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Jacobs: No property tax increase

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs presented his budget proposal and State of the County last week. Photo by Mike Steely.



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Pay raises for employees and more funding for services without a property tax increase were the highlights of the proposed budget Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs presented during his speech in front of a large audience last Monday morning.

In his annual budget

proposal and State of the County address, Mayor Jacobs noted the county property taxes will remain at \$1.5540. The overall budget increases by about \$32 million with 65% going to schools. County employees will see a 2% pay increase to cover the cost of living.

The Engineering and Public Works department will get \$87 million

including safety improvements for roads and intersections and work on pedestrian bridges in Gibbs and Powell.

Jacobs said the school system's budget will increase by almost \$23 million and new teachers will begin with a \$47,000 annual salary. He applauded the Knox County Commission for passing the first phase of Advance Knox.

He also noted the 40-mile-long water trail and the work to build the French Broad Veterans Park overlooking the East Tennessee Volunteer Veterans Cemetery.

The Five Year Plan to deal with housing and the homeless was mentioned by Jacobs as well as the health department's work to renew the county's

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BOE addresses SB1325, calendars

By Ken Leinart

After much discussion and public input, Knox County Board of Education passed a resolution addressing SB1325.

State Senate Bill 1325, which gives permission to school districts in Tennessee to allow armed teachers in classrooms, was passed in late April and signed into law by Gov. Bill Lee.

Before the Knox County Board of Education's Thursday, May 9 meeting was a resolution forwarded by Ninth District's Kristi Kristy: "Discussion and possible action on Resolution Affirming that School Security Officers and School Resource Officers will Continue to be the Armed Personnel on School Campuses."

If only it had been that easy.

Three people spoke against the passage of the resolution during public forum comments. Four spoke in favor of passing such a resolution, with one of the four speakers, Erin Keck, a preschool teacher in Knox County, saying the resolution was next to meaningless without adding the word "only" to the resolution.

That thought persevered during the board's voting process.

First District's John Butler moved to amend the original resolution to read, "Discussion and possible action on Resolution Affirming that School Security Officers and School Resource Officers will Continue to be the ONLY Armed Personnel on School Campuses."

Kristy said her resolution was "clear" and she would only support the original version.

Third District's Daniel Watson said, "Sometimes we (the board) have problems passing a uniformed statement and I hope the word 'only' wouldn't stop that from happening."

It did stop it.

Butler, Watson, Fourth District's Katherine Bike, and Second District's Jennifer Owen voted to pass the amended resolution.

Kristy, Travis Wright (Eighth District), Susan Horn (Fifth District), and Chair Betsy Henderson (Sixth District) voted, "no."

Co-chair Steve Triplett (Seventh District) was absent.

The original resolution then passed 7-0 with one

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Knox County Commission candidate Garrett Holt addresses supporters at Tuesday's fundraiser at Bistro By The Tracks in West Knoxville. Holt is seeking the District 4 seat.

Garrett Holt holds fundraiser at West Knoxville bistro

By Ken Lay

Garrett Holt knows that his quest for a seat on the Knox County Commission is a tireless team effort.

Holt won the recent Republican Primary and has now turned his attention to the general election, which will be held on Aug. 1. He'll face Democrat Shane Jackson for the District 4 seat, which is being vacated by Kyle Ward, who opted not to seek re-election.

"I just want to thank everyone for coming out tonight," Holt said at a fundraiser at the Phoenix Room at Bistro By The Tracks Tuesday night. "I couldn't do this without all of you."

"It's a group effort and I have a great team. We won the primary a couple of months ago and we have a lot of work ahead. You can often find me hiking around and knocking on doors. I've been in 11,000 households since I started in October. It's a

full grassroots effort."

Holt has spent the majority of his life in the Knoxville area. He wants to keep the area special for its residents.

"I've spent most of my life in Knoxville and Knox County and the biggest thing for me is 'How do we keep this special?'" he said. "I see what we have now. And the biggest rule of leadership is to leave something

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Council may alter public speaking rules

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For several meetings, the Knoxville City Council has been badgered and delayed in voting by people speaking on each and every agenda item. On Tuesday the council faces a long agenda and some of the council may be looking for a way to get along with business without the constant interruptions.

During the last two council meetings, local supporters of Palestine have taken the podium to fill their five minutes with little knowledge of the agenda items such as zoning issues or street closings. Each time the speakers, who are required to stick to the local topic, ended their time by shouting, "Cease fire now!"

The first reading for a motion sponsored by Vice

Mayor Tommy Smith and council members Lynne Fugate, Lauren Rider, Debbie Helsley, Seema Singh, Andrew Roberto and Gwen McKenzie — seven of the nine members — is on Tuesday night's agenda. Charles Thomas and Amelia Parker have not added their names as sponsors.

Mayor Indya Kincannon has had to gavel down speakers who have gone

off-topic. During the last meeting, one of the speakers hesitated to step away from the podium and was escorted by police officers away from the podium.

The council also has a 30-minute public forum at the end of each meeting, which can be late in the evening given several speakers during the regular agenda items.

The motion is "to modify

Rule 18: Order of Debate." Currently, the rule allows up to three speakers per agenda item. Citizens must register and identify themselves with the city recorder prior to the meeting and show proper respect and maintain proper decorum in the meeting. If a speaker fails to do so, that person may be removed from the meeting.

Councilman Smith told

The Focus that the rule change may limit speakers on specific agenda items to three minutes instead of five. He said other cities were reviewed about their rules for speakers. There was also some consideration of limiting a speaker to one agenda item rather than allowing speakers to sign up for several issues but that idea has been shelved for the time being.

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Larry Cox Was A Good And Kind Man

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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Larry Cox was one of my closest friends for more than 40 years. When he passed away on October 18 last year, not only did I lose a close friend, but more importantly, the city of Knoxville lost a great man.

Knox News described him as a "true public servant" and said he "was widely known for his generosity and kindness to everyone he met."

Mike Steely wrote an article in this newspaper a few months before Larry died and summed up Larry's life in this way: "He's been

a dynamo of involvement in the city, county, and especially in North Knoxville. His career in athletics and coaching paralleled his many years of service as a city council member and community involvement. As past coach and director of the non-profit Knoxville Falcons, he helped make it possible for thousands of children in Knoxville to have access to learn and play baseball, basketball, football, softball and cheerleading."

Larry did not lead his life on the sidelines or by simply staring at a screen as so many millions do now.

He had many great loves, but first and foremost was his family: his wife, Brenda; his children, Brooke and Shane; and especially his three grandchildren, Brielle, Kingston and Desire.

He was proud of his 20 years on the Knoxville City Council, and he never lost an election. He had a way of mumbling sometimes

that occasionally made him hard to understand. I teased him about that and said he did that on purpose so no one could figure out where he stood on an issue and get mad at him.

But I never heard anyone say a bad word about Larry Cox. In fact, just a few nights ago, a man named Gary Duncan (no relation and someone I had never met before), came up to my wife and me and told us a nice story about Larry.

Mr. Duncan said he used to own a business across from Larry's on North Central. During a snowstorm several years ago, a city truck pushed a big snow pile in front of his business. He said when he arrived, he found Larry out shoveling snow away from Mr. Duncan's business.

Larry spent thousands of hours, often 16-hour days, working for the Knoxville Falcons youth organization. Former Vice Mayor Joe Bailey (who would have

been a great mayor) said, "Cox did more for Knoxville youth than anyone he could think of."

Larry also loved his church, the Emerald Avenue United Methodist. He invited me to the very first meeting of the Emerald Youth Foundation in a conference room at Saint Mary's Hospital, with about 40 or 50 people present. Now, thanks to great work by Larry's close friend, Steve Diggs, they have about 2,000 at their annual breakfast, and Larry always made sure I was there if I was in town.

Larry was also involved in big ways with the Boys and Girls Club, the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, and the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association. He sold me more tickets and ads, by far, than anyone else, sometimes even for civic clubs or groups to which he did not even belong.

He was not all work and

no play. Many Sunday afternoons, Larry, along with Alan Carmichael, the late Bill Vaughan, and I would play golf. He asked a friend to play in a Boys Club tournament with us, and the man said he wasn't very good and that he would probably hit about 100. Larry told him, "You'll be our A player then."

Another time he asked me to write a letter to help him be named as Alumnus of the Year for Middle Tennessee State University, from which he had graduated. I wrote a serious letter about all his community activities, but I added a last paragraph about his golf.

It said: "On a side note, Larry is an especially dedicated, but not particularly talented golfer. But if he hits a 10 on a hole, that's the score he puts down." He told me later that two members of the board mentioned his golf to him and he believed that helped him be selected for

the high honor.

One of his greatest loves was always Fulton High School where he attended and played football. He has always supported everything Fulton has ever done.

Now, a group of his friends has started a Larry Cox Legacy Project for Fulton High School. It will provide facility improvements for athletes that are really much needed in such an older school.

I hope many people will contribute to this project in honor of a wonderful man. The contributions are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to Fulton High School, 2509 North Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917, with Cox Legacy written on the memo line.

In the Bible, it says Noah was a good man and that he "walked with God." Larry was a good man, and in all the many things he did for others - especially little children - he, too, walked with God.

Garrett Holt holds fundraiser at West Knoxville bistro

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better than you found it. "I want us to look back in 10, 15 or 20 years, and I want us to look back and say that we still have this special place."

The seat has been traditionally held by Republicans, but Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs cautioned against voter apathy and complacency, which he said has plagued

the party's voters in recent elections.

"If you want to keep Knoxville and Knox County the special place that it is, you have to elect people like Garrett," said Jacobs, who was the event keynote speaker. "People are moving here. They're coming because this is a special place, but you have to get out and vote. When I was elected in 2018, I won

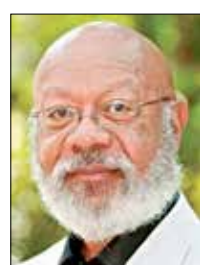
63 (percent)-37 (percent). When I won re-election, I lost eight points and won, 55-45. The Democrats are good at organizing and good at getting their voters out to vote."

Jacobs made his appearance one day after giving his State of the County Address. After his remarks, he met with executives from Green Tech, which is coming to Knoxville.

"After I gave my State of the County Address, where we had an invocation and we had the Pledge of Allegiance, I met with executives of Green Tech, and they were surprised that we actually still did those things," Jacobs said. "And they said that was the reason, they wanted to come here."

Israel is its own 'closest' ally

Don't get me wrong, I am no fan of Israel. I have not forgiven them for the bombing of the US Liberty and never will. The Israelis and their sycophants worldwide proselytize, cajole, bribe, manipulate, and influence politicians and the media. It is therefore interesting that the media has turned on Israel and are sympathetic to the pro-Hamas anti-semitic crowd. It is always said that the United States is Israel's closest ally. That may be true but it is clear that Israel does not return the favor. Israel is primarily focused on its own survival - a fact that I completely understand. Everything is predicated by that fact. I am not opposed to arms sales to Israel but I am opposed to giving them grants when they are perfectly capable of paying for the armaments. I am not opposed to their extermination of Hamas - or Hezbollah - given the threat to the survival of the country. I do not know enough about how to conduct war, much less urban warfare, to be critical of their tactics in Gaza. However, the mere fact that Israel was totally unprepared for the events of October 7 is a real puzzle. The Israelis have strict gun control laws. One would have expected that every household near their borders would have been heavily armed. One would have thought that Israel's border defenses would be stout and vigilant. One would have thought that there would have been a military presence at the



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music festival that was ravished by the Hamas raiders. Yet none of that is true. It is as though the Israelis were inviting an attack by Hamas to give them an excuse for going

into Gaza to eradicate the threat. However, the counter to that is why would the citizens living near the border not insist on security 24/7? I have no answers.

Now Israel is poised to go into Rafah despite the warnings from Biden who looks weak by trying to placate both sides. But Israel must go into Rafah or else it would have lost the war, leaving intact the threat of Hamas. Although Hamas cannot be eradicated it can be reduced from a fighting force to a bunch of single suicide bombers. That is Israel's goal. Some have said that if Israel attacks Rafah it will become a pariah nation. Whoopie. It would then join Russia, China, Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, Sudan, Afghanistan, Belarus, Myanmar and more than a few others with that label.

Israel will only negotiate with Hamas and agree to a cease fire only if it is in Israel's interests. To have a cease fire without the return of all the hostages would result in the removal of Netanyahu so that is off the table. I think that the reason Hamas has not agreed to release the hostages is that most of them have been killed. If that is fact true, then all that has transpired will look like child's play. I think that the gloves will come

completely off and Israel will stop trying to somewhat placate its critics in minimizing civilian casualties. Some Israeli apologists have pointed out that the civilian-to-terrorist ratio is low compared to other conflicts. But how does anyone know given that the civilian casualty statistics come from Hamas?

I have little doubt that Israel will be able to degrade Hamas as an effective military and political force because the Israelis do not coddle the opinions of others. They will ignore Biden, the student protestors, the rising antisemitism in the Western world. They will do what they think is best. Isn't it interesting is that the Arab world seems to be sitting idly by and not coming to the aid of Hamas? Even Hamas' main patron Iran is doing nothing visible. Iran's response to the Israeli assignation of its generals was feeble and impotent at best. Jordan partnered with Israel and the US in thwarting the Iranian missile attack. Egypt has continued to strengthen its border at Rafah to keep the Palestinians out. No Arab country has offered the Palestinians asylum - except of course the stupid Biden Administration. Obviously the Arabs have no love for Hamas and the Palestinians. It appears that their only support manifests itself in our leftist "progressive" politicians, Muslim communities and the impotent protests of a small group of naïve, spoiled, privileged children on college campuses.

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Pure Politics

Last week was a momentous week for firsts. Joe Biden finally had something to say about the violent anti-Israel campus riots across the country, condemning what he admitted wasn't a "peaceful protest." "We are not an authoritarian nation where we silence or squash dissent," Biden said at his press conference. That just isn't true. College and university campuses have long been sites where those with conservative voices were silenced and dissent has regularly been squashed. It's not fake news, but it certainly is old news.

rush in to score political points," Biden said. "But this isn't a moment for politics. It's a moment for clarity." As to be expected, Old Joe provided no clarity at all and his reading off his teleprompter was all about politics and nothing else. Why did it take so long for Biden to condemn the violence? Why hasn't he made a statement about the violence against the civil rights of Jewish students? Why did he have to intertwine his statement with yet another mention of "Islamophobia?" That can be answered in a single word: MICHIGAN. Biden is attempting to appease the great majority of Americans who have been utterly appalled by the slaughter of Israeli citizens on October 7, as well as divert attention from the pro-Hamas demonstrators like Khymani James who is one of the leaders of the rioting at Columbia University. James stated, "I feel very comfortable, very comfortable calling for (Zionists) to die." Evidently, James believes as a gay Black man, he is immune from making racist utterances, but his comment is undeniably worthy of any Nazi working at a

concentration camp. "Be grateful that I'm not just going out and murdering Zionists," James posted on social media.

Is it any wonder that some rioters across the country have been photographed giving the raised arm salute given by Nazis? It shouldn't surprise a single soul.

Biden also finally acknowledged, "Destroying property is not a peaceful protest." Wow. He had nothing to say during the summer of the Antifa riots when communities were being looted and buildings, including those owned by the federal government, were being burned.

Leftists and their media personalities have clutched their pearls and nearly fainted dead away when no less than Al Sharpton compared the college and university riots to January 6th. Yep, it wasn't just me, or another conservative. Sharpton said Democrats were losing the "moral high ground" by refusing to admit the obvious.

The literature being distributed among the rioters is increasingly violent and calling for more violence. As this is written, one

Jewish student had been beaten unconscious, and others harassed, intimidated and threatened.

As is typical with Joe Biden, he made his statement but didn't really do anything. On his way out, he said he wouldn't call in the National Guard. So, what was the purpose of his statement? It wasn't leading with kindness and none of the people who claim to do that have any right to utter those words without having condemned violence against the Jewish people. It wasn't basic human decency. If we rule out someone having left more cocaine in the White House, demonic possession, and adjusting his meds, that leaves only one thing: politics. Precisely what he said it wasn't.

with a finite amount of money, something the federal government seems unable to do.

The General Assembly increased the starting salaries of teachers; now the starting salary for a new teacher is \$47,000 in Knox County. It will be \$51,000 for a teacher with a master's degree. I understand there has been a dearth of students coming out of colleges and universities to be teachers. Still, legislators who supported the pay jump have no right to criticize the federal government for passing unfunded mandates, as they've done the same thing. As far as I can see, they didn't send along the money to pay for the increased salaries.

What most Knox Countians don't understand is that two entities of local government consume roughly 3/4 of the entire budget: the schools and Knox County Sheriff's Office. Every other aspect of government is funded through the remaining one quarter of the budget. We have some very hard-working county employees who perform their jobs as well as their counterparts in the schools and the

sheriff's department, yet they always have to make do with less money. The City of Knoxville's government's budget is less than half that of Knox County, not because it is well managed - - - the city raises property taxes every three or four years and continues to spend - - - but has no schools and provides only police and fire protection and garbage pick-up.

There is some growing resentment on the part of those other county employees who work just as hard and do just as fine a job in offices that are of importance to our local community. State legislators should be more cognizant about passing unfunded mandates, no matter how good the case is. Increasing the cost of local government and straining the budget is simply another form of increasing taxes, especially during a time of high inflation. Of course, no employee, teacher, deputy, or regular county employee is going to receive the kind of raise that is higher than the current inflation. Nor will most people in the United States.

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ambulance service. The Knox County Commission takes up the budget proposal Monday at 3:30 p.m. and a public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 4 p.m. preceding the commission's work session.

Dwight Van de Vate opened the presentation Monday morning and the invocation was presented by Pastor Zac Stevens, the National Anthem by the Central High School Bobcat Company, the Pledge

of Allegiance by two Mill Creek Students, and the mayor was introduced by Circuit Court Clerk Charlie Susano.

The Reverend Pat Polis gave the benediction.

Mayor Jacobs told the audience that Knox County will continue to change and told of ways the county can adapt, including limiting sprawl. He spoke about each county department and mentioned the county's new outdoor basketball tournament coming this year.

Knox Ethics Committee meets briefly under Vice Chair

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The Knox County Ethics Committee meets quarterly to consider complaints filed against officials but there have not been any for a few years. All complaints are reviewed by the Knox County Law Department and, if found credible, are passed along to the ethics group.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County Law Director David Buuck guides Ethics Vice Chairwoman Kathryn Ogrod through the formalities of running a meeting.

Chairman Michael Covington stepped away from the chair during Wednesday morning's meeting. He told The Focus that he has many years of service on the group as a member and chair and he feels other members should have some experience in running the meetings. He selected Vice Chair Kathryn Ogrod, changed chairs with her, and she called the meeting to order.

Law Director David Buuck guided Ogrod through the brief agenda. Covington said he wanted her to get some experience

so she could fill in if he were absent. He also noted that the ethics committee will meet twice again this year, in August, and in November, when the group will reorganize. He also said he hopes to remain on the group in whatever capacity they decide.

The highlight of the meeting was ethics member Krystal Gibson's devotional. She spoke of a little boy picking starfish up on the beach and tossing them

back into the water. A man asked him why and the boy replied that he made a difference in life for each beached starfish he threw back into the water.

The ethics committee is made up of one citizen appointed by the sheriff, three appointed by the Knox County Mayor, five appointed by the Knox County Commission, and three non-voting members representing the mayor, sheriff and commission.

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pass, but Kristy did tell the board her resolution implied teachers would not be allowed to carry firearms.

A similar resolution put before the board Thursday night by Bike which did include the word "only" was withdrawn after it was forwarded.

In withdrawing her resolution, Bike apologized to those who had reached out and wanted "only" added to the resolution.

The board also approved the 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 school calendars, though there was some discussion about sending those back for review.

Bike addressed the board and said Watson said some parents had concerns about the number of early dismissal days included in the calendars.

Those days are used for professional development.

Horn said it was more of a "disconnect" between principals, teachers, and

parents.

Professional development days are needed, she said, and maybe parents didn't understand how important those days play into a teacher's ability to keep up with data and new ideas and concepts in education.

There was some talk about sending at least the 2025-2026 calendar back for review, but it died without a second.

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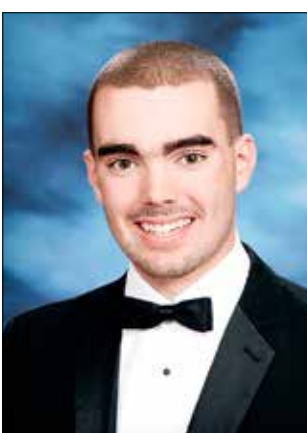
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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Culled

My revenge will be success and making America great again. President Trump

One of the painful truths about gardening is that you must prune if you want to produce. Perhaps my reluctance is because our South Knoxville soil is so bad that I'm happy when anything grows. In fact, all the plantings around our house required that I dig substantial holes removing the three types of clay that we have on our farm. We have red clay, yellow clay, and grayish-green clay which a naturalist, shaking his head, told me was devoid of life.

However, we have horses and manure, and when mixed with shavings turn poor dirt into fine loamy soil full of "worm-sign," to borrow the phrase from the movie "Dune."

Annie Dillard's homage to nature's wonders in "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" remains on

my top ten book list. Dillard observed that "Nature is profligate." People with hay fever understand this as springtime pollen assaults their eyes and noses. Even if you don't have seasonal allergies, consider the dandelion which sends seeds floating on the breeze like miniature parachutes. In the dandelion's struggle for life, myriads of seeds are released on the wind in the hope that one will find a niche.

I have a substantial garden and a small orchard and vineyard. It broke my heart, but I spent last week culling 100s of young peaches from the half dozen trees in my orchard. It is necessary to give the peaches room to develop and to focus the tree's energy. The same culling is necessary with pears and grapes. And less spraying is necessary when overgrown limbs and foliage are removed.

My sister-in-law and

husband had a ranch in Colorado where we were fortunate to enjoy in the winter to ski in nearby Telluride and in the summer to hike in the San Juan Mountains. I was amazed to see dead tree trunks scattered everywhere across forest floors and to learn that in the West wood takes decades to decompose. There is less humidity in the Rocky Mountains to support fungus and termites which decompose and eat wood.

We Tennesseans live in an area where humidity/moisture allows fungus/mold to thrive as well as termites. Consequently, dead trees rot relatively quickly in Tennessee forests. Additionally, I must spray to suppress fungus and insects if I want to control nature's chaotic exuberance.

Sane Americans feel that the pro-Hamas, college radicals should be similarly culled. Isn't it amazing that anti-Semitism is not considered racist like discrimination against people of color? If the Ku Klux Klan were rioting on campuses, liberal-progressive Democrats and leftists would be apoplectic. Are we to tolerate a "college caliphate" or a "collegiate Antifa?"

A friend sent me a trope that goes, "Tolerance leads to acceptance. Acceptance leads to corruption and

corruption leads to collapse." I looked for the author, but couldn't find a source and suspect it is a condensed version of a widely circulated email from some years ago. And it seems to have come true. The radicals have done nothing for their cause, have damaged their future careers and have blacklisted their schools.

So, how did we arrive at the chaos on college campuses? I came of age in the turbulent 1960s during the Watts' riots in Los Angeles and the anti-Vietnam war protests on college campuses. I registered for the draft and once walked past a demonstration against the war on my way to class. The pre-med curriculum was demanding, so I couldn't afford to march, camp out or occupy buildings. And after my sophomore year, I had to even quit the UT hockey team and go to the library to study. Apparently, "Keffiyeh Karen" was not similarly challenged by her studies. Perhaps she is majoring in Riot 101 as she demanded vegan food, water, sunscreen, inhalers and Plan B medications be delivered to her encamped radicals. I loved the news clip of "soy boy" brandishing a plastic garbage lid being knocked on his ass when he charged a policeman in Portland.

So why have some college

administrators allowed this chaos to continue instead of expelling the radicals from school and arresting the professional agitators? The radicals in my time have become today's professors who now teach the useful student idiots Cultural Marxism. Similarly, the elitist college administrators we observed during Congressional hearings on antisemitism are part of the problem. So, it's no wonder that the pro-Hamas riots were allowed to continue. (If you need a refresher on the origin of the college chaos, search the Focus archives for my explanation, November 27, 2023, and learn how Marxism came to America.) And tragically, the Cultural Marxism of the education-industrial complex now extends to K-12.

America is in chaos and under a multi-pronged attack by liberal-progressive Democrats, leftist radicals and Biden's handlers. Ol' Joe is a useful figurehead and a dishonest crook. There's an old saying about career politicians like Joe that goes, "He's a crook, but he's our crook."

Greg Gutfeld had a wonderful monologue comparing the reasoned and practical "dad brain" with the childish "Internet brain" of idiot college radicals. The term "useful idiots" is attributed to Vladimir Lenin, but

seems apropos today. I would not use the term idiot for George Soros who is funding the college chaos and numerous other anti-American attacks. I would use the terms malevolent and Machiavellian.

Biden and Democrats own the college chaos, the border disaster, Bidenomics, wars in Europe and the Middle East. The billions Biden and Obama gave Iran as bribes did nothing but fund terrorist groups and Hamas weaponry. But who knows, some of that Iranian money has been offered for pro-Hamas scholarships at American colleges. And I wonder if some of it will supplement professor's salaries when enrollment and endowments tank.

As I said last week, our captain of the ship is a disaster. And his crew are busy perverting the legal system with Democrat lawfare against President Trump. Since Biden and Democrats cannot run on their destructive records, the only thing that fuels them is hatred of Trump and fear of justice. I can only pray that the American people will hold the destroyers accountable in November.

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Visiting Rising Fawn, Georgia

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

For several years I had a position with a publishing company and made many trips from East Tennessee around the region, including into Georgia and beyond. One of my favorite places along the way was the little town of Rising Fawn, inside that little nook of northwest Georgia just south of Chattanooga.

I chanced across Rising Fawn while traveling and stopped to research the Cherokee resistance to white settlement.

Rising Fawn is located just off Interstate 59 south of Trenton and there's not much to the small town but it's literally packed with history.

The little unincorporated town began as a trading post with nearby Cherokee that lived in Lookout Valley and was the home of Cherokee Chief Bob Bengé or Benje. Bengé was a warrior under his uncle, Chief Doublehead, and raided East Tennessee for many years before being shot and killed near Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Bengé's family removed



Rising Fawn's nearby Cloudland Canyon State Park has beautiful overlooks, hiking and camping, and is a great break from daily cares and woes.

west about 1838 during the Trail of Tears and many of his family members still live in Oklahoma.

Rising Fawn gets its

name from a Cherokee legend. A newborn was named for the first thing seen after the birth. That morning a small deer fawn

rose from its nature bed, stretched its limbs and ran into the forest. The child was named for the rising

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Madden is Sixteen, Oh Lord!

Amy and I traveled to Hendersonville to celebrate our grandson's birthday. He was born on May 1, 2019. On that day, the rain poured, and Nashville flooded. Fifteen years later, the boy is 16 and street legal. Yep, he has a license, so for the next couple of years, his family will be saying prayers and holding our breaths while he is driving on the roads.

Madden had a soccer game on Saturday, so both sets of his grandparents and his parents opened our folding chairs, waited through an hour-long rain delay, and cheered for him. His team



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didn't win, a fact that perturbed the boy because he wanted a good outcome since we were there. Madden played defense and did a magnificent job. His speed amazed me, and his ability to determine a cutoff angle fascinated me.

What I learned this weekend is that my grandson is a "typical boy." That sounds strange, but he has been so quiet for so many years that I wasn't sure if he was a loner or a genius. Madden isn't any one kind of person. As a toddler, he loved attention and thought his grandparents were the greatest

people on the planet. He stayed the week after Memorial Day with us, and we traveled around the area to find adventures that he would enjoy. Most of the time, they were fun ones. However, at one point, Amy had to go to work, so I was left in charge, something that should never happen. At some point during the week, I pulled out the riding mower, sat Madden on my lap and let him drive the machine all over our spacious yard. He smiled the entire time and never seemed to tire of the activity.

One day, we went inside to eat lunch. I sat him down and slathered a piece of bread with peanut butter and jelly. He consumed the

sandwich quickly, and we went back outside to ride the mower. While we were on the first loop of the property, I noticed a rash developing on the boy's cheeks. Then it hit me. Madden was allergic to peanuts.

In an instant, I called Amy to tell her what I had done. She told me to calm down and take Madden to the emergency room. I felt like a child abuser as the staff seemed to stare at me with disgust. Surely, Lacey and Nick never again would let Madden come for a stay at our house.

My grandson survived and my guilt overwhelmed me for some time. I'm glad Madden remained healthy and that he has found his way in high school. He does

well in classes; he took band and then dropped it so he could take a math class, a move I'll never understand. He has friends with whom he "hangs out," and I don't want to know what they do. No, I don't suspect foul play or drugs, but teenagers find incredibly "stupid" activities to take up their free time, just as my friends and I did so many years ago.

Two things separate our generations: cell phones and video games. We older folks can't figure out how to use them, and the younger folks can't live without them. However, when the rare chance comes when Madden isn't using either device, we have conversations. One happened this weekend. He walked into

our bedroom and sat down on the bed. For the next few minutes, we just talked about him—driving, classes, soccer, and any other topic that might pop up. It was the most wonderful time I'd had with my grandson since the day I almost killed him.

I love teenagers. They are smarter than adults in so many ways. Madden is one of the smartest young people I know. He has a variety of interests and pulls the same "bone-headed" acts that I once did. He will be a success at whatever he chooses to do because his parents have instilled in him a work ethic and the need to complete tasks. Life will be good for him. Let's all just say prayers each day for his driving safety.

The Inevitability of Conflict

Divided people, family discord, broken friendships and damaged relationships are as timeless as two brothers named Cain and Abel standing in a field disagreeing over their sacrifices to the Lord. Unfortunately, the human experience is often strewn with division, disagreement, disparity and disputes. Conflict is inevitable. How we choose to respond to conflict is up to us.

Over the last few weeks, I have been digging deeper into the life and lessons of Abraham, the patriarch of every major religion of the

world. After taking a close look into his life, it becomes conspicuous that faith is not immunity to the realness of life. Anchored faith in God isn't merely believing that God exists, anchored faith is trusting God as we experience life. Abraham learned the importance of faith in his own journey. Abraham may have lived in a different culture, worn different clothes, lived in a different geographical area and spoken another language, but at the foundational level, he is a stark reminder that humanity really hasn't changed much.

I believe that one of the greatest tests he faced was learning to navigate the breakdown of human relationships as a man who walked with God by faith. In Genesis Chapter 13, we are introduced to a family crisis, when the material assets of Abraham and

his nephew Lot were too expanded to remain on the same land. Their prosperity caused their herdsmen to have conflict. Expanding flocks and increased herds required more land to graze and water to drink in a land recovering from a famine. This setting has all of the elements necessary for inevitable conflict.

Conflict is certainly part of the human experience. None of us will stride through life without certain circumstances leading to conflict. The conditions as to why will vary greatly but one thing is for sure: life will produce differences that sometime seem to prevent agreements. The question is not "Will we have conflict?" But rather, "How do those who walk by faith respond?" Abraham's approach holds some valuable keys to help us navigate this common enemy.

The choices that he made are a

revelation of his character. When contention happened, the first thing Abraham does is encounter it directly and immediately. He doesn't allow it to fester, he seeks a remedy as quickly as possible. Secondly, he exercises wisdom and discernment. "We be brethren" was his expression to his nephew. He's saying, "We're not just relatives biologically, but we are connected theologically." And he understood that their relationship was more important than what they had, who was right, who was wrong and who got what. Lastly, he exhibited kindness and generosity. Not every relationship will be restored. Sometimes, some situations prove that separation is necessary and the best path forward. Even when parting is necessary, determine to do it with integrity and compassion. Abraham demonstrates kindness

in the fact that as the elder and the patron of the land, he offers to Lot whatever he chooses. I will repeat what was stated earlier, conflict is inevitable but we determine our response and reaction. We never have to be intentionally unkind. Be like Abraham and exercise godly kindness even when conflict occurs.

Jesus left these parting words to His disciples that I leave with you: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for THEY shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9) God says you are blessed when you give up your rights to another. No pie is ever cut perfectly. So, when the pie is finally cut, determine to give someone else the bigger piece. This, my friends, is one of the tickets to making a world that will always have conflict a better place to live in. Be blessed.



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Visiting Rising Fawn, Georgia

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fawn. The town has long been rumored to have a nearby silver or lead mine where the tribe mined and made bullets. The source of the ore has never been found.

With the Cherokee removed, white settlement began about 1840 with the arrival of the John Hanna family and others. Originally the settlement was named "Hanna" for the Hanna family plantation and post office. It was later known as Staunton and then Rising Fawn for the legend.

During the Civil War the village was occupied by three companies of Confederate soldiers who took part in the Battle of Lookout Mountain. An iron furnace was built about 1873 and demolished in 1926 with remains yet

standing. The community grew to about 1,500 people and put in brick sidewalks, running water and oil street lamps. In the 1890s, Rising Fawn had a brass band which played from a band stand and offered passenger railroad service.

The town was incorporated in 1879 and had a newspaper. Today the old town has only about 3,000 residents in the area.

Cloudland Canyon State Park is nearby on the western edge of Lookout Mountain. Boulder-strewn Sitton Gulch Creek cuts a deep gorge into the mountain. Sitton's Gulch Trail runs parallel to the creek. The short, steep Waterfalls Trail, with stairs down into the canyon, leads to Cherokee Falls and Hemlock Falls, where water cascades down into pools.

Nearby, Sitton's Cave has mineral formations.

The park, founded in 1958, also offers scenic views, picnicking and camping. It's located at 122 Cloudland Canyon Park Road, 30738, and has a Rising Fawn postal address. It's open until 10 p.m. each day and can be called at 706-657-4050. You can also find the park and Rising Fawn, Ga., on the internet with some great photos and additional information.

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'Martin, Barton and Fish' Hamilton Fish of New York

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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During his time, Hamilton Fish was one of the more controversial members of Congress. A genuine war hero who was roundly hated by internationalists in the United States and was a burr under the saddle of President Franklin Roosevelt. Fish was a constant irritant to FDR, whose mansion in Hyde Park was in the district of Congressman Hamilton Fish. Simply put, Hamilton Fish was Franklin Roosevelt's congressman. When the long-lived former congressman died, Representative Benjamin Gilman said, "For 102 years, Congressman Fish was not just an eyewitness to more than half our nation's history, but he was also a major player."

Fish was one of the better-known congressional critics of the New Deal and internationalism during his nearly twenty-five years in Congress. Described at various times as "fire-breathing," "acerbic" and worse, Fish was impossible to ignore.

Hamilton Fish was the scion of a family long prominent in New York politics and business. His grandfather, the original Hamilton Fish, had been secretary of state under President Ulysses S. Grant. Fish's father, Hamilton Fish II, had also represented New York in the U.S. House of Representatives. Fish's son, Hamilton Fish IV, was also elected to Congress from New York, serving from 1969 -1995. Fish and his wife Grace Chapin Rogers Fish also had a daughter, Lillian, who married the son of publisher William Randolph Hearst. The original Hamilton Fish's father, Nicholas, was a member of George Washington's staff. Nicholas Fish named his son after his close friend Alexander Hamilton.

During the First World War, Fish led a battalion of Black soldiers who won acclaim for their heroism. Fish was in charge of the legendary 369th Infantry, an all-Black unit from Harlem. Fish was awarded the Silver Star and the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action. When he returned to the States, Hamilton Fish became one of the founders of the American Legion.

As a boy, Hamilton Fish attended the same school his father had near Geneva, Switzerland, the Chateau de Lancy. Later, Fish attended a boarding school in Massachusetts. Fish always described himself as a "B student" and he excelled at various sports. In truth, Fish graduated cum laude in three years' time from Harvard.

Throughout his time in Congress, Hamilton Fish strongly supported veterans and the rights of Black Americans and advocated

for the State of Israel.

Hamilton Fish was first elected to Congress in 1920, the first year women had the right to vote in federal elections. Warren G. Harding swamped Democratic nominee James Cox to win the presidency after the eight years of Woodrow Wilson's administration. Fish assumed office immediately following the election as he had won a special election as well as the regular election due to the resignation of his predecessor in Congress.

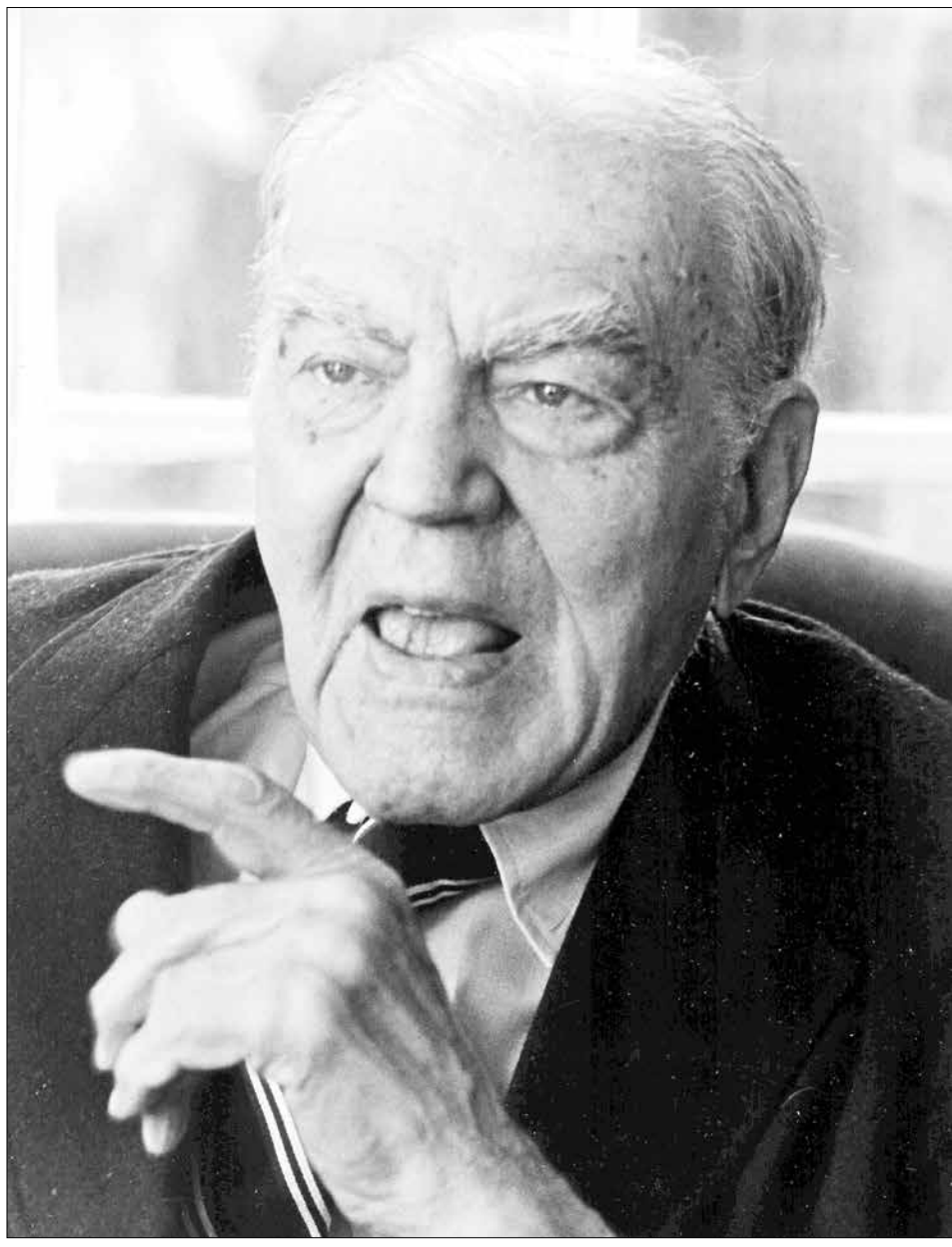
Like his friend and colleague Carroll Reece of Tennessee, Hamilton Fish was one of many returning veterans who won a seat in the House of Representatives that year.

As times change, so do issues. Fish had been a progressive Republican like Theodore Roosevelt when he was first elected to Congress and became increasingly more conservative over the years.

By the time Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to the presidency, Congressman Fish was a firm opponent of much of the New Deal. With the rise of the fascist dictatorships of Benito Mussolini in Italy and Adolf Hitler in Germany, war clouds gathered once again in Europe. That, along with the aggressive expansion by the Japanese Empire in the Far East troubled the civilized nations of the world. As war appeared to be imminent, the majority of Americans remained firmly opposed to American intervention. Like many who have witnessed war firsthand, Hamilton Fish was adamantly against American intervention and fought to keep the United States neutral. The New York congressman was one of the loudest voices in Congress who fought President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull to revise the Neutrality Act in 1939.

During his 1940 campaign for a third term, Franklin Roosevelt spoke at Madison Square Garden where he denounced critics of his foreign policy. In his speech, President Roosevelt recalled that the boys in his native Dutchess County used to nail up the hides of foxes and weasels. "Tonight I am going to nail up the falsifications that have to do with our relations with the rest of the world," Roosevelt told his audience. The president hammered home rearing America, quoting "ex-President" Herbert Hoover, Senators Taft and Vandenberg, and Hamilton Fish.

Roosevelt hit his stride by using a cadence comparable to the children's rhyme about "Winken, Blinken and Nod." "Britain



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93-year-old former Congressman Hamilton Fish makes a point in 1982.

would never have received one ounce of help from us - - - if the decision had been left to Martin, Barton and Fish," FDR cried. It was not long before Roosevelt had the audience chanting "Martin, Barton and Fish" along with him.

Years later, Hamilton Fish told an interviewer he had not been bothered by the speech. "That Martin-Barton-Fish thing was one of the best things that could have happened to me," the former congressman insisted. "It made me famous all over the country."

Congressman Fish retorted bitterly, saying Roosevelt was responsible for "lying" the United States into the Second World War. Fish was as fierce an anti-Communist as he was for American neutrality. Like most mere mortals, Hamilton Fish didn't always exercise the best judgment in some situations. A member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Fish was traveling in Europe well before the Second World War when he was on his way to, ironically, a peace conference in Oslo, Norway. Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's foreign minister, put his personal plane at the congressman's disposal. Fish's political enemies never forgave nor forgot it, especially at election time. Later Fish recalled, "Ribbentrop was an entirely different man than I thought. He was a very charming, good-looking man who talked English as well as I did. He was against the war. Hitler did not want to go to war with England."

Ordinarily mild-mannered Virginia Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum once torched Fish in a speech on the floor where he declared of his New York colleague, "There is no member of this or any other body who has so unflinchingly, so persistently, so regularly, so systematically and so ineffectively opposed the present Administration."

Still Hamilton Fish never failed to attract attention. The New Yorker referred to New Deal spending as "squandermania."

Congressman Fish's Secretary (Chief of Staff) George Hill, a "slight, nervous, bespectacled" man, ran into some considerable legal difficulties. In the midst of an investigation about the lobbying of suspected foreign agents, George Hill had told a grand jury that he had had nothing to do with supposed Nazi agents. A federal court found Hill guilty of lying under oath. TIME magazine, owned by publishing magnate Henry Luce, husband of glamorous playwright and sometime Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce, was a staunch internationalist, a viewpoint ingrained into TIME. The leading news magazine of its day and read by millions of Americans weekly, TIME habitually battered those congressmen and senators who reflected the views of their constituents who wanted nothing to do with foreign wars. One of TIME's favorite targets was Congressman Hamilton Fish. TIME gleefully related the story of George Hill's legal woes in a story entitled, "Not Fish, But Foul." The news magazine noted George Hill and Hamilton Fish had met on the battlefields of France during the First World War and had been close friends ever since. Hill had been summoned before the grand jury to explain what he knew about George Sylvester Viereck, who was believed to be a Nazi agent (he was later convicted of the charge), as well as a shadowy organization called the Islands For War Debts. That same organization was sending out hundreds of thousands of speeches made in Congress by senators and congressmen against American intervention prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Those speeches were sent in envelopes bearing the "frank," the

facsimile of the signature of a member of Congress, allowing it to be mailed for free. An investigation revealed George Hill had sent a truck owned by the House of Representatives to pick up large bags of mail from the Islands For War Debts. Hill denied knowing Viereck or having sent a truck. He was promptly indicted for perjury.

Some of Fish's comments were also used by his political enemies, who insisted he was sympathetic to the Germans. Despite the best efforts of Franklin Roosevelt and the Democratic Party, both nationally and in New York, Hamilton Fish proved to be almost impossible to beat at the polls. It took several events to finally defeat Hamilton Fish. The Republican machine in New York State was controlled by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, an internationalist who was not an admirer of Congressman Fish. In 1944, the Republican machine backed Augustus W., Bennett inside the GOP primary in New York's 29th Congressional District. Fish won the nomination with better than 56% of the ballots cast. The general election was a rematch between the two candidates as Bennett was the Democratic nominee, as well as that of several lesser parties, including the Liberal Party, the American Labor Party, and the Good Government Party. Bennett won with 53% of the vote. Considering the formidable political and media forces arrayed against him, Fish made a good showing. Perhaps the most important factor leading to the defeat of Congressman Hamilton Fish was Governor Dewey having Fish's congressional district redrawn.

If critics thought Hamilton Fish would go quietly into the night, they were seriously mistaken. While they had deprived Fish of his forum inside the House of Representatives, they never succeeded in

silencing him. Until the end of his life, Hamilton Fish was a spokesperson against Communism.

Fish's wife Grace Chapin Fish died in 1960. The former congressman married Marie Blackton in 1966; after her death, Fish married Alice Desmond in 1976. The couple divorced and the former congressman married for the fourth and final time to his personal secretary, Lydia Ambrogio, at age 99. Aside from veteran's events, Hamilton Fish was a fixture at Harvard commencements until the end of his life. Nor did the former congressman ever lose his interest in public affairs or travel. Fish had a home in Cold Springs, New York, outside of New York City as well as an apartment in the city. Fish maintained an office inside his apartment that was cluttered with memorabilia and reminders of his past and present. Fish kept up a personal correspondence with acquaintances, of which this writer was one. The former congressman was usually attended by his small dog in his office where he answered his mail and made himself available for interviews. When ABC News put out a documentary on the life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1982, one of those interviewed was former Congressman Hamilton Fish, dapper in a blue suit. Fish insisted FDR would have continued running for office and would have served ten terms had he lived long enough.

Remaining active long after most men had died, much less retired, Hamilton Fish lived to celebrate his 102nd birthday in December 1990. Fish died January 18, 1991, of congestive heart failure. By the time of his death, the former congressman was known as Hamilton Fish Sr. while his son, the congressman, was known as Hamilton Fish Jr. The elder Fish's grandson, also named Hamilton, ran for Congress unsuccessfully as a Democrat. Doubtless, it gave the former congressman great satisfaction to see his son elected in 1968 to the seat he had once held more than twenty years earlier. I can still recall in my mind a photograph of Congressman Fish aiding his father on one side, while the grandson supported his grandfather on the other. Both were dressed casually while Hamilton Fish Sr., true to his generation, wore a tie and blue blazer, steady-ing himself with a cane and wearing his American Legion hat. To the end of his life, Hamilton Fish continued to attend veterans' gatherings.

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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, Gate Lane Partners, LLC, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024, 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 SW, 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 party may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Department of Justice, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, Estate of Jon E. Hankins, Total Automotive Protection Plan, LLC, LVNV Funding, LLC, Jolana & Mitch Carpenter, and State of Tennessee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the date of the sale to another date or time, and place certain without further publication, upon the announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Gregory T. Pratt, Substitute Trustee
705 Gate Lane, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-769-6969

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914.

IN RE: MICHAEL A. SMITH
Plaintiff,

v.

ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NO. 208177-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

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 ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914, it is ordered that said defendant, ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR ANY DEFENDANT WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 224 S. ELMWOOD STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914 file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID J. OTTEN, an Attorneys whose address is, PO BOX 32211, Knoxville, TN 37930 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancery Court, Division III, 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 APRIL, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN CARVER

DOCKET NUMBER 86271-2

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition, which is sworn to, that the heirs at law, Tasha LeaAnn Whitehead and Lauren Michelle Carver are a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary process cannot be served upon them. Said beneficiaries must file an Answer or Objection in the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, and with Administrator's attorney, Jennifer L. Chadwell, whose address is P.O. Box 4038, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, within 30 days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said heirs at law. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This the 2 day of MAY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold, Clerk and Master.
Attorney: Jennifer L. Chadwell.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

IN RE: MARGARET DUTY, Administratrix of the Estate of Rory Dale Harmon Plaintiff

v. VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

Defendants

NO. 200168-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN" or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon:

VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN"

it is ordered that said defendants, VICKIE HARMON SCOTT HARMON COREY STUMP KAREN LEE PATRICK LEE

And THE UNKNOWN PATERNAL HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN OF RORY DALE HARMON AND ALL TOHER UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RORY DALE HARMON, EITHER BORN OR UNBORN WHO MAY BE THE PATERNAL HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF RORY DALE HARMON, DECEDENT, WHO ARE MADE PARTY DEFENDANTS AND IDENTIFIED AS "PARTIES UNKNOWN" file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RANDALL A. EADS,

an Attorney whose address is 825 COLONIAL ROAD ABINGDON, VA 24210 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 19th day of APRIL, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DARREN BLAKE EMORY IN RE: JANNA LYNNETTE EMORY v. DARREN BLAKE EMORY

NO. 208650-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DARREN BLAKE EMORY, 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 DARREN BLAKE EMORY, it is ordered that said defendant, DARREN BLAKE EMORY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Felisha B. White, an Attorney whose address is 216 Phoenix Court, Suite D Seymour, TN 37865 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancery Court, Division II, 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 APRIL, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

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

This 9th day of May, 2024.

J Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LEE BEAN DOCKET NUMBER 89361-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LEE BEAN who died Oct 19, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY LEE BEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

KRISTYN LANE; EXECUTRIX
8041 SHADY LANE
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH W. BOOKER DOCKET NUMBER 89382-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH W. BOOKER who died Mar 16, 2024, were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RALPH W. BOOKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JOYCE M. BOOKER
1012 MISTY SPRINGS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

BRADLEY S. LEWIS, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEVIN BOWMAN DOCKET NUMBER 89317-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KEVIN BOWMAN who died March 4, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF KEVIN BOWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

KASEY GARLAND
2831 SOUTH FORK DR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

T. SCOTT JONES, ATTORNEY
JACOB A. CROSS, ATTORNEY
2125 MIDLEBROOK PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD DOCKET NUMBER 89312-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD who died Aug 25, 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 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN CRAYFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JANIS HUSKEY; ADMINISTRATRIX
8021 SABRE DRIVE

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA L FINE DOCKET NUMBER 89311-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA L FINE who died Feb 27, 2024, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DONNA L FINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

GAIL JOHNSON; EXECUTRIX
5008 MOUNTAINCREST DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANNEKE JACOBSON DOCKET NUMBER 89212-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PEGGY ANNEKE JACOBSON who died Nov 29, 2023, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF PEGGY ANNEKE JACOBSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ANDREW H SMITTENAR; ADMINISTRATOR
4001 BUFFAT MILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DESSIE MARTHA KITTS DOCKET NUMBER 89369-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DESSIE MARTHA KITTS who died Oct 12, 2023, 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 date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF DESSIE MARTHA KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

LAURA DANIELLE WRIGHT; EXECUTRIX
8530 OLD MAYNARDVILLE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE DOCKET NUMBER 89362-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE who died Mar 8, 2024, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE LOCKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

STEVEN ALLEN LOCKE; EXECUTOR
100 LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE
DOTHAN, AL 36305

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH H LONG DOCKET NUMBER 89254-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL 2024, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of RALPH H LONG who died Dec 13, 2023, 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:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of APRIL, 2024

ESTATE OF RALPH H LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SHAUNA HINES; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
943 LEDGERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

WHITNEY COLLINS, ATTORNEY

900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2006
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TAMMY LYNN LUTTRELL DOCKET NUMBER 89157-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of APRIL, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

ESTATE OF JOYCE ANN FROST CHURCH DOCKET NUMBER 89145-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOYCE ANN FROST CHURCH, who died September 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 2 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOYCE ANN FROST CHURCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID CHURCH
1085 OGLETHORPE DRIVE
FRANKLIN, TN 37064

JULIA PRICE, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 3804
KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT L. FISHER, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 89390-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of ROBERT L. FISHER, SR. who died December 23, 2023 were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 7 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT L. FISHER, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA THOMAS FISHER
1607 N. HILLS BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA F. CRAIG DOCKET NUMBER 89371-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA F. CRAIG who died January 10, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the last publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF BARBARA F. CRAIG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY EUGENE CRAIG, EXECUTOR
6707 BONNEVILLE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENN ANDREW KELLER DOCKET NUMBER 89181-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY, 2024, letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of GLENN ANDREW KELLER who died February 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 6 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GLENN ANDREW KELLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD R. KELLER; ADMINISTRATOR
1905 BUTTERNUT AVENUE
METAIRIE, LA 70001

MAURICE K. GUINN, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT F. MCGRATH DOCKET NUMBER 89329-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT F. MCGRATH who died March 28, 2024 were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT F. MCGRATH

ESTATE OF JESSIE JANETTE FINEGOLD DOCKET NUMBER 88660-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JESSIE JANETTE FINEGOLD, who died on September 27, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JESSIE JANETTE FINEGOLD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOLLY NAGLITCH
690 HICKORY POINTE LANE
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2025

| | Actual 2022-2023 | Adopted 2023-2024 | Proposed 2024-2025 |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$ 167,420,753 | \$ 166,153,840 | \$ 172,649,900 |
| State of Tennessee | 12,707,618 | 12,233,664 | 13,010,964 |
| Federal Government | 1,835,077 | 1,771,900 | 1,546,500 |
| Other Sources | 48,623,859 | 42,193,616 | 43,907,191 |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources | \$ 230,587,307 | \$ 222,353,020 | \$ 231,114,555 |
| Expenditures and Other Uses | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 94,395,619 | \$ 108,183,544 | \$ 111,692,727 |
| Other Costs | 127,131,139 | 114,169,476 | 119,421,828 |
| Total Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 221,526,758 | \$ 222,353,020 | \$ 231,114,555 |
| Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st | 81,986,332 | 84,984,625 | 84,984,625 |
| Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th | 84,984,625 | 84,984,625 | 81,484,625 |
| Employee Positions (FTE) | 1,770 | 1,725 | 1,735 |
| Engineering and Public Works Fund | | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$ 12,367,071 | \$ 12,982,947 | \$ 13,140,500 |
| State of Tennessee | 7,789,339 | 7,816,900 | 7,937,250 |
| Other Sources | 6,057,613 | 4,362,500 | 4,181,500 |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources | \$ 26,214,023 | \$ 25,162,347 | \$ 25,259,250 |
| Expenditures and Other Uses | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 7,741,699 | \$ 8,849,031 | \$ 8,434,993 |
| Other Costs | 18,568,849 | 16,313,316 | 16,824,257 |
| Total Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 26,310,548 | \$ 25,162,347 | \$ 25,259,250 |
| Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st | 10,294,502 | 10,197,977 | 10,197,977 |
| Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th | 10,197,977 | 10,197,977 | 9,797,977 |
| Employee Positions (FTE) | 157 | 159 | 149 |
| General Purpose School Fund | | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$ 347,154,127 | \$ 332,844,170 | \$ 342,797,286 |
| State of Tennessee | 257,897,171 | 316,080,830 | 326,876,714 |
| Federal Government | 725,050 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Other Sources | 11,805,494 | 11,161,000 | 5,586,000 |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources | \$ 617,581,842 | \$ 660,686,000 | \$ 675,860,000 |
| Expenditures and Other Uses | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 380,369,589 | \$ 421,867,232 | \$ 460,484,859 |
| Other Costs | 215,749,749 | 238,818,768 | 215,375,141 |
| Total Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 596,119,338 | \$ 660,686,000 | \$ 675,860,000 |
| Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st | 74,658,132 | 91,329,955 | 91,329,955 |
| Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th | 91,329,955 | 91,329,955 | 91,329,955 |
| Employee Positions (FTE) | | | |
| The School Board determines the number of employees | | | |
| Debt Service Fund | | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$ 60,820,590 | \$ 68,362,320 | \$ 78,209,200 |
| Other Sources | 21,754,587 | 11,637,680 | 6,790,800 |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources | \$ 82,575,177 | \$ 80,000,000 | \$ 85,000,000 |
| Expenditures and Other Uses | | | |
| Debt Service Costs | \$ 84,955,385 | \$ 80,000,000 | \$ 85,000,000 |
| Total Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 84,955,385 | \$ 80,000,000 | \$ 85,000,000 |
| Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st | 23,083,288 | 20,703,080 | 19,789,088 |
| Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th | 20,703,080 | 19,789,088 | 18,599,901 |

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT M. MCGRATH
719 WATER FERN TRAIL DR.
AUBURNDALE, FL 33823

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY
1810 MERCHANT DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEWEY M. RALEY DOCKET NUMBER 89319-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of DEWEY M. RALEY, who died on March 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 6 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DEWEY M. RALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MR. DAN RALEY
1284 HOLSTON SHORES DRIVE
RUTLEDGE, TN 37861

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES BIBLE SCHEIDT DOCKET NUMBER 89392-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY FRANCES BIBLE SCHEIDT who died April 13, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 3 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES BIBLE SCHEIDT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ALFORD, III
1944 HISTORIC FERRY WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

SARAH Y. SHEPPEARD, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 2425
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT TJENGHAP THIO DOCKET NUMBER 89391-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT TJENGHAP THIO who died on March 21, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 6 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT TJENGHAP THIO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RENA THIO HUNT
737 MOUNTAIN PASS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DOYLE WALLER DOCKET NUMBER 89377-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY DOYLE WALLER, who died March 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

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

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

This the 9 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DOYLE WALLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MEGAN WALLER; ADMINISTRATOR
7901 GLENBINE WAY
POWELL, TN 37849

TERESA M. KLENK, ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY CAROLE WINKLER DOCKET NUMBER 89342-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2024, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of NANCY CAROLE WINKLER who died February 5, 2023, 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 date of publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7 day of MAY, 2024.

ESTATE OF NANCY CAROLE WINKLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PHILLIP TODD WINKLER
25302 SHADY HOLLOW CIRCLE
LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

SUZANNE N PRICE ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN, AKA DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN MCCLAIN DOCKET NUMBER 89002-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ESTATE OF DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN,
AKA DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN MCCLAIN who died on the 20th day of October, 2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN,
AKA DOROTHY EMILIE WEILMAN MCCLAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY MERIANOS, EXECUTRIX
7820 HALL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ROBERT A. COLE, ATTORNEY
2313 PULASKI ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

MISC. NOTICES LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
RFP 3563, Design-Build Services-Mill Run Stream and Wetland Improvement Project, due 6/13/24;
Bid 3564, Ice Cream for Schools, due 6/5/24
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

Being Married to a Narcissist

I cannot tell you how many times I have consulted with someone on a potential divorce case and they have said something to me like, "You do not understand! I am married to a narcissist! Have you ever done a case against one?"



By Jeddiah McKeehan
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and define the term narcissist. A narcissist is, "extremely self-centered with an exaggerated sense of self-importance; marked by or characteristic of excessive admiration of or infatuation with oneself."

you that you are still going to be able to secure a divorce and will be able to move on from this relationship whether your spouse qualifies as a narcissist or not. I would suggest to you that it is not worth the trouble of finding out whether they meet the dictionary or medical definition of a narcissist.

Jeddiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including family law, criminal, and personal injury. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

After seeing that definition, I wonder whether we all fit it to varying degrees, but it seems pinned as the reason many marriages end.

While you may be married to a narcissist, I assure

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Forum (deadline to sign-up to speak is Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.)
3. Discussion of the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Knox County Budget
4. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids - KCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at www.kcdc.org/procurement. Click on "Open Solicitations" and follow the link.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on May 28, 2024, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2017 Nissan Altima 1N4AL3AP9HC196724 (Agustin Lopez)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

- 1) 03 BUICK CENTURY 2G4WS52JX31239311
- 2) 98 BUICK 1G4HP52K2WH424487
- 3) 12 SUBARU JF2SHAD8C8H435089
- 4) 08 CHEVY IMPALA 2G1WU583689155074
- 5) 88 NISSAN 1N6ND11S3J232250
- 6) 04 JEEP LIBRETY 1J4GL48K34W264099
- 7) 10 DODGE AVENGER 1B3CC4FBGAN149829
- 8) 03 HONDA ELEMENT 5J6JY28523L036454
- 9) 03 OLDS ALERO 1G3WK52F43C225191
- 10) 99 CHEVY ASTRO 1GNDM19W2XB100092
- 11) 08 MIT 4A4MM215580239356
- 12) 06 CHEVY EQUINOX 2CNDL63F966118216
- 13) 18 FORD ESCAPE FMCU077JUA35789
- 14) 02 BUICK REGAL 2G4WB55XK21158828
- 15) 10 TOYOTA COROLLA 1NXBU4EEA2271631
- 16) 99 TOYOTA COROLLA 2T1BR12EXC154880
- 17) 09 NISSAN VERSA 3N1BC13E89L421948
- 18) 07 TOYOTA PRIUS JTDKB200X73270038
- 19) 06 DODGE RAM 1500 1D7HA16K36J160218
- 20) 03 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU63K73U830183

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- 21) 09 CHEVY MALIBU 2G1WT57K291281265
- 22) 07 SUBARU FORSTER JF1S665637H725842
- 23) 04 NISSAN 350Z JN1AZ340X4T16134
- 24) 18 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB7AP4JY265405
- 25) 01 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCF86601A125065
- 26) 05 INFINITI NRAS08W25X215899
- 27) VICTORY MOTORCYCLE 5VPDW36N1D3026181
- 28) 08 SATURN VUE 3GSLC33P68514622
- 29) 10 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF3EK1AU554267
- 30) 15 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU9G97FUA83661
- 31) 14 CHRYSLER 200 1C3CCBBG0E118462
- 32) 07 FORD EXPLORER 1FMEU74E07U839567
- 33) 05 BUICK 2G4WD532551240175
- 34) 04 TOYOTA COROLLA 2T1BR32E24C263031
- 35) 00 NISSAN X-TERRA 5N1ED28T3YC527721
- 36) 06 KIA SEDONE KN0MB233966065657
- 37) 04 CHEVY P.U. 1GCEC14X74Z280690
- 38) 01 YAMAHA JYAV11EX1A015503
- 39) 08 HONDA 1HGCP26368A052505
- 40) 03 MERCURY G. MARO. MEFM74W73X707557
- 41) 10 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3F6N6W106590
- 42) 02 CHEVY T-BLAZER 1GNET16SX26131164
- 43) 06 FORD EXPLORER 1FMEU73E6UB34718
- 44) 09 GMC SIERRA 1GTEC19X492172270
- 45) 02 MERCEDES C230 WDBNR47J42A329262
- 46) 12 TOYOTA YARIS JTDKTD36C0533415
- 47) 06 TOYOTA 4RUNNER JTEBU17R160090903
- 48) 00 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BG22K8YU626345
- 49) ? SUBARU 4S4WMA5D4P3401219
- 50) 11 CHEVY EQUINOX 2CNA1DEC6B6260141
- 51) 11 VW JETTA 3VWVZ7AJ5BM047206
- 52) 95 LEXUS 300 JT8GK13T450109691
- 53) 07 CHEVY P.U. 2GCEC13071733981
- 54) 12 INFINITI JN1BY1AR5CM391148
- 55) 07 MIT ECLIPSE 4A3AL25FX7E060513
- 56) 07 SUZUKI GSF JS1GW72A72100200
- 57) 06 HONDA VAN 5FNRL386X6B432324
- 58) 02 HONDA VAN 5FNRL18662B054632
- 59) 07 FORD MUSTANG 1ZVFT82H175283263
- 60) 10 NISSAN MAX. 1N4A5AP8AC809634
- 61) 07 HONDA CIVIC 1HGFA16507L075999
- 62) 09 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU03719K863196
- 63) 11 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCP27F4BA063190

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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- 2008 Kia Optima KNAGE123885189473 (Ralph Lee)
 - 1978 Honda M/C CB400T2000498 (Chris Hutchins)
 - 2007 Nissan Altima 1N4AL3AP8HC197606 (Henry Mendoza) Tricolor Auto Group)
 - 2006 VW Passat WVWEK73XC6P030945 (Triston Rose)
 - 2007 GMC Savana 1GTFG15X171134571 (Joseph Mabry)
 - 2012 Ford Fusion 3FAHP0HA4CR123936 (Blaine Metcalf)
 - 2002 Ford Mustang 1FAFP404X2F125531 (Aaron Nolan/ World Finance Corp)
 - 2007 VW Rabbit WVWBR71K17W175632 (David Russell)
 - 2006 Ford Five Hundred 1FAFP241X6G172014 (Timothy or Brandon Walker/ Ole Ben Franklin Motors)
 - 2000 Chevy Tracker 2CNBE1868Y6925052 (Jim and Sherry Kerley)
 - 2019 Chevy Equinox 3GNAXSEV7K541713

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- 2007 Hyundai Accent KMHCN46G77U128189 (Johnny Whaley/ 1st Heritage Credit)
 - 2004 Buick LeSabre 1G4HP52K74U235709 (Catherine Workman)
 - 2004 Chevy Tahoe 1GNEK13234J333154 (Michael Stewart) TMX Finance of TN)
 - 2008 Honda Accord 1HGCP26828A078398 (Candace Hickson) TMX Finance of TN)
 - 2014 Ford Focus 1FADP3F20EL402877 (Shawnique Whaley/ Katherine Gillette/ CAC)
 - 2005 Kia Amanti KNALD124855076094 (Miner Roxanne)
 - 2013 Chevy Sonic 1G1JA5SHD04199219 (Larry Goad) ORNL FCU)
 - 2003 Ford Ranger 1FTZ4R5E83PB21279 (Nathanael Smith)
 - 2011 Kia Forte KNAFW6A34B5376787 (David Taylor/ Chrysler Capital)
 - 2008 Ford Escape 1FMCU04198K893166 (Thomas Donaghy)
 - 2005 Toyota Corolla 1NXBR3E15Z363248 (Melody Ley)
 - 2008 Subaru Outback 4S4BP61C487363142 (Michael Bennett) TMX Finance of TN)
 - 2014 BMW 535i WBA5B3C59ED292429 (Anthony Fugate) TMX Finance of TN)
 - 2010 Chevy Equinox 2CNALBEW9A6205244 (Carl Brabson)
 - 2000 Toyota Echo JTDBT1234Y0089502 (Second Chance Motor Sales)
 - 2009 Kia Spectra KNAFE221995622039 (Jesus Sanchez/ Best Bet Autos)
 - 2015 Chrysler 200 1C3CCCAB3FN709950 (Richele Fenlon/ Mariner Finance)
 - 2002 BMW 325i WBAEV33482KL75923 (Hollie Hagler)

Estate Sale
Friday & Saturday
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CAREACTER STAR ATHLETES

Moore adds Miller-Davis to CSA program

By Steve Williams

Coach Dave Moore is in his 23rd year of heading up the Careacter Star Athlete program. How many more years he will be in that position are in "God's hands" he will tell you. He has been battling prostate cancer the past two years. "I'm pretty much aware that most people in Knox County and the surrounding area know that I am battling cancer," said Moore Saturday, "and I appreciate and thank all the coaches and people in the community for reaching out and their calls of support plus their prayers and thoughts during this time that I'm going through.

"Those thoughts and prayers are the things that carry people, along with God naturally, through very tough times. It means the world to me that we have so many in the community that do think of others and



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Tracy Miller-Davis, who has joined the Careacter Star team, and Dave Moore, who started the Careacter Star Athlete program in this area in 2001, hold a picture from the 1980s that includes Coach Moore and Big John Tate. Moore was the head football coach at Knoxville Catholic High at that time when the school was located on Magnolia Avenue in East Knoxville. Tate, a heavyweight boxer, used to come to football camps at Catholic and help with conditioning drills for Moore's football players. "Ace Miller" in the sign behind the picture Tracy and Dave are holding is Tracy's dad. Ace coached Big John to a world boxing championship.

they are thinking about me and praying about me in this difficult time."

It is Dave's hope that the Careacter Star Athlete program will continue on

in the future and he continues to add people to the Continue on page 2

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Diamond notes: Farragut, Gibbs earn region championship bids

By Ken Lay

Area high school baseball teams began region tournament play Friday and two area squads played for region championships Saturday.

In Region 2-4A, Farragut handled its business in its region tournament opener Friday afternoon as it made short work of Central in a

20-0 five-inning victory over the Bobcats at John Heatherly Field.

The Admirals scored in each of their team at-bats. They tallied three-times in the bottom of the first inning. Farragut added six runs in the second, nine in the third and two in the fourth.

Farragut's hitters Continue on page 4

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Farragut, Gibbs and Carter claim district softball titles

By Ken Lay

Three local high school softball teams won district tournament championships last week and those squads will host regional semifinal games today (Monday).

In District 4-4A, the third-seeded Farragut Lady Admirals claimed the tournament championship with a 14-4 victory over Maryville Thursday night at John Sevier Middle School in Maryville, the tournament's top seed.

Farragut and the Lady Rebels were locked in a close game heading into the bottom of the sixth inning before the Lady Admirals exploded for nine runs in the frame to end the game early.

Junior Elsa Morrison sent Farragut and its fans home with a happy ending when she clubbed a two-run homer out of the park.

Morrison, University of Tennessee commitment and 2023 Gatorade Player of the Year, went 13 hits against the Lady Rebels. Farragut hit three homers in the title game as Ava Barnes and Rilee Kate Ragan also went deep.

Leadoff hitter Addison Pressley went 4-for-5. She tripled, stole a base and scored four times. She also recorded an RBI.

Barnes was 3-for-4. She

had a double, a home run, six RBIs and a run scored for Farragut, which completed a perfect run in the tournament, posting wins over West High, William Blount and Maryville.

Farragut will host a Region 2-4A Tournament semifinal today.

The District 3-4A Tournament wasn't concluded until Saturday. Regular-season champion Halls had clinched a spot in the championship game with a win over rival Powell, prevailing 4-3. The Lady Panthers and Central were also still alive Saturday.

In District 4-3A: Gibbs completed a perfect run through the district tournament Friday night as it notched a 7-4 victory over second-seeded Clinton in Corryton.

The Lady Eagles overcame a 2-0 deficit and had 11 hits in the title game.

Gibbs will host District 3-3A runner-up Cockey County tonight while Clinton will head to Strawberry Plains to face Carter.

Lady Hornets win district title: Carter won the District 3-3A Tournament Thursday night as it shut out No. 1 Cockey County, 6-0, at home. Tournament MVP Malaney pitched a complete game and posted seven strikeouts.

Four quarters go into getting CSA awards in 'right' hands

By Steve Williams

Being a talented quarterback in his playing days and a successful head football coach after that, it's very fitting that the process Dave Moore uses to recognize the Careacter Star Athletes is divided into four quarters for football and basketball.

The first quarter is for the CSA honorees to be sent in to Moore by their head coaches. The five points on the Careacter Star - Attitude, Careacter, Grades, Community Service and Performance - are what goes into the selection of each honoree.

And in the center of the blue Careacter Star is the message: Do right!

Incidentally, Moore, who started the Careacter Star Athlete program in 2001, said he wants to change "Performance" to "Performance as a Person." He also referred to "Careacter" as "Careacter Traits" recently, so that too may be changed in the near future.

Sending out "press releases" of the CSA award winners to the media make up quarter No. 2.

"The biggest thing about this part is the reaction of parents or guardians when they see their son or



Dave Moore prays over the contents of Care packets that God will keep them on the path they are on now, and that's building good character, and to continue that in life.

daughter's name in the newspaper for the very first time," said Coach Moore. "Many get emotional and there are tears in their eyes."

The third quarter takes place in Moore's home, where he fills the packets with a Letter of Recognition, "thank you" letters (to the parents or guardians and sponsors) plus the much-wanted Careacter Star T-Shirt.

"Most put the Letter of Recognition in a frame and hang it on the wall," said Dave.

"The thank you letter to parents or guardians is for getting the job done at home and building good character there," pointed out Moore. "Because it starts in the home and not in school."

The thank you letter to the sponsors is for "allowing this Careacter Star program to go on and to bring attention to them and the CSA recipients."

The fourth quarter was for Dave's trips to 47 high schools in mid to late April this year as he delivered the boys' and girls' basketball awards. Schools in seven counties were on his list, including Knox County and Anderson, Blount, Loudon, Morgan, Roane and Sevier counties. The CSA program also includes Carson-Newman University, Maryville College and the UT women's basketball and softball teams.

And this year, Moore, who also is known as the "Truckster guy" particularly around during the holidays, delivered the CSA awards in the Tiny Truckster, which gets better gas mileage.

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CAREACTER STAR ATHLETES

Busy Briley still finds time to give to others

By Steve Williams

In addition to sending in Careacter Star Athletes for their basketball teams this past season, each head coach from Knox County and the Seymour area could also send in a specific example of good character they may have recognized.

Eric Palmer, head coach of the Berean Christian School girls, spotlighted one of his players:

"I am thankful for the attitude and heart of all of our athletes, but Briley Paul stands out," he said. "Briley is a four-sport athlete. She has signed to go to Emory & Henry University to ride on their Equestrian team. In the midst of all of her activities, Briley still finds time to give to others! This year she coached youth girls basketball at Gibbs and club volleyball. She always makes time to serve at our camps. Briley has a heart for youth and loves to give back!"

HARDIN VALLEY

"All of our girls are fantastic kids! One thing you may include in the article that is neat is that all of them volunteer in our youth league. All of them are coaches for a K-1st grade youth team. They volunteered their Saturday mornings to coach their kids."

-Head Coach Jennifer Galloway

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

"These girls had several setbacks along the way and every time they grew closer

and played more tightly together. The chemistry this team had was one of the major strengths of the team and character among all the players is what drove the chemistry.

"I would say injuries and the kids all stepping up in their roles once called upon would be an example and just overall not caring who got the credit and their emphasis in competing and winning is all that mattered to them with the support of their parents. It makes a huge difference when trying to coach a team to a state championship!"

-Head Coach Travis Mains

SEYMOUR

"All have been leaders on and off the court. All work hard in the classroom, serve others, and give their all at everything they do with integrity and respect."

-Head Coach Brandi Stallings

AUSTIN-EAST

"Ja'Onna Witt and Tymirrianna Brown are both model student-athletes who play with tenacity and poise no matter the score. They play hard and leave it all on the court every game and every play. On several occasions the opponents' coaches have said the same things about both. On top of that, they are excellent students who take education seriously and work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the court. As a coach I couldn't

be prouder to coach these two young ladies.

"Michala Stevenson is a warrior; she is just tough and there is no quit in her. She takes a lick and keeps on ticking. She is the warrior of our team who plays with a lot of heart and emotion. One game she had 14 steals. She is the type of player that sees the ball and goes to get the ball. Even if she has to dive for it, she is going to come up with that ball or that basket."

-Head Coach Gwen Jackson

FULTON

"Player: Dee Williams is one of those players who coaches dream about. Whenever she is asked to do something, she does it. As a player and as a role model, she never complains and leads by example both on and off the field. When a play needs to be made, Dee will make it."

"Team: Our 1st region round game against Clinton was a win or go home situation. A player from Clinton got injured and left the game. After the game ended and we shook hands, I walked back to our locker room and wondered where my team went. They all went and found the girl who got injured to wish her well. As a coach watching this happen showcases what great players/students we have at Fulton. It's more than basketball sometimes."

-Head Coach Tony Cooper



Briley Paul of Berean Christian School on Senior Night gives some "low fives" to some of the players she coached and were at the game to support her.

Moore adds Miller-Davis to CSA program

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Careacter Star team. Most recently, Tracy Miller-Davis, a Knox County Schools Administrative Assistant in Athletics, has joined the Careacter Star team.

"I think it's an outstanding program that highlights the efforts of these kids that earn the Careacter Star award," said Tracy. "It takes a lot more than just athletic skills to be a first class player."

"I truly do believe that it's just a wonderful program. A big shout out to Dave Moore for all the work that he does in being involved with this. I know in my own personal life we have always taught the character in our kids and grand kids first even though they have natural athletic ability. But what their character does represents so much more on and off the field or the court."

CAREACTER STAR ATHLETES

BOYS

AUSTIN-EAST

- D'Andre Hundley
- Terrance Brown
- DeCoriyeon Brown
- Jaxon Young
- Juwaan Troutman

BEARDEN

- Dalton Siva
- Drew Brillhart
- Jacob Phillips
- Braden Buchanan
- Rudra Patel

BCS

- Cameron Cross
- Josh Myers
- Matthew Palmer
- Sam Helms
- Christopher Belew

CARTER

- Dave Stokes
- Luke Burnett
- Zion Oliver
- Caleb Chittum
- Cooper Cardwell

CATHOLIC

- Cade Murphy
- Juice Eleam
- Caleb Asbaty
- Bentley Turbyville
- Carson Asbaty

CENTRAL

- Trey Hemmingsen
- JD Harris
- DJ Smith
- Parker Hampton
- Ian Clevinger

CAK

- Foster Coleman
- Bryson White
- Hunter Bennett
- Thad Sealey
- Bennett Jelks

CCS

- Landon Housely
- Cade Keeton
- Dominic Alford
- Drew Sloan
- Caleb Stuart

FARRAGUT

- Berkley Naro
- Brevin Swartzentruber
- Tony Spadafora
- Aiden Vanacker
- Ethan Kern

FBA

- Cooper Mercer
- Seth Ailey
- Cooper Roberts
- Jack Whitaker
- Luke McGhee

FULTON

- Travis Turner
- Tyler Lee
- Taj Kimber
- Denaj Kimber
- Dexter Lewis

GIBBS

- Kamen Shown
- Jayden Rutherford
- Mason Melton
- Zack Turner
- Brady Hughes

GCA

- Stephen Starkweather
- Christian Vela
- Weston Edmondson
- Briggs Peterson
- Jude Gibson

HALLS

- Grayson Bishop
- Colby Comparato
- Jake Lane
- Evan Workman
- Kaiden Stanton

HVA

- David Long
- Wyatt Fellers
- Isaac Ratliff
- Bryson Frey
- Colson Crutch

KARNS

- Walker Lockhart



- Blake Dawson
- Bubba Faulkner
- Owen Miller
- Andy Dong

POWELL

- Kaleb Walker
- Noah Brewer
- Neyland Duggar
- Noah Lakin
- Deuce Rodgers

SEYMOUR

- Wyatt Hess
- Ayden Huskey
- David Canterbury
- Bennett Cain
- Cameron Soulages

SOUTH-DOYLE

- Fisher Jacobs
- Jeremiah Smith
- Tamarian Tipton
- Derrick Elder
- Jonah Smith

TSD

- Jordan Grimes
- Elijah Echols
- Sean Hufflin
- Cruz Ramirez
- Joseph Oatsvall

TKA

- Harrison Rollins
- Luke Jones
- Landon Tucker
- Camden Tucker
- Luka Horvatic

WEBB

- Jaylen Pompey
- Drake Ingram
- Cam Swearingen
- Alex Leeth
- Owen Lentz

WEST

- Hunter Dance
- Devyn Martin
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GIRLS

AUSTIN-EAST

- Ja'onna Witt
- Tymirrianna Brown
- Kierra Johnson
- Daleyah Brown
- Michala Stevenson

BEARDEN

- Lindsay Wilson
- Kendall Anne Murphy
- Caitlin McVeigh
- Katie Foster
- Riley Hunt

BCS

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- Mia Lay
- Jordyn Baird
- Mia Jackson
- Deanna Aian

CARTER

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VOLS

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- Tess Darby

'Long-term loyalty is priceless'

When sports fans get together, it doesn't take much to start an argument, friendly or otherwise. Fans argue over playing time, game strategy, recruiting, and a number of other subjects. It's in their blood.

One surprising subject was one set of fans trying to tell another set of fans what to do with their tickets to sporting events.

In June 2012, I received a copy of a letter from a Tennessee football season ticket holder sent to Dave Hart, then the athletic director at Tennessee. He had made it to all the home games and showed up at a significant number on the road, South Bend, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Atlanta, and the rest. There was one trip where the Vols lost at Georgia and at Southern Cal by a combined score of 87-7. Talk about loyalty.

"Enclosed is my uncompleted 2012 Season Ticket application.

"After 40 years of being a season ticket holder, I have decided not to renew for the 2012 season.

"This decision has nothing to do with the economy or the mediocre performance of the Vols the past few seasons, but everything to do with the UTAD and the SEC selling out to the television networks at the expense of the loyal



Despite occasional disagreements among members of the fan base, Tennessee fans have been resolute in their support for the Vols.

fans who have followed UT football over the years.

No sport has more fans who travel greater distances to follow their team than College football. Yet it is the only sport that sometimes waits until the Monday before the game to announce the start times.

"And then those games can kick off anytime between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Now we have the MTSU Homecoming game and Vandy and Kentucky kicking off at night in November.

"There is still nothing like actually being at an SEC football game. However, with the advent of HDTV, the at-home experience has become much more attractive. You actually see

much more of the game sitting on your couch, and it is a lot easier to go to the Fridge and get a cold beer during the endless TV time-outs that one has to suffer through at the stadium rather than buying one of your \$4 cokes. Plus, one gets to watch many other games at home rather than traveling to the stadium.

"We still plan to attend the Alabama, Missouri, and Kentucky games, but every other game will be a game-day decision based on kick-off time and weather.

"Have the fans really been left behind? Might the great arenas of our time become nothing more than glorified television studios, with cameras strategically placed to avoid

showing a great expanse of empty seats? Remember that comedians have often said attendance was announced as 100,000... 30,000 of whom came disguised as empty seats."

A few days later, here came the counterpoint, blazing its way onto the E-mail screen.

The anonymous Vol fan found the letter to Hart troublesome, to the point of jumping to all kinds of unwarranted conclusions, akin to starting a civil war among the fan base.

"As far as the person who wrote the letter," the unnamed poster wrote, "he just sounds like a whiner to me, wanting everything

to go his way and even mentioning he'd had these season tickets for 40 years - as if that makes him special?!?!? He's probably an old [codger] who needs to stay home and free up his seats for Tennessee fans who enjoy the games regardless of when they are. I'm glad people like him aren't renewing." That's a great deal of vituperation in 75 words.

Marvin West brought forth a neat sense of perspective to the issue in the then-Shopper News.

"Some with tunnel vision measure fans by their level of donations, by skyboxes and buildings that bear their names. What you do with what you have might

be more credible. It is possible to be a supercharged fan, have loads of fun and retain at least a degree of dignity."

That was a good start.

But there's more. With Marvin, there's always amplification.

"This passionate peak of fandom wouldn't miss a game for their first cousin's funeral. They will lose sleep over Akron and Georgia State. Some are radicals. They buy tickets for stadium seats but won't sit down. In between are the many, many thousands who faithfully follow the Vols, root for their success in all sports and stay steady through the decades. They applaud effort and excellence wherever they see it, including academics. Some are linked to history as third- or fourth-generation fans. Some have heard of Chuck Rohe and Ray Bussard. Some are aware there were baskets before Bruce."

The fans are thus something special, as Marvin notes cogently and regularly. Loyalty is something special. Long-term loyalty, through thick and thin, is priceless. Tennessee fans may argue with each other about various aspects of the games but are resolute in supporting the Vols against all invaders to Neyland Stadium or other venues on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Bearden wins

District 4-3A title

By Ken Lay

In a rare twist, inclement weather proved to be an obstacle for local boys high school soccer teams last week.

District tournaments were scheduled to be completed by Friday. Rain and severe storms, however, pushed the two area district title matches to Saturday.

In District 4-2A: Gibbs hosted Anderson County in the district title match at Ernest Whitened Stadium in Corryton Saturday morning. Results, however, were not available at press time. The Eagles claimed a 1-0 victory in March.

Gibbs and the Mavericks will be in action in Tuesday's Region 2-2A semifinals.

Weather also delayed the District 3-3A Championship match to Saturday night as Halls hit the road to tangle with Oak Ridge. The Red Devils, who avenged a regular-season loss to rival Central in Thursday night's semifinals, defeated the Wildcats on the road in a penalty kicks shootout during the regular season.

In District 4-3A: Bearden claimed another league tournament title as it outlasted top-seeded Hardin Valley Academy, 3-1, in the title match at HVA.

With the win, the Bulldogs avenged a penalty kick shootout loss to the Hawks in the regular-season match between the two West Knoxville rivals. Bearden also handed Hardin Valley its first loss since March.

Lucas Ford had a goal and two assists for Bearden, which will host a Region 2-3A Tournament semifinal Tuesday. The Bulldogs will host either the Wildcats or the Red Devils.

The Hawks scored their lone marker of the match on a penalty kick by Ben Brophy. They'll be on the road in Tuesday's region semifinals.

In District 5-2A: South-Doyle and Alcoa went to overtime in the district championship match Thursday night with the Tornadoes claiming a 4-2 victory.

Jude and Finn Straussfogel both found the back of the net against the Tornadoes, who will host a Region 3-2A Tournament match on Tuesday.

South-Doyle will travel to play a region tournament match.

In District 3-2A: Austin-East has qualified for the regionals again. The Roadrunners, however, will be on the road as they dropped their district championship match to Cocke County in a penalty kick shootout. The match was tied, 3-3, before the Fighting Cocks won, 6-5, in the shootout.

In Division II-AA: Catholic saw its 2024 campaign come to an end in the first round of the state tournament. The Irish came up on the short end of a 1-0 decision to Ensworth Friday night at Blaine Stadium.

National Title Drought to End?

By Mark Nagi

So, I live in the mean streets of Farragut. Any of my fellow Farragutonians (is that really a word, I don't know) will agree that out here you must keep your head on a swivel.

Anyway, there's a street sign on the eastbound side, maybe ¼ mile from the Costco, that says "Welcome to Knoxville Home of National Champions." Below those words are the logos for the Tennessee Volunteers and Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

To the best of my knowledge, this sign went up in the late 1990s/early 2000s.

Today... that sign is worn and fading, as is its message.

Yes, Tennessee has 23 team national championships, including eight in women's basketball, six in football and a combined seven in track and field for the Vols and Lady Vols. But there hasn't been a national championship won by a Vols or Lady Vols team since 2009 when the Lady Vols won the national title in indoor track and field.

There also hasn't been a national title in one of the big 5 sports (football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball) since Pat Summitt and Candace Parker went back-to-back in 2007 and 2008. The last major title on the men's side was in 1998 when Phillip Fulmer and Al Wilson led the Vols in that magical 13-0 season.

Folks... it's time for Tennessee to make that sign in Knox County more accurate.

And when you look at the trajectory of UT's athletics department, it's not a stretch to say that Tennessee is ready to bring some major hardware back to East Tennessee.

Let's start with baseball and softball, the two teams that have the best chance of ending Tennessee's championship drought.

At the time of the writing of this article, the Vols baseball team was ranked number one in the nation. There is a lot of pro talent on the Vols roster, including Tennessee second baseman Christian Moore. He leads the SEC with a .430 average, and is second in slugging percentage, homeruns and total bases, while placing third in RBI. He could finish the season as the SEC's player of the year.

Tony Vitello has been close, making it to the College World Series in 2021 and 2023, while having the nation's dominant team most of the year in 2022. The 2020 Tennessee team was probably his best, but we'll never know what they might have accomplished after much of the season was canceled due to COVID.

The way Vitello has things rolling, they will get more cracks at the big prize.

The Tennessee Lady Vols softball team entered last weekend ranked number two in the country. Karen Weekly is one of the best coaches in the nation and has proved it since taking complete control following the retirement of her husband, co-head coach Ralph Weekly.

They've captured the SEC regular season and tournament titles in 2023 and won the regular season title this year.

Come June, the Vols baseball team and the Lady Vols softball team will be on a short list of teams that have legitimate shots to win a national championship.

Tennessee's football team hasn't won a national title or a conference championship in over a quarter century. But they are in a much better position to do so today than they've been in a long time. Head coach Josh Heupel is entering his fourth season on Rocky Top and has a potential star at quarterback in Nico Iamaleava. NIL has evened the playing field a great deal. Nick Saban is gone at Alabama.

The SEC is only getting tougher, but the Vols will at least be in the mix in the years to come for a post-season spot in the newly expanded 12-team playoff. Once you get in that mix, anything can happen.

Tennessee's men's

basketball team is coming off an SEC regular season championship, and their second Elite 8 appearance in program history. Head coach Rick Barnes will retire eventually, but that day hasn't arrived just yet. The transfer portal is alive and well, and Barnes has embraced the ability to transform a roster while continuing to attract players that stick around the program for multiple years. UT should have a few more runs left in them under Barnes.

The program out of the big 5 that seems furthest away from championship glory is the program with the most national titles at Tennessee. The Lady Vols basketball team fired Kellie Jolly-Harper and replaced her with Marshall's Kim Caldwell. It'll take a couple of years until we find out what Caldwell can do at this level.

Knox County. Home of National Champions.

Here's hoping that message doesn't fall on deaf ears much longer.



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Former C-N standout takes girls' soccer reins at Powell



By Steve Williams

Powell High School is eagerly waiting to see how the Lady Panthers will perform in girls' soccer this coming fall under new head coach Jessica Cable.

Despite missing two full seasons due to injury, the Hebron, Ky. native made her mark as a goalkeeper at Carson-Newman University from 2015-18.

Cable's 20 starts at C-N came her freshman season and she recorded 10 shutouts in the final 15 matches of the year. Her play propelled the Eagles to the SAC Championship and she was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Jessica coached the past three years at Carson-Newman, which should enhance her talents even more at the high school level.

"I have been exactly where the girls are," said Coach Cable. "I understand the importance of maintaining good grades, while balancing an athletic pursuit and still enjoying the social aspects of high school. It is my goal to prepare these girls for the next level of athletics, if they choose to pursue them."

"I am fortunate to have been personally mentored by, Simon Duffy, the current head coach of the Carson-Newman Women's soccer program. He has guided me through all the competitive challenges, on and off the soccer field."

Six Spartan seniors to continue athletics careers

Webb School was host to a signing ceremony May 1 to celebrate the following six senior Spartan student-athletes who have committed to carry on their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Congratulations to Gracie Brogan (Belmont, cheer), Xavier Hickman (Tennessee Tech, football), Ari Klasky (Emory University, men's track & field), Connor Knight (Walters State, baseball) Grant Morton (The Citadel, football), Daksha Sutharshan (UT-Martin, women's soccer).

Heyward to coach at new Knox Prep all-boys school

Jerel Heyward, Fulton High assistant boys basketball coach, has announced he will be the head basketball coach of the new Knoxville Preparatory School.

KPS will open this fall as the city's first all-boys public school and charter school.

Heyward was head boys basketball coach at Vine Middle before joining the Fulton staff.

Farragut's Lu wins district tennis title

Farragut High tennis player Leyton Lu won the District 4-2A Boys Singles Championship on May 19 in Oak Ridge. Leyton defeated Blaine Barber of William Blount in the finals 6-1, 6-3.

Barnes proud of Brewer and Walker

Powell High Coach Gary Barnes said he thinks Noah Brewer's and Kaleb Walker's "best basketball" is still ahead of them. They recently signed with Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky, "Just proud of them," added



Spartan student-athletes celebrated continuing their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level May 1. Pictured are (back, left to right) Drake Ingram, Connor Knight, Xavier Hickman, Grant Morton, and Ari Klasky; (front) Daksha Sutharshan and Gracie Brogan.

Barnes. "They are why we do this. We got a lot out of our team this year. They really over-achieved. When you've got high character you can do that."

Evans swings big bat for Admirals

Eli Evans led in several offensive categories for the Farragut baseball team during the regular season.

Evans' batting average was .443 and he just nipped Landis Davila (.441). Jake Merrick (.400) was third and Lukas Buckner (.389) fourth.

Evans also led the team in doubles (11) and RBI (43) and tied Charlie Bozeman with eight

home runs. Merrick led in triples (5).

Other stat leaders were Buckner in runs scored (41) and Davila in stolen bases (16).

The Admirals posted a 29-5 record in the regular season.

Human, outstanding football player and official, dies

Doyle Human, an outstanding football player at Rule High School in the 1950s and a long-time high school official in basketball and football, passed away on April 19 at UT Medical Center, following an accident at his home, according to a family member.

Human, 89, lived in the Powell area.

He was in the Knoxville Football Officials Association for 18 years and a KFOA Hall of Fame member.

Human also was a TSSAA basketball official for 30 years and officiated in the Knox-Ridge Association.

Doyle was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

He retired from Plasti-Line, Inc., with 46 years of service.

His wife, Jeanette, passed away in 2023. They were 13 days away from their 70th wedding anniversary.

Four quarters go into getting CSA awards in 'right' hands



Dave Moore, who heads up the Careacter Star Athlete program, carries packets to his "Tiny Truckster" to be delivered to CSA award winners.

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Prior to the start of his trips, he said: "It's a Mission of Care. It's a Mission of Love."

Moore believes recognition for character should be greater than the award for most yards rushing or any other statistical award.

The Careacter Star Athlete program began with the blessings of former UT coach Phil Fulmer and the late Pat Summitt.

"It was a program that God had put on my heart," he recalled.

"Pat and Phil said: 'Count us in. What do we do and when do we start?'"

Moore saw tornado damage in Sunbright

Remember the tornado that struck in East Tennessee back in April? Moore saw the damage in the small town of Sunbright in Morgan County on his way to the high school there to drop off the Careacter Star Awards.

"It looked like that tornado just sat down on part of the town," said Moore. "But the people there were doing a good job of getting things cleared up."

By the way, Moore took his first high school head coaching job at Sunbright in the 1970s, but it was the

boys' basketball position, not football. By the time he left though, he had been the Tigers' head coach in football, basketball and baseball.

Something to think about, like Dave has

"What gets me is we are so eager to jump on a kid when they don't do the right thing," said Moore. "How come we're not as quick to jump on them, hug them and congratulate them when we see them do the right thing?"

Diamond notes: Farragut, Gibbs earn region championship bids

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combined club six home runs as Eli Evans, Michael Delph, Brennon Seigler, Landis Davila, Charlie Bozeman and Mason Grube all had round trippers on a day when the wind was blowing out.

Leadoff hitter Lukas Buckner went 3-for-4 with a double, three runs scored and two stolen bases, while Gavin Brewer tripled and drove in two runs. Davila was 1-for-2. He scored four runs, stole two bases and recorded an RBI.

On the mound, Delph and Braxton Lewis combined to toss a two-hit shutout. Delph started and hurled four innings. He gave up two hits and three walks en route to picking up the win, Lewis pitched the fifth and

retired all three Bobcats he faced, striking out one.

Nick Riordan and Owen Porter each had hits for Central, which played in an elimination game Saturday afternoon against Maryville.

The Admirals played Oak Ridge for the region championship Saturday morning. Results were not available at press time.

The Wildcats scored five runs in the fifth inning and added two more in the sixth in their 7-1 victory over the Rebels in Friday afternoon's other opening-round game.

In Region 2-3A: Gibbs earned its spot in the region championship game with a 7-1 victory over Seymour in a battle of Eagles Friday night at Steve Hunley Field in Corryton.

Will Sharp, Talan Owens and Will Price all had two hits for Gibbs, the District 4-3A champion.

Owens doubled, stole a base, scored twice and drove in a run. Price scored a run and drove in two more.

Sharp, who went 2-for-3 at the plate, pitched a complete game against Seymour. He allowed five hits, one unearned run and struck out five over seven innings.

The victory owned Northeast Knox County's Eagles a berth in the region championship game Saturday against defending Class 3A state champion and league rival Union County. The Patriots defeated Northview Academy, 6-3, Friday afternoon.

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