense going for sure and Jaide did a great job with that."

The Lady Wolves have a lot of good guards.

"Absolutely," said Ballard. "We're very versatile."

Coach Ballard noted too that all five

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Golden Bears run past Cedar Bluff to win third straight county title

By Ken Lay

Playing with a nucleus of eighth graders who have been on the hardwood together for three years, the Vine Middle School boys basketball team cruised to its third consecutive Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference Class AA Tournament Championship late last week.

The Golden Bears started fast and ran past Cedar Bluff 72-32 Thursday night in the tournament championship game at Gibbs Middle School.

The game was a rematch of last year's title tilt between Vine and the Giants. The Golden Bears won that game 36-25 at CBMS.

Vine, which lost its regular-season finale to Class AAA regular-season and tournament champion Bearden, used its only setback of the season as motivation.

"We lost that game to Bearden, and that was a great game, and that humbled us a little bit," Vine coach Jadarius Suber said. "This group won it as sixth graders and seventh graders and now, they've won it as eighth graders."



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

The Vine Middle School boys basketball team celebrates its third consecutive Knox County Middle School Class AA Tournament Championship. The Golden Bears defeated Cedar Bluff at Gibbs Wednesday night to claim the crown.

Suber, however, said he and his team are not satisfied with another county title. The Golden Bears want to make history by becoming the first team from Knoxville to win a state tournament.

"We want that trophy from Murfreesboro and we want to be the first team

from Knoxville to win a state championship," he said.

Well, the Golden Bears took their first step toward the Midstate in emphatic and impressive fashion as they raced out to a 15-8 lead against the Giants.

Vine never trailed in the contest and extended their

advantage to 20 points by halftime.

The Golden Bears held the Giants off the scoreboard for the first 3 minutes, 56 seconds of the second stanza and led 36-16 at halftime.

Cedar Bluff finally made its first basket of the frame when Kymoni Smith

converted a bucket. He scored 12 of his 14 points before halftime.

After halftime, the Golden Bears continued to build their lead. Vine led 60-26 after the third stanza and if Cedar Bluff coach J.T. Hicks could take solace in one thing, it was that Thursday night's loss didn't

end his squad's 2024-25 season.

"They were just better than us," Hicks said. "I'm really proud of these kids, these eighth graders. I've had four of them for three years and they're like sons to me.

"The good thing about this is that the sectionals (in middle school) are like the regionals in high school. It's a second chance, and if we win the next four games, we'll be state champs. But it will be a tall order."

Vine had three players score 10-plus points against the Giants. Kavion Stinson led the way with 18 points. Julius Young added 16 and Jahmir Kimbrough added 14.

The Golden Bears and Cedar Bluff will open sectional play on Feb. 1.

All-Tournament Team

Vine had three players named to the all-tournament team, including Julius Young, Jahmir Kimbrough and William Dixson, who scored four points in the championship game. Jaimen Barrett and Kymoni Smith were selected to the squad from Cedar Bluff.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

The Gibbs Middle School girls basketball team defeated rival Carter to win its second straight KCMSBC Class AA Tournament title. The Lady Eagles prevailed on their home court Wednesday night in Corryton.

Lady Eagles claim second consecutive Class AA MS championship

By Ken Lay

In an event that appeared somewhat uneventful, Gibbs Middle School's girls basketball team won its second consecutive Knox County Middle School Class AA Tournament on its home floor.

The Lady Eagles concluded a perfect league and conference postseason tournament run with a 55-30 victory over rival Carter Wednesday night at Gibbs Middle School.

With the victory, Corryton's resident girls middle school basketball team claimed a second straight tournament crown and clinched a bid in the state sectional tournament, which opens Feb. 1. The end goal for any basketball team is to win championships but for Gibbs and its coach, C.H. Qualls, what happened after the victory was much more important.

It was then when Qualls honored the team's biggest inspiration.

"We have a seventh grader on our team, Eden Shockley, and she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma," Qualls said. "She played in every JV game and every varsity game except on days when she had treatments.

"She just had her last treatment and she's cancer free now. Our team rallied around her. This is a big sisterhood. We were supposed to honor her during another game, but it snowed. And there was no way that I wasn't going to honor that kid."

That was the big reason that the Lady Eagles had to celebrate after the victory netted them a second straight tournament championship.

The win came rather easily as Gibbs controlled the contest from the outset, opening an 11-6 lead in the first quarter. Despite enduring some offensive troubles out of the gate, the Lady Eagles never trailed. They all but sealed their

championship with a 19-4 second-quarter surge that gave them a 30-10 advantage at halftime.

In Wednesday night's title game, it was eighth grader Rebekah Spierdowis that carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Lady Eagles. She led all scorers with 29 points, many that came as the result of offensive rebounds as she was a dominant force on the glass.

She was the only Gibbs player to post double figures in the scoring column. Natalie Brown added eight points and Caroline Howard finished with five.

"Rebekah was big for us," Qualls said. "We started three eighth graders and two seventh graders and we have a team where every player, 1-through-12 can step up for us."

Gibbs, which features one of the deepest rosters in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference, prevailed

handily in the contest, but the Lady Hornets also took plenty of positives away from the title game as they will also play in the State Sectionals.

"We had a young team and we started a bunch of sixth graders," Carter coach Dalton Freels said. "I'm super proud of these girls for making it here.

"The future is bright for these girls and for Carter Middle School. I'm proud of this group for the way they represent Carter Middle School."

Callie Tull and Paisley Leach scored 12 points each for the Lady Hornets.

All-Tournament Team

Rebekah Spierdowis, Bri Banks and Natalie Brown represented the Lady Eagles on the all-tournament team. Paisley Leach and Callie Tull were named to the squad from Carter.

Halls girls fight back to take third place

By Steve Williams

Trailing throughout the first half, the Halls Middle School girls team came alive in the second half and fought off Gresham 37-35 to take third place in the Knox County AAA tournament at South-Doyle Middle Wednesday night.

A 10-3 spurt in the third period gave Halls a 24-21 lead. But it still wasn't over as the Lady Gladiators got the lead back at 30-26. Back-to-back 3-point shots, however, by Halls' Lola Widener and Sophia Marlow gave the Lady Demons the lead (32-30) for good with 2:10 remaining in the game.

With the victory, Halls (19-4) will advance in the TMSAA tournament and play its next game Saturday at Hardin Valley Academy.

"The key of pulling off our win was eliminating

their offensive drive," said Halls Coach Brooke Raiden. "Our girls locked in and started knocking down shots and we made stops on the defensive end. We rebounded better in the second half and we did not give them any second chances.

"This group of girls works hard," added Coach Raiden. "We focus on playing hard for four quarters and we did that. This group's fight is incredible."

Fiona Brewer and Widener led Halls with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Marlow added six points, McClain Turner five and Addie Chipman three.

Gresham's Sasha Foster poured in a game-high 20 points, including four 3-pointers, and was named to the All-Tournament team.

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West Valley girls roll to AAA title, 52-26

Cont. from page 1 of his starters are seventh graders and will return next season.

West Valley is 25-3 overall and has been undefeated in Knox County the last two seasons.

The Lady Wolves earned a first-round bye in the Sectional and will play in the quarterfinals Feb. 3 in Clinton.

West Valley lost to Maryville by three points in last year's Sectional quarterfinals.

Ballard has been coaching for 18 seasons and is

in his 11th year at West Valley. He has guided the Lady Wolves to the finals of the Knox County tournament six out of the last seven seasons and they have captured five titles in that span. Before coming to West Valley, he coached at Cedar Bluff.

"We have eight girls with a 4.0 (GPA) on our team," added Ballard. "So it's more than just basketball for this program and that's what makes it such a blessing to coach there and I'm very thankful to do so."

The storm was building as kickoff approached

It's still only January, but the memories of football seasons past are with us on an almost daily basis. It doesn't take much to get the memory bank

By Tom Mattingly

charged up. Someone says, "I remember the time," and the discussion gets hot and heavy. It's no place for faint hearts.

One dominant recollection from across the years was the Friday afternoon walk-through at an opposing stadium. The team plane landed uneventfully, and the team buses headed to the stadium. In those days, everything was quiet, but the storm was building as kickoff approached the next day. It's a time that fans of both sides realize the game is at hand.

If you listened carefully, however, the echoes of Saturday afternoons and evenings past could be carefully discerned. There was enough history in the air to satisfy the most hardened observer. Mention any game or season and a flood of remembrances of the good times following players wearing orange and white come quickly.

If you happened to be

standing on Legion Field, there was always a visit to the west side, north end, 31-yard line. That was the spot Tennessee defensive back Albert Dorsey picked off a Ken Stabler pass, one of three he grabbed in the fourth quarter. School was out at 24-13.

That was the game Doug Dickey said was the key moment in his coaching tenure in Knoxville. Tennessee's Mike Jones and Alabama's Dennis Homan fought it out on the cover of the next week's Sports Illustrated.

You could also go to the east side, south end 34-yard line. That's where Alan Cockrell checked off and sent Johnnie Jones around the left end on a play historically called "The Run," also known as "49 Option," 66 yards for a score. The memory is fresh of Jones emerging from the press box shadows into the bright sunshine at the northeast corner where the Tennessee fans were sitting.

At Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Vol fans could recall defensive back Jason Allen, an Alabama native, making the defensive stop that brought an end to a five-overtime struggle. Mike Hamilton was there, wearing an orange blazer, to welcome



The scoreboard at Miami tells the tale as Tennessee takes a memorable 10-6 decision in November 2003.

Jason home.

If you thought about the Orange Bowl in Miami, you could find the spot near the 33-yard line, west end, from which Vol placekicker Karl Kremser lined up the potential game-winner against Oklahoma on New Year's Night 1968.

Alas, the Orange Bowl is not there anymore, however, having been demolished in 2008.

If you were at LSU, you could go to the southeast end and see where Steve DeLong and pals made the stop in the 1964 game that ended 3-3, another key game in Dickey's career. That was also the end zone where LSU ran two pass plays in four seconds to beat Ole Miss 17-16 in 1972. Billy Cannon started his famous Halloween night punt return from that

end, an 89-yard up the east sideline that helped defeat Ole Miss 7-3 in 1959.

If the game were at Notre Dame, you could hear John Majors talk about games when he was at Pitt in the mid-1970s. He once said the turf at Notre Dame Stadium "reminded him of a Kansas wheat field." It was also fascinating to be in the dressing room tunnel in which Miami and Notre Dame once slugged it out in the famous "Catholics versus Convicts" game or the visiting team dressing room that came complete with television monitor.

The memory is still fresh of the 1991 game, the contest in which the Vols rallied from 31-7 down to win 35-34. No Tennessee fan could forget the last frantic moment when Jeremy Lincoln blocked the final Notre Dame field goal attempt.

If the game were being played at Florida Field, you could stand on either 1-yard line and visualize a 99-yard touchdown drive, one that happened quickly from south to north in 1977, the famed Kelsey Finch TD run. The other was a more workmanlike drive in 1971, north to south, capped by a TD pass from quarterback Phil Pierce to wide receiver Stan Trott.

You could also go to the

northeast corner, where officials adjudged a Florida punt going out of bounds inside the Tennessee 1, with Bill Battle earning one of the shortest penalties in the history of the Vol program. Game officials assessed the unsportsmanlike conduct foul by picking the ball up and setting it back down. The ball didn't move. It was that close to the goal.

If you were at Auburn, you could go to the south 33-yard line and imagine a 67-yard TD run in 1998 by Jamal Lewis that was a thing of beauty, happening shortly before he banged up a knee and was lost for the season.

You could also go to the north end 1-yard line, the spot at which Vol defenders stopped Auburn four consecutive times after a turnover had put Vol fortunes in serious jeopardy. Raynoch Thompson led the Vol defensive charge in one of the most memorable moments of that national championship season.

That's the beauty of it all, that the memory banks really don't have to work overtime. That's due to the power of history, the power of watching and listening carefully.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bearden holds off West Valley, 42-41

By Steve Williams

The Bearden Middle School boys team and its fans won a nail biter in the Knox County AAA championship game Thursday night.

With the Bulldogs leading by one point, West Valley had the ball and a chance to win. The Wolves' Bode Maupin, who already had hit three 3-pointers in

- Middle School AAA All-Tourney honorees**
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- Sasha Foster, Gresham
 - Lola Widener, Halls
 - Reese Underwood, W.Valley
 - Reese Gallaway, Hardin Valley
 - Jaide Patel, West Valley

- Boys**
- Ayden Perry, Hardin Valley
 - Caleb Murray, West Valley
 - Ben McDonald, West Valley
 - Paxton Tedford, Bearden
 - Brian Tate, Bearden

the game, got a good look at the basket from the left wing, but his shot missed and Bearden got away with a 42-41 win.

Both teams will advance in post-season play.

Paxton Tedford (12 points) and Brian Tate (11 points) both made the All-Tournament team and led Bearden's balanced attack. Jamerson Moore and Isaac Kannah contributed nine and eight points, respectively.

West Valley got 15 points from Maupin and 13 points from Caleb Murray, who also fired in three 3-pointers.

Longtime Bearden Coach Ben Zorio said: "Switching to a 1-2-2 defense -- we were man-to-man prior to that -- during the fourth quarter when West Valley had the lead and our players being very active and aggressive in the 1-2-2 was key in us retaking the lead."

Zorio took a quick timeout



Bearden Middle's boys basketball team (20-1) shows its gold trophy, medals and awards after defeating West Valley for the Knox County AAA tournament title Thursday night at South-Doyle Middle School.

with 4:50 on the fourth period clock when Maupin connected on a 3-pointer to give West Valley a 37-32 lead.

Bearden got the lead back (40-39) on a steal and

layup by Tedford.

A layup by Tate with 31.7 seconds to go, following an interception by Dontae Campbell, gave the Bulldogs their 42-41 lead.

"We got down in the

fourth quarter and kept showing heart and fight," said Coach Zorio. "It wasn't our best game, but as they say in tournament play, you survive and advance. And in a championship game

(like this) you survive and win."

Bearden (20-1) will advance to Sectional play at Clinton Middle School on Feb. 5 and play a team to be determined.

Fourth period eruption lifts Hawks to victory

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Talented Williams means a lot to Lady Falcons

By Steve Williams

Dee Williams missed the Fulton High girls' basketball game against Carter Jan. 15 and the Lady Falcons lost 54-41.

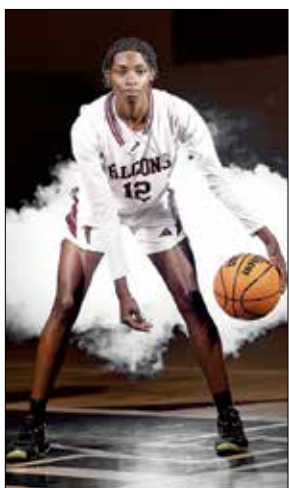
"Damieona was hospitalized for two days with severe flu-like symptoms," said Fulton Coach Tony Cooper.

She returned to action Saturday, Jan. 18, and led the Lady Falcons to a win over Austin-East and followed that game with another good showing in a win over Seymour.

Her absence showed how much she means to her team.

"Dee is an extraordinary player, truly one of a kind," said Coach Cooper last week. "In my coaching experience, she stands out as the most athletic girl I've ever had the privilege to work with. Each game, she consistently dominates the stats, showcasing her unique athleticism. With Dee on our team, we always have a strong opportunity to secure a victory. She is approaching a milestone of 1,000 career rebounds."

In her return, Williams had six points, 11 rebounds, two steals



Fulton Coach Tony Cooper calls the Lady Falcons' Dee Williams "truly one of a kind."

and two blocks against A-E. Against Seymour, she had five points, five rebounds, six steals and three blocks.

Spartans notch comeback victory at Catholic

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The Irish (15-5, 1-1) had seen their team battle the flu over the past few days and one of the players who was hit the hardest by the illness has been an offensive leader all season. Cade Murphy scored 15 points despite not feeling up to par. He scored nine of his points in the final frame to keep the Irish within striking distance.

"He did everything to prepare himself to help our team today," Irish coach JaJuan Smith said of Murphy. "I'm just glad that he was able to play with us."

Smith noted that Asbaty

was the only Catholic player not to experience recent flu-like symptoms and he credited his team for its effort against the Spartans.

"They showed up to school today ready to play," Smith said. "We tried to go with what we had and they fought."

"They fought hard today."

The Irish's effort also impressed Norris, Webb's veteran head coach.

"You've got to give Catholic a lot of credit tonight," Norris said. "They've had a lot of guys who have missed some time with practices and I thought they did some things that caused us not to play well."

"Coach Smith had them ready to go. They gave us fits tonight."

Owen Lentz led the Spartans, who have reeled off nine consecutive wins, with 15 points. Cam Swarengen added 11.

After falling behind by 10 late, Catholic had one last gasp as it pulled to within 57-54, when Asbaty buried a long-range jumper with one minute left. The Spartans turned the ball over on their ensuing possession and Asbaty missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer a short time later before Webb scored the last four points of the contest.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS.

Webb's Shavar Young (33) attempts to dribble while Catholic's Cade Murphy defends during the Spartans' comeback victory over the Irish last week at Catholic.

Young players help Webb end losing streak against Lady Irish

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players. Sophomore guard Cailyn Taylor scored 22 points, while freshman center Kyndall Mays finished with 16 points and six rebounds. Freshman guard Zahnyah Rockett also chipped in with 13 points for Webb.

"Everybody kind of takes their turns because we share the wealth so well," Hernandez said. "I'm lucky I've got a lot of good players, young players."

Amaya Redd led the Lady Irish with 14 points and Maggie Frana added 11.

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