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Can the KCSO Merit System Council rule on a sheriff's transfer of an employee?

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The push and pull contest between the Knox County Sheriff's Office and its Merit System Council continues with a new dispute involving a complaint from a current KCSO employee to the council about her use of a

department-assigned car. Sheriff Tom Spangler replaced Martha Dooley, the former director of media relations, when he was elected in 2018 and Dooley became Deputy Director. She is alleging that Spangler is trying to force her to quit or retire and has taken away a vehicle and gas card she had

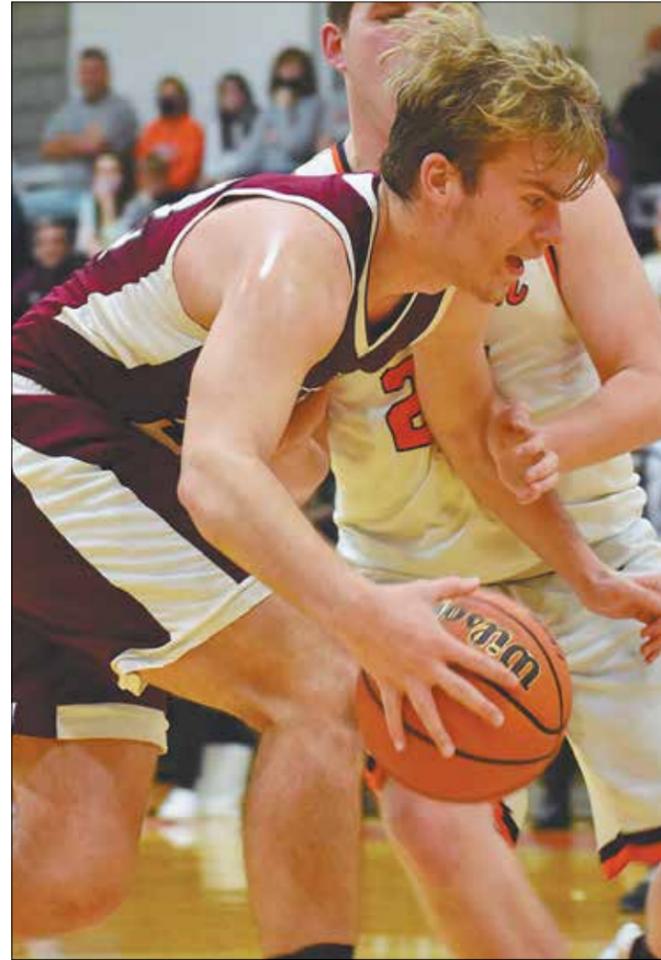
for more than 20 years. Her complaint says her transfer was political and wants a vehicle assigned to her and the return of her gas card. She says the vehicle privileges came when she began serving under former Sheriff Tim Hutchinson and continued under Sheriff J. J. Jones. Dooley is claiming that

the use of the vehicle and gas card was part of her hiring agreement and is part of her salary, according to a complaint filed by her attorney, John P. Valiant Jr. The complaint asserts that current Media Director Kimberly Glenn, who was named by the sheriff, has no educational background to qualify

for the position and Dooley has been left out of all decisions regarding media relations and given little work to do. The outside firm of O'Neil, Parker and Williamson was hired by KCSO to investigate the complaint and notified the Merit System Council on February 17 that the council "has

no authority to have a hearing over the matter or grant Ms. Dooley the relief she seeks." Lawyer Gary Prince also noted in his letter to the Merit System Council that Dooley's remedy is "unavailable to her by law" and the sheriff's department is asking the case be **Continue on page 6**

Fulton Falls, Bearden Barks in Region Play



Left, Fulton senior Tommy Sweat led the Falcons in scoring, but the Kingston Yellow Jackets wouldn't be denied their first region title since 1979. Photo by Cassie Vaughn. Right, Bearden High's A.J. Pruitt slashes past multiple defenders in Thursday night's Region 2-AAA Championship Game in Oak Ridge. Pruitt scored 10 points in the Bulldogs' 55-52 victory over the Wildcats. Photo by Luther Simmons. For coverage of these games plus the Bearden Lady Bulldogs' region victory, please see this week's sports in section B.

Superintendent proposes one-time payments for district employees

By Ken Lay

As the Knox County Schools System continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Bob Thomas continues to laud school district employees for going above and beyond in helping to keep campuses open.

On Wednesday, however, Thomas said that he wants to reward all of the district's employees with a one-time bonus at the Knox County Board of Education's work session meeting at the Andrew Johnson Building.

The superintendent proposed to pay certified teachers an additional \$1,000 and he proposed paying classified employees an additional \$500.

The board will vote on the measure at this week's regular session meeting on Wednesday.

Part of the funding for the proposed payments for district employees would come from the \$2.5 million allocated by the state. Those funds were earmarked to assist with the pandemic in January.

"In recognition of (district employees') achievements, I am recommending that we use the state funding and supplement it with local funding," Thomas said.

The superintendent noted that it was a team effort by teachers, counselors, administrators and classified employees to keep schools open this year.

"We've had our teachers teaching virtually and we've had teachers teaching in-person and we've had teachers teaching both virtually and in-person concurrently," Thomas said. "We've had teachers do temperature checks and enforce safety protocol.

"Our custodians have done extra work and our food service workers have come up with creative ways to feed both virtual students and in-person students. We've had 106 days out of a possible 115 days of in-person learning. For a district our size, that is phenomenal."

City to ask state to keep tax revenue from stadium

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The City of Knoxville is asking the state legislature to allow local state and local tax revenue generated at the proposed baseball stadium be kept for city use. The resolution is on the agenda for Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting.

At the same time the council will be asked to oppose the two Tennessee House and Senate bills that would do so in a resolution sponsored by Councilwoman Amelia Parker.

State Senate Bill 783 from Senator Becky Massey and its counterpart in the house, HB 1204 introduced by Rep. Jason Zachary, seek to allow local

governments to keep state and local sales tax revenue from businesses within a quarter-mile radius of the facility to cover a portion of its costs.

Some citizens are opposed to the city and county helping fund the stadium's construction with taxpayer money and then handing over management of the stadium to the privately-owned Knoxville Smokies company which would be the sole renter of the facility.

IN OTHER BUSINESS the city council has several "water-related" agenda items including an agreement with Buffalo Automation for a demonstration of an autonomous boat service on the Tennessee River.

An agreement with Design and Construction Services for the construction of the Waterfront Drive Roadway Improvement Project for \$733,262 is on the agenda.

A resolution for a lease agreement with Legacy Parks Foundation is before the council for water access at Bicentennial Park for a non-motorized boat launch.

The council will also consider allotting \$100,000 to the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club to purchase 28 acres to extend the William Hastie Natural Area in the Urban Wilderness.

The contract with Hedstrom Landscape Architecture may be amended for design services at the Fort Kid Playground

Project upping the amount by \$38,600, bringing the agreement to \$68,200.

The Community Action Committee may get additional funding of \$123,028 from COVID-19 funding for housing assistance.

An agreement for a five-year, \$3.4M contract with CMV Synchronatics for Advanced Transportation Technology for use in the city's transit system is being requested by the Knoxville Area Transit.

The council may also approved in lieu of tax payments for the Knoxville Utility Board for the next fiscal year.

Several bonds are on the agenda for electric, gas, water and wastewater funding.

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Keeping schools closed has hurt our children

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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I very seldom read the New York Times, because its editors do not limit their left-wing propaganda to the opinion pages but spread it throughout the paper. So, I have to admit that I was shocked when the Times ran a column on February 24 by Nicholas Kristof about how much harm has

been done to millions of children by keeping our schools closed. Kristof is certainly very liberal on almost everything, so I wonder if the editor in charge of his column actually read all of it before it was published. It certainly didn't follow the standard left-wing line. Kristof wrote that "the educational losses are disproportionately the fault of Democratic governors and mayors who too often let schools stay closed even as bars opened." He added that "the blunt fact is that it is Democrats who have presided over one of the worst blows to the education of disadvantaged Americans in history."

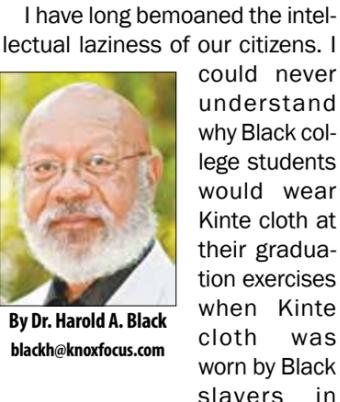
In my Focus column of Dec. 7, entitled "Our children are at risk," I quoted experts from both the St. Paul (MN) and Fairfax county (VA) school systems stating that all children, but especially disadvantaged and disabled students were being harmed by those closures. I pointed out that children were in far more danger riding in cars than they were sitting in classrooms. Every death is sad, tragic, or even horrible, but there has been a tremendous over-reaction to this virus. The overwhelming majority of our people have not caught the virus, and most who have caught it have had very mild or very minor

problems. The grim milestone of 500,000 deaths amounts to less than two-tenths of one percent of the U.S. population. And the CDC said a few months ago that 94% of so-called covid deaths have been with co-morbidities. In other words, these deaths were just as likely, or possibly even more so, to have been caused by heart failure, pneumonia, diabetes, or even a version of the flu. Simple old age has also been a major cause with one country I read about in which 90% of the COVID-19 deaths were in people over 80. On Feb. 10, there was a report in World Net Daily

that said coronavirus numbers had been inflated by 1600%. The survival rate of the very few who catch this virus under the age of 21 is 99.97% and around 99% for those under 60, which is the great majority of teachers. Nicholas Kristof wrote: "Millions of American schoolchildren will soon have missed a year of in-person instruction, and we may have inflicted permanent damage on some of them, and our country." He quoted the British Medical Journal which editorialized that "closing schools is not evidence based and harms children." I and my brother and sisters are all products of

public schools. My grandmother taught for 40 years in Scott county and my sister Beverly for 30 years in Knox county. My four children did either all or most of their education in public schools. But the teacher's union have done a real disservice to the teaching profession by becoming an arm of the Democratic party and by making it appear that a significant number of teachers did not want to go back to the classrooms and just wanted taxpayer-paid vacations. Teachers who don't want to teach should not be paid and should get out of the way of those who do want to teach.

Cancel Democrats



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I have long bemoaned the intellectual laziness of our citizens. I could never understand why Black college students would wear Kinte cloth at their graduation exercises when Kinte cloth was worn by Black slavers in Africa who sold our ancestors into slavery. Similarly, since we are in the midst of cancel culture where those on the left want to erase vestiges of the past, I wonder why they still call themselves "Democrats" or "progressives." I know that progressives became the term to replace "liberals" but it is curious why the cancel culture crowd would adopt that label or "Democrats" for that matter. Historically, Democrats were the party of slavery and afterwards were the party of Jim Crow and segregation. One of its most prominent senators, Robert Byrd of West Virginia was a member of the Klu Klux Klan. Prior to FDR and the New Deal, most Blacks were Republicans. That is not surprising since the Republican party was founded on an anti-slavery platform and Abraham Lincoln was the first Republican president. After the Civil War, during reconstruction, Blacks in the south could

vote. I have records showing that my great-great-grandparents were registered voters in Jones County, Ga in 1870. Former slaves helped elect the first seven Black representatives to congress. All were Republicans. Southern whites, on the other hand, were overwhelmingly Democrats. My parents were never converted from Republican to Democrat by FDR. Rather he reinforced their feelings toward Democrats by being denied an FHA loan to purchase their first house. This was commonplace. If the left wants to talk about institutional and systemic racism they need to look at the policies that have kept Black people down - policies that come from governments both federal, state and local. All along during our history, the segregationist bigots were all Democrats. George Wallace, Theodore Bilbo, Ross Barnett, Orval Faubus, Herman Talmadge, William Fulbright and of course Robert Byrd and others. Therefore, if the left wants to tear down statues of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington because they owned slaves, they should purge themselves of the label "Democrats" as well. Recently, the cancel culture crowd successfully compelled Princeton University to take Woodrow Wilson's name off of its school of public and international affairs. Wilson was governor of New Jersey, president of

Princeton and president of the United States. However, he had well known racist views and those views were what resulted in his name being banished from the school. Wilson opposed Black students being admitted to Princeton and when he became president he took steps to ban Blacks from the federal civil service. However, Wilson was equally known as being a prominent progressive. The progressives favored government intervention to achieve social goals. Wilson's progressives favored eugenics to rid the society of undesirables. As a result, progressives wanted to impose minimum wages in order to price Blacks out of the labor market so they could not offer their services at prices below that of whites. Before minimum wages were imposed, the Black unemployment rate was actually below that of white workers. When FDR's New Deal was passed, the resultant minimum wage requirements resulted in over 500,000 Blacks losing their jobs. So the cancel culture mob has ridded us of certain vestiges of the past. Isn't it now time that along with Woodrow Wilson, FDR should be also cancelled? Then while we are at it lets cancel the terms "Democrats" and "progressives." It is inconceivable that anyone serious about whitewashing our culture could call themselves either of those reprehensible labels.

Fire and Technical Rescue Committee to meet

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Mayor Glenn Jacobs has activated the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee and it will meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the E-911 multi-purpose building at 605 Bernard Avenue.

The committee will hear from the law director's office on parliamentary procedure and then elect officers and discuss a date

of their next meeting. Anders, director of E-911, will host the meeting and said the group will include all emergency services in the county. He said all the fire and rescue organizations want more collaboration and a basic study of fire and rescue funding. "We will look at funding, coordinating efforts, and nuts and bolts of everyday operation," Anders told The Focus.

Late Hardin Valley barber to be honored

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Honoring the life of the late Virgil F. "Hack" Hackworth will on the agenda of the Knox County Commission in next Monday's work session. Commissioner Terry Hill of the 6th District is proposing to honor the former Yarnell Barber Shop barber who passed away in December.

The Hardin Valley resident was a member of the Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and was known to pass out "Juicy Fruit" chewing gum to everyone. He graduated from Karns High

School and worked at Y-12 as an oiler for more than 24 years. He was also a master barber in Hardin Valley for more than 60 years and was known to always have a funny story to share. Hackworth took over the barber shop on the death of Roger Yarnell. He was known to visit ill people in their homes to give haircuts and the last person he visited at home was Virgil Bryant, who was the builder of the barber shop. The shop, at 11415 Hardin Valley Road, will hold fond memories for many, many Hardin Valley residents especially ones of "Hack" Hackworth.

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Publisher's Positions



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Knoxville's Shame

I have a lot of respect and admiration for Bob Booker who is a former state representative, city councilman, the former executive director of the Beck Cultural Center and an able historian. Robert Booker also writes a column published in the Knoxville News-Sentinel. It may very well be the best thing in the Sentinel. In his column of last week, Bob Booker wrote the murderers of the three teenagers shot in East Knoxville must be found and held accountable. It shouldn't be an unusual point of view, but unfortunately it's quite nearly revolutionary in the current atmosphere. Bob rightly points out people in a community have a part to play in holding those responsible for the killings fully accountable. Still, the shame of the City of Knoxville is the fact virtually nobody will call these killings exactly what they are: murders and crimes. The members of the city council are too timid to use the plain language required, preferring instead the politically correct and virtue signaling "shootings" and "gun

violence" instead. It gives the inference the problem is the gun, not the people using them to kill other people.

As far as I know, not a single member of the Knoxville City Council has called for the murderers to be caught and brought to justice. Mayor Indya Kincannon held a press conference with officials from the Knox County School system, which was little more than a media circus to divert attention from the fact the Kincannon administration has done nothing but spend taxpayer money and certainly not on additional law enforcement. The three teenagers killed weren't shot at school or on school grounds, as Bob Booker pointed out in his column. It is not the responsibility of the school system to serve as defacto police officers. Now the left doesn't even like the term "police officers." They prefer "peace officers." What was peaceful about the murders of three youngsters? What peace have the families known since they were confronted with the senseless tragedy of losing their children? There is nothing peaceful about murder. One only has to look at the faces of the family members to realize peace had fled before them with the grief and sadness so deeply, indelibly etched into the faces, young and old. There was nothing peaceful about the snatching away of the lives of Stanley Freeman Jr., Justin Taylor and Janaira Muhammad.

Kincannon and the city council are afraid to talk about crime, even though

Knoxville had a record number of homicides last year. You see, in the era where the leftists want to defund the police, it is impolitic to refer to actual crimes. It's very much like the "restorative practices" program in the schools. A child shouldn't be suspended for beating the stuffing out of another kid, but rather be engaged in tender, restorative measures. It's basically a way of reinforcing the notion there aren't any real consequences to breaking the rules or harming others.

My goodness, has anyone seen an episode of "Law and Order"? The police find the perpetrators and the district attorneys try them in court. Yet our public officials are too cowardly to risk the wrath of the leftists who can do little more than scream obscenities and call for defunding the police. Some council members say the violence must stop, but offer no solutions except for handing off \$1 million of taxpayer money to an outfit in Louisville, Kentucky. That is evidently easier than risking being cancelled in the current cancel culture. We've become more afraid of the cancel culture than having our children shot down in the street and enforcing the law.

Social workers can counsel the families of the victims and just so you know, the victims were named Justin Taylor, Stanley Freeman Jr. and Janaira Muhammad.

Angela Dennis wrote about "gun violence" which the Sentinel published in its "Crime and Courts" beat. I

wonder how long it will before the woke folks at USA Today rename it the "Peace and Restorative Practices" beat? Ms. Dennis quoted Linda Conners whose nephew, Marquis Nolan, was murdered. Ms. Conners related following her nephew's murder, that Marquis' mother repeatedly called yet heard back from no one. Has Gwen McKenzie demanded to know why Linda Conners or Marquis Nolan's mother received no answer from any city official or the KPD? My guess is probably not. The Nolan family can't even appeal to their state representative who is McKenzie's husband.

"It's almost like they know it's Black on Black crime and it's like they don't care. We are burying our kids and nobody cares," Linda Conners told Angela Dennis. As Ms. Conners said, parents and families need closure. They also need and deserve justice.

Indya Kincannon and the city council would stand on their heads and dance the polka and say Black Lives Matter. It needs to be more than a political slogan. It's going to take some old fashioned police work to bring closure to the parents of Janaira Muhammad, Stanley Freeman, Jr. and Justin Taylor. Social workers can't give those parents and families closure, nor can they give them justice.

Bob Booker was right, weeping and the wringing of hands will not bring the murderers of Janaira Muhammad, Justin Taylor and Stanley Freeman Jr. to justice. Let's just tell the truth: the community will

have to do its part, but law enforcement will have to do its job and it's well past time for Knoxville to recognize it. The failure to do so is a blot of shame on the Kincannon administration and the city council. Give justice to Justin, Stanley and Janaira.

Election Reform... Not

To hear the Democrats tell it, there was never a fairer election held in the United States of America than that of 2020. Yet, the Democrats in the House of Representatives have passed, along party lines, a grab bag of idiocy labeled as "election reform." The bill includes some real gems like public funding of congressional races. Yep, that's right, they believe you, the taxpayer, should pick up the tab for every candidate's campaign tab. The outrageously mislabeled "For the People Act of 2021" ought to be relabeled the "Theft of the Left Election Grab of 2021" bill. Nancy Pelosi oddly said the legislation was necessary because of "voter suppression" in some states (which I imagine she would claim are all in "red" states) as well as to crackdown on corruption. Now, as I recall, Nancy Pelosi and the left all claim the 2020 presidential election was free of corruption. Of course those are the very same people who claimed for four years the Russians had stolen the 2016 election for Donald Trump. They were the first to poo-poo any notion there was any chicanery in last year's presidential contest. It was

as stainless as a star and as pure as the driven snow, so they claim. But now we need to stamp out election corruption. Keep in mind what leftists call "voter suppression" is so simple as requiring an ID. Think of everything you have to provide an ID for, but those folks squall it's voter suppression. For example, a person needs an ID to adopt a pet, but Nancy Pelosi says it's voter suppression to ask for an ID to vote.

The "For the People Act" would automatically register people to vote from such data bases as the food stamp rolls. The bill would prohibit local control of elections and purging the voter rolls. That means if your Uncle Fred died, a ballot would still be mailed to him and you could fill it out and mail it in and it would be counted no doubt. What is undisputable is the rules of electioneering were changed before the 2020 election in many instances without the consent or action of the state legislatures, where the ultimate legal authority resides. The bill has been described as the "Democrat Politician Protection Act" to "changes the rules of American politics to benefit one party."

That's not only a pretty good description of the bill, but an accurate assessment. The federal government has done such a great job of running its own institutions, why not let them work their wonders with elections? That alone should be cause for alarm.

BIDEN & BETO

By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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Remember Robert Francis O'Rourke? Otherwise known as "Beto" O'Rourke, the sometime Texas congressman who raised a ton of money and failed to beat Senator Ted Cruz? After losing the Senate race in Texas, Beto launched his bid to win the Democratic presidential nomination, which began on March 14, 2019 and officially died on November 1, 2019. Well, now Beto the Bro is back, after announcing he's considering running for governor of Texas against incumbent Greg Abbott. Beto was passionate in his speechmaking in an appearance on MSNBC. Surprisingly, Beto was not on the Rachel Maddow Show. Beto is a millionaire, just like so many of the

other leftists; since leaving office Barack Obama has filled his pockets, socks and underwear with cash. Even the old communist from Vermont, Bernie Sanders is a millionaire. Well, Beto has jumped on Abbott after the governor announced he was lifting the mask mandate in the Lone Star State. Not that Beto's rhetoric was shrill or anything. Among other things, Beto babbled, "It's hard to escape the conclusion that it's also a cult of death. . . You have folks literally upending civilization as we know it."

Governor Abbott is leaving it up to individual businesses whether they wish to have patrons wear masks in their stores; the governor reminded Texans they could wear masks as they wished and urged they use good judgment. Yet, there was Beto literally

accusing Governor Greg Abbott of premeditated murder. How absurd! How asinine! How could any outlet, even MSNBC, stoop so low as to give Beto O'Rourke's commentary any credibility? As to a death cult, that accusation is pretty interesting coming from a representative of a political party that supports abortion right up to the moment of birth. We've seen here in Tennessee State Representative John DeBerry removed from the ballot simply because Democrats outside his own district disliked his support of vouchers and opposition to abortion on demand. DeBerry had legitimately qualified to run again; his name was removed by the members of the Democratic State Executive Committee. There was nothing democratic about that at all.

Bro Beto complained Governor

Abbott and the folks running Texas were "anti-government elements" and said Texas was a failed state. Considering the infection rate in the Lone Star State, as compared to California and New York --- and remember no less than Joe Biden called Andrew Cuomo "the gold standard" of a state governor in governing during the coronavirus pandemic. The mainstream media were quick to jump on that ship, too, as it sailed into the sunset where it promptly caught fire, burned, and its remnants seem bound for the deep blue sea while sharks circle the survivors. Beto tried to take advantage of the energy failure during the recent frigid weather in Texas, yet the gold standard for a state that really is a failed state would be California. The rolling black outs have become a fact of daily

life. There was also O'Rourke's fellow Democrat, Steve Adler, who warned his people against traveling, from the comfort of his perch in Mexico.

The facts, not that facts actually matter to the leftists, do not support Beto's contentions. COVID positivity in Texas, along with hospitalizations, have reached a four month low record.

Beto is a millionaire and feels no pressure to earn a living or go to work. There are millions of Americans who want to get back to work and have their kids return to school so that they can work. The irony is, it is Beto O'Rourke trying to profit from the suffering of Texans for political gain, not Greg Abbott.

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He was inducted into the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame in 2015 and one of only six male lawyers in the State of Tennessee to receive this prestigious honor. A well-known lawyer in Grainger County, he is Attorney Creed Allen Daniel.

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When Creed Daniel's younger brother, Zane, opened a law office in the Burwell Building in Knoxville, Creed had the opportunity to work alongside him and John J. Duncan, Jr. That is where I first met him. Both Creed and Zane grew up in Grainger County, and Creed decided to keep this law office in Rutledge in Grainger County. I had no idea Creed and Zane were so widely known, and I

certainly did not realize both would become legends in the field of law. Knox County Attorney Wilson Ritchie shared in The Knoxville Focus 10-5-2020, "The Daniel Boys," that Creed was a great help to him on a case they worked on together. It is most interesting to hear from another attorney who worked opposite Creed in the courtroom. "I prosecuted cases in Grainger County for about five years ending in 2011. Creed represented many of the defendants there. He was always a friend no matter how the case went," Steve Hawkins said. Steve is the former Chief Assistant District Attorney and criminal defense attorney from Maryville, Tennessee. "Creed is one of a kind! He was a very able attorney and still is," Hawkins added. "And he always had a great story to tell!"

Learn more about the Grainger County Tennessee Hall of Fame Attorney in "The Life & Times of



Picture of Grainger County Attorney Creed Allen Daniel from the Daniel Family archives.

Creed Allen Daniel" video on YouTube.

Words of Faith: "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High." Psalm 9:2 (KJV)

Health and Economic Well-Being Committee to receive guidance

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When the new Health and Economic Well-Being Committee meets virtually for a second time Wednesday at 3 p.m. the members may finally get some idea of their purpose and function. During their first meeting committee members voiced some concern about their exact duties and responsibilities.

A letter from Commissioner Kyle Ward explaining the purpose of the committee will be read and Deputy Law Director Myers Morton will explain the open meetings law.

The committee will also discuss the "effects of mandates, curfews and capacity restrictions on small businesses." Currently the

Board of Health and the Knox County Health Director set local restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic and those restrictions have come under fire from Ward and other commissioners.

Committee member Dr. James Choo will present information on the Great Barrington Declaration. The declaration advocates an herd immunity approach to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Knox County Commission established this new health committee to report to the mayor and the commission in an advisory only capacity.

The meeting will be streamed online at stream.knoxcountyttn.go and www.youtube.com/knoxcountyttn.

Do I have to pay taxes on my personal injury settlement?



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One of the questions that comes up from time to time with my personal injury clients is whether they have to pay taxes on their personal injury settlement. Usually this conversation occurs when the insurance company has made a settlement offer, and I am talking with the client about the pros and cons

of accepting the offer. The client may have concerns about whether the amount offered is adequate compensation for what they have experienced. Sometimes they will ask me whether they have to pay taxes on what they are offered and list the proceeds you received as income.

Although I am not a tax attorney, and cannot give out specific tax advice, my answer to that question is, "Generally, no."

Why is that? Well, let's think about it logically, and then dip our toes in to the specific tax provisions. So, because you have a personal injury claim, you

have experienced a loss of some kind that needs to be compensated. By accepting a settlement, you are not moving forward monetarily, you really are just getting back to even after you receive a settlement. That's the common sense part of why personal injury settlements are not taxable.

Let's dive in to the specifics of the tax law though. Because Tennessee has no state income tax, we are looking at federal income provisions in regard to determining whether settlements are taxable are not.

The three primary things that people will think about being compensated for

when they think about a personal injury settlement are lost wages, medical expenses, and pain and suffering.

If you are getting compensated for lost wages, then the amount you receive is taxable. That makes sense, because you would have had to pay taxes on the wages you would have made anyway.

If you are getting compensated for medical expenses, you generally will not have to pay taxes on those amounts unless you deducted those medical expense amounts in a prior year.

If you are getting compensated for pain and

suffering, then you will not have to pay taxes on those funds.

Generally, though, none of this matters because the insurance company does not classify what they are paying you for in the settlement check that they send you. They just send you a check for your entire claim, with no breakdown or designation of what it is compensating you for.

I would obviously direct you to receive specific tax advice from your accountant, but because the insurance company does not give a breakdown of what they are paying you for, you are entitled to classify those settlement proceeds

however you desire.

So, while you could potentially have to pay taxes on personal injury settlements, primarily if it is specifically compensating you for lost wages, you generally do not have to pay taxes on the settlement proceeds you receive.

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The Passing of An Era

The Defeat of Congressman Joe Martin

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Joseph W. Martin Jr. is probably a name unfamiliar to most folks today as he has slipped into the pages of political history, yet for decades he was a national figure of great significance, especially inside the Republican Party. Joe Martin served in Congress for an astonishing forty-two years and was twice Speaker of the House. Between 1931 - 1995, a period of sixty-four years, only one Republican was elected Speaker and that was Joe Martin. The Massachusetts congressman served two different, non-consecutive stints as Speaker of the House, from 1947 - 1949 and again from 1953 - 1955. Martin was Chairman of the Republican National Committee during the 1940 presidential campaign of dark horse candidate Wendell Willkie.

Personally, Joe Martin was a highly likeable fellow, well respected by those he served with, including Democrats. Martin's counterpart while he served as GOP leader in the U. S. House of Representatives was Democrat Sam Rayburn. The Texan and the little man from Massachusetts were warm personal friends, even though they disagreed on most political issues. Described as a "compassionate conservative" by his biographer James J. Kenneally, Martin was not a physically imposing man; quite the contrary. Diminutive and frequently appearing rumped and disheveled. Joe Martin was one of the leading opponents of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, although the congressman never forgot the working man and voted for the minimum wage. As a youngster, Joe Martin was a good enough softball player to become a semi-professional. Living in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, Joe Martin worked for the Evening Chronicle as a delivery boy and later became the managing editor. Eventually, Martin became the publisher of the Evening Chronicle and during his long career election night parties were always held in the newspaper's offices. Many decades later when Joe Martin dictated his autobiography, he recalled the North Attleboro of his youth as a wonderful place to grow up and remembered he had made many friends as a newspaper delivery boy. Martin thought folks at that time were willing to help a young man and observed, "No one bothers anymore. People are colder and more indifferent than they used to be." While Joe Martin was a bright young fellow, he felt he needed to help his parents put his younger brothers through school. While serving in the Massachusetts State Senate, Joe Martin used most of his \$750 salary to pay for his brother Edward's college expenses. After serving in both houses of the

Massachusetts state legislature, Joe Martin was first elected to Congress in 1924. Rising to become Speaker of the House, Joe Martin had been in the presiding officer's chair when Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire on the House while it was in session, wounding several congressmen.

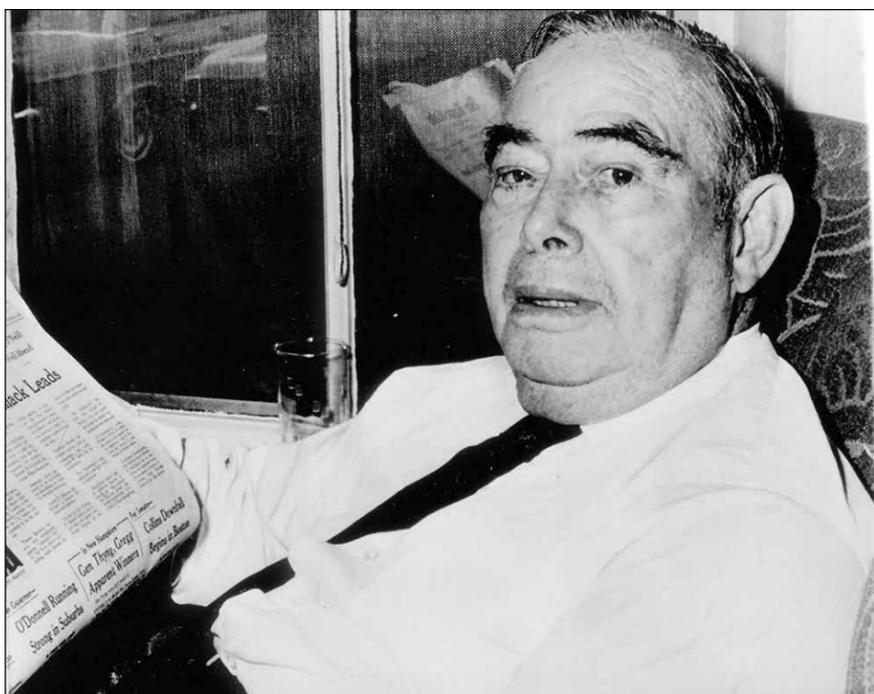
Martin loyally supported the program of President Dwight D. Eisenhower throughout the 1950s but in 1959, following a devastating defeat for the GOP in the midterm elections, Joe Martin was ousted as the Republican Leader of the House. Martin was bitter his loss came at the hands of Charles Halleck, his deputy as Leader, who was more conservative. Halleck prevailed by a 74 - 70 vote.

Joe Martin also was open about the failure of President Eisenhower to help him in his moment of political need. To the surprise of many, Joe Martin started all over again as a backbencher, save for his seniority. Providing excellent constituent service, Martin was routinely reelected every two years, even after Massachusetts transitioned from a reliably Republican state to a more Democratic one.

On February 20, 1966, Congressman Joe Martin announced he would seek a 22nd term in the House of Representatives. "I'm like an old race horse," Martin declared. "I am ready for the next race," the eighty-one year-old congressman told a Boston Globe reporter. "I think my district is in pretty good shape, and I'm not doing too much worrying." Joe Martin confessed he had pondered retirement, but decided against it, saying, "But just recently I went to see the doctor, and he said I'm in fine shape." Martin indicated so long as he was healthy, he would continue to run for Congress.

Yet Martin should have been worried. The congressman faced a serious opponent in the primary, Margaret "Peggy" Heckler, a mother of three and housewife who had been elected to the Massachusetts Executive Council. Also known as the Governor's Council, Council members approved or disapproved of executive decisions such as gubernatorial appointments, pardons and commutation of sentences and the like. Running on the catchy slogan, "Put a Heckler in Congress," the redheaded Peggy Heckler was a formidable candidate, having been the first woman elected to the Massachusetts executive Council. Heckler had been the only woman in her law class and held a law degree.

The Globe published a report speculating the political class was wondering if Joe Martin really meant it when he said he would run for reelection. The "Political Circuit" column stated there



81-year-old Congressman Joe Martin the day following his defeat in the Republican primary by Margaret "Peggy" Heckler in 1966.

were at least three anxious candidates waiting in the wings to run if Martin eventually bowed out of the race. The Political Circuit column also revealed Peggy Heckler had already told friends she intended to run even if Congressman Martin stayed in the race. In late June, Margaret Heckler made it official; she was running against Joe Martin inside the Republican primary. It was no secret Martin had been physically ailing for sometime, and his absences from the House were increasing and for longer periods of time. In her announcement statement, Peggy Heckler said the problems facing Massachusetts and the country "cannot be handled except by attentive, full-time representation." Heckler's announcement came despite popular GOP Governor John A. Volpe having endorsed Martin. The governor had told reporters Congressman Martin was "a pretty able man and as long as he feels he can do the job I'm going to abide by his wishes." Volpe made his announcement at almost the same time Heckler was rolling out her declaration of candidacy. The governor denied he was attempting to "upstage" Mrs. Heckler, who confessed she had been "extremely shocked" by Volpe's support for Martin. Throughout her statement, Heckler hammered home the need for "full-time" representation of the district. When Mrs. Heckler had stressed "energetic, full-time representation", a reporter quickly asked if she felt Joe Martin lacked those particular qualities as a congressman. Margaret Heckler deflected the question, saying she intended to run a "positive campaign" for Congress. Mrs. Heckler said she was not running against Martin, but rather campaigning upon her own record and capabilities. As Gloria Negri wrote in the Boston Globe, Margaret Heckler had "put on her kid gloves to challenge Joe Martin for his

congressional seat..."

Heckler did say she was running because many Republicans in the district were "concerned" and while she felt "deep respect for our present congressman" that attitude "should not and must not silence us from acknowledging the needs of today."

Times had indeed changed considerably since 1925 when Joe Martin had first been elected to Congress. When Joe Martin began his congressional service in 1925, the country was booming with the prosperity of the 1920s, which burst with the stock market crash in 1929 and the onset of the Great Depression, which brought unprecedented suffering and misery to many Americans. Joe Martin served through the greatest conflict the world has ever known, the Second World War, as well as the Korean War. Martin led the Republicans in the House of Representatives during the Eisenhower administration and served through John F. Kennedy's tragically abbreviated New Frontier. A bachelor who had little life outside the Congress, Joe Martin's entire life had become his job. William "Fishbait" Miller in his memoirs noted unlike many of his colleagues, Joe Martin didn't smoke, drink alcohol or chase women; in fact Fishbait remembered, Martin "didn't do anything."

As the two candidates attended a parade in Needham, the Globe reported if the applause for Heckler and Martin was any indication, the "comely councilor" was going to give the congressman a run for his money in the Republican primary. Heckler, from Wellesley, received an enthusiastic reception while Congressman Martin got only "polite

applause."

There was some irony in the race between Joe Martin and Peggy Heckler. When Martin had first run for Congress, he ran against an eighty-three year-old incumbent, William S. Greene, in 1924. The young candidate had lost the primary, but when the elderly Greene died later that month, Martin was named as the GOP candidate for the general election and had served continuously ever since. Naturally, Peggy Heckler quoted from Joe Martin's own congressional campaign against an aging and ailing incumbent. As quoted by the Heckler campaign, Joe Martin had urged, "This is not the time for sentiment but the time to put on guard the men best capable of rendering efficient service. Too much is at stake otherwise."

"The office of congressman is a position for one in vigorous health if the people are to be adequately served. President Coolidge will be reelected and he needs my help," Martin had told voters in 1924. "If the country needed vigorous service in those years," Margaret Heckler wryly observed, "certainly the size and complexity of our nation and government today demands even greater vigor."

To rebut the assertion the congressman's health and energy had seriously declined, it was not Joe Martin who sought to allay those concerns, but rather his Administrative Assistant, Ernest Ladeira. "Of course he's in Washington during the week, but he gets out to meet the people on the streets of the district on weekends." The congressman had attended a clam bake, a campaign ritual akin to fish fries and barbecues in the Southern regions for

the Northeast, in Norton. According to Ladeira, Joe Martin would be out shaking hands in a couple of towns in the district that weekend. "His campaign schedule naturally depends on when the business of Congress allows him to get home," Ernest Ladeira reminded a reporter. Local Democrats sensed the possibility of an upset, as the area had become increasingly Democratic even though Joe Martin continued to win reelection to Congress. Since 1958, even in ordinarily terrible years for Republicans, Joe Martin would win better than 60% of the vote in his congressional district. Edward F. Doolan had run against Martin seven times and was running in the Democratic primary once again in 1966. Doolan had never come close to beating Martin. Patrick H. Harrington Jr. of Somerset had been elected to the local county commission three times and believed if Martin happened to lose the GOP primary, the district would elect a qualified Democrat. Harrington insisted the district was inherently Democratic but Congressman Martin's constituent service was so good "he gets the votes of Democrats on the basis of personal favors he has done for them over a period of 40 years in Congress."

In the end, Joe Martin could not overcome the primary reason for the defeat of many longtime incumbents: the hand of time, which slows down for no man.

On Election Day, his legs crippled by painful arthritis, Joe Martin got up early the next morning, walking slowly, carefully, to go and vote. That night, Congressman Joe Martin went to bed at 8:00 p.m. The congressman lived in his home with his widowed sister Nettie Kelley who told reporters, "It is better to get important news --- good or bad news --- in the morning. Then you can handle it a little better." Joe Martin walked upstairs to the second floor bedroom he had slept in forty-two years earlier when he had first been elected to Congress. As he watched the television news, the congressman told a visiting reporter, "I've always done the best I know how. If the people want me, fine. If they don't I ain't going to get upset."

The vivacious Peggy Heckler won almost 56% of the vote in the Republican primary over the old and ailing Joe Martin.

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Standardized Patients a vital part of a medical doctor's training

Part One of a three-part series

By Bill Howard

A well-known part of the training for medical professionals is residency. The resident typically sees and treats patients under the supervision of an experienced doctor. This stage of training also applies to dentists, pharmacists, and veterinarians.

What is probably less well-known is the role of a Standardized Patient (SP) in the training of a future doctor. After being given extensive training, which consists both of classroom discussion and watching encounters on video, SPs are given a script that describes health problems. Then SPs act as a patient for the doctor-in-training to try to assess and diagnose. Training also includes SPs practicing with each other, with one playing the doctor and the other the patient.

The successful SP accurately and realistically portrays a particular medical issue, and answers a battery of questions from the student doctor. The questions include onset of the problem, severity of pain, family health history, recent symptoms (fever, chills, weight loss, shortness of breath, etc.), and a wide range of others. If called for, the student-doctor might then do a physical exam. A common part of the SP's performance includes being in various kinds of physical or mental distress.

After the encounter, the SP

typically then meets with the student-doctor to give him or her feedback, usually focusing on the interpersonal and communication parts of the encounter. The medical and clinical dimensions of the encounter, along with any diagnoses given, are usually evaluated by med-school faculty.

According to the website med.upenn.edu, "SP methodology is acknowledged by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as a valid, reliable tool for training and evaluation in the undergraduate and graduate medical education settings."

One of the challenges of the entire operation lies in the word "standardized." While two SPs, according to their script, might be identical in how they present the information in a case - when it started, the symptomatology, effect on daily life, pain level involved, etc. - that can't change the fact they still have their unique personalities and temperaments. The standardization of the script can't change how each SP will interpret the interpersonal performance of the student-doctor.

What one SP senses as insufficient empathy, another SP might not see it that way at all. A pause of 15 seconds or so to write things down might strike one SP as interrupting a reasonable communication flow. To another, it could seem entirely valid. Even a student doctor's attire or hair

could lead to discrepant assessments, one SP finding a shirt color or hairstyle distracting, another hardly noticing them.

Practice, training and discussions can mitigate these differences somewhat, but people will, of course, always retain their idiosyncratic interpretations of things.

One medical school that widely uses SPs to train doctors is the Lincoln Memorial University Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine on Cogdill Road in Knoxville. Pete Debusk, LMU alum and owner of DeRoy Industries, is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of LMU in Harrogate. DCOM at LMU-Knoxville's first class of 125 opened in the fall of 2019. Enrollment has since grown.

The school is part of a growing LMU presence in Knoxville. Other facilities include the LMU Tower - the LMU-Caylor School of Nursing - which opened this year, the LMU Duncan School of Law (named for former U.S. House member John Duncan Jr.) and an LMU regional campus on Cedar Bluff Road.

Twenty or so SPs are employed at DCOM-Knoxville. The ages range from their 20s to 70s; life histories and backgrounds are equally varied. For many, the job provides needed part-time employment in retirement. Several have wide experience in acting and theater.

Next week: A look behind the scenes of the SP program at LMU DCOM-Knoxville.

Commission may alter Merit System Council

By Mike Steely
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For several months the Knox County Sheriff's Office and its Merit System Council have been knocking heads on several issues including who actually recruits and hires employees. Knox County Commission Chairman Larsen Jay is working on an ordinance change that may update the way the merit system council works.

The item reads "to provide for various amendments to the merit system for classified employees of the Knox County Sheriff's Office." The Knox County Law Director's office is currently putting the ideas into legal language for the commission's work session agenda for Monday, March 22.

Jay talked to The Focus Thursday on his ordinance amendment which is the result of the special called meeting he had with both parties in January.

"It deals with structural reforms, giving the sheriff's department recruitment powers and also deals with the make-up of the merit council," Jay said, adding that currently

the board has only three members and the ordinance change would create seven members. He said although the sheriff's department recruit employees the council would still vet applicants.

"That stays the same," he said.

Jay also said the ordinance change would create transparency and appropriate conduct at the meetings, requiring all merit system council meetings to be available to the public in video and audio like the county commission meetings.

"The rest of the changes is cleaning up language of the 50-year-old ordinance," he said.

He is also asking that the report of the special called committee be added to the commission's spread of record.

The commission may also deal with changing some of its own rules about meetings. Two agenda items deal with moving the education consent calendar to after the presentations during regular meetings.

KCSO Merit System Council

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dismissed at the "grievance" or continuance hearing.

The Knox County Law Director told the Merit System Council, on February 23, that the council "has no power to order the relief requested."

"Ms. Dooley and her attorney both concede she is not an "on call" employee," Law Director David Buuck opined in this notice to the Council.

"The Merit System Council has no authority or jurisdiction to order the Sheriff to provide Ms. Dooley a taxpayer funded car or taxpayer funded gas card. Ms. Dooley does not complain that she has lost

salary.

"Transfers may be instituted only by the Sheriff and shall be permitted only with the consent from the Sheriff," Buuck continued.

Referring to Merit System Rule 9.5 Buuck noted the term "salary" does not include property of the sheriff's office assigned to an employee for the purpose of performing his or her duties.

"Ms. Dooley cannot complain about the purported "benefit lost." She has the right for this council to hear her grievance if she feels the transfer was not mission essential. However, the relief she has requested cannot

be ordered by the Merit System Council," the law director's letter said.

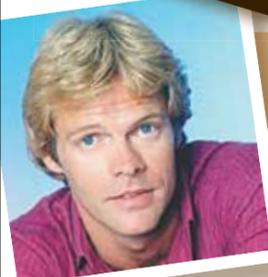
Nonetheless, the Merit System Council met Wednesday on the 6th floor of the Andrew Johnson Building without

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The council voted to set hearings for May 4 and 5 at 9 a.m. with the location to be determined.

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Stevens also appeared in "Fame," "A Year in the Life" and in several episodes of "Melrose Place." Other television programs Stevens was in include "One Day at a Time," "Murder One," "Murder, She Wrote" and "Walker, Texas Ranger." Known as "Chuck" to his friends the Knoxville native attended the University of Tennessee and joined the U.S. Coast Guard. While stationed in New York City he became interested in acting.

He returned to UT and then went to Hollywood to pursue his career. His father died at an early age and his mother lost their home because of financial problems. Stevens bought the family home back for her.

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Kingston tops Falcons and celebrates like it's 1979

By Steve Williams

Fulton tried but couldn't interrupt what many are calling the best high school basketball story in East Tennessee this season.

Playing in front of a big turnout on their home floor, Coach Colt Narramore's Kingston Yellow Jackets pulled out a 64-59 win over the Falcons last week to claim their first region title since 1979.

To put things in perspective, Fulton has **Cont. on page 2**

Catholic girls win, boys lose at state

The Knoxville Catholic girls basketball team advanced to the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship game for the first time in school history Friday.

The Lady Irish toppled Father Ryan 50-38 in the semifinals at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

Freshman Sydney Mains, the daughter of first-year Lady Irish Head Coach Travis Mains, led Catholic (15-16) with 23 points. Teammates Jazmine Williams and Jeila Greenlee chipped in 12 points apiece.

The Catholic girls were slated to play Hutchinson, a 59-52 winner over Ensworth, in the finals Saturday.

On the boys' side, defending state champion Catholic lost in the semifinals to Montgomery Bell Academy 60-49.

B.J. Edwards led the Irishmen, who led 29-25 at halftime, with 16 points. Christopher "Blue" Cain added 11.

Kaden Martin picks Miami

By Mark Nagi

For Knoxville Catholic's Kaden Martin, it's all about "The U."

On Wednesday, March 3, Martin picked the University of Miami as the place he wants to play collegiate baseball and football starting in 2022. Martin is rated as the number 7 dual threat quarterback prospect in the nation by 247Sports in the Class of 2022. He is also

considered to be a top-level baseball prospect.

"Miami has been kind of a dream school for me since I was a young kid," said Martin. "Watching the documentaries on ESPN 30 for 30, just watching 'The U' and how they play with swag. The coaches did a great job recruiting me, always acting like they wanted me. They are doing a great job with baseball and football is on

the rise too."

"Just excited for him and his family," said Knoxville Catholic football coach Steve Matthews. "Like a lot of these guys it is a relief to get this over with. To know where you are going to spend three or four years in your early 20s. He's worked very hard. He's a very talented athlete and I am excited about him

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Knoxville Catholic junior student-athlete Kaden Martin announced his college commitment to the University of Miami on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

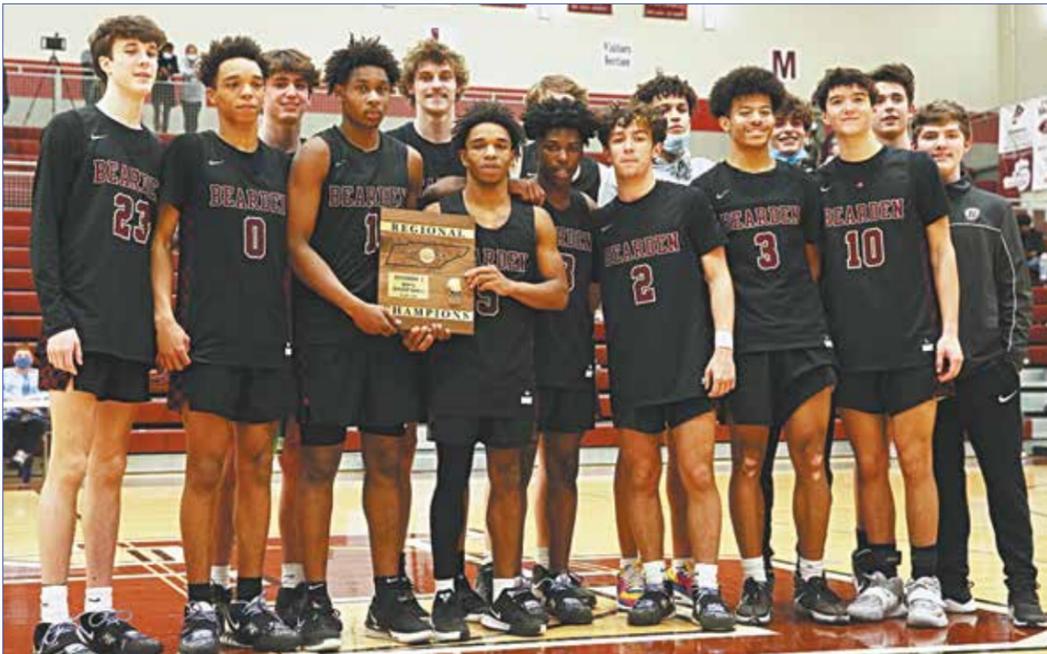


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The Bearden Bulldogs celebrate their Region 2-AAA Championship Thursday night. The Bulldogs earned the title with a 55-52 victory over Oak Ridge at Wildcat Arena.

Bulldogs hang on to claim Region 2-AAA Title Thursday

By Ken Lay

OAK RIDGE --- As the clock hit triple-zero, a wild celebration ensued on Jill Prudden Court at Wildcat Arena as the Bearden High School student section stormed the floor to celebrate with the school's boys basketball team.

It was a party to celebrate the Region 2-AAA Championship, a title that the Bulldogs had to earn with a 55-52 victory over Oak Ridge in a battle of district champions.

"This feels pretty dang good," Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott said after the Bulldogs nearly squandered a 13-point lead. "We've won a state championship and we're still the defending state champion, but after everything these guys have been through, and getting them through COVID, this feels pretty good."

The other thing that had to make the coach happy was his squad's

defense --- especially against the Wildcats' 6-foot-7 post player Jonathan Milloway.

Milloway did manage to post a double-double as he scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. But half of his offensive production came over the game's first eight minutes.

"The guys who had the defense on Milloway did a great job," Parrott said. "Last year, he did a good job sending us home."

"That was how they got us last year. We felt like we didn't contain the post last year. That was a priority for us tonight. Hayden Treadwell did a good job of pushing and balling with Milloway and Walker Kyle did too."

Milloway had just six points after halftime and was all but stifled on the boards as he had just two rebounds after the break.

The Bulldogs (29-3) trailed 20-19 early in the second quarter but went

on a 14-4 run to open a 32-24 lead by halftime. Bearden continued to build its lead in the third frame as it outscored the Wildcats (25-4) 13-8 in the quarter.

The Bulldogs took a 45-32 advantage into the fourth stanza.

Then, however, Bearden had to hang on to withstand a late surge from Oak Ridge, which trimmed the lead to 51-50 when senior guard Milloway knocked down a shot with 1 minute, 19 seconds remaining in the game.

Kyle made it 53-50 before the Wildcats' Jeremy Miller converted a pair of free throws with 27.6 seconds to go.

Bearden's Elijah Bredwood scored 25 points including a pair of foul shots with 13 seconds left to provide the game's final margin.

Parrott said he knew that his team couldn't relax with a big lead.

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Central volleyball player Emma Biddle signs with Campbellsville

By Ken Lay

A leader for the Central High School volleyball program over the last four years will continue her academic and athletic pursuits in college.

Emma Biddle, a senior outside hitter for who led the Lady Bobcats to the Region 2-AA Tournament in 2020, will continue her volleyball career at the collegiate level.

She made her plans official and final Wednesday afternoon in a signing ceremony at the school while her friends, family, teammates, coaches and school administrators.

After graduation, she'll move on to Campbellsville University in Kentucky.

She said that she chose to play for the Lady Tigers because she felt at home at Campbellsville.

"I chose to go there because of the atmosphere," said Biddle, who was all-district and all-region standout during her time on the court with the Lady Bobcats. "Everybody there was just so friendly and the girls on the volleyball team were all great and Campbellsville just felt like home."

Biddle said that she plans to major in Environmental Science and said that Campbellsville has "a great program."

Once she moves to Kentucky, Biddle said that she'll be approximately three hours from Knoxville. That proximity also appealed to here.

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Local girls basketball players honored by area coaches

By Ken Lay

The 2020-21 high school girls basketball regular season is in the books and the only thing that remains is to award state championships.

The majority of the season was able to be played and some outstanding players made their impacts on the local hoops scene.

Recently, the area coaches, awarded the top players in their respective districts, awarded their leagues' top players with all-district honors.

In District 4-AAA, Bearden High School quickly emerged as the dominant team in one of the Volunteer State's most competitive leagues.

The Lady Bulldogs has three first-team all-district selections including senior guard Zneyah McLaughlin; junior guard Jennifer Sullivan and sophomore post player Avery Treadwell.

Farragut, which finished fourth in the district, had three first-team selections as juniors Avery "Ace" Strickland and Keeleigh Rogers were selected to the squad along with senior Macy Barnes.

West High was represented on the team by senior guard Kyra Buntyn. Gracie Waite was selected to the team from Hardin Valley Academy.

Honorable Mentions went to Maddie Brillhart (Bearden); Emily Gonzalez (Bearden); Ashlyn Sheridan (Farragut); McCall Willis (Farragut); Ilesha Abdurraqeab (West) and Evelyn Hess (HVA).

In District 2-AAA: Seymour's Maci Pitner was the league's Most Valuable Player while South-Doyle's Terryauna Griffin was an honorable mention.

In District 3-AAA: Powell's Reagan Trumm, Savannah Parker and Cassidy Hill received first-team honors.

Halls was represented by Macy Kirby and Michaela Allen. Karns and Central both had one player named to the team. The Lady Beavers were represented by Anna Kate Reichter while Mackenzie Babb made the team from the Lady Bobcats.

Honorable Mentions went to Taylor Rodgers (Powell); Cassie Sakhleh (Powell); Brook Cox (Halls); Sophie Tharpe (Halls); Cadence Horner (Central) and Madison Perrin (Karns).

In District 3-AA: Carter's Emily Irwin was a second-team all-district selection. Honorable Mentions went to Carter's Sydney Hurst and Gibbs High's Breonna Taylor and Natali Fender.

In District 4-AA: Fulton High School coach Tyler Taylor was named Coach of the Year and the Lady Falcons' Sammy Taylor was named Freshman of the Year.

Taylor was also an all-district selection along with teammates Jamia Simmons and Ranaisha Gates.

Austin-East's Ahya Moreno was also a first-team selection.

Honorable Mentions went to Kiki Waters (Austin-East), Lyndeeria Drew (Austin-East) and Maiya Moore (Fulton).

In Division II-A East Region 1: Webb School of Knoxville's Shae Berry, Madelyn Ladd, Sheelove Knowles and Britney Collier received all-district honors.

Christian Academy of Knoxville was represented on the team by Caroline Meyers, Keira Leffew, Emily Wilson and Madi Jones.

Selections from First Baptist Academy were Catherine Henderschott, Aaniyah Johnson and Jadaya Felton.

The King's Academy was represented on the squad by Bailey Burgess, Raley Snodgrass and Jenna Timmerman.

Gracie Palmer, Natalie White and Emery Fisher made the team from Berean Christian School.

Grace Christian Academy was represented on the team by Jade Barfield and Maria Hawkins.

Concord Christian had a pair of selections in Raleigh Jack Walker and Kylie Phillips.

Kingston tops Falcons and celebrates like it's 1979

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been TSSAA state champions three times, state runners-up five times and made 18 appearances in the state tourney in those 42 years.

The Falcons themselves may have taken over the topic of a storybook season had they won the Region 2-AA title game Thursday night, since Fulton has put together a remarkable year too with a starting five that includes three freshmen and a sophomore.

But it didn't turn out that way and hundreds of ecstatic Kingston students and fans stormed the floor after the final horn sounded and celebrated like it was 1979.

Veteran Fulton Coach Jody Wright recognized the magnitude of the special night for the Yellow Jackets and made a classy decision to take his team to the dressing room so the Kingston team could have the spotlight to itself in the post-game awards ceremony.

"That's a big night for Kingston and I told their athletic director that as he handed me our plaque going out," said Wright. "I didn't want to take away from their excitement. I wanted them to enjoy that. They earned it and they were tougher than we were tonight. Hats off to Kingston."

After winning the region title in 1979, Kingston advanced to the Class AA state tournament at Murfreesboro and defeated Brentwood Academy 60-59 in the opening round before



PHOTO BY CASSIE VAUGHN

Kingston students and fans root for the Yellow Jackets as they win their first region basketball championship in 42 years.

falling to Knoxville Rule 68-67 in the semifinals.

Since then, Kingston has reached the state tourney only once, losing in 1991 to Brentwood Academy 61-54 in the first round.

Senior wing Harper Neal led Kingston, scoring 22 of his game-high 28 points in the first half. Senior guard Colby Raymer tallied 21 points, with 18 coming in the second half.

"We were struggling early and I just wanted to keep us in it," said Neal. "It just means the world to me that we won. I just had to go get some buckets."

"It's been a long time since we've won games," added Neal. "We've got eight seniors and our freshman and sophomore years we took a lot of losses. In the end of the day, we just want it more than a lot if these teams. We're hungry. It's our last year here and we don't want to go home."

"Fulton is tough. They have a great coach, great

defense. But in a dogfight like that, it's just who wants it more comes out on top and tonight I think we got it."

Fulton had a balanced attack. Senior forward Tommy Sweat led with 14 points, including nine in the second quarter. Freshman wing Taj Kimber finished with 12, freshman forward Tyler Lee 11 and freshman point guard Denaj Kimber 10.

The Falcons (20-9) will travel to Greeneville (27-6) in the State Sectional round tonight (March 8) at 7. Kingston (25-5) will host Sullivan East (22-7), which lost to the Greene Devils 79-71 in overtime in the Region 1-AA finals.

Fulton jumped out to a 5-0 lead at the start and led 16-8 before the Yellow Jackets rallied behind Neal. The Falcons led 18-15 at the first stop.

It stayed nip and tuck through the second period and was tied at 32-all at halftime.

Area coaches honor top boys hoopsters

By Ken Lay

The 2020-21 high school boys basketball season was full of great games and stellar performances and the area's coaches recently distinguished some top local players with all-district honors.

District 4-AAA was again among the Volunteer State's most competitive league But Bearden High School concluded a perfect conference run and won both the regular-season league title and District 4-AAA Tournament championship.

The Bulldogs had four-players named to the all-district team and another, Elijah Bredwood, picked up an honorable mention.

All-district players from Bearden included A.J. Pruitt, who was the league's Most Valuable Player; Iziha Bredwood; Hayden Treadwell and Walker Kyle.

Farragut's Ryan Neal and

Dallas Carbaugh achieved all-league honors while Carter Mayfield and Dillon Atwell were honorable mentions.

Will Biven and Gabriel Pastana represented West High on the all-district team. The Rebels also had two players receive honorable mentions including Houston Dyer and Eiram Cuevas.

Hardin Valley Academy's Jaelyn Pannell was named to the all-district team while the Hawks' Hudson Stokes received an honorable mention.

In District 2-AAA, South-Doyle's Quentin Carr was a first-team all-district standout and the Cherokees' Tony Sapp was named to the second team.

In District 3-AAA: Central High had three-all district selections including Greg Moore, Darian Bailey and Ahmad Belton Jr.

Logen Sutton (Powell), Ayden Greene (Powell),

Bennett Lane (Halls), Luke Simpson (Halls), J.J. Faulkner (Karns) and Aiden Goins (Karns) were all selected to the all-district squad and Halls High's Caleb Shaffer received an honorable mention.

In District 3-AA: Carter's Brycen McKeenan and Colby Reynolds were all-district selections along with Dawson Warwick from Gibbs. The Hornets' Dalton McNew and the Eagles' Colton Qualls received honorable mentions.

In District 4-AA: Fulton was represented on the all-district team by Denaj Kimber (who was also Newcomer of the Year), Marcellus Jackson, Taj Kimber, Tyler Lee and Tommy Sweat.

Austin-East's Jaquarius Sanders was an all-district selection.

In Division II-A East Region District 1: Concord Christian School's Jose Rodriguez was the league's MVP.

A 3-pointer by Raymer to start the second half gave Kingston its first lead. The Yellow Jackets led by one (46-45) after three periods.

Fulton fell behind by five but Sweat's interception and drive to the basket tied the game at 51 with 4:35 to go. The Yellow Jackets regained the lead on a rebound shot by forward Wyatt Heidle with 4:07 on the clock.

The game was stopped moments later when Kingston senior captain and point guard Brady Luttrell went down with a knee injury. After a lengthy delay, a Kingston assistant coach carried Luttrell to the bench. He had suffered a dislocated knee cap earlier this season and apparently had reinjured it.

Raymer took over the point guard duties and eventually the game.

Taj Kimber hit a 14-foot jumper to tie the score at 53-all. A free throw by Bryson Bales and a shot from the lane by Neal gave Kingston a 56-53 lead with 2:35 left.

Raymer scored all eight of Kingston's points in the final two minutes and the Falcons could get no closer than five.

Coach Wright said the difference in the game was "the last four minutes and the inability to guard the basketball and rebound the basketball. They were just better at those two things than we were."

He was joined on the squad by teammates Chase Morgan, Juan Rodriguez and Harry Pennoyer.

Christian Academy of Knoxville's Daunte Oliver, Luke Carter, Denzel Jackson and Matthew Murray were all-district selections.

District champion Webb School of Knoxville had five players receive all-district honors including: Jaylon Green; David Sanger; Lukas Walls; Luke Lentz and Brandon Winton.

Cooper Roberts and Kadell Robinson were selected to the team from First Baptist Academy.

The King's Academy had Tyler Overdorff and Clytavius Barnes make the team.

Selections from Grace Christian Academy included Dylan Doerfler and Johnny Eller.

Berean Christian School's lone all-district standout was Gabe Miller.

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Back to the way it began

What March 6, 1967, gave to the Tennessee basketball program, March 6, 1978, took away. Both days belong to Ray Mears.

On March 6, 1967, Mears was in his fifth season at Tennessee. The Vols won the SEC basketball title, first in 24 years, at Starkville, Miss., Tennessee 78, Mississippi State 76, in three overtimes. It was, as Marvin West has said, a "wonderful game if measured by intensity."

Exactly 11 years later, the "Ray Mears Years" at Tennessee came to an end, in the season finale at Auburn, Ala. The Vols lost to the Tigers 107-94, with the timing of the announcement seeming strange, perhaps even surreal.

"The announcement came without fanfare and marching bands, the way Mears did things during his 15-year career at Tennessee. . . Instead, it came in a simple five-paragraph press release on black and white mimeograph paper." That's the way sportswriter Ron Bliss ("Ray Mears' Big Orange Memories") wrote of the news Mears was

stepping down. In the 1966-67 season, no one gave the Vols much of a chance to contend for the title. Ron Widby was back after an All-SEC season in 1965-66, but there were too many question marks surrounding the team, even if Widby did foresee the title coming home to Knoxville.

There were sophomore guards Bill Justus and Bill Hann, who had not yet been through the rigors of the SEC's 18-game schedule. Tom Boerwinkle was an unproven commodity in the pivot. Tom Hendrix had been a starter as a sophomore. He did make the critical free throws in a 52-50 double overtime win at Kentucky.

Widby led the conference in scoring, and Boerwinkle averaged 12 points and 10.2 rebounds. Justus and Hendrix were double figure scorers, and Hann ran the team capably from the point. That season, all the little pieces fell into place in exactly the right way.

At Mississippi State, Widby had 35 points to lead the way, while Justus, measured for goat's horns after missing two free throws in the second overtime, knocked home the game-winning points late in the third extra period.

The music died 11 years

later, however, at the end of an 11-16 season, played under the tutelage of interim coach Cliff Wettig.

The real surprise was the way Mears tenure at Tennessee came crashing down at season's end. When the decision came down, it wasn't pretty. "The end of the Mears era was handled poorly," said West. "The coach deserved better than the mimeographed handout. In fact, the coach deserved better treatment through much of his Tennessee career."

As you consider how his tenure ended, you have to go back to the way it began. Bowden Wyatt, then acting director of athletics and head football coach, hired Mears on April 29, 1962, from Wittenberg (Ohio) College, largely on the recommendation of football assistant coach Jim McDonald, like Mears, an Ohio native.

"When Bowden came up, he had a little too much to drink and was loud," he said after meeting Wyatt the first time. "He kind of looked like John Wayne and scared me. I thought: 'Lord, what is this?'"

During Mears' time at Tennessee, the program quickly grew into one of the nation's finest. Ray roamed the sidelines in an orange blazer, leading the



The Tennessee basketball traveling party celebrates winning the 1967 SEC title in a three-overtime thriller at Mississippi State.

Vols from the depths of a 4-19 record the year before he arrived to a 22-6 record and the SEC title in 1976-77.

Men wore orange ties to the games. The Vol Network grew and grew. The Vols outgrew the Armory-Fieldhouse, moving to Stokely Center in Mears' fifth season. Game nights in Knoxville became "must-see" events.

He took on Kentucky and Vanderbilt with a vengeance, once wearing a

brown suit at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington. That upset Adolph Rupp, the "Rupp" of Rupp Arena, who believed the brown suit belonged to him... and to him alone.

Mears' "Long Walk" at Vanderbilt and the resulting barrage of oranges are part of the legendary "Tennessee moments," even today.

He made other teams play the way he wanted. As they say, "He could take yours and beat his, or take his and beat yours."

Give Tennessee the ball just before the half, and someone, maybe A. W. Davis, Danny Schultz, Widby, Justus, Jimmy England, Mike Edwards, or Ernie Grunfeld, to name just a few, would hit a jumper from somewhere, it didn't matter where, to get the last points before intermission. It was uncanny.

Whenever there is a sea of orange and a capacity crowd at a Tennessee basketball game, the legend of Ray Mears lives on.

Kaden Martin picks Miami

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and his future." Martin is going to Miami on a baseball scholarship in large part because he still could be selected early in the 2022 MLB Draft. Martin hits with power and is also a quality pitcher. He's considered to be the top baseball recruit in the state of Tennessee.

"It depends on money and where I get drafted," Martin said. "That's kind of the game that we are in. If I have the right money I'd probably go to the draft if I am ready to and I am mature enough to go to the draft. That's the main thing."

That said, Martin is excited about the possibility of playing both sports at the next level. "They (Miami) did a great job communicating and letting me know that I'll have a chance to play quarterback." In less than two years as the Fighting Irish starting quarterback,

Martin has thrown for more than 2,600 yards and 20 touchdowns and ran for over 600 yards and 18 touchdowns.

"He really enjoys them both (sports)," said Matthews. "You see guys nowadays leaning one way or the other, but he enjoys both. He told me that he wants to do both at the college level. And he is going to have that opportunity at Miami. It is a great city obviously down there and I think he is going to do a lot of good things."

Kaden is the son of Tennessee quarterbacking legend Tee Martin, who had been serving as an assistant coach under Jeremy Pruitt for the Vols. Tee was not retained by new head coach Josh Heupel and is now coaching with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. Kaden took advice from his father to heart.

"He just told me to go and pick what is best for me," Kaden said.

"Which school wants me the most and which school will develop me the best. That's really the main thing. And then the weather too. Sunny skies out there right now."

If you are wondering where UT fits in this equation, Kaden Martin told Trey Wallace from Rocky Top Insider that while Tony Vitello and Tennessee's baseball program kept in contact, Tennessee football stopped recruiting him.

Now that this big decision is out of the way, Martin can concentrate on the end of his high school education, and prepare himself for his future in athletics.

"Just getting faster and being consistent," he said. "Those are two things in both sports that everybody has to work on. Just getting better at the craft every day."



Central High volleyball player Emma Biddle signs her National Letter of Intent at a ceremony. Biddle, who will play at Campbellsville University, is accompanied by her family. Photo by Ken Lay.

Central volleyball player Emma Biddle signs with Campbellsville

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"It's three hours away and that's the perfect distance for me," Biddle said. "I want to be close enough where I could go home if I need to and I want my family to get the chance to see me play."

Campbellsville is a small school and Biddle said she liked the professor-to-student ratio.

"I learn better in a smaller classroom and the class ratio there is 14-1, student to teacher."

Central volleyball coach Susan Davidson said that she was fortunate to coach Biddle for one season in Fountain City.

"It was only for one year, but I was blessed to get the opportunity to coach Emma," said

Davidson, who landed at Central after a successful tenure at Farragut where her teams reached the Class AAA State Championship match three consecutive years. "I've been blessed to coach her and coach this team."

"Emma is a leader and she's been successful on the court and in the classroom and when you take care of business in the books, it shows on the court."

Biddle has also made an impact on her teammates with the Lady Bobcats.

"She's our outside hitter and she's a friend and a leader both on and off the court," Central volleyball player Brooklyn McMillian said. "She's always consistent and she's always there for us."

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It wasn't pretty, but Lady Bulldogs claim region title



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The Bearden High Lady Bulldogs with their Region 2-AAA championship plaque after defeating Maryville 57-51 at BHS on March 3. From left to right: Emily Gonzalez, Brinley Murphy, Hannah Claire Stephens, Jennifer Sullivan, Avery Treadwell, Zneyah McLaughlin, Reagan Ruth, Lindsey Wilson, Natalie Rice and Maddie Brillhart.

By Steve Williams

Jennifer Sullivan ignited Bearden with an 11-point first period outburst.

Maddie Brillhart contributed clutch 3-point shooting.

And Renayah McLaughlin offset her free throw shooting in the fourth quarter in so many ways.

That and a whole lot more added up to a 57-51 win over Maryville in the Region 2-AAA girls basketball tournament title game last week at the Dawg House.

For Coach Justin Underwood, it was his third region championship in his 10 seasons at BHS and the Lady Bulldogs' fourth straight win over their Blount County rivals this season.

Bearden (29-1) was scheduled to host Johnson City Science Hill (20-11) this past Saturday night in the State Sectional round with a trip to this week's TSSAA state tournament on the line.

Maryville (24-6) was to have played at Sevier County (29-4) in the sectionals. The Lady Smoky Bears beat Science Hill 47-38 in the Region 1-AAA finals.

Sullivan, a junior wing, ended up with a game-high 21 points and five 3-point baskets. She also made some outstanding assists, with a lob to sophomore post Avery Treadwell followed

by a nifty pass to junior guard Emily Gonzalez to give Bearden a 10-point lead (35-25) in the third period.

McLaughlin, the senior point guard, tallied 16 points and Brillhart, a junior wing, totaled 11.

Seniors Aaliyah Vananda (17), Gracie Midkiff (15) and Denae Fritz (10) led Maryville.

"Resilience," said Coach Underwood may have been a key to the win, but he felt his team's defensive play was also big. He was proud of his players for holding a good offensive team like Maryville to 51 points.

"They hit a bunch of threes," he said, "but still I thought we did a pretty good job and at the end of the day it doesn't always have to be pretty."

Maryville Coach Scott West felt McLaughlin was the difference in the game.

"She's a great player and when we would make a run and get it to within three, four or five points, she would make a play."

Three-point shooting put Maryville back in the game but it was off target in the closing minute when it was still a one-possession contest.

McLaughlin, who would make only two of eight free throws in the final period, scored down low in the lane to give Bearden an 11-point lead (44-33) early in the

fourth.

Maryville chopped the lead down to three (44-41) but the Lady Bulldogs built it back to nine on a 3-point shot by Sullivan and McLaughlin's three points the old-fashioned way.

Maryville made one last run and pulled within three again (54-51) when Fritz, a Class AAA Miss Basketball finalist, hustled down the lane to grab her own missed shot and scored with 49.5 seconds to go.

After a timeout by the Lady Rebels, McLaughlin was fouled and missed both ends of her double bonus.

With a chance to tie, Midkiff's 3-point attempt from right wing missed.

Gonzalez grabbed a rebound and hit one of two free throws to give Bearden a 55-51 lead with 11.2 seconds remaining.

Maryville missed a 3-pointer from the right corner and Sullivan added two foul shots with 3.9 seconds left for the final margin.

"Oh gosh," uttered McLaughlin when the team's free throw totals (8 of 21) were mentioned after the game. "I think, honestly, it was just an off day for the whole team. Usually we aim for and make 70 to 75 percent. We're definitely going to be in the gym tomorrow shooting free throws for sure."

Recognition of Careacter Star Athletes resumes

The Focus is pleased to help resume recognition of the Careacter Star Athletes in this week's issue and with a new format.

It was almost this time a year ago that the pandemic forced cancellation of the TSSAA girls' and boys' state basketball tournaments.

In addition, spring sports were halted after about a week or two of play and the annual Spring Fling was cancelled.

Football and other fall sports, fortunately, were able to be resumed for the most part here in East Tennessee, although many football teams saw games postponed or cancelled because of COVID-19 concerns.

Coach Dave Moore, who started the Careacter Star Athlete program, discussed the situation with several head football coaches last season and it was agreed it would be better for coaches to select all of their honorees at the end of the season rather than on a weekly basis.

The new selection method worked so well, Moore has decided to continue it that way for football and basketball moving forward.

"I spoke with many coaches about the change, and they like the new way of doing it," said Moore.

It so happens the 2020 prep football season was the 20th anniversary of the Careacter Star Athlete program.

Due to the large number of Careacter Star Athletes, The Focus will run five football teams and their award winners per week, starting in this week's issue. After the honorees from all 20 of the football teams have been announced, the recognition of the 2020-21 Careacter Star Athletes in basketball will be recognized in The Focus in similar fashion.

"Kudos to all the coaches who have been involved with the Careacter Star Athlete program for 20 seasons," said Coach Moore. "And for not only promoting good careacter on their team, but also in their school and community."



Murphey, Hardin Valley wrestler, is off to good start

By Steve Williams

Ella Murphey has set some big goals as a wrestler at Hardin Valley Academy, and so far so good for the freshman.

"She seeks to do what Kenya Sloan did several years ago," said Marc Giles, HVA's wrestling coach, last week.

That was winning four straight TSSAA state titles and go 87-0.

"It's a lot of pressure, but Ella's mindset is what makes the difference," said Giles. "She is always carefree, so she does not let any moment become too big for her. She is also probably the most aggressive female wrestler I have coached."

Sloan is now a junior wrestler for the Campbellsville University Lady Tigers in Campbellsville,

Ky.

Murphey capped her freshman season at Hardin Valley by winning the TSSAA Girls' 190-pound weight class recently in the state wrestling tournament at the Chattanooga Convention Center. She recorded three straight pins en route to the title and finished with a 15-0 record.

"Kenya Sloan was special and a technical wizard," recalled Coach Giles. "Ella is more like my wrestling style, which I call a brute style, meaning she does what she does well and no one can stop it even though they know it's coming."

Ella's brother Marshall Murphey was a three-time state qualifier and has been wrestling with her since she was a kid,

said Giles.

"She has also been in the HVA program since the seventh grade and has been wrestling mostly boys, so naturally she's stronger than almost all of the girls she has wrestled."

"Another cool thing about the comparison between her and Kenya is they are both sweethearts off the mat. "Ella has a bright future and a chance to do great things. She has accomplished her first goal of winning the state title in her freshman year."

In Sloan's high school career, she won her four titles in 2015 through 2018. The first three were in the 165-pound class and the fourth one was in the 160-pound class. She also was

named the TSSAA's Best Wrestler in 2018.

Sloan was ranked as the eighth-highest female wrestler in the nation in 2018.

In her freshman season (2018-19) at Campbellsville, Kenya placed sixth overall at the NAIA National Championships and posted a season record of 23-14.

As a sophomore, she had an 8-1 Duals Record, a 3-0 Open Record and went 3-1 in the postseason, with seven wins by technical fall.

Sloan also was recognized as Academic All-Mid-South Conference and for Mid-South Conference Champions of Character in 2019-20.

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Bulldogs hang on to claim Region 2-AAA Title

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"We knew that they just weren't just going to lie down and lose this game by double digits," he said. "You knew that they were going to make a run because they're good and they're well-coached."

In addition to scoring 25

points, Bredwood pulled down six rebounds and was named the region's Most Valuable Player.

A.J. Pruitt added 10 points. Iziha Bredwood had eight points and Treadwell finished with six,

Johnathan Stewart scored 14 points for the Wildcats while Kell Slater finished with 12.

Both teams advance to tonight's state sectional games.

The Bulldogs will host Jefferson County while the Wildcats travel to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett.

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The Inward Eye

I gazed-and gazed-but little thought

What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie

In vacant or in pensive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils"

William Wordsworth

It's funny what you remember from 60 years before. In grammar school I remember reading Laura Ingalls' books such as "Little House in the Big Woods." It's funny why some things stick in your mind, but I recall "Pa" - later played by Michael Landon on the TV series "Little House on the Prairie" - commenting on a blustery spring day, "It's March, and it's coming in

like a lion."

As I start this essay, I sense the season changing with a windy March day coming in like a lion. I'm sick of winter. I'm sick of Covid and I'm sick of being cooped up.

My "inward eye" often carries me back through the years. I remember Friday afternoons in Mrs. Dowel's sixth grade classroom where pubescent boys were required to recite poems they were supposed to have learned. I can still recite Joyce Kilmer's poetic reflection on trees. I was surprised to learn, years later, that Joyce Kilmer was a man.

I was not bookish when I was a youngster. I was interested in sports and girls instead of books - and certainly not poetry. But apparently something in Mrs. Dowel's class resonated within my soul and stuck. If she were still alive, I would seek her out and thank her, as I have done

others who have made a difference in my life.

After an education focused in the sciences, I have spent the latter half of my life becoming educated in the humanities. I remember reading CS Lewis' book "The Abolition of Man." The don decries an educational system which does not teach aesthetics and morality. Philosophically, Lewis says children must be taught to recognize universal truths like courage and honor and beauty. He said the intellectual head and the emotional gut need a chest with a heart to connect the two.

To give some practical examples I offer the following. If we follow the science, an XY chromosome defines a man and an XX chromosome defines a woman. It's pretty straightforward. Alternatively, if we only follow our emotions (passions) we become increasingly irrational. Lewis says our heart is the mediator between the two, perhaps like the rudder of a ship.

I remember Dr. Seuss books, but I was never a fan. However, in a free society that should not matter and they should not be banned. But the leftists' cancel-culture sees sexism and racism in non-human characters like Thing 1 and Thing 2. So,

on the annual Read Across America Day, iPOTUS deselected Seuss books. "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Catcher in the Rye" and "To Kill a Mockingbird" may never flash upon the inward eyes of today's children because these classics have also been banned.

Apparently, misogyny and racism in gangster rap is considered OK by leftists and the tech lords of Silicon Valley. George Orwell's "1984" and "Animal Farm" have been banned in Russia and North Korea, but surprisingly tolerated by woke censors in America. Maybe the "heads full of mush" censors haven't read Orwell because he describes their woke tyranny.

We are approaching the anniversary of the Covid shut-down which began March 12, 2020, eerily close to the Ides of March. I remember being told we must isolate for two weeks to prevent the hospitals from being overwhelmed. We thought we were surrendering our freedom for the short term for the common good. Apparently, Americans have forgotten what they were originally told by the titular experts who have never let us out of prison. The consequences have been disastrous to kids, the economy and fair elections. A sign still hangs

in my community pool stating "15 Days to Slow the Spread." Apparently, the sign hangs in perpetuity.

I have not forgotten who enabled the Covid vaccines to be developed. It was President Donald Trump, not iPOTUS or his team who actually runs the country. Trump's Operation Warp Speed prevailed against the media, Democrats, leftists and bureaucracy, so we now have a way forward with three vaccines to prevent or lessen the severity of the China Covid Virus. President Trump, I will NOT forget nor allow iPOTUS to claim credit for the vaccine from his bunker.

Phillip Yancey is one of my favorite authors. In a book I'm now reading about coping with tragedies around the world, he quotes a tragic survivor as saying, "The worst thing is, you get used to evil." How true. We become inured to the drum beat of wars, famine, Covid plague, murder and government malfeasance. We steel ourselves against evil's minions by accepting the new paradigms. We must not forget what is right and virtuous and we must teach these lessons to our children and our children's children. We must reject the left's insanity and their surrealist "wokeness."

In the fall of my life, I've

debated my purpose. Like Rush Limbaugh, I have been blessed and accomplished far more than I ever dreamed I could do. My kids are doing well and my grans are growing up loved. Perhaps, like Rush, my purpose is to be the canary in the mine who warns every one of the poisons in the air. In a sense, my purpose is to awaken others and to encourage resistance by saying, "You are not alone and America is not yet lost."

Since I began with the wisdom of a 19th century poem, I'll end with a Seuss-like poetic offering by Michael Ramirey:

Forget Cancel Culture,
 I think it's a sham.
 I do not like it,
 Uncle Sam-I-am.

Ignoring achievements
 In the name of the Woke,
 and cause more division
 with the fires they stoke.

Take history out of context
 is now the new game.
 Not looking for justice,
 just someone to blame.

Today it's a book,
 so, watch what you do.
 One day in the future,
 they may cancel you.

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

Covered in paint

Give a retired man and his wife enough time at home, and the chores will start piling up. Mix in a bit of winter-time boredom for good measure, and a man might be excited to do something that otherwise would be a real pain. This past week, I spent hours with a brush and roller in my hand.

Painting is something I can do. My first experience with a brush came at a neighbor's house. Mrs. Myer lived across the street from us. She was a short, stout woman with the walk of a commanding officer. She sometimes



By Joe Rector
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agreed to watch over Jim and me when we were young. On one occasion, we visited as she was preparing to paint the window trim in her house. After discovering that we'd never painted, Mrs. Myer held out

two brushes and pointed us to the windows. Instructions helped a little, but by the time we finished, the woman had hours of labor before her in removing smears of paint on glass and bare pieces of wood we'd left.

One summer after Amy and I married, I was hired to paint the white trim and fascia boards at the bank

where she worked in South Knoxville. I climbed up and down the ladder the whole day, and by the time evening arrived, I rubbed knotted calf muscles and cooled sunburned skin. Although the bank was small, it had more than enough area for me to paint. For all my efforts, I earned \$150. All but \$15 was spent on a new guitar.

On another occasion, I contracted to paint the outside of a house owned by a teacher's mother. I arrived to discover the house needed to be scraped. However, the paint was so thick on the lapped siding that it proved impossible to remove. After hours of getting as much old paint off as possible, I climbed the ladder to paint the

overhang of the house. It took only one thrust of the paintbrush into a nook to rile a packed wasps' nest. I stood completely still as they swarmed my hand and arm to decide whether jumping from the ladder would help the situation. I decided to shimmy down the ladder and went straight to the front door. When the owner appeared, I held up my swollen arm and told her I wouldn't be back until someone cleared all areas of the critters.

Over the years, my brother Jim and I have slung a lot of paint. We work well together. I usually trim and leave the rolling to him. The finished jobs have always looked acceptable, and we avoided paying

someone else a small fortune to complete a project of which we were capable.

These days, painting is a bit more difficult. Amy believes in taping the baseboard, door frames and any other area on which I might swipe a dap of paint. I keep telling her the wet rag I keep is for those goofs, but my protests fall on deaf ears. Getting down on the floor to run the tape isn't so bad; getting up is a different story. I need something on which to put a hand for a push. I also don't see quite as well as I used to, but with my wife's critiquing my work, the missed spots are always covered.

This latest painting adventure included the kitchen, family room,

enclosed porch, main bathroom, and garage. I worked for about 7-8 hours each day, and after a bath, my behind slumped onto the reclining couch. I dreaded bedtime that would bring cramps, and that turned out to be true. Yelling, "Oh crap," and hopping out of bed startled the dog, and she began barking. I walked the hall to the kitchen where I could lean on the wall and stretch the knots straight. Rough days turned into rougher nights.

The house looks neater now. I'm hoping, however, that my newly retired wife won't make any other color scheme changes for a while. My old muscles won't survive it.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHAWN HALE
IN RE: RICHARD H. BURRIS,
JR. v. SHAWN HALE
NO. 201270-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, SHAWN HALE, 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 SHAWN HALE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Glen B. Rutherford, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 1668 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of February 2021.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER
IN RE: LAURA KAY WISE v.
JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER
NO. 199495-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER, 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 JEREMIAH LEWIS MILLER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Michael B. Monfeef, an Attorney whose address is, 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 505 Knoxville, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of February 2021.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JAMES TODD SHOPE and MARLENA GRACE SHOPE, Petitioners,
v.
RACHAEL LOUISE COCHRAN, Respondents.

Case No. 3836

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption filed, which is verified, that the Respondent, Rachael Louise Cochran, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, Rachael Louise Cochran, file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is,

P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Respondent and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Chancery Court, 901 Main Street, Suite 206, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18 day February, 2021. ENTERED 18 day of February.

SI TRAVIS PATTERSON, ESQ

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, III
RE: JEANNA RACQUEL BLANCO v.
PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II
NO. 200266-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II 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 PATRICK JOHN BLANCO, II it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorney whose address is, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 1650, Knoxville, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17th day of February 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and
ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson,

KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, v. JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, Nos. 29299K and 29300K.

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In these Causes, it appearing from the Civil Warrants filed, which are sworn to, that the defendants, JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson, are Non-Residents 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 JOEY DEWAYNE THOMPSON and ASIA DENISE COX a/k/a Asia Thompson.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendants appear before the General Sessions Court of Knox County, Tennessee, held at the Old Knox County Courthouse, 5th General Sessions Courtroom, 3d Floor, 300 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee on March 22, 2021, and make defense to the Civil Warrants filed against them in Case Nos. 29299K and 29300K; otherwise, said Civil Warrants shall be taken for confessed, and the causes proceed with ex parte.

Counsel to the plaintiff is William L. Cooper, III, 2008 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. This Notice shall be published in the Knoxville Focus for two consecutive weeks. Dated this 16th day of February, 2021, Mr. Charles D. Susano, III, Clerk, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

This 17th day of February
Charles A. Cerny, Jr., Judge

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK.
IN RE: CHARLES RICHARD NICHOLS
v. SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK
NO. 201892-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK 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 SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK it is ordered that said defendant SELENA ROBIN CHADWICK file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan Wortley, an Attorneys whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of February 2021

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

DUSTIN HAMILTON -Vs- HANNA COLVIN
Docket # 150950

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HANNA COLVIN 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 HANNA COLVIN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to a motion of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by DUSTIN HAMILTON, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SAMUEL TIPTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 206 S. WASHINGTON ST. MARYVILLE, TN 37804, 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 3rd day of MARCH, 2021.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HANNA COLVIN 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 HANNA COLVIN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to a motion of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by DUSTIN HAMILTON, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SAMUEL TIPTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 206 S. WASHINGTON ST. MARYVILLE, TN 37804, 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 3rd day of MARCH, 2021.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY SUE SELLS ALEXANDER
DOCKET NUMBER 84131-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY SUE SELLS ALEXANDER who died Jan 2, 2021, were issued 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 FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF BETTY SUE SELLS ALEXANDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NILA SHELTON BANKS
DOCKET NUMBER 84133-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NILA SHELTON BANKS who died Dec 6, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox

County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF NILA SHELTON BANKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIVIAN DENISE BRADLEY; EXECUTRIX
3821 WOODLAKE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANN RAE BERRY
DOCKET NUMBER 84134-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANN RAE BERRY who died Jan 6, 2021, were issued 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 19 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF ANN RAE BERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES
W BERRY, JR.; EXECUTOR 6909 SUNNY
RIDGE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS POSEY BOOKOUT
DOCKET NUMBER 83893-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS POSEY BOOKOUT who died Aug 17, 2020, were issued 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF DORIS POSEY BOOKOUT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA FERRIL HUDDLESTON; EXECUTRIX
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

N CRAIG STRAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
7610 GLEASON DRIVE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEAN EDWARD CHESNEY
DOCKET NUMBER 84110-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEAN EDWARD CHESNEY who died Dec 5, 2020, were issued 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 FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF DEAN EDWARD CHESNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER DEAN
CHESNEY; ADMINISTRATOR
2725 AVALON BAY LANE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLINE COTTON COOLER
DOCKET NUMBER 84156-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLINE COTTON COOLER who died Nov 30, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the

dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF CAROLINE COTTON COOLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATIONAL BANK OF
BLACKBURG; EXECUTOR
101 HUBBARD STREET
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STEPHEN CARPENTER
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOU CRUZE
DOCKET NUMBER 84137-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA LOU CRUZE who died Jan 3, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOU CRUZE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SAMANTHA BERRY; ADMINISTRATRIX
8512 BALL CAMP PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA LANE DELLINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 84021-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA LANE DELLINGER who died Dec 12, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF SANDRA LANE DELLINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TONA
HARRELL; CO-EXECUTRIX 2289 YOUTH
MONROE ROAD MONROE, GA 30655

MARIE ROSS; CO-EXECUTRIX 1404 BEAR
MOUNTAIN ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28214

P ANDREW SNEED ATTORNEY AT LAW
217 E BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37801

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN B DENNIS, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 84105-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN B DENNIS, JR. who died Aug 25, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF JOHN B DENNIS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN D SMITH; EXECUTRIX
7204 WYCLIFFE COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

THOMAS R RAMSEY, III
ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY DETTMERER
DOCKET NUMBER 84126-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY DETTMERER who died Dec 31, 2020, were issued 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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ADAH JOSLIN DOCKET NUMBER 84182-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ADAH JOSLIN who died Feb 6, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 2 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF ADAH JOSLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BENJAMIN A JOSLIN; EXECUTOR 2716 BROOKWOOD RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD DOCKET NUMBER 84175-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD who died Jan 20, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 1 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ALVA KINARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JASON ARNOLD; ADMINISTRATOR 2831 JAPONICA WAY, APT 1123 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS F LAWSON DOCKET NUMBER 83468-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS F LAWSON who died Jul 10, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 2 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF THOMAS F LAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JENNIFER LOSCH; EXECUTRIX 5313 HICKORY HOLLOW RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ANN LYFORD DOCKET NUMBER 84188-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN LYFORD who died Feb 16, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN LYFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MELANIE L. WHITEHEAD; CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 9113 BOLTON LN. KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LESLIE L BREIDENBACH; CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 710 LAKE VISTA LN. KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FLORA A MILLSAPS DOCKET NUMBER 84159-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FLORA A MILLSAPS who died Jan 1, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk

and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF FLORA A MILLSAPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LINDA HAUW; CO-EXECUTOR 3008 MILLSAPS WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

RAY MILLSAPS; CO-EXECUTOR 3711 GOOSENECK DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LEE OLSON DOCKET NUMBER 84082-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH LEE OLSON who died Dec 26, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LEE OLSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) MARTHA STANLEY COX; EXECUTRIX 512 VILLA CREST DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

STEPHEN J COX ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 31742 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA F PIERSON DOCKET NUMBER 84183-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALICIA F PIERSON who died Oct 31, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of MARCH, 2021.

ESTATE OF ALICIA F PIERSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHAWN PIERSON; ADMINISTRATOR 1601 HIGHTOP TR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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Proceeds help feed homeless.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICKY VERNON PRATT DOCKET NUMBER 84160-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICKY VERNON PRATT who died Mar 22, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate

are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF RICKY VERNON PRATT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) VERNON PRATT; ADMINISTRATOR 1112 UNION SCHOOL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

STEPHEN GARRETT ATTORNEY AT LAW 7838 BARKER ROAD CORYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE EMMELINE WAUFORD DOCKET NUMBER 84168-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANE EMMELINE WAUFORD who died Dec 22, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ALTERATIONS

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF JANE EMMELINE WAUFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MELISSA JANE WAUFORD; EXECUTRIX 2320 STOCK CREEK RD. ROCKFORD, TN 37853

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HENRY M WELLS DOCKET NUMBER 84012-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HENRY M WELLS who died Nov 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

ESTATE OF HENRY M WELLS DOCKET NUMBER 84012-2

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MELISSA JANE WAUFORD; EXECUTRIX 2320 STOCK CREEK RD. ROCKFORD, TN 37853

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

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ESTATE OF HENRY M WELLS DOCKET NUMBER 84012-2

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ESTATE OF HENRY M WELLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JEANNE WELLS HINSON; EXECUTRIX 636 OXBOW DR. MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29579

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Draft Mobility Plan 2045 and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Available for Public Comment

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), responsible for comprehensive transportation planning in the Knoxville Urban Area including Knox County and parts of Anderson, Blount, Loudon, Roane, and Sevier Counties, is required to update its long-range transportation plan, Mobility Plan 2045, every four years.

Mobility Plan 2045 lays out a vision of what the transportation system will look like in the future. It includes federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects that are proposed over the next 20+ years.

An Air Quality Conformity Determination report was prepared to demonstrate that the implementation of projects within Mobility Plan 2045 will conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act. This ensures that federal funds will not be spent on projects that cause or contribute to any new violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); increase the frequency or severity of NAAQS violations; or delay timely attainments of the NAAQS or any required interim

milestone.

Drafts of both Mobility Plan 2045 and the Air Quality Conformity Report can be viewed and downloaded at www.knoxmobility.org. Copies of the plans are also available for review at the TPO office at 400 Main St., Suite 403, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Comments can be submitted through April 7, 2021 to mobility@knoxplanning.org, by phone at 865-215-3928, or mailed to the TPO's address listed above.

A series of virtual meetings has been scheduled throughout the month of March. These meetings will provide information about topics and projects in Mobility Plan 2045. Dates and additional details can be found at www.knoxmobility.org.

If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the TPO at 865-215-2694 and we will be glad to work with you to accommodate any reasonable request.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 3020, Brickley-McCloud Elementary School Addition, due 4/8/21;
RFP 3030, Trademark and Licensing Services, due 3/31/21;

Bid 3032, Food for Schools Commercial Deliveries, due 4/1/21;
Bid 3036, Economic Impact Consulting Firm, due 4/8/21;

Bid 3037, Drug & Alcohol Testing Services, due 4/7/21

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

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