

www.knoxfocus.com

ONLINE AUCTION Saturday, January 3

See photos at fountaincityauction.com **Fountain City Auction**

(865)474-9931

December 29, 2025

Phone: 865-686-9970 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912

KCSO mourns passing of Chief Lyon



KCSO Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon had a "quiet strength, unwavering integrity, and a servant's heart," according to Sheriff Tom Spangler.

By Focus Staff

On Monday, December 22, the Knox County Sheriff's Office shared the news of the passing of Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon, who had been admitted to the hospital on December 10.

Sheriff Tom Spangler released the following statement: "It is with a broken heart that I share the news of the passing of our Chief Deputy, and my dear friend, Bernie Lyon.

"I've had to make incredibly hard announcements as Sheriff, and to be honest, I never dreamed

"Our Knox County Sheriff's Office family has lost a true leader, mentor, and brother. Bernie was more than just our Chief Deputy; he was a cop's cop, always willing to do the job right alongside our men and women, no matter his rank. He never asked anyone to do something he wasn't willing to do himself." - Sheriff Tom Spangler

"Our Knox County Sheriff's Office family has lost a true leader, mentor, and brother. I would have to announce the Bernie was more than just our

passing of my friend, the man I Chief Deputy; he was a cop's cop, chose back in 2018 to be my right always willing to do the job right alongside our men and women, no matter his rank. He never asked anyone to do something he wasn't willing to do himself.

"Chief Deputy Lyon (Bernie,

as he insisted on being called) served this community for 46 years. He dedicated his life to law enforcement and to the people of Knox County, and he did it with quiet strength, unwavering integrity, and a servant's heart.

"To me, he was not only a trusted advisor but a true friend and brother. His impact on this office, on this community, and on all of us who had the privilege of working beside him will be felt for years

"Our hearts are with Bernie's family, especially his son, Taylor,

Continued on page 2



Fountain City Auction's Greg Lawson and employees Kristal Ray, Linda Salem and John Latham take a break from preparing for the annual advertising auction. Chase Clemmer is not pictured.

Fountain City Auction's Annual Advertising Sale set for Saturday

By Jamie Schnell schnellj@knoxfocus.com

Fountain City Auction, located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike in Knoxville, is gearing up for its highly anticipated annual Advertising Auction set to take place on Saturday, January 3, 2026, starting at 2 p.m. This event features between 400 and 500 lots, each piece filled with nostalgic charm and the cherished stories of lives once lived. This year's annual sale invites you to explore an inspiring array of items, featuring captivating signage-enriched by vibrant neon pieces—vintage toys, and cherished collectibles from the realms of gas and oil memorabilia, along with rustic country primitives. Embrace the nostalgia of childhood and the timeless stories passed down through generations. Each

has hosted this signature sale every year. Lawson fondly reminisces about the days of inwhich required a dedicat-

experience, Greg Lawson by concessions. Today, the annual auction has transitioned to an online format, managed by a reliable and honest team of six, enabling them to reach a far wider audied team of 18 employees ence since the onset of

to online sales revealed a surprising and robust market filled with opportunities. While Lawson individuals facing signifiadmits to missing the live

City Auction's transition embracing the online

Fountain City Auction's clientele often includes cant life changes—downsizings, bereavements, transitions to assisted

<u>Continued on page 2</u>

City now has new council members, vice mayor

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

A large and enthusiastic crowd watched Knoxville's five new city council members take the oath On Saturday, December 20, with outgoing Vice Mayor Tommy Smith presiding. Each new member was accompanied to the Knoxville Convention Center's Lecture Hall stage by family members and District 6's Denzel Grant got the loudest applause.

Prior to the oath taking, Rev. Sam Brown and Rev. Dr. Jerry Askew read devotionals, and the Knoxville Fire Department's Honor Guard presented the Colors with Girl Scout Troop 20170 leading the pledge. Loriah Smith of Parks and Recreation beautifully sang the national anthem.

Mayor Indya Kincannon praised the outgoing city council members, speaking of how the city and the council struggled through the years of Covid 19, but authorized the building of new homes, the new Covenant Health Park, and other projects. She called the incoming five members "bright new minds."

She also thanked the outgoing council members, saying thanks to their efforts, "The Knoxville Police Department will soon be up to full force."

Each new member took the oath in order of district, with Karyn Adams of District 1 going first. She was followed by District 2's Nathan Honeycutt, District 3's Doug Lloyd, District 4's Matthew DeBardelaben and District 6's Denzel Grant.

Knoxville Poet Laureate Linda Parsons recited a brief poem following the oaths.

Once the benediction was spoken, the ceremony was adjourned and followed by a brief

Continued on page 3

item resonates deeply, striking a chord of emotion person auction sales, that evokes joy, wonder and reflection. With over 22 years of and were accompanied

John Latham straightens a Coca-Cola clock while getting ready for Saturday's auction.

COVID in 2020. Fountain

auctions, he acknowledges the growth and success that have come from

The Return of Light

all people. Luke 2:10

I have been a stargazer all my adult life. Years ago, instead of a Red Ryder BB gun like Ralphie's in the movie "A Christmas Story," I asked Santa Claus for a telescope. However, being a rank amateur, I did not pay as much attention to detail as Ralphie and later found out that the telescope Santa left under the tree was a refracting scope whose optical physics present images upside down. No matter, Jupiter and the rings of Saturn look the same upside down or right side up. And the craters on

We didn't have a white Christmas in Knoxville this year because the temperature was 70 degrees on Christmas Day. But that's OK because I'm already sick of winter. I'm tired of

same. Just ask Kamala.

Fear not: for, behold, I watching the sun sink lower bring you good tidings of and lower in the southern great joy, which shall be to sky and daylight hours becoming shorter and shorter. So, I celebrated as the winter solstice passed on December 21, and I welcomed a "return of the sun" as did ancient stargazers.

And more than just longer days, my hope is that the darkness in America has begun to recede. claim this metaphor of hope with the coming of Christ and the prospects of a new Great Awakening in America, which will defeat the darkness.

I think the pseudo-sci-

ence of astrology is voodoo and has little relationship to the real science of astronomy. The thought that celesthe moon mostly look the tial objects or circumstances determine your Earthly destiny or behavior is unscientific and illogical. Ancient stargazers did not understand celestial objects or the vastness of space. They called any celestial

object a star, whether they

were planets, meteorites, comets or actual stars.

Two millennia ago, the

birth of Jesus changed the world. Even atheists can't deny that fact. In the second chapter of Luke's Gospel, we learn of Jesus' birth, which was announced to local shepherds by heralding angels. A recent Kevin Costner docudrama of the Christmas story depicted the sky roiling like Northern Lights and replete with star-like angelic hosts. Costner followed the traditional composite storyline showing the Magi arriving sometime later to worship the Christ child, no longer in a manger but in a house, as revealed in the 2nd chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the shepherds or the Magi (aka Wise Men) who were probably from Mesopotamia (in current-day Iraq). Tradition holds that there were three Magi because the text says there were three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These travelers were stargazers and probably astrologers of the pagan religion of Zoroastrianism. Since not all the Hebrews returned to Israel after the Babylonian captivity, these educated Magi undoubtedly knew of the ancient Hebrew prophecy of the Messiah, even admitting to King Herod that they sought the newly



Stargazers

born King of the Jews.

In the King James version, Matthew writes, "we [the Wise Men] have seen his star in the east." But how can this be when Jerusalem is to the west of Babylon? The answer is in the phrasing, which is clarified in the NIV (New International Version), which reads, "we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." In other words, the Magi resided "in the east," and it was there they observed the Natal Star.

So, what did they see? In the ancient world, comets and eclipses were feared portents, yet there is no description of such by locals in Jerusalem. Perhaps the Wise Men saw something that others over-

exploding star millions of light years from Earth suddenly became visible to millions across Europe. The supernova's explosion was so powerful that the

bright star was visible in the noon sunlight. Today, astronomers observe the Crab Nebula as the explosion's remnant. At the time of Jesus' birth, there is no description of such a momentous celestial event. In fact, no one in Jerusalem was aware of Christ's birth until the Magi arrived looking for him.

The science of astronomy has meticulously observed and plotted the orbits of the planets in our solar system. And with computer analysis, astronomers can predict future and past positions of planetary bodies. Interestingly, about two millennia ago, there was an unusual conjunction (grouping) of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, which occurred in the constella-In 1604, the light of an tion Pisces that is associated with the house of Hebrews. The Wise Men knew the ancient Hebrew scriptures predicting the Messiah, so when they saw

this celestial event, which

only occurs once in every 800 years and would never have been recognized before, they knew something magnificent was happening. So, they journeyed for months and hundreds of miles to seek the Christ Child.

December 29, 2025

Forgive me if I challenge anyone's notion of the events surrounding the Messiah's birth. I am a Christian and a man of both faith and science. In the 21st century, we know more than we once did, but this should not lead to hubris (arrogant pride). There is more than we currently know or may ever know this side of eternity. Humans were created in God's image and imbued with reason and curiosity. These are the talents given to us, which we should use to explore, but not to

become arrogant. The fact that Emmanuel came to us is far more important than any scientific or logical explanation for the Natal Star or angelic hosts in the sky. Albert Einstein once said, "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is

blind." I agree with Einstein. Like the professor, I am a man of science and of God. Why should I choose either when I am both?

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

Chief Lyon

Cont. from page 1

and his brother, Lee Lyon (KCSO Chaplain 3), as well as all who knew and loved

"Please keep the Lyon family and our Knox County Sheriff's Office family in your thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead."

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2025, at Grace Baptist Church 7171 Oak Ridge Highway, followed by a 7:00 p.m.

funeral service, Rev. Lee Lyon officiating. Family and friends will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Grace Baptist Church to leave in procession for a 1:00 p.m. graveside service at Trentville Cemetery with full police honors presented by the KCSO Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley.

Fountain City Auction's **Annual Advertising Sale**

Cont. from page 1

living, foreclosures and divorces—all of which lend a profound emotional weight to the process.

Lawson affectionately views his partner Steve Hunley as "more like a brother," a bond forged over 35 years, and he deeply values Steve's advice from the beginning: "Don't invest in a product; invest in the

nizes the importance of this, saying, "Sometimes people have to part with things they treasure - just because life changes their circumstances. You have to understand their needs and emotions."

The auction's remarkable growth and lasting success, as Lawson shares, arise from their commitment to treating

and building meaningful, a mere transaction; it's a one-on-one relationships: tangible piece of history, "We'll guide our clients another story shared. through the entire proents."

warmly invites its patrons to check out its annual sale. Every item up for bid

Ad space donated by The Knoxville Focus.

people." Lawson recog- customers with fairness at the auction is more than

For more information cess, ensuring that every- or to make an appointthing is managed with care ment to discuss your aucand that every step finan- tion needs, call the Founcially empowers our cli-tain City Auction office at (865) 474-9931 or visit Fountain City Auction www.fountaincityauction. com to view the catalog and register to bid for Saturday's online auction.



Celebrating 70 years of Service, Pependability, Smooth Rides and Our Price Match Guarantee!

FARRAGUT 10730 Kingston Pike

865-966-0425 **MARYVILLE**

723 S Foothills Plaza 865-983-0741

HARDIN VALLEY

10838 Hardin Valley Rd 865-248-2340

LENOIR CITY

1301 Hwy 321 N 865-986-6533

ATHENS

201 S Congress Pkwy 423-744-9828

WWW.MATLOCKTIRESERVICE.COM



Young-Williams Animal Center

ANNIKA – 7 years old, 50 lbs.

Meet Annika! Annika is described in playgroups as a playful and confident dog. She is described to have

"mama dog" energy. She walks well on a leash and seems very curious about her surroundings. She also has a hankering for treats and toys. She is looking to steal your heart! Adopt Annika today! IUPITER - 3 years old 10 lbs Animal ID: 59782261 https://bit.ly/YWACFOSTER This sweet boy is an active cat and he

will always be by your side to cuddle. Jupiter loves to play fetch with his toy mice and loves looking at birds out the window. Jupiter is house trained and has been indoors for the entirety of his life. Jupiter can take a couple days to get comfortable around humans. He gets along with other animals and kids. Go to the URL above and put in an application to meet Jupiter, and his foster mom will get back to you to set up an in-purrrson meeting.



865.433.9922

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily Closed 1-2 p.m. for animal quiet time



Proudly independently owned and operated. Published by Fountain Printing and Publishing, Inc.

Deadline for ad design is Monday at 5 p.m. Deadline for Classified ads is Thursday at noon. Deadline for submissions is Thursday by noon.

Articles, announcements, photo attachments and cutlines may be submitted by e-mail to staff@knoxfocus.com. Publisher Steve Hunley Editor, Art Director Marianne Dedmon editor@knoxfocus.com, design@knoxfocus.com Mike Steely, Senior Writersteelym@knoxfocus.com Jamie Schnellschnellj@knoxfocus.com Sales sales@knoxfocus.com Pam Poephpoe2000@yahoo.com Ruthie Akers Ruthie@knoxfocus.com Legal, Public Notice ads legals@knoxfocus.com Articles designated as written by Focus Staff are the collaborative efforts of several staff members and are reviewed and approved by the editor and the publisher.

The Focus would like to thank all contributing writers. Submissions from our writers are gratis and are greatly appreciated. While articles are not guaranteed placement, we do strive to place as much as possible. Submissions for the paper are on a space available basis and are subject to publisher and editor approval. We want your news: that

is what makes this paper truly a community newspaper. **SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE - \$88.88/YEAR** OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS EDITION ARE THOSE OF THE **AUTHORS AND NEITHER THESE NOR ANY MATERIAL PUBLISHED** HEREIN REPRESENT ENDORSEMENT BY THE FOCUS.

Advertising: The Focus is not responsible for errors in an advertisement if not corrected by the first week after the ad appears. This newspaper is not responsible or liable whatsoever for any claim made by an ad or for any of the services, products or opportunities offered by our advertisers. We do not endorse or promote the purchase or sale of any product, service, company or individual that chooses to advertise in this newspaper and we reserve the right to refuse any or all advertising we deem inappropriate or unacceptable by our company standards. Political advertising must be pre-paid. The Focus does not accept ads that defame any candidate. All political ad content must be pre-approved prior to its run in the paper.

865-686-9970 www.knoxfocus.com

Publisher's Positions



Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

Fake News, Indeed

The extent of the fraud in Minnesota continues to spread like a wildfire in a drought. Estimates are that Minnesota and U.S. taxpayers have been bilked out of as much as \$9 billion. It shows just how rampant fraud is in one of 50 states, in only one social welfare program. Critics are hammering the Minnesota Star Tribune, which columnist Miranda Devine labeled "a Democratic front." That could apply to Knoxville's daily newspaper as well. The Star Tribune worried more about appearing to be "racist" than fearlessly reporting facts. Crime has no color. Murder, rape and fraud have no color. Unfortunately, these problems are human problems and transcend every stereotype imaginable. To refuse to report a crime because of the alleged perpetrator's race is disqualifying. It disqualifies that publication, TV news outlet, network or any other entity from being a legitimate or credible source of news. When that happens, that particular entity has become simply an opinion source. Is there anyone in America who believes that Whoopi Goldberg is a newswoman? Why is she mouthing off about politics and government on a show that is supposed to be entertainment?

The same thing applies to

Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Burchett, has introduced the Senate. As this is writof CNN, which is, ironically, supposed to be a news outlet. There are too many shows and newspapers masquerading as news or entertainment outlets that have become mere propaganda bullhorns for the Left. All they do is spew the Leftist narrative every day, every night, all the time. It is an awful truth that

much of our media in this country purveys "fake news." President Trump has called them exactly what they are, which is also why they hate it so badly. Sometimes the truth does hurt. Propagandists blare out the narrative rather than facts.

Economy Improving

The latest economic data shows continued improvement in bringing down the severe inflation that occurred during the freespending administration of Joe Biden. The latest Consumer Price Index report surprised even the most optimistic forecast predicted by economists.

"We've got high growth, and we have core inflation running at 1.6% if you look at the last quarter, and I think that's about where we should be," said Kevin Hassett, director of the National Economic Council.

The CPI is an extended measure of the cost of everyday goods; that includes such things as rents, groceries and the price of gasoline. The latest report shows that those prices for necessities have slowed to a 0.2% growth from September through November. The rise in costs over the year

Burchett Introduces Tariff Rebate Bill

Our congressman, Tim Boucek, were confirmed by

Kimmel and the entirety the Trump Tariff Rebate" Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. chett's bill will increase the standard income tax deduction to benefit American taxpayers. "When I first decided to run for Congress, one of my top priorities was to ensure that folks spend less of their hardearned dollars in taxes," Burchett said. "That hasn't changed. The Trump Tariff Rebate Act is simple: lower taxes, and more money in your pocket." Under Burchett's legisla-

> tion, the standard deduction would increase to \$35,000 for those who file jointly or are surviving spouses. Heads of households would see their own standard deduction climb to \$26,625 under Burchett's bill. For everyone else, the standard deduction would increase by \$2,000.

> The Customs and Border Patrol recently announced it had collected more than \$200 billion in tariff revenue since President Donald Trump was inaugurated last January.

Senate Confirms Boucek

The U.S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of Braden Boucek to serve as the U.S. Attorney for Tennessee's Middle District. Boucek had previously worked as an attorney for the Southeastern Legal Foundation and is a highly qualified young man. Boucek's nomination was strongly supported by both of Tennessee's U.S. senators, Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, chairman of the Senate's Judiciary Committee, released a statement that pointed out 97 presidential nominees, one of which was Braden

ten, the U.S. Senate has confirmed the nominations of 31 nominees to serve as U.S. Attorneys across the country, including four of whom had "blue slips" filed against their nominations by Democrats. Senator Grassley stated, "U.S. Attorneys are an essential component of law enforcement - - - responsible for prosecuting violent criminals, protecting the public and enforcing the rule of law. The bulk of Senate Democrats who voted 'no' yet again proved their disdain for the safety and wellbeing of Americans."

There may well be some attorneys as qualified to serve in such a vital position as the US Attorney for Tennessee's Middle District, but there are none who are more qualified than Braden Boucek, who is an outstanding choice. Congratulations to U.S. Attorney Braden Boucek!

Congratulations, Jelly Roll

In the spirit of the holiday season, our very able governor, Bill Lee, pardoned 33 people, one of whom was singer "Jelly Roll," aka Jason DeFord. "Jelly Roll" has been quite candid about his criminal past and proves that with help from God and family and friends, one can go on to live a better and more productive life and make significant contributions to society. Governor Lee signed DeFord's pardon at the governor's mansion while **Davidson County Sheriff** Daron Hall watched. The recommendation to pardon DeFord was made by the Tennessee Board of Parole. The final decision was made by Governor Lee as is required by state law. Congratulations to Jelly Roll!

Hank Bertlekamp Passes Away

It is with deep sadness that The Knoxville Focus says goodbye to Hank Bertlekamp, widely known for having played basketball at the University of Tennessee, as well as his success in business. Bertlekamp was also freehanded in his support of a number of philanthropic causes throughout an unusually long and productive life. Hank Bertlekamp was a shining example of how to be both a gentleman and an exemplary citizen; he meant much to our community, and we here at The Focus extend our deep regret at the passing of a local fixture who was always to be found on the side of good. The Focus family sends our sorrow and prayers to every member of the Bertlekamp

Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon Passes Away

The passing of Bernie Lyon is sorrowful news for his family, friends and fellow law enforcement professionals inside the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Lyon was to be an active candidate for sheriff in the 2026 Republican primary when he passed away from pneumonia in a local hospital. For those who knew Bernie, he was as unlikely a candidate for public office as anyone could hope to find; as a law enforcement officer, Lyon was as dedicated and married to the job as anyone could be. Having worked virtually in every position possible throughout his 40 years inside the sheriff's department, Bernie Lyon knew the office from top to bottom. When Tom Spangler was elected Knox County Sheriff in 2018, he appointed Lyon as his chief deputy.

Every day of his life, Bernie gave his all to his commitment to law enforcement and his community. Bernie Lvon was fiercely loyal and intensely committed to law enforcement and the safety of our community. His passing is not only untimely but also a very real loss to Knox County. Bernie not only lived his life proudly wearing the blue, but his service was the core of his being to his soul. The Focus sends our deepest sympathies and sorrow to the Lyon family, especially to his son, Taylor. Yet for his family and friends, he leaves behind a proud legacy of a lifetime of true public service.

PAGE A3

Happy New Year!

2025 is disappearing, and the New Year will almost be here by the time you read this. 2025, as with every year, has seen some things come and go. This year, we have celebrated the University of Tennessee's publication of our historical columnist Ray Hill's biography of Senator Kenneth McKellar, and look forward to the publication of his biography of Cordell Hull next year. The Focus is fortunate to have assembled outstanding columnists for the enjoyment of our readership. In fact, all we do is for our readers. We are truly grateful to our readers and will continue to try to bring you stories that you

will enjoy throughout 2026. Every member of The Knoxville Focus family joins me in wishing you and your family the wonderful blessings that only God can bestow during the New Year. May 2026 be full of good health and happiness for you and your loved ones. May God also bless the United States of America during the coming New

> DAVID G. MCCARTY 607 WALL STREET SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862 865-774-2950

SEYMOUR'S AFFORDABLE CHOICE FOR **CREMATIONS & GRAVESIDE SERVICES** YOUR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE



The five new Knoxville City Council are pictured with Mayor Indya Kincannon following November's election. Pictured left to right are Matthew DeBardelaben of District 1, Denzel Grant of District 6, Mayor Indya Kincannon, Karyn Adams of District 1, Doug Lloyd of District 3 and Nathan Honeycutt of District 2.

City now has new council members, vice mayor

Cont. from page 1

meeting of the full council, with the five new members, to select officers.

At-large Councilwoman Lynne Fugate was elected as vice mayor. Although she missed the meeting because of a family matter, she notified the mayor that she would be willing, if nominated, to serve. At-large Councilwoman Debbie Helsley was chosen as Beer Board chair. DeBardelaben said he'd like to serve as the council member on the

Knoxville Transit Authority

A reception was held after the ceremonies, and the new members joined in with former council next on Tuesday, January 6.

appointed city officials, and well-wishers.

The city council will meet

SLABS DRIVEWAYS DECORATIVE *STAMP *FOOTERS

Serving the Knox County area for 20+ years! Affordable Prices! FREE Estimates! Call today!

OFFERING RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICES SIDEWALKS

at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence HARDIN VALLEY

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

I'm the

L)aughte

Again

One Move

Changed

Everything

NOW OPEN! (865) 343-0409 2433 Reagan Road

2025 — The Year That Was, Part 1

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Throughout the year, The Knoxville Focus has kept you informed with news, sports and commentary. As the free communityminded newspaper, The Focus continues to serve you in print and online. We hope you had a great year and we wish you and yours all the best in 2026.

Here's a look back at a few of the stories and events The Focus covered in 2025.

JANUARY

The 10-year agreement between Knox County and Emerald Academy was approved by the school board in its first meeting of the new year. The Knox County Junior Commission for 2025 was named, the third year of the program. The county's Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan was reviewed, and Choto residents presented their concerns about road-

The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board voted to hear a grievance filed by former employee Gabriel Loya. The county commission considered rezoning property at 611 West Governor John Sevier Highway for a multi-housing development before turning down the change.

way safety at a traffic study presentation.

At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier, chair of the Knox County Rules Committee, began to lead the committee in the long process of reviewing how to improve the way meetings are held.

Funding to the tune of \$27.5 million for police surveillance passed in a mixed vote in the Knoxville City Council.

The Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference ended with Bearden Middle's comeback victory over the Golden Bears. Charlie Rohn, Farragut High's new wrestling coach, led the team to its 12th victory.

The Carter High School girls bowling team lost its winning streak of state qualifications with a 41-13 loss in the state Region 1 semifinals.

Young players helped Webb's girls basketball team win over Catholic, and the Webb boys captured first place in the region with their victory over Catholic. The West Valley Middle School girls basketball team captured the AAA title over Hardin Valley. In other middle school wins, the Gibbs girls and the Vine boys won their Class AA cham-

The Knoxville Flea Market returned to the Expo Center, where artisan Duane Divelbliss and his "Pebble People" manned a booth at the event.

The Farragut Community Center announced a health and wellness fair for February 2, and the Knox County Farm Bureau was recognized with the Presidential Award for its accomplishments.

Muse Knoxville received a \$25,000 con-

tribution from Food City. Former Focus columnist and state rep-

resentative Harry Brooks returned to begin his monthly series on stamp collecting.

FEBRUARY

Knox County's external auditor found that \$200,000 was illegally spent by an unnamed high school employee. The commission approved a new development dis-

The Knox County Trustee's Office reminded citizens of special property tax relief programs for disabled veterans and elderly residents. Trustee Justin Biggs also kicked off the C-Pacer program to help make the county a "leader in sustainable development."

A new K-8 school was approved by the board of education for the Western Heights area.

The commission approved \$4.35 million to purchase Fort Loudon Waste & Recycling's 15.5-acre property in North Knoxville with plans to turn it into a county maintenance facility.

The City of Knoxville closed the historic Gay Street Bridge to vehicular traffic and would approve additional funds for its repair later in the month. Candidates began throwing their hats in for the 2025 city council elections for Districts 1, 2, 3,

4 and 6. The city council approved a \$1.75 million grant requested by the police department and also created two mounted police units. The city council began a task force

to review the town's charter. The Farragut Admirals wrestlers defeated Karns in a 72-5 blowout on Senior Night. The West High boys basketball team remained unbeaten on the road by defeating Bearden, one of the top 5 teams in the

The Vine Middle School boys defeated



East Lake to advance to the sectional bas-

ketball championship. The Webb School

Lady Spartans won their rematch over

Catholic, and hundreds of children ran in

the Covenant Kids Run. Both Halls High

wrestling teams won matches in the Class

TMSAA state titles were won in basket-

ball by the West Valley girls and Vine Middle

School boys. The Bearden Bruins defeated

Seymour for the TMSAA Section 1 champi-

The first round of district high school

basketball tournaments began, and the

Bearden Lady Bulldogs defeated Hardin

The Gibbs Ruritan Club celebrated 75

years of service, and Focus readers caught

up with Chancellor Bud Armstrong, former

MARCH

The Knox County Commission approved

a two-year cycle for real estate appraisals,

and the Merit Board upheld the firing of Offi-

cer Gabriel Loya. The commission began

discussing loosening up childcare facility

requirements, and the election commis-

sion began limiting public comments on its

The commission continued to approve

multi-housing developments, limiting some

of the requests by lowering the number of approved dwellings. The commission

looked at dropping the Technology Corri-

dor Redevelopment Authority as the group

The city council voted to approve 35

affordable housing units, and the fire

department drew a crowd during a recruit-

ing event. Old Giffin School's transforma-

tion into low-rent apartments received

\$1.06 million in city funds. The city coun-

cil approved an additional \$10.6 million to

its budget, including the Gay Street Bridge

repairs. The city council moved to stream-

Bill Murrah of the 4th and Gill Neighbor-

Admirals advanced to the district champi-

onship, and the Lady Bulldogs defeated

Karns, 74-28, to advance in the Region

The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox

County basketball teams were recognized,

and West High School's Coach Tommy Egg-

leston and Devyn Martin were honored as

Knox County's basketball coach and player

Webb boys and girls each captured Divi-

sion II-AA TSSAA titles. Fulton's boys made

the trip to MTSU but lost in the Class 3A

Tim Pittman would be inducted into the

2nd in the state basketball tournament.

National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

It was announced that Gibbs High coach

The Kings Academy Lady Lions finished

The Focus mourned the passing of Ken

Leinart, a talented sports and school board

County Opry, and the East Tennessee His-

tory Center announced its Baseball History

exhibits. Windsor Ridge Assisted Living cel-

ebrated 25 years, and the Dogwood Arts

Festival began celebrating Seven Decades

line its special events permit policy.

beer permit policy.

2-4A tournament.

state quarterfinals.

Valley Academy in district playoffs.

AA State Dual Meet Championships.

onship trophy on Feb. 10.

Knox County Law Director.

social media site.



The Knoxville Focus front pages from January 20, March 10 and April 28, 2025.

APRIL

The second quarter of 2025 started with an announcement that the Tennessee Valley Fair may be forced to stop using Chilhowee Park. TVF director Scott Suchomski told the county commission it may no longer be permitted to use the site after the 2026 season.

The school board approved a contractor for a new elementary school in Farragut, and Karns Fire Chief Daron Long unveiled the new fire and rescue training facility on Waterville Road. Knox County's Emergency Communications District announced a one-time 10% bonus for all its employees.

Four members of Rural Metro Fire, engineer David Dragan and firefighter Hunter Mitchell from Engine 233 and Captain Andrew Fizzano and firefighter Thomas Kearley from Engine 234, were honored for their heroism during a commission meeting, and the new Covenant Health Park opened.

The Election Commission met to elect officers. While the Knox County Commission discussed whether or not to accept federal funds for local projects, the City of Knoxville began looking at duplex housing standards to permit them in all residentially zoned neighborhoods.

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon delivered her State of the City address and released her proposed city budget.

The Knoxville Interscholastic League's track meet took place, and Austin-East track star Myles Crayton was featured. The Webb School girls took first place in the Volunteer Track Classic.

The Farragut Admirals defeated West High School to take the top position in the district baseball competition. The Lady Cherokees softball team defeated West,

The Knoxville Smokies played their first game in the new Covenant Health Park, beating the Chattanooga Lookouts.

The Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 of the Vietnam Veterans of America held National Vietnam War Day ceremonies at the World's Fair Park's memorial. The Holston Hills hood was chosen as Good Neighbor of the Year, and the city revised its special events Community hosted a Dogwood Arts Kick-Off Party, and the late civil rights leader Bob Booker was remembered at ceremonies at As the basketball seasons wound down, spring sports started up. The Farragut Lady Vine Magnet Middle School.

> Rusty Wallace Family of Dealerships celebrated two grand openings, and Farragut Museum reopened following renovations with historical exhibits on Campbell's Station and Concord.

MAY

The commission's Rules Committee debated whether a chair can publicly comment against a decision, referring to Betsy Henderson's comments in a Nashville hearing. Commissioner Andy Fox continued to

oppose the county accepting federal funding for various programs.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs' county budget increased by 3%, and the school board approved teacher retirement accounts. The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board agreed with the sheriff's proposed policy change to accept applicants with other than honorable military discharges.

Con Hunley was featured at the Union Mayor Kincannon proposed a ½ cent sales tax increase to raise an additional \$47 million over five years. The city council

> discussed the One Year Plan and contracted with an outside firm to provide training in

> group violence reduction. Nineteen people

filed as candidates for Knoxville's five city council seats.

Clinton Highway

Callahan Drive

new annual budge

before city council

Seymour won its district baseball tournament, and Farragut's Evan Beeler won the 800-meter run at the Knoxville Interscholastic Meet, besting Catholic's Keegan Smith by two-tenths of a second.

The Webb boys lacrosse team advanced to the state title but failed in an 8-6 loss. The Gibbs softball team won its 12th state title. Farragut's baseball team captured its fourth consecutive title, and Webb girls captured a state championship in track

Fulton High School's girl flag football team lost the state tournament to Black-

man High School. Bearden, Gibbs and South-Doyle won their district crowns on the soccer pitch. Fulton, South-Doyle and HVA would advance to compete for state soccer titles, with HVA taking the AAA title and Fulton and S-D as runners-up. Grace Christian's soccer team won the Division II-A title.

J.P. Payne took over as Central High School's boys basketball coach.

Emerald Youth Foundation hosted its annual prayer breakfast, and South Knoxville's Vestival was held May 10. The Rusty Wallace Charity Ride benefited Isaiah 117 House, and the public library's Children's Festival of Reading once again featured award-winning authors. Honor Fountain City Day drew a crowd, and Andy LeGrand was chosen as Fountain City Person of the

JUNE

The school board voted to eliminate valedictorian and salutatorian designations in 2030. The commission reviewed state legislative issues, voted to permit commissioners to take part in meetings electronically and added a discussion about the problems at the juvenile service center to

its agenda. The commission would move to establish a committee to oversee the juvenile service center with the KCSO to take charge on January 1. The Knox 911 board passed a 2.4% budget increase and a 4% to 6% increase for employees.

The Knox County Audit Committee adjourned for an executive session to hear reports of a state investigation. Animal Control Services gave is first annual report to the Knox County Commission since taking over all animal services.

The city's sales tax referendum was submitted to be placed on the November ballot for city voters. The city budget passed in a 7-1 vote.

Three Ridges Golf Course hosted the Zane and Dirk Daniel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 12. The Seymour girls lacrosse team advanced to a state championship match, and three coaches led the Focus All-County Soccer Team: Ray Dover of Hardin Valley, Isaac Brooks of Grace Christian and Austin Clow of Fulton

The Powell Courts reopened after renovations behind Powell Middle School.

The Bald River Falls bridge reopened near Tellico Plains after being rebuilt, giving new places to view the cascade.

The University of Tennessee Press published Focus columnist Ray Hill's new book, "Senator Kenneth McKellar, Fuedin' Son of Tennessee."

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK...

December 29, 2025

Phone: 865-686-9970 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912



kids and adults, Holidays on Ice is the perfect way to make magical memories. Find tickets, waivers and details on the City of Knoxville's website at knoxvilleholidaysonice.com.

Downtown Knoxville holiday fun continues through Sunday, January 4

From dazzling lights to festive or exploring festive shops on the self-inking holiday stamp at Mast treats and seasonal flavors -like Dec. 20, and Jan. 17-March 28, activities for all ages, Downtown Knoxville offers plenty to enjoy and it all continues through Jan.

"Downtown Knoxville truly shines during the holidays," said Michele Hummel, executive director of the Downtown Knoxville Alliance. "Whether it's skating under the lights, dropping letters to Santa in Market Square Pick up a North Pole Pass and

Holiday highlights include:

The 10th annual scavenger hunt cheer! is back! Search for elves hiding in more than two dozen downtown shops and restaurants.

Peppermint Trail, there's still time General Store or the Knoxville peppermint, gingerbread, cranto create some fun memories Visitors Center, both located on berry and apple spice - plus with family and friends before it Gay Street, to guide the adventure. Find 20+ elves and enter to mint-themed gifts, soaps, canwin prizes. Share photos using The Elf on the Shelf® Adventure #ElvesInKnox to spread the

Sleigh the Peppermint Trail

sidewalks to discover holiday Farmers Market on Saturday,

boutiques stocked with pepperdles and more.

Shop Local & Holiday Markets

Explore local boutiques and gift shops for unique finds and visit Follow peppermint decals on holiday markets like the Winter

2026, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Capture Magical Memories

Snap photos at Market Square's Peppermint Grove light display; festive windows on Market Square; and the new seasonal mural in Strong Alley. Share your holiday cheer with #LoveDowntownKnox.

Continue on page 2

Happy Anniversary!



Joe and Nancy Miller will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2025. Both Central High alumni, Nancy grew up in Inskip and Joe in Millertown. They have lived in the Millertown community the whole 75 years. The Millers are pictured above in front of the house where they were married. In 1950, it was the parsonage for Miller's Lutheran Church, where both worshiped. The happy couple will be treated by their two daughters, son and granddaughter to a lunch at Litton's for their anniversary. Congratulations!

ting to know **Doug Lloyd**

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

member for District 3 is Doug Lloyd, owner of Lloyd's Electric. He brings a conservative voice to the body and says he will focus on public safety and a responsible response to homelessness.

Lloyd has not been shy about his politics and his beliefs.

"The city council has long been dominated by those who only do the will of the city Mayor Kincannon. The point of a District 3 city council member is to be the voice for the citizens of District 3, not the city mayor. For too long the voters of District 3

have been disenfranchised by influences outside of the district. With my election, that will end and final-The new Knoxville City Council ly District 3 voters will be back in charge. I am a lifelong Republican, and I plan to bring common sense principles back to the city council," Lloyd said in his campaign.

Lloyd is married to Debbie and he founded Lloyd Electric with his father and credits his mother for her sacrifices made to build the company. The company remains locally-owned and operated, with his wife serving as CFO, his brother Brian Lloyd, and his son Jay Lloyd, who is vice presi- in the primary and Ramsey in the dent, all playing key roles.

Lloyd defeated Nicholas Ciparro, Ivan Harmon and Frank Ramsey



Onstage with his family, Doug Lloyd takes the oath of office to serve City of Knoxville District 3.

general election, 52 to 47 percent. While the primary and general city

Continued on page 2

ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION



BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 12PM - NOON (ET) OPEN HOUSE: MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH FROM 2-4PM (ET) Entertainer's Dream Home with Pool in West Knoxville

2352+/- SF 2-Story Home with 4 Bedrooms & 2.5 Bathrooms Situated on a level 0.56+/- acre cul-de-sac lot

Custom 18' x 36' in-ground gunite swimming pool

Expansive outdoor entertaining area with deck, grill & bar area, horseshoe pit and fire pit area

Conveniently located just off Middlebrook Pike

FOR MORE DETAILS & TERMS VISIT: www.powellauction.com



6729 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37921 865-938-3403

ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION 510 LOOP ROAD - KNOXVILLE.



BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 12PM - NOON (ET)

OPEN HOUSE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH FROM 2-4PM (ET)

Stunning West Knoxville Home on Private 1.8+/- Acres

Over 2000 SF with 4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms Incredible approx. 480 SF upstairs primary suite with en-suite bathroom & huge walk-in closet

Additional main level primary suite with luxurious en-suite bathroom

Large 2-car attached garage

Awesome detached 25'x30' shop building with 14' walls & 200-amp electric FOR MORE DETAILS & TERMS VISIT: www.powellauction.com

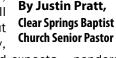


6729 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37921 865-938-3403

KENNY PHILLIPS, AUCTIONEER - LIC #

The Sacred In-Between

me, you are not particularly fond of the days between Christmas and Year's. decorations remain, the songs still echo faintly, but urgency,



excitement, and expectation seem to have passed. It's like the celebration is over, and the future is now waiting to begin. We find ourselves in a sacred inbetween, after the miracle, before the movement. The Bible reminds us that God often does some of His most important work in moments just like this.

Christmas announc-

open, angels sang, hope took on flesh. But when the shepherds returned to their fields, and the wise went home by another road, life did not pause. Mary

pondered. Joseph obeyed. The child sent from God began to grow. The world remained broken, yet forever changed. This quiet stretch of days invites us to do the same: to slow down, to reflect, and to consider, on a personal level, what it truly means to each of us that the King has arrived. A time that we recommit to our calling. We pledge our loyalty to the Word of God

Heaven tore and His will. We commit to a year of obedience.

However, before we rush into resolutions, goals, and plans for a new year, let's use this pause to ask a deeper question: now that we have welcomed Christ, what will we do with Him? Not just in our celebrations, but in our ordinary days. Not just in our beliefs, but in our allegiance. The lull between Christmas and New Year's is not wasted time; it is an invitation to surrender, to listen, and to prepare our hearts for faithful obedience in the year

First, we should reflect on what ruled our hearts this year. This is an excellent time for examination. Now that the noise has quieted, it becomes easier to see what actually governed our decisions: fear or faith, comfort or conviction, personal ambition or godly obedience. Acknowledge where lesser things have been allowed to rule our hearts and ask God where realignment is needed. Second, recommit to car-

rying Christ into the ordinary days. It's easy to honor Jesus in a manger or at a candlelight service; it's far more critical to incorporate Him into our daily routines. Sometimes it's important to remember that most faithfulness happens outside of extravagant or holy moments. Committing to Christ in the coming year means deciding now that He will be Lord of the ordinary part of our lives; our work, our homes, our

vate choices.

Thirdly, please reconsider the things you may be chasing. This pause between the holidays exposes how quickly we measure life by progress, productivity, and applause from others. Are the things we are pursuing actually leading us closer to Jesus or keeping us too busy? We all need to do some self-reflection and recommit to the things that bear eternal fruit, not just temporal satisfaction.

Lastly, remember that hope and peace are not tied to a calendar. The turning of a new year often brings pressure to believe that change comes with a new date. We should use the stillness of this in-between to renew our belief that

speech, and our own pri-transformation is rooted in Christ's presence and not in perfect timing or fresh starts. Our commitment needs to anchor our hope in who Jesus is, not in what the next year might bring.

As we move through these quiet days between Christmas and New Year's, may you not allow the lul to bring discouragement or a depressing sense of melancholy. Instead, let it draw you closer to the Lord, deepen your trust, and prepare your heart for a fresh start. Thank you for walking this journey of faith together, and may your new year be filled with hope, joy, and the abiding presence of Christ. Happy New Year!

Routines

ing, I rise from bed when my eyes open. If I've used an alarm clock, snooze button is never touched. I walk through the house and hit

my teeth and next grab

the morning's handful

of pills. For years, I then

for the day.



By Joe Rector joerector@comcast.net

School, and Amy was still in school at Tennessee Tech. I drove to see her every weekend, and I'd driven the roads for the four years I was in college.

start the coffee pot I'd made that trip so brewing and continue to many times that my VW my bathroom at the far Bug almost knew when end of the house. I brush to speed up, slow down, and ease into the curves on I-40.

All of us have routines.

hopped in the shower They revolve around daily and then shaved. Then activities and even holi-I walk back to the other days. We eat at the same end of the house to dress time, have a menu for the week that varies little, I'll bet this set of and sit in our assigned actions sounds all too seats. During Christmas, familiar to many folks. families follow routines It's that part of life that as if any variation might we live in auto-control. cause Santa to fly over No thoughts are required the house. The tree is set to complete the tasks. I at the same place; a colcompare it to the time lection of ornaments is before Amy and I were hung in the same places,

be turned on until the tree is completely decorated. The routine for opening gifts varies as well. Some families open their presents on Christmas Eve and then open Santa gifts the next morning.

My routine extends to the yard. I have a specific direction that I mow the grass and on which section of our plot I begin. When fall arrives, I blow leaves in one direction. The ones in other sections of the yard are mowed, but they are done so in a certain pattern to keep the piles from killing the grass. I even park my mowers in a certain order. I'm not sure if this is a routine or if I'm afflicted with OCD.

In daily life, most of us like our routines. They keep us from having to make decisions. Just going along with what "has been" makes life run more smoothly. What we fail to understand is

that a shakeup of our almost involuntary acts can bring about a fresh perspective. Doing things just a tad bit differently almost seems like an adventure. Most of all, breaking some of our "ruts" brings back choice to our sometimes-boring existence.

Amy and I have plenty of routines, but being empty nesters does offer some chances for change. We eat when we want, rise, or go to bed when we desire, and do what we want each day. Of course, the two pups in our lives still are ready to eat at 5:00 p.m. and start whining about going to bed at 8:00. Our Christmas plans are always flexible and match what works best for Lacey's family. One thing is for sure: not having too many routines to follow makes life easier to live.

Getting to know **Doug Lloyd**

Cont. from page 1

elections are non-partisan, Lloyd made no secret of his party affiliation. He joins atlarge council member Lynne Fugate as two Republicans on the nine-member body.

"I want to meet with the administration about streamlining the building permit process for new homes and work on the city's stormwater commitments. We need to get Engineering and Codes on the same page, and we need the same requirements to be applied equally to each contractor. Sometimes the amount of time it takes to obtain permits will knock a buyer out of a deal if interest rates rise during the process," Lloyd told The Focus.

"Then I have to start prepping for budget negotiations. Council meets with the administration for a budget retreat on February 14. We each have a lot January 6.

to do. In the meanwhile, we each have one-on-one meetings with the mayor each month, and meetings with the various community groups from each district, as well as a monthly council breakfast to determine the most pressing issues. That meeting will be announced in the press to comply with the sunshine law," he added.

"Frankly it is a lot to do for a position that pays about half that of the guy driving the garbage truck, and we have to pay to park at the CC Building. The members on council didn't run for any financial gain," Lloyd said.

The new members met in session with the full city council recently to elect officers. The first full meeting of the council is set for

married. I was teaching and the tree lights cannot ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION **3 KNOXVILLE INVESTMENT HOMES BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE:**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 12PM - NOON <u> 2808 E FIFTH AVENUE - KNOXVILLE, TN 37914</u> OPEN HOUSE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH FROM 1-2PM



APPROX. 1456 DUPLEX **UNIT 1 - 1 BR & 1 BA CURRENTLY VACANT**

UNIT 2 - 2 BRS & 1 BA \$1,150 PER MONTH

224 HIDELL ROAD - KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

APPROX. 1518 HOME

2 BRS & 1 BA

\$1,000 PER MONTH



5209 STRAWBERRY PLAINS PIKE - KNOXVILLE, TN 37914



APPROX. 872 HOME

HOME IS IN ROUGH CONDITION AND IN NEED OF A COMPLETE RENOVATION

FOR MORE DETAILS, TERMS & ONLINE BIDDING VISIT: www.powellauction.com



6729 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37921 865-938-3403

Downtown Knoxville holiday fun continues through

Cont. from page 1 Santa's Mailbox on Market

Drop off your holiday Eve. wishes in a magical mail-Paris Woodhull. Kids can

download a special coloring

"With more than two holiday fun," Hummel said. box designed by local artist dozen businesses partic-

Sunday, January 4 elves. Be sure to send your nities in Market Square, wishes before Christmas Krutch Park and the Old City, there is no shortage of

> For more on the holiday ipating in the Elf on the happenings, visit down-Shelf scavenger hunt and townknoxville.org/holiday.



CRAWLSPACE LEAKING??

Don't overpay the nationwide companies by the thou\$ands when MOLD TOX, LLC can install a dry-up system for a fraction of the cost!

BBB Accredited Business with A + Rating

TN Charter #4410

(865) 453-1880 (865) 524-1227

www.moldtox.com

The Evergreen State's Visionary Clarence C. Dill

Pages from the Past



rayhill865@gmail.com

lived a very long and productive life. Throughout the seasons of Dill's life, he was a country schoolteacher, newspaper reporter, congressman, U.S. senator and successful attorney. Amiable, intelligent and passionate, Clarence C. Dill was a stalwart progressive. Dill once suggested the North Pole be named "Coolidgeland" because "it is so cold and silent."

In 1914, Clarence C. Dill entered politics, seeking a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. With the Republicans split, Dill won the election and was popular enough to be reelected in 1916. Congressman Dill was one of only 50 members of the House who voted against the declaration of war on the German Empire in 1917, which was a highly controversial stand back home in Washington State. Opposed by J. Stanley Webster, a justice of the Washington State Supreme Court, Dill lost the 1918 election, albeit

his sights on a higher office and won the Democratic nomination to face twoterm U.S. Senator Miles Poindexter, a native of Virginia who spoke with a soft southern drawl, who was a progressive denounced the former congressman as a radical. Dill eked out a small victory, winning by 3,937 votes. President Harding later appointed Senator Poindexter as ambassador to Peru, a post which had been recently occupied by former Tennessee governor, Benton McMillin.

Dill turned out to be a productive member of the Senate and was an avid advocate of public power and ardently supported the Columbia Basin Project, which was of vital importance to the State of Washington. Years later, it was Senator Clarence Dill who secured a pledge from Democratic presidential nominee Franklin D. Roosevelt to support the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam.

It was Senator Dill who

sponsored the Radio Act of 1927, which created the Federal Radio Commission, became Federal Communications Commission in 1934. The Federal Radio Commission was designed to regulate the burgeoning broadcasting stations and networks throughout the nation. Dill's final accomplishment as a member of the United States Senate was the passage of the Communications Act of

Radio

Clarence Cleveland Dill Commission with the Federal Communications Commission. also moved the government's regulation of telephone companies from the Interstate Commerce Commission to Federal Communications Commission. Dill was the Senate sponsor of the bill, while Sam Rayburn, future speaker of the House, carried the bill in the House of Representatives.

> Senator Dill ran for a second term in 1928, which was a banner year for Republicans across the nation. Dill's GOP opponent in the general election was Kenneth Macintosh, chief justice of the Washington State Supreme Court. While Herbert Hoover crushed Al Smith in the Evergreen State by quite nearly 180,000 votes and GOP Governor Roland Hartley was handily winning reelection, Senator Clarence Dill won a second term by just over 34,000 votes, bucking the Republican tide.

Clarence Dill's personal Four years later, Dill set life was much more complicated than his legislative life. Rosalie Gardiner Jones was an early feminist and dedicated suffragette. Outspoken, hot-tempered and talentthe office of Senator Dill in 1924 to discuss the issue of world peace. Dill did not give Miss Jones the answer she was looking for and was evidently somewhat evasive in his reply, and she chastised him before leaving in a snit. Senator Dill urged his chief assistant to help locate the "lady in pink" who had visited his office. Apparently, she was located, and Clarence Dill and Rosalie Jones became friends. By 1927, Miss Jones telephoned a reporter to share the news that she and the senator were engaged. The couple was married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring Harbor on Long Island. Theirs would be a tumultuous union.

> It is almost certainly true that Dill could have easily been elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate had he run again in 1934. The senator announced he would not be a candidate that year. Following Dill's decision

not to seek reelection to the United States Senate in 1934, Rosalie snapped that her husband was a "political coward." By that time, the two were separated and began a heated court battle over their home, "Cliff Aerie," a spec-

tacular 12,000-square-foot



(Left to right) Former Senator Clarence C. Dill shakes hands with President Richard Nixon as Congressman Wayne Aspinal looks on, 1970.

Spokane. The home sat on a bluff and had six different levels built in the Spanish style. The court's decision gave the house to Dill and the furniture to Rosalie. Clarence Dill had already

home overlooking much of

fallen in love once again after meeting Mabel Dickson, and the two were married in 1939. They were together for 30 years until Mabel died in 1969.

Clarence C. Dill decided the time was ripe for a political comeback in 1940 when he entered the Evergreen State's "blanket primary," which allowed all candidates of all parties to run. Five Democrats and five Republicans entered the primary. The three leading candidates were former Senator Dill, Governor Clarence D. Martin, and the mayor of Seattle, Arthur B. Langlie, who was a Republican. Governor Martin had first ed, Rosalie had once been been elected in 1932, a "a Chevrolet mechanic, successful businessman chicken farmer, collector running for statewide office Poindexter pointed to of book plates, a licensed for the first time. Spending Dill's vote against going attorney, and managed the his own money, Martin known." to war with Germany and \$5 million estate which she outran Franklin Roosevelt and her two brothers inher- in Washington. Reelected ited." Miss Jones visited in 1936, Martin once again had a bigger majority than did FDR. Martin was seeking a third term as governor. Dill ran first in the blanket primary and was followed by Arthur Langlie. Governor Martin ran some 71,000 votes behind the former senator. The governor endorsed Dill for the general election, but many of Martin's followers were unhappy their candidate had been defeated. Dill had campaigned on a platform of abolishing many state jobs, which later caused speculation that many of those job-holders, normally Democrats, voted for Arthur Langlie in

> the general election. Franklin Roosevelt easily carried Washington State, and Democrat Mon Wallgren won the Senate seat being vacated by Lewis B. Schwellenbach. The gubernatorial race between Dill and Arthur Langlie was extremely close. Langlie led by just over 2000 votes, and it became readily apparent that the election would be decided by 25,000 absentee votes. Arthur Langlie had run an unusually strong campaign and demonstrated he could cut into the normal Democratic major-

> ities. As counties began

counting the absentee

ballots, Langlie's ability to

win votes from Democrats continued inside ordinarily heavily Democratic areas. It was not long before a deepening gloom settled over the Dill campaign as the candidates waited for the counting of the ballots. In the end, Arthur B. Langlie beat Clarence C. Dill by 5,816 ballots out of roughly 780,000 cast.

Dill's persistent refusal to acknowledge his defeat aggravated just about every Republican in the state and many Democrats. The former senator remained silent while supporters urged him to concede his loss in the election. Arthur Langlie had been quite circumspect during the counting of the ballots and, when it became clear that he had won, made a measured and respectful statement. Finally, C. C. Dill broke his own silence and snapped, "I'm not going to concede anything." Dill added he would have no further statement "until the finish and the official result is ous prosecution of this from 1946 until 1953,

comprehend that he was not doing himself any good. As some Democrats complained about scratched ballots, the former senator issued a public statement to distance himself from the accusations. Dill admitted on November 29 that he had not received any invitation from sitting Governor Martin to attend budget hearings and acknowledged the governor's inviting Langlie to attend was "justified, I think." "Langlie's probably elected," Dill added glumly.

"I'm peaceful," the former senator assured a reporter. "Let somebody else do the worrying. I went duck hunting this morning."

Five months after Arthur Langlie had been inaugurated governor, Clarence C. Dill was merely a political observer. "I'm a decent citizen once more," the former senator said. "I'm out of politics and having a good time. Even though I believe I would have made a good governor, I actually

felt a sense of relief when it was all over." Charles H. Leavy had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1936 to represent Washington's Fifth District and had been decisive-

ly reelected ever since.

Yet Leavy was anxious to

become a federal judge, a

dream President Roosevelt Republicans making sigmade come true. With nificant gains in both the Leavy not seeking reelec- Senate and the House of tion in 1942, a host of Representatives. Walt potential candidates were Horan upset Clarence Dill testing the political waters. in the 1942 election and One of those eager candidates was Clarence C. Dill, the votes, carrying every who was thinking of going county but one, which Dill back to where he had started 28 years earlier. Clarence Dill's elective

won an impressive 63% of

That defeat ended

career. The former sen-

ator assumed a senior

status inside his own polit-

ical party and the role of

statesman enjoyed by

many dead or defeated pol-

iticians. Dill continued his

successful law practice,

thoroughly enjoyed living

in one of the most beau-

tiful homes in the entire

ing the occasional politi-

cal service. Governor Mon

Wallgren appointed Dill

and was considered a legal

expert in the field of public

power and water projects.

Clarence C. Dill remained

remainder of his long life.

"Cliff Aerie" in 1969 after

senator did not have the

heart to continue living

there without his beloved

Ninety-three-years old,

the former senator began

ailing and was hospitalized

on December 14, 1977.

Dill quietly passed away in

the hospital on January 14,

wife.

Dill sold the beautiful

carried by 13 votes.

The United States was in the first year of the Second World War, and as the months passed, things were not going well for the Allied Forces. Hitler's legions seemed unstoppable, and millions of Americans read the bad news daily in their hometown papers. The people united in the effort to win the war, and candidate Dill Northwest and performleaned in hard in supporting President Roosevelt. Speaking at a Democratic rally with several primary to serve on the Columbia opponents, the former sen- Basin Committee. The ator told the audience, "If I former senator accepted go to Washington again, I'll an appointment as a spemake myself heard there cial assistant to the attorand I'm sure I can help to ney general of the United bring about a more vigor- States, a post he held war and to eliminate waste when the Republicans Evidently, Dill began to and extravagance in war won the White House. Dill projects because I know resumed his law practice personally all of the administration leaders and the president himself."

Opponents pressed Dill about his vote when an influential figure for the first serving in Congress against going to war against Germany, as well as his having voted against his wife, Mabel, died of a conscription. Dill had a heart attack. The former very simple explanation, saying he had campaigned and won the election by telling voters he would not vote to go to war and would oppose the conscription of their sons. C. C. Dill said he had kept his promise to the people who had elected him. "I have a habit of keeping my promises," Dill told the audience, "and if I had it to do over again, I'd do the same."

Easily the candidate with the greatest name recognition in a field of six, Dill ran first in the blanket primary. Dill's opponent in the general election was Walt Horan, who was a veteran of the First World War and a successful businessman and farmer. Horan and his brother were the owners of one of the largest fruit orchards in the Evergreen State. Walt Horan had been the GOP nominee for Congress against incumbent Charles Leavy in

1940 and lost decisively.

made itself felt in the

election returns,

The unrest of the voters

Sunday School 10 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 p.m. **Bus Ministry** For transportation call 546-0001.

© 2025 Ray Hil

New Beverly Baptist Church 3320 New Beverly Church Rd. Knoxville, TN 37918

Come worship with us

Rev. Eddie Sawyer, Pastor www.newbeverly.org 856-546-0001 Sunday Morning Worship

Colonel Benjamin Logan and the Three Bloody Sevens

By Jadon Gibson

The year 1777 was known as "the three bloody sevens" along the old Indian frontier of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. The American settlers had crossed the Cumberland Mountains dividing Virginia and Kentucky to make new homes in a fair land reported on by Daniel Boone and other long hunters and pioneers.

Colonel Benjamin Logan was one of those famous Kentucky settlers arriving in Lincoln County in 1775. He established Fort Logan near present-day Stanford, Kentucky.

Several of the women were milking cows outside the fort on May 20, 1777, while several of the men were nearby, acting as guards.

On this perilous morning, there was a group of Indians, as many as one hundred, concealed by a thick canebrake which made up a large part of Kentucky's dense undergrowth in that era.

The stems of the cane reached heights of twelve to forty feet, a perfect cover for Indians who often mounted bloody attacks from the camouflage of the thick growth. Kentucky received its name 'Canetuck-ee' from the plant, which Native Americans used to make arrow shafts, fish spears, torches, minnow traps and blowguns.

The Indians opened fire on the men guarding the women on this spring day in 1777. One of the men was shot dead right away and another was mortally wounded. A third man, named Harrison, was badly wounded. The others made haste to the fort, closing the gate securely

Harrison made a valiant effort to race back to the fort, but collapsed in plain view of those inside, many of whom were peering out in horror.

His efforts and loud exclamations attracted the attention and awakened the sympathies of his family and friends. His wife was especially

vocal in her frantic protestations, hazards one would encounter on the causing an increase in their anxiety.

Meanwhile, the attacking party of Indians held their fire as they anticipated several of the men from the fort coming outside to assist the wounded man. They planned to greet them with a galling fire.

The number of fighting men within the fort had been reduced to twelve, so they were reluctant to put any more men in jeopardy.

The pleading from the family and friends to save Harrison got into Colonel Logan's ear, and he soon relented. Logan, seemingly insensitive to danger, volunteered to go out for the man and asked if anyone would assist him. Everyone refused as the odds were so much against them. Finally, John Martin agreed to help Colonel Logan in this effort.

Soon, the two of them rushed from the fort, but upon seeing several Indians and hearing gunfire, Martin ran back inside the gate. Logan paused only briefly before continuing his run, undaunted, and soon reached where Harrison lay in a distressed state. Logan was a powerful man for his time. He picked Harrison up and threw him across his shoulder and hastily retreated to the fort amid a shower of rifle balls whizzing all about.

The successful rescue infuriated the Indians, and they vigorously assailed the fort. The men inside stayed at their posts, continuously repelling the invaders' efforts, while the women were fully engaged in molding bullets for the men's rifles. The main concern within the fort was the scarcity of gunpowder and lead, especially since the Indians showed no sign that their siege would soon be abandoned.

The settlements on the Holston could furnish the needed supplies, but someone would have to make the journey. Could they make it past the hundred or so Indians gathered near the fort, and what of the additional

round-trip to the Holston settlement and back?

Equally important, can the trip be made before they run out of ammunition in the fort and are overrun by the warriors?

They decided they had to try. Colonel Logan volunteered to head out for the Holston settlement and selected two companions to accom-They crept through the Indian

lines that night and were on their way. Logan decided to bypass Cumberland Gap on this occasion, moving swiftly over mountains and valleys before arriving at the Holston settlement.

Colonel Logan began his return alone as his two associates would have to wait for their supplies to arrive at the store at Holston before returning to the fort.

He put it in charge of his two companions so he could return to Kentucky, as he felt they might need him at the fort. He arrived back at the fort exactly ten days after his departure.

His return inspired those in the fort with newfound courage, especially since they expected their ammunition to arrive soon. Colonel Bowman's party arrived not long thereafter, causing the Indians to abandon their efforts, leaving the

Benjamin Logan had a much longer record of service to early Americans on the borderland.

Copyright 2025 Jadon Gibson

Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, Tn. His stories are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

Emerald Academy delivers standout academic growth for Knoxville Scholars

Academy, earned a Level 5 growth Knoxville's first public charter school, is marking significant academic milestones as the school celebrates its 11th year of operation. The school recently earned a B on the Tennessee State Report Card, reflecting Emerald Academy's continued success in accelerating student achievement and changing the academic trajectory for urban youth in Knoxville.

Founded in 2015 with a mission to prepare kindergarten through eighth grade scholars for the college of their choice and community leadership, Emerald Academy continues to deliver on its mission by demonstrating meaningful gains across key academic indicators.

Among the school's most notable achievements in the 2024-2025 academic

- Exceptional 3rd Grade **Reading Growth:** Emerald Academy's third graders posted the largest oneyear gain in reading proficiency across all of Knox County. This growth propelled Emerald Academy third graders to outperform the district as well as the entire state in reading proficiency, a critical indicator of long-term academic success.

- Strong Outcomes for Lower-Income Scholars: Emerald Academy's lowertheir peers across the state in both reading and math.

possible under the state accountability system, indicating that scholars' academic progress significantly exceeded that of students statewide. "Under the leadership of our school director. Carlissa Weeks, Emerald Academy continues to make tremendous gains," said Emerald

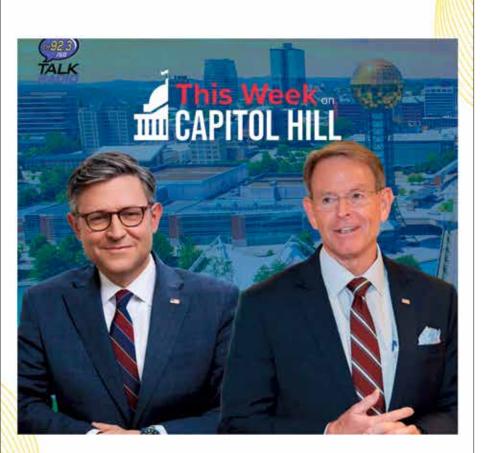
score, the highest rating

Charter Schools president Steve Diggs. "During the past five years, we have improved academic proficiency by 56%. While we still have not reached our aspirational and ultimate goals, I'm confident that we will continue to progress toward them under her leadership and with the partnership of our faculty,

families and scholars." Emerald Academy is a public school, but as a nonprofit charter school, it relies on philanthropy to provide needed intervention services, counseling and behavioral health services, unexpected expenses and facility improvements, among others. As the 2025 calendar year concludes, donations in support of Emerald Academy can be made at emeraldacademy.org/

Additionally, enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open now. For more income scholars surpassed information or to apply, visit emeraldacademy.org/ enroll or call (865) 249- Highest Possible Growth 7223. Translation services Rating: Emerald Academy are available.







ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION

700 MARS HILL ROAD | KNOXVILLE, TN 37923



BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE: Thursday, January 15th at 12:00PM-Noon (ET)

OPEN HOUSE:

Tuesday, January 13th from 2-4PM

Located just off of Gallaher View Road within the city limits of Knoxville

3.204+/- acres with Home Offered in 2 Tracts

Lot 1 - 1.392+/- acres - Beautiful Building Lot

Lot 2 - 1.812+/- acres with Mid-Century All-brick Basement Ranch Home

Awesome property to build your dream home on the vacant lot, keep in its current state, or build your dream home and keep the current house as a guest house or rental

Private feel with easy access to amenities

Current Knox County Parcel/Tax ID: 106PA032

FOR MORE DETAILS, TERMS & ONLINE BIDDING VISIT: www.powellauction.com



6729 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37921 865-938-3403

KENNY PHILLIPS, AUCTIONEER - LIC # 2385



December 29, 2025

Phone: 865-686-9970 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Webb finishes strong in win over GCA, 62-47

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy hung on for three quarters, but defending state champion Webb School pulled away in the final quarter for a 62-47 win in the Alcoa championship bracket of the Hammer's Hardwood Classic last week.

The Lady Spartans went on a 9-point scoring streak that gave them a 15-point command (53-38) with 2:48 remaining. GCA could get no closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Avery Green ignited the run with one of her seven 3-pointers in the game. Zahnyah Rockett added a driving layup and power players Kendall Mays and Meeyah Green combined for 10 points in the knockout surge.

"We just did a good job of getting stops defensively and we were able to get out in transition and get some easy shots," said Webb Coach Greg Hernandez. "My upperclassmen played like upperclassmen and gave us a chance to pull away and finish the game

Avery Green finished with a game-high 23 points and Mays added 16. Harper



Webb School's Greg Hernandez coaches his players during a timeout in the Hammer's Hardwood Classic Dec. 22. The scheduled to host Hebron Lady Spartans defeated Grace Christian Academy, 62-47.

Rockett seven.

Christian with 17 points. Bradley tallied 12 apiece.

3-point shots and were 4 for 6 at the free throw line.

treys. The Lady Spartans Abby Roberts led Grace were 7 of 11 at the line.

The opening period had Nya Burns and Bella an up-and-down fast pace and there were several The Lady Rams hit five turnovers. After eight minutes, Webb led 11-6.

The two teams made only Avery Green accounted two turnovers each in the

Ladd chipped in eight and for all seven of Webb's nip-and-tuck second quarter. Bradley scored in the lane with 15 seconds left in the half to pull Grace within two points (23-21).

> Burns tied the score at 23-all with a 15-foot jump shot at the start of the third period. Grace Christian's 6-foot-5 Naomi Tchanga

blocked a shot and Roberts on Jan. 9. drove for a basket to give the Lady Rams their first overall and 4-0 in district) lead at 25-23. Grace's last lead was 27-25 when Roberts penetrated inside the Andrew Johnson Bank

Tchanga pulled down a rebound on each end of in district games.

Later in the quarter, GCA's man-to-man defense forced a 5-second violation by Webb and Burns hit a jumper in the circle to tie the score at 31-all. Grace Christian trailed by only 35-33 going into the final

"Grace is a really good team," said Coach Hernandez after the game. "Obviously, they've got some tough guards, some young kids. They're only going to get better as they get older and as the season

"I was just proud of our girls. We didn't have it going for us consistently throughout the entire game. But then when we finally found a window and an opening, we took advantage of it."

After a holiday break, Webb (10-2 overall) is GA on Jan. 6 and highly ranked Hamilton Heights

Grace Christian (12-3 was scheduled to have played Cherokee Dec. 26 in Ladies Classic and then Following that basket, play Jan. 6 at The King's Academy and Jan. 9 at CAK

Young Lady Falcons battle, edge Catholic in holiday tournament

By Ken Lay

this season.

rosters in Knoxville, they'll have some growing pains. But they also have potential to win some big games as they navigate a challenging schedule.

Fulton captured a big win early last week as it outlasted Catholic, 45-42, on the final day of the Hammer's Classic on Monday, Dec. 22, at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

Fulton High School girls out to a fast start as the offense manufactured by basketball coach Tony Lady Irish were bitten by the either team in the quarter. Cooper knows things won't turnover bug and struggled with the Lady Falcons its advantage to 24-18 by

The Lady Irish's offense 8 seconds left in the game. finally began to click after the break and Catholic the fourth quarter but we're would use a modest 12-8 run in the third frame. It would pull to within 32-30 when Emery Haws knocked down a long-range jumper with 45.2 seconds remaining in the frame. Haws'

The Lady Falcons darted 3-pointer was the last

After trailing for much of be easy for his young team to rebound. Fulton opened the contest, the Lady Irish a slim 10-9 lead out of seized the upper hand early They haven't been, and the gate and extended in the final stanza when Haws converted anothhaving one of the youngest halftime, holding Catholic er long-range jumper and to just six field goals over Euleesha Mitchell had a the first 12 minutes of the basket to give Catholic a 35-32 lead with 6 minutes,

> "We fell behind there in a young team," Cooper. "We start four sophomores and a freshman and then we have two freshmen coming off the bench.

> > "Our first eight Cont. on page 3



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Fulton High's Jyree Shepard dribbles up the floor in the Lady Falcons' 45-43 victory over Catholic early last week in the Hammer's Classic Powered by 5-Star Preps at Christian Academy of Knoxville. Shepard had 16 points in the win.



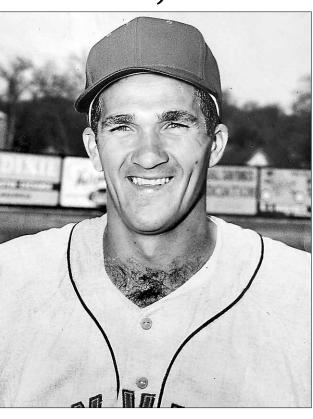
Happy New Year from KTVAECU®!

Grow your financial goals with us!

Join Us! **(**865) 544-5400 tvacreditunion.com Federally Insured by NCUA.



Chico was good at sports and, most of all, a good friend



By Steve Williams

We often hear stories of how small our world really is.

Well, here is another one that is really worth hearing.

Blas P. "Chico" Fernandez grew up in Cuba and was a good baseball player, so he decided to come to the United States and play professionally. One of the teams he played on back in the 1950s was the Knoxville

After his playing days were over, he liked Knoxville so much he settled here, worked here and loved to tell how he met Charlotte Ann Mynatt, his wife of 60 years, on a blind date

At the places he worked - K-Mart, Miller's Department Store and Rohm and Haas for close to 20 years - he made many friends who invited him to take up golf and that led him to being a caddy for 42 years on the pro

tour. His last tournament as a caddy was the Knoxville Open in 2019 at the age of 86.

Later on, he started hosting golf tournaments, which were named "The Chico Open."

He became a proud and patriotic American citizen.

Most of all, he was the best kind of friend and the kind who would leave groceries on your porch, visit you in the hospital, have new tires put on your car and slip some money in your

Chico was a Christian and became a faithful member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and the Wallace Memorial Baptist Church and now is reunited with Charlotte in Heaven.

Chico died this past November at the age of 92.

He is survived by his daughter, Maria Fernandez, and a granddaughter and her husband and many others.



Blas P. "Chico" Fernandez during his Smokies baseball career, left, and caddying at The Masters, above.

Remembering a Christmas gift from long ago

I just came in from outside on Christmas day

> 2025. It felt more like a day

in Sept-

ember

er-wise

in Inskip-

Norwood.



Williams

The sky above was blue with fluffy white clouds. My outside temperature gauge pointed at the upper 60s at 12:30 p.m.

The only White Christmas we got this year was Bing

Crosby dreaming of one. But I kind of liked the mild

conditions we had this year. I was a normal kid in Clinton growing up. The more inches of snow on the ground the better. I was the oldest of four boys - five counting Tommy, who came after me but died in birth. Theo or "T.R." is about six years younger than me, John or "Sleepy" 10 years younger and Joe, 59, 14 years younger.

I went to North Clinton Elementary School through the fourth grade before my parents bought a new home in downtown Clinton which pretty much bordered the Clinton Dragons' football field and the northwest end zone.

The reason I bring up moving to a new home is because of a sweet memory that came to me recently.

When we lived at 108

Park Avenue in North Clinton, an elderly man, Charley Webber, and his wife lived next door to us. Charley was probably in his 70s or 80s then and we (Theo and me) visited with him often. He loved us and we loved him.

The first Christmas we lived in our new home downtown in 1961, Charley walked all the way from his home in North Clinton about two to three miles - to bring Theo a gift. He was four years old then and I was 10. The gift was a Santa

Claus bank.

I will never forget that. My parents appreciated Charley doing that too and Dad took him back home Will college bowl games go away?

With the way college football decides its national champion now - a 12-game playoff - bowl games have no part in it. And there's already been talk that the bowl games will eventually go away.

I say if the players on the teams that are not in the national playoffs still want to play, let them do it. A lot of these games are very exciting and fun to watch.

Some of these players however - the ones with NFL aspirations - are not going to play for fear of injury and losing money. Well, that makes sense too.

More on the weather temperatures

Just for the fun of it, I googled temperatures in other states and countries recently.

Miami Beach's 30-day forecast includes sunshine and an average of around 77 degrees day and night through the month of

Anchorage, Alaska, on the other hand is in single digits or below zero.

The weather in London, England, was said to be comparable to Oregon or the state of Washington.

Don't forget those black-eyed peas on Jan. 1

Superstition tells us

eating black-eyed peas on the first day of the year will bring you good fortune and wealth. That might be true, but I eat 'em year-round because I like 'em and they go good with cornbread.

I remember my granddad Preacher Conner, who lived in South Clinton, used to crumble cornbread in his buttermilk and drink it. I never could acquire a taste for that.



While GCA's co-head coaches confer at the side, players listen to an assistant coach at Alcoa High last week.

Rodgers, Powell quarterback, signs with University of the Cumberlands

With Powell basketball coach Gary Barnes' blessing, Rodgers ended up getting that scholarship. Barnes had hoped that would happen for him, that he would have a good week in football and somebody would step up and give him an offer. "Deuce performed

extremely well and last week he committed to play quarterback at University of the Cumberlands," said Powell football coach Matt Lowe on Christmas night. Lowe also added that he

believes Rodgers, a 6-5, 240-pounder, could go far in football. Team East Tennessee

defeated Team Knoxville

ing Jan. 15. More than 25 applications were sent in for the

others "confidently believe God has led the school to

Vincent Lambdin for this

of experience in both ath- has prepared Vince for this letics and student mentorship. He previously served as an assistant football coach and head softball coach at Fulton, where he was also involved with the Play It Smart program. For the past 10 years, he has worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs, mentoring

Austin-East cheerleaders wore holiday uniforms in a recent game at Carter.

"Throughout this entire Lord's guidance and trusted Him to lead us," said

role and are excited to welcome him as he joins the work God is already doing through Berean athletics."

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New baseball coaches named

Knox County Schools will head coaches in baseball this coming spring. at Austin-East, Brayden Taylor at Carter and Powell's Chris Armstrong, who formerly coached at Carter.



Deuce Rodgers wanted so much to get a college football scholarship offer that he sat out a week of basketball practice so he would be fresh for the Rivalry High School All-Star football game on Dec. 13.

> All-Star game at CAK. **Berean Christian** eyes Lambdin for AD post Vincent Lambdin will be

In the Holiday Spirit!

49-39 in this year's Rivalry

Berean Christian School's new athletic director start-

BCS administrators and

role." Lambdin brings a wealth and supporting students at have at least three new West and Karns.

process, we sought the They are Sanford Smith Brad Neal, Upper Campus Principal at Berean. "We are confident that God

'It's hard to win when one team has both coaches'

December 1969 constituted sig-



Mattingly

moments of Tennessee football. If you're so inclined,

cast a glance toward North Florida and remember how things transpired.

Doug Dickey coaching era in Knoxville (Sept. 19, 1964 - Dec. 27, 1969)

Jacksonville.

nificant 11 Tennessee was squaring off against No. 14 Florida in one of those infrequent games against their rivals from the Sunshine News-Sentinel sports-State, the first such contest since a 20-0 Vol win in Gainesville Nov. 12, 1955.

The final Dickey worksheet at Tennessee was 46-15-4, with two SEC The final game of the titles (1967, 1969), five bowl games, and the Litkenhous national championship in 1967. The 1969 and early 1970.

The last weeks of came at the Gator Bowl in SEC crown is, however, one that Vol fans rarely men-SEC Champion and No. tion in the context of the school's championship history. It's almost as if it never happened. That day, Knoxville

> writer Marvin West saw things come full circle. He was there at the Southern Railway Station in Knoxville very early in the morning of Dec. 1, 1963, when Dickey arrived. He also reported on the final chapters of the Dickey years in late 1969

"Tennessee faithful were the early 1950s, leave the standing ovation as the shocked," wrote West. "Thousands were insulted. It was unthinkable that anybody would walk out on the Volunteers." Dickey had found five

current or eventual All-American selections on campus when he arrived-Steve Delong (1964, having already been honored in 1963), Frank Emanuel (1965), and Paul Naumoff, Austin Denney, and Ron Widby (honored in 1966). He and his staff brought

in 13 more—Bob Johnson (1966-67), Richmond Flowers and Albert Dorsey (1967), Charles Rosenfelder (1968), Steve Kiner (1968-69), Jimmy Weatherford (1968), Chip Kell (1969-70), Jack Reynolds (1969), Jackie Walker (1970-71), Bobby Majors (1971), Conrad Graham and Jamie Rotella (1972), and Eddie Brown

Events off the field overshadowed the game, a 14-13 Gator win. Word had leaked that there were behind-the-scenes negotiations for Dickey to go to Florida. One Vol fan put this spin on the proceedings: "It's hard to win when one team has both coaches."

"Doug Dickey will have first refusal as the new head coach at the University of Florida," wrote the Knoxville Journal's Ed Harris Dec. 23. That news hit Big Orange Country like a sledgehammer. "Dickey admitted he had

discussed the possibility," wrote Harris. "All statements must come from Florida," Dickey added.

Would Dickey, a Florida alum and quarterback in

"Garden of Eden," as legendary Kentucky basketball coach Adolph Rupp once described the Tennessee football program? Who would be his suc-

cessor if he did?

Tennessee could have won the game, probably would have, had the Vols capitalized on several opportunities in the Orange Zone and hadn't given up a blocked punt for a touchdown.

Less than a week or so later, Dickey left.

Bill Battle, a 28-year-old ends coach who had played for Bear Bryant at Alabama in the 1960s and had been on staff since 1966, was Woodruff's choice.

There were those, including Col. Tom Elam and school president Andy Holt, who wanted John Majors, then at Iowa State. When push came to shove, however, Battle got the call. Holt had told Elam, "Your vote is my vote," but the crafty Colonel, ever the believer in the chain of command, reluctantly ended up backing Woodruff's decision.

survived the harrowing end of the 1969 season (losses to Ole Miss and Florida and narrow victories over Kentucky and Vanderbilt) well enough, rolling to an 11-1 record in 1970 under

Ironically, Tennessee and Florida were scheduled to made the most of each of play that year in Knoxville. In one of the most anticipated games of that era of Tennessee football, the Vols won decisively, 38-7, with many Vol fans at the South end of Neyland Stadium giving Dickey a on the Vol football program.

Gators left the field. What is the lesson from

all this?

There often appears to be another (and better) "Garden of Eden" somewhere else.

That wasn't the case for Dickey at Florida, however. "When I went to Florida

there was a lot of dissension among the Florida people about how all this had transpired," said Dickey. "The press and supporters had been split between Ray Graves and Steve O'Connell. It was not a happy scene, and I was the victim.'

Graves Knoxville and had coached the Gators since 1960. He had been captain of the 1941 Tennessee team. O'Connell was university president. O'Connel wanted Dickey, but there were also a significant number of UF supporters who wanted to keep Graves or promote veteran assistant coach Gene Ellenson.

Dickey got a second chance to positively impact the Tennessee program The Vol program thus in 1985 when Woodruff retired, and Doug became athletics director, helping lead another significant chapter in U. T. athletic history.

> Few men ever get one chance to have such an impact. Doug Dickey earned two chances and

No one knew all of this Dec. 27, 1969, when Tennessee played Florida in the Gator Bowl. Seldom has one game and its after math had such an impact



Knoxville to coach the Volunteers.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



Powell High's Mason Powell looks to make a pass while CAK's Rio Curry (4) defends in last week's game in West Knox-

ville. The Warriors prevailed, 48-47, on a last-second shot at home.

Coleman's late jumper seals dramatic victory for Warriors over Powell

By Ken Lay Christian Academy boys

basketball coach J.D. Johnson had to breathe a sigh of relief early in the afternoon on Monday, Dec. 22 after his Warriors survived a tough and physical test against Powell.

The game was a dramatic back-and-forth affair that wasn't decided until CAK guard Foster Coleman buried a shot as

to lift the Warriors past the the season. Panthers, 48-47, on the final day of the Hammer's Classic Powered by 5-Star

with us," Johnson said. "It things into the Panthers' wasn't the way we drew it favor with a long-range up but we'll take it."

With the home win, the Warriors bounced back seconds remaining.

after falling to Clinton,

44-39, on Saturday, Dec.

Coleman finished the

time expired in the contest 20, and improved to 8-5 on was going to be a defen-

game with 13 points and his game-winning threepointer came after Powell's " I think the Lord was Deuce Rodgers tipped jumper of his own, making the score, 47-45, with six

From the opening tip, it was apparent that this

sive struggle with points coming at a premium. The Panthers, however, seized the upper hand early as they grabbed a 12-5 advantage by the end of the first quarter.

The Warriors, however, were able to keep things close as they trailed, 19-15,

at halftime. After the break, CAK Cont. on page 6

Lady Falcons battle, edge Cathalia Caulond

Cont. from page 1 players are freshmen and sophomores."

The young Lady Falcons however, kept Catholic at with 1:26 left. bay in the first half as Haws scored seven points before halftime and Mitchell, a transfer from Oak Ridge and one of the area's top post players scored just one basket, which came in the second quarter, before with 12.

"She's a tough player," Cooper said of Mitchell. "She's got size and good Lady Falcons with 16 points touch. I didn't know that and Cobb added 11.

she came from Oak Ridge. Haws finished with a

game-high 21 points for Catholic, which led. 38-36, Fulton stormed back and opened a 44-39 lead after

sophomore Sha'nary Cobb converted a pair of free throws with 35, 2 seconds Haws would answer

with a 3-pointer, making dropping 10 points in the it 42-42 before Nazareth second half and finishing Taylor's free throw provided the winning margin with 18.3 seconds to go.

Jyree Shepard led the

2023 Ford F-150 Crew, 4X4, Lariat Sport \$33,975 2024 Ford Ranger Raptor 1 owner, Clean \$53,995 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe SEL Xtra clean \$22,550 **'24 Ford Mustang GT** Conv'ble, Low miles **\$46,770** Also take advantage of our Quicklane Tire and Auto Center - No Appointment Needed! Price includes \$399 dock fee. Plus tax, tag and title. WAC. Dealer retains all rebates. Restrictions may apply. See Dealer for details. Prices good through next week

2020LincolnCorsairRsvAWD, 16Kmiles!\$31,950

2021 Ford Bronco 1st Edition, Very rare! \$49,995 ***23 Lincoln Nav** 4X4, Loaded! Xtra clean \$63,995

y for all your New or Used Car & Truck needs. 2026 N Charles G Seviers Blvd · Clinton, TN 865.457.0704 www.rayvarnerford.com

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 09/29/2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 10/06/2022, in 202210060021719, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by Gina Hall, conveying certain property therein described to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr. as Trustee for Figure Lending LLC and the undersigned, The Sayer Law Group, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., as trustee for current beneficiary FIGRE Trust 2024-

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of The Sayer Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee to Joseph B. Pitt. Jr., as trustee for FIGRE Trust 2024-SL1. will, on 02/11/2026 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 being more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED in the Fifth (5th) CIVIL DISTRICT of Knox County, Tennessee within the 39th WARD of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee:

BEING ALL OF UNIT NUMBER 208

OF DALTON PLACE CONDOMINIUMS, a Horizontal Property Regime, as shown by map of record in Instrument Number 200005100031493 and Instrument Number 200005100031492, and also as shown nber 200005900035893 and Addendum to Master Deed recorded as Instrument 200101050044588, Instrument 200104250072424. Instrument 200306170116543. Instrument 200310240046997, Number 200005100031492, and Instrument 200005100031493 all in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and map recorded as Instrument Number 200005100031492 and 200005100031493, in the aforesaid register's office, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description together with all rights and appurtenances thereto appertaining, together with all common elements, both general and limited as are appurtenant thereto.

BEING the same property conveyed to GINA E HALL from NATALIE BRAY MCGREW FKA NATALIE E BRAY and JORDAN H MCGREW, Dated 05/31/2017, Recorded 06/01/2017, Deed Instrument # 201706010073453 COUNTY OF KNOX STATE OF TENNESSEE.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 208 Dalton Place Way, Knoxville, TN 37912

Parcel ID:069IA-01305G

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 premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the abovereferenced property:

CURRENT OCCUPANT, 208 DALTON PLACE WAY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

GINA E. HALL, 208 DALTON PLACE WAY, COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be escinded 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 AS IS. BUYER BEWARE. TRUSTEE MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, THE STATUS OF TITLE, OR ANY LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES ON THE PROPERTY.

DATED December 12, 2025

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C. AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

This notice will run for two (2) weeks in The Knoxville Focus spaper, run dates December 22, 2025 and December 29, 2025, and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www. cnotice.com and www.foreclosurestn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning December 22, 2025.

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD, D. G. L.., DOB 04/15/2024

RY. WENDY STAFFORD LOWE and Husband. **JUSTIN DAVID LOWE, Petitioners**

KAELYNN MICHELLE LOWE.

Mother, and UNKNOWN FATHER, **Potential Father, Respondents**

NO. 211503-2 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint which is sworn to, that the defendant is UNKNOWN FATHER, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN FATHER, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with William L. Gribble, an Attorney whose address is 550 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee

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

This 2nd day of December, 2025. J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: BRIANNA AMARI SANCHEZ

IN RE: ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ OLVERA, Petitioner/Husband

BRIANNA AMARI SANCHEZ, Respondent/Wife

Docket # 160301

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant,

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint

BRIANNA AMARI SANCHEZ, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BRIANNA AMARI SANCHEZ. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

filed by ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ OLVERA, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville. Tennessee, and with LUIS A. URREA, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 10700 VIRGINIA PINE WAY, STE. 203, Knoxville, TN 37932, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication... This notice will be published in The Knoxville

Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This is the 23rd day of December, 2025.

Mike Hammond

Robert A. Clark Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TODD ARLEN SHAFFER IN RE: LESLEY MARIE WINTERS, Plaintiff VS. **TODD ARLEN SHAFFER, Defendant**

NO. 211770-2 In the chancery court for knox

COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, TODD ARLEN SHAFFER, 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 TODD ARLEN SHAFFER, it is ordered that said defendant, TODD ARLEN SHAFFER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with J. Matthew Bolton, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 605 E. Unaka Ave., Johnson City, TN 37601, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 22nd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHELDON WILLIAMS

IN RE: NIKKI DENAI LITTLEJOHN, Plaintiff

SHELDON WILLIAMS, Defendant

Docket # 163865

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX

In this cause it annearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, SHELDON WILLIAMS, is a non-resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHELDON WILLIAMS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE filed by NIKKI DENAI LITTLEJOHN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville. Tennessee, and with Jennifer R. Egelston of Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 607 W. Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise resoond Default Judoment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) nublication...

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

This is the 19th day of December, 2025.

Mike Hammond

Robert A. Clark Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA FAYE MCCALL ABDULLA DOCKET NUMBER 91852-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WANDA FAYE MCCALL ABDULLA, who died May 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 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF WANDA FAYE

MCCALL ABDULLA PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SARA N. ABDULLA 1216 WHISPER TRACE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF GAIL ANNE BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 91704-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER. 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GAIL ANNE BROWN, who died April 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-residen 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 is the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GAIL ANNE BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN 1607 W. GREENFIELD WICHITA, KS 67217

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS 2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEWIS F. COSBY, III DOCKET NUMBER 91670-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of

DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEWIS F. COSBY, III, who died June 19, 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; (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 2 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

> ESTATE OF LEWIS F. COSBY, III PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

> LYDIA C. COSBY, CO-EXECUTOR 6840 OLD KENT ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

LEWIS F COSBY, IV, CO-EXECUTOR 400 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, UNIT 243 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

MATT SHERROD, ATTORNEY 9950 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 301 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY HOOVER, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 91816-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN WESLEY HOOVER JR., who died Oct. 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;

(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 8 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY HOOVER, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

LOIS ALYNE RULE, EXECUTRIX 6117 PERRY ROAD KNOXVILLE. TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACKIE G. JONES DOCKET NUMBER 91791-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of

DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACKIE G. JONES, who died Sept. 19, 2025, 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 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 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

This the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACKIE G. JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JACK G. JONES, CO-EXECUTOR **622 FARRAGUT COMMONS DRIVE**

KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

CHRIS J. DOAR. CO-EXECUTOR 1116 SUMMERFIELD DRIVE MARYVILLE, TN 37801

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA SUSAN LEBON DOCKET NUMBER 91717-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of LINDA SUSAN LEBON, who died October 5, 2025, 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 of the above named court within 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

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

first publication of this notice if the creditor

(4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A), or (2) Twelve (12) months from decedent's date

This the 17th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LINDA SUSAN LEBON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AMY LYNN LEBON NEWBY

> JON G. ROACH, ATTORNEY 1500 RIVERVIEW TOWER 900 SOUTH GAY STREET P. O. BOX 131 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL LISTER

DOCKET NUMBER 91834-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID MICHAEL LISTER. who died August 25, 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) from the date of first publication; or

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

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

This the 15th day of DECEMBER, 2025. ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL LISTER

> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) NATHAN WILLIAM LISTER 8137 LECLAY DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

CARL W. ESHBAUGH, ATTORNEY 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 2100 KNOXVILLE TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN H. MADDOX DOCKET NUMBER 91860-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN H. MADDOX, who died November 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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

received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A): or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

date of death. 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF HELEN H. MADDOX

JEFFREY JAY MADDOX 625 VALLEY HILL LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922 ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY

P. O. BOX 4415

OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415 **NOTICE TO**

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH C. MAIDEN DOCKET NUMBER 91821-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KENNETH C. MAINFN who died August 30, 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 received an actual copy of the notice to creditors to file the same with the clerk of the aboveif the creditor received the copy of the notice less named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, 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 (6) 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 conv 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 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KENNETH C. MAIDEN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

BETHANY BROOKE HOWARD 7827 EDWARDS PLACE BOULEVARD CORRYTON, TN 37721

> ADAM M. BULLOCK, ATTORNEY 124 INDEPENDENCE LANE LAFOLLETTE TN 37766

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF KELLY ELISE MCCARTER DOCKET NUMBER 91765-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of

DECEMBER 2025 letters administration in respect of the Estate of KELLY ELISE MCCARTER, who died Oct. 10, 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; (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

This the 8 day of DECEMBER, 2025

ESTATE OF KELLY ELISE MCCARTER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

DEBORAH MCCARTER, ADMINISTRATRIX 2210 JONES STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CECELIA JUNE PARNELL

DOCKET NUMBER 91854-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CECELIA JUNE PARNELL. who died June 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-

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

named court on or before the earlier of the dates

(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 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

> ESTATE OF CECELIA JUNE PARNELL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOYCE CAITLIN PARNELL 7044 WRENS CREEK LANE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY 9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200 KNOXVILLE TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANK LEE RALSTON DOCKET NUMBER 91807-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANK LEE RALSTON, who died on the 17th day of October, 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) months from the decedent's

This the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025. ESTATE OF FRANK LEE RALSTON

date of death.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ALTA ELAINE RALSTON

1168 OAK HAVEN RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37932 MATTHEW B. FRERE, ATTORNEY 1001 E. BROADWAY

LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MARTHA R. K. STEVENS DOCKET NUMBER 91875-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARTHA R. K. STEVENS, who died September 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

resident and non-resident, having claims, matured 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 conv 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

This the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARTHA R. K. STEVENS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

TAMMY BRIDGES 6728 GREENBROOK DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37931 JORDAN T. NEWPORT, ATTORNEY

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DOROTHY THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 91720-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025, Letters of Administration

in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY THOMAS, who died July 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 and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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

first publication of this notice, if the creditor

described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's This the 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

(4) months from the date of first publication as

ESTATE OF DOROTHY THOMAS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PATRICIA F. FORD 2237 WOODSMITH ROAD

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MICHAEL CURTIS WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 91822-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary respect to the Estate of MICHAEL CURTIS WILLIAMS, who died May 26, 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 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 (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 10th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

> ESTATE OF MICHAEL CURTIS WILLIAMS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARY LOIS WILLIAMS 11236 MATTHEWS COVE LANE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37934 MACK A. GENTRY, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA CHERYL ARMSTRONG **DOCKET NUMBER 91884-2** Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day

DECEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of BARBARA CHERYL ARMSTRONG, who died on August 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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

first publication of this Notice if the creditor

(4) months from the date of first publication as

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of DECEMBER, 2025. ESTATE OF BARBARA CHERYL ARMSTRONG

described in (1)(A); or

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHERI M. ARMSTRONG

> RUSSELL H. ARMSTRONG 6305 CROWN HILL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

LEXINGTON, SC 29071

P. O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

O.E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY 900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR

www.knoxfocus.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTYE HENSLEY BEAN DOCKET NUMBER 91915-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTYE HENSLEY BEAN, who died Oct. 22, 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 18 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTYE HENSLEY BEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KENNETH E. BEAN, CO-EXECUTOR 6800 WOODVIEW DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

STEPHEN GREGORY BEAN, CO-EXECUTOR 3721 S. CREEK ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ANDREW T. BRADLEY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 91793-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANDREW T. BRADLEY, JR., who died Oct. 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 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:

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

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

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

This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANDREW T. BRADLEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SONJI S. BENNETT, EXECUTRIX 2221 KIPPING STREET JOHNSON CITY, TN 37601

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DOCKET NUMBER 91850-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of ELMO H. BROCK, who died on August 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF ELMO H. BROCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LINDA M. BROCK 8918 CHILDRESS ROAD POWELL, TN 37849

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

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS ESTATE OF STANLEY EARL CAMPBELL DOCKET NUMBER 91874-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of STANLEY EARL CAMPBELL, who died June 27, 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 (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

This the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF STANLEY EARL CAMPBELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

MICHAEL SCOTT CAMPBELL

7609 RELL ROAD LOT C KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS. ATTORNEY 2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA E. CLINE DOCKET NUMBER 91838-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA E. CLINE, who died October 4, 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication: or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the

creditor received an actual copy of the Notice To Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

date of death. This the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA E. CLINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GABRIELLE CLINE-SNELL, EXECUTRIX 9729 CLEARWATER DRIVE KNOXVILLE. TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY NEAS COLE DOCKET NUMBER 91817-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NEAS COLE, who died June 26, 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 (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

This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY NEAS COLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN W. COLF III EXECUTOR 8429 MAJORS ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA JEAN CURTIS DOCKET NUMBER 91829-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of WANDA JEAN CURTIS, who died July 18, 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF WANDA JEAN CURTIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOWARD WAYNE AKINS, II, ADMINISTRATOR 7102 SHFFFIFI D DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

> PATRICK R. MCKENRICK ATTORNEY 1019 ORCHID DRIVE

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. DANIELS, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 91796-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM E. DANIELS, SR., who died Oct. 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 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

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 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. DANIELS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARIANNE DOCKERY, ADMINISTRATRIX 3942 LINDEN AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY EVELYN GODDARD DOCKET NUMBER 91877-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters of Administration respect of the Estate of MARY EVELYN GODDARD, who died January 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee All nersons 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

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

received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date

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

ESTATE OF MARY EVELYN GODDARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLOTTE LICKLITER 2831 STOCK CREEK RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

MADELINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY 217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENARD F. HARRINGTON **DOCKET NUMBER 91757-1**

day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GLENARD F. HARRINGTON who died August 7, 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 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 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLENARD F. HARRINGTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LEANETTA ANN TAYLOR 1881 PANLILIO LOOP THE VILLAGES, FL 34762

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY 310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JOHN A. KEATON, JR.

DOCKET NUMBER 91853-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary respect of the Estate of JOHN A. KEATON, JR., who died June 10, 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 harred: (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 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOHN A. KEATON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JOHNNY ALLEN KEATON, III, EXECUTOR 2708 SHROPSHIRE BOULEVARD POWELL, TN 37849 ELIZABETH M. BURRELL, ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO

P. O. BOX 398 CLINTON, TN 37717

CREDITORS ESTATE OF DORCAS B. MORGAN

DOCKET NUMBER 91799-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORCAS B. MORGAN, who died Sept. 11, 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

(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 This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DORCAS B. MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WALTER B. MORGAN, EXECUTOR 2746 DEE PEPPERS DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BEN PERRYMAN DOCKET NUMBER 91814-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM BEN PERRYMAN, who died Aug. 26, 2025, 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 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 (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

This the 12 day of DECEMER, 2025.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BEN PERRYMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CATHY BEELER, ADMINISTRATRIX 1714 CUNNINGHAM LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY A. ROBINETTE, II DOCKET NUMBER 91844-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GARY A. ROBINETTE, II, who died September 25, 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

eived 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

This the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GARY A. ROBINETTE, II PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SARA ROBINETTE-HAYES DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY 310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JAMES F. SMITH

DOCKET NUMBER 91801-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES F. SMITH, who died Oct. 29, 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

(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

This the 18 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES F. SMITH PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

> MARYVILLE, TN 37801 NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

SUSAN DEMARCUS, EXECUTRIX

938 ELSBORN RIDGE ROAD

ESTATE OF DARLA HOWE SUTTON DOCKET NUMBER 91802-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day

of DECEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DARLA HOWE SUTTON. who died Oct. 23, 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 her estate are required to file the same with the 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 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

date of death. This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DARLA HOWE SUTTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JOHN FRED SUTTON, ADMINSTRATOR KMHDU4ADXAU069203 DESTINY HAWKINS 7031 WESTERLY WINDS RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

PATRICIA OGLE / TITLEMAX 20. '03 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM66583A029043

claims, matured or unmatured, against his or 19, '09 CHEVY COBALT 1G1AS58H497243426

EMMALYN WILSON 21. '14 BMW 750 WBAYF8C52ED653188

22. '25 MAZDA CX5 JM3KFBBL1S0542289 JINZHAO SHENG

23. '09 PONTIAC G6 1G2ZG57N694133230 **OSA MARINA PALACIOS LUNA**

24. '17 NISSAN ROGUE KNMAT2MT2HP591673 RHONDA GRAVES / EXETER FINANCE '10 HYUNDAI **ELANTRA**

26. '10 CHRYSLER 300 2C3CA5CV7AH246513

JENNIFER BENTON

NOTICE OF LIEN <u>SALE</u>

The owner and /or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on January 12. 2026 at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917.

2014 Nissan Murano

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR **TITLE**

VIN# JN8AZ1MU6EW405463 BOB KOROMA

Charles Frazier hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 1997 JEEP Grand Cherokee Ltd., Vehicle

Identification Number 1J4G778Y3VC709240. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Charles Frazier by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10)

P. O. Box 6704. Knoxville, TN 37914. Published in The Knoxville Focus Monday,

December 29, 2025.

business days of the date of this publication to

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 Western Avenue Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026, 8:00 A.M. at 1404 N. Central St., Knoxville, TN 37917.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

2013 FORD TAURUS

VIN# 1FAH2F86DG136479

Notice is hereby given that Your Extra Storage will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant Tennessee Code Title 66. Property 66-31-105). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 1/22/2026 at approx. 9 a.m. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to additional terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless

7144 Clinton Hwy., Powell, TN 37849: DC34 - Brian Summers; A17 - Judy Baird

- Sharon Smallwood / Sharon-

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing legals@knoxfocus.com or calling (865) 686-9970.

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE. NOTE: Anyone who wishes to sign up to

speak on Ordinance 0-25-12-101 can do so via the Commission website at commission.knoxcountytn gov, emailing commission@knoxcounty.org or calling the office at 865-215-2534. The deadline for signing up to speak is Monday, January 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. AGENDA 1. Call to Order / Roll Call 2. Public Forum

3. Discussion regarding Ordinance 0-25-12-101

amending the Knox County Code, Appendix A

Zoning, Article 6, revising Sections 6.10, 6.30

County Comprehensive Plan. A complete copy of

the proposed amendment is available and may be

obtained at the Knox County Commission Office,

Suite 603, in the City-County Building.

6.40 and 6.50, and adding a new Section 6.90 pertaining to vested rights, following recent legislative actions and the adoption of the Knox

4. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE Merit System for Employees of KCSO

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.
Main Assembly Room, City/County Building

400 W. Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902 NOTE: Those wishing to sign up to speak on

any agenda item can do so via the Merit System website at www.knoxcountv.org/meritsvstem merit.systems@knoxcounty.org calling the office at 865-215-4446. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE Knoxville-Knox County Continuum

of Care Board meeting When: January 7, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm Where: United Way of Greater Knoxville 1301 Hannah Avenue

Details: Meeting is open to the public.

NOTICE OF LIEN

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

2026 at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. '10 KIA FORTE KNAFU4A22A5280401 SHARON SMALLWOOD / MIDTOWN AUTO

of said vehicle at public auction on January 5,

2. '22 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZD5STXNF122085 MALIYAH MARTIN / AMERICAN CREDIT ACCEPTANCE 3. '18 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP2D89JG101224

KEYERA JACKSON / AMERICA'S CAR MART

4. '07 HONDA CIVIC 2HGFG128X7H517960 CHASE DILLS 5. '21 TOYOTA RAV4 2T3H1RFV1MC095811 CYNTHIA PRAMUK

6. '09 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP37N39W159645 KEVIN OR LINDA SHAMMO / WELLS FARGO '03 ACURA 32T 19UUA56783A042108

SUZUKI CROSSOVER JS2YB413675107330 ALEX LONGMIRE 9. '20 HYUNDAI ACCENT 3KPC24A68LE106547 MARY SMITH / BRIDGECREST ACCEPTANCE

JAMESLYN KINNEY

5TDDK3EH9CS136401

ALEXANDER ABREU CRUZ

MARINER FINANCE

ASHLEY BUTTURINI / ORNL 11. '14 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3F2XEL393802 TASHINA MCDONALD

TOYOTA

NADINE GEMMIL /

10. '24 LEXUS GX550 JTJVBCDX2R5010924

13. '17 JEEP PATRIOT 1C4NJPBA3HD134149 14. '09 LINCOLN MKS 1LNHM93R29G622637

1D7HA16K28J114026 MICHAEL GREUTMAN 16. '22 HONDA CRV 2HKRW2H81NH610799

EMILY MASON 17. '22 BUICK ENVISION LRBAZLR47ND135394 THERESA PRIEST / TRUIST

18. '10 CHEVY CAMARO 2G1FB1EV8A9218864

Smallwood; G40 - Stuart Humberg; F11 - Jode

4303 E. Emory Rd., Knoxville, TN 37938:

Coleman's late jumper seals dramatic victory for Warriors over **Powell**

<u>Cont. from page 3</u> had trimmed the deficit to 31-30 by the end of the third quarter and setting the stage for what would be the most dramatic of endings.

The Warriors grabbed the lead early in the final frame when Rio Curry buried a three-pointer to make it, 33-31, with 7 minute, 19 seconds remaining. That battle continued until the Panthers were able to pull out to a 42-37 led when Mason Powell made a bucket with 2:43 left.

The Warriors, however, 11.

would answer when Bennett Jelks buried a trey to make it 42-40 a short time later.

Rodgers made it 44-40 before Jelks scored the next five points to give the Warriors the lead with 19.5 seconds left before Rodgers and Coleman matched three-pointers to end the game.

Jelks scored all 10 of his points after halftime for the Warriors. Hunter Bennett had eight points for CAK.

Powell led the Panthers with a game-high 23 points, while Rodgers finished with

classifieds

PUPPIES FOR SALE: **TEACUP YORKIES** 2 MALE, \$800 EA., 2 FEMALE, \$1,000 EA. SHOTS, WORMING, 1 YEAR WARRANTY. CALL 859-267-8215

COIN SHOP



865 - 444 - 5176

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

SOUTH KNOXVILLE / **UT / DOWNTOWN**

2 BR, 700 SQ FT APARTMENTS

\$950/ MONTH

865-573-1000

WANTED

*****WANTED***** **BROKEN PUSH & RIDING MOWERS** \$10-20 PUSH OR \$40-100 RIDING MUST BE COMPLETE 865-416-7546 LEAVE PHONE # IF NO ANSWER

 $\star \star \star \star \text{WANTED} \star \star \star$ MILITARY ANTIQUES and SOUVENIRS, ALL ERAS ESPECIALLY WWII - VIETNAM UNIFORMS, MEDALS, HELMETS, SWORDS, ETC. CALL 865-368-0682

HOUSES! Call us today!

865.444.8804



Materials furnished at WHOLESALE prices! FREE ESTIMATES! 865-219-9803



Repaint Specialist

Commercial & Residential

NOW OFFERING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Interior/Exterior Painting Pressure Washing
- Staining

Email: AllMetalRecyc@gmail.com

- Drywall & Carpentry
- Serving Knoxville for 30 years

Google 5 Star Rating Licensed - Bonded - Insured

FREE ESTIMATES · 865-291-8434 www.pilgrimpaintingknoxville.com

GOD'S PLACE TREASURES THRIFT STORE 6119 Chapman Highway

Mondays: All \$1 items 50¢

Furniture, glassware, clothing & more

Manager - Vickie Johnson

Proceeds help feed the homeless. M-F 10am-5:30pm 865-604-8077

Come in for prayer.

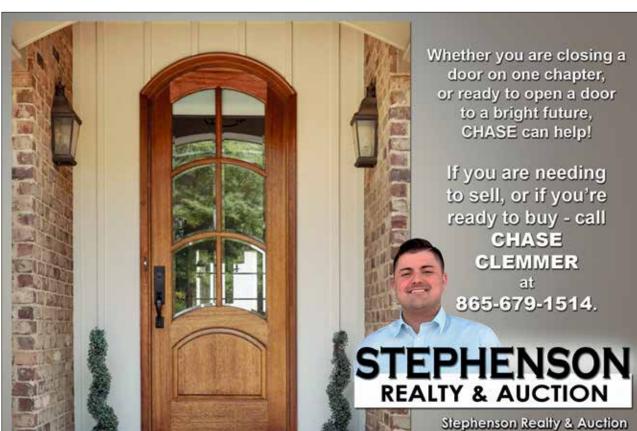
Fountain City Auction 4109 Central Ave Pike | Knoxville, TN 37912 604-3468 For all your

TFL #5223

TAL #2204 WE BUY ESTATES

Auction

Needs



service directory

ALTERATIONS

JOANNE'S ALTERATIONS, PANTS HEMMING \$5, SPECIALIZING IN JEANS. CALL 865-805-9170

CHILD CARE

MARCIA'S LEARNING CENTER 1411 Exeter Ave, Knoxville (865) 673-8223 Day Shift 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

EXCAVATION

HAULING •GRADING CLEARING • EXCAVATION Licensed & Insured Call or email Dylan Hall 865-722-4207

ELECTRIC/ **PLUMBING**

hall.entllc25@gmail.com

RETIRED **ELECTRICIAN & PLUMBER** ~ Licensed and Insured ~ FREE ESTIMATES!

865-705-0742

FENCING



Professional, Dependable Service! Call 423-235-7400 or 1-800-249-6274 browncustomfencing.com

HANDYMAN

Honest, Professional & Fair Pricing **Brian Clark**

865-415-8419 Licensed & Insured Email: Homefit04@gmail.com

 ◆ Home Repairs ◆ Deck Staining · Roof, Siding Painting & Foundation Wood Rot

Stain Remova

HANDYMAN



HOME

FREE ESTIMATE

865-888-1241



Kitchen & Bath Updates

Free Estimates! Schedule yours TODAY!

865-203-6143

IMPROVEMENT



Windows & Doors

LAWN & LEAF

Lawn & Leaf Services Mowing @Edging @Weed Eating **®Trimming ®Blowing ®Mulching** Shrub Trimming Leaf Cleanup

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED, DEPENDABLE SERVICE, REASONABLE RATES AND INSURED! **FREE ESTIMATES CALL OR TEXT JIMBO @**

(865) 368-8279

LAWN MOWER REPAIR

ALL BRANDS - SERVICE & REPAIR. PICK UP & DELIVERY AVAILABLE. \$25 OFF WITH THIS AD! RICK BETTGE, MECHANIC CALL 865-591-0518

PAINTING Now Offering SOFT-WASHING! Plus - 30% OFF ALL INTERIOR PAINTING, through Feb. 2026! Randy the

Painter Interior & Exterior Painting Celebrating 45 years of business in 2025 Licensed and Insured

FREE ESTIMATES CALL 865-522-3222 or TEXT 865-455-5022 CHECK OUT OUR 5-STAR

GOOGLE REVIEWS!!! randythepainterandcrew.com

PHOTOGRAPHER

PROFESSIONAL

PHOTOGRAPHER -JASE CHRISTOPHER REFLECTIONS PHOTOGRAPHY: **FAMILY PORTRAITS AND** SPECIAL OCCASIONS. **CONTACT INFO AND** PORTFOLIO AVAILABLE AT JCREFLECTIONS.COM (PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED)

REPAIR MAN

210 Seivers Blvd.

Clinton, IN 37716 Office 865-457-2327



appliance not working properly? eplacing an appliance is not always the best answer, and is NEVER the cheapest answer

Give CJ a call FIRST! A part or adjusment may be all you need to ave HUNDREDS or even THOUSANDS. CALL US TODAY!

Serving Knoxville and surrounding Major credit cards accepted

865-895-7805

REMODELING



DECKS & FENCING Quality, Honesty, Integrity New Builds or Repairs **Bonded & Insured** Offering FREE estimates!

> Call or Text 865-888-1241

ROOFING

ROOF REPAIRS, METAL; SHINGLE; RUBBER; ROOF COATING; FREE ESTIMATES. 865-705-7069 TREE SERVICES

TREE SERVICES



Professional Tree Service

+ UTILITY LINE CLEARING

* STORM WORK * REMOVAL SERVICE

* EXPERT PRUNING

* LAND CLEARING

Locally Owned Licensed & Insured

FREE Estimates! Call TODAY!

865-385-9994 865-888-3580

Call or email Ruthie at 865-686-9970 or ruthie@ knoxfocus.com to place your Classified or Service Directory advertisement!

COMPANY Family Owned & Operated - Ken L. Beaman, Owner 42 YEARS OF SERVICE QUALITY WORK & FAIR PRICES VINYL SIDING ROOFING GUTTERING Call to schedule a consultation! (865) 824-8766

Or visit www.americasroofingcompany.com

AMERICA'S ROOFING