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The Emerald Youth Singers, under the direction of Jasmine Andrews, perform at the organization's annual prayer breakfast at the Knoxville Expo Center Friday morning.

Emerald Youth Foundation hosts annual prayer breakfast

By Ken Lay

Supporters answered an early wake-up call to attend the Emerald Youth Foundation's annual prayer breakfast.

The inner-city youth ministry hosts the annual fundraising event on the first Friday in May at the Knoxville Expo Center.

Emerald President and CEO Steve Diggs discussed the work that the foundation has done in the past with Knoxville's urban youth but he also looked toward the future as the Emerald Academy, the organization's K-8 charter school, has lost a large portion of its federal funding.

"Knox County Schools has extended our partnership for 10 years but we got a phone call saying that our federal funding cut off, and it was cut off immediately," Diggs said. "But the Lord never ceases to provide for us.

"We've had success. We have four scholars applying for every opening we have, but we face challenges. Our neighborhoods are changing and our youth face many distractions, largely from screens."

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Reverand Cedric Jackson, Emerald Youth Foundation COO Shara Shoup and board member Doug Kennedy honor Mary Frances Tucker for her years of service to Knox-

City council debates duplex units, violence prevention oversight

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Updates to Knoxville's One Year Plan and a contract extension took up much of the city council's long meeting Tuesday.

Several citizens and most of the eight council members present spoke on the idea of opening all of the city for duplex development, either via building new units or renovating existing single-family homes into duplexes.

The discussion saw a tiff between council members Charles Thomas and Lauren Rider on the duplex issue and came to a 4-4 split vote with Mayor Indya Kincannon taking the unusual step of voting "Yes." The One Year Plan passed on final reading to include the expansion of all areas to permit duplex housing with a "use on review" required for RN-1 and RN-2 zones.

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Should the chair be limited on speaking after a vote?

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Repercussions from Knox County Board of Education Chair Betsy Henderson's testimony in Nashville on school vouchers on February 6 continue to be felt.

Continue on page 3 ville's inner-city youth.

Fox continues to object to federal grants

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Last week, District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox continued his objections to the county accepting federal funding for any project when he disagreed with a Knox County Schools item on the regular meeting's agenda.

The KCS agenda item authorizes the acceptance of \$47,977.54 in grant money for use in immigrant education. He said the grant would go for teaching English to students with questionable immigration status.

First District Commissioner Damon Rawls responded that the commission has no authority to act on school board agenda items, and Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers agreed, referring to a court order that requires approval of all school board items on the agenda.

Fox said the grant would be "expanding their budget," but Moyers replied that the commission has no power to tell the school board what to do. Fox then moved to delay the item for 30 days, but the motion failed with only Fox and Commissioner Angela Russell abstaining in the vote. The school portion of the agenda continued on the "consent" list and passed.



The collective efforts of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, Ijams Nature Center and Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful were honored last week by the Knox County Commission on a resolution sponsored by At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay. He described the groups as vital to the clean up efforts and said that he was inspired by former Commissioner Carson Dailey who sat next to Jay in meetings and was well known for his campaigns against trash.

County Finance Comptroller Perry Benshoof presented a summary of what the county has received over the past year in federal grants and what is expected to come in the future. The report, requested by Commissioner Shane Jackson, detailed all funds coming from the federal government, with a total of about \$178 million to the county and the school system last year. He said that the county has received about \$23 million and the schools about \$78 million so far this year in 140 different accounts. Fox and Russell were the

In a related matter, Knox ounty Finance Comptroller erry Benshoof presented a ummary of what the county as received over the past year federal grants and what is pected to come in the future. he report, requested by Comtissioner Shane Jackson, 1000 "No" votes on the Knox County Consolidated Plan for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st that authorized the acceptance of expected U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding, \$1.2 million in one grant and \$410,000 in another.

> Fox then presented his idea of requiring all federal grant requests to be filtered through the commission before being submitted. That suggestion brought Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs to the podium to oppose the idea.

"I sympathize with the idea," Jacobs said, but added,

"However, we have no control, and if we don't get them, someone else will. We are competing with other places."

Jacobs also said that filtering all grant requests through the commission would not allow the county time to apply for the grants and asked the commissioners to vote "No."

Rawls said the commission "does not have the expertise" in those areas, and to the commission, the applications would be "gibberish." Russell commented, "All or nothing is not the right approach."

Commissioner Courtney Continue on page 4 -----

At last week's Knox County Commissioner's Rules Committee meeting, Commissioners Terry Hill and Courtney Durrett introduced a possible rule change dealing with what a commission chairperson may say publicly if they disagree with a ruling made by the commission.

The topic was "amending the Rule II, Section D, Responsibilities of the Chair, regarding public comments of the Commission Chair when his/her position on an issue is at odds with the official position of the commission." Hill brought up the idea and mentioned Henderson's testimony was "embarrassing."

"Your responsibility as chair calls for a higher standard," Hill, a former school board chair, told the Rules Committee. She suggested that any chair or vice chair who speaks following a decision made by the commission should clarify that they are not speaking for the body.

Commissioner Andy Fox said a chair should make it clear when they are expressing their personal feelings when speaking. Attorney Mike Moyers said the rule would only apply to a chair or vice chair and a disagreement with the commission "is rare," adding if someone doesn't like the proposed new rule, then, "Don't run for chair."

"I don't mind the chair being held to a higher standard," said Rule's Chairwoman Kim Frazier.

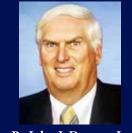
"It's such a narrow rule, we'll spend more time talking about it than it will ever be used," Moyers said.

"Why do we need this?" asked Commissioner Rhonda Lee. "I think it is limiting speech. What happened in Nashville, not everybody is offended by that."

The proposed rule was amended to include the vice chair and passed on a motion by Durrett and Commissioner Damon Rawls. It will go to the full **Continue on page 4**

PAGE A2 The Knoxville Focus May 5, 2025 I Wish I Could Stop Reading About The Slaughter In Gaza

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

As I sat in church last Sunday before the service started, I thought maybe I read too much.

I wish I had not read about Mohamed Hegazy, a seven-year-old Palestinian boy who was blinded by an Israeli grenade that blew up in his face as he played outside his home, which is now rubble.

His father said he used to smile all the time. "Now we rarely see him smiling. He is having difficulty interacting with people around him due to his blindness and the psychological trauma he suffers."

constantly clinging to me and afraid to be separated from me, even more than a moment."

Over 17,000 of those killed in Gaza during the last year and a half are children under 14 years of age. Four to five times that many have been wounded, many of them very seriously.

There is something wrong with anyone who does not think all this killing, maiming and blinding of little children is not horrific. And most of it has been done by Israeli soldiers using billions of dollars worth of American bombs, shells and weaponry paid for by American taxpayers.

I wish I had not read about Hossam Shabat, a 23-year-old journalist who was killed by the Israeli military in late March. He had a premonition and wrote the following shortly before his death: "When this all began, I was only 21 years

dreams like everyone else." He added: "I documented the horrors in northern Gaza minute by minute, determined to show the world the truth they tried to bury. I slept on pavements ... anywhere I could. Each day was a battle for survival. I endured hunger for months, yet I never left my peoples' side."

At least 208 unarmed journalists have been killed in this one-sided slaughter. Shabat ended with this plea: "I ask you now: Do not let the world look away. Keep fighting. Keep telling our stories - until Palestine is free."

I wish I had not read about Fatima Hassouna, 24, who also had a premonition and was killed by an Israeli airstrike a few days before she was to be married

She was a photojournalist who was killed in mid-April along with nine members he criticized the Biden it was acceptable to starve

was announced that a documentary she made about her life in Gaza would be shown at the Cannes film festival this month.

She had written on social media that she wanted "a death the world will hear."

On April 19, 36 members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews criticized what it called this "most extremist of Israeli governments."

Their letter said: "Silence is seen as support for policies and actions that run contrary to our Jewish values. Led by the families of the hostages, hundreds of thousands of Israelis are demonstrating on the streets against the return to war. We stand with them. We stand against the war. We acknowledge and mourn the loss of Palestinian life."

Before he became president, Mr. Trump criticized the war in Iraq. Last year

The father added, "He is old - a college student with of her family the day after it administration for bombing the poor, slaughter women Yemen. As president, he said he would end the war in Ukraine. He said recently he wanted to cut the U.S. defense budget in half.

> A few days ago, his Defense Department proudly announced it had carried out 750 bombing raids against Yemen on behalf of Israel. The Israeli military has expanded its wars to the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria, killing thousands more.

President Trump received approximately \$100 million for his campaign and another \$100 million for his inauguration from Miriam Adelson, widow of a Jewish multi-billionaire, apparently for a promise of complete, total support of the Netanyahu government in Israel.

George D. O'Neill Jr. summed things up best on April 16 in the American Conservative Magazine: "When did Jesus say

and children, while turning a blind eye to the suffering of the weak? The answer, of course, is never. Yet for years, a vocal strain of American Christian Zionist leaders have supported policies that do precisely that - enabling the starvation and slaughter of Palestinians while underwriting broader wars that have decimated ancient Christian communities across the Middle East. How did we arrive at a place where those who claim to follow the Prince of Peace justify such unchristian horrors?'

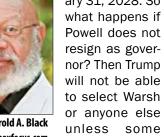
Editor's Note: In last week's column, "Trade War - You Can Root For Trump Or For China," the incorrect date was given for Reagan's Camp David speech. The correct date is April 25, 1987. We apologize for the error.

the Fed jumps into action,

Chairman Warsh? Not likely

The media wants us to believe that former member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors Kevin Warsh is Trump's favorite to replace Jerome Powell. Rumor has it that when

the president social media, that Warsh told him to cool down the rhetoric, leading Trump to say that he was not going to fire Powell (which would be a royal mess). Warsh suddenly became the focus of the media, giving speeches, being on panels and showing up on talk shows. Many think that when Powell's term expires on May 25, 2026, Trump will replace him with Warsh. But not so fast, my friends. Powell's



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Trump could try kept blasting Powell on to fire Powell after his term as chair expires, which would be less contentious. Of course, Powell could be reappointed as chair, which has zero chance of happening.

some

other governor

quits. Of course,

Nonetheless, Warsh would not be a logical fit given the president's obsession with low interest rates. Warsh was not a fan of the expansive monetary policy during then Fed chair Ben Bernanke's final year. He was also critical of term as governor doesn't Bernanke straying outside

end until Janu- the Fed's traditional lane. meetings. I also rememary 31, 2028. So Bernanke introduced the press conference following the Open Market Committee Meeting - something continued by Janet Yellen and Powell. Previous Fed chairs were more secretive by not giving the public and the markets what amounts to forward guidance. When I was a Nashville Fed director, I recall a meeting in Alan Greenspan's office. In two frames was a reporting of a testimony on what the Fed was going to do with interest rates. One article said that Greenspan indicated that rates might go down. The other said that Greenspan hinted that rates might go up. Greenspan said it was the perfect testimony. Greenspan also ordered the firing of a regional bank director who told his local newspaper about the deliberations held at one of the policy

ber Greenspan telling all of us directors and all the reserve bank presidents to never say anything that could move markets. I had also served on the deregulation committee established by the Monetary Control Act of 1980. Paul Volcker was the chair and cautioned secrecy. These Fed chairs followed the dictum of "never explain and never apologize." One thing a Chairman

Warsh would do is to stop the Fed's reliance on current government data. This too is a product of Bernanke. Monetary policy operates with a significant lag of 12-18 months. Current data reflect the impact of actions past. Thus, the market waiting breathlessly to see what the latest figures on unemployment and inflation is of little value in

monetary policy today. Moreover, those are preliminary data that are being reported. Those data are always revised later and could be quite different from the earlier data. Yet the Fed is acting as though these unreliable early projections are in fact important in decision-making. Warsh would stop this nonsense.

A Chairman Warsh would return the Fed to its roots. The chair would not be blabbing about the outcomes of the Open Market Committee. Warsh would also be less accommodating to the whims of the Congress and importantly to those of the president. Bernanke's Fed endorsed increased federal spending, leading to an increase in the national debt and the resulting inflation that characterized the Biden years. making decisions about Warsh has said, "Each time

the more it expands its size and scope, encroaching further on other macroeconomic domains, encouraging misallocation of capital, increasing the risk of future shocks, and compelling the Fed to act even more aggressively." Does that sound like someone who would be simpatico with Donald Trump's obsession with lowering interest rates? Not likely, and if Warsh were appointed Fed chair and abandoned his principles like so many have before him, the markets would not take seriously anything else he might say.

By the way, Warsh does not need the job. He is married to Jane Lauder, heir to the Estee Lauder fortune.



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No One Should Be Above The Law, Including Liberal Judges

For the entirety of his four years, Joe Biden insisted there was nothing he could do without Congress to fix the problem at our southern border. Donald Trump's first 100 days as president has put the lie to the test. The fact is Biden and his administration deliberately opened the border and willfully let anyone and everyone into our country in the midst of a pandemic and beyond. Nobody was vetted

many American families. Biden and his administration deliberately refused even Democrat judges. to enforce the law. During Trump's first 100 days in office, the flood of illegals crossing the border has diminished an astonishing 99.99%!

Now some are squalling over the arrest of two judges who violated the law. Leftists in our nation have been telling us time and again, "no one is above the law." What they mean is Donald Trump is not above the law; anyone who violates it, breaks it or ignores it to virtue signal from the left most certainly is above the law. Look at the state employee in Minnesota who got a tap on the wrist for keying six Teslas. One judge actually walked a wanted illegal alien, a guy who was violent and had allegedly punched a neighbor some 30 times, out a private door to deliberately avoid ICE agents. Judge Dugan broke the law and judges who willfully break the law aren't fit to adminand the violence wrought by ister it to anyone else. She

some criminals has caused deserves to be arrested reporters literally standeternal heartache for too and face the consequences of her actions. No one should be above the law,

Hey Terry, **Knox County** Already Has An **Ethics Policy**

The Knoxville News Sentinel is all heated up about local government ethics and patting Commissioner Terry Hill on the back for bringing up the subject. The Sentinel's righteousness is, as always, selective. Did you ever read in the Sentinel about any ethical violations by liberal Democrats especially during the Biden administration? And don't kid yourself, it wasn't because there was nothing to report. Like CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN and MSNBC, the Sentinel has a skewed view of ethics, government corruption and dishonesty. As far as I could tell, the Sentinel always was well in the middle of the pack of Leftsupporting corporate media entities that covered for Joe Biden and perpetuated his dishonesty at every turn, ing in front of city blocks in flames to tell us about the "mostly peaceful" protests.

Locally, the Sentinel should be aware that there is an ethics policy provision that requires county commissioners and school board members to make a disclaimer statement that, in essence, they have a potential or perceived conflict but are voting in what they believe the majority of their constituents would have them do. The other side of that coin is the public official recuses himself or herself as Commissioner Angela Russell has rightfully done with her husband being employed by the property assessor. That provision has somehow seemingly been forgotten by some, but it is there and it exists. Terry Hill has appointed herself as the new champion of ethics in county government. However, if my memory serves me correctly, her daughter was employed by the Knox County School system as a "restorative interventionist," which sounds very much like part of a DEI-type was not speaking for the

program, while momma entire board of education served on the Knox County Board of Education. Terry Hill routinely voted on the school budget and for pay raises for employees without, as far as I know, recusing herself or acknowledging her own potential conflict. For years her husband was a lobbyist, as was her son-in-law. As Terry Hill said about Commissioner Russell's adherence to the current ethics policy, we can't be sure that everyone would be that ethical.

The Sentinel has not printed, so far as I have seen, a single word about fraud, waste and abuse located by DOGE or the federal government, which speaks volumes about the daily newspaper's selective righteousness. It does, however, like to bring up cuts in a bloated federal government that have touched someone locally.

The truth is, Terry Hill is still chafed over her public political feud with Betsy Henderson, chair of the Knox County Board can't take a vaccine for of Education. Henderson did acknowledge she

when she spoke in support of school vouchers in this past state legislative session in Nashville. Hill has ignored that fact, and she is presently riding her high horse, along with the Sentinel, all in the name of selective ethics.

We Need More Common Sense

Congresswoman Marie Glusenkamp Perez of Washington state made the evidently radical statement that "Americans believe that only U.S. citizens should be determining the outcome of American elections." Speaking at a town hall, the congresswoman's statement caused an uproar of cuss words, shouts, boos and hisses, enough to cause Glusenkamp Perez to be hustled out of the meeting for her own safety.

It's too bad a person common sense. Too many people seem to have built up an immunity to it.

Emerald Youth Foundation hosts annual prayer breakfast

Cont. from page 1 The Emerald Youth Foundation honored Mary Frances Tucker, who has

served in the organization since its earliest days. "I love Emerald Youth and I love the Wesley

House," Tucker said in a video highlighting her service.

following the tribute to dreamed that I would be Tucker.

"It has been an honor to serve in ministry with you," addressed Tucker.

The breakfast, emceed by WVLT news anchor Ted no. I should've done it Hall, featured music from both the Emerald Youth Gospel Choir and the Emerald Youth Singers.

benefitted from Emerald Youth Foundation.

Harrison, who now serves in the ministry as a youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Strawberry Plains, is also a CTE teacher at Norris Middle School in Anderson County.

"It's such a blessing to be here with you today," Diggs made his remarks Harrison said. "I never standing in a room this full of people.

"In 1991, Mr. Diggs Diggs said as he directly asked me to lead the prayer at the first prayer breakfast and I told him because we had a lot fewer people there back then." Harrison said that the **Emerald Youth Foundation** changed his life. "The lives that Emerald facility in East Knoxville has changed have been countless," said Harrison, who was been named Anderson County Schools Teacher of the Year three times. "I don't want to think about what Knoxville would be like if it wasn't

City council debates duplex units, violence prevention oversight

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The change requires the same standards for duplex construction or renovation as it does for new homes.

The extension of a contract with the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform, hired by the city two years ago to oversee violence intervention programs, saw lots of opinions and some discussion of leaving out local groups, such as TurnUp Knox in local funding.

Youth violence has decreased, and much of organizations.

posed agreement with the NICJR organization and the authorization that would authorize that company to hire intervention personnel. While Mayor Kincannon said local activists Roberto suggested limiting could apply, some council members felt the agreement needed more discussion and public input. Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie noted that some of the local intervention groups are "still doing the

work and not getting paid."

Some council members spoke of the local groups having "hurt feelings" and not being recognized for their success.

Councilman Thomas cited the local effectiveness and personal conflicts between the groups and the administration.

Kincannon Mavor spoke of program management problems in the local groups and agreed to a workshop if the contract with NICJR is approved. Councilwoman Lynne Fugate suggested the credit goes to local a 90-day report on projed adding to the contract the requirement indicating which local people should be hired as workers under a NICJR contract. Councilman Andrew the NICJR agreement to five months, and Kincannon said that would have to be approved by the contracting company.

passed. If approved as presented, the outside com- opment, gave the same pany's budget would be increased by \$519,750 to \$826,800. Should the length of the 12-month contract be reduced, the amount would be adjusted.

The city budget passed first reading. A public hearing on the city budget will be held at 4 p.m. on May 13, and city council's second and final reading Flats Knoxville LLC for on the budget will be on May 27.

the council accepted a break for that company. \$570,000 contribution

\$210,000 for rental develproject at 2226 Parkview Avenue a PILOT tax break, and authorized giving Edgewood Apts LLC a tax break and \$360,000 in rental development funds for 15 affordable multifamily housing units.

The council also authorized \$1 million in HUD and city funds for Lumen the development of 18 affordable housing units at 1585 Coleman Road In other business, and approved a PILOT tax

A youth homeless projects managed by the out- from United Way of Great- ect received over \$1.7 mil-The debate centered side contracted company, er Knoxville for use in the lion for eight projects, and on the length of the pro- and McKenzie suggest- Affordable Rental Develop- pensions were approved ment Program, awarded for retiring city employees. Parkview Apartments LLC

The organization revealed plans to open a similar to its facilities at Dale Avenue and Texas Avenue. The new facility is projected to be in a vacant lot adjacent to Chilhowee Park.

Attendees also heard from Andrew Harrison, who there."

McKenzie moved to postpone a decision for two weeks, and the motion



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PAGE A4 May 5, 2025 The Knoxville Focus Board of education approves proposed

By Ken Lay

In a meeting that lasted just 30 minutes, the Knox County Board of Education unanimously approved its proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

The board, which convened Tuesday night at the Summer Place, voted to approve a \$700.3 million budget, a figure that represents a 3.1% increase over the previous budget.

It includes \$19.7 million earmarked for increases in pay for faculty and staff. KCS's proposed pay increase is intended to prepare for the Teacher Paycheck Protection Act, which will be implemented during the 2026-27 school year as the state will mandate that each teacher be paid a

minimum of \$50,000 per year. The budget, which must be approved by the Knox County Commission, also allocates \$24.4 million for capital improvements, including a new gymnasium at Gresham Middle School as well as improvements for air conditioning and ventilation systems and other district-wide facilities improvements.

The capital improvements portion of the budget also includes \$1.8 million to be earmarked for the first planning phase for a K-8 school to serve the communities of Mechanicsville, Beaumont and Lonsdale.

School meal prices will also rise as the School Nutrition Fund will have an estimated price tag

of \$33.76 million. Meal prices will be raised to offset rising food Superintendent of Operations and delivery costs. The budget increase would support the 63 county schools, which are in the Community Eligibility Provision, which provides free meals (breakfasts and lunches). The price increases will go into effect at the other schools.

Breakfast will go up from \$2 to \$2.25. Elementary school lunch will increase from \$2.75 to \$3.25. Middle and high school lunches will now cost \$3.50 as opposed to \$3. Adult breakfast will increase to \$3 and adult lunch will be \$5.

prices of food and delivery, this buses I bought in 2020 were is simply something we had to

address," said KCS Assistant costs \$187,000. And my other Garfield Adams. "This is something that we usually look at every three to five years."

Transportation appears to be a concern in the budget.

Contractor John Llewellyn spoke of his concerns with the transportation.

"Our transportation director asked for an increase of six percent and we got zero," Llewellyn said. "Since 2022, we've had a raise of 22 percent, but inflation is at 21 percent, so we're at zero.

"If you approve this budget as it is, we're looking at (the equiv-"With the increases in the alent of) a 3-4 percent cut. The \$123,000. The same bus today

contractor friends who have smaller buses, those buses have doubled in price."

Llewellyn noted that his company spends \$500 monthly for the recruitment of drivers, and that the budget as is wouldn't affect him personally, but his drivers would suffer.

"My lights will stay on and I will still eat, but it will make a difference whether my drivers will be able to eat or pay their light bill."

Both Adams and KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk pledged to revisit transportation at some point in the fall.

Should the chair be limited on speaking after a vote?

Cont. from page 1 commission in May.

The committee also discussed commissioners who have family members who work for the county and why they should abstain from any voting that involves their relatives. Moyers noted the current rule in the county ethics policy.

Fox continues to object Cont. from page 1

Durrett said that the executive branch needs the freedom to "act quickly" on grant applications and added that requiring commission approval of applications "blurs the lines." Commissioner Terry Hill said no one has indicated a problem with the current process and added, "In the end, we have the final say" on approval of grants.

Commission Chair Gina Oster noted that Jacobs is the "elected Republican Mayor" and all grant requests come through his office. She said that "micromanaging" that process would damage the county's funding. She asked for a future grant summary to be reported to the commission and said, "I cannot support

holding the mayor and his

Fox and Russell then

moved to postpone the dis-

cussion, and the vote was

approved 7-4. The question

may appear on the commis-

sion's May agenda.

staff to an ordinance."

assets are distributed according to an individual's wishes. In Tennessee, people who have drafted a will may need to make changes without rewriting the entire document. Personal-

> the old will and writing a whole new will. But if you do not want to do that, you can write a codicil. A codicil is a legal amendment that allows changes while keeping the original will intact.

Some things that a codicil may be used for include: adding or removing beneficiaries, changing executors or trustees, updating asset distributions, or correcting



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ly, I recommend trashing sign in the testator's presence, be made voluntarily and without undue influence. It's always a good idea to have this document notarized as well.

inal will.

Codicils are useful for minor changes but instead of leaving people to navigate multiple documents, it may be easier to draft a whole new will.

If you think drafting a codicil may interest you,

Writing a Codicil to a Will errors in the orig- here are some tips: con- even though it is legal, it sult an attorney; be clear may be simpler and more In Tennessee, and specific about what is being changed as well a codicil must comply with Tenas identifying the original nessee Code will that is being changed; Annotated secmake sure the codicil is tion 32-1-104, executed correctly; considand must gener skipping the codicil and erally: be in writdoing a new will so there ing, be signed, is less confusion; once the be witnessed by codicil is completed, keep it in a safe place.

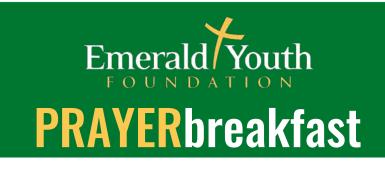
A codicil is a perfectly legal document, however, legal issues.

straightforward to simply do a new will.

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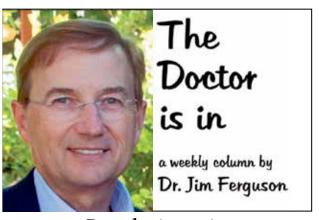
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Revolutionaries

I'm having fun. President Trump

I envision my iPhone as an extension of my persona. It connects me to others around the world and to the World Wide Web of information. My device is always with me, except in the shower. And the Timehop application on my phone daily retrieves pictures and rekindles memories of my children, grandchildren and friends. I no longer have to set up Super Eight movies or locate picture albums. My pictures and videos are always with me and readily available. As I speculate in my science fiction novels, someday we may have a biomechanical chip in our brains and no longer have to carry smart phones.

Future historians will refer to ours as the information age, just as we now label other historical periods as the Industrial Age, the Enlightenment or the Renaissance. We live in the age of computers and

tips. And are at the cusp of AI (artificial intelligence) as further extensions of the human condition. Al is at the center of the concluding novel of my Stellar Trilogy, coming soon!

information at our finger-

It was just 20 years ago that Steve Jobs and Apple began to develop a system to consolidate mobile phones, Blackberries and music in one device. In 2007 the revolutionary first iPhone put powerful connectivity in our hands, and this innovation changed the world.

I remember when "beepers" became available and I could be on medical call, but not slaved to a land phone. I remember putting a dime (yes, a dime) in a payphone along Chapman Highway and struggling to hear a patient over the ongoing traffic noise. The days of announcements at sporting events calling, "Doctor # 99, please call the Doctors Exchange," are over. This doctor loves

have to sometimes rely on America Great Again with younglings to help me with the help of accomplished my devices.

For me, the first of every week presents a recurring issue. I have a 1,000 word essay due by 6 p.m. on Thursday. As a result, I'm always looking for things which might interest the reader or intrigue me sufficiently to research and write about. (I realize the last sentence ended in a preposition, but I'm no longer in English class and sometimes following the rules of grammar makes a sentence seem contrived.)

Lately, the buzz is about President Trump's first 100 days in office. Like so many other manipulations, the notion of a president's first 100 days is a media contrivance. Nonetheless, a new administration must seize the day because election cycles are always approaching and political capital can quickly become mired and sink in the quicksand of the Washington swamp and with the corrupt and politized media.

News blogger Don Surber recently said of Trump, "He learned (from his first term) and he returned." Trump 2.0 hit the ground running with executive actions and the appointments of some of the most talented people in America. Being an outsider, Trump took the advice of Washington elites in his first term which became problematic. He returned wiser and

technology even when I more determined to Make and loyal people.

> Cindy Lauper once sang, "Girls just wanna have fun..." I don't understand it, but President Trump says he's "having fun." Perhaps it is the fighter who rose from the stage in Butler, Pennsylvania, the man who defeated Democrat impeachments, crooked judges and bogus court cases, exposed the dishonest news media and along the way sued networks to ruin. Trump vanquished the Democrats in November and has continued to troll and provoke them to destroy themselves because they can't control their irrational hatred of Trump. It is amazing to watch. My schadenfreude is still tingling!

As an example, I cite Trump's spectacular accomplishment of closing the border to illegal invasion and arrests of criminal aliens, gang members and their accomplices. We didn't need new laws. We just needed a real president to enforce our laws. And the Democrats continue to take the side of illegal aliens and criminals rather than law abiding American citizens. Last week I wrote about Democrats taking the 20% side of just about every issue rather than the side taken by 80% of American citizens. I love Trump trolling the media (90% of which are

Democrats) with 100 mugshots of arrested criminal aliens on the White House lawn. President Trump, **Director of ICE (Immigration** and Customs Enforcement) Tom Homan and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem are working to make Americans safe again.

President Trump was historically reelected to change the status quo that was leading our country (if not the entire Western World) to economic collapse. Doing nothing has produced a \$37 trillion debt which is criminal. The federal government raises enough income. It just can't curb its profligate spending. And nibbling around the edges to fix it, as both political parties have done, has been a failure of leadership and arguably criminal.

Trump is revolutionary because he is fulfilling campaign promises. This is not what politicians do, but Trump is not a career politician. Sixty years of leadership by politicians has led us to the brink of collapse. What has been good for the world has not necessarily been good for America. Our revolutionary has the courage to fix the border crisis, reindustrialize America, address waste, fraud and abuse in the government, eliminate the inherently racist DEI, reform the dysfunctional education system, reform international trading inequities and restructure America's geopolitical

position in the world.

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government Big Democrats and RINOs, unelected bureaucrats, the media, academia, and apparently judges don't want change nor their gravy trains to be upset. These elites have opposed the agent of change with categorical lies, 92% negative press, impeachments, spying on Trump's family and campaign, fraudulent court cases, attempts at removing him from ballot boxes, violating the sanctity of his home and two assassination attempts. And now judges break the law while screaming "No one is above the law."

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus said everything changes. And the changes that are necessary to save our country will cause some distress and upheaval. I'm not smart enough to expound on tariffs and Trump's revolutionary agenda. But I do know that doing the same things over and over has not worked and will lead to collapse. Everyone knows it, but only one has arisen with the courage to make the tough calls which are necessary.

Therefore, I trust the experienced businessman, the negotiator and the MAGA revolutionary. I trust Trump.

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South Knox's Vestival 2025 is Saturday, May 10

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A day trip to Rogersville and back



recently. The writer was referring to my "A Day Away" columns. He continued, "I am 91 and my wife can take in steps or all in year that draws thousands is blessed with Alzheimer's one day, visiting the histo- of visitors that is not getting any ry and interesting aspects As you continue north-

words of an email I got favorite regional towns, production of tomatoes, presented as a tour as they and you'll pass by the interlink.

high school there where a Here is a day trip that you tomato festival is held each

place Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mother's Day weekend tradition is expanding from its longtime home on the Candoro Marble grounds to several locations along the Martin Mill Gateway Park at the Pike and Ogle Avenue corridor of South Knoxville.

Knox Makers, 116 Childress St. (lower level at rear), will host an open house and offer demonstrations of their shop Tea & Treasures, 4104 Martin Mill Pike, will feature craft booths and musical entertainment on its lawn.

Vestival attendees can stroll by the Vestal corner of Martin Mill Pike and Ogle Avenue and enjoy the wildflower garden and the newly installed Milani marble bench. Italian-born Albert Milani, 1892-1977, Continue on page 4



"I always read your interesting stories about your visits to these towns but unfortunately, have not saved them. Now, before it is too late, my wife and I want to visit these towns while we still can!"

Those were the opening

better!"

He asked for a list of the towns I have highlighted in the stories, and it got me to thinking. I sent him a thank-you note and a list of smaller towns I have always enjoyed visiting.

I grew up in two neighboring small towns. I returned to both towns during my newspaper career and enjoyed relearning both places. So, at his request, here are a few more of my

of these small towns. I'm east, you will come to be memorable.

you take Tazewell Pike in great pausing place to get Fountain City and go north to Rutledge, where you'll find a replica of President that structure. Today, the Andrew Johnson's tailor shop. It is right beside Highway 11W as you enter that downtown section.

County are known for the

highlighting a few things in Tate Springs, once a thriveach stop that I think might ing health spa. There's a beautiful spring house From Knoxville, I suggest just off the highway and a out of the car and stretch your legs while climbing old Tate Springs resort is the Kingswood School for Children.

Just east of the histor-Rutledge and Grainger ic springs is the junction Continue on page 2

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PAGE B2 The Knoxville FOCUS Another language rant

It comes as no surprise that I love music. I've shared for years about my being in choirs in high school, college and churches. The problem is that I have a

voice that weakjoerector@comcast.net ens a bit every

year. Without the help of Gage Sharp, I'd be sitting in the audience for the rest of my life. Coupled with my inability to pass a required advanced French class, my career choice changed from music to teaching English. Yep, back then, an English Education major was a fallback plan.

As things turned out,

life should take. Over the years of my career, I have met thousands of high school students. Not all of them cared for me, but I "think" a few might have **By Joe Rector**

> and took away something they could use later in their lives.

I taught composition and emphasized grammar. I swore to those students how important the rules of our language were for clear communication. I used a red pen to mark papers, and many students panicked as they thought passing was impossible. God knows better than I To me, seeing the smiles

liked the class

do what turns my on high school students as important they are for the fewer red marks appeared on their papers was always rewarding.

> I wasn't the best at teaching literature. While I enjoyed the pieces and the books that were covered in class, I had to agree with the students that sometimes interpretations of literature were more like opinions than facts. I chose poems that left clear messages for readers. On a couple of occasions, I required students to commit to memorizing a poem because I knew that the overall message would stick with them into adulthood and even into old age. My greatest love of all

> is grammar. I believe in those rules and know how

stability of our language. Today, many of those rules are under attack. I blame television commentators and popular individuals for the problem. For instance, these folks with far-reaching platforms have decided to destroy the comparative and superlative forms of words. We used to use "er" and "est" for most one and two-syllable words. At some point, someone who didn't know the rule just put the word "more" in front of all adjectives. "Happier" became "more happy;" "purer" became "more pure." I wonder how many people, recalling failed test grades of this rule, are riled about these new uses.

These same popular folks

have decided to make up new words or to use existing words in inappropriate ways. Of late, people are saying, "The agency is 'disappearing' prisoners." The conventional usage would be, "Agency prisoners have been disappearing."

Another made up word is "gifted." Too many people say, "I gifted ... " Folks, the word "gift" is a noun. It is not a verb. You can give a gift; you can receive a gift, but "gifting someone something" is incorrect usage.

As I've said in other pieces, too many Americans have no Idea when to use "I" or "me." The biggest problem comes when the choice is made after a preposition, and it usually is used with another noun

or pronoun. Sadly, too many people say "for Mary and I." If Mary were left out, folks know that "me" is the only word that correctly fits.

For years, teachers have drilled students on correct usage. Now, those rules are open to personal preference, even though a person who misuses words often comes off sounding uneducated. The question is whether today's teachers know correct grammar. If not, our country's ability to effectively communicate will suffer. Compared to other problems in the U.S., such a matter seems trite. However, the less people are able to talk things out, the more they seem to turn to more violent solutions.

Forgiven (Genesis 4:23-

Jesus shared the importance of going after someone who has wandered from the faith with the parable of the wandering sheep (Matthew

18:10-14). Jesus then went on and talked about the process of helping restore someone who is caught up in sin. Following this dis-

cussion, Peter asks a question in the context of reaching out to someone who sins against you: "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" (Matthew 18:21).

When you hear the word "forgive", we probably all have something that pops up in our head. It is likely someone has hurt you pretty badly, and you are having a hard time forgiving that person. But Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (v. 22). Jesus takes these vant owes him ten thouer Abel, and now generations down the line, Cain has a descendant named Lamech. Lamech takes two wives for himself, the first time we read of polygamy. He is not a good man. Listen to what he says to his wives, "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times"

24). Cain commits the first murder recorded in the Bible. But generations later, murder is now celebrat-Lamech ed. **By Mark Brackney** was extrava-Arlington Church of Christ

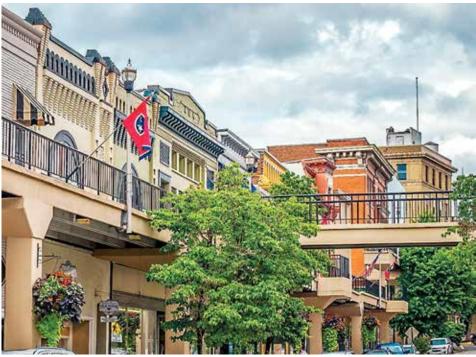
gant in taking vengeance.

Jesus' response seems crazy. I want you to forgive seventy-seven times. In other words, you stop counting. You don't keep track. Jesus is saying his disciple needs to be extravagant in forgiving. The exact number of times to forgive is hyperbole, not exact calculation. You are missing the point if you are looking for an exact number of how many times to forgive someone. The point is the extravagance of God's forgiveness. Jesus then tells a story to make his point, the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:23-35).

There is a king who has a servant, and the serplay the piano or football. We are talking about currency. A denarius was one day's wage. This guy owes ten thousand talents. One talent was comparable to around six thousand denarii or six thousand days of work. So, what does ten thousand talents add up to? Sixty million denarii or sixty million days of labor. Do you know

how long that would take? 164-thousand lifetimes to pay this debt back. Keep in mind that then "thousand" is the largest number for which a Greek term exists, and the talent is the largest known amount of money. When the two are combined, it is like saying "zillions."

The servant then begs the king for time to pay the debt back, something which he never could have done. The king's response is amazing. The king had compassion and forgave and released the entire debt. What God has forgiven people is beyond human calculation. His response should have been one of excitement and joy. But instead, he finds a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii and chokes his neck demanding his money back. This amount of debt is not insignificant, but it represents only one six-hundred-thousandth of the debt the first servant has words from Genesis 4. sand talents. We are not just been forgiven. The Cain has killed his broth- talking about talents as king finds out and calls in gifts like being able to him "the wicked servant." Being wicked is equated to not showing compassion. The king then releases him to the jailers to be punished. Receive the amazing forgiveness Jesus has for you. Trust it and let it go deep in your heart so it shapes you and allows you to forgive those who have hurt you.



Viewing or walking Morristown's second floor sidewalks can be a quick exercise along the unexpected downtown experience.

A day trip to Rogersville and back

Cont. from page 1 of Highway 25 West and Highway 11W, where the Wilderness Road takes off going north to Cumberland Gap and Kentucky. You can take Highway 25W up the mountain to the Clinch Mountain Overlook and see much of the Tennessee was killed in a Cherokee Valley and the Smoky attack. He's buried in a Mountains in the distance at the veterans park there. But continue going northwest and you'll enter Bean Station, a little historic town that was one of the first settlements in what became East Tennessee. Until the construction of Interstate 81, Bean Station was a major truck stop community. The original location of the settlement is now flooded by the waters of Cherokee Lake, and the town was moved to higher ground to where it is today. At periods of low lake waters, you can

drive or walk along the old town site.

Continue northeast on Highway 11W to Rogersville, where you can visit the museum inside the historic depot. You may also like to visit the grave of Davy Crockett's grandfather, who small downtown cemetery. The downtown section of the Hawkins County seat is worth a walk, and you can visit the old Hale Springs Hotel there. From Rogersville, you can take Highway 66 South to Bulls Gap, where you can find the old downtown city hall, the old railroad terminal with a historic hotel, and you'll also find the reconstructed childhood home of Archie Campbell. The little downtown is off the main highway, just south of Highway 11E.

Back up on Highway 11E, you can head west to Morristown and drive downtown to see the overhead sidewalks that serve second-story businesses. Morristown also has the Crockett Tavern, a reproduction of the business established by Davy Crockett's father.

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If you continue west on the highway, you'll pass through Jefferson City, New Market and Strawberry Plains on your way back to Knoxville.

That's a lot to do on a single day, and you can break it up into different trips. There are lots of other interesting and memorable small towns in our area. It is fun to take a day trip to get away for a while, especially with someone you care about.

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shine tasting event in meals at VMC and offered memory of Don Sproles, who was one of VMC's earliest and most enthusiastic supporters. He and his wife Karen owned the The Wine and Shine is LunchBox restaurants,

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Volunteer Ministry Center an annual wine and moon- where they often served employment opportunities to VMC neighbors. In 2012, he served as Board Chair. This evening of fun, fellowship, and food is in honor of Don's amazing legacy. His service to VMC continues to be a shining North Star.

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Pages from the Past



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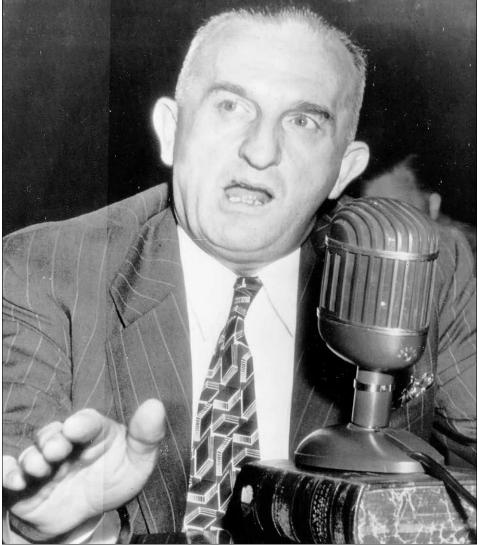
For a decade, John Main Coffee simultaneously held Coffee served in the U.S. House of Representatives. Reporter Jack Pyle of the Tacoma News Tribune summed up Coffee's career after a failed comeback attempt in 1958, writing the congressman had been "unbeatable up to 1946, and unelectable after that." Coffee had come to Congress as an ardent supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal in 1936. Coffee had done a great many things for Tacoma and Pierce County during his ten years in Congress, as well as for many individuals. Burly and possessing a fine mind, John Coffee had been an opponent of Francisco Franco in Spain, against providing scrap iron for the Japanese Empire as it was actively engaged in a bloody conquest of China, and foe of big business. Coffee was for expanding the role of government and backing organized labor.

Times change, as do people's feelings about the issues confronting the country. John M. Coffee lost his seat in the House of Representatives likely for two reasons; the first being that 1946 was a banner year for GOP candidates who were campaigning on the slogan "Had Enough," which sum-War. The other reason was the breath of scandal had seared Coffee through the investigation of the Senate's Special Committee to Investigate Contracts Under the National Defense Program, better known as the "Truman Committee," for its first chairman. New York U.S. Senator James Mead inherited the chairmanship after Truman. An investigation of Congressman Andrew Jackson May of Kentucky eventually landed the Bluegrass State lawmaker in the penitentiary. While John Coffee did not go to prison, the revelations from the committee certainly tarnished his reputation during an election year. John Coffee was a native of Tacoma and graduated from Yale University's School of Law. Coffee came into politics early, working for the election of Clarence C. Dill to the United States Senate in 1922. Dill defeated Republican incumbent Miles Poindexter and took the 25-year-old Coffee with him to Washington, D.C., as his secretary (chief of staff). Coffee returned to Tacoma, where he practiced law until 1933. With the advent of the New Deal, John M. Coffee became the secretary of the Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration in the Roosevelt Administration.

the position of appraiser and examiner for Pierce County for the State Inheritance Tax & Escheat Division until his resignation in 1936.

Coffee's chance to run for Congress came when Wesley Lloyd died on January 10, 1936. Lloyd had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1932 Democratic sweep in Washington state. Congressman Lloyd died of a heart attack in Washington, D.C., at age 52. After making his formal announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination, John M. Coffee plunged headfirst into the campaign. Coffee campaigned as a supporter of the New Deal and President Roosevelt. On Election Day, Coffee walloped the Republican nominee, winning better than 67% at ters causing an epic outthe peak of the popularity of Franklin Roosevelt and The Connecticut industhe New Deal.

After winning the election, the congressman-elect promptly contacted Morris Motors, the local Packard dealer in Washington, D.C. When he and Mrs. Coffee arrived in the Capitol at the end of December, awaiting the congressman was a brand-new Packard 120 club sedan. At the time, Packard was the leading marized the frustration of luxury automobile in the millions of Americans who country. When first electold. It soon appeared that one point denied knowing Coffee had a long political future before him. Even when the New Deal appeared to be receding in the 1938 election, Congressman Coffee appeared to have solidly entrenched himself inside his district, winning quite nearly 73% of the ballots cast. Coffee was routinely reelected every two years, never dipping below 61% of the vote in the general election. Coffee was given to florid pronouncements such as that he made when Japanese forces occupied the Aleutian Islands in Alaska during World War II. During the summer of 1942, Coffee had stated, "There will be an attack on the Alaskan mainland, British Columbia or the Pacific Northwest before the end of the summer." John Coffee also delighted in the publicity he oftentimes received, such as when he read excerpts from the private correspondence of Vivien Kellems, a successful Connecticut businesswoman, and Count Frederick von Zedlitz, a Nazi engineer residing in Argentina. It soon became clear the censors who had gone through the private correspondence had somehow leaked at least portions of the letters to



Congressman John M. Coffee of Washington State testifying before the Mead Committee in 1946."

muckraking national columnist Drew Pearson, who had in turn shared them with Coffee. The congressman read tidbits of what were obviously love letburst from Miss Kellems. trialist gave out a statement to the news media, saying, "The perfect coordination ... among Secretary Morgenthau, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Coffee is a joy to behold ... Come off the floor of that House, Mr. Coffee, where you are protected by your Congressional immunity ..." Miss Kellems raged that "any man who would do what you have done," meaning Congressman von Zedlitz, but she also claimed to have turned over valuable evidence on the count to the state department. That was news to the Department of State, which said it found exactly nothing in its files. Then came the allegation made by a local contractor. The Mead Committee heard testimony from Eivind Anderson, a contractor from Tacoma, who had won a \$93,517 bid for As a congressman, John a construction job at Fort Lewis. Anderson testified he had met Congressman Coffee in a "narrow, deserted Capitol corridor back in 1941." According to Anderson, the congressman had said, "I understand from Paul (Paul A. Olson, Coffee's secretary) that you will pay \$2,500 for our representing you here in Washington!" Anderson said he would be happy to pay \$2,500 and, again, according to the contractor, Coffee said, "Send it to Paul ..." Naturally, Congressman John M. Coffee came before the Mead Committee to offer his own testimony. "There was never any question of his hiring me," Coffee insisted. The money given had been a campaign contribution. Had the congressman reported the contribution to the appropriate authority in

the House, Senator Homer Ferguson wondered. No, Coffee replied. The congressman replied the law called for "reporting contributions received 10 days before and 30 days after an election." John Coffee explained that the \$2,500 he had received from Eivind Anderson was an "interim contribution." When asked how the money had been spent, Coffee explained he had used it to reimburse himself for expenses incurred during the 1938 and 1940 campaigns.

For voters at the time, the contribution was significant as it had the same purchasing power today as more than \$50,000. Coffee, "would be public- While the statute of limitahad suffered deprivations ed to Congress, John M. ly horse whipped." Vivien tions had run out, had any Andrew J. May had made better than 51% of the vote during the Second World Coffee was only 39 years. Kellems had not only at crime occurred, John M. headlines across the coun- against four opponents, Coffee would have gotten considerable bad publicity from the episode. It didn't help that Senator Mead, a Democrat, had referred to Coffee's acceptance of the contribution as "morally wrong." Mead's further observation that the government "did not lose any money" likely didn't much matter to some voters. The Spokane Spokesman-Review noted the old adage about "it makes a lot of difference whose ox is gored" that it apparently made a considerable difference in Washington, D.C., as to "whose questionable public activities shall and whose shall not be investigated." Reporter Harry J. Brown archly noted that it also seemed to make a big difference in whether an investigation was requested by a Democrat or a Republican. Brown wrote that there were lingering questions left hanging following the testimony from the Mead Committee's investigation. If indeed the \$2,500 had been a campaign contribution, why was it made in a year when there was no campaign, Brown wondered. "Usually, campaign contributions are made in the summer and fall of a campaign year; not a year later."

entitled "Public Morals," which stated Congressman Coffee's attempt to "sweep away the implications of a \$2500 check paid in 1941 to his secretary by a contractor for whom he had gone to bat at the war department by saying that the Mead committee's decision to look into the case is 'strictly politics.'" The Post readily acknowledged as two GOP senators had submitted photostats of the \$2500 check "there can be little doubt that political motives are involved." The editorial then stated, "But we fail to see how that minimizes the gravity of Mr. Coffee's offense against sound political morals."

try, and the odor of scandal hung over Congressman John M. Coffee as he entered the 1946 campaign. Coffee faced the same Republican opponent in 1946 as he had in the 1944 election, Thor Tollefson, a name which was evocative of old Viking legends. Tollefson had been the prosecuting attorney for Pierce County. The 1946 campaign did not go well for the incumbent in several important respects. Coffee, under increasing fire for his left-leaning politics, claimed to have a letter from Congressman Martin Dies Jr., a Texas Democrat nationally known for his chairmanship of the House **Un-American** Activities Committee. According to Coffee, the purported letter stated that Dies would campaign throughout Washington state at his own expense to proclaim Congressman Coffee's patriotism. Norman Shut Jr., an enterprising young Republican, telephoned and spoke to Congressman Dies and released a transcript of their conversation. "I had not written to John Coffee offering to go to Washington state to campaign for him or to say anything for or about him," Dies said. "I am diametrically opposed to Mr. Coffee's politics and have

no intention of speaking in his behalf."

The statement by Martin Dies undermined John Coffee badly, especially in light of Thor Tollefson having pointed out the congressman had been "identified with 28 Communist front organizations." "It is hard to believe that Mr. Coffee, the congressman, is the same person as Mr. Coffee, the candidate," Tollefson said.

Three of Washington's Democratic congressmen - - - John M. Coffee, Hugh **DeLacy and Charles Savage** - - - had signed a letter to former Vice President and Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace praising him for his foreign policy stand and asking him to speak in the Evergreen State. The conservative Spokesman-Review published an editorial entitled, "Faithful Trio Hew to the Line." The editorial flatly accused the congressmen of being "three faithful who don't deviate in their loyalty to Russia." The newspaper sarcastically noted that each of the congressmen was against the "capitalistic-imperialistic" Second World War until Hitler violated his pact with Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union.

The battering to his reputation and the scandal helped to take Congressman John M. Coffee under. He lost the general election, winning 46% of the vote. Only 49 years old when he lost his seat in the House, it is hardly surprising that Coffee tried to seek elective office once again. Coffee did not attempt to regain his seat in Congress in 1948, but rather chose to wait until 1950 to wage another campaign for the House. At the time, Washington used a blanket primary with the two top candidates going on to the general election. The fall of Congressman Congressman Tollefson got including John Coffee, who won only 27%. Coffee fared little better in the general election, polling under 40% against the popular Tollefson. Eight years later, John M. Coffee made yet another attempt to return to the House. Once again, Coffee trailed Tollefson in the blanket primary, winning only 17% of the vote in a field of seven candidates. In one of the best years for Democrats since 1936, John M. Coffee could muster only 45% of the votes cast. At that point, Coffee knew his political career was over.

The Washington Post published an editorial

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Funds raised through this event support the mission of the Volunteer Ministry Center to end and prevent homelessness in Knoxville and Knox County.

May 5, 2025 The Knoxville FOCUS There's No Such Thing as Too Many Hostas

UT Gardens' May Plant of the Month

Submitted by Mary **Lewnes Albrecht**

Professor emerita, Department of Plant Sciences, UT Gardens, Knoxville

With more than 10,000 or so cultivars to choose from, why not try hostas?

Hosta species and cultivars, sometimes called plantain lily, are very easy to grow in the garden. They are the queen of the shade garden. Many with white to yellow foliage can take some morning sun, but all need protection from the hot afternoon and evening sun.

Plant in compostamended soil and keep the plants well-watered, especially during establishment or dry spells. There's a saying when it comes to hosta - first year they sleep, second year they creep, and the the cultivar, mostly white Designated as the official third year they leap! So be to lavender to purple botanical garden for the patient!

Hostas come in all sizes: minis (up to 7 inches tall), small (8 to 11 inches), medium (12 to 18 inches), large (19 to 24 inches) and giant (over 25 inches), so they can fit in just about anywhere in any shade garden. And they also do well in pots.

The foliage can be shades of blue, green, yellow and variegated with white to yellow in the middle or on the margins; some with very waxy leaves. Others have leaves that are thin and easily eaten by scales and slugs. Unfortunately, deer love them, too, regardless of the leaf thickness.

Breeders are introducing shades of red in the petioles and hoping to get the pigment in the leaves. Some form neat clumps, others can spread slowly. Flowering will vary with

Hummingbirds, bees attracted to the flowers.

So, where do you start? With the very reliable, large, mounding hosta named 'Guacamole.' This one has shiny chartreuse/ apple green leaves margined by a wide green edge. Large, fragrant, pale lavender flowers appear in August. Plus, it's a fast grower and can handle

some sun. the Cornelia B. Holland Tranquility Hosta Garden, an American Hosta Society Display Garden, at the UT Gardens, Knoxville. To learn more also check out Extension. Through its the East Tennessee Hosta Society website: easttnhostasociety.net.

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson, Tennessee.

and summer to autumn. State of Tennessee, the UT Gardens are part of the and other pollinators are UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens' mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see the Gardens website: utgardens.tennessee.edu.

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Vestival 2025

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was a sculptor who worked for Candoro Marble Co. Kickstand Community Bike Shop will hold a bicycle giveaway at Vestal United Methodist Church, 115 Ogle Ave., until 3 p.m.

The Sustainable Future Center, 201 Ogle Ave., will be home to the mainstage, where performances will include light jazz during the free Mother's Day Brunch at 11 a.m. Other scheduled performers include Sandsation Shimmy Dancers, Tennessee Brando and South Knoxville's favorite, the Knox County Jug Stompers.

Tri-Star Arts in the Candoro building, 4450 Candora Ave., will open its gallery, displaying Meg White's "From Dark to Blue" and "Injury: Thirteen Aslan Foundation in 2021. Studies by Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi." The South visit the Vestival Facebook Knoxville Community page.

Center, 522 Martin Mill Pike, will be open for the Fabric Workshop, which provides crafting space and an opportunity to trade materials.

Vestival launched in 2001 as a means to celebrate South Knoxville's industrial arts and to recognize the Vestal community's national contribution to the historic marble and lumber industries. Another goal was to raise money to rescue the iconic Candoro Marble building, which was built in 1923 as an office and showroom for the Candoro Marble Co. and was in grave disrepair, though it had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. That effort culminated with the purchase and restoration of the building by the

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KIL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MEET Keegan finds a way to go out a winner again

By Steve Williams

Keegan Smith came into his final Knoxville Interscholastic League Meet last week wanting to top off his career winning streak in the 800-meter run, but lost to Farragut senior Evan Beeler by twotenths of a second.

Disappointed that he didn't get win No. 4 in the KIL 800, he still left Hardin Valley Academy as a record-setting winner Tuesday night after coming from behind to edge Farragut senior Tanner Coggin by fifteen-hundredths of a second in the 3200.

Coggin jumped out to a big lead early and maintained it for most of the race with Smith far back in second place.

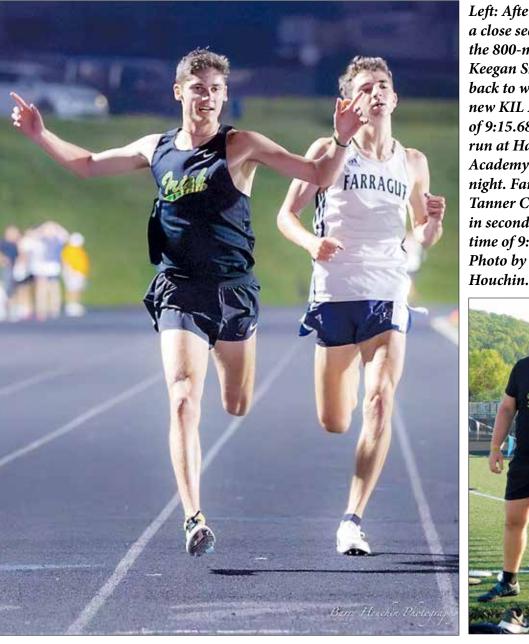
Keegan said he used the scoreboard timer to let him know how much distance he needed to make up and it was showing "three seconds" after laps 4 through

"I found something in the last 100 meters," recalled Smith, "but Tanner responded very well. I thought maybe I wasn't going to get him, but I prevailed at the end so I'm just super blessed and thankful to bounce back so quickly after a disappointing 800.

"I wanted to four-peat," added Keegan. "That's been circled on the calendar this whole senior year and when that didn't go my way, I was pretty bummed right afterwards."

Smith said his coaches encouraged him to 'flip the page and get ready' for the next race.

"To end it with that win and the way I came back and fought the whole time,





discus and shot put events. Above: Hardin Valley had a 1-2 punch in the 1600-meter run at the KIL Meet last Tues-

day. Gabe Allen (right) finished in first place and teammate Garrett Hawkins (left) was runner-up just one-tenth of

Left: After finishing a close second in the 800-meter run, Keegan Smith comes back to win and set a new KIL Meet record of 9:15.68 in the 3200 run at Hardin Valley Academy last Tuesday night. Farragut's Tanner Coggin comes in second place with a time of 9:15.83. Photo by Barry



HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Diamond Notes: Local teams remain in limbo after Friday's rain Seymour wins district title **By Ken Lay**

Now that the 2025 high school baseball season has concluded, schools across the area can now begin postseason play and the task of competing for district championships.

Some leagues began postseason play on Tuesday. Most, however, started on Wednesday and kicked into high gear Thursday night with a pair of upsets in Class 4A.

In District 4-4A: Top seed and three-time defending state champion Farragut went down at home as fourth-seeded Maryville outslugged the Admirals, 8-5, at John Heatherly Field.

If Farragut is to make another deep playoff run it would have to win twice avoid being eliminated.

All games scheduled for Friday and Saturday were rained out. Play was set to resume Sunday at Farragut. Results were not available at press time.

The Rebels, the No. 4 seed, who opened tournament play Wednesday with a 6-5 victory over West High, had a 7-0 lead over the Admirals at one point in the contest.

Also in District 4-4A: Hardin Valley Academy, the No. 3 seed avenged a late regular-season loss to Bearden, notching a 12-2 victory at Bearden's Phil Garner Ballpark. The third-seeded Hawks got a grand slam from Caleb Van Lant. He had two hits and drove in five runs in the contest. Jaxson Jones also collected hits and knocked in two runs for the Hawks. Season ends for West: The first year for head coach Rob Stacy and the Rebels came to an end Thursday night as West fell victim <u>Cont. on page 4</u>

it means a lot and there's no better way to end a good long streak with KIL Upper right: Catholic junior JR Fowler waits his turn in the discus event at last week's KIL Meet. Fowler won both the both in track and crosscountry," said Keegan, who won the KIL Cross Country Meet four straight years.

signee, set a new KIL meet the boys' meet. record in the 3200 with a time of 9:15.68.

Coggin's time was 4x400 relay. Hardin Valley Cade Crum took third at to earn eight points and 9:33.90.

There were other special 101. Catholic finished third included Gibbs (74 points) (21.90) and 400 (48.64).

Smith, a Colorado story lines that came from in the race and ended up in fourth place. Central He also placed third in the second in the team stand-The team title was up for ings with 100.5 points. grabs in the final event, the Farragut won the final

a second behind at the finish line.

team scoring. had the winning score of

and West tied for fifth with 100. 51 points.

There were two double junior, swept the throw event and totaled 99 winners in the KIL individ- events with a 182-9 in the 9:15.83 and Bearden's placed second in the race points for third place in the ual events. Austin-East discus and a 59-6¼ in the senior Myles Crayton sped The Top 5 finishers also to victories in the 200

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JR Fowler, Catholic shot put.

Hardin Valley sophomore <u>Continue on page 4</u>

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Webb's Langham scores in the sand and relays

By Steve Williams

Lennox Langham apparently likes playing in the sand. She does it often in and triple jumper for Webb School.

She also will be going to Florida State to play beach volleyball after high school. Before then, however, Lennox will continue to pile second. up the points for the Lady Spartans in their pursuit for Edmunds also stood out in

ship this spring. role in Webb winning the placed second.

girls' championship in the Knoxville Interscholastic League Meet last week at Hardin Valley Academy.

She dominated the long her role as a long jumper jump and triple jump, setting new KIL meets records of 18-91/2 and 39-1¹/₂, respectively, while Hardin Valley's Acheema Cummings-Scott and Naomi Burum finished

Farragut senior Katie a TSSAA state champion- the pole vault, going over the bar at 11 feet, while Langham had a big Central's Kaylee Reed



Webb senior Lennox Langham soars in the KIL long jump event last week. She set new KIL Meet records in the long jump and triple jump. Photo by Steve Williams. Below: Webb's Calysta Garmer receives the baton from Gabby Bainbridge in the Lady Spartans' victory in the 4x800 relay last week at Hardin Valley. Photo by Barry Houchin.





PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

senior, swept the throw events, with a 122-7 mark in the discus and 36-2 in the shot put. Karns' Gracie Schoenfelder and Austin-East's Ari'ajia Gadson recently signed with placed second in the two events, respectively.

Carney and West's Mackenzie Eisenberg placed 1-2 in the high jump as both cleared 5-4.

On the track, Catholic junior Chloe Truss and Webb junior Calysta Garmer were double winners.

Truss posted a 24.49 time in the 200 just ahead of Catholic's Payton Sipos. Chloe breezed to victory with a 56.43 in the 400. Farragut's Reagan Estes came in second.

Garmer won the 1600

Maggie Frana, Catholic in 4:52.84 and edged her twin sister Jazzlyn with a KIL meet record time of 10:22.18 in the 3200.

The Lady Spartans' Carolina Areheart, who In the 4x200, Romain, Vanderbilt, prevailed in the 800 with a 2:18.86 Webb junior Tallulah and placed second in the 1600. HVA's Alexandra Vesser took second place in the 800.

> Young won the 100 dash 4:00.67 in the 4x400. in 12.19. Gibbs' Addison The foursome included Miller was second just junior twins Christie and ahead of Webb's Simone Courtney George, senior Romain.

Catholic's versatile Sipos Ava Barczak. swept the 100 and 300 hurdles with times of 15:01 and 44.61. CAK's Amelia Wedemeyer was runner-up in both races, with times of 15.16 and 45.90.

Webb won three of the four relay events. Jeneva Mitchell, Romain, Langham and Young combined for a 48.95 time in the 4x100. Caroline Dye, Langham and Young posted a 1:43.88. Jazzlyn, Gabby Bainbridge, Calysta and Areheart were clocked in 9:53.27 in the 4x800.

Farragut set a new Webb freshman Lacy KIL meet record with a Reagan Estes and junior

> Webb scored 159 points, while runner-up Catholic tallied 132. Rounding out the Top 5 girls teams were Farragut (82), Hardin Valley (79) and West (64).

Catholic's Maggie Frana loads up energy to throw in the shot put event in the KIL Meet last week at Hardin Valley. She won the shot put and discus events.



BARRY HOUCHIN

Farragut's 4x400 relay set a new KIL Meet record of 4:00.67. Left to right: Reagan Estes, Ava Barczak, Courtney George and Christie George.





Chelsea Osborne (left) was presented a plaque recognizing her 18 years of coaching at Farragut High School at last week's KIL Meet. Longtime South-Doyle Coach Don Madgett also commented on Coach Osborne:

"My wife's aunt died the week of the Volunteer Classic and I let the other coaches know I might need a little help. Chelsea was the first one to reach out to me and say, 'What can 1 do to help?' Then she followed through that day with a couple of tasks that really helped move things along for me.

"She is retiring from coaching so I thought it was appropriate to honor Chelsea Osborne here tonight.

Chelsea ran for Oak Ridge and Appalachian State, but she's been at Farragut for 18" years, so I think she forever belongs to the KIL."



PAGE C3 May 5, 2025 www.knoxfocus.com The center of attention wearing jersey No. 57

When the news arrived Wyche), two sophomore he had 5 sacks, 14 tackles,

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Steve Kiner (June 12, 1947-April 25, 2025) now belonged to the ages, the memory banks worked overtime recalling his impact on the Vol program.

Kiner was a starter from the beginning, the center of attention wearing jersey No. 57.

He was the 1967 SEC "Sophomore of the Year," a year in which the Vols were 9-2 overall and 6-0 against the SEC. The Vols won their first SEC title since 1956 and repeated in 1969.

Kiner was fast enough to cover the field sideline to sideline, while Jack ("Hacksaw") Reynolds, his sophomore running mate at linebacker, anchored the middle. His head coach, Doug Dickey, once said that Kiner was as fast (or faster) than many of the offensive backs he was chasing.

game was something special. Tennessee went to Florida, respectively. Birmingham with a third-

the morning of April 25 linebackers (Kiner and 5 assists, 4 quarterback Reynolds) and a whole hurries, an interception, that former Tennessee bunch of other sopho- and a forced fumble. mores in key spots. The He was named National lineback-Vols were ranked No. 7, Lineman of the Week. and Alabama No. 6 (AP). College

> of the Vols also had one of and never lost a game on the best offensive lines Shields-Watkins Field. "He in school history. The final score was 24-13, Tennessee – the Vols' first win over the Tide since 1960. It was a memorable time in Big Orange Country.

The Vol performance that October day had to have had a positive impact on prep prospects in Tampa, Florida; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Kingsport, Jackson, Johnson City, Nashville and Oliver Springs, Tennessee. That's where some of the top prospects for the 1966 freshman class were located, and the Vols got them all: Kiner, Reynolds, Vic Dingus, Don McLeary, John Rippetoe, Mike Jones and Gary Kreis.

Kiner was a two-time All-American and All-SEC selection in 1968 and 1969. He was the 1969 SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

The Vols were 26-6-1 during his tenure, playing in the Orange, Cotton, The 1967 Alabama and Gator Bowls against Oklahoma, Texas, and

In the 1969 Alabama

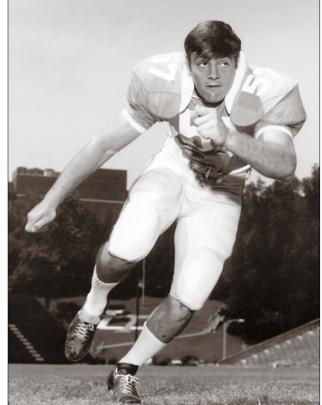
During his career, he It also didn't hurt that was 3-0 against Alabama was the best linebacker in this league since Lee Roy Jordan played for us," said Bear Bryant.

> In 1969, Tennessee was ahead comfortably in the fourth quarter, as Dickey was ready to unleash a number of subs on the Crimson Tide. Before Kiner came off the field to the Vols' bench area, he unleashed a memorable (and unprecedented) tirade directed toward players wearing crimson jerseys. His comments were a frontal assault on the Vols' long-time rival.

"Look over there at that poor old man," he said. "Can you see him? You sorry guys have let him down. You should be ashamed of yourselves."

After the game, he told how happy he was to have been a part of beating Alabama for a third straight year. "But, I swear, I can remember when there was some pride associated with wearing those red jerseys," he said.

string quarterback (Bubba game, a 41-14 Vol triumph, captain of the 1969 team. offered the name of a for each to be so honored.



Vol linebacker Steve Kiner, shown here in a classic 1960s publicity photo.

He was ninth in the 1969 Heisman Trophy vote with 109 votes.

He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999.

We were talking one day when someone noticed Steve's fingers went in all different directions and how his knuckles showed the impact of hand-to-hand combat in college and in the NFL.

His response? He point-He was an alternate ed at each finger and

running back he had to tackle. That made the point succinctly.

Is Kiner the best linebacker in Tennessee football history? There are three Tennessee linebackers in the College Football Hall of Fame, Kiner (1967-69, 1999), Frank Emanuel (1964-66, 2004), and Al Wilson (1995-98, 2021). The answer is not an easy one, because their careers speak for themselves. You can make an excellent case

Emanuel led the way in 1965. The Vols played in the school's first bowl game since 1957 and compiled a record of 8 wins, 1 loss, and 2 ties, defeating Tulsa in a rain-swept Bluebonnet Bowl.

Wilson willed the Vols to the national championship in 1998 with a leadership style that brought out the best in his teammates. He earned the respect of everybody connected with the Vol program.

You can get in a whole bunch of trouble comparing players across the generations. Each of them has a great deal to offer, from the way they played on the field to their leadership over the course of their careers. Those of us who saw each of them in action or heard the voices of George Mooney, John Ward, and Bob Kesling on the Vol Network can readily attest to their bona fides.

Steve Kiner was 77 when he left this earth, but through the magic of videotape and the collective memories of those who watched him play, his place in Tennessee football history is secure. He gave his all for the Vols play after play, game after game, and season after season. He definitely earned the title "Vol For Life."

NFL Calls on Vols

By Mark Nagi

The NFL Draft isn't a perfect representation of how a college football program is faring... but typically, the number of players selected goes hand in hand with a winning culture at the FBS level.

Back in Tennessee's glory days of the 1990s and most of the 2000s, former Vols were repeatedly selected by the pros.

Charles McRae and Antone Davis, WR Alvin Harper). Nine Vols were taken the following year as well. Peyton Manning going #1 overall highlights the 1998 Draft, but two other Vols were taken in the first round (DB Terry Fair, WR Marcus Nash), with eight Vols hearing their names called overall.

a case that he was the best one from a pure edge final two Vols taken in element," said Falcons this draft were selected, defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich.

Pearce's stock dropped when rumors about his dedication to the sport surfaced, but he will have a great chance to prove his doubters wrong with a for Raiders head coach Falcons team desperate Pete Carroll. He ran a 4.3 for pass rushers.

In 1991, nine Vols were round, the Vols saw Vols, Thornton caught 26 picked in the NFL Draft, another defensive line- passes for 661 yards, including three among the man picked when the with 6 receptions over 50 first 12 selections (OTs Kansas City Chiefs took yards. defensive lineman Omarr Norman-Lott.

In the fourth round, the with wide receiver Dont'e Thornton Jr. going to the Las Vegas Raiders and running back Dylan Sampson heading to Cleveland.

Thornton's ability to stretch the field was key 40 at the NFL Combine. Late in the second In his last year with the

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL Lady Rebels notch dramatic postseason win

By Ken Lay

The postseason is now underway for Grace Johnson. area high school softball teams. But Mother Nature has intervened.

underway at press time and it was on cruise control until inclement weather pelted East Tennessee Friday night. The games scheduled for Friday were washed out at William Blount High School in TOURNAMENTS STARTING TODAY Maryville and will resume today.

with West High notching a comeback vic- Halls High School but rains came just tory over Hardin Valley Academy. It was before No. 4 seed Powell was to play fifththe Lady Rebels' first tournament victory in recent memory.

just two hits off Lady Admirals' ace Hallie

Davenport singled twice for West.

In the circle, Brooke Weaver allowed Only one district tournament was two runs, six hits and one walk. She struck out one.

Johnson outdueled Weaver as she struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

The District 3-4A Tournament was Tournament play opened Wednesday slated to get underway Friday night at

Nine Vols were picked in 2000, 10 Vols were taken in 2002, and eight Vols in 2003. You see where I'm going with this line of thinking.

With team success comes individual success. Last season, the Vols won 10 games and advanced to the College Football Playoff. That's a pretty good year. In turn, the NFL found four Vols worthy of selection, each of them coming in the first four rounds.

In round 1, the Atlanta Falcons took edge rusher James Pearce, Jr., with the 26th pick. At one point, Pearce was predicted to go much higher, and the Falcons had him 15th on their draft board. They traded back into that round to grab him when he was still available late in the first round. Pearce runs a sub 4.5 40 and collected 17.5 sacks during his last two seasons at Tennessee. "You could have made

said this of Norman-Lott. "I remember going down to see Tennessee play this year against Florida, and I was sitting there watching him in practice. This guy was just beating everybody, and on the tape, it He runs a 4.42 40 and showed up. Just excellent doesn't avoid contact, but get-off, very quick hands, great competitive temperament... This is a guy if you pair him with Chris Jones free agents were DL Elijah on the inside, offensive Simmons to Arizona, DL guards are going to have some problems on third Orleans, and DB Will down."

Sampson was the SEC's offensive player of the ESPN's Louis Reddick year in 2024, after setting a new Tennessee single-season rushing record with 1491 yards on the ground. He also scored 22 touchdowns, breaking a single-season record that had stood since 1929. is undersized at 5 feet 8 inches tall.

> Among Tennessee's Omari Thomas to New Brooks to Kansas City.

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And West won in thrilling fashion.

The Lady Rebels were trailing, 3-0, heading into the bottom of the seventh today. inning to earn a 4-3 victory.

West won the game on a walk-off RBI single by Joli Bush with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Chloe Davenport had triples and scored a run. Ella Jenkins had a two-run double against the Lady Hawks.

On Thursday, West lost to top-seeded Farragut, 2-0. The Lady Rebels managed

seeded Oak Ridge. That game was rained out as was the other first-round contest between No. 3 Karns and No. 6 Campbell County. The tournament will now start

The District 4-3A Tournament, featuring Gibbs, was slated to open Friday at Clinton and also has been rescheduled for today.

The District 3-3A Tournament opens today at Cocke County. Cocke County is the top seed, followed by Seymour, Carter and Northview Academy. Fulton has opted not to compete in the tournament.



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Fulton Flag Football team plays in state tourney this week

By Steve Williams

Fulton will play in the TSSAA Girls Flag Football state tournament this Wednesday and Thursday at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex in Murfreesboro.

Coach Trey Sewell's team earned the state berth after finishing in first place in its local district last fall.

Fulton will play Blackman at 2 p.m. (Central time).

"We lost a few players since last time," said Coach Sewell. "We will only be traveling with 14 players."

Sewell added that he didn't lose any of his starting players.

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Winston Road in Knoxville on Saturday (May 10) from 1 to 4 p.m.

Elston Turner happy to knock out Lakers

Knoxville native Elston Turner, 65, an assistant coach for the Minnesota Timberwolves, enjoyed the team's 103-96 win over the Los Angeles Lakers last week.

"I have never been able to put the Lakers out of the playoffs in 35 years so I'm extra happy!" Turner said after Minnesota defeated Los Angeles four out of five games.

Turner's Timberwolves now advance to the NBA Western Conference semifinals.

TSSAA announces a new student advisory committee

The 20-member committee of student-athletes will meet for the first time in May. The first meeting is expected to be a virtual event.

There are six members from each grand division Roane and Anderson (East, Middle, West) and one unified pair. The com-The physicals will be mittee members repregiven at the Pilot Family sent 12 TSSAA sanctioned YMCA located at 400 sports, including three



Bearden senior Gavin Bailey goes over the bar at 14-6 to win the KIL pole vault event.

unified sports.

The committee will represent student-athletes and the TSSAA, ensuring their perspectives are heard in governance and addressing key issues such as rules, regulations, and special initiatives. Their mission is to advocate for students, enhance sportsmanship, and foster a safe, ethical, and competitive environment both on and off the field.

a group that will have a recognized voice for the nearly 150,000 student-athletes

that participate in TSSAA sanctioned sports," stated Mark Reeves, **TSSAA Executive Director.** "Ultimately, the organization's purpose is to serve student-athletes by providing opportunities that will enable them to become the best version of themselves."

Jenna Gonzales of Bearden High School and Grayson Gregory of the Webb School of Knoxville "We are excited to have are the local representatives on the student committee.

May 5, 2025 Keegan finds a way to go out a winner again

Cont. from page 1 Nicolas Rivers won the lowed by Jackson Stuffle, 100-meter dash in 10.95. Javaston Badgett of Central was second in 10.98.

Farragut's Beeler posted a KIL meet record time of 1:52.41 in the 800 in his with its victory time of win over Smith. Karns' Rylan Moser-Bryan was Spadafora, Willie Brunet third.

The closest race in the boys' meet was HVA senior Gabe Allen clocking in with a 4:16.44 in the 1600 and teammate Garrett Hawkins finishing in 4:16.45 onehundredth of a second behind. Bearden's Crum came in at 4:18.16.

CAK senior Silas Fulford set a new KIL meet record in the 110 hurdles in 14.69. Four hurdlers - Farragut's Chase McAvoy, Gibbs' Milo Willets, Halls' Brody Foster and Farragut's Dane Skinner - finished between 15.30 and 15.93.

Willets, a senior, won in West was a close second 38.79. Fulford was second and Skinner third.

In the relay events, Catholic set a KIL meet for Hardin Valley in the record in the 4x800 with a time 8:03.33. Members of the Irish quartet were came in second at 40-4 Gonzalo Vela, Graham Karnes, Tony Ortega and Reid Bannister. Karns came in second and Farragut Bailey won the pole vault third.

Central continued to win with its 4x100 relay. Caleb Harris, Eric Moore, Niko Townsend and Javaston Badgett combined for a Thompson took second time of 42.42, just onetenth of a second off the KIL meet record of 42.32.

first place with a time of a toss of 46-1. Gibbs' Seth 1:30.25. Lawson Branch Seiber finished third.

_ ran the leadoff leg, fol-Caleb Chittum and anchorman Asisah Burton. Gibbs came in second at 1:30.37.

4x400 Farragut's wrapped up the meet 3:24.79. Aaron Pohl, Lucas and Beeler carried the baton.

A lot of attention was on the high jump to see if Larry Clapp's oldest KIL meet record of 6-7 would hold up another year and it did. Chase McAvoy of Farragut and John Caldwell of Gibbs cleared 6-2 and McAvoy took first place honors as he didn't have any misses at lower heights, while Caldwell had one miss. Catholic's George Mancini and Halls' Domarian Noe tied for third at 6-0.

Halls' Noe prevailed in the long jump with a leap In the 300 hurdles, of 20-81/2. Will Sharbel of at 20-8 and HVA's Colson Crutch placed third.

> Crutch took top honors triple jump with a mark of 40-83/4. Gibbs' Caldwell and teammate Chris Puryear was third.

> Bearden senior Gavin event at 14-6. Halls' Brody Foster was runner-up at 14-0 and CAK's Fulford came in third.

Farragut's Bryce place in the discus with a throw of 177-3.

HVA's Neal Henley was Carter's 4x200 relay took second in the shot put with

Local teams remain in limbo after Friday's rain

Cont. from page 1

to a no-hitter by William Blount's Noah Hardin in an 11-0 loss in Farragut.

The Rebels finish the 2025 campaign with a 16-14 overall record. They lost their tournament opener to Maryville, 3-for-3 performance from with Green's effort. sophomore Morgan Ferrell, who tripled in the Battle of Rebels. Brady Hopkins collected two hits and recorded an RBI, while Harris Eddins and Mason Dugan doubled for Knoxville's Rebels.

winner's bracket.

Green pitched nine scoreless innings. He allowed six ting a batter. He struck out Free in the 10th inning. eight before being relieved by Hudson Burnett.

Red Devils' starter Fisher a total of 19 times in the tory over Campbell County game.

Oak Ridge won the game hits and one walk, while hit- on a sacrifice fly by Parker

The Red Devils, who defeated Karns, 11-2, to Halls coach Ryan Gentry open tournament play on to play Sunday in an elimi- inning. 6-5, on the road despite a was extremely pleased Wednesday, was slated to nation game, weather per- Tournament play is set game. play the Beavers again in mitting, but results were an elimination game but not available at press time. results were not available at press time. do what he did today and game at Powell, the host you have every chance in Panthers edged Central, 2-1, at Danny T. Maples "I can't say enough Field in nine innings as Kwade Carver hit a walk-The Wildcats, the defend- off single. It was one of ing district tournament only two hits for second- was still in contention Tournament: In the only dis-

behind a 1-for-1 performance by designated and scored two runs.

shutout. Halls struck out at home with an 18-0 vic- elimination game against tournament championship No. 2 Union County suspended Friday night. Gibbs, which already has hitter Cole Wessel. He dou- a 6-4 tournament victory bled, recorded three RBIs over the Patriots, had a ed Fighting Cocks used a 1-0 lead over the Patriots The Bobcats were slated in the bottom of the first tive days. Cocke County's

to resume today (Monday) at 5 p.m. The winner of the Fulton (13-3) and Carter Gibbs-Union County tilt will play top-seeded Anderson County at ACHS at 7:30 p.m. The Mavericks have already qualified for the Region 2-3A Tournament and must lose twice not to win the district title. be interrupted by rain, upcoming Region 2-3A Witter combine on a five-hit opened tournament play seeded Eagles had their the Eagles claimed the Tournament.

with a victory over Cocke County.

Seymour won the game by forfeit as the fifth-seedpitcher in three consecu-TSSAA violation cost it the Seymour also defeated

In District 3-4A: It took about him." 10 innings but top-seeded Oak Ridge outlasted Halls in a classic pitchers' duel at Bobby Hopkins Field, 1-0, to remain in the

"I can't ask for anything more than he did today," Gentry said of his freshman starting pitcher. "You the world to win.

champions, had pitchers seeded Powell. Kam Welch and Peyton

The Bobcats (17-15-1)

Winner's bracket games scheduled for Friday were In Thursday's other postponed until Saturday, weather permitting, but results were not available at press time. Some games were also scheduled for Sunday.

> In District 4-3A: Gibbs for a district tournament trict tournament not to championship. The third-

(12-1). In the game against Fulton Tuesday, the Eagles' Elijah Miller proved that, in baseball, crime does pay. He found his way into the program's record book as he stole five bases. He also Seymour wins District 3-3A set a single-season record for stolen bases (40).

Seymour will host the

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GIZMO – 11 months old, 47 lbs., Animal ID: 56601300 Meet Gizmo! This is a note from Gizmo's foster: He's a recent visitor in my home. He's a mixed breed puppy that I found with YWAC. Gizmo is playful, very loving, housebroken, and VERY smart. He gets along well with my senior dog's and responds well to my senior dog's gentle corrections as they each figure one another out. He also responds indifferently to having food removed even while in the middle of eating and so far has exhibited zero signs of aggression. He's just a loving playful pup! He even plays with the neighbor dog through the fence!



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Holleroo returns, bigger and better, Saturday, May 17

to Happy Holler, bigger and better than ever, on event will be the very first to take advantage of on-street service of alcohol thanks to the recent change in city ordinance. Events were previously only able to offer such service on Gay Street and in the Old City.

Holleroo, produced by the Happy Holler Project, will take place from 11 a.m.- 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 along North Central Street and Anderson Avenue in Happy Holler.

box derby and street fair through the day, and the festivities morph into a music festival as the evening progresses. Many of the neighborhood businesses will hold special events and activities, including live music, sales, food and drink specials and more.

The soap box derby will begin at 12 p.m., with a dozen or more hand-built, gravity-powered cars, racing two at a time down

Knoxville's only soap box Central Street before a derby, street fair and out- thrilling turn onto Anderson door concert event returns Avenue. Between races, patrons can walk along Central and peruse the Saturday, May 17. This goods of dozens of local vendors and makers or grab a bite from one of the neighborhood restaurants or food trucks.

> The musical lineup includes the classic country of New Market Trainwrecks, the straight forward rock and roll of Kevin Abernathy (with a full band), the return of King Super and the Excellents and a headlining set from Nashville indie rockers The Weeks.

Last-minute registra-Holleroo features a soap tion is available for anyone wanting to participate in the event. Go to holleroo. co for more information.

If you need even more reason to come check out the festivities; a portion of the proceeds from the day will be donated to Xhunger. Holleroo has remained free for the public due to our sponsors. If you have a good time at the event, consider checking out a poster, finding a logo you enjoy and figure out a way to support your companies of choice.





8:30 PM THE WEEKS **6:45 PM** KING SUPER AND THE EXCELLENTS 5:30 PM KEVIN ABERNATHY [Full Band] BENEFITING: 4:00 PM NEW MARKET TRAIN WRECKS

HOLLEROO

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE **NOTICES** NOTICE OF

TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 06/07/2006, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 07/14/2006, in Instr. :200507140003929, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by William M. Hale and Patricia P. Hale, conveying certain property therein described to First American Title as Trustee for Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as nominee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, The Saver Law Group, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee to First American Title, as trustee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the abovereferenced property: PATRICIA HALE AND WILLIAM M. HALE

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The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth TRUSTEE IS SELLING THE PROPERTY above. AS IS. BUYER BEWARE. TRUSTEE MAKES NO

RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER, SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 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 John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 8th day of APRIL, 2025. J. Scott Griswold

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT **NOTICE**

TO: JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100

IN RE: CRYSTAL FLACK, Petitioner

V. JUDY ISABELLE FLACK, VICKY LAROYCE FULTON, CHERYL JEWEL MCNEIL, ZOE GILLMORE, GLORIA

Tennessee and with Scott B. Hahn, an Attorney whose address is 5344 N Broadway, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 24th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF **SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH E.

MORSCH, DECEASED NO. 79037-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX

cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville

Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT **NOTICE**

TO: JAIR BAILEY IN RE: PROGRESSIVE HAWAII

INSURANCE CORP. VS. CATHERINE GREENE, et al.

NO. 208274-1 In the chancery court for knox COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed which is sworn to, that the defendant JAIR BAILEY, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so ry process of law cannot be served upon JAIR BAILEY described in the complaint it is ordered that said defendant, JAIR BAILEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of th Chancery Court at Knoxville. Tennessee and with R. Brett Grimm, an Attorney whose address is 507 S. Gay St., Knoxville, TN 37901 (PO Box 2466 Knoxville TN 37901) within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 28th day of APRIL, 2025.

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

HUNGER

ESTATE OF DAVID H. DUPREE DOCKET NUMBER 90838-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID H. DUPREE, who died March 2, 2025, 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 loserihod in (1)(A), or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of The Saver Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee to First American Title, as trustee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8, will, on 05/21/2025 at or about 12:00 PM, at the North side of the City County Building, Knoxville, TN, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and heing more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK A, OF THE J. E. ALEXANDER ADDITION AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 26, PAGE 10, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF BRANCH LANE SAID IRON PIN BEING DISTANT 929 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF BRAND LANE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF RUGGIES FERRY PIKE: THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT ALONG BRANCH LANE NORTH 4 DEGREES SOUTH 82 DEGREES OF MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 243.02 FEET TO A PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST 95.41 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 2, 1984.

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This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the

REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, THE STATUS OF TITLE, OR ANY LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES ON THE PROPERTY. DATED - April 10, 2025

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for three consecutive weeks: 4/21, 4/28, & 5/5/2025

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COURT **NOTICES** NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER. SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER IN RE: SOUTH CASTLE LLC HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLVNN RENEF HARPER AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER

NO. 209420-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER, SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER, 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 HEATH J. HARPER NANCY A HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER, SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER. DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, it is ordere that said defendant, HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN

WILLIAMS BODGERS TRUMAN **RODGERS, SABRINA HILL, DORRIS** WILLIAMS RODGERS, ZACK FLACK AND JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, Respondents

NO. 208749-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, 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 AND JANE DOES 1- 100, it is ordered that said defendant, JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Bennett Hirschhorn, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. Gay Street Suite 700, Knoxville, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 16th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold **Clerk and Maste**

<u>NON-RESIDENT</u> NOTICE

TO: GASPAR GASPAR JUAN

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF SEBASTIAN GASPAR JUAN NO. 210746-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GASPAR GASPAR JUAN, a nonresident 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 GASPAR GASPAR JUAN, it is ordered that said defendant, GASPAR GASPAR JUAN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville,

COUNTY, TENNESSEE PROBATE DIVISION NO. 79037-1

It appearing from the Motion for Confirmation of Sale filed herein that DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR., son of the Decedent, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary ocess of law cannot be served upon DAVID FUGENE MORSCH JR. It is ordered that DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville. Tennessee and with John R. Foust, Esq., Movant's Attorney, whose address is Foust & Foust, PLLC, 4641 Chambliss Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, Telephone (865) 203-4041, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to him.

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

4/28/25; 5/5/25; 5/12/25 & 5/19/25 J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF NOLA MANON-ROUGE CLARK

BY: MAURICE L. CLARK, SR. AND WIFE JRUMEAIA RIDDLE-CLARK, PETITIONERS

TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, MOTHER, RESPONDENT NO. 210830-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, a nonresident 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 TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, it is ordered that said defendant. TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON

IN RE: DALE RICHARD LAWSON, Plaintiff

MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, Defendant

NO. 208144-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, a nonresident 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 MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, it is ordered that said defendant MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jake D. Ens. an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 217, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville

Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 14th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID H. DUPREE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ALEATHEA DUPREE, ADMINISTRATRIX 3305 Noremac Road KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF CANDY LOVELY GOODLING DOCKET NUMBER 90144-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CANDY LOVELY GOODLING, who died on August 12, 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 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CANDY LOVELY GOODLING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARCI BETH TROUTMAN P. O. BOX 245 OCCOQUAN, VA 22125

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

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NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF CAROL LYNN HATCH DOCKET NUMBER 90800-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL LYNN HATCH, who died March 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date, the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21st day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL LYNN HATCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARCELLA ELAINE HATCH 7536 W. DICK FORD LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

MEGAN FLIZABETH KENNER 233 LEDWELL DRIVE SEYMOUR, TN 37865

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY W. HILL DOCKET NUMBER 90788-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LARRY W. HILL, who died February 12, 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 21st day of APRIL, 2025. ESTATE OF LARRY W. HILL

> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TIMOTHY B. MILLER

ELLE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY 900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 300 P.O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 90732-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may he) in respect of the Estate of ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON, who died March 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication: or

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES L. MUSGRAVES

TOM R. RAMSEY, III, ATTORNEY 550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTON ALEXANDER PATTON DOCKET NUMBER 90806-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL 2025 Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of CHRISTON ALEXANDER PATTON, deceased, who died on December 15 2024, were issued to SERENA BEAUCHAMP PATTON by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21st day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHRISTON ALEXANDER PATTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SERENA BEAUCHAMP PATTON **8024 WILNOTY DRIVE** KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

> ERIN A. WHITE, ATTORNEY 300 MONTVUE RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WILLIAM WEICH DOCKET NUMBER 90791-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL WILLIAM WELCH, who died February 23, 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 21st day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WILLIAM WELCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HASHEEMA LYDIA WELCH 10722 ROCK ARBOR WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

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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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACKIE ALVIN BORST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) THOMAS BORST, ADMINISTRATOR 15321 DUNLAP DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE D. BRATTEN DOCKET NUMBER 90807-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ALICE D. BRATTEN who died on December 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed 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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WALTER A. BRATTEN 8636 PLEASANT HILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

ESTATE OF ALICE D. BRATTEN

LAWRENCE P. LEIBOWITZ , ATTORNEY BRANDON J. TINDELL, ATTORNEY 608 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NELLIE RUTH B. BROOKS, A/K/A NELL B. BROOKS DOCKET NUMBER 90827-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of NELLIE RUTH B. BROOKS, A/K/A NELL B. BROOKS, who died February 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred; (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 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 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of REMA CLAPP BUTLER, who died on November 22, 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 nublication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors

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

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

This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF REMA CLAPP BUTLER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEVEN ANDREW BUTLER 3509 CUNNINGHAM ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

> MARK E. TILLERY, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 12257 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL VICTOR BYLIN DOCKET NUMBER 90763-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARL VICTOR BYLIN, who died February 6, 2025. were issued 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 credito 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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARL VICTOR BYLINE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S **ROBERT O. BYLIN** 450 POWERS DR. ELDORADO HILLS, CA 95762

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY 217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACOUELINE CARTER DOCKET NUMBER 90839-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACQUELINE CARTER, who died Dec. 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned hv 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

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ESTATE OF THOMAS A. GEORGE

DOCKET NUMBER 90824-1

of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in

respect of the Estate of THOMAS A. GEORGE,

who died February 6, 2025, were issued to all

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 claim will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors

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

date of death. This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO ANN HODGES

DOCKET NUMBER 90794-1

APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the

Estate of JO ANN HODGES, who died on March

5th. 2025, were issued to the understaned 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

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

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

date of death. This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN LEWIS JENKINS

DOCKET NUMBER 90805-3

APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of STEPHEN LEWIS JENKINS, who died

March 3rd, 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),

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first

otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF JO ANN HODGES

DONNA HARMON

7126 HODGES FERRY RD.

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY

216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D

KNOXVLLE, TN 37920

SEYMOUR, TN 37865

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

from the date of the first publication; or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first

claims will be forever barred:

described in (1)(A); or

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF THOMAS A. GEORGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

TOM R. RAMSEY, III, ATTORNEY

550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310

J. RICHARD GEORGE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

from the date of the first publication; or

cribed in (1)(A); or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day

ESTATE OF BILLY WAYNE DAVIS, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90801-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BILLY WAYNE DAVIS JR. who died on the 22nd day of February, 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 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) from the decedent's date of death This the 30th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF BILLY WAYNE DAVIS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AMANDA DAVIS 1520 CARRIE BELL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37912 NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY

4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAURA NEWTON EASTHAM DOCKET NUMBER 90835-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAURA NEWTON EASTHAM, who died Feb. 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County Tennessee, All nersons 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

ESTATE OF LAURA NEWTON EASTHAM

KATHERINE E. EASTHAM, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BUBY LEE FLOYD

DOCKET NUMBER 90852-2

APRIL, 2025, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the

Estate of RUBY LEE FLOYD, who died December

24, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the

Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County,

Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,

having claims, matured or unmatured, against the

estate are required to file the same with the clerk

of the above-named court on or before the earlie

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

5400 SHENANDOAH DRIVE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

This the 21 day of APRIL, 2025.

date of death.

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

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

This the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) EDWIN D. CRANE 4027 VERSAILLES BLVD. OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116

GABRIEL B. COLE, ATTORNEY 550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 750 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE C. MUSGRAVES DOCKET NUMBER 90804-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE C. MUSGRAVES, who died February 22, 2025, were issued to all 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 claim will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21 day of APRIL, 2025.

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HEZIKIAH LE'KEITH WILCOX DOCKET NUMBER 90746-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of HEZIKIAH LE'KEITH WILCOX who died January 29, 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 nublication: 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 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF HEZIKIAH LE'KEITH WILCOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNA SIMMONS-CALE 1929 ENGLISH IVY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY 2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JACKIE ALVIN BORST DOCKET NUMBER 90677-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACKIE ALVIN BORST, who died Jan. 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court o 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 ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE C. MUSGRAVES is four (4) months from the date of this first **FSTATE OF NELLIE RUTH B. BROOKS** A/K/A NELL B. BROOKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROL ANN DAVIS, CO-ADMINISTRATOR 408 THURMAN DRIVE MT. JULIET, TN 37122

JOEL B. CRIPPEN, CO-ADMINISTRATOR 10308 BOSTON LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JAMES M. BUNKER DOCKET NUMBER 90840-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES M. BUNKER, who died Jan. 24, 2025, 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES M. BUNKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CYNTHIA ANN CONDRY, CO-EXECUTOR 10630 ALYSON NIKOLE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JAMES M. BUNKER, JR., CO-EXECUTOR 3437 COMMADOR POINTF KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REMA CLAPP BUTLER

DOCKET NUMBER 90796-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 25th 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 nublication; 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LOIN ELDRIDGE, ADMINISTRATOR 128 N. BERTRAND STREET, APT. 206-A KNOXVILLE. TN 37917

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF RUTHELLEN CREWS DOCKET NUMBER 90847-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTHELLEN CREWS, who died December 7, 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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF RUTHELLEN CREWS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE ATTN: LEIGHANNE K. COVINGTON **515 MARKET ST., SUITE 500** KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 of the dates described 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) month from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 29 day of April, 2025.

ESTATE OF RUBY LEE FLOYD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM GREGORY FLOYD 7316 ELEGANT DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY **5344 NORTH BROADWAY** KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA RAY GADDIS DOCKET NUMBER 90798-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WANDA RAY GADDIS, who died March 16. 2025, were issued to the understaned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF WANDA RAY GADDIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KARYN LYNN SLOAS **7122 FIELDSTONE FARMS LANE** KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN LEWIS JENKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ERIN ELIZABETH JENKINS 200 SAII BOAT DRIVFF NASHVILLE, TN 37217

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY P. 0. BOX 4415 OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL MONROE JONES DOCKET NUMBER 90799-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EARL MONROE JONES, who died March 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF EARL MONROE JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARSHA S. JONES 705 BRIDGEWATER ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

> MONTE D. JONES 1633 EL PRADO DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JAMES DONALD KIRK Docket Number 90828-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES DONALD KIRK, who died February 17, 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 abovenamed 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 24th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES DONALD KIRK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM CLIFFORD KIRK 1012 FOX RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAURA BEATRICE LAMMERS DOCKET NUMBER 90584-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAURA BEATRICE LAMMERS ,who died on January 20, 2025, were issued to Julia Beatrice Lammers by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), 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 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LAURA BEATRICE LAMMERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JULIA BEATRICE LAMMERS **110 CYPRESS STREET** BROOKLINE, MA 02445

STACIE D. MILLER, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 300 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETH T. LONG DOCKET NUMBER 90822-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETH T. LONG, who died December 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident,

BARTLETT, TN 38133

107 KENSINGTON LANE

TULLAHOMA, TN 37388

KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

P. O. BOX 870

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD MCCOURY

DOCKET NUMBER 90790-3

of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters

of administration as the case may be) in respect

who died February 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons,

resident and nonresident, having claims, matured

or unmatured, against the estate are required

to file the same with the clerk of the above-

named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will

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

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

This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD MCCOURY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER, ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS D. MIALE

DOCKET NUMBER 90811-3

of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect

of the Estate of THOMAS D. MIALE, who died

January 2, 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 o

before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or

(2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF THOMAS D. MIALE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE

MARYVILLE, TN 37804

MADELINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETSY TUTTLE O'CONNOR

DOCKET NUMBER 90831.2

APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of BETSY TUTTLE O'CONNOR, who

died Nov. 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned

by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of

described in (1)(A); or

date of death.

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day

10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

KATHARINE RENEE HENSLEY

JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

2607 BLACK OAK ROAD

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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described in (1)(A); or

date of death.

the Estate of JAMES EDWARD MCCOURY,

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DAVID HENRY RAY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 90855-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID HENRY RAY, SR., who died March 13, 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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID HENRY RAY, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICHARD CLARK 3754 CATALPA AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

THERESA SMITH 1533 MINNESOTA AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

SHELIA MYERS 120 Sylvia Drive, Apt. 32

KNOXVILLE, TN 37912 BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY

2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DAVA HEADDEN SHOFFNER DOCKET NUMBER 90836-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVA HEADDEN SHOFFNER, who died Jan. 24, 2025, 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 ceived 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVA HEADDEN SHOFFNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARTIN LUTHER SHOFFNER, EXECUTOR 11224 SONJA DRIVE FARRAGUT, TN 37934

(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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT TULLOSS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) VALERIE ANN DAVIS 8629 NUBBIN RIDGE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37923 DUSTIN LANDRY, ATTORNEY

859 EBENEZER RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAYE M. VANDERGRIFF DOCKET NUMBER 90577-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect the Estate of GAYE M. VANDERGRIFF, of who died December 25, 2024, were issued to all 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 claim will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of APRIL, 2025

ESTATE OF GAYE M. VANDERGRIFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AMY M. BATSON

TOM R. RAMSEY, III, ATTORNEY 550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF BETTY SHARP WALKER

DOCKET NUMBER 90787-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY SHARP WALKER, who died January 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 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 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY SHARP WALKER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JAY STEVEN WALKER

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Ethics Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Main Assembly Room

City/County Building

NOTICE OF LIEN

SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following

vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay

all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at

the storage lot of Cedar Bluff Towing. Failure to

reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver

of all rights and titles along with consent to

dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on June 16, 2025, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville,

TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no

2008 Toyota Avalon 4T1BK36B88U319059

2009 Scion tC JTKDE167790295312 (Danilo F.

1985 Chevy Celebrity 2G1AW19X4F1203665

2024 Suzuki GS750 JS1GR7MAXS7100398

2007 Kia Sorento KNDJD736X75695778 (Carol

(Cody-Ladale Thompson / Buckeye Check Cashing

2012 Hyundai Tucson KM8JU3AC6CU374401

(William or Janie Grigsby / Lendmark Financial

Rover

SALVN2BG2EH896820 (Charity Wilkerson

2008 Land Rover LR2 SALFR24N68H072988

(Kenneth or Mary Barker / The Huntington

1989 Chevy Astro Van 1GNDM15Z1KB265723

2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser 3A8FY48B68T242864

2000 Ford Escort 3FAKP113XYR171360 (Lucas

(Laura Hobby / ORNL Federal Credit Union)

S. Drabes / Wallace Auto Sales)

(Sunshine Schoonhoven Thomas)

(Leslie A. Wheeler / Cash Express LLC)

(Austin M. Lieser / ORNL Federal Credit Union)

(Ashley Hicks / Credit Acceptance Corp)

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2C3CDXHG4EH159171

Range

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1G4HP57246U190188

2HGFG12867H535842

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2015 Chevy Spark

2003 Honda Civic

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Aguilar Monterrosa)

E. Cowden)

Of TN)

Services)

2014

(Rachel Simerly)

(Demetrius Lamar Anelli)

2012 Honda Odyssey

2007 Nissan Armada

2001 Nissan Sentra

2013 Honda Civic

(Justino Martin Francisco)

2005 Toyota Avalon

2014 Dodge Charger

(Donna Taylor / Legend A/S)

Land

Lexus Financial Serv.)

(Orrhea Rene Roe)

2008 Kia Spectra

1991 Chevy S10

(Jeffery W. Latham)

(Xavier W. Mitchell)

National Bank)

(Neil Kalloway)

2007 Honda Civic

Francisca Romualdo)

2005 Toyota Camry

(Nelson Banegas)

(Matthew Z. Lane)

2011 BMW 328i

2006 Ford F150

2016 Chevy Spark

2002 Dodge Dakota

2011 Ford Escape

(Michael Miller)

2006 Buick Lucerne

(Miguel A. Lugo Gomez)

2000 Dodge Durango

(Albert or Lillian Garrett)

(Latisha Perkins / TN Title Loans)

(Randall Miller)

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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 24th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALICE HUGHES WEBER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES FREDERICK WEBER 4022 SULLIVAN RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED E. WOODS, JR DOCKET NUMBER 90833-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRED E. WOODS, JR., who died Dec. 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned hv 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF FRED E. WOODS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LINDA W. LONG EXECUTRIX 7248 BALL CAMP PIKE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF BARBARA S. YOUNG DOCKET NUMBER 90850-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day

of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BARBARA S. YOUNG, who died March 3, 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred

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 29th day of APRIL, 2025. ESTATE OF BARBARA S YOUNG

(Jonathan R. Sain) 2003 BMW 325Ci

(Brenda Crumley) 2009 Honda CRF450 JH2PE05399K704340

WBABN33423PG61292

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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:

(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 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETH T. LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN J. LONG 1321 WILLMANN LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

REGAN CABUTHERS ATTORNEY 110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ROBERT JOHN MACKAY DOCKET NUMBER 90858-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of ROBERT JOHN MACKAY, who died on March 6, 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 his estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred

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

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

This the 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT JOHN MACKAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KENNETH G. MACKAY

of Knox County Tennessee. All nersons 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;

(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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETSY TUTTLE O'CONNOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN THOMAS O'CONNOR, III, EXECUTOR 1599 HULMAN WAYE CT. TERRE HAUTE, IN 47803

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF EARL R. RATLEDGE, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 90821-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EARL R. RATLEDGE, SR., who died March 27, 2025, 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF EARL R. RATLEDGE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KRISTI RATLEDGE, EXECUTRIX 3440 ALFRED DRIVE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID JACKSON SIMS DOCKET NUMBER 90856-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may in respect of the Estate of DAVID JACKSON SIMS, who died June 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first nublication; 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 29th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID JACKSON SIMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JEFFREY TODD SIMS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERT TULLOSS DOCKET NUMBER 90859-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT TULLOSS, who died September 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred

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

7006 ROCKINGHAM DRIV KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY 9111 CROSS PARK DR., SUITE D-200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF SARAJO NEEDHAM WATKINS DOCKET NUMBER 90823-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 25th

day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SARAJO NEEDHAM WATKINS, who died February 15, 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 25th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF SARAJO NEEDHAM WATKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SALLIE WATKINS EHRHARDT 3350 LAKE VIEW ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CALEB BUNCH, ATTORNEY 918 WEST 1st NORTH STREET MORRISTOWN, TN 37814

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ALICE HUGHES WEBER DOCKET NUMBER 90829-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE HUGHES WEBER, who died January 17, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **BEVERLY S. LEITNER** P. O. BOX 234 NORRIS, TN 37828

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY 900 S. GAY STREET, 14th FLOOR P. O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ELMER L. YOUNGBLOOD DOCKET NUMBER 90832-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELMER L. YOUNGBLOOD, who died Oct. 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ELMER L. YOUNGBLOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRENDA D. STURGEEN, EXECUTRIX 5914 BRIDGE GARDEN ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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

Bid 3663, Printing Services, due 06/03/25, Bid 3665, Beverage Concessions and Vending, due 06/04/25

(Direct Insurance Company) 2009 Dodge Charger 2B3KA33VX9H602736 (Keaton Anderson) 1988 Honda VF750 1HFRC2819JA100333 (Jesse Bowen) 2004 Ford F150 2FTRX17244CA39866 (Shane Thompson or Anita Giles) 2006 Ford F250 1FTSW21546EA12225 (Louise W. Eggleston Center Inc.) 1998 Ford F150 1FTDF17W7WNA05949 (Travis Coodill) 1GCCS1440X8169344 1999 Chevy S10 (Kimberly M. Hicks)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on June 16, 2025 at 2430 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2002 Toyota Camry 2T1FF28PX2C544729 (Janice Fleming)

2007 Mazda M3 JM1BK144771751719 (Jordan Smith)

2001 Honda Civic 1HGES26711L040203 (David Q. Reeser)

1997 Nissan Pickup 1N6SD11S9VC356033 Rosetta or Gary Marshall)

1998 Toyota 4Runner JT3HN86RXW0159338 (Josh Lyles)

2010 Kia Forte KNAFT4A22A5880452 (Samantha Cantrell)

2013 Chevy Equinox 2GNALDEK8D6107797 (Deanna L. Jordan)

2007 Coachman 1TC2B141471506418 (Janet And Patrick Pool / Mutual Bank / Joyce or Blain Schnitzler)

NOTICE OF LIEN <u>SALE</u>

The owner and/or lien holder of the following vehicle(s) is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle(s) being held at, Floyd's Mobile Mechanic, 2620 Fairview Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim the vehicle(s) will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of said vehicle at Public Auction or Sale 15 days after publication of notice.

VEHICLE(S): 2009 Chevy Express 3500; VIN 1GBJG31K591179844

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