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City co-responder program proving successful

By Mike Steely
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The pairing of mental health professionals and city police officers has helped more than 621 people. Knoxville's Co-Response Unit, originally just one team, now has four teams on-call seven days a week. In its first few months, from October to December 2020, the team responded to 71 calls and made 44 referrals for social services. The first quarter numbers for 2021 showed even greater success, with 108 calls and 72 referrals between January and March 2021. Mayor Kincannon then called for an allocation of \$400,000 to expand the co-responder program fourfold.

Each of the four teams include a licensed social worker and a police officer who is trained in crisis intervention. Initially the agreement between the city, police, and the Helen Ross McNabb Center began with one team which was on call only four days a week. The city council learned that dispatching a uniformed police officer to a mental health call could cause more problems than sending a mental health professional not in uniform. The police officer would be on the call to provide a safety backup if needed.

City Councilman Tommy Smith mentioned the success of the Co-Response Unit in a memo recently, noting that teams responded to 724 calls with more than half the calls involving no known mental health or drug problems. Over half of the calls involved people between the age of 25 and 54.

Most co-responder calls last from 30 to 60 minutes and the majority of the calls involve suicidal thoughts or intentions. About 45 percent of the individual require emergency room care and 44 percent involve referrals to other agencies.

The most striking point that Smith makes is the "zero uses of force" involved thus far.

Police Chief Eve Thomas, a strong supporter of the Co-Responder Unit, described the program to The Focus.

"Police officers routinely respond to incidents involving individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis or battling substance abuse disorders. It became increasingly apparent that jail was not always the appropriate solution and an alternative model was needed to better assist those individuals," she told The Focus.

"In late 2020, thanks to the support of Mayor Kincannon and City Council, we were able to test out the co-responder

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Racing season has arrived at Knoxville Dragway



Racing is a family affair at Knoxville Dragway with new owners Roy and Kathy Southers and Kristin and Wes Clapp. Photo submitted.

Outrun the Po Po benefit to be held this Saturday

By Ken Lay

Racing season is here at Knoxville Dragway, which is just over the Knox County/Union County line. The venue will host its first big event of the year and it will benefit officers in both the Knox County and Union County Sheriff departments.

Outrun the Po Po will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

Track co-owner Wes Clapp said that his sole intention for the event is to raise money for the officers in Knox and Union Counties.

"This is not a political event," Clapp

said. "This is to raise money for officers in both departments."

"We'll have some deputies there and anybody can bring a car and race."

Clapp also noted that Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and Union County Sheriff Billy Breeding are expected to attend Saturday's event.

A \$10 entry fee will be charged at the gate and that covers admission to the race for spectators and registration for racers.

Children 10 and under will be admitted

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LWVKKC to host candidate events March 24 and 29

To enable voters to hear the candidates respond to questions about important issues in the primary election May 3, the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox Co. is sponsoring a candidate forum in partnership with the American Muslim Advisory Council, the East Tennessee Society of Professional Journalists, the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, Knoxville Area Urban League, the Knoxville Branch of the NAACP, and the YWCA of Knoxville and the TN Valley.

The meet and greet for the Knox County mayoral race will take place on Thursday, March 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Blount Mansion Visitors Center, 200 W. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902. The candidates for mayor are Bob Fischer, Tyler Givens, Debbie Helsley, and Glenn Jacobs. All candidates have been invited to this event.

The candidate forum for Knox Co. Sheriff will take place Tuesday, March 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Knoxville Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37909. The candidates for sheriff are Jimmy "J.J." Jones and Tom Spangler. All candidates have been invited to this event.

Early voting will take place April 13-28, 2022, and the primary is May 3, 2022.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. Candidate forums sponsored by the League honor the League's longstanding nonpartisan practices to ensure trust, respect, and fairness to all who participate. We use a standard set of guidelines for candidates, moderators, volunteers, and the audience.

Consulting firm hires on council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council has lots of items on its Tuesday agenda, everything from hiring two consulting firms to accepting bench donations for city parks.

The council is prepared to contract with Cornerstone Government Affairs Inc., a Nashville lobbying group, to provide government relations with the Tennessee Legislature. The \$150,000 annual contract is requested by the law department. Another consulting firm,

Matrix Consulting Group, may be hired to "provide services to analyze, identify and recommend improvements in the city's department service functions." The \$124,900 agreement is recommended by the city administration.

Adams Contracting LLC may get an amended contract for the Northwest Greenway Project, upping the total amount to just over \$1.2 million. Vaughn & Milton Consulting Engineers Inc. may be approved for a bump in their contract to just over \$1 million for detailed design and construction

documents for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Project.

A community safety education program may be applied for with the state, for \$200,000, to provide "enhanced community traffic safety programs for teen and older drivers, bike/ped safety, child passenger safety and traffic safety education."

The Knox County Health Department may be thanked for the donations of outdoor fitness equipment for installation at Caswell Park and Adams Construction LLC may get a boost in the contract of the Northwest Greenway

Connector Project, upping that total to \$ 1.2 million.

The Veterans Heritage Site Foundation will be thanked for the donation of 16 park benches and an agreement for a lease of the Fountain City Ballpark may be authorized with the Fountain City Recreation Department to maintain and operate recreation programs there.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful may get \$40,000 for litter control, graffiti abatement, recycling education, volunteer coordination and adopt-a-road programs.

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Many Dress Far Too Casual These Days

From a distance



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My late wife, Lynn, used to tell me and occasionally would tell others that I still live in Andy of Mayberry days because I didn't change. Although once she did say that it was probably good for our marriage that I usually wanted things to stay pretty much the same - that I was happy with the life I had. One day a few years ago, I saw in the newspaper that I had the same birthday as Don Knotts - July 21 - me and Barney Fife. When I saw

that, I busted out laughing and thought, "well, maybe she's been right all these years."

One way that there has been a big change is in the way people dress. I think we have gone way too far in the casual direction, so much so that many have become sloppy in their dress even in public.

Of course, when I grew up and even in my early adult years, people used to wear nice sports coats and ties or very nice outfits to go to UT football games. Most even dressed up to fly on airplanes. Many times, in recent years, I would see people on the planes wearing shorts, tee shirts, and flip-flops. Some dress overly casual even in very nice restaurants, and I try not to look at men who want to show off their ugly feet wearing sandals.

The casual craze that

bothers me the most is in the pulpit. I grew up in Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and ministers always wore robes when giving their Sunday sermons. They sure didn't dress like they were going to a cook-out or on a hike in the Smokies.

I am certainly not opposed to ministers dressing casually if they are going bowling with a youth group or at a men's retreat in the mountains. There is a time and place for everything. I just don't think ministers should wear golf shirts, tennis shoes, or even jeans in the pulpit on Sunday or at a special service such as on Christmas Eve.

I guess they have gone so much toward the casual look to try to appeal to young people. But I think that some have gone too far and that they really

would be more respected by young people if they were more dignified when preaching from the pulpit. Maybe these ministers are trying to appear younger, but young people need a minister they look up to, not one who is just trying to be their buddy or pal.

One of many things I admire about Pastor Clarence Sexton is that he always dresses in a very nice suit and tie when he preaches and even when he visits people in the hospital. I can tell that the wonderful students at Crown College love and respect Dr. Sexton. I don't believe they would respect him nearly as much if he was wearing jeans, sneakers, or golf shirts every time they saw him and especially not in the pulpit.

I read once that President Reagan never took off his suit coat in the Oval

Office. I taught American Government and Journalism for one year at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. I never took off my coat in front of my classes.

Many years ago, my Washington staff wanted to do a casual Friday. I knew everyone was doing that, and I am sure they were more casual when I was not around. However, I told them that probably 98% of the people who came to see us had either never been in a Congressional office or maybe had been to Washington only on a school trip many years earlier, and as a sign of respect for our constituents, we need to dress as nice as we could.

When I was a bagboy at the A&P, we were required to wear white shirts and ties. In my first two years at U.T., I was a salesman

at Sears. All the salesmen had to wear suits and ties - no sports coats - and all the saleswomen had to wear black, brown or blue dresses.

I think the poor people in foreign countries who make our jeans probably think Americans are nuts for paying more for jeans with big rips in them.

Bob Harris went all the way through Chilhowee, Holston, and UT when I did and also grew up in Eastminster Church with me. He has lived in Atlanta for many years. When I told him about this column, he said there has been a "loss of decorum" and not only in the way people dress but also in traditional politeness. He said to dress nicely and to be polite was simply a way to show respect for others.



The residents at Windsor Gardens Assisted Living had a Happy St. Patrick's Day party with good food, fun trivia and amazing St. Patty's Day door prizes before watching the first 2022 TN Vols March Madness basketball game.

Biden's Speech on Gun Control

Joe Biden gave a speech in New York on guns. Referring to the Second Amendment he stated that "no amendment was absolute" and that preventing the sale of certain firearms "doesn't violate anybody's Second Amendment



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military-tanks-for-sale/) or even a bazooka (https://www.gunsamerica.com/s/bazooka.com). Thus, it is obvious even to the most casual observer who fact checks that Biden is misinformed on this issue and is spreading mis-

information. Given his years in political office, he should know that he is not telling the truth. If he were a conservative, he would be deplatformed from social media or at least there should be a qualifying statement to all that he utters. However, when I looked at the news coverage of the speech, the media mostly gave him a pass and did not question its accuracy. Some literally gushed saying it was "emotional" and "forceful." Unfortunately, it was also wrong. The problem is that Biden is attacking guns and not criminals. The speech was devoid of criticism of "progressive" DAs who have weakened penalties, bail and sentencing. The basic question that

is never addressed is why have crime and gun violence surged? New York has seen a surge in gun violence directly related to the dismantling of its anti-crime unit. Given its progressive DA, I wonder if this unit will be reinstated after the election of an ex-cop as mayor. Recall that New York has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation.

It is also illuminating that some of the most vocal advocates for stricter gun control laws live in gated communities and often employ security guards. One of the "squad", Cori Bush (D-MO) is a staunch advocate of gun control yet is reported to pay \$200,000 for gun-toting private security guards.

Gun control is one of two national perplexing issues. The other is drug control. Although there are strict laws regarding drug control, such laws have failed to decrease drug use and crime associated with drugs. This is being displayed prominently with the fentanyl crisis. The drug has become the number one cause of death among those aged 18-45. Between 2020 and 2021, over 79,000 deaths were attributed to fentanyl. In contrast, there were 45,000 gun-related deaths of which 19,000 were murders and 24,000 were suicides. This is not to lessen the importance of dealing with gun crime but it does give one pause about our thinking about crime and its prevention.

City co-responder program successful

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model, which pairs a Crisis Intervention Trained officer with a licensed behavioral health specialist to respond to calls that present a behavioral health need. The results from the pilot were so encouraging that we were able to expand the program in 2021, and now the co-responder program is providing daily coverage

within the City of Knoxville. "I am proud of the officers who were bought in to what we wanted to accomplish and worked exhaustively on the front end to get this program off the ground. I am proud of their continued efforts and commitment to ensuring that the program succeeds in its mission of helping those who need real assistance as well

as access to available resources and services. "I am also grateful to Mayor Kincannon and City Council for their support of the program, which has proven to be a successful alternative for individuals who might otherwise have been incarcerated or left without the ability to get the help they need," Chief Thomas concluded.

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Publisher's Positions



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Carpetbagger: a politician who takes up residence in a place and runs for office without having strong ties to the area.

Any opportunistic or exploitative outsider.

Representative Dave Wright has shepherded a bill through the Tennessee House of Representatives which requires candidates for federal office --- the Congress or the United States Senate --- to meet the same residency requirement as members of the General Assembly. Members of the Tennessee General Assembly must meet a three-year residency requirement. Wright's bill is a companion to the legislation sponsored by State Senator Frank Niceley in the Senate. Representative Wright's bill, House Bill 2764, was approved 86 to 0; six members voted "present." Niceley's bill has already passed the state Senate where it received the vote of both Republicans and Democrats and only one member voted

against the bill. Currently, the House and Senate bills do not match and Representative Wright intends to move to change that and conform the House version to that of the Senate.

The Wright-Niceley Bill is especially significant in light of the race for Congress in Tennessee's new Fifth Congressional District where several candidates don't meet the residency requirements. Morgan Ortagus, a one-time spokesperson for the State Department under Mike Pompeo, who has been endorsed by former President Donald Trump, has apparently never even voted in Tennessee. Nor does Ortagus live in the district she aspires to represent in the House. Robby Starbuck, the sometime music video guy with the man-bun and cohort of Christine Cruz, is another candidate who likely would not meet the new residency requirements. Starbuck, whose legal name is Robert Starbuck Newsom, seems to have an evolving answer about his residency in the Volunteer State. Appearing on Nashville's Morning News With Dan Mandis radio program, Starbuck gave the following explanation:

"And so I answered that I had voted in the previous primaries and I was actually counting, what would count -- is it one or two -- and I ended up saying two. So you could hear me confused during the answer, and the reason I was confused

was because what we had been told recently, up to that day, was that because I was registered to vote in Tennessee, I should have voted in these primaries. But the problem is, I wasn't a full-time resident. I had gotten my license when we had gotten a rental house here and we were sort of transitioning our kids here and transitioning -- I was still closing down my business in California.

So because I was technically registered when I got my license, they count those as two missing primaries but the reality and the facts are that in California, where it's a closed primary state, you know, I was always registered Republican."

Previously, Starbuck had claimed to have voted in both the March 2020 and August 2020 Republican primaries in Tennessee. Starbuck's claims were not verified by his actual voting record and while he tried to discredit reports he did not meet the standard already set by the Tennessee State Republican Executive Committee, he finally acknowledged that he had not voted in either primary because he wasn't a full-time resident of Tennessee at the time.

State Representative Tim Rudd, who served on the Tennessee Republican State Executive Committee for 18 years and is chair of the House Elections Subcommittee, pointed out if the SEC was doing its job, the Niceley-Wright Bill wouldn't have been

necessary. Robby Starbuck has announced he won't answer any further inquiries about his residency and is threatening legal action should he be ruled off the ballot.

Senator Niceley has addressed the constitutionality of his bill by reminding folks of what the late Justice Antonin Scalia said: "Nothing in the Constitution deprives the people of each state of the power to prescribe eligibility requirements for the candidates who seek to represent them in Congress. The Constitution is simply silent on this question. And where the Constitution is silent, it raises no bar to action by the people in other states."

The residency requirement legislation is needed due to the proliferation of carpetbaggers coming to Tennessee. It is impossible for an aspiring public official to understand and represent communities without having lived in an area. Unfortunately, we have some folks here in Knox County who don't know the difference between Coryton and Burlington.

More on Carpetbaggers

Speaking of carpetbaggers, regular readers will remember then-chair of the Knox County Republican Party Randy Pace appointed Christine Cruz, who had never even voted in a Knox County Republican primary, to head the Credentials Committee.

Cruz was in charge of vetting Republicans who had funded the party, held office as Republicans long before either she or Randy Pace floated into town, and who had helped to elect the GOP ticket from the White House to the Courthouse. Every person who intended to attend the party convention was required to fill out information providing name, address, and email address. Last week saw an email arrive to all those who attended the party convention from a judicial candidate who had the good sense to hire the Angle Group as his campaign consultants. The Angle Group was comprised of four people: Daniel Herrera, Ally Jeffries, Justin Mash, and Drew Lonergan. A self-described lobbying and political consulting firm, it has been the source of controversy ever since and many party members believe Daniel Herrera, Randy Pace's understudy as chair of the local party, had a serious conflict of interest as a member of a firm monetizing campaigns, especially against sitting GOP incumbents. Herrera claims to have surrendered his interest in the firm, but has never provided any documentation that I am aware of; Scott Golden, chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party seems content to take Herrera's word for it. Yet the party's mailing list seems to be available only to select candidates who are, coincidentally, clients of the Angle Group. Cruz was herself an

announced candidate for an at-large seat on the Knox County Commission against incumbent Larsen Jay. Her campaign consultant? Why, the Angle Group of course. Of course, Cruz's campaign went nowhere fast, guided to well-deserved oblivion by the prowess of the Angle Group. Party members receive invites to the events of Angle Group candidate events and nobody else seems to have access to the email list.

I certainly did not sign up for Christine Cruz's mailing list, yet I was duly reminded of any event her campaign was having. Keep in mind, Cruz was "introduced" at her campaign kickoff by Randy Pace. Pace, who speaks endlessly when he has grabbed a microphone, blithely admitted Cruz's husband blamed him for her candidacy. Two out of three of the candidates in Knox County who hired the Angle Group didn't even make it to the primary before dropping out. Not exactly a sterling record for a consulting firm.

Of course, Herrera, Pace and company all claim they aren't taking sides in any primary contests, which apparently only Scott Golden believes. Now Pace is running for the Tennessee State Executive Committee. Look for yet another candidate to enter that particular primary contest and another unsolicited email.

Do Judges Still Use Gavel?

If you have ever watched a movie or TV show involving a courtroom scene, somewhere during that scene there may have been an instance of a judge banging their gavel and demanding that the courtroom come to order.



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Or sometimes, the judge will pronounce their ruling on a case and then bang their gavel to punctuate the finality of their ruling before they walk out of the room.

Do things like that really happen? In my experience, no.

Let's break this down by starting with the basics. What is a gavel anyway? Think of a rubber mallet, and then imagine that the rubber mallet is made out of wood. That

is essentially what a gavel is. And if you use a gavel to hit another piece of wood, like a wooden table, the sound is very, very loud. How did gavels become the

thing that judges used to quiet a courtroom? I have no idea, but when most people see a picture of a gavel, they associate that with the legal system in some capacity.

Since I started practicing law in 2007 I have been in hearings across East and Middle Tennessee and have been in front of close to 100 judges. I can honestly say that of those judges, maybe only one or two even possessed a gavel, and I cannot recall any of them ever actually having to use their gavel. Why is this? Why are gavels

not used anymore?

My best guess is that most courtrooms have microphones for the judge to speak into so what the judge says is heard by the entire courtroom, and if the courtroom every becomes especially loud (usually by too many lawyers making small talk with each other all simultaneously), then the judge will simply speak in to the microphone and say something like, "Let's keep it down in the courtroom, please." The next step above that is the judge having the bailiff address any specific concerns with

someone directly about their disruptive behavior or their level of noise.

I should note, occasionally you will see a bailiff bang a gavel at the beginning of the day and announce that the court date is starting, but there are only a couple of courtrooms in which I have seen that occur.

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How Knox County helps local fire and rescue squads

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The Knox County Commission's work session agenda tonight includes three memoranda of understanding with the three local fire and rescue volunteer organizations.

Two of the organizations are mostly funded by donations and one is a subscription service for the homes and businesses it serves. All three are required to make monthly reports on how they spend the county's contributions as to not hold Knox County liable. Each expenditure must be recorded and submitted for reimbursement including invoices marked paid, purchase orders, time cards and canceled checks.

The county donation

comes from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery funding in support of fire/rescue emergency services.

Most of Knox County outside city limits is serviced by Rural Metro Fire, a national subscription service. The City of Knoxville is served by the Knoxville Fire Department, supported by property taxes.

The Karns Fire Department is subscription based and will receive \$23,248.

The Knox County Rescue Squad will receive \$78,704 and the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department will receive \$23,148.

In order to coordinate fire and rescue efforts in the county, the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee was formed on March 6, 2020. Mayor Glenn Jacobs asked that the committee

look at fire and rescue services across the county and provide recommendations for the budget. The members bring a variety of perspectives informed by previous experience working in or with the emergency response community in Knox County.

"Funding amount is set by the mayor. The finance subcommittee meets to determine the division of the funds for the three departments. Rural Metro or AMR gets no funding as being a for-profit agency," Commissioner Carson Dailey, a member of the committee, told The Focus.

"There is no funding cut for any departments. The Fire Tech Committee is currently in discussion of a fair and equitable funding model for each agency,"

Carson continued.

"Currently Knox Rescue gets around 60%, Seymour 20% and Karns 20%. Seymour and Karns have other funding models where the Rescue Squad funding comes from government sources. The 2023 budget is yet to be determined," he explained.

Members of the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee include the E911 director, the county finance controller, rescue chief, Rural Metro, the development director, the health department, emergency management, the Seymour and

Karns chiefs, the county mayor's representative and one Knox County Commissioner. University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service provides an evaluation of fire and rescue services.

In a related agreement with Knox County, Rural Metro is asking the commission to approve a temporary response time ease. The resolution, sponsored by the Knox County Health Department, refers to "serious negative effects" caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The original

agreement between the county and the commercial ambulance service sets penalties if response to a situation is slower than agreed.

The proposal is to add a "fifth response time exemption" to the agreement based on available hospital capacity and long waits at the hospitals for in-hospital care. The change would run through April 30 or until the pandemic ends, whichever comes first. It cites Rural Metro's "best efforts" to comply with the original agreement.

Racing season has arrived at Knoxville Dragway

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free.

Saturday's event kicks off an exciting season of racing and auto shows at the track, which has been renovated.

Clapp owns the track with his wife, Kristin, her mother, Kathy Southers, and her stepfather Roy Southers, making racing at Knoxville Dragway a family affair.

The dragway has been open since the 1960s but Clapp and his family are the first local owners.

Racing has always been a passion for Wes.

"I've raced and I've put on events here and across the country. I've just loved to race since I learned to drive," Clapp said. "I grew up in Gibbs, and every day after school me and my friends would go out and race.

"This place has been around since the '60s, but me and my family are the first local owners. It's been owned by people from Madisonville, Dandridge and Newport."

Knoxville Dragway has regular events five nights a week and the track is part of the Outlaws Head's Up Series circuit, which sanctions races throughout the Southeast.

The track also hosts bracket races, where drivers must not only win but predict their time.

The track also host 10-buck Tuesday, where anyone can pay \$10 and race.

The track is not open on Wednesdays, but opens occasionally on Sundays for remote control racers.

"We have things going on five nights a week," Clapp said. "We're closed on

Wednesdays.

"Every once in a while, we open the track for RC racing. We do that about once a month and we let those come in here and race their cars."

The track also has a junior dragster program.

Clapp also said that the track would also feature a tractor pull arena in the near future.

"We have something for everybody," he said.

Clapp and his family take pride in Knoxville Dragway, which Clapp said includes one of the best concession stands in the area.

"We have a great concession stand," Clapp said. "We really take pride in it. We've got two ladies in there who will cook to order.

"At our bigger events, we will have three or four cooks in there."

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In Loving Memory of Boyd Kitts

Boyd H. Kitts, age 79, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2022 with his loving wife by his side. Boyd was an employee at Y-12 for 37 years. He was a long-time supporter in the Gibbs Community. He was a lover of all things sports, an avid golfer, NASCAR fan and Yankees fan. He enjoyed playing and listening to a variety of music, especially bluegrass. He was known for his fun-loving sense of humor and distinct laughter. He loved to make people laugh.

Boyd was preceded in death by his parents Rosa and Sam Kitts; brothers, Heral Kitts and Mitchell Kitts; sisters, Ann Yoder, Joyce Smith; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wm. K. Hunley, Sr. and Priscilla Clodell Brewer Hunley; brother-in-law, Tim Hunley.

Survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Beth Kitts; daughter, Kari (Matt) Carrington; son, Boyd Tyler (Jenny) Kitts; precious grandson, Boyd Lawson Kitts; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Con (Karen) Hunley, Steve (Kim) Hunley, Ruthie (Burton) Akers, Kenny (Michelle) Hunley; several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. James Hurst for his special care and consideration.



RAM needs volunteers for two regional pop-up clinics

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Remote Area Medical is seeking volunteer medical, dental and vision professionals for two regional pop-up clinics.

The RAM services are free to the public on a first-come, first served basis and no ID is required from the patients. Services include dental cleanings, fillings, extractions and x-rays; eye exams, glaucoma testing and eye glass prescriptions with glasses made on the site. Services also include women's health exams, flu shots and general medical exams. Free take-home colon cancer screening test kits are also available.

Volunteers are being asked to visit the RAM website at www.ramusa.org or

call 856-570-1530.

The first pop-up clinic is in Jellico, Tn., on May 21 and 22 at the Jellico Elementary School, 551 Sunset Trail, Jellico, TN 37762.

The second clinic in need of volunteers is scheduled for June 11 and 12 in Byrdstown at the Pickett County K-8 School located at 1016 Woodlawn Drive, Byrdstown, TN 38459.

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The Doctor is in
a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Inflation

We've been conditioned to think that only politicians can solve our problems. But at some point, maybe we will wake up and recognize that it was the politicians who created our problems.

Ben Carson

I am a science-based guy. In my day, medical school was about science rather than learning appropriate gender identity pronouns and the study of racial issues. So, When I learned of the emphasis of my medical school, I wrote the dean to not expect any donations from me. When I was in training, my school ranked in the top 10 for training clinicians rather than researchers, academic professors or wokesters.

My liberal arts pre-med college education was principally in the sciences, although I had to take two additional years of English

after the dozen I slugged through in grades one through twelve. My teachers thought I needed help in my native language. Knowing what I do now, I probably did. I was also required to take two years of a foreign language. I chose French because I couldn't trill an r, required with Spanish. This came in handy when I traveled in Tunisia because their second language (after Arabic) is French. I was able to negotiate with a taxi driver and travel to Sidi Bou Said, the capital of the ancient Carthaginian empire destroyed by the Romans in the third and last Punic War. I have stood on the ground where Hannibal once walked.

The entire world seems to be transfixed by the rapidly inflating war in Ukraine. Putin's war has galvanized NATO and the world in opposition to his invasion.

There are exceptions, principally China, which is using the war to further its own agenda. Xi Jinping continues to buy coal and wheat from Russia rather than condemning the 21st century Hitler. India continues to buy oil from Putin. Fortunately, We the People demanded that Biden stop purchasing Putin's oil. We are paying a price. Biden put us in this predicament with the stroke of his pen in January 2021, destroying our energy independence which we enjoyed in 2020. A friend sent me a meme that said, "One thing we've learned since January 20, 2021, a boob with a pen is more dangerous than a smart aleck with a tweet."

But there is a myriad of other problems beyond the latest European war and skyrocketing gasoline prices. Some notable examples include Biden's and the Democrat's open border policy allowing two million illegal aliens into our country, without vaccination, and then bussed and flown all over the US. Democrats have also perverted the justice system with the release of criminals to repeatedly prey upon citizens. Have you noticed that the convicted Jussie Smollett was released from jail while the January 6 capitol trespassers rot in jail without indictment, trial or conviction?

I was able to take a few electives courses in college after acing Western Civ. I doubt that my readers would be surprised that I did well in this freshman history course. I also took economics 101 pass-fail. I passed, but it wasn't pretty. I'll admit my prejudice and classify economics as pseudoscience. Unfortunately, we better pay attention to the economy because inflation is probably the most dangerous threat America faces.

Recently, I've been holding my nose and studying economics and inflation. I found the most succinct exegesis on this arcane subject in the January issue of Imprimis, the free monthly publication of Hillsdale College (<https://imprimis.edu>). A weightier study of economics is "The Price of Peace, Money, Democracy, and the Life of John Maynard Keynes," the author of Keynesian macroeconomic theory which now drives the Federal Reserve. The theory is that adding money to the economy stimulates growth and does not cause inflation. Why would anyone doubt this since Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi and the vacuous Pete Buttigieg parrot Keynes? Over the last two years, the Federal Reserve has, with the push of an electronic button, "printed" \$6 trillion dollars and pumped those dollars

into the economy.

If you learn nothing else from this essay, consider this perspective: if there are more dollars chasing the same or fewer products, inflation will occur (economics 101). We have all heard that inflation is now 7.9%. Compare this to the inflation rate of 1.7% at the close of 2020 (Bureau of Labor statistics).

Inflation takes time to develop and it will take time for it to slow down, which can only occur with proper money management, something the government seems incapable of doing. As a result, the zone is flooded with dollars, rising prices are outpacing production, the value of the dollar is falling and we are in a world of hurt.

As an example, an inflation rate of 7.5% will cause the price of everything to double in ten years. In other words, a \$20,000 car will cost \$40,000 and a \$5 hamburger will cost \$10. And even now, rising salaries are consumed by rising costs such as gasoline.

My seven-year-old granddaughter Josie gets it. Josie is an entrepreneur with a small homemade cookie business. The money she makes is often used at her favorite store, Dollar Tree. Unfortunately, everything at the Dollar Tree is now \$1.25, and the cost of cookie

ingredients (flour, sugar) is rising.

The painful remedy for inflation is decreasing the money supply by raising the federal interest rate. The Federal Reserve just raised the base interest rate by .25% last week. Experts believe this is far too little. As chairman of the Federal Reserve in the 1970s, Paul Volker was far more aggressive and ultimately inflation was brought under control. Do you remember "stagflation" under Jimmy Carter? Inflation was 14% and the economy was stagnant. The other means of combating inflation is to stop profligate spending. We are sending ruinous debt to the future and to our children.

Given the state of affairs of the world, a friend recently told me, "It's a good time to be an old person." Actually, I agreed with her because, despite the challenges, my life has never been better. But I feel it is my responsibility to resist the evil that is threatening to destroy my country and the world. I will not sit by and do nothing. I will not go along to get along. And unlike the poll that showed 52% of Democrats would flee and not defend the country, I'm locked and loaded and will do so.

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A new name and more for CTV Knoxville

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Community Television of Knoxville is morphing into a more flexible media-providing organization. It has become "Knoxville Community Media" in response to changing media access among the public.

The Knoxville Focus asked J. Amos Oak, KCM Director of Operations, to explain the changes.

Why the change and when did it go into effect?

Community Television of Knoxville is easing in to a name change. We officially re-branded as Knoxville Community Media on March 1, 2022. KCM is one of the oldest public access television stations in the country. We are a "PEG" access station. This acronym stands for Public, Educational, and Government access. Access stations that were simply "Public" or "Educational" had a hard time surviving. Most of them folded in the 2000s due to cable revenue budget cuts. Because of the vital service we provide to the city and county through those cable revenues, we were one of the few who were able to survive.

It is no secret that "cable cutters" are on the rise. Folks don't watch television like they used to, and folks don't necessarily need to rent professional video equipment to get their message across to the community. Many people carry a video camera around in their pocket now and can upload to social media with the push of a button. We decided that we needed a new strategy.

Peggy Gilbertson was the first station manager and a real pioneer. Peggy once stated that CTV had an "obligation" to the community. I think that we want to rekindle that obligation and become a real digital media arts center that can make a real impact in this community.

Does the name change give an idea of things to come?

We've basically replaced the word "television" with "media." This may be cliché, but let's look at that word's definition. It comes from the Latin plural of "medium" and generally is defined as the "main means of mass communication." I find it interesting that it has roots in art (as in 'the material used by an artist'). I am a visual artist. That has always been my primary way to communicate. Now that we have a new vision, we will utilize all forms of media - television, social media, print media, visual art and performance.

We are already collaborating with other area nonprofits to bring new programming and various projects to the community that includes storytelling workshops, film workshops, a collaborative book publication, and a concert series.

Who are your current employees?

Our production team includes Katie Barker and Justin Willocks. Monika Hancock is in outreach. Drew Jeske-Polyak is our office administrator. Dustin Bigelow is an AmeriCorps service member working on capacity building with us this year. Samuel Taylor is our current intern from the UT Future Program. (Jason) Amos Oaks is me - the director of operations. (I prefer the use of my middle name.)

What's the best way for someone to contact KCM?

The best way to contact us is through our general email. It reaches all of our team so that someone is sure to get it and respond promptly: media@knoxcm.org. You can also reach us by phone at 865.215.8848

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Choir trips

Nothing in my high school career was better than chorus. Milton Nelson chose his group with care, and to be in the class was an honor. My freshman year was spent in band, but playing the trumpet just didn't offer that much fun, especially to a pimply-faced kid with braces. So, I auditioned for choir the next year and managed to get in.

We worked in that class. Mr. Nelson taught us to sing with voices supported by plenty of air. We "ha-ha-haed" and "ho-ho-hoed" before vocalizing the first note. He taught us to enunciate so that audiences could understand the words we sang. It was a class of hard work, but not one person ever dropped the course. Each of us knew that in the spring we would board buses and travel to other places to sing.

Our first choir trip was



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to Falls Church, Virginia and Washington, D.C. We performed concerts along the way at schools and for our host families. I remember that I fell hard for a girl in their choir named Nora, but it never amounted to anything.

Some of us ventured out to tour D.C. Yes, back then students were allowed to be on their own because none of us would ever do anything to bring trouble to our director. We walked until a cab stopped and asked us if we'd like to hire him. For an amount that I no longer remember, the man loaded us into the car and gave us a tour of the most famous places. He'd sit in the car and wait until we were ready to head to the next monument. At the Lincoln Monument, we sang and delighted in the acoustics of that place. After visiting the last place, we were tired and ready to rest. By the way, not long before we were to go in

mid-April 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, and for a while, the trip was in doubt.

The next year we traveled through South Carolina. After performing at several places, we arrived in Charleston, SC. We toured the battery, old slave market, and Fort Sumter. Even though that trip was over 50 years ago, Charleston is still my favorite place to visit, and Isle of Palms is my favorite beach.

The trip my senior year was to someplace in Florida. The trip wasn't as good as the previous ones. I managed to injure an already bad ankle playing basketball one evening. That meant hobbling to go anywhere, and I couldn't perform with the choir either. We were far in the boonies of Florida, if there is such a thing, and a young boy whose family I stayed with asked me what it was like to live in a big city like Knoxville. The year was 1970, and Knoxville was in no way a big city.

Think about how special Milton Nelson was. He worked to make his choirs

the best in the county. He attended other school activities to support students. He taught all of us to love music and singing. Mr. Nelson moved not long after I graduated and took up residence in upper East Tennessee. I saw him once when my son was 10 and playing in a tournament. We were eating at Waffle House and there he was. He'd married by then and had his daughter with him. I sometimes see a photo of him on Facebook. His hair and beard are snow white, and he loves playing Santa Claus.

Mr. Nelson introduced me to some places outside of Knoxville that I still enjoy. The biggest gift he gave me, however, was singing and the joys it provides. These days, my voice creaks or completely stops when I try to sing, and that bothers me. Still, I will always remember the man who called me and my twin brother "Heckle and Jeckel." Thanks for the lessons, Mr. Nelson. They've made my life much fuller.

Clark and Ollie



By Ralphine Major
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They were lifelong members of the Gibbs Community. For many years, Clark and Ollie Drummer were also active members of Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church. When our family moved into the neighborhood many years ago, Ollie and Clark would often drop by and bring a bag of fresh fruit or vegetables.

Ollie was a sister to Clayton Sharp of the Gibbs Community. Focus readers may recall that Clayton most recently appeared in the Knoxville Focus for his 100th birthday celebration. The Drummers have been deceased for many years, but I often see reminders of the community leaders such as the long-forgotten photo shown here. It was taken at the Tennessee Valley Fair many years ago



Ollie and Clark Drummer at the Tennessee Valley Fair, by Ralphine Major.

when Ollie and Clark were manning a booth in front of a Gibbs Community display.

Special people along life's journey leave lasting memories. People who serve God and community leave a legacy that

encourages those of us who knew them to imitate in our own lives. The Drummers were certainly that special kind of people.

Words of Faith: "Wherefore seeing we also

are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 (KJV)

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From Football Coach to Congressman Hubert Fisher of Tennessee

Pages from the Past



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Many of our fellow Tennesseans are positively football crazy; most of us remember University of Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler was elected to Congress from North Carolina. Yet there is hardly any person in the State of Tennessee with better name recognition than the person who happens to be the head coach of the UT Vols. The lure of politics has seduced some football coaches in other states; Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma was the winningest coach in Sooner State history when he announced he was running in a 1964 special election to fill the Senate seat of Senator Robert S. Kerr, who had died in office. Wilkinson only narrowly lost that election. There is a football coach sitting in the United States Senate now: Tommy Tuberville of Alabama. Not surprisingly, athletes who have played sports have been more politically successful than those who have coached them. Oklahoma has been especially fertile political ground for former football stars; J. C. Watts was elected to Congress, as was Hall of Fame wide receiver Steve Largent. Jim Bunning, who was a baseball pitcher for 17 seasons, was elected to Congress and the United States Senate from Kentucky. Jack Kemp was the quarterback for the Buffalo Bills and had just retired when he was elected to the House of Representatives from Buffalo, New York. Kemp became a national figure in Congress and was Bob Dole's vice-presidential running mate in the 1996 election. Bill Bradley of New Jersey played basketball for the New York Knicks before being elected to the United States Senate. Gerald Ford was a star linebacker for Michigan before beating incumbent Congressman Bartel Jonkman in the 1948 GOP primary.

Very few people recall Hubert Fisher of Memphis, but to my knowledge, he is the only person ever to serve as head football coach of the University of Tennessee Volunteers who was elected to Congress. Fisher was an athlete who prized beauty and raised and cultivated flowers. Hubert Fisher served as the congressman from Memphis and Shelby County from 1917 until his retirement in 1930.

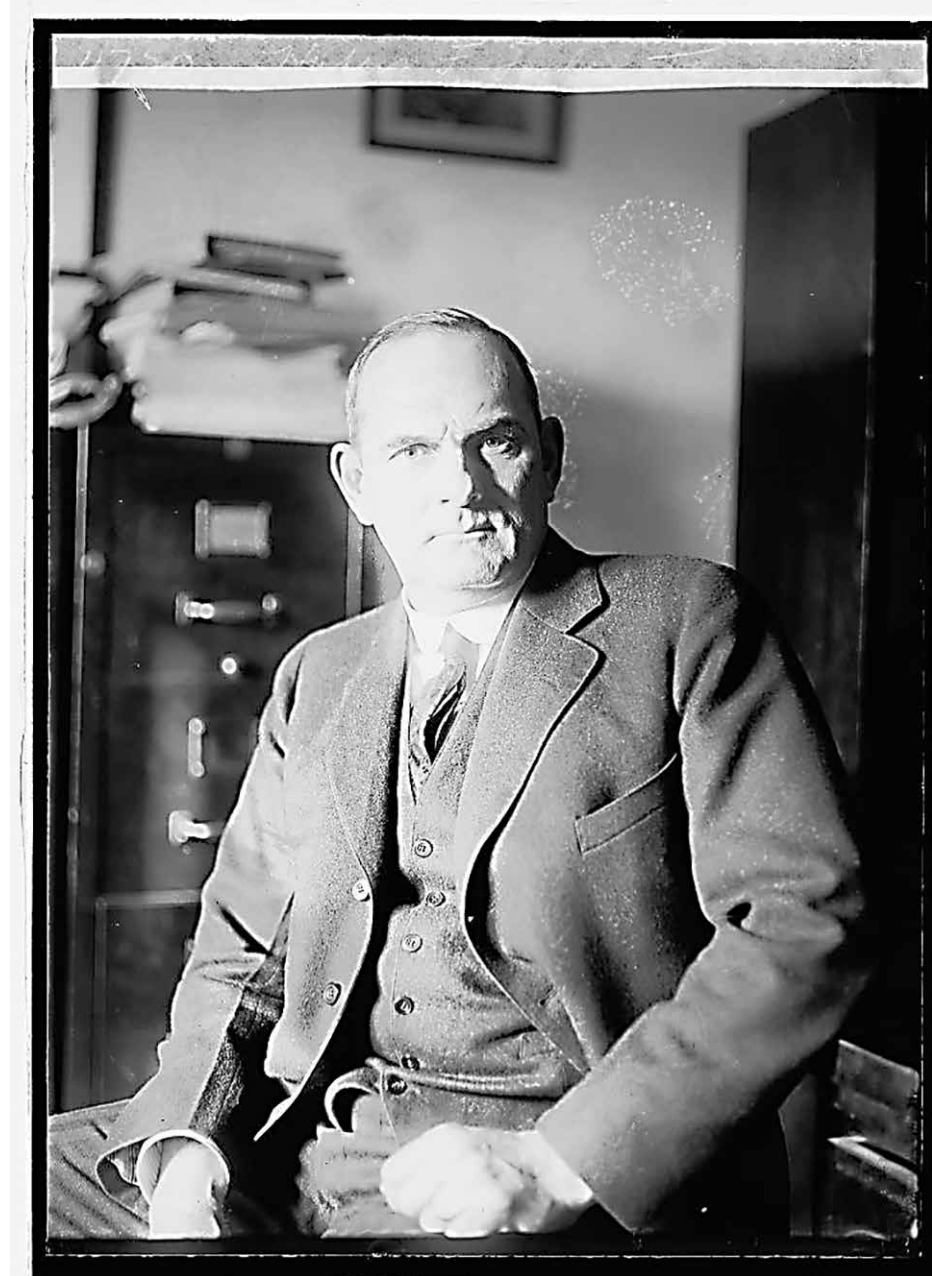
Hubert Fisher had been a star football player and had attended the University of Mississippi before going to Princeton where he obtained a Master of Arts degree. It was at Princeton where Fisher was hailed for his prowess on the football field. For two years, Hubert Fisher was the head football coach at the University of Tennessee.

Likewise, it was at Princeton University where Hubert Fisher made an enduring friendship with one of his professors, Woodrow Wilson. Fisher went to Memphis in 1904 where he made his home and was hired by the law firm of Carroll & McKellar. That firm was one of the busiest in Memphis and the senior partners were Colonel William Carroll, a former United States senator, and Kenneth D. McKellar, a future congressman and senator. After McKellar's election to the House of Representatives, the firm's name was changed to Carroll, Scott & Fisher.

Hubert Fisher was a delegate to the 1912 Democratic National Convention in Baltimore that nominated Woodrow Wilson as its presidential candidate. Fisher's friendships with Wilson and McKellar proved to be helpful when he was appointed U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. Fisher was nominated for the post by President Woodrow Wilson and had the enthusiastic backing of Congressman K. D. McKellar.

Senator John Knight Shields controlled the federal patronage for West Tennessee at the time and he was opposed to Fisher's appointment. When Shields refused to budge, an angry and exasperated President Wilson nominated Fisher over the senator's objections. McKellar later recalled Hubert Fisher supported Shields for reelection in 1918 although he disliked and refused to personally speak to the senator.

McKellar became a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, facing two titans of Tennessee politics inside the primary. The incumbent was Colonel Luke Lea, the youngest man ever to be elected to the United States Senate from the Volunteer State. Lea owned the Nashville Tennessean and ruthlessly used his newspaper to promote himself and verbally lash his opponents daily. The other contestant was former Governor Malcolm Rice Patterson. Both Lea and Patterson were highly polarizing figures inside the Democratic Party in Tennessee. Lea seemed unable to keep himself from meddling in state politics and displayed far more interest in what was occurring in Tennessee than tending to his duties in Washington. Patterson had virtually destroyed his own political career after he had run a close race for the governorship with former U.S. Senator Edward Ward Carmack. An editor by trade, Carmack was almost as fiery an orator as he was



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Congressman Hubert F. Fisher of Memphis in his office.

facile with his pen which seemed to be dipped in vitriol. Patterson was a forthright "wet", meaning he was opposed to the prohibition of liquor and alcoholic beverages, while Carmack was the champion of the "drys" in Tennessee. Carmack was killed in a gun battle on the streets of Nashville with Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and Cooper's son Robin. Patterson promptly pardoned Colonel Cooper, which caused a fierce outcry throughout the state. That is when the imposing statue of Carmack was placed in front of the Tennessee Capitol. Patterson's bid for the United States Senate was his determined effort to make a political comeback. Lea's opponents inside the Democratic Party, led by Congressman Cordell Hull, had moved up the Democratic primary to 1915, fully a year before the 1916 general election. It was the first time the people of Tennessee would choose their senator by popular election. McKellar campaigned as the "harmony" candidate and there were thousands of Democrats in Tennessee who believed either Patterson or Lea very well might lose to a Republican in the general election. McKellar led the first election and won the run-off primary in December; it is the only time in Tennessee's history a political party in the Volunteer State had a run-off election to determine the party's nominee.

With McKellar the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in 1916, Hubert Fisher became the candidate of his party to replace K. D. McKellar in the House of Representatives. Fisher was easily nominated and elected. Once in the House, Fisher became a member of the Military Affairs Committee where he looked after the

interests of Tennessee in general and the people of Shelby County in particular. When federal judge Harry B. Anderson, a Republican appointed to the bench by President Calvin Coolidge, was accused of misdeeds by Congressman Fiorello LaGuardia (future mayor of New York and a Republican), Fisher made a speech on the House floor defending the judge.

Fisher was married to Louise Sanford of Knoxville and brother-in-law to her brothers, including Edward Terry Sanford, who became a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Fisher likely deserves much of the credit for President Warren Harding nominating Edward T. Sanford for the high court as he implored Senator McKellar to do all he could to help his Republican brother-in-law. It was McKellar who approached the frosty Republican leader of the United States Senate, Henry Cabot Lodge.

McKellar, knowing of Lodge's devotion to his alma mater, Harvard University, casually mentioned Judge Sanford's being a "Harvard man." That opened doors for the judge's nomination and confirmation to the Supreme Court.

As a member of the House and the Tennessee delegation, Hubert Fisher was a strong advocate of the government operation of Muscle Shoals, the forerunner of the TVA.

Fisher seemed content to remain in Congress, although his hearing had deteriorated over the years. There had been rumors the congressman's relationship with Edward Hull Crump had also been deteriorating as well. Still, Congressman Fisher was stung with the sudden announcement on June 9, 1930, that Crump had declared his own candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from

Shelby County. Fisher had been expected to file his own papers the following day. In the face of Crump's announcement, Hubert Fisher did the only practical thing he could do: he announced he would retire from Congress. E. H. Crump by that time had firmly established the political machine inside Shelby County that made his mastery of the political and social life of his domain complete. Even Senator McKellar was caught off guard by Crump's announcement he would run for Congress. Although the senator discounted the notion he and Crump had fallen out, McKellar was irritated and horrified by the Memphis Boss's rough treatment of his friend Hubert Fisher. As congressman, Fisher had chosen to remain somewhat aloof from the Crump organization and that likely helped to terminate his career in the House of Representatives. According to the Tennessean, Crump had indicated he would back Fisher for one more term if the congressman agreed to step aside in 1932. Fisher reportedly replied he wanted two more terms in the House. Crump had been beleaguered by several of his lieutenants who desperately wanted Fisher's seat in Congress. The Boss ultimately decided the only way to keep his machine united was for him to run himself.

Fisher may well have derived some quiet pleasure in Crump's unhappiness in Congress. Crump, used to being the biggest fish in the ocean in his own Shelby County, found himself one of a number of freshmen congressmen and one of 435 representatives in the House. The real power in Washington, D. C. inside the Tennessee delegation was Senator McKellar. Crump quickly realized he did not have

the prestige or influence of McKellar in the Nation's Capitol. Nor did the Memphis Boss like being away from his wife and three sons or his extensive business interests. After serving two terms in the House, E. H. Crump announced he was coming home to Memphis and selected Walter Chandler as his successor.

For his own part, Congressman Fisher never expressed the slightest bitterness at Crump or his being shoved out of Congress. Fisher's own announcement he would voluntarily retire at the conclusion of his term was gracious and the congressman said he would be happy to live amongst his flowers.

There is every reason to believe Hubert Fisher was content in retirement. The Memphis Commercial Appeal announced Fisher was to be the speaker at the home of Mrs. Thomas Semmes for the Memphis Garden Club on Thursday, April 17, 1941. Mrs. J. P. Norfleet, president of the Horticultural Club of Memphis, had planned the program and introduced the former congressman. Fisher was to give "helpful advice" and "offer suggestions" to his listeners on the use of "new materials in Spring planting."

Months later, Hubert Frederick Fisher was discovered dead in New York City. Authorities discovered the body of a man the evening of June 17, 1941, at Thirty-sixth Street and Fifth Avenue. The next day the body was identified as Hubert F. Fisher of Germantown, Tennessee. The sixty-three-year-old Tennessean was identified by his twenty-seven-year-old son Adrian, who had come from Arlington, Virginia to New York after a card bearing the former congressman's name had been found in the dead man's clothing. Adrian Fisher explained his father had gone into the nursery business following his retirement from Congress and had gone to New Jersey to visit friends and had been staying at the William Sloane House in New York City to attend a reunion of classmates from Princeton University. Fisher had left Memphis on Thursday, June 12, 1941, for New York.

The former congressman's death came as a shock to his family and friends as he had been in apparent good health, aside from his continuing deafness. Adrian Fisher had the sad duty of sending his father's remains back home to Tennessee. Adrian worked for the State Department in Washington, D. C. Death had come from a heart attack. In death, Hubert F. Fisher had one last tie to Knoxville. The former congressman was buried in Old Gray Cemetery in the Sanford plot of his wife's family. Fisher sleeps there to this day.

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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

If you are a history buff you might enjoy a day trip into Kentucky to the little town of Manchester. The town is special in many different ways. It's not just the county seat of Clay County but Manchester was once, long ago, along the old Warrior's Path Way.

That old pathway started as a game trail and was adopted by Native Americans and connected the Great Lakes to what is now the southern United States. Along that path early long hunters and explorers, including Daniel Boone, filtered into the Bluegrass State. Early settlers followed the path north through the Cumberland Gap to inhabit various parts of the region.

You may want to drive up 25E to Barbourville and take Highway 11 to Manchester, and if so, you'll be traveling along the old Native American path. Or you may want to take I-75 to London and then take the Hal



The Saltworks Park in Manchester, Ky., tells the story of the importance of salt in the settlement of our region. It was also the city of a Civil War battle to capture and make salt for troops.

Rodgers Parkway east. There's lots to see and visit along either way there and back.

The Warrior's Path in what is now Manchester passed by the Goose Creek Salt Works where travelers boiled down brine waters and made salt. The salt works was vital to settlement for consumption and to preserve meat. The town was founded around a large salt manufacturing industry that developed there long before the Civil War.

Today the Goose Creek

Salt Works Pioneer Village recreates the vital early settlement and the salt industry. It has various cabins from the era, a swinging bridge, picnic and rest stations, and a hiking path that extends to Rawlings Stinson Park.

The annual Saltworks Appalachian Homecoming festival is scheduled for May 23rd through the 25th at the pavilion in the park and features live Bluegrass music and family fun.

Another site you should visit is the Red Bird River Petroglyph.

The huge boulder covered with unusual carvings and markings fell from atop a rock shelter onto Kentucky Highway 66 near Erlene in 1994 and was moved to Manchester. Some claim the carvings were made by pre-Columbus Viking visitors and some believe the carvings were made by Native Americans.

Clay County also features more than a dozen swinging bridges and parks and a wildlife management area.

Along the way to or from Manchester you may

want to check out the historic markers at Flat Lick near Barbourville. The London area features Levi Jackson State Park and Col Harlan Sander's original restaurant. You can contact the Manchester-Clay County Visitor Center at 454 Manchester Square by calling or find the city and county on Facebook.

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Dramatic comeback still not enough for Bearden

By Steve Williams

Bearden battled its way to the finals of the BlueCross Basketball State Championships and even overcame a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter of the title game, but ran out of firepower in a four-minute overtime period.

Tradition-rich Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett took advantage of the Bulldogs' plight and pulled away to win 69-60 in overtime Saturday night at Murfreesboro to end a 77-year-old title drought.

The Indians of upper East Tennessee had been a state runner-up four times since their 1945 championship.

The loss prevented Bearden from sweeping the girls' and boys' Class 4A state titles this year.

Bearden senior wing Hayden Moseley hit a do-or-die 3-point shot from the corner with one second left in regulation to send the game into OT.

But with the Bulldogs trailing by three points (59-56), Bearden senior guard Elijah Bredwood, a Mr. Basketball finalist, picked up his fifth foul on a charging



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Bearden Head Coach Jeremy Parrott, along with players Walker Kyle (left) and Hayden Moseley, talk to the media in the interview room at Murphy Center following the Bulldogs' semifinal win over Lebanon at the TSSAA state tournament.

call as he drove down the lane with 1:25 on the clock.

Bearden had already lost Darian Bailey, another one of its best players, to a fifth foul in the fourth period.

Following Bredwood's disqualification, Jack Browder scored underneath to extend D-B's lead to five points.

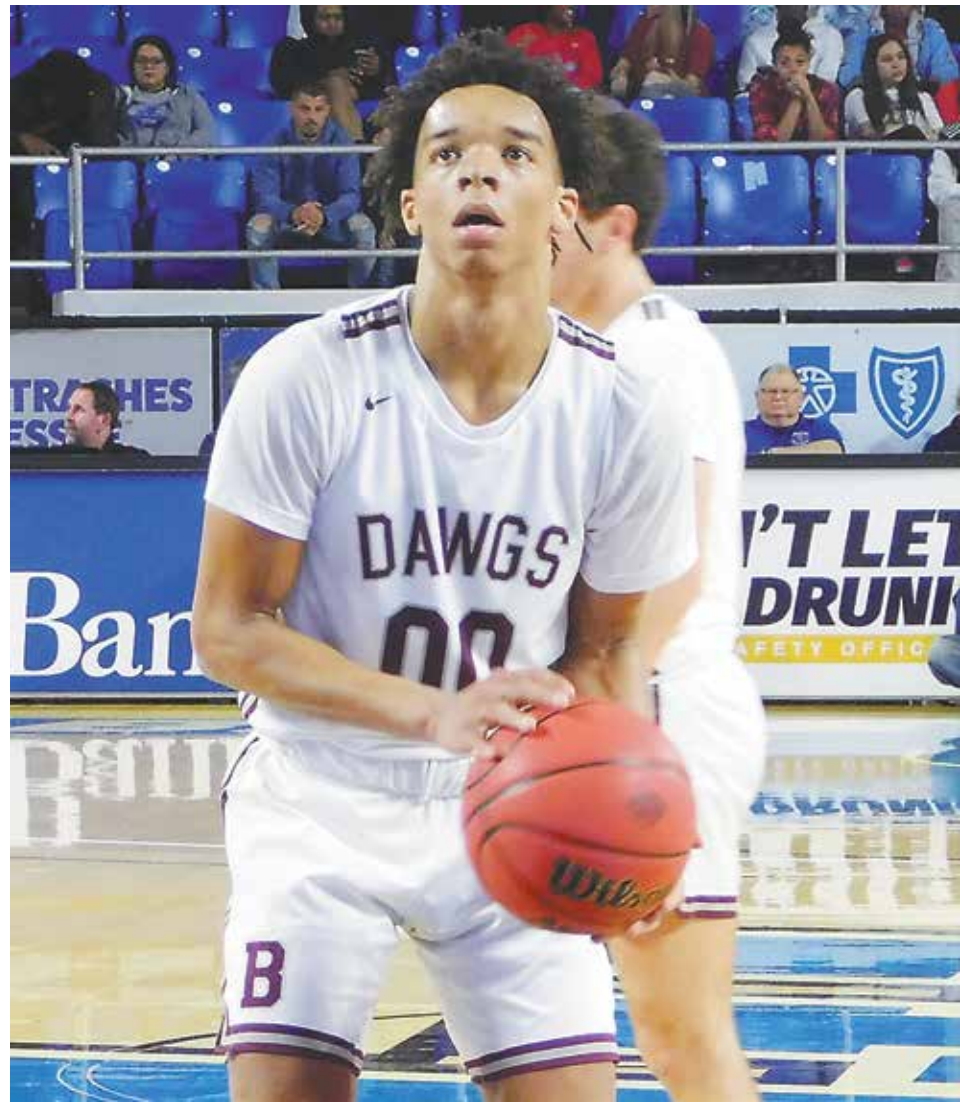
Bearden's Nelson Karnowski answered with two free throws, but the Bulldogs would get no closer.

Moseley was whistled

for his fourth foul with 46 seconds to go and his fifth with 36 seconds left, further reducing Bearden's offensive chances, and Browder's two free throws extended the difference to eight points (66-58).

A layup by Wyatt Shomaker accounted for the Bulldogs' final points with 29.9 seconds remaining and Dobyns-Bennett ahead 66-60.

Moseley finished with 25 points to lead Bearden,



Bearden's Elijah Bredwood eyes the mark at the foul line in the Bulldogs' 62-44 semifinal win over Lebanon. It was the Blue Devils' first trip to the state tourney in 21 years.

which ended the season 31-7. Bredwood added 13.

Browder, the tournament MVP, led Dobyns-Bennett (33-6) with 30 points.

Bearden beat Brandon Miller, the Class 4A Mr. Basketball, and Cane Ridge High 69-67 in the

quarterfinal round Wednesday and toppled Lebanon in the semifinals Friday 62-44, despite being greatly outnumbered by the Blue Devil fans in attendance.

"I didn't see a whole lot of (Bearden) folks there," said Bearden Coach Jeremy

Parrott after the game. "When you've got Lebanon just down the road, you imagine they're going to outnumber us a little bit."

"I told (my team): 'Guys, we're all we got, but we're all we need.'"



Falcons fall in semis to Jackson South Side, 51-50

By Steve Williams

Denaj Kimber's shot from the left wing in the closing seconds was just short and so was Fulton's attempt Friday to advance to the TSSAA Class 3A title game.

Jackson South Side finished on the winning side of a 51-50 score before Denaj's last shot hit the hardwood in the semifinal game at Murphy Center.

The Falcons' season ended with a 30-6 record. The Hawks (25-3) advanced to Saturday's championship game but lost to Greeneville 77-48.

Based on the game's stats, Denaj may have been the right guy to take the last shot at victory for Fulton. Possession of the ball came quickly and only a few precious seconds remained. There was no time for discussion. Only time to react.

Denaj Kimber led Fulton with 13 points. His brother Taj Kimber, also a guard, had scored 12 points. Both were 5 for 10 from the field.

Tyler Lee, a 6-4 forward, had scored 11 points for the Falcons before fouling out.

Jackson South Side led 8-4 after one period and 20-15 at halftime before Fulton moved ahead 34-31 by outscoring the Hawks 19-11 in the third period.

The final eight minutes were nip and tuck to the end.

After the game, veteran Fulton coach Jody Wright was asked what he felt was the difference in the game.

"Their ability to get to the foul line and our inability to get to the foul line was huge," said Wright. "They did a good job of getting themselves there. They were there 26 times and we were there 11, so I felt like - not casting any blame at all - I'm just saying they did a good job of getting there."

South Side made 18 of their 26 foul shots. Fulton hit 6 of 11 at the line.

"This was a game that (if) one play

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Fuming Fire!

Fulton Coach Jody Wright is upset as he walks the sideline at Murphy Center in the Falcons' semifinal game against Jackson South Side Friday. The Hawks held on for a 51-50 win. Photo by Steve Williams.

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Hubbard leads Irish past Providence Academy in opener

By Ken Lay

Ian Hubbard said he knew how important a win for Catholic High School's baseball team would be on opening day.

He started on the mound for the Irish and went three innings and was absolutely dominant, striking out right of the 11 batters he faced and swung a big bat to lead Catholic to an 8-1 victory over Johnson City's Providence Academy on Monday, March 14, at Gaylor Field.

The Irish, who opened the 2022 campaign on a winning note, will now face some top competition in their next several games. They traveled to Alabama for a weekend tournament (results were not available at deadline).

Catholic (1-0) returns home to face state powerhouse Farragut Tuesday at 6 p.m. before heading to another elite tournament in Panama City, Fla. next week.

"This was a great way to start the year," said Hunter, who also did a little damage at the plate for the Irish, going 2-for-3, with a two-run homer and three RBIs and a run scored. "This was a win we needed because we're going to Alabama for a big tournament."

"Then we have Farragut coming in here and then we go to Florida."

Hunter, who gave up a solo home run to the Knights' Nathan Isfelder with two out in the top of the first inning, struck out the side in each of the first two frames. He fanned two in the third, while giving up a walk, before heading to the outfield and giving way to reliever Jacob Camfield, who struck out five in two innings.

Canyon Geren also threw two innings of scoreless relief and had one strike-out.

"The relievers did a great job," Hubbard said.

Catholic coach Caleb Moore said that pitching is always a key to success in high school baseball.

"Our pitchers did a great job," Moore said. "They came in and threw strikes. Throwing strikes is what it's all about in high school baseball."

The pitchers threw strikes and the offense came up with early clutch two-out hits to wrest control of the game.

Trailing, 1-0, with two down in the bottom of the first, the Irish took a three-run lead when second baseman Daniel Parris clubbed a three-run homer. Adam Osborn and Landon Lutterman, who singled earlier in the frame, scored on Parris' round-tripper.

Catholic extended its lead to 4-1 in the bottom of the second with a pair of two-out hits. Osborn doubled and came home on a single by Hubbard.

Pinch-hitter Spencer Margolis singled for Catholic to lead off the fourth. He stole second and took third on a throwing error. He came home on a squeeze play when Osborn successfully executed a bunt and reached on a fielder's choice with no out recorded to make it, 5-1.

Hubbard culminated the frame with a two-run homer, which also scored Osborn, who finished the game with two hits and three runs.

The Irish added a run in the fifth when Nate Breeden scored on an error after drawing a walk and swiping a pair of bases.



Tim Beasley photo: Area football coach Tim Beasley working at a camp, instructing eighth graders from Hardin Valley. Photo submitted.

Hall of Fame football coach Tim Beasley continues to share his love for the game

By Ken Lay

Tim Beasley vividly remembers the day he became a football fan more than four decades ago.

"My dad was watching the Super Bowl between the Eagles and the Raiders, and I didn't really know anything about football," Beasley said. "I asked him who he was for, and he said the Eagles, and I told him that I would be for the Raiders."

Oakland routed Philadelphia on that Sunday and won the Super Bowl and Beasley became a fan for life.

"That was when I fell in love with football," he said. "I was in the fifth grade."

For the next two years, Tim begged his father to play football.

"I pestered my dad to let me play and he finally let me play, he finally let me put the pads on," Beasley said. "He finally let me play when I was in the seventh grade."

"After that, I was hooked."

He still has a passion for the game. After a playing career that took him overseas, he began coaching and teaching the game he loves.

"I played in Europe,"

Beasley said. "I played in the Air Force overseas and I also played in a Dutch league."

Then, football occupied most of his time.

"When I played in the Air Force, we played in the fall, and in the Dutch league, we played in the spring, so life was all about football for me," he said.

Once his playing days were done, he began coaching and he started a football league in the Philippines.

He was inducted into the American Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and now football remains a labor of love for Beasley, who coached the Knoxville Lightning women's team during its inaugural season in 2018.

"Sometime around 2006 or 2007, I was inducted into the American Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame," Beasley said. "I was inducted largely because I started a team in the Philippines," he said. "I helped spread my love of the game there."

"When I went there, the players were small and at first, they didn't have a lot of confidence. They thought you had to be big. You don't

have to be big to play football; you just have to have good fundamentals."

Now, Beasley continues to teach the game that he loves. He's coached overseas, he's coached a women's team and now he's coaching in a 7-on-7 youth league.

He coaches both middle school and high school players. His son, Kai, is a quarterback at West High School.

"I coach 7-on-7, which is a skeleton game without (offensive and defensive) linemen," Beasley said. "You have quarterbacks, receivers, running backs, linebackers, defensive backs and you have someone snapping the ball."

Beasley coaches players from several local schools but area high school coaches are not involved in the league.

"I started doing this for my son and his friends. I do it to help them get better," Beasley said. "After my son goes to college, I'll be done coaching him."

While any coach likes to win, Beasley isn't all that concerned about wins and losses in the passing league.

"If we win, that's fine, but if we lose, that's fine too," he said. "I'm doing this to help the kids get better. My goal is to see them get better."

"I want them to be the best player they can be at their position."

Football is more than a game for Beasley.

"Football is a way of life," he said. "It teaches you strategy and it teaches you leadership."

"As an offensive and defensive lineman, you have to depend on the guy to the left of you and the guy to the right of you. But what gets lost in all of this sometimes is the brotherhood that football gives you. I still have relationships with the guys I played with back in middle school."

Football has taken its share of criticism for being too violent and Beasley said he doesn't like it when parents discourage their kids from playing.

"You can get hurt riding a bicycle or playing basketball," he said. "Let the kids get away from their phones. Let them get outside and let them get some physical activity."

Sullivan is fifth Knox County player to be Miss Basketball



By Steve Williams

The prestigious Miss Basketball title has gone to a Knox County player only six times since the inception of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state award in 1985.

Jennifer Sullivan of Bearden High is just the fifth local player to earn that distinction.

Micah Sheetz of Webb School was a two-time Miss Basketball in 2014 and 2016. Other previous honorees were Tanika Smith of Central in 1993, Glory Johnson of Webb in 2007 and Casey Collier of Webb in 2019.

Sullivan was the 2021-22 Class 4A recipient and recognized along with the Miss Basketball honorees from the five other classifications at MTSU's Murphy Center on March 14. The TSSAA's six Mr. Basketball award winners also were announced.

A statewide committee



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Jennifer Sullivan of Bearden, the 2021-22 Miss Basketball in Class 4A, drives with the ball in a region tournament game against Heritage this season.

of sportswriters selected the winners based on performance during the regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

Sullivan, a senior combo guard, helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to their first state championship in

school history this season. She will be continuing her basketball career at Tennessee Tech University.

Jenn also was earlier named The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year.

Knox County has had three Mr. Basketball honorees in the 37-year history of that award. They were Jason Steele of Fulton and

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Fulton's Taj Kimber waits to get the basketball from the official for a key free throw attempt in Friday's Class 3A state semifinal game at MTSU's Murphy Center. Taj made the shot, but Jackson South Side went on to win 51-50.

Falcons fall in semis to Jackson South Side, 51-50

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South Side. We've played them down here a couple of times. Coach (Damon) Fuller does a fantastic job and is a good coach. His kids play hard. I don't know that we got beat, we just run out of time today."

Fulton advanced to the semis with an impressive 78-57 quarterfinal win over Fayette-Ware (26-7).

The Falcons had a great shooting performance in that game, hitting 56 percent from the field, and making five of 10 from

3-point range and five of six free throws.

Lee led the way with 20 points. Denaj Kimber added 17, Desmier Hatchett 15 and Taj Kimber 12.

Lee made 9 of 10 from the field and also grabbed eight rebounds.

Denaj was 7 of 13 from the field, including 4 of 5 triples, plus had five assists. Hatchett was 6 for 9 from the field and also had six rebounds and four assists. Taj made 6 of 12 of his field goal attempts.

Getting names on the arena

In the days and weeks following Knoxville's 1982 World's Fair, there was local political wrangling about an arena that finally had Gov. Lamar Alexander hand the UT administration a decree. They had better get their act together—and soon—if they wanted already-allocated state money. He set a deadline of Valentine's Day for a decision. That set a flurry of activity in motion. The arena project had a number of stops and starts and a lawsuit or two, but, when the dust settled, the project was completed. Tennessee teams began playing there on Dec. 3, 1987, as the Lady Vols defeated Stetson 102-59, and the men took the measure of Marquette 82-56.

By Tom Mattingly

Had events transpired differently, the arena might have been known as "Thompson Arena," the "Thompson Assembly Center and Arena," or, maybe, the "B. Ray Thompson Assembly Center and Arena." The naming of the building came down to a case

of the lead donor, the arena's "Thompson," Knoxville business leader and coal magnate B. Ray Thompson, wanting another name on the building's marquee with his. Sometimes it happens the other way around, but in this case, the guy who signed the big check wanted to share the billing.

The name to be added was the "Boling," former University of Tennessee president Dr. Edward J. Boling (1922-2015, U.T. president, 1970-88), who gave nearly all of his adult life to the University and helped oversee the development of the campus we know today. He was a visionary, who thought "outside the box" long before that term became popular.

"We had gone to see Mr. Thompson, who had already given so much to us," Boling remembered in a 2007 interview. "We needed an arena badly. I was pushing his name with the Board of Trustees and Bob Woodruff. He said he didn't want it. He said he hadn't given enough, but he said he'd consider it."

Sometime later, Boling got a call from Woodruff, who said Thompson was ready to talk about the

naming. "We met in his office on Kingston Pike," Boling said. "Jim Haslam, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, was there."

"I've come to the conclusion about the naming of the arena," Boling recalled Thompson saying. What he said made Boling think Thompson was accepting the naming opportunity.

"I was delighted with the thought of his name on the arena, 'Thompson Arena,'" Boling said.

"There's one caveat," Thompson also said, with Boling in mind. "I want your name on it. I won't go with it without your name on it."

That was a shocker. No one had publically broached Boling's name being on the arena until then.

"There was a standing rule that we didn't name buildings for persons who were still active," Boling said. "That was a good rule, because you never knew what somebody might do in later life. I was completely surprised, as was everybody else. It had never crossed my mind, because I was still president."

He remembered Haslam saying, "I think we can handle that." And he did.

That made everybody happy, Boling said.

Given that, he said, "I reluctantly agreed."

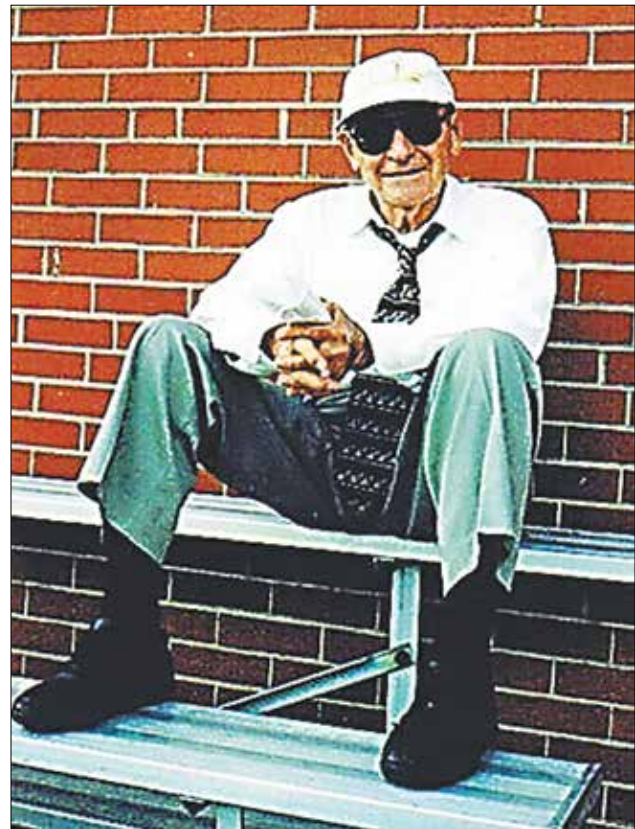
It was Sept. 25, 1987, when the new arena was officially named Thompson-Boling Assembly Center and Arena.

Boling said it was an honor to see his name affixed to the arena. "I doubt there could be anything bigger on campus, unless it was the stadium. The building gets mentioned in some way every day. There are all kinds of events there. It was the first facility named for me."

Boling looked back fondly at a career in which he guided many of the institution's great moments. He remembered his days in the statistics department in the early 1950s when one department head told him, prophetically, that if he kept on the path he had charted for himself, "You'll come back and be higher than me."

He did come back and that's exactly what happened. He found his way to the top of the university hierarchy.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON DR. BOLING: In the spring of 1970, the University of



U.T. president Dr. Edward J. Boling was a guiding force behind the school's growth and development and was a regular at Tennessee football practices during his time in office.

Tennessee Singers went on a spring tour of high schools across the state. The group stayed in a bomb shelter in Memphis owned by Memphis business leader Hoyt Wooten of radio and television station WREC. While there and in between performances locally, there was a flurry of activity around the ping-pong table. Dr. Boling, then 48 years old, jumped into the fray against the students and proved to be exceedingly competitive. Everyone there marveled at the way he dominated the proceedings, still dressed in his dress shirt and necktie.

Vols impress in NCAA tournament opener

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee's men's basketball team has become a regular participant in the NCAA tournament. That certainly hasn't always been the case (I'm looking at you, Buzz Peterson era).

The Vols began tournament play on Thursday, March 17th against Longwood in Indianapolis. It was a game that was never really in doubt. Four Tennessee players reached double figures in a dominant 88-56 victory.

The victory pushed UT into the second round, where they would lose to Michigan, 76-68, Saturday.

Only four days prior, Tennessee won the SEC tournament for the first time in 43 years, but there

wasn't even a hint of a letdown. Santiago Vescovi led all scorers with 18 points.

"I think it's really fun to play this way where you know everybody on the team is just focused on winning," said Vescovi. "I think it's really fun whenever we start moving and everybody starts moving off the ball and on offense, too. That's when we are playing our best basketball. Instead of just everybody standing still and watching the ball, play one-on-one, I think we did a great job of that... I trust all my teammates making decisions with the ball, and if the shot is for them, they are going to take it."

With Indianapolis a very

manageable drive of fewer than six hours from Knoxville, it wasn't a surprise to see a lot of orange in the stands at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. "You know, we love our fans," said Tennessee guard Kennedy Chandler. "They really support us, and I feel like we have the best fans in the country. They support us every single game. Either it's here or for them to watch it at home. Everybody that traveled here to watch us play we thank them for the support."

"On behalf of me and my teammates, we are all very appreciative of all Vol Nation," said Tennessee forward John Fulkerson. "We know Vol Nation is the best fans in the country and to me, being here for

so long that, was honestly no surprise to me, seeing how many fans we have here. On behalf of me and my teammates, we really appreciate that, all the love and support they give us."

Considering the youth of this Tennessee team, some wondered if the Vols would be wowed by the bright lights. That certainly wasn't the case against Big South champion Longwood.

"There's just so many thoughts that go through your mind," said Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes. "But with that said, you know, we are very transparent with our team about scenarios that happen, and we actually talked about the last time we were

in this same situation right here with Wright State (who Tennessee beat 73-47 in the first round of the 2018 NCAA tournament). We came out and showed -- that team was a good defensive team but came out totally doing not what we had done to get to us that point. And then we finally, around the 12-minute mark around that game, we started doing the things that we needed to do and got a nice win. So, we just said, 'Hey, let's be ready to go from the beginning. Let's be who we are. Let's do what we have done to get us here. Let's trust each other, trust what we do.'"

Tyler Cate named District 3-3A Coach of the Year after successful first season

By Ken Lay

A rookie head coach was honored by his peers recently.

Tyler Cate, who took the reins of the Carter High School boys basketball team just before the 2021-22 season began, made an immediate impact for the Hornets as he guided them to the District 3-3A regular-season title and was named the league's Coach

of the Year.

Cate, who previously served as an assistant at Central, Farragut and Oak Ridge, also guided Carter to the district tournament championship and an appearance in the Region 2-3A semifinals.

The Hornets' Dalton McNew was the district's Most Valuable Player. He earned first-team all-district honors along with

teammates Brody Blankenship and Zane Brown.

Gibbs High's Zach Turner was also named first-team all-district.

Area players to receive second-team honors included: Braden Graves (Gibbs); Connor Hilton (Seymour) and Cam Soulages (Seymour).

Also in District 3-3A: Seymour girls coach Greg Hernandez was named Coach

of the Year and the Lady Eagles' Emma Watson was named Most Valuable Player.

Local first-team selections included: Bailey McCoy (Seymour); Caiden Russell (Seymour) and Leny Torres (Seymour).

Area second-team selections included Seymour's Jaden Cummings, Carter's Ivey Jones and Breanna Taylor of Gibbs.

Area high school basketball players honored by District 5-3A coaches

By Ken Lay

Several area high school basketball players received All-District 5-3A honors recently from the league's coaches.

The district includes three local schools, Fulton, South-Doyle and Austin-East.

The all-district girls team includes, Sammy Taylor (Fulton), who was the league's Most Valuable Player. She was joined on the squad by Lady Falcons Jamia Simmons, Renaisha Gates and Maya Moore.

The Lady Cherokees and Lady Roadrunners each had

two players receive all-district honors.

South-Doyle was represented by Terryauna Griffin and Bailey Conkin. Austin-East had Kiki Watkins and Lynndeeria Drew named to the team.

Fulton's Tyler Howell was named Coach of the Year after guiding the Lady Falcons to the district's regular-season title.

For the boys, Fulton's Tyler Lee and Sequoyah's Dillon Stakely shared Most Valuable Player honors.

Lee was joined on the all-district squad by teammates Taj Kimber, Denaj

Kimber, Desmier Hatchett and Marcellus Jackson.

South-Doyle and Austin-East each had two players named to the team.

The Cherokees were represented on the squad by Tai Cates and Aydan Rauton while the Roadrunners had Shane Cherry and Brycen Skeen named to the team.

Fulton's Jody Wright was named coach of the year. The longtime Falcons' coach guided his team to the regular-season district championship and Fulton boasted a perfect 8-0 record in league play.

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Eighth-grader Meeyah Green is a rising star at Webb

By Steve Williams

Webb School eighth-grader Meeyah Green had an eye opener of a game on a big stage in this year's Division II-AA girls' state basketball tournament at Cookeville.

Longtime Lady Spartan Coach Shelley Collier saw it and UT Lady Vol Coach Kellie Harper may have heard about it.

Meeyah is four seasons away from college, but the 5-foot-9 point guard has already "caught the eye" of Tennessee, Georgia and

Louisville, Collier told The Focus after Green's performance in a state semifinal loss at Tennessee Tech's Eblen Center on March 3.

Green scored 18 points and collected seven rebounds against Lipscomb Academy. The two teams were tied at halftime before the Lady Mustangs pulled away for a 47-37 win.

"Meeyah was definitely a bright spot as I felt she really stood out more than anyone," said Collier, who was excited about the youngster's play and proud

of her entire team.

"I'm sure this experience will motivate those returning to work hard to get back to the state tournament."

Coach Collier, a former Lady Vol point guard and member of Pat Summitt's first NCAA championship team, also had commented on Green in her earlier nominations for this season's All-Knox County team.

"Meeyah is a very talented young lady," she noted. "She certainly does not look like an eighth-grader

or play like one. She handles herself extremely well. She is very humble and hard working. You will hear a lot about her in the years ahead."

In addition to the interest of Tennessee and other major colleges, Collier said: "She has some offers by mid-majors already. She does about everything for our team."

Green's regular season stats included a 49.4 field goal percentage. She averaged 10 points, four rebounds and three assists per game.



Meeyah Green, an eighth-grader at Webb this season, already is attracting the attention of college recruiters.

Knox County Girls Basketball Statistical Leaders

2021-22 REGULAR SEASON

The top Knox County averages per game submitted by head coaches included:

SCORING

Gracie Palmer, Berean 25.8
Reagan Trumm, Powell 25.0
Sydney Mains, Catholic 21.5
Ace Strickland, Farragut 17.8
Keeleigh Rogers, Farragut 15.4
Jenn Sullivan, Bearden 15.0
Avery Treadwell, Bearden 15.0
Emily Gonzalez, Bearden 14.0
Emily Wilson, CAK 13.5
Keira Leffew, CAK 13.2
Mackenzie Babb, Central 13.0
Madelyn Ladd, Webb 13.0

REBOUNDS

Mackenzie Babb, Central 12.0
Gracie Palmer, Berean 10.9
Avery Treadwell, Bearden 10.0
Keira Leffew, CAK 9.8
Cassidy Hill, Powell 9.0
Abby Harris, Karns 8.0
Sydney Mains, Catholic 7.6
Ace Strickland, Farragut 7.2
Cadence Horner, Central 7.0
Madison Perren, Karns 7.0
Gracie Waite, HVA 7.0
Ashlyn Sheridan, Farragut 6.6
Ella Renfree, Catholic 6.4
Maddie Brillhart, Bearden 6.0

ASSISTS

Bailey Burgess, Bearden 5.0
Jenn Sullivan, Bearden 5.0
Jazmin Williams, Catholic 4.1
Gracie Palmer, Berean 3.4

STEALS

Gracie Palmer, Berean 6.0
Keeleigh Rogers, Farragut 3.7
Sydney Mains, Catholic 3.5

BLOCKED SHOTS

Mackenzie Babb, Central 4.0
Ella Renfree, Catholic 3.6
Avery Treadwell, Bearden 3.0
Keira Leffew, CAK 2.5

How much did Ace increase her recruiting value at state?

By Steve Williams

Prior to post-season tournament play, Farragut High girls basketball coach Jason Mayfield talked about the obstacles Avery "Ace" Strickland, his senior standout, had been facing and overcoming on the court.

"Ace is the focal point of everyone's defensive plan and continues to put up big numbers," he said. "She will be a D1 signee in the spring signing period."

The 6-foot-1 shooting guard continued to put up the numbers in leading the Lady Admirals to a runner-up finish in the Farragut program's first trip to the state tournament. One would think she had to have increased her value in the eyes of college recruiters.

Strickland reportedly was extended a scholarship offer by the University of Pittsburgh in January just days after decommitting from West Virginia University.

Had Farragut won the All-Knox County finale at the state instead of rival Bearden, there's no doubt Strickland would have been the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Ace played that well.

But Bearden did continue its dominance over Farragut and Avery Treadwell, its 6-3 junior post, was very deserving of the MVP award.

Both Averys filled up the stat sheets.

Strickland, in fact, played the full 32 minutes in each of Farragut's three games.

Ace shot 52.2 percent from the field (24 of 46), 36.4 percent from 3-point range (8 of 22) and made six of her nine free throws. She averaged 20.7 points, 6.3 rebounds and two assists. Her best game was the 31-point, 9-rebound showing against Cookeville in the semifinals.

Treadwell was a terror inside, averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds per game, with almost half of her boards (14 of 33) on the offensive end. She also totaled eight blocked shots. Shooting-wise, she was 17 of 28 from the field (60.7 percent) and 11 of 16 at the line (69 percent).

Avery averaged 25 minutes of playing time and two fouls per game.

Bearden Coach Justin Underwood said Saturday that Treadwell had picked up a new offer from George Washington University, which gives her 11 total offers.



PHOTOS BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Ace Strickland is on the go against Cookeville in this year's state tourney in Murfreesboro. The Farragut standout played every minute in all three games during the week.

DANDY DUO: Keeleigh Rogers bounced back to have an excellent senior season after missing eight games early. "She was a crucial player for us that can play all five positions when needed," said Coach Mayfield.

When Keeleigh was sidelined, Ashlyn Sheridan picked up the slack and averaged 14.2 points against "major competition" said Mayfield. At the end of the regular season, the Farragut coach also said "Ashlyn has improved more than any player around in my opinion and has taken her game to the next level."

KARNS' COMBO: Karns' freshmen twins Reese and Rylee Roberts combined during the regular season to average 20 points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals.

STATE LEADER: Catholic senior center Ella Renfree led the state in blocked shots (113) and was ranked No. 1 in the state as a major rim protector, reported Coach Travis Mains. She also had 13 blocks in one game for a school record.

ON THE MONEY: Emily Wilson, CAK junior, made 78 3-pointers this season, connecting on 40 percent of her attempts behind

the arc.

CAREER NIGHT: Catholic sophomore Sydney Mains had a career high game of 36 points this season.

THOUSANDAIRE: Gracie Palmer of Berean Christian School and Powell's Reagan Trumm finished their prep careers with over 2,000 points.

Three others joined the 1,000-point club: senior Mackenzie Babb of Central, senior Shae Berry of Webb and junior Keira Leffew of CAK. Babb also totaled over 1,000 rebounds in her career.

SOPHOMORE STANDOUTS: Powell Coach John Fisher complimented Alaina Schroeder. "She started every game and was a very good defender," he said, in addition to averaging 10 points, five rebounds and two assists.

Karns point guard Madison Perren, Hardin Valley's Gracie Waite and Central's Cadence Horner each averaged 11 points and seven rebounds.

Perren also averaged two blocked shots per game. Waite twice was in the running for Player of the Week.

Karns' Abby Harris, a 5-11 power forward, also was among Knox County's top sophomores.

CARRYING THE LOAD: Grace Christian Coach Tim Smith said his team didn't have that many wins this season, but he wanted to recognize Lindsey McDaniels and Carlee Adkins for their efforts. McDaniels averaged 10.4 points and 31 minutes on the floor each game, while Adkins averaged 29 minutes and eight points.



Bearden's Avery Treadwell goes up for a shot against Beech in the TSSAA girls' state tournament. The 6-3 junior post was the tourney's MVP.

Sullivan is fifth Knox County player to be Miss Basketball



Hardin Valley's 4x200 relay team of (left to right) Ethan Blaylock, Ben Smith, Austin Rome and Aiden Shaw posted a 1:28.76 time to win the National Indoor championship this month in New York.

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Dwight Tarwater of Webb in 2010 and B.J. Edwards of Knoxville Catholic in 2021.

HVA 4x200 relay wins National Indoor title

Hardin Valley Academy's track team had a good showing in the 36th Indoor Nationals March 11-13 at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island, N.Y.

The Hawks' 4x200 relay team came home as National Champions and their 4x800 combo took third place.

Ben Smith, Austin Rome, Aiden Shaw and Ethan Blaylock combined for a time of 1:28.76 in the 4x200.

Making up the 4x800 were Isaac Legault, Carson

Long, Nathan Hillis and Asa Mazow.

Smith was the Emerging Elite Long Jump Champion with a mark of 22 feet, 4.5 inches. The "emerging elite" division is just below the championship division.

Hardin Valley Coach Bryan Brown said the first big outdoor meet of the season will be this coming weekend. The HVA Invitational already has over 35 schools entered.

Baseball Rams begin play in Panama City

Their results on the field weren't what they wanted, but Grace Christian's baseball team got to open its season with three games last week in Florida.

"We did go to Panama

City, but it wasn't a good week for us," said GCA Coach Jonathan Byrd. "We went 0-3 and didn't play very well."

There were, however, some good things about the trip.

"Yea, it actually was fun," said Byrd. "The weather was good except Tuesday when it rained all day. We left Saturday morning in the snowstorm."

He also said the Rams enjoyed "a fun team dinner."

As for the season ahead, Byrd said: "I think we will be competitive in our district and region. We have to have some guys step up offensively. I think when this group puts it all together we will be good."

Grace Christian's next game will be at home against Webb on Tuesday at 5:30. It will be a non-district contest as the Spartans now are in Division II-AA. GCA is a Division II-AA member.

Chavis resumes coaching in USFL

John Chavis has joined the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL as defensive coordinator.

The former longtime Tennessee Vols and SEC coach last worked at Arkansas.

In 2020, Chavis took time off and "gave back to the game" as he helped with a West middle school team in Knoxville.

The USFL season kicks off April 16.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2012, recorded in Instrument No. 201210020021608 of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, David L. Matney and Vickie S. Matney, husband and wife, conveyed to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantors herein by Warranty Deed dated July 2, 2012 as recorded in Instrument Number 201207030000502 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Common address of property: **8118 Dodson Road, Knoxville, TN 37920**. Tax ID: 126 01602.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Substitute Trustee as appointed in the aforesaid Deed of Trust by a substitution, said appointment being in the manner authorized by the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, Credit Human Federal Credit Union (f.k.a. CU Factory Built Lending, a Division of San Antonio Federal Credit Union), has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **April 12, 2022** the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about 11:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the **Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902**.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: David L. Matney, Vickie S. Matney and First Heritage Credit.

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said defendant Edward E. Scott file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry R. Givens an , Attorneys whose address is 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 2nd day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

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This the 14TH day of MARCH, 2022.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JAY BARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 85870-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER JAY BARNES who died Dec 31, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WENDELL WAYNE CONNER, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85847-1

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H STEPHEN GILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
625 GAY STREET, SUITE 600
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES E FARRELL
DOCKET NUMBER 85858-3

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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This 17th day of March 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JAY BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHANIE BARNES; ADMINISTRATRIX
12485 IVY LAKE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER JAY BARNES who died Dec 31, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDERICK MOHR BRADLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 85871-1

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUSSELL ALFRED COX
DOCKET NUMBER 85807-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUSSELL ALFRED COX who died Oct 5, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUSSELL ALFRED COX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CATHERINE MARY ENG; ADMINISTRATRIX
1156 STONEHEAD TRAIL LN.
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RUSSELL ALFRED COX who died Jan 7, 2022, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE HOWARD CRONAN, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 85867-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOE HOWARD CRONAN, SR. who died Nov 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PATRICK FINN, II
DOCKET NUMBER 85857-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PATRICK FINN, II who died Dec 5, 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 7 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PATRICK FINN, II

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANE J FINN; EXECUTRIX
1401 BUXTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PATRICK FINN, II who died Dec 5, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE C HOLDREDGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JILL A THOMPSON; EXECUTRIX
7520 HOLLY CREST LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE C HOLDREDGE who died May 5, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMUEL HARVEY KEENER, III
DOCKET NUMBER 85772-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMUEL HARVEY KEENER, III who died Nov 24, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JEDEDIAH RALPH LUNDY
IN RE: VICKIE AND TRICIA HABERBOSCH VS JEDEDIAH RALPH LUNDY
NO. 202392-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Jedediah Ralph Lundy 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 Jedediah Ralph Lundy, it is ordered that said defendant Jedediah Ralph Lundy file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mary L. Ward an , Attorneys whose address is 5109 Oakview Road, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of February, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CHARLES RAY PRYOR
IN RE: KELLEY DAWN ROBACK VS CHARLES RAY PRYOR
NO. 203737-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Charles Ray Pryor 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 Charles Ray Pryor, it is ordered that said defendant Charles Ray Pryor file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mario L. Azevedo II an, Attorneys whose address is 859 Ebenezer Road, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 2th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: EDWARD E. SCOTT
IN RE: SARAH E. WHITTEN VS EDWARD E. SCOTT
NO. 202971-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Edward E. Scott 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 Edward E. Scott, it is ordered that

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: KALIA NICELY
IN RE: KALIA NICELY VS. CODY NICELY
NO. 3704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Answer filed, which is verified, that the Plaintiff, KALIA NICELY, is a non-resident of Sevier County, Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KALIA NICELY.

IT IS ORDERED that said Plaintiff file a response with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Kasey Ankrum Wasson, an Attorney whose address is, 8 Emory Place Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, 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 Judge John McAfee at the Union County Circuit Court, 901 Main St., Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 14 day of March, 2022.

Barbara J. Williams
CLERK

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CATHLEEN MAGNOLIA RALEY
Whereabouts Unknown
Last Known Address:
Unknown
Case No. 22-CV-20
Willie Clarence Wood,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Cathleen Magnolia Raley,
Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appears from the pleadings filed in this cause that Cathleen Magnolia Raley whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-203 and 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered March 3, 2022, service of process will be made by publication.

HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION before the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Jefferson County Tennessee at Dandridge, and make defense to the complaint filed against HER in said court by William Clarence Wood, Plaintiff(s), or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Respondent is required to file responsive pleadings with the court and Plaintiff's Attorney, Joshua W. Leach, 8 Emory Pl, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This March 9, 2022.
Telford E. Forgy, Jr.
CHANCELLOR
By: Nancy C. Hubbard
CLERK AND MASTER

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ZAYID R. PATTERSON JR.
IN RE: MUNNAH J. MONBOE VS ZAYID R. PATTERSON JR.
NO. 204289-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Zayid R. Patterson Jr. a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Zayid R. Patterson Jr., it is ordered that said defendant Zayid R. Patterson Jr. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark an, Attorneys whose address is 2415 Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18th day of March, 2022

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

JOETTA COLBERT-Vs-ALBERT COLBERT
Docket# 153365

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 JOETTA COLBERT 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 ALBERT COLBERT.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JOETTA COLBERT, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with WHITNEY PINKNEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 764 POWELL,

Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA D KERR DOCKET NUMBER 85851-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA D KERR who died Jan 16, 2022, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONNA D KERR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA MCADAMS; CO-EXECUTOR
1919 HOUSER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

MATTHEWS GALLIVAN; CO-EXECUTOR
2839 POLO CLUB ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN. 37221

KRISTIN TORNOW; CO-EXECUTOR
245 JUNCTION TRAK
ROSWELL, GA 30075

MATTHEW MCDONALD ATTORNEY AT LAW
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DANIEL JASON KIRKPATRICK DOCKET NUMBER 85874-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DANIEL JASON KIRKPATRICK who died Jan 11, 2022, 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 9 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DANIEL JASON KIRKPATRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MANASSEH P KIRKPATRICK; EXECUTRIX
3609 CAPTAINS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MICHAEL R CROWDER ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANIEL ALBERT LANGFORD DOCKET NUMBER 85862-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MARCH 2022 letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DANIEL ALBERT LANGFORD who died Jun 15, 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 7 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANIEL ALBERT LANGFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH L COCKRUM; CO-EXECUTOR
P.O. BOX 1048
POWELL, TN. 37849

BILLY J LANGFORD; CO-EXECUTOR
6201 FAIRVIEW ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37772

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEXTER WINSTON MAYFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 85863-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEXTER WINSTON MAYFIELD who died Sep 13, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DEXTER WINSTON MAYFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JOSEPH MAYFIELD; ADMINISTRATOR
2254 KNOLLCREST LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEWELL ROSS MITCHELL DOCKET NUMBER 85861-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEWELL ROSS MITCHELL who died Nov 12, 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 7 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JEWELL ROSS MITCHELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAY S MONTGOMERY; CO-EXECUTRIX
1005 CLAUDETTE DRIVE
TALBOTT, TN. 37877

WANDA SWAIN SHULTS; CO-EXECUTRIX
1601 PARKER AVENUE SW
CLEVELAND, TN. 37311

JEFFREY P DUKE ATTORNEY AT LAW
200 W MARTIN LUTHER
KING BLVD, SUITE 1000
CHATTANOOGA, TN. 37402

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS WELLINGTON PATTON DOCKET NUMBER 85849-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS WELLINGTON PATTON who died Jan 7, 2022, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF THOMAS WELLINGTON PATTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
J NOLAN SHARBEL, SR.; EXECUTOR
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE,
BLDG D SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

J NOLAN SHARBEL, SR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE,
BLDG D SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE EARLE REYNOLDS DOCKET NUMBER 85798-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAWRENCE EARLE REYNOLDS who died Dec 15, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE EARLE REYNOLDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATALIA LYNN REYNOLDS; EXECUTRIX
5012 TRESMONT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

CARIN BRIO ATTORNEY AT LAW
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ORBY RAY SANDERS DOCKET NUMBER 85868-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ORBY RAY SANDERS who died Feb 3, 2022, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ORBY RAY SANDERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

TINA JO PUGH SANDERS; EXECUTRIX
313 HEATHERMOOR DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 85869-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR. who died Nov 10, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN RONALD SCHOOLCRAFT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JULIANNE SCHOOLCRAFT; EXECUTRIX
1117 AMBER GLADES LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

CHARLES H CHILD ATTORNEY AT LAW
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN DOCKET NUMBER 85846-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN who died Oct 15, 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, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK SHANAHAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA SHANAHAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
956 VOLUNTEER LANDING LANE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK E SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 85822-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK E SMITH who died Dec 12, 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 8 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF JACK E SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA STATON DOCKET NUMBER 85854-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALICIA STATON who died Jan 23, 2022, 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 4 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF ALICIA STATON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARISSA WHEELER; ADMINISTRATRIX
1533 CITATION CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD RAY ANDERS AKA DON RAY ANDERS DOCKET NUMBER 85892-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DONALD RAY ANDERS AKA DON RAY ANDERS who died Feb 22, 2022, 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 11 day of MARCH, 2022.

ESTATE OF DONALD RAY ANDERS AKA DON RAY ANDERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRAD ANDERS; ADMINISTRATOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE BARNES DOCKET NUMBER 85901-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID WAYNE BARNES who died Jan 21, 2022, 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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ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 85788-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR. who died Jan 4, 2022, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE P CHANDLER, JR.; EXECUTOR
2053 CANTERBURY ROAD
KINGSPORT, TN. 37664

ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE P CHANDLER, JR.; EXECUTOR
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KINGSPORT, TN. 37664

ESTATE OF GEORGE P CHANDLER, SR.

JONATHAN SEVIER CAVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALD LYNN COLE, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 85864-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GERALD LYNN COLE, SR. who died Nov 8, 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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The Dillards from Mayberry to appear in Townsend

By Mike Steely
Senior Writer
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Remember that family band that appeared on Andy Griffith's Mayberry television series?

The Dillards will be performing at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 7 p.m., before heading to Nashville where they will appear on the Grand Ole Opry the very next night.

In 1963, "The Andy Griffith Show" introduced the world to the Darling family in an episode called "The Darlings Are Coming." What some may not realize is that the Darling boys were actually a musical act called The Dillards.

Brothers Rodney and Douglas Dillard teamed with Mitch Jayne and Dean Webb to form the original line-up in 1962, playing their first show at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. They moved to Los

Angeles that same year, swiftly landing a record deal and an invitation to audition for "The Andy Griffith Show." Obviously, the boys won the role of the Darling boys and appeared in six episodes of the show along with veteran actor, Denver Pyle, who played the part of the boys' father, Briscoe.

The Dillards would become a tremendously influential act on the West Coast and are considered one of the founding groups of the "Country Rock" genre, although they are still revered in Bluegrass circles. In fact, The Dillards were inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame in 2009.

Rodney Dillard, the lone surviving member of the original Dillards, calls the group's latest album "Old Road New Again" the "bookend" to the

band's 1968 masterpiece, "Wheatstraw Suite." That album saw The Dillards evolve from a basic bluegrass ensemble to musical risk-takers who used a full orchestra, electric instruments, studio-layered voices and drums to convey their visions. In so doing, they gave license and inspiration to generations of other musical experimenters. This was the album that caught Elton John's ear and led him to pick The Dillards as the opening act on his first North American tour.

"I wanted to move the group into uncharted musical territory," Rodney explains, "even if it meant risking the ire of the hard line traditional bluegrass folks. I wanted to take what I knew and merge it with what I kept hearing in my head. That began a journey into what would come to be known as

'country-rock.'" Knoxville's Bo Pierce, whose alter ego is Briscoe Darling, says he plans to go to the Townsend concert. That Mayberry character appeared on the Andy Griffith Show as the whiskey jug player in his family band in several episodes. Pierce often appears as Darling in re-enactments, festivals and events.

"Rodney and Beverly Dillard have become good friends over the years. He's the last one standing," Pierce told The Focus.

The Knoxville area is ripe with Mayberry fans with several re-enactors including a Barney Fife or two, a group dedicated to honoring the TV show and even a Mayberry Sheriff's patrol car that you'll see around town.

Pierce appears in the new "Mayberry Man" movie and is looking for an area theater for a showing

of the film. It's about a Hollywood star who speeds through a small town and is sentenced to stay for a Mayberry Festival there.

The film features many re-enactors playing various characters from the iconic television show.

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Air Pollution Control Board Notice

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room (#210) located at the City of Knoxville Public Works Complex at 3131 Morris Ave, Knoxville, TN 37919, on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Public comment is welcome. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Amendments to the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes from meeting of March 2, 2022
- V. Approval of minutes from the workshop of March 31, 2022
- VI. Citizens' comments and requests
- VII. Reports
 1. Director's report
 2. Air Monitoring report
 3. Enforcement report
- VIII. Other business
- IX. Adjournment

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True crime once pervaded the beautiful area beneath the Cherahola Parkway

By Christy Martin

"The Bad Shepherd Joe Shepherd's Dash: A Serial Killer in the Mountains and His Predatory Ways" by Phillip Swanson is a book that will upset your sensibilities but one that you need to read. It was published just a couple of months ago and is a piece of our East Tennessee crime history that, until this book, has not been told in its entirety.

Phillip Swanson writes an interesting story of a notorious killer, Joe Shepherd from Monroe County, Tennessee in his book. The story is outlined around on-going conversations with a young woman and her grandfather's memories and artifacts that surround the media, judicial records, and interviews with those involved in solving the crimes committed by Joe Shepherd.

Tellico Plains, the setting, is a beautiful community that sits below now well-traveled mountain ranges in East Tennessee. During the time of Joe Shepherd's criminality there, the area where the story unfolds, Citico Beach, Coker Creek, etc. was much more remote, dangerous and, obviously from the story, a place that was impoverished and rampant with illegal activities.

In some instances, the people there were not as well educated and faced generational abject poverty. It was and to an extent still is, an isolated mountain area frozen in time. Women and minorities were not considered equal to many. (I have ugly memories from my own childhood of signs posted disallowing blacks to remain in Tellico overnight.) This story is a horrific example of the exploitation of women.

The author does a good job of telling the story through the eyes of law enforcement, relatives and transcripts. The character of Joe Shepherd comes through solidly, as does the lack of tools used and needed for a solid conviction of the many charges against him that he never had to face.

Several were of rapes of women who miraculously survived his brutality and the sad story of Cathy

Clowers, a young woman who was never given the respect of a missing person's report or even a search after not returning from an encounter with Joe Shepherd.

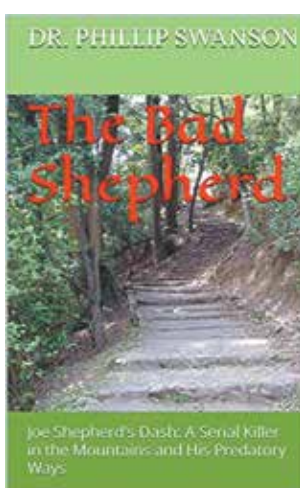
Once captured and charged with murder, Shepherd escaped the McMinn County jail, eluding captivity until years later when an episode on television's Unsolved Mysteries featured his crimes and escape. Because of alert viewers, he was found in Canada where he had found refuge and a new life. He was extradited back to East Tennessee to stand trial.

The book has left me filled with the ugliness of the hard truths of brutality against others that has happened in our beautiful

mountains of East Tennessee.

Only the exposure of those travesties, as in the telling of those stories, will bring those cruelties to the healing light. There are many more stories to be told from that area and from various eras. Thanks to the author Phillip Swanson for writing this story.

The book is available on Amazon in both digital and hard copy. The book is also available at several Monroe and McMinn Co. Outlets: Sweet and Sassy



in Madisonville, Madisonville Golf Course, The Hair Station in Tellico Plains, McMinn County Living Heritage Museum in Athens, and The Englewood Country Store.

Christy Martin is a retired educator of K-12 thru post-secondary and former coordinator of programs for youth in foster care. She is currently a freelance writer and book reviewer with special interests in local history and books written by local writers.

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