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Gay Street Bridge gets additional city funding for repairs

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Temporary repairs to the Gay Street Bridge were allocated an additional \$100,500 Tuesday when the Knoxville City Council met. The funds, going to Gresham Smith Inc., bump the contract amount to \$448,500. The bridge was closed to all vehicular traffic because of serious structural

problems and total repairs may come to \$2 million.

The city plans to secure the bridge enough to permit pedestrian and bicycle traffic and possibly be used when needed for emergency vehicles.

The idea of allowing city buses to cross the bridge was discussed and drew some comments from the council as to safety and how those vehicles might interfere

with pedestrian use. Ellen Zavisca and Drew Harper of YES Knoxville spoke in favor of the repairs and pedestrian use of the span linking downtown to South Knoxville. They suggested the use of "Always Stop" indicators at both ends of the bridge, raised intersections at each end to slow traffic, and added that pedestrian use was a "win-win" for the city.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate

said the change would limit access to South Knoxville and asked for an estimate of the cost of a new structure. Mayor Indya Kincannon said the cost of building a new bridge is estimated at \$65 to \$70 million and noted that some state and federal funding will be needed.

"Once you leave the bridge at Sevier Avenue it's not pedestrian-friendly," Councilwoman Amelia

Parker said and called that a "safety concern."

Councilman Charles Thomas said he is "not wedded to KAT buses on the bridge" and Kincannon replied that "maybe one bus or emergency vehicle at a time" but added, "We don't know yet."

Vice Mayor Tommy Smith, who represents South Knoxville, asked if Gresham Smith

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Baptist Eye Surgeons welcome new addition

By Jamie Schnell
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Baptist Eye Surgeons is pleased to announce an exciting new development within the team: the addition of Dr. Heidi Dahl, who officially joined in October 2024. Dr. Dahl is committed to advancing eye health and her passion for patient-centered care aligns perfectly with the mission at Baptist Eye Surgeons, which is to "preserve or restore the gift of sight." The former professional athlete in track and field understands the importance of eye care and says she chose to pursue a career in ophthalmic surgery to "enhance the quality of life for her patients." Dr. Dahl completed her

medical studies at ETSU and her residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

What is a simple eye-care tip?

"Always wear safety glasses," Dr. Dahl shared. This simple precaution helps protect your eyes from potential hazards and injuries from any activity where debris may be present.

The Utah native will work alongside Drs. Andrew Anzeljc, Marc Bodenheimer, Adam Carrera, Janis Holt, J. Franklin Murchison, Austin Nave, Paul Pruett, Darin Smith, Erik Sweet and Sherry Tilley, OD. Baptist Eye Surgeons has been

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Dr. Heidi Dahl is the newest team member at Baptist Eye Surgeons.

Charter task force begins a look at Knoxville Council rules

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The members of the Knoxville Charter Task Force met last week to begin reviewing the city's charter with a focus on the rules of council meetings. Councilwoman Lynne Fugate led the meeting which included some current council members, two past council members, and a former deputy mayor.

Bill Lyons told the meeting that two University of Tennessee Baker Center representatives will assist in adopting and reviewing proposals that will eventually go before the full city council for approval.

After getting suggestions from task force members on which

parts of the charter they wanted to be discussed, Fugate said she was surprised by the large number of suggested changes. At least 13 changes to the language of the charter were suggested and the process to decide on suggested changes could take months.

Some of the suggested changes include considering two public forums to deal with specific items and open public comments, establishing a calendar for committee reports, establishing an official "Rules Committee," establishing or changing the length of time for speakers, possibly passing "second readings" of zoning changes, and listing the

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Specialty equipment, customer care at Next Level

By Ken Leinart

Jay Linx and his company, Next Level DME, have a great American story.

It blends patriotism and the call to service, overcoming adversity, acquiring knowledge and getting better for it, growing, and most importantly, helping others.

Linx is a United States Navy veteran. He was working in another profession, living the dream as it were.

Then he was in an accident where he suffered burns over a good portion of his body. His recovery was a stream of hospital visits and skin grafts. There was also a need for specialized medical equipment he wasn't familiar with.

He changed that.

Next Level DME was built



Next Level DME has two locations in East Tennessee: 208 Montvue Avenue in Morristown (pictured) and 1358 Dolly Parton Parkway, Sevierville.

as a result of his personal journey.

He started out with a franchise in Morristown of

a medical equipment company and for five years that partnership worked.

"I was with that company

for five years before we branched out on our own," Linx said. "We were limited in the things we could do

and we were doing things that weren't part of the original set up.

"We took it to the next

level."

So, by mutual agreement, Next Level DME was born. "DME" stands for Durable Medical Equipment and for Linx it's more than just offering the equipment, it's also a service for those needing the equipment.

There are numerous reasons that holds true.

The equipment includes chair lifts, mobility scooters, stair lifts, vertical platform lifts, specialized bedding, specialized tubs and showers (walk-in showers and tubs made for handicap access), and home elevators.

The Morristown location served an area from Gatlinburg to Johnson City, but with the largest inventory

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Trump Is Right – Cut Everything, Even Bloated Defense Budget

From a distance



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President Trump made a very strong statement on Feb. 13 which will be revolutionary in nature if he can carry it out.

He said there is no reason that we should be spending a trillion dollars a year on the military and that we should cut defense spending in half.

He also said we should not be building any more nuclear weapons when we already have enough to destroy the world 50 or 100 times over.

Trump added that he hoped to get commitments from Russia and China to

do the same.

He said: “There’s no reason for us to be building brand new nuclear weapons, we already have so many. You could destroy the world 50 times over, 100 times over. And here we are building new nuclear weapons, and they’re building nuclear weapons.”

Barron’s, the leading business publication, reported the statement under this headline: “Trump Sends Shockwave Through Defense Stocks, Says Military Spending Could Be Halved.”

The next day defense stocks had their biggest one-day drop ever. Four days later, on Feb. 17, Newsweek reported that Washington, D.C., housing prices “are being slashed as the efforts of Donald Trump and Elon Musk to shrink the size of the U.S. federal workforce have employees uncertain about their future.”

Trump’s statement was

made when discussing upcoming talks with Russia and China. He said: “One of the first meetings I want to have is with President Xi of China and President Putin of Russia. I want to say let’s cut our military budgets in half and spend the money on other things.”

This was music to my ears. I had written in my column on Jan. 20, Inauguration Day, that “because of Trump’s statements through the years about having an American-First foreign policy, I am very hopeful that he will be a very anti-war, peace President like Eisenhower was.”

I know that many millions hate Trump with great passion, but I hope they can get past this hatred to at least support him in this area. All peace-loving Americans should get behind this effort.

It will be very difficult, because both U.S. political parties have tried to prove their patriotism by

supporting increases in defense spending every year.

U.S. defense spending is now more than double what Russia and China spend combined. In fact, we spend more on the military than the next nine countries combined. Much of it is simply foreign aid.

And the big defense contractors have worked, possibly in collusion, to put their spending into almost every state and most congressional districts.

The Defense Department, too, has spread its spending into every district.

President Eisenhower, in one of the earliest drafts of his famous farewell address, planned to criticize what he called the “military-industrial-congressional” complex. However, he and/or his advisors decided to remove the “congressional” part from the final speech.

In that speech, Eisenhower spoke of the “grave

implications” of our “immense military establishment and a large arms industry.”

In this speech, he was echoing one of our other greatest military leaders, George Washington, who in his farewell address warned that large military establishments are “inauspicious to liberty” and are “particularly hostile to republican liberty.”

James Madison, writing in the Federalist Papers, said liberty would be “crushed between standing armies and perpetual taxes,” and that “the best possible precaution against danger from standing armies is a limitation of the term for which revenue may be appropriated to their support.”

The problem with having an immense military is not only the cost but also the eagerness to go to war. As President Clinton’s Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, once said: “What’s the point of having this

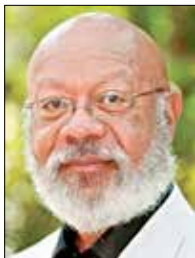
superb military....if we can’t use it.” She was greatly criticized for this remark.

I wish someone close to President Trump would show him this story from the book “Ike’s Bluff” by Evan Thomas: “When Defense Secretary Neil McElroy warned him [Eisenhower] that further cuts would harm national security, Eisenhower acerbically replied, ‘If you go to any military installation in the world where the American flag is flying and tell the commander that Ike says he will give him an extra star for his shoulder if he cuts his budget, there’ll be such a rush to cut costs that you’ll have to get out of the way.’”

If we have any realistic hope of avoiding the inflation that has destroyed the economies of most countries, every federal department and agency must be cut. If we don’t, our Social Security and other pensions and savings will be worth very little.

The Trump Doctrine and Palestinian Diaspora

Trump’s crazy talk (how my sainted mother would have characterized it) is producing results. He threatened Canada and Mexico with tariffs and they strengthened their border security. Mexico is trying to keep illegals and fentanyl out of the States while Canada is trying to keep US liberals from fleeing to Toronto and Montreal. What’s up with Canadian “bacon”? Trump threatened Panama and they have agreed to cut ties with the Hong Kong firm that operates Panama’s ports and have withdrawn from China’s Belt and Road infrastructure program. Then there is Greenland. Trump wants to buy



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it from Denmark who says it’s not for sale. Has anyone asked the Greenlanders (Greenies)? The answer is yes. Sixty percent want to join the US, 37 percent do not, while three percent are not certain what the US is. Greenland is part of North America. It is closer to New York than it is to Copenhagen. A major problem is the premier of Greenland is called “Naalakkersuisut Siulittaasuat.” Hey, if Navajos can speak Dine bizaad (called the world’s most difficult language) then why not Greenlandic? Maybe Greenland could have the same status as American Samoa with its 45,000 residents. (BTW, Christina Thompson’s “Sea People”

tells the story of the amazing travels of the Polynesian peoples in the Pacific and is one of my all-time favorite books). All Trump has to do is to threaten to impose tariffs on Carlsberg beer and the Danes will probably give us the island. Then we will all be saying Ukiortaami pilluarit (good morning), Naak W.C-ii? (where is the bathroom?) and most importantly Sumi baaja ippa? (where is the beer).

So maybe Trump’s proposal to take over Gaza is not so crazy after all. I thought all the reports said that Israel had devastated Hamas and wiped out most of their fighters. Well did you see the mob of masked Hamas fighters surrounding the release of the Israeli hostages? It looked like there were hundreds of Hamas

fighters present seeking to intimidate (further) the Israeli women soldiers who were set free. Maybe Israel ought to rethink this so-called cease-fire because Hamas certainly does not look destroyed to me.

Now I can see why the Israelis embraced Trump’s idea of relocating the Palestinians and taking ownership of Gaza. Why should the Palestinians remain an existential threat to Israel by being their next-door neighbor? Consider that Hamas governed Gaza. Its army then attacked Israel on October 7 inflicting the most Jewish casualties since World War II. Israel then invaded Gaza and by all accounts, Hamas lost. Why should they be allowed to remain on Israel’s doorstep? Yes, I know the detractors will shout “ethnic cleansing,” but so what?

History is replete with the sometimes forcible relocation of ethnic peoples. There were over a million ethnic Poles who

were evicted by the Russians after World War II. The Polish transfers were only a part of the total amount of 20 million ethnic people forced to leave their homes. Following agreements by Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt at Yalta in 1945, three million Sudeten Germans were expelled from their homes in Czechoslovakia to Germany. As many as 12 million German-speaking residents of other European countries were forced to leave their countries and sent to Germany and Austria. To date, I have heard no one clamoring for the return of the Sudeten to their homelands.

In the case of Gaza, the focus has been on sending the Palestinians to their next-door neighbors in Jordan and Egypt – who clearly do not want them. Two million Palestinians are already in Jordan. There are an estimated 3 million in Gaza, 1.6 million in Israel and 3 million

in the West Bank. Syria has less than 500,000 while Egypt has less than 100,000. One can understand why countries would not want a vast number of Palestinian migrants. Going back to Trump’s idea, what would happen if all the Arab countries (excluding Jordan) agreed to take a percentage of the 3 million Palestinians from Gaza? UNESCO identifies 23 Arab countries. So if each of the remaining 22 Arab countries agreed to allow the immigration of 136,363 Palestinians, then no country would have an outsized burden for resettlement. I can just see it now: Trump threatening the Arab world (except Jordan) with 100 percent tariffs unless they take in 136,363 Palestinian immigrants. Ethnic cleansing? Let’s call it ethnic displacement.



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serving patients of all ages across East Tennessee for over 40 years since 1977. They address various eye care needs, including cataracts, diabetic eye disease, eyelid disorders, dry eye syndrome, and retina problems. Additionally, they offer various surgical procedures such as LASIK, reconstructive surgery, cosmetic surgery and eyelid surgery.


“I like the people here, and the staff here, they are all very friendly,” Dr. Dahl told The Knoxville Focus regarding her appreciation

for the local community and staff. “I’m excited to be here and will continue to try my best to take the very best care of the patients in the area.”

Each location offers a range of services to meet your eye care needs. The offices are equipped to provide comprehensive eye care to each community, catering to residents and visitors alike. Each office ensures everyone has access to quality eye care, focusing on the various eye health services and treatments, with

specialized attention to individual needs. These locations include: 4528 Chapman Hwy in Knoxville, 3001 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy in Morristown, 186 Collier Dr. in Pigeon Forge, and Tennessee Valley Eye Center at 140 Capital Dr. Suite 110 in Knoxville.

If you would like to learn more about Baptist Eye Surgeons’ services or have any questions, please visit their website at www.baptist-eye.com. Alternatively, you can call (865)503-5735 to schedule an appointment.



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Publisher's Positions



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City Should Fix The Gay Street Bridge

Folks in South Knoxville are getting increasingly angry with Mayor Indya Kincannon and the decision to close the Gay Street Bridge to automobile traffic. Kincannon made the startling announcement last week that Knoxville will never again allow motorists across it. The Gay Street Bridge has been closed since June. The City of Knoxville government says it is trying to make the Gay Street Bridge safe enough to allow pedestrians, emergency vehicles and KAT buses to cross it. The city council will decide whether or not to appropriate the necessary funds to fix the Gay Street Bridge and make it safe for vehicles again. The original statement - - - that the bridge would never again allow traffic across it - - - caused an outcry from

South Knoxville residents.

The rapid rate of enormous apartment complexes being built at the entrance of the Henley Street bridge and the apartment complexes along Sevier Avenue have already caused a bottleneck with few ways of egress outside of coming out directly onto Chapman Highway. In fact, on opposite sides of the Henley Street bridge are gigantic apartment complexes. Every scrap of space along Chapman Highway is being used to build apartments. There is a complex behind the old Smoky Mountain Market which looks like the landscape of some alien world. There is another built diagonally behind the old Kerns bakery atop a hill and the residents wait impatiently to get into the flow of traffic on Chapman Highway, adding to the growing delay.

The University of Tennessee is already building across the river and more apartment houses are being built, all of which appear to pour even more traffic onto Chapman Highway. One does not have to be a planning genius to figure out things are apt to get far worse for South Knoxville residents traveling the breadth and length of Chapman Highway. The official line from the Kincannon administration is that the thousands of UT students residing at the housing on

the South Knoxville side of the river will walk across the new pedestrian bridge that is being built for the University of Tennessee. The cost of that project is already climbing like a toddler let loose. But the truth is, although the Kincannon administration is hoping those students will walk across the new pedestrian bridge, there is nothing to keep them from driving elsewhere, adding to the ever-growing traffic problem along Chapman Highway. Longtime residents of South Knoxville are growing more and more aggravated and if you don't understand why, try coming back down Chapman Highway towards Henley Street. With the Gay Street Bridge closed, South Knoxville residents come into the city either by Alcoa Highway or the James White Parkway.

South Knoxville residents and all city residents are already paying more in property taxes to the city government than the county government. The City of Knoxville provides fire protection and diminished police protection, garbage pick-up and little else. It is the county that provides the schools, libraries and just about everything else you can think of, yet the city continues spending and raising taxes every three to four years. The City of Knoxville could put a dent in

the cost of the repairs on the Gay Street Bridge to all traffic with what it spent on one piece of highly questionable "art" downtown. Clearly, nobody affiliated with the City of Knoxville government either seemed to think through the rapid pace of development surrounding the Gay Street and Henley Street Bridges and the effect it would have on the people already living there. That or they just didn't care.

Whoever succeeds Indya Kincannon as mayor will inherit a great many problems that have begged fixing and they will likely get far worse before they get better.

Another Example Of Why We Need School Choice

As the teachers' unions and Commissioner Terry Hill stomp their feet about the Tennessee General Assembly approving vouchers, news has surfaced that an appellate court sided with a young man from Tennessee, identified in court papers as "William A." who sued the school district he attended for having graduated him despite the fact he could not read. In fact, he graduated with a GPA of 3.4 and his suit stated the school district never addressed his disability and he sued for both damages and a proper education.

More Examples Of Woke Ideology

Who but the Knoxville News-Sentinel — that banner of woke ideology, narrative-reporting jewel in the crown of the Gannett fake news empire — would bother to report as news a handful of protestors against President Trump and Elon Musk? Nobody.

Speaking of woke ideology, fake news and narrative reporting, Margaret Brennan of CBS made the astonishing statement, which is both incredibly stupid and not at all factual, that Nazi Germany "weaponized free speech" in order to commit genocide. Brennan made comments on her Face the Nation show when she spoke to her guest, Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Rubio corrected Brennan, pointing out Nazi Germany extinguished free speech and persecuted Jews and other minorities through malice and hatred.

Law professor and expert on the Constitution Jonathan Turley corrected the record in an interview with Fox News:

"Because, of course, the first thing that the Nazis did was to crack down on free speech, to deny it. Censorship is the harbinger of authoritarianism, and I'm not too sure what point she was making, but the Nazis knew free speech was the enemy of totalitarian rule. So the idea that somehow

free speech invites fascism is an old saw used by the anti-free speech movement, particularly in Germany. But take a look at Germany: they've had a robust censorship system since World War Two. The neo-Nazi movement is flourishing, but a recent poll shows that only 17% of Germans feel comfortable stating their views in public. They're silencing the wrong people."

Vice President J.D. Vance called out Brennan's comments while interviewing Secretary of State Marco Rubio, posting on social media, "This is a crazy exchange. Does the media really think the Holocaust was caused by free speech?"

Readers will recall Brennan was one of the hosts of the vice presidential debate and tried "fact checking" Vance despite the network announcing they would not allow live fact-checking.

Whenever you hear the talking heads and those posing as journalists talk about "saving our Democracy" or "constitutional crises" keep in mind these are almost always the very same people who have tried for the last four or five years to censor speech. Censoring free speech or stopping it altogether under the guise of "misinformation" or "disinformation," or simply refusing to report it is a distinction without a difference.

Blackburn, Cortez Masto introduce bill to protect taxpayers from penalties from IRS delays

U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) introduced the Tax Administration Simplification Act to provide straightforward, taxpayer-focused improvements to streamline tax filing and payment for individuals and small businesses.

"Taxpayers shouldn't be penalized when the IRS is delayed in processing their tax returns even though they submitted them on time," said Senator Blackburn. "Our Tax Administration Simplification Act would shield taxpayers from unfair penalties, streamline tax filing, and provide more flexibility for small businesses."

"Small businesses in Nevada are busy enough as it is without having to worry about unfair IRS penalties

and burdensome red tape," said Senator Cortez Masto. "This bipartisan legislation would save time for the hard-working small business owners that are growing our economy and creating jobs in Nevada."

The Tax Administration Simplification Act aims to reduce filing burdens and make tax compliance more intuitive by:

- **Protecting taxpayers from penalties due to Internal Revenue Service delays in electronic filing.** Under current law, even if taxpayers submit documents on the due date, they may be considered late unless submitted physically. The bill would extend the existing "mailbox rule" to electronically submitted documents, ensuring they are considered timely based on the date submitted, regardless

of potential IRS processing delays. The correction would protect taxpayers from penalties and potential audits stemming from processing lags that are beyond their control.

- **Simplifying S-Corp elections for small businesses.** Many small business owners miss out on the tax benefits of "S-Corp" status because the current election deadline precedes the deadline for filing their first income tax return. The bill would allow business owners to make an S-Corp election on their first timely filed tax return, providing greater flexibility and reducing unnecessary penalties.

- **Standardizing estimated tax deadlines.** The bill would also address the confusing, irregular schedule for estimated tax payments, which currently requires

payments at inconsistent intervals throughout the year. By moving to evenly spaced quarterly deadlines, the bill would simplify planning and help taxpayers more easily manage and project their income for accurate tax reporting.

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Specialty equipment, customer care at Next Level

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in East Tennessee, "Possibly in the state," Linx said, it was time to spread out.

Next Level DME chose Sevierville a little more than a year ago for expansion for several reasons, the number one being Sevier County seemed like a perfect match of multi-level homes and the latest offering for those with mobility issues - home elevators.

Another reason is simply growth - in the expanding need for the equipment as America ages and the growth in the region.

Next Level DME offers sales and installation, a one-stop shop as it were, and they offer lifetime warranties.

Linx and his staff make it a mission to "fit" customers with their needs.

In-home inspections are conducted so Next Level DME professionals can best ascertain what a person needs, what is suitable in the home. Consultations are held and the equipment options are laid out. All of this before a sale is even discussed, which means it's free.

"We let them come in and sample the equipment," Linx said. "A lift chair is very personal. It's like bedding. Do they feel good sitting in it? Is it too firm? Are the armrests comfortable?"

With upward to 50 models between the two locations there are a lot of options.

"Why not look at eight, 10, 12 chairs before buying one? It's better



Next Level DME (Durable Medical Equipment), with locations in Morristown and Sevierville, has the largest inventory of chair lifts, mobility scooters, stair lifts, vertical platform lifts, specialized bedding, specialized tubs and showers (walk-in showers and tubs made for handicap access), and home elevators in East Tennessee and, "Possibly the state," owner Jay Linx said.

than ordering one online and finding out you don't like it," Linx said.

The growing market is with home elevators. These are not big commercial elevators with big price tags.

"They make a very small footprint in a home," Linx said. And the costs of elevators and vertical lifts are, like everything else at Next Level DME, offered at a huge discount. "They are very affordable and easy to install."

Maybe the most important thing for Linx and

his staff are the personal touches, finding out what is right for a customer and working with a customer to make sure they have exactly what they need.

For example, say a customer can't come to one of the stores to try out a lift chair to find the right one. In that case a family member or a loved one can take measurements, anything to help determine the most comfortable option.

The final result is what is important because it's about, Linx said, "Making it possible to let people stay

in their homes."

Next Level DME has 10 employees which include two managers at the two locations. Linx had nothing but praise for those individuals. He also has four technicians that have medical backgrounds.

The Morristown location is at 208 Montvue Avenue. Store hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Sevierville location is at 1358 Dolly Parton Parkway. Store hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Commission may dissolve Disability Advisory Group

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Because of snow and freezing temperatures last week, the Knox County Commission's agenda review and zoning meetings were canceled. The zoning meeting will take place today after the regular session of the commission.

The commission faces a long agenda and one of the more recent items on the list is a recommendation from the Risk Management Department to end the Knox County Disability Advisory Group. The group advised the mayor and commission on matters of persons with disabilities.

The reason for ending the group includes struggles with attendance and requiring a quorum. The ADA coordinator works on long-term projects and, according to the resolution, there "is little for the board to discuss or deliberate."

The resolution prepared by the law director's office will give the responsibility to the ADA coordinator and

Knox County to coordinate public meetings to hear concerns.

In other business, the commission is being asked to approve \$4.35 million to purchase the Fort Loudon Waste and Recycling property in North Knoxville for a future county-wide maintenance facility.

The property assessor is asking to be permitted to conduct appraisals of property every two years rather than the current four years for the "updating and equalizing the value of property for the assessment of property taxes on that property."

The trustee wants to add a 10% charge on fees from delinquent tax sales and use the funds to "provide tax relief for elderly, low-income, disabled, disabled veteran and veteran widow/widower homeowners."

Commissioner Kim Frazier has notified Chairwoman Gina Oster she would like to discuss several rule changes on the agenda.

Charter task force begins a look at Knoxville Council rules

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planning staff recommendations on the agenda for each item.

Other changes discussed included displaying the council's new "vote by button" on the display screen, noting when a roll-call vote is needed, moving the "memorial" items to the beginning of the meetings to permit attendees to an earlier time, listing the duties of the vice mayor, reflecting which district is involved with agenda items, moving various agenda items around on an agenda and detailing which current meeting rules are not being followed.

Members of the task force include: Chairperson Lynne Fugate; Tommy Smith, vice mayor and city councilmember; Amelia Parker and Debbie Helsley, city councilmembers; Nick Pavlis and Finbarr Saunders, former vice mayors and former city councilmembers; and Dr. William Lyons, former deputy to Mayor Madeline Rogero and associate director for Community Outreach, Institute of American Civics.

The task force meets again next month in what appears to be a multi-month look at how the city council will conduct future meetings.

Gay Street Bridge gets additional city funding for repairs

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would have a structural engineer at the bridge during initial repairs and was told "Yes." Smith noted the more than 100-year-old bridge might break in other places at some time.

The funding increase for the project was approved unanimously by the council.

The city council also voted final approval for two sections of the former St. Mary's Hospital campus, now the Public Safety Complex, to change the zoning from institutional district to RN-4 and RN-6 (residential) on two requests from Jim Hatfield.

Phase II of the Stormwater Asset Management Project got \$2.2 million in a contract with CDM Smith for professional services management.

Council approved a \$5.36 million contract with Rogers Group Inc. for the 2025 Resurfacing Phase I project and \$100,000 was approved for a contract with Alta Planning + Design for a citywide speed management plan.

A \$510,000 contract including the installation of an underground fuel tank, mechanical dispensers and associated work at the new Public Safety Complex was approved for Spatco Energy Solutions LLC..

Two companies, Carmichaels Lawn Care LLC and Taylor's Lawn Service, were hired for mowing in four city zones and I40/James White Parkway.

A Wallwood Road property was approved to change from RN-1 to RN-2, single-family residential

neighborhood. Two Campbell Lane properties were approved to become general commercial from RN-1 residential. A Kingston Court address was approved to switch from RN-1 to RN-2 and a Grand Avenue property was approved to change to general commercial from an RN-5 zoning designation.

Dr. William Lyons was reappointed to the Civil Service Merit Board. Lynne Ghenov was appointed to the Board of Community Television, Laura Contreras-Alanis was named to the Police Advisory and Review Committee, Kimberly Mays was named to serve on the Golf Course Advisory Board, and Mallory Alder was approved to serve on the Public Property Naming Committee.

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a weekly column by
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'Tis the Season

"And we don't know what all they have on us." Maxine Waters referring to DOGE investigations

It happens every year about this time. To borrow from John Ward, "It's [flu] time in Tennessee." In the southern hemisphere, it's late summer, but it's wintery February in Knoxville and in such northern climes people are huddling indoors and spreading respiratory viruses. I have little use for February, even 28 days is too many. We need an executive order to abolish this wretched month.

I often roll my eyes when officials close schools for weather issues. But temporarily closing schools to separate kids during a flu outbreak is a common-sense quarantine measure that stifles the spread of respiratory viruses. Remember 2020 and the Covid pandemic when the

government asked us to shut down for two weeks to "bend the curve?" If we had done that and no more, we would have been fine.

There are numerous respiratory viruses that cause the common cold, including coronavirus - not the weaponized Covid coronavirus which was man-made by the Chinese Wuhan lab and paid for by Tony Fauci with taxpayer's money.

We often loosely use the term "flu" to describe respiratory illnesses like the common cold. Colds are not influenza. While the common cold may be an unpleasant ordeal, it is not life-threatening like influenza A or B which denotes sub-types of this scourge. Influenza can be deadly, especially to people with chronic illnesses, the elderly and the very young.

I'm not in a high-risk group, but I get a flu shot

every fall even though it is an imperfect vaccine. Each season's vaccine for the US is determined by analyzing influenza infection elsewhere in the world. Experts suggest that people over 65 take a "high-dose" influenza vaccine which is said to be 24% more effective than the standard-dose vaccine. I had influenza once and never want to experience that agony again. So hopefully the vaccination will prevent infection or lessen the severity of influenza. Interestingly (at least to me), it is thought that migratory waterfowl are a reservoir and a vector for influenza virus.

Years ago, I had a patient report that he had influenza while in another town. I asked him, "How did you know you had influenza?" He replied, "I had a temperature of 104, a splitting headache, I could barely drag myself to the toilet and muscle aches were so severe I was afraid I wouldn't die." Hyperbole yes, but that's influenza in a nutshell. I know this from personal and professional experience. Additionally, patients often experience fatigue that lasts for weeks after influenza.

I'm just getting over a bad cold. My symptoms were barely one degree of temperature, fatigue,

sneezing and head congestion. Not influenza, but certainly not pleasant. And unfortunately, I transmitted the infection to my sweet wife. I should have been in quarantine, but it's hard to do so when you share the same household. We have managed to stay away from everyone else.

My cold and February have some things in common; namely, my desire that both are soon gone. I am on the other side of my cold and metaphorically, I can see light at the other end of the tunnel. The one positive aspect of being ill is you rejoice when you feel well again. It is human nature to take your health for granted. When you go to sleep at night, you expect to wake up in the morning. But the 18th-century child's prayer ("Now I lay me down to sleep...") suggests another possibility.

As I put the finishing touches on this essay, the media is reporting the Polar Vortex descending over the country, as if this is news. It happens every winter despite the harangues of the global warming cabal. Actually, we should be thankful we live within the interglacial Holocene epoch. Scientists report periods in our planet's past known as "snowball earth." For millions of years, ice

covered the entire earth.

I much prefer a warmer climate than a colder one. In fact, cold weather kills far more than hot weather. And if I haven't torqued some AI Gore types, rising CO2 promotes more plant growth and fodder for animals. Think of Jurassic Park.

Becky has a T-shirt that reads "Feeling Great Again." This captures my relief as America exits the disastrous Dark Brandon presidency. 'Tis the season that things are turning around. DOGE is finding fraud, waste and abuse everywhere they look. And unlike prior presidents who promised reform and did nothing about government corruption, President Trump is serious and is using DOGE findings to hold people accountable and reform Washington. And Democrats like Maxine Waters are worried.

The two most unique and influential people of our time are President Trump and Elon Musk. Many would argue that they know Trump because of his businesses in NY, his television notoriety and his presidencies. Unfortunately, much of the "common" knowledge was through the dishonest and now discredited legacy media.

We know less about

Musk, although his ownership of SpaceX, Starlink, Tesla, X and now his work with DOGE as directed by the president is making him a household name. Having read Walter Isaacson's insightful biography "Elon Musk," I thought I had a good working knowledge of Musk, but he continues to surprise me. Perhaps it is a mistake to think I really "know" Musk or even the president.

In a recent television interview, Musk showed me other aspects of his complex personality, observing that, "If the bureaucracy is in charge, then what meaning does democracy actually have? We have bureaucracy, not democracy." Unelected bureaucrats have been running our country into the ground. This fourth branch of the government is a true threat to our representative republic and democracy rather than the delusional allegations of Democrats that Trump is a threat to our democracy.

Tax season is just around the corner and Trump has tasked Musk and his DOGE team to audit the government to help restore trust. This may alarm Mad Maxine and the Democrats, but it gives me hope.

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What the heck is it?

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More than 60 Knoxville residents responded to a quick survey on Facebook recently asking their opinions on the new structure at the Cradle of Country Music Park downtown.

Many people have not seen or noticed the structure yet and a dedication ceremony apparently hasn't been planned yet.

Mayor Indya Kincannon commented through her Communications Director Kristin Farley, "As you know, this process started before Mayor Kincannon took office. With that said, the Mayor respects and appreciates the time and energy that the members of the Public Arts Committee put into this project starting back in 2017, with approval



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The new structure or artwork at Knoxville's Cradle of Country Music Park downtown is drawing some criticism of city money spent and the process of choosing it. Many people are wondering what the odd structure has to do with country music.

in 2019."

"Public art is often a source of controversy before it becomes a part of the fabric of the community. The new installation at Cradle of Country Music

will be received differently by different people," Farley told The Focus.

While Facebook comments ranged from "What the h... is it?" and "ugly," three people liked the

project. One city official noted that the artwork is controversial and the publicity it will garner will be a good thing. The random survey found almost all the

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History of the Cradle of Country Music Park

The half-acre park on the corner of Summit Hill Drive and Gay Street became the Cradle of Country Music Park in 1986. The News-Sentinel donated an 18-foot sculpture of a treble clef that stood there until 2009.

Since then, the Dogwood Arts Festival donated a piece of art for the park and other sculptures have been placed there.

In 2017, a contest was held seeking art designs across the nation and the piece titled "Pier 865" was approved by the Public Arts Committee with Hedstrom Design to build it. The sculpture was designed by THEVERYMANY, a design studio in New York led by artist Marc Fornes.

Last year the new art piece installation began with financing coming from the city, the Public Arts Committee, the State of Tennessee, Visit Knoxville and the Downtown Knoxville Alliance. The new art piece cost about \$1.2 million with about \$500,000 coming from the city.

The original sculpture adorning the Country Music Park was a treble clef and the base of the art piece held the names of many Knoxville-area musicians.

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Celebrating its 23rd year, ArtXtravaganza is a vibrant fusion of art and community, offering guests the chance to purchase fine art paintings, sculptures, jewelry, photography, and more – all at a variety of price points to suit all budgets. Visitors can explore a rich array of mediums, including oil and acrylic, ceramics, watercolor, wood, glass, stone, and fiber, while also having the opportunity to connect with the

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people who replied were not fond of the structure for several reasons.

Many of those who replied were critical of the city's partial funding of the project, the selection of the artwork, and its lack of anything to do with Knoxville's country music history.

Here are some of the various comments from citizens, elected officials and some city officials:

Wow, that is awful! Maybe when I see it in person, there will be an angle from where it looks good.

- It's not what I would have chosen. Now we have it. Let's try to enjoy it.

- The city of Knoxville has spent over \$1.2 million on artwork and landscaping. I mean that could've been used in so many other ways.

- That's what art 'does', it makes us think and talk about the art installation, the process, the location, the role of public art in our community, etc.

- It's ugly and most people don't like it.

-The big tree should have remained and the art should have surrounded and complimented it. Not this art though. I expect it to launch into space one night.

-I think a piece like this would have been better fitted on the riverfront somewhere.

-I think the sculpture should have (kept) with the theme/name of the park.

-What the #% is it? Can't wait for weathering to dirty it up and become a bigger eyesore.

-This sculpture does nothing for Knoxville. It doesn't support a local artist. It doesn't complement the theme of the park. It doesn't draw visitors.

-I think the committee really screwed up, and understand they were mainly following the forceful lead of their executive director in approving this out of town artist over numerous local artists.

-Aesthetically, this piece does not embody the concept of country music. I also don't like it.

-Personally, I like it. But as an artist I know beauty is an emotion, not an objective attribute. Much of our taste is just whatever we're accustomed to, and throughout the history of art the new has seldom been popular until we get used to it.

-Looks like it did exactly what art is supposed to. Got you thinking and talking. Seems like a win!

-How much input did musicians have in this monster object?

-Everybody's missing the real question. What the h... is it?

-I hate it. It makes me mad every time I see it.

Rule Breaker

Rules are hard things for some people. They have a tendency to rub them the wrong way. At the same time, something rebellious inside makes us want to test the limits to see how far they



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to Boss Road. Once there, we hiked to the top of Baldy, a good-sized hill with its front covered in hay and its top thick with woods. On another occasion, we tried cigarettes, but that didn't last too

I smoked in the pit at the school, and Mr. Nicely demanded that I have Mother sign a form so that I could obtain a smoking permit. She was not at all happy about having to give her consent to something that she knew was bad for me, but she also knew that I would eventually be suspended from school if I didn't have the permit.

It was also during those teenage years that I broke the rules about drinking alcohol. Cousin Charlie and I spent nearly every weekend together, and we rode from hot spot to hot spot with a case of beer in the trunk. Mind you, I didn't like the taste of beer, but being cool was just too important to not participate. I only became intoxicated once. It was one night when I was to paint the acoustic tiles on the ceiling at the Burger King, where I worked. I worked on the ladder for a short time before the world began to spin, and the rest of the night I spent on my knees as I threw up my guts and made that infamous promise to God that would never drink again if he just stopped the world

from spinning.

In those days, the law was changed so that 18-year-olds could drink legally. That took most of the appeal out of the activity. The thrill came from breaking the rules, not from the drinking. I think that people who zip down the highway now do so for the same reason. There's no other reason for taking one's life in his own hands as he barrels down the interstate at 100 mph.

These days, I am a rule follower. I especially follow them when I drive. Those who speed or rocket to the front of standing traffic and then try to cut line infuriate me. They seem to believe that their lives are far more important than mine, something I won't accept. I won't park in fire lanes, I don't "do" drugs, and I pay bills on time. I'm wired that way, but some say I'm just a fuddy-duddy. Yes, I am, but rules are made for a reason, and those who break them are acknowledging that they feel superior to the rest of us. That attitude breaks a few rules stated in the "good book."

Hitting the Rumble Strips on the Roadway of Life

Rumble strips, also known as audible road markings or alert strips, are traffic markers used on highways across America for several decades. These side markers along the direction of travel are safety



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car and greatly increases heart rate in a matter of milliseconds. As aggravating as these little annoying devices can be, they have proven to decrease single-car accidents by 60-65% over the years that they

periods or elongated seasons of spiritual drift. Spiritual drift is the all too familiar condition in which we allow our eyes to be removed and our minds to be disconnected from Jesus and the God-ordained purposes of our lives. This drift is usually a gradual, often subtle, movement away from a strong spiritual foundation and deep relationship with God. It could be the result of neglecting spiritual disciplines such as Scripture reading, prayer and worship. It may be the product of prioritizing worldly pursuits such as hobbies, relationships or professions that take precedence over the things of God. Sometimes

the drift happens on the heels of life challenges, unexpected trauma, grief or stress. There are many cases throughout the Bible and in life that cause those who've placed faith in Christ to become distant from God, lack a passion for spiritual things, and feel a sense of emptiness. The nation of Israel regularly drifted in the Old Testament. Samson pursued his flesh and drifted from his purpose when he laid his head in the lap of Delilah. An unnamed prodigal son allowed his eyes to be moved from all that he had in his father and ended up drifting to a far country. David, the disciple named Peter, and an

Apostle named Paul were all products of the drift. In each case of spiritual drift, if we look deep enough, we will find that God regularly put out the rumble strips to get them back on the path.

Spiritual rumble strips are sure signs of God's infinite love and endless mercy. They are a matter of our Father's faithfulness. Boundaries are one of God's greatest expressions of love. Like the bumpers on each side of the bowling lane at a 5-year-old's birthday party, the guidelines and boundaries that are set by God are designed to keep us on the right path and out of the gutters. On many occasions in the Bible, God would allow or permit, a variety of hardships that were designed or used to get the attention of those who are drifting. These were bumpers or strips designed to get our attention and get us back on the path. He placed Israel in a wilderness, David experienced the loss of a son, the prodigal's friends left and his money ran out, and Samson never saw more spiritually clearly than when the Philistines physically took his eyes. These were all attention-getters. In Haggai's day, as they were building Zerubbabel's temple, God Himself admitted that it was He who cut holes in their purses and permitted their crops to be ruined by heat and mildew. God, in love and mercy, permits and sometimes causes circumstances that are designed to wake up the drifters and get our attention.

In short, we must

remember that God may not cause every event, but He does govern every detail so that in every circumstance, it may be used for our everlasting good. Our annoyances can end up being the very thing that reveal our deepest needs. People who hurt us give us opportunities to exercise forgiveness. Physical health ailments often grab our attention and turn us back to God and rebellious teenagers train us to look to Him and pray without ceasing. Everything in life that seems wrong or bad can be an invitation to turn to God. It very well could be that these events are the very things bringing us back to Him. One may end up broke, in the hospital, or even in jail, but if it brings one back to God's path for their life, then the vibration God caused by the rumble strips will be worth it. Rest assured that our God is too good to be unkind and He will go to some extreme lengths to get our attention. The Psalmist understood this, in Psalm 119:67 saying, "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept thy word." In other words, regular wanderers who get off the path and drift will soon learn that God uses affliction to discipline us and get us back on track. The spiritual rumble strips work! Remember this: Your shake-up could be your setup. The Lord loves us and He's going to use what we are going through to get us where we need to be.



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The Fall of Congressman John Jennings, III

Pages from the Past



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John Jennings had represented Tennessee's Second Congressional District since 1940 and as 1950 dawned, the congressman faced the greatest threat to his continued tenure in office in a decade. Carroll Reece, who had spent 24 years in Congress representing Tennessee's First Congressional District and had served as chairman of the Republican National Committee, was running to reclaim his seat in the House of Representatives. Reece had been Tennessee's Republican National Committeeman since 1939 and was the best-known Republican politician south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Carroll Reece was a national figure, a rarity for the time. Reece was also the most influential Republican in the Volunteer State and commanded a mighty formidable political organization inside the First District. Reece was running against his successor, Dayton Phillips, who was pro-labor and cast himself as the friend of the working man. Phillips was allied with Congressman John Jennings, as both had helped to undercut the GOP statewide ticket in the 1948 election. Reece, ousted as chairman of the RNC, had come home to run for the United States Senate in a year just about everybody believed would be a great victory for the GOP. For the first time since 1916, Tennessee Republicans nominated a serious statewide ticket with real appeal to the people. Reece was the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate while country music legend Roy Acuff was the GOP candidate for governor. While campaigning across Tennessee, the Reece-Acuff ticket drew crowds in the tens of thousands, causing Volunteer State Democrats to become increasingly jittery.

When the GOP ticket lost Tennessee's reliably Republican Second District, Guy Lincoln Smith was livid. Smith was the powerful editor of the Knoxville Journal, a daily newspaper that was the voice of Republicanism in East Tennessee in particular, and Tennessee in general. Guy Smith was also at the same time, chairman of Tennessee's Republican State Executive Committee. The Journal was as lively and vibrant as its daily competitor was staid and dreary and Democratic. Republican presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey had carried the Second Congressional District, while Carroll Reece and Roy Acuff were running behind the rest of the GOP ticket. Even inside the First District, there were indications supporters of Dayton Phillips had voted

for Dewey while supporting the Democratic nominees for the Senate and the governorship. Guy Smith looked to Congressmen John Jennings and Dayton Phillips as the men largely responsible for undercutting Reece and Acuff. Tough and determined, Smith was implacable in his quest to unseat both of Tennessee's sitting GOP congressmen. Having been defeated for statewide office and no Republican administration to offer him a Cabinet seat or a high federal appointment, Carroll Reece was running to win back his seat in the House of Representatives. Such was Dayton Phillips' campaigning skills and personal popularity that the powerful Reece organization had been unable to beat him inside the Republican primary either in 1946 or 1948. Phillips would be hard-pressed to beat Carroll Reece.

John Jennings had been the most influential supporter of Thomas E. Dewey in both of the New Yorker's two failed presidential campaigns in 1944 and 1948. When Dewey, the overwhelming favorite to win the presidency, lost to Harry Truman, much of the Tennessean's political prestige crashed along with the Dewey candidacy. There were also increasing signs of dissatisfaction with Jennings. The congressman had only beaten Hobart Atkins by 2,400 votes in the Republican primary in 1948 and only in one instance during his decade of service in the House did he win a huge majority in the general election. Bald, bespectacled, loud and bombastic, as well as an excellent platform speaker, John Jennings was impossible to ignore.

Atkins had been pondering whether to launch another campaign for the House against Jennings. Another prospective candidate was Howard Baker (not to be confused with his son who later was elected to the U.S. Senate), who had been the elected district attorney general for a collection of counties surrounding his own native Scott County. Baker maintained a law practice but spent much of his time tending to his holdings in coal, oil and natural gas, all of which had made him wealthy. Baker had supported Atkins when the state senator had opposed Congressman Jennings in 1948 and there was reason to think Atkins would return the favor should the Scott Countian become a candidate for the House.

At the end of January, Baker announced he would run for the House of Representatives. There was no love lost between the 48-year-old Baker and the 70-year-old Congressman



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Official portrait of Congressman Howard H. Baker, circa 1958.

Jennings. The enmity between Jennings and Baker had begun at the 1948 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. Jennings, strongly backing Thomas E. Dewey, was enraged when Baker, chairman of Tennessee's delegation, had voted for Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. Harsh words were flung at one another, and the rift was never healed and became worse still. That same year Baker openly supported Hobart Atkins against Judge Jennings, giving "fiery speeches" denouncing the congressman in several counties in the Second District.

Baker had ties to Knox County having lived in Knoxville before moving back to Scott County where he acquired his considerable mineral and land interests. Howard Baker was the vice president of the Russell Producing Company, which provided natural gas to more than 1,000 families in Scott and Morgan Counties. Baker was the chairman of the board of directors of Oneida's First National Bank and held some part ownership in 1,000 acres of coal fields in and around Huntsville.

Howard Baker had come up through the ranks having been elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing Scott and Union counties, as well as to the Scott County School Board. From 1934 until his voluntary retirement in 1948, Baker represented Scott, Anderson, Campbell, Morgan, Fentress and Claiborne counties as attorney general. Baker had run statewide campaigns as the GOP nominee for governor in 1938 and U.S. senator in 1940.

Baker was indeed a Scott Countian and lived in Huntsville until the age of twelve when he and his parents moved to Knoxville. Baker joined the Methodist Church at twelve and later became a Presbyterian when he moved back to Huntsville, explaining there

was no Methodist Church in Huntsville.

In announcing his campaign, Baker did not shy away from criticizing the incumbent, saying "in my considered judgment the people want a change in their representation ... So far as I can find, the only argument offered by his satellites for rehiring the present Congressman is that at the end of his present term he will have had the job for 11 long years --- which is exactly what I object to."

Baker's campaign manager was his 24-year-old son, known as Howard Henry.

Even then, Democrats joyfully pointed to every "sign" Tennessee's Second District was going Democratic, which was repeated by such columnists as Edward Smith of the Knoxville News-Sentinel and Joe Hatcher of the Nashville Tennessean.

Like Howard Baker, Jennings had held a judicial office, having been elected chancellor for a district that included Campbell, Anderson, Claiborne, Hancock, Hawkins, Loudon, Roane and Scott counties. Jennings was a native of Campbell County but had lived in Knoxville for the last 27 years while practicing law. Jennings was a member of the influential House Judiciary Committee.

Judge Jennings delayed his own announcement of candidacy until June 1, 1950, two months before the primary. It was a different period of time, long before the year-round, non-stop and seemingly eternal campaign cycles of today.

The congressman told the people of the Second District the question of representation in Congress came down to who could serve them best. Jennings pointed to his record in the House. "It is one of the promises kept by performance." Jennings noted his record on the Tennessee Valley Authority, as he was an ardent supporter of the agency, which meant much

to the Second District. The congressman said he had taken the lead in the House to authorize a \$40 million appropriation to build the Fort Loudon Dam in Lenoir City. "I have supported each and every measure passed by the Congress for the benefit of veterans, their widows and dependents," Jennings noted.

Jennings was widely known for his furious opposition to many local courthouse machines inside his congressional district. "In Jan., 1940, when I began my service as a member of Congress, the Biggs machine in Polk County, the Cantrell machine in McMinn County and the Brakebill machine in Monroe County, by force and fraud had abolished free elections and had stolen virtually all county offices in these three counties," Jennings reminded voters. "For eight years. . . I have waged unceasing warfare to drive from power these bullies of the ballot box and to restore to these splendid people the right to vote and have their votes counted as cast." Those same machines had been overthrown in the 1946 and 1948 elections.

The congressman had supported federal money for aid to education and school lunches, as well as funds for the University of Tennessee. Jennings did not ignore the continuous torrent of bad publicity from Guy Smith's Knoxville Journal. Jennings thundered he had "disregarded the sniping, continuous, false, and malicious attacks that have . . . been made upon me in the Knoxville Journal by its editor." Jennings said he would provide the people of the Second District with the "facts" regarding his feud with the newspaperman.

"Guy Smith is the first editor of a Knoxville daily paper who had prostituted his editorship to the advancement of his own private advantages and personal ends," Jennings stated. The congressman insisted Smith had allied

himself with the Crump machine in Memphis as well as the Reece organization. Jennings claimed Smith had made "impossible demands on me" after becoming state chairman of Tennessee's Republican Party. The congressman accused Smith of having urged him to oppose the New Johnsonville steam plant after having published an editorial in favor of building the facility. Jennings cried Smith had removed every member of election boards inside the Second Congressional District who were friendly to him and replaced them with those who were supporting Howard Baker. The congressman also hurled the accusation Guy Smith had tried to offer Gordon Browning the Journal's support for his administration in exchange for Smith having control of the Republican members of the State Election Commission.

The bitterness between John Jennings and Guy Smith was unbounded. The congressman snapped Smith was a "snake that walks like a man." Smith moved the Journal fully behind Baker's candidacy. Baker tallied up the salary earned by Judge Jennings' daughter Helen, which was \$620.29 per month. The challenger said Miss Jennings had earned \$38,000 working for her father during his ten years in Congress and remained on the payroll. Baker promised if he was elected, there would be no nepotism. Let me say I knew Miss Jennings and she was a lovely woman.

Baker also was highly critical of the congressman's attendance record, demanding to know where Jennings was when he was absent from Washington "one-third to 40 per cent of the time Congress has been in session."

Baker and Jennings quibbled over the Taft-Hartley Act; Jennings claimed Baker didn't support the labor legislation, while Baker said even Senator Taft admitted the bill passed by Congress was not perfect and could stand to be tweaked. "When I opened my campaign several days ago over the radio I stated that Mr. Jennings, if for no other reason, should be retired from Congress because of his absentee record . . ." Baker insisted.

The congressional race was so hard fought and bitter, that local Republicans feared the effect down ticket in campaigns for lesser offices. The growing bitterness in Republican ranks was music to the ears of Democrats who intended to take advantage of the intraparty strife. Democrats boasted there was no deep animosity between their two candidates competing for the nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives, Frank Wilson and William E. "Bill" Badgett.

The Right to a Speedy Trial

A “speedy trial” is one of those lawyer terms you have probably heard on TV or in a movie without even realizing it. It seems on TV, someone is charged with murder and the trial is happening within just a few days. In reality, it does not happen like that. Criminal trials are months, if not years, after the arrest occurs.

However, the right to a speedy trial is a real thing. Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-14-101 states, “In all criminal prosecutions, the accused is entitled to a speedy trial and to be heard in person and by counsel.”

What constitutes a speedy trial though? Does that mean you get in a trial in two months, in a year? When considering whether a defendant has been denied their right to a speedy trial (according to Tennessee Code), the things to consider are “the length of the delay, the reason for the delay, the defendant asserting their right to a speedy trial, and the prejudice to the defendant.”

Of these factors, the prejudice to the defendant is the most important. This basically means, did the delay of the trial actually



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hurt the defendant in any way. The easiest way to prove prejudice would be if the defendant was sitting in jail the entire time while awaiting trial.

The cases that discuss this also state that for the delay to become concerning, the length of time between the defendant being arrested and the trial occurring must approach

one year before the delay becomes concerning.

Finally, the defendant must not be a cause for the delay of the trial. For example, by agreeing that the trial date be continued to a further date down the road.

Practically, that means that a defendant must first assert their right to a speedy trial, the trial must be delayed a year from the

date of arrest, the defendant was not at fault for the trial being delayed, and the delay of the trial hurt the defendant in some way.

Arguing that you have been denied the right to a speedy trial is a very difficult task and it is very rare to see one succeed because the outcome would be that the charges are dismissed because the

defendant has been denied their right to a speedy trial.

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ArtXtravaganza Art Show & Sale

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artists and gain insight into their creative processes. To maintain a dynamic and engaging experience for both newcomers and returning guests, this year's ArtXtravaganza features many new artists, and nearly 70 percent of those participating in the show are traveling to Knoxville from other locations.

Acrylic/mixed media artist and art educator Ryan Blair of Knoxville is ArtXtravaganza's featured artist for 2025. ArtXtravaganza will also include a student art exhibition, highlighting pieces by Webb Lower, Middle and Upper School grades, as well as an “artist in action” booth with Webb

student-artists.

Doors to ArtXtravaganza will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, March 8, with a reception planned for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The art sale continues Sunday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thirty percent of each sale is taxdeductible.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME



Fulton Coach Tony Cooper gives instructions to the Lady Falcons during a timeout in a play-in game in the District 3-3A basketball tournament. Fulton defeated Carter 35-31 and will get to play at least three more games including a region game, while the Lady Hornets' season is over.

Will Peyton fill the color analyst position at UT?

Any day now I expect to hear Mike Keith scream “SAACK!!” And in the distance, Peyton Manning shouting “OMAHA!” just to let Mike know he was on his way to Rocky Top.

Yep, I wouldn’t be surprised at all if Manning becomes Keith’s radio color analyst on the Vol Network. It may already be a done deal. UT AD Danny White could be just waiting for the perfect time to announce it.

White surprised many of us when he brought Keith back to Knoxville to replace retiring Bob Kesling as the new Voice of the Vols, didn’t he? So why not Manning as his sidekick? He may be the most beloved player in UT sports’ history.

Manning wouldn’t be just some rookie behind the mic either. He showed us throughout his playing career as a quarterback that he knows the ins and outs of the game and could break down a defense quickly with his football mind.

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Play-in game is a team's last chance

By Steve Williams

Many high school district tournaments these days have play-in games. They are below the first round.

Most of these teams have sub-par records, but play-in games can be packed with drama and excitement.

Lose in a play-in game and a team’s season is over. Win a play-in game and a team is rewarded with at least three more games, including a regional tournament berth.

That was the scene Feb. 17 at Jody Wright Arena when the Carter and Fulton girls squared off for the fourth spot in District 3-3A, which includes only five teams. The fans on hand were treated

to a must-win contest that wasn’t decided until the final minute.

Carter rallied from a seven-point deficit to tie Fulton in the final period, but the Lady Falcons came out on top 35-31.

“They were excited to get the win,” said Fulton Coach Tony Cooper. And after the excitement died down, his message was: “Take one game at a time and continue to stay focused on our goals.”

The battle with Carter “turned into a contest of who wanted it more,” said Cooper. Senior Dee Williams “really stepped up.”

The 5-11 Williams scored 10 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had three steals. Her two clutch free throws with 17.6

seconds on the clock gave Fulton a three-point margin and senior teammate Kamaria McDermott added a charity toss for a four-point lead with 7.6 to go to clinch it.

Freshman Shiloh Taylor also played a vital role in scoring and leading the team with 12 points and four rebounds added Coach Cooper. “Shiloh is definitely a player to watch in the future. She is committed and easy to coach.”

Another freshman, Jyree Shepard, added seven points and two rebounds.

“Our team has great chemistry, and we know it is tournament time,” said Cooper. “It is all about survive and advance.”

Even after a play-in game.

OTHERS: Karns earned a region berth for the third straight year under Coach Lauren Trent, but had one threat late in the first half when Central pulled within four points (23-19). A pair of 3-point shots took care of that and the Lady Beavers pulled away for a 65-41 win. Fourteen turnovers in the second half by the Lady Bobcats ended their season.

Host Karns’ boys lost by only five (69-64) to Campbell County in a District 3-4A game, but most everywhere else involving Knox County teams, the favorites won easily.

And the top seeds got automatic region berths.

No surprises at Hardin Valley Friday night

By Ken Leinart

There were no surprises in the District 4-4A girls basketball tournament at Hardin Valley Academy last week.

The Bearden High School Lady Bulldogs (27-4, 10-0 in district play) will meet the Farragut High School Lady Admirals (21-8, 8-2 in district play) for the district title at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24.

Maryville High School will play Hardin Valley Academy

at 6 p.m. in the consolation game Monday night.

Bearden 66, Hardin Valley Academy 39

The fourth time wasn’t the charm for the Hardin Valley Academy (HVA) Lady Hawks.

The Bearden High Lady Bulldogs exploded out of the gates early Friday night to advance 66-39 past HVA to the District 4-4A Tournament championship

Monday night.

The district tourney, played at HVA, was the fourth meeting of the two squads this season with two district games and a matchup in a Thanksgiving fete marking the previous run ins – all three Bearden wins.

Friday’s result wasn’t much different: Too much Natalya Hodge and too much Lady Bulldog defense for the Lady Hawks.

Hodge scored a game high 34 points in a little

more than three quarters of court time, including 13 of Bearden’s first quarter output as the Lady Bulldogs built a 22-5 lead.

Hodge, Kendall Anne Murphy, and Caitlin McVeigh provided defensive pressure, closing passing lanes and playing “in your face” defense while Aisha Patel, Theola Mills, and Katie Foster (off the bench) controlled the boards.

HVA’s offense showed more life in the second

quarter, getting big treys from Lily Adkisson and Holly Lindsey, but the Lady Bulldogs extended their lead to 20 points, taking a 39-19 advantage into the locker room.

The second half was a repeat of the first half.

Following Hodge’s 34, Bearden’s Murphy and Foster added 10 each. Murphy scored her 10 in the first half as the Lady Bulldogs built a comfortable lead.

Patel scored six, Emma

Rainey notched four points, and Riley Hunt added two.

Senior Kyndra West led HVA with 11 points. Ava Claire Wrather also hit double digits with 10 points. Freshman Audree Riehn had a solid game coming off the bench and scoring seven.

Kamryn Butcher, Adkisson, and Kamiyah Love, all seniors, scored three points each, and senior Kaitlyn Friedrich added two points.

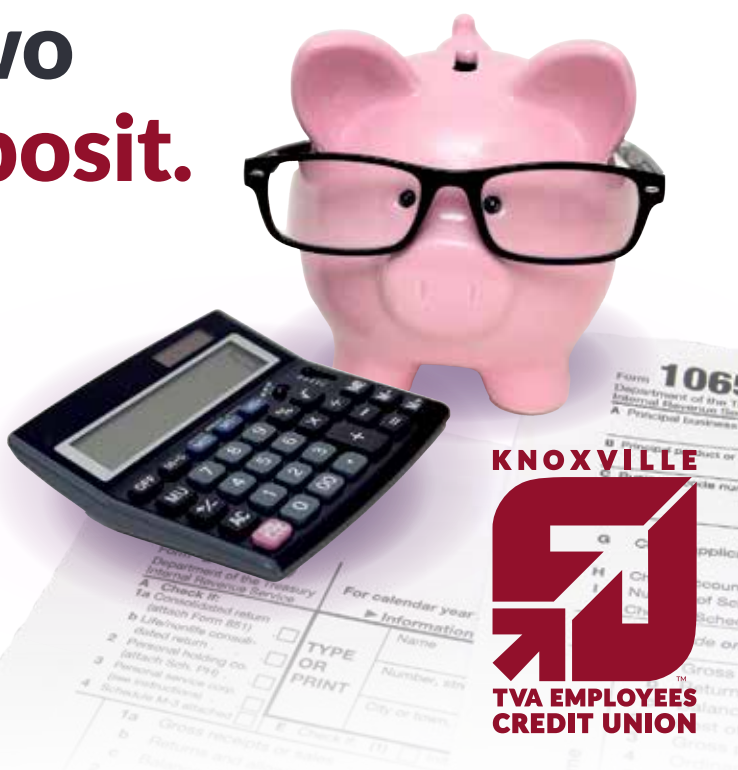
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A fierce comeback effort came up just short for the Karns High School girls basketball in the District 3-4A Tournament semifinals Friday night.

The Lady Beavers entered the fourth quarter of their game against Campbell County, facing a nine-point deficit and trailed by as many as 12 points in early in the final frame before making thing interesting.

The Lady Cougars, however, would hang on for a hard-fought 60-55 at Karns High School.

The Lady Beavers, the tournament's No. 3 seed, received a late spark from one of their stars, senior guard Reese Roberts, who scored 11 of her team-high 15 points over the final eight minutes of the contest. She pulled her team to within 53-52 when she converted an old-fashioned three-point play with 1 minute, 43 seconds left in the game. She would later tie the game at 53-53 when she made the second of two free throws.

The second-seeded Lady Cougars, however, would win the game at the free throw line as they knocked down 7-of-8 foul shots over the final minute of the contest.

Karns High's Mia Miller scored her team's final four points of the game from the foul line.

It was Campbell County's third victory of the season over the Lady Beavers, who started fast, playing in front of their home fans. Karns opened the game with



Karns senior point guard Reese Roberts is surrounded by Lady Cougars in District 3-4A semifinal action Friday night on the Lady Beavers' floor. Reese scored 11 of her 15 points in the final period to pull Karns into a 53-all tie, but No. 2 seed Campbell County escaped with a 60-55 win.

a 12-7 run but the Lady Cougars chipped away and had the deficit down to 15-13 by the end of the opening stanza thanks to a buzzer-beater by Bella Lester.

Campbell County remained hot, scoring the first 11 points of the second frame and taking a 24-13 lead on a 3-pointer by Sayler Hutcheson with 5:43 remaining until halftime. Hutchison scored 12 points before the break with all of her successful field goal attempts coming from beyond the 3-point arc.

The Lady Beavers could have folded but didn't they battled back and narrowed

the Lady Cougars' advantage to 26-22 by halftime. Karns would not regain the lead after Campbell County's second-quarter surge.

Perseverance was all coach Lauren Trent could ask for.

"I told the girls after the game that I wasn't going to complain," Trent said. "I was proud of our effort and I was proud of the way they fought."

"But we talk about it all the time; we have to play a complete game. We just can't pick and choose when we're going to flip the switch and play,"

Kiki Clay, a sophomore, scored 13 points for the Lady Beavers. Lauren Martin added 10 and Rylee Roberts finished with eight.

With the win, the Lady Cougars advance to tonight's championship game against top-seeded Oak Ridge. Tipoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. Karns, meanwhile, will play Powell in the third-place game at 6 p.m. at Karns High.

In Friday night's other semifinal: Oak Ridge continued its dominance over district rivals with a 76-32 victory over Powell at Karns.

Things started well for the Lady Panthers, who took an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Payton Richmond.

But the Lady Wildcats responded by scoring the next 13 points. Oak Ridge was hot from beyond the 3-point arc as it knocked down five long-range jumpers in the first quarter. The



Powell's Daisy Gentry looks for an opening against No. 1 seed Oak Ridge, but not many were to be found in a 76-32 loss Friday night in the District 3-4A tourney.

High School Basketball Postseason Scoreboard	
Division I District Tournaments	Monday, 2/24 Girls consolation game 6 p.m. South-Doyle vs. Loudon
	Tuesday, 2/25 Boys consolation game, 6 p.m. Loudon vs. South-Doyle
	District 3-4A (At Karns) Girls Quarterfinals Tuesday, 2/18 Powell 70, Halls 35 Karns 65, Central 41
	Boys Quarterfinals Thurs. 2/20 Halls 69, Powell 59 Campbell County 69, Karns 64 Girls Semifinals Friday, 2/21 Oak Ridge 76, Powell 32 Campbell County 60, Karns 55 Boys Semifinals Saturday, 2/22 Results unavailable at press time Oak Ridge vs. Halls Campbell County vs. Powell
District 2-2A (At Eagleton)	Monday, 2/24 Boys consolation game, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 2/25 Boys championship, 7:30 p.m.
	District 3-3A (At Cocke County) First Round Games Tues. 2/18 Boys: Cocke Co. 60, Seymour 41 Girls: Fulton 35, Carter 31 Semifinals Saturday, 2/22 Results not available at press time Girls: Northview Academy vs. Seymour Cocke County vs. Fulton Boys: Carter vs. Northview Academy Cocke County vs. Fulton
	Monday, 2/24 Girls consolation game, 6 p.m. Boys consolation game, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 2/25 Girls championship, 6 p.m. Boys championship, 7:30 p.m.
	District 4-3A (At Union County) Girls Quarterfinals Tuesday, 2/18 Anderson County 57, Gibbs 35 Boys Quarterfinals Friday, 2/21 Gibbs 83, Cumberland Gap 55 Boys Semifinals Saturday, 2/22 Results not available at press time Gibbs vs. Anderson County Tuesday, 2/25 Boys consolation game, 6 p.m. Boys championship, 7:30 p.m.
District 5-3A (At Sequoyah)	Semifinals Friday, 2/21 Girls: Lenoir City 60, South-Doyle 30 Boys: Lenoir City 68, South-Doyle 55
	District 4-4A (At Hardin Valley Academy) Girls Quarterfinals Tuesday 2/18 HVA 69, William Blount 31 Maryville 68, West 30 Boys Quarterfinals Thurs. 2/20 Farragut 69, HVA 53 Girls Semifinals Friday 2/21 Bearden 66, HVA 39 Farragut 55, Maryville 30 Boys Semifinals Saturday, 2/22 Results not available at press time Farragut vs. Bearden Maryville vs. West
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Lady Wildcats converted 3-of-4 free throw attempts in the opening frame on their way to opening an 18-10 lead.

The Lady Wildcats, who got a game-high 27 points from District 3-4A Player

of the Year Ayana Porter, extended their lead to 43-20 by halftime before really blowing things open in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Panthers 22-3.

Richmond, Krysta Madison and Claire Campbell scored six points each for the Lady Panthers.

In Tuesday's girls quarterfinals: Powell routed Halls, 70-35, and Karns eliminated Central with a 65-41 victory before inclement weather delayed the tournament.

The boys quarterfinals were played Thursday night: Halls defeated Central 69-59 and Campbell County outlasted host Karns 69-64.

The boys semifinals were contested Saturday. Halls played Oak Ridge and Powell played Campbell County. Results were not available at press time.

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'An Inferiority Complex?'

There was a time Tennessee did not seem to be the biggest deal in town or at least equivalent to their opponent at a bowl game. That may be hard to believe, but it seemed to have happened in the days leading up to the 1971 Sugar Bowl, played at the old Tulane Stadium in New Orleans.

The No. 4 Vols were 10-1 heading toward the game against No. 11 Air Force, but the flyboys seemed to be the center of attention. Here's Marvin West's take on the situation. Marvin has a special touch with stories like this.

Tennessee could have developed an inferiority complex at the 1971 Sugar Bowl. The highly-regarded Air Force team captured New Orleans at night and the Volunteers stood around and watched as bowl hosts fussed over generals and colonels and others wearing brass. "We could have been reading it wrong, but they seemed embarrassed to be in the same bowl with us," said quarterback Bobby Scott. "I don't think they thought we belonged."

There might have been little chips on some shoulders when it was time to play. Tennessee racked up 24 points on its first four possessions and maintained the mismatch with



Bobby Langston (C) is shown with good buddies, head coach Bill Battle and early 1970s Tennessee football players after a big win.

four interceptions and four fumble recoveries. Air Force found it dangerous to be around linebacker Ray Nettles. If you're into numbers, the flyboys finished with minus-12 yards rushing. Scott was MVP and the late-night toast of the town. A major highlight of that 1970 season was a two-game series against Alabama and Florida in mid-October that was full of angles for the Vols. The Vols had improved markedly since a 36-23 loss to Auburn in the season's

second game. Passions were high in Knoxville as befits a "pupil against his coach game." The clash featured Bill Battle at Tennessee versus Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama. The final score that day was 24-0, Tennessee, on a day the Vols intercepted eight passes and dominated the proceedings. It was the first time the Tide had been shut out since the 1959 Liberty Bowl - Penn State 7, Alabama 0. It was football the way the gods intended. Tennessee

wore its orange shirts, while Alabama came out in crimson. The Tide took its place on the East side of Shields-Watkins Field, while Tennessee found a home on the West side. It was the "Third Saturday in October," and that added to the excitement. A capacity crowd found its way to Gen. Neyland's famed arena. A week later, on the "Fourth Saturday in October," Florida rolled into town. It was Florida's first trip to Knoxville since 1954. The Gator head coach was Douglas Adair Dickey, who

had led the Vols to the heights in his tenure at Tennessee (1964-69). The Vols led all the way, and the game wasn't as close as the final score (38-7). Scott threw the ball all over the field (385 yards), and Vol defenders got after the Gators relentlessly. And it could have been worse. That team was a great one that deserved to be remembered along with 1938-40, 1950, 1951, 1965, 1967, 1989, 1990, 1997, 1998, and 2022, to name just a few. Here's what offensive

guard Don Denbo, the pride of Pulaski, said about that team. "We give so much attention these days to the individual stars. We forget how important and unique a team is. The 1970 team was a team of individuals who somehow put aside their differences (and there were lots of differences) and melded into a unit. We knew we were not going to get beat. We should not have gotten beat. That team should have been national champions." Vol fans remember Jan. 1, 1971 fondly. Tennessee and Air Force were squaring off on the gridiron. Those were the days, weren't they? P. S. West also recalled that sometime during game week, a cadre of local tough guys in New Orleans decided to get after Knoxville entrepreneur and newspaper carrier Bobby Langston, maybe beat up on him a little bit... or maybe a great deal. Things didn't look so good for Bobby until a number of Tennessee players showed up on the scene. Things got better for Bobby immediately. It wasn't quite the Lone Ranger and Tonto showing up to disperse the Cavendish gang, but it was close. NOTE TO "TOUGH" GUYS: If you messed with Bobby, you needed to be aware that help was quickly on the way ... in great numbers.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Halls wins sectional wrestling championship

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's boys wrestling team added some more hardware to its trophy case recently as it won the Section 1-AA Championship in the traditional tournament. The Red Devils, who have three straight sectional titles, claimed their most recent title on Saturday, Feb. 15. Halls had nine state qualifiers including seven wrestlers who wrestled for sectional championships and three sectional champions. Harlen Hunley, who

competes in the 150-pound weight class, won the sectional championship in his division. The Red Devils' Trevor Sexton (157 pounds) and Barrett Whaley (175) also won sectional titles. Noah Lance (106), Tanner Kitts (113), David Cook (132) and Jordan Sexton (144) all posted runner-up finishes in their respective weight class. In the 190-pound division, Gavin Self came in third. Ty Davis (126) finished fourth in his weight class. Farragut High, which was in danger of not being able

to field a team in 2024-25 as the school couldn't find a coach until the beginning of the school year when Charlie Rohn took the job, had three state qualifiers. Dylan Rohn (Charlie's son) won the sectional title in the 144-pound weight class. Dylan is a senior. He's a newcomer with the Admirals after a stellar high school career in Maryland. His father, a longtime assistant coach in Maryland, took the head coaching job in West Knox County so his son could wrestle his senior season. Senior Michael Stafford,

a senior who competes in the 165-pound weight class, finished third. A three-year wrestler at Farragut, Stafford helped coach Rohn recruit athletes for the team. In the 138-pound weight class, the Admirals' Jonathon Laney finished fourth and earned a trip to the Williamson County Expo Center and the state championships, which were contested Friday and Saturday in Franklin. (Results were not available at press time). Hardin Valley Academy had a pair of state qualifiers emerge from the sectionals

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Lady Eagles lead area teams with six state qualifiers in wrestling

By Ken Lay

Girls wrestling has become one of Tennessee's fastest growing high school sports in recent years. As its popularity has exploded across the Volunteer State, area athletes have risen to prominence in the Knoxville area. At press time, some of girls wrestling's top stars were competing

on the state's grand stage, the TSSAA State Championships, at the Williamson County Expo Center in Franklin. Five area schools had multiple state tournament qualifiers after the state sectionals, which were contested at Northview Academy in Kodak, Feb. 13-14. The top four wrestlers

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME



Corryton's Zack Turner, the District 4-3A Player of the Year, goes up for a shot in the lane in Friday night's 83-55 win over Cumberland Gap at Union County High School. Turner was the top scorer in the quarterfinal / play-in game, tallying 28 points. Photo by JJ Spears.

RIGHT: Farragut junior Parker Lane fires a jump shot over Hardin Valley's Kristian Oliver in the Admirals 69-53 quarterfinal / play-in game Thursday night at HVA. Lane led Farragut's second half comeback to advance to the semifinals in the District 4-4A tournament. Photo by Luther Simmons.

No surprises at Hardin Valley

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Farragut 55, Maryville 30

In the late game Friday night Lady Admiral senior guard Annie Priest led Farragut with 14 points in a balanced scheme featuring a game plan that seemed to come straight from the film "Hoosiers" enroute to a 55-30 semi-final win.

The Lady Admirals were up 11-0 before Maryville hit a bucket at the 4:38 mark in the first quarter.

After ending the first stanza ahead 15-16, the Lady Admirals clamped down tighter in the second frame as they held Maryville to five points in the second quarter and took a 31-11 halftime lead.

Maryville rallied somewhat in the second half. The Lady Red Rebels were able to set up junior playmaker Zoe Harrison with more scoring opportunities, but even those were heavily contested. Especially when she

ventured inside where she found six-footers K.J. McNealy and Trinity Curry holding court.

The Lady Red Rebels didn't help their cause by being as cold as the temperatures outside from beyond the three point line, hitting only three of 16 attempts. In the second and third quarters Maryville was 0-6 from downtown.

Adding to Priest' 14 point effort, McNealy scored 13 points, guard Reagn Sheridan scored eight, Curry scored seven, senior Jackie Neubert tallied six, Gabbie Vanacker scored five, and Lilly Mullins added two.

Priest, Neubert, and Sheridan each hit a trey in Farragut's opening 11-0 run to start the contest.

Maryville was led by Harrison's 10 points, Senior Addie Blackburn scored six, Katie Wallace tallied five, freshman Harper White scored four, Ella Sikes scored three, and Maddie Burgin scored two.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

ABOVE: Halls' Elijah Elliott finds himself in tight quarters on this play, but the Red Devils managed to defeat Central 69-59 in this play-in game at Karns Thursday night.

Lady Eagles lead area teams with six state qualifiers in wrestling

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from each weight class advanced from the sectionals to the state tournament.

Gibbs High School had six girls earn a trip to the Midstate. Cora Finstad, who competes in the 107-pound weight class, finished second in Kodak. She was one of five Lady Eagles to post a runner-up finish in her respective division. Esperanza Cruz

(120 pounds), Delaney Nichols (126), Lainee Kidd (138) and Shelby Williams (145) also finished second in their brackets. Lily West (185) posted a third-place finish.

Halls boasted five state qualifiers, including one state champion. Sophia Satterfield won the championship in the 126-pound division. The Lady Devils had three athletes post runner-up finishes at Northview Academy. They

included Libby Lee (100 pounds), Briley Lively (152) and Cheyenne Smith (235) all reached the championship match of their bracket.

Seymour had a pair of state champions in Ellie Underwood (107) and Cresson Postlewaite (114) each won their weight classes. The Lady Eagles' Gracie Voorhies finished third in the 120-pound division.

Bearden's Sadie Somerville (107 pounds)

and Taylor Clifford (114) both finished second at sectionals. Catholic also had two wrestlers earn a trip to Franklin as Julia Parrish won the title at 235 and Aliya Whaley was runner-up in the 185-pound division.

Central also had one wrestler make the state championship field as California Padilla finished third in the 165-pound weight class in Kodak.

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as Brock Connatser won the section championship in the 132-pound division and Jacob Laws finished third in the 126-pound weight class.

In the 165-pound weight class, Bearden's Deameion Leavell will make his first trip to the state meet for the Bulldogs. He, however, is no stranger to the state's grand stage. Leavell, who was a sectional champion this season, was a Class A state champion for Clinton High School as a sophomore in 2024.

West High's Ahmed Shahin won the sectional

championship in the 215-pound weight class.

Karns also had a wrestler earn a berth in Franklin as Landon Langley (144) finished fourth at the sectional championships.

In the Section 1-A Tournament: Gibbs High School posted a dominant performance at Chuckey-Doak High School on Saturday, Feb. 15.

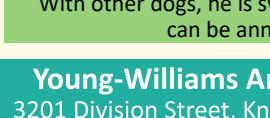
The Eagles brought home five section champions. They also had one grappler finish third.

Gibbs wrestles Blake Allen (120 pounds), Noah Eller (126), Brody Ford (132), Ezra Finstad (144)

and Jalen Wright (285) all won sectional championships, while 138-pounder Christopher Puryear finished third in his division.

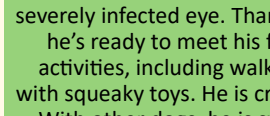
Seymour, meanwhile, had four state qualifiers. Skyler Campbell posted a runner-up in the 175-pound division. Jamie Malin (120) and Dylan Sellers (190) each finished third, while Lucas Burnette (138) took fourth.

Carter's Hayden Simmons earned a bid to state as he finished third in the 165-pound division at sectionals for the Hornets.




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TMSAA TOURNAMENT

West Valley girls' path to state title started with 'trust'

By Steve Williams

West Valley's girls basketball team was heading into the TMSAA state championship game against Woodland on Feb. 15.

"At our practice before the game," said Head Coach Josh Ballard, "I told the girls that I was so proud of them, not because they earned a right to play for the state championship but because they trusted the process the coaches laid before them.

"Every time we practiced, we were going to push each other as much as we could. We were going to take one day at a time and focus on stacking good practices on top of each other.

"This post-season run we got into a great rhythm," added Ballard. "Starting with the Knox County postseason, our girls stacked good practices with competitive games.

In the East Tennessee sectional, we played three of the best teams in all of Tennessee in Maryville, Cleveland and Sevier County. Those games, along with a tough regular season schedule, prepared these ladies to be at their best when their best is what we needed."

West Valley defeated Woodland 41-30 in the finals.

"This is a great moment for a program that doesn't focus on wins, but focuses on trying to be the best player on and off the court and trust that process," said Coach Ballard.



Above: Players and fans cheer as West Valley's Josh Ballard walks out on the court to receive the coach's awards after his team won the TMSAA state championship in AAA. Below: The West Valley Lady Wolves celebrate the school's first TMSAA state title.

Vine coach: 'Our boys fought all the way'

Julius Young scored 14 points and Marcus Webb 12 to power Vine past Avery Trace 36-34 in the TMSAA AA title game.

Every point was big for the Golden Bears. Kaveon Stinson contributed five, Jamir Kimbrough three and Dante Torrens two.

Vine outscored the Cookeville team 8-5 in the final six minutes to earn its trophy, with Young and Stinson tallying three points each and Webb two in the deciding quarter.

Webb hit two 3-pointers in the game.

"Our boys fought all the way to the end," said Jadarius Suber, who completed his fourth season as head coach at Vine. His assistant coach this year was Lawerence Fishback.

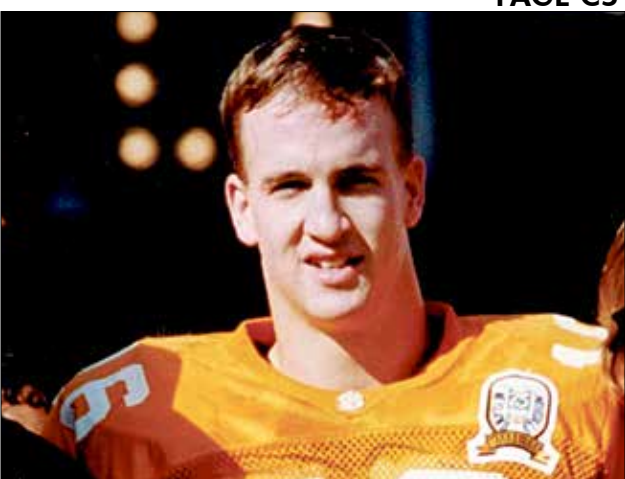
Suber said he wants to move up and coach at the high school level.

"That's the plan, that's the goal. But right now it's wherever God needs me to be, where my calling is."

Zorio 'very thankful' for Bruins' special season

Longtime Bearden Middle Coach Ben Zorio said he was 'very thankful' after winning both the Knox County AAA tournament and league titles, to compete and win the State Sectional and advance to our school's first State Final Four. Teams prior to Knox County joining TMSAA in 2019 did not have that opportunity.

"A couple of the main traits that made this group so special were the team chemistry and how it was a different player or players stepping up each game," added Zorio, "whether it was any one or more of the starters (Brian Tate, Jr., Paxton Tedford, Jamerson Moore, Isaac Kannah, Dontae Campbell) or a player off the bench such as Aiden Reed."



Peyton Manning was a junior quarterback for the Vols in this 1996 picture. When Manning heard of John Ward's passing in 2018, he couldn't be there, but immediately sent a tribute to the longtime UT play-by-play announcer.

Will Peyton fill the color analyst position at UT?

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That's the main difference between being the play-by-play broadcaster and the color analyst – knowing the game, quickly dissecting the plays and describing it to the listener.

Since his playing days, Peyton has been on the air a lot, so no worry about stage fright either. He and his brother Eli started accompanying the NFL's Monday Night Football telecasts in 2021. Who's to say they couldn't continue that show too, with the Vols' games usually on Saturdays.

Peyton majored in Speech Communication which prepared him for a career in broadcasting after football. He joined the UT faculty in the fall of 2023 and is still a Professor of Practice at UT's College of Communication and Information. Among the topics he teaches is sports reporting.

Keith and Manning should also mesh well

in the broadcast booth I would think. Age-wise, they are not too far apart. Mike is 57 and Peyton is 48.

Manning's dad Archie also has served as an analyst with the New Orleans Saints' radio and television broadcasts, and has worked as a commentator for CBS Sports' college football broadcasts, since his days as a NFL quarterback.

So this new venture for Peyton could be right down his alley, if it isn't already.

At the least, Manning might want to try it out for a year or two.

Bill Anderson, a former UT and NFL player, was John Ward's color analyst on the Vol Network for 31 years, from 1968 until 1998 and their partnership was the longest-running in college football history at the time.

So there must be something special about this UT gig.

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IN RE: ATOMIC CITY PARTNERS, LLC, A TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, VS. DIANE J. HOLLINGSWORTH, ET AL

NO. 209452-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DIANE J. HOLLINGSWORTH, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF: P. L. DAVIS, JR., MINNIE D. WILMOTH, THOMAS RUFUS DAVIS, MATTIE DAVIS WEBB, KYLE DAVIS WEBB, WILMA TUCKER WEBB, KYLE T. WEBB, MARTHA ALICE DAVIS BOWEN, JAMES OLIVER BOWEN, JR., 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 DIANE J. HOLLINGSWORTH, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF: P. L. DAVIS, JR., MINNIE D. WILMOTH, THOMAS RUFUS DAVIS, MATTIE DAVIS WEBB, KYLE DAVIS WEBB, WILMA TUCKER WEBB, JR., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Stanley F. Roden, an Attorney whose address is 10269 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor 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 23rd day of January, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT HEIR

TO: BREANNA STAR WALKER

ALTREBA FERNANDEZ, PLAINTIFF/ PETITIONER/ADMINISTRATRIX, VS.

BREANNA STAR WALKER, HEIR OF JOHNNIE MAE HARDIN, DEFENDANT

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHNNIE MAE HARDIN, DECEASED; ALTREBA FERNANDEZ, ADMINISTRATRIX

DOCKET NUMBER: 89411-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE PROBATE DIVISION

It appearing from the Petition to Probate Will filed herein, that BREANNA STAR WALKER, an heir of Johnnie Mae Hardin, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or her whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her, it is ordered that said Defendant, BREANNA STAR WALKER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville, Tennessee and with L. Eric Ebbert, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is The Ebbert Law Firm, 9145 Cross Park Dr., Ste. 103, Knoxville, TN 37923, Telephone (865) 800-3051, within thirty (30) of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against you and a hearing and the cause set for a hearing Ex Parte regarding Defendant's failure to respond.

This Notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 21 day of JANUARY, 2025.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JERMAN Y SHABAZZ FOUNTAIN IN RE: YASHIANN HINES v. JERMAN Y SHABAZZ FOUNTAIN NO. 208974-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JERMAN Y SHABAZZ FOUNTAIN, 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 JERMAN Y SHABAZZ FOUNTAIN, it is ordered that said defendant, JERMAN Y SHABAZZ FOUNTAIN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JENNIFER R. EGELSTON, an Attorney whose address is 607 W. SUMMIT HILL DRIVE SW, 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 RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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This 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOHN SHAVER, AMY SHAVER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEST

IN RE: CLEAR RECON, LLC, v. JOHN SHAVER, AMY SHAVER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,

CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEST

NO. 209818-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JOHN SHAVER, AMY SHAVER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEST, 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 JOHN SHAVER, AMY SHAVER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEST, it is ordered that said defendants, JOHN SHAVER, AMY SHAVER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEST, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with M. Craig Smith, an Attorney whose address is 651 East 4th Street, Suite 200 Chattanooga, TN 37403 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.

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This 10th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS

IN RE: TWILLA ROBINSON-BOOKER vs. PEARL ROBINSON, VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ARTHUR DEWAYNE ROBINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, and PHYLLIS BUIS

NO. 209809-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS, 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 VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS, it is ordered that said defendants, VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ann Mostoller, an Attorney whose address is 136 S. Illinois Avenue, Suite 104, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 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.

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This 18th day of FEBERARY, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JANE ELY ANDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 90434-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA JANE ELY ANDERSON, who died Nov. 20, 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 24 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JANE ELY ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KIMBERLY KAY MERRILL, EXECUTRIX 5235 TRUMPET VINE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH KAY BLACKWELDER DOCKET NUMBER 90450-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH KAY BLACKWELDER, who died Dec. 20, 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 21 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH KAY BLACKWELDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRADLEY BLACKWELDER, ADMINISTRATOR 721 WALKER SPRINGS ROAD, APT L-8 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY EDWARD BROCK DOCKET NUMBER 90477-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY EDWARD BROCK, who died Dec. 5, 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 28 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JERRY EDWARD BROCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEPHEN E. BROCK, EXECUTOR 7423 BRIDGEFIELD DRIVE POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CULLEN BOYCE BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 90475-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CULLEN BOYCE BROWN, who died Dec. 13, 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 23 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CULLEN BOYCE BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MERRY SUSAN BROWN, EXECUTRIX 5820 MEDLIN HEIGHTS ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANNE C. BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 90498-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANNE C. BROWN, who died July 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DIANNE C. BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ERIC R. BROWN 1731 SE 35th PLACE PORTLAND, OR 97214

COURTNEY L. COX, ATTORNEY 4931 HOMBERG DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH VANCE BURKEY DOCKET NUMBER 90497-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RALPH VANCE BURKEY, who died December 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 (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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RALPH VANCE BURKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE 4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, STE 100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

JONATHAN D. REED, ATTORNEY KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY 900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR P. O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PETER WILLIAM CALVERT DOCKET NUMBER 90513-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PETER WILLIAM CALVERT, who died on December 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 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PETER WILLIAM CALVERT

PERSONAL EPRESENTATIVE(S) MILES WILLIAM CALVERT 868 BUCKEYE LANE WEST SAINT JOHNS, FL 32259

AMANDA M. BUSBY, ATTORNEY 116 AGNES ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES KELLIS CHEWNING DOCKET NUMBER 90401-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JAMES KELLIS CHEWNING, who died on November 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES KELLIS CHEWNING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KELLY ANN COFFEY 5221 SHADY DELL TRAIL KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 870 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET JEAN CRESWELL DOCKET NUMBER 90119-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN CRESWELL, who died May 18, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGARET JEAN CRESWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN RUTHERFORD, ADMINISTRATRIX 8316 CORTELAND DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY 1019 ORCHID DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKI L. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 90464-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of VICKI L. DAVIS, who died December 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having

claims, matured or unmatured , against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF VICKI L. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARY JO HOUSER 640 SUNNYDALE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

EDWARD A. COX, JR., ATTORNEY 1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 90470-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA DAVIS, who died Sept. 5, 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 24 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHANNON WALLER, EXECUTRIX 6708 FOREST VILLAGE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY DEAN EVANS DOCKET NUMBER 89980-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BILLY DEAN EVANS, who died Apr. 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BILLY DEAN EVANS

Boating safety courses to be offered in March

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present two separate BOAT AMERICA recreational boating safety courses on Saturday, March 8, at the Church at Sterchi Hills, 904 Dry Gap Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918, and on Saturday, March 15, at Carson-Newman University, 1645 Russell Avenue, Jefferson City, TN, 37760.

Taught by experienced, certified Coast Guard Auxiliaries,

you will learn how to prepare, operate, and navigate your boat safely on local waters. Additionally, you will practice the knots most used in powerboating. Questions are strongly encouraged during class.

The instructors will be available after class for additional boating questions. The goal is to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family, and your friends through education.

Attendees born on or after January 1, 1989, who pass the exam will receive a completion card that meets the Tennessee Boater Education Certificate requirements. Those needing the Tennessee Boater Education Certificate must first obtain a TWRA registration, which costs \$10.00, and pay it separately to the issuing agency, such as Walmart or Academy Sports. This TWRA

registration must be brought to class. The course fee is \$25, separate from the TWRA registration fee, and must be paid at the time of class registration.

The registration deadline for the March 8 class is March 4, and the registration deadline for the March 15 class is March 11. To register for either class or for more details, contact Mr. Randy Woods, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education, at

randallwoods.uscgaux@gmail.com.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas.

The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK ALAN BURNETTE
DOCKET NUMBER 90547-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARK ALAN BURNETTE, who died Jan. 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARK ALAN BURNETTE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN BURNETTE
11121 CONCORD WOODS DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS W. CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 90468-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DOUGLAS W. CLARK, who died December 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS W. CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MALEAH N. CLARK
7851 HEATON WAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37211

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD EVERETT FINLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90395-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DONALD EVERETT FINLEY, who died on November 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONALD EVERETT FINLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MIKE FINLEY
10032 S. NORTHSIDE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DARLENE ANN FRENCH
DOCKET NUMBER 90536-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in

respect of the Estate of DARLENE ANN FRENCH, who died December 28, 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 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DARLENE ANN FRENCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMMIE BECKNER
7412 MAVERICK LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

P. ANDREW SNEED, ATTORNEY
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAWLEY KAPPESSER, A/K/A RAWLEY DEAN KAPPASSER
DOCKET NUMBER 90523-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAWLEY KAPPESSER, A/K/A RAWLEY DEAN KAPPASSER, who died December 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RAWLEY KAPPESSER, A/K/A RAWLEY DEAN KAPPASSER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD E. KAPPESSER
1506 DELLWOOD DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40216

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NATHAN LEON KARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 90550-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of NATHAN LEON KARNES, who died June 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF NATHAN LEON KARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA REED KARNES, ADMINISTRATOR

WILSON S. RITCHIE, ATTORNEY
4800 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BENNIE MAE LETT
DOCKET NUMBER 90512-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of BENNIE MAE LETT, who died on January 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

barred:

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

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

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

This the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BENNIE MAE LETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMMY MAE ADAMS
6525 GRAYCROFT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY ALLEN MASTERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90567-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GARY ALLEN MASTERSON, who died June 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF GARY ALLEN MASTERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ADAM K. MASTERSON
5421 PAULA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HUBERT WAYNE MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 90488-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HUBERT WAYNE MILLER, who died Dec. 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HUBERT WAYNE MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNIE RAY MILLER, EXECUTOR
4624 COBBLESTONE CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HUGH WHISMAN NICELEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90587-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of HUGH WHISMAN NICELEY, who died February 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HUGH WHISMAN NICELEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONNY DEE PENNINGTON
DOCKET NUMBER 90552-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONNY DEE PENNINGTON, who died on the 14th day of December, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RONNY DEE PENNINGTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMBER LYNN BABCOCK
12404 VILLAGE GATE WAY
RALEIGH, NC 27614

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL ELLIS PERKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 90530-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PAUL ELLIS PERKINS, who died October 25, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or(2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of February, 2025.

ESTATE OF PAUL ELLIS PERKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID SCOTT PERKINS
735 VALLEYVIEW DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

NICHOLAS A. BLACK, ATTORNEY
609 SMITHVIEW DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENN ROY PRESSLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90533-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of GLENN ROY PRESSLEY, who died in Knox County on July 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned, Marcus Pressley, 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 described in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four months from the date of the first publication of 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 months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLENN ROY PRESSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARCUS PRESSLEY
4401 WOODALE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WARREN LINDELL ROBERTS
DOCKET NUMBER 90538-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of WARREN LINDELL ROBERTS, who died on May 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF WARREN LINDELL ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSE MARIE ROBERTS
2309 CHUKAR ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALD L. SHARPE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90499-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GERALD L. SHARPE, JR., who died Dec. 14, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF GERALD L. SHARPE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA SHARPE, EXECUTRIX
8327 HIGH LARK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY STANTON
DOCKET NUMBER 90524-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY STANTON, who died December 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY STANTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT DANIEL STANTON, JR.
7009 PINE GROVE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

KEITH H. BURROUGHS, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD GLENN WHITAKER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90526-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of HAROLD GLENN WHITAKER, JR., who died on December 16, 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 the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD GLENN WHITAKER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTIN D. WHITAKER
1315 BRANTON BOULEVARD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

GREGORY C. LOGUE, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- Bid 3638, Wildland Fire Apparatus, due 03/27/25;
 - Bid 3641, Officer Clothing, Vests, Badges, and Accessories, due 03/21/25;
 - Bid 3642, Helicopter Engine Repair and Parts, due 03/21/25.
- For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

As per Knox County Commission Ordinance number 0-05-9-102, the following described vehicles impounded by Knox County Codes Enforcement will be offered for sale at public auction after 10 days from the date of this notice. The respective owner(s) may reclaim their respective vehicle(s) within this time by paying all costs associated with vehicle extraction, such as but not limited to towing and storage fees. After the expiration of this time period, these vehicles will be sold at public auction online at www.govdeals.com.

Please contact Russ Lonas at Knox County property management for any additional information at (865) 215-5601 or at russ.lonas@knoxcounty.org or Chris.winchester@knoxcounty.org

HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPEC4AC2DH637655
NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB8DV1PY266472
SUZUKI SIDEKICK JS3TD21V7W4105354
MAZDA 6 1YVH28BH6CSM03590
PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM 1P3AA46K9RF307484
SUZUKI SIDEKICK NO VIN
HONDA ACCORD 1HGGC56S5XA142066
CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN
1GBF615T571110081
PLYMOUTH PT CRUISER 3A4FY5BB77T610023
NISSAN XTERRA 5N1ED28XYC536853
FORD F150 1FTEF15N6RLB62483
MAZDA RX8 JM1FE173560201418
FORD TAURUS 1FAPF55X3A222241
CHEVROLET OLD PICKUP TRUCK NO VIN
SAAB TURBO YS3AT75L1H7023046
TOYOTA MR2 NO VIN
CHRYSLER 300 3C3CBA89DN670014
DODGE RAM 2500 3D7K5S28C756829752
CHEVROLET OLD PICKUP TRUCK NO VIN
GMC SAFARI VAN 1GKDM19W3YB6732
FORD EXPEDITION 1FMJK1K50BEF09522
NISSAN MURANO JN8AZ08W57W627310
FREIGHTLINER BOX VAN 4UZAANBW17CY44617
CHEVROLET IMPALA 2G1WT55N179393793

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, March 12, 2025 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE.

254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923:
H38 Tyrone Powell, D01 John Rector, M63 Elisio Reyes.

7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: H08 Jason Brewer, G56 Rachael Starks, D10 Joshua Harrison.

4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: B042 Jeremy Caylor, G40 Stuart Humberg, E18 Cody Humphrey, D27 Candace Jenkins, H21 John Lee, S14 Kevin O'Brien, B02 Kip Reynolds, H12 Laura Reynolds, B10 Jacob Smith.

CASH ONLY