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Council working on updating city election rules

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The Knoxville City Council may soon begin voting on changing future city elections to comply with a new state law.

Until now, voters chose their district candidates in a primary and the top two vote getters went on to a city-wide election. A state law changed that by requiring the city to elect council members

by district only with no city-wide runoff.

District 5 Councilman Charles Thomas, in a special called meeting Thursday evening, said his district's election should be held at the same time as the other districts. As it stands now, his district is grouped with the three at-large seats and city mayor on the ballot. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are on another election cycle.

The council will consider three

different proposals as to how to comply with the new state law and also keep the local elections as similar as the balloting has been for the past 55 years.

Vice Mayor Tommy Smith chaired the work session and city council attorneys Charles Swanson and Rob Frost explained the new state law and the existing city election system and took several questions from the six council members present.

Changing the local election rules takes two votes by city council and the referendum would need to be presented to the election commission 60 days before the November 5 presidential and federal/state election.

There was some discussion in the work session about how a tie in a council election might be resolved, by the council or a special election. Also questioned was the cost of adding a public

referendum to the ballot and how it could be done.

The matter is on Tuesday's city council agenda with a lot of work still to be done to choose what the language on the ballot would be and how any proposal would adhere to the new state law. Several council members raised their frustration over the state legislature reaching into Knoxville to change its longstanding election procedure.

Does Knox County need more districts?

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During the county commission agenda review meeting last week, Commissioner Kyle Ward proposed expanding the school board from nine to eleven members. Ward's proposal immediately brought a response from other commissioners including Courtney Durrett who said, "Why? And who is asking?"

Ward wants to put the issue before Knox County voters with the idea of upping the number of school districts to decrease the number of people represented by each member. Asked who is asking for the change, Ward replied, "I am."

Durrett, a former teacher, said, "I have not received one request for this."

Ward replied the ballot items would "give people a choice" in the issue.

Commissioners John Schoonmaker and Carson Dailey support the idea and brought up adding two new commission districts as well. Dailey said that currently each county commissioner represents about 52,000 residents and adding two members would change that to about 40,000 and make it easier for a commissioner to stay in touch with a smaller number.

Knox County Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said the Knox County Charter could be changed to create more members and Ward called that idea the "first step in the right direction." Richie Beeler asked that the idea be passed on first reading and it would "give people a chance to comment" in regular commission meeting. Moyers said that two public meetings would need to be held and the deadline for the November ballot is tight.

Chairwoman Terry Hill called the idea the "first step" and Ward's proposal is on today's agenda and it appears the idea of expanding the members of the school board and the commission may see further discussion.



PHOTOS BY JAMIE SCHNELL.

The Knox County Republican Executive Committee met at the Farragut Library earlier this month.

Knox County Republican Executives meet, prepare for elections

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The Knox County Republican Executive Committee meeting was held Saturday, July 13 at the Farragut Library. The gathering was well-attended, with 24 people present and several observers outside the room. The meeting was presided over by Chair Buddy Burkhardt, and included key figures such as Vice Chair Janis Crye, Treasurer Martin Ammons, Vice Treasurer Christy Gentry, District 6 Executive Committeeman Brian Hornback, Secretary Jeremy Coffey, Kent Morrell, Jane Chedester and a member from the Young Republicans party, among others.

The meeting started with a prayer for the country and its leadership, with an emphasis on returning to constitutional principles. Following the prayer, the committee delved into a thorough review and correction of

meeting notes from prior gatherings, such as those from April 13 and June 8. The agenda covered a wide range of topics, including the treasurer's report, updates on events such as the Sporting Clays Event, July 4th parades, checks to candidates, and electronic mail distribution. There were also discussions about email voting, participation in and merchandise for the Karns Fair, online store options for shirts and hats, and fundraising initiatives for the Republican Party.

Additionally, there was talk about bulk purchasing Trump signs from the TN GOP, updates on the possible school board expansion, and plans for the upcoming August 1 watch party at Crowne Plaza. After the meeting, committee members were available to meet and greet with all attendees.

The next Knox County Republican Executive meeting is set to take place in October.



Chair Buddy Burkhardt and Vice Chair Janis Crye of the Knox County Republican Executive Committee.

Multi-unit housing approved for business zones

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The final reading of an ordinance to amend the Knox County Code passed on a roll call vote Monday at the end of the Knox County Commission's zoning meeting. General business (CA) and business and manufacturing (CB) zones will now permit clinics, medical offices, dental offices, other medical facilities, and multi-dwelling developments up to 12 units per acre. Any development with more than 12 units will

be considered on a review basis.

The change, prompted by efforts along Alcoa Highway, opens the entire county with those zoning classifications for medical and multi-unit housing.

During the zoning meeting, the commission heard some 16 different zoning change requests, mostly moving properties from agricultural zoning to residential. Several were simply to build a house or a second house on a property and some involved multi-unit housing including 10 dwellings on Griffin

Road, Howell Lane and Asheville Highway. One general business zoning was approved along Lovell Road, changing from office and agricultural.

A planned residential development on Ball Camp Pike was approved for 12 dwellings per acre but a similar development, near a neighborhood ballfield on Chapman Highway, saw some discussion before passing and allowing 3 per acre on a 113-acre tract.

The developer of the Ball Camp Pike property promised to keep the trees, and put townhouses in

the back and apartments nearer the road. Commissioner Larsen Jay applauded the plans there and said it fits well with "support of density along the corridors." The development may sprout 43 units.

A Tipton Station Road request for a planned residential zoning with four units per acre was approved for 86 acres of the 155-acre property with the remaining acres designated as a conservation easement. Also approved was a planned residential development along Asheville Highway with five

units per acre, and a similar request for five per acre on Blacks Ferry Road.

A request for a similar zoning, for two dwelling units per acre on Hardin Valley Road, was denied.

The change to the small lot, in the middle of a neighborhood, saw Chairwoman Terry Hill opposed rezoning the small lot in the middle of a neighborhood.

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Trump Hatred Has Become Mental Illness In Some

From a distance



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For many years, people used to describe Richard Nixon as the most hated man in American politics. But the hatred for Nixon pales in comparison to the hatred that many millions seem to have for Donald Trump.

Nixon did not have to face the 24-hour news cycle and the many channels we have today.

I am just 13 months younger than Trump, and both of us are overweight. He has to be the strongest, toughest man I know because I don't know anyone else who could have withstood the

constant public abuse he has had thrown at him every single minute for the last eight years.

There is even a commonly used or at least easily understood mental illness now called Trump Derangement Syndrome.

Many on the Left are attempting to cover this hatred up now by saying that we need to tone down the rhetoric and have a kinder, gentler campaign.

But then they go on, sometimes in the next breath, to blame the animosity on Trump himself.

MSNBC is in a brief bind because of the failed assassination attempt on Trump's life. Their programming for the last several years has been an almost 24-hour around-the-clock bashing of Trump and his supporters.

Anyone who has watched hosts like Rachel Maddow, Joy Reid, or the "ladies" on The View has been brainwashed by hundreds or maybe even thousands of

hours of Trump hatred.

These women and their fanatical fans probably need psychiatric treatment or should at least pray for forgiveness for the hatred that is in their hearts.

Unfortunately, I have seen replays of the sick Whoopi Goldberg saying she would vote for Biden even if he "pooped in his pants," and Joy Reid has referred to Trump several times as "Hitler," saying she would vote for Biden even if he was in a coma.

I didn't vote for Bill Clinton, Barack Obama or Joe Biden, but I never felt hatred for any of them. In fact, they were all nice to me, and I was always nice to them. I got along very well with almost all the Democrats with whom I served in Congress.

I just never have been able to understand the hatred in the hearts and minds of many on the far Left.

Perhaps it was explained by the brilliant late

columnist, Charles Krauthammer, who started out as a liberal. He wrote that you can understand American politics when you realize that liberals "think conservatives are evil."

The longtime Washington Post columnist George Will has said and written that there is probably less freedom of speech on college campuses today than in any place in our society.

I do know that most universities have become leftist brainwashing factories to such an extent that well-known conservatives have to have extra security in the rare times they are asked to speak on college campuses.

Losing or retiring Republican elected officials are almost never hired as professors unless they are harsh critics of the Republican Party or of Trump, such as the University of Virginia's hiring of former Rep. Liz Cheney.

Meanwhile, Howard University hired two of the

worst mayors in this country, Lori Lightfoot of Chicago and Bill de Blasio of New York. Columbia hired Hillary Clinton and the University of California at Berkeley hired the recalled (aka kicked out of office) District Attorney Chesa Boudin - all leftists.

Left-wing students have knocked over recruiting tables and torn up literature of conservative student organizations and shouted down conservative speakers. It is now almost unheard of for a conservative to be asked to give a commencement speech because so many university officials are liberal and/or they know conservatives would be treated so rudely.

Finally, several years ago, former Congressman Phil Roe came to me on the floor of the House and said he just could not believe the hateful things people would write in emails.

A publication I had never heard of, Karbon

Magazine, had a recent article entitled "The dehumanizing effect of technology." It quoted the Huffington Post as follows: "Human beings are losing their ability to communicate in person. To smile at each other. To converse. To enjoy a meal together without looking at their smartphones...This is a tremendous loss that cannot be quantified."

We have just about addicted people under 50 years old or so to computers of all types, and with less face-to-face human contact each passing year, it apparently has become easier to hate.

I wrote in one of my newsletters several years ago that I wish we would start having at least some technology-free days in our schools so students would have to use their own brains instead of the brains of some machine.

Maybe there is not a new Ford pickup in my future

Truck owners are famously loyal. I have heard Ram owners heap scorn on GMCs and Fords while those owners ridicule Rams. I am a Ford pickup guy. I bought my first F-150 for a farm



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truck 50 years ago which morphed into a gas F-250 which then morphed into a diesel F-250 when we started towing toy haulers and going camping. I did not do my usual extensive research when I started buying pickups. Rather I knew that if I did not buy a Ford my father would disown me. I knew that he would never endorse my buying any truck other than a Ford. That stemmed from an incident in his past. In 1938 he walked into a

Chevrolet dealership in Savannah, Georgia, to buy his first new car. Dad said that the Chevy coupe automatic was simply stunning.

The salesman said to Dad, "What do you want, boy?"

Dad said, "I want you to look at me going across the street and buying a Ford."

When he went into the Ford dealer - who had obviously seen him come out of the Chevy dealership - he was greeted with, "Can I help you sir?" Dad bought the Ford and only Ford products until he died having Lincolns for the last 30 years of his life. By the way, my son bought a Lincoln Nautilus a couple of years ago as a tribute to Dad.

I have been pleased with my Fords. My 2017 F-250 diesel has 135,000 miles and is the best truck I have ever owned. However, I am not so certain that I will ever buy another Ford. They make a great truck but their corporate actions and those of the Ford Foundation are off-putting. It is the age-old dilemma of whether to buy a great product from a company whose values differ from mine. I am not on Facebook because of Mark Zuckerberg. I stay at Hyatts (although I prefer Embassy Suites) even though I find the Pritzkers especially annoying. But I stopped buying athletic shoes made in China because of the Uyghurs. I know that my actions don't make an impact on anyone other than me. But that's okay.

My problem with Ford is that they are supporting the EPA's punitive tailpipe emissions rule and are against the suit brought by 25 Republican AGs arguing that the EPA has overstepped its authority. Why would Ford align itself with the EPA? Namely because Ford is losing \$130,000 for every EV it sells and over \$1 billion a quarter. To compensate, it is raising the price of its popular gas/diesel vehicles. To wit: a new diesel Lariat F-250 is over \$100,000! What Ford wants is to force gas-powered vehicles either off the market or made so expensive that customers will be forced to buy electric. Its electric F-150 is a novelty truck that can't haul or tow heavy loads for any distance. So I will do what other Ford customers are likely to do, keep my current

pickup and drive it until the wheels fall off. Then go buy a used one.

What about the Ford Foundation? Basically, it is a Marxist, socialist funding organization that funds radical movements worldwide. It is focused on climate change, racial justice, equity, radical feminism and gender issues. There is even something called the Art for Justice Fund to "address the issue of mass incarceration." Art for Justice? Ford has targeted over \$1 billion for social justice initiatives such as LGBTQ. Ford is also doubling its annual investment in trans communities, committing to at least \$10 million over the next five years.

The foundation is all-in on abortion and favors a reimposition of Roe to make abortion again legal nationwide. It has donated

millions to groups advocating no deportation and no detention of illegal immigrants. Although the foundation and Ford Motor are two separate organizations, the company has done nothing to distance itself from the foundation that bears its name, implicitly sending a message that it does not oppose its actions.

One day the American consumer may finally wake up to the high costs of going green and become frustrated with the increased brown outs and black outs of the energy grid. This is happening in Europe and will happen here. Then Ford will find that it is on the wrong side of the market as consumers rebel against the dictates of the left. Hopefully, I will still be around to see it.



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Publisher's Positions



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not have been raped. Bosch said that attitude was a fantasy in today's world and unfortunately such things do happen. Irvine said she would never vote to kill a baby and Bosch replied, "Just 11-year-olds!"

Becky Duncan Massey had explained why she had not cast a vote on a particular bill. Massey has been an effective member of the Tennessee State Senate and listens carefully to the people she represents, something that has been a hallmark of her family. Senator Becky Duncan Massey is leading the charge for perhaps the most important project for our collective community: a new mental health facility for Knox County. Establishing a mental health facility here would be nothing less than a Godsend for Knoxville and Knox County. Many of the homeless people roaming the streets of our community are mentally ill and some are dangerous, not only to themselves but to others as well. A mental health facility is almost universally regarded as exactly what our community needs to be safer, cleaner, and just plain better altogether.

Irvine's candidacy seems to be that of a single-issue

candidate. Legislators vote on hundreds of bills annually and many are quite complicated. In a perfect world, most of them would be black or white, but we have never lived in a perfect world.

Senator Massey is a strong conservative, knows Knox County intimately, and its people and their attitudes very well and is the best choice for state Senate in the ongoing August Republican primary.

Do Democrat Voters Matter To The Democrat Elite And The Media?

The folks who talk about "saving our democracy" really don't believe in democracy or democratic government. Joe Biden, for all his faults, flaws and incompetence, IS the legitimate and legal nominee of the Democratic Party. That is based on 14 million voters who participated in the Democratic primaries across the country, the results of which made Joe Biden their nominee. In fact, those very same advocates of democracy for the people are the very same people who changed the rules to make it harder for

anyone to challenge Biden in the primaries. They also moved up the South Carolina primary to give Biden a flying start. Those same folks who talk about the "threat to our democracy" have never hesitated to change the rules in the middle of the game to skew the results or rig the game in their favor because they really don't like free and untrammelled democracy in action.

The furor reached a fever pitch following Biden's disastrous performance at the debate with former President Donald Trump. Suddenly, the collective narrative of the administration, the Democratic Party and the mockingbird media collapsed for all to see and hear. Joe Biden's cognitive decline did not happen overnight. The same people who lied about Biden being as sharp as a tack, asking penetrating questions at staff meetings, and having a command of the issues facing the country was never the Biden anybody saw in public. That was one of the reasons Biden's every appearance was as highly choreographed as a Hollywood musical. That was the reason he read everything off a teleprompter, almost

to the point of saying "hello." But We the People were supposed to believe every word spoon-fed us by the mockingbird media. How does anyone have even a shred of credibility as in the instance of "Morning Joe's" Joe Scarborough who told us Biden was "the best Joe Biden ever" only to turn on a dime and call for Biden's removal from the Democratic ticket? If Joe Scarborough truly had no idea about Biden's mental state he is too ignorant to be on any national television program. If he knowingly lied day after day, he deserves no national program and the small audience he has should flip over to another channel if they had the sense God gave a goose.

The point is all the usual suspects are those who shriek about our democracy under threat are the very same people who have knowingly lied to your face for 3 1/2 years about Joe Biden's mental state and capacity to serve as president of the United States. It is they who are the greatest threat to democracy in America today and they have repeatedly demonstrated they will stop at nothing to get their way.

They lied to our faces daily, rigged the game, greased the skids and believed they would get away with it. Then the real joe Biden showed up at the debate and the jig was up. The genie couldn't be put back into the bottle. The truth was so awful and catastrophic that the continuing lie that we hadn't really seen and heard what we had seen and heard was too big to deny. The usual tactic of simply doubling down and lying again failed to work.

That is exactly why they have to undo the democratic process and remove Joe Biden as their nominee. They haven't really begun to think about if Biden is too far gone to run and serve for another four years, is there anyone who believes he is fit to continue in the highest office for another six months? Ironically, it was Joe Biden himself who called out the perpetrators of this vile fraud, the elites who believe they are the only people smart enough to set the policies and run the government.

The last thing these people believe in is democracy or the people of the United States selecting their own leaders.

Legacy Luncheon for the Parks set for October

Legacy Parks Foundation announced today that they will host their annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks on Friday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the beautiful Holston River Farm.

Guest speaker Erik Weihenmayer is one of the most celebrated and accomplished adventurers in the world as the only blind climber in history to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Despite losing his vision at the age of 13, Erik has redefined what it means to be blind and has opened the eyes and minds of people around the world.

Erik co-founded No Barriers, a movement with the motto "What's Within You Is Stronger Than What's In Your Way." The mission is to help all of us deal with challenges, to turn into the storm of life, face barriers headon, embrace a pioneering and innovative spirit, and team up with great people to live rich in meaning and purpose. Erik continues to challenge himself to live a No Barriers Life and in September 2014 he kayaked the entire 277-miles of the Colorado River through the Grand

Canyon.

Legacy Parks continues its streak of bringing national speakers to the luncheon including Chuck Leavell, David McClain, Pete McBride, Cheryl Strayed, Alexandra Cousteau, Rick Ridgeway, Peter Hillary, Howard Baker, Pat Summitt, Governor Haslam, and more.

The Legacy Luncheon for the Parks event draws 1,000 civic, business, and community leaders for a picnic-style luncheon. This year's Luncheon will host another thousand attendees to celebrate Legacy Parks Foundation's successes over the last year, discuss new initiatives and high-light new projects.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for this year's luncheon. Tables and individual tickets may be purchased now online at legacy-parks.org or by calling (865) 525-2585.

Funding for James White Pavilion on city council agenda

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Among the long list of items to be discussed at Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting is a \$4.6 million contract to build the James White Pavilion at the entrance to the Urban Wilderness.

The contract would be with Design & Construction Services Inc. and may include a large shelter, bathrooms, and a playground. Plans will eventually include a bike and walking lane across the bridge linking the two shores together as the city continues its walkability efforts.

The council may also increase the amount of a contract with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson Inc. for work on the Urban Wilderness Gateway Project, upping the contract to \$315,701.

The council may vote to hire DH Griffin Wrecking Company to demolish the old church at 2100

Washington Avenue with the stipulation that all historical characteristics — such as stained glass windows, curved pews, interior or wood roll-up doors and intact original brick masonry — be salvaged. The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is requesting the \$41,235 contract agreement.

Built in the 1920s, the building was said to be the first Quaker Church in the area.

Several zoning change requests are before the city council, most asking for a more permissible residential category. Those properties include 1805 Ferd Hickey Road, 324 Watauga Drive, 3107 Landview Drive, and 3407 Valley View Drive. Two zoning requests are non-residential with a property at 1000 May Avenue asking to move from heavy industry to highway commercial and a property at 277 Ogle

Avenue seeking to move to a different general commercial district status.

Two zoning requests require changes in the city sector plan and approval. Stephen Goodson is asking for a change at 606 Heins Court from RN-2 single-family residential to RN-4. Scott Smith is asking for a change at 1476 Lyons Bend Rod from RN-1 to RN-3, general residential.

The council will also vote on a new lease agreement with the Tennessee Valley Fair; an agreement with Knox County for the Emergency Management Agency to accept \$25,300 in Homeland Security Funding for a mobile command post; and the authorizations of \$378,350 for improvements to the Cal Johnson Recreation Center and \$910,105 for renovations to the sixth floor of the City-County Building.

Just over \$20,000 in Homeland Security Grant

funds may be passed along to the fire department to purchase "Identifier, Isotope, Radionuclide." The Salvation Army Knoxville Area Command may get funding for emergency shelter service at the Joy Baker Center and Men's Emergency Shelter.

The Knoxville Police Department is asking approval for three items: accepting funds from Homeland Security to purchase a mobile camera trailer, accepting funds from the Department of Justice for de-escalation and crisis response training, and trading the department's inventory of Sig Sauer P22 handguns and other firearms.

The council may vote to authorize the mayor to apply for a grant of \$325,000 with a city match of \$175,000 to replace the city's diesel heavy-duty vehicle with an electric vehicle.

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Student-led initiative to beta test menstrual product baskets

By Ken Leinart

The new student representative on the Knox County Board of Education, Halls High School senior Sophia Elkins, was officially welcomed Thursday, July 11, during the body's regular monthly meeting.

Elkins didn't take long to make an impact on the board and an initiative she and others have mapped out should be happening school-wide by as soon as August.

She and two of her classmates made a presentation to the board about the availability of feminine hygiene products in Knox County middle and high

schools.

High school can be an emotional minefield for any student as their bodies and minds grow. It's angst-filled enough for any student, but for young women it can become an almost hellish experience when having to ask a stranger for a feminine hygiene product. Those products are readily available now in schools, but they are kept, usually, by the school nurse or a teacher.

Elkins and her classmates said it can be embarrassing to have to go to an adult, who you may not know, and ask for those items.

This student-led initiative's goal is to have the feminine hygiene products in girls' bathrooms.

The three students asked for a beta program to begin in August of the 2024-2025 school year to determine whether the products would be a "positive presence" in the bathrooms.

The products would be put in bins in the girls' bathrooms during the beta program and the reaction from students would be tracked.

This program would also determine how many products are being used and what improvements need to be made and how they

need to be made.

Three high schools in Knox County currently have provided examples and trials for implementation throughout the county. Farragut High School, West High School and Career Magnet Academy have baskets of products mounted on the walls of girl's bathrooms.

The initiative would require several things beyond support from the Knox County Board of Education.

Hanging baskets will be required and having them mounted on the walls, cooperation from the system's head of health

services to supply the free products, and the establishment of student-led initiatives to maintain information on the products and get the reactions of other students.

While teacher advisors would be required at each school, the youth representative would be in charge of oversight of the bins and the products and they would report how many times the bins need to be refilled, any possible damage to the bins or the products.

Instances of damage or destruction, or if students are obstructed from access to the products,

the student representative of that school would meet with school administrators to find a solution on a school-by-school basis.

The beta program would start with one bathroom per school, but the goal is to have products in every girl's bathroom in every middle and high school.

Garfield Adams, Knox County Assistant Superintendent of Operations, said now that the proposition has been made to the board of education he will get together with the members of the student initiative and move forward with it.

Dogwood Arts announces large-scale mural project in North Knoxville

Knox Walls at Emory Place to Open October 2024

Dogwood Arts and Visit Knoxville are excited to announce a large-scale public art project unlike any other in our area. The project will transform an unassuming, little used space into an extensive outdoor art gallery, further enhancing the public art in Knoxville alongside cities like Asheville, Miami, and Philadelphia as must-visit destinations to appreciate art of all kinds.

Knox Walls at Emory Place will be an immersive art destination in North Knoxville featuring thirteen large-scale, permanent

murals by prominent artists from across the country. The murals will be located in the space behind Lillienthal Gallery, Pivot Point Gallery, French Fried Vintage, Design AF, NOI Knoxville, and Harb's Carpeting & Oriental Rugs between N. Central Street and N. Broadway.

"The high caliber of artists who responded to our nationwide call surpassed our expectations and our entire team is brimming with excitement to bring each of the artists selected to Knoxville — it's an opportunity unlike any other for us to welcome and host

internationally-recognized, award-winning artists to leave their mark on our City," said Sherry Jenkins, Executive Director of Dogwood Arts. "Critical funding from Visit Knoxville and personal investment and commitment by Ilana Brodt (a talented artist, Lillienthal Gallery Owner, and owner of many of the buildings involved) were two important elements that helped bring this dream to life. We all hope Knox Walls at Emory Place will become a catalyst for community connection, economic growth, and accessibility to the arts in North Knoxville and beyond."

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to continue

our partnership with Dogwood Arts on this exciting creative endeavor," said Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "We know that murals and street art are a big draw for visitors in destinations across the country, and Knoxville is no exception. The Emory Place mural project will continue to showcase Knoxville as a nature-loving-adventure-seeking-ARTSY-kindatown!"

While funding for artist commissions is always a challenge for a project of this size, the project could not happen without the support and commitment of the property owners Ilana Brodt and Johnny and Libby Harb (owners of Harb's Rug

Gallery - on Broadway since 1926). Brodt has already invested significantly in the project collaborating with Dogwood Arts on artist selections and having all of the walls of her buildings cleaned and primed in preparation for the artists who will be arriving soon. Prep of the Harb's walls will follow shortly.

About the project, Brodt said, "As I developed Emory Place into a hub for arts and culture, I wanted to extend the arts into the alley behind Lillienthal Gallery. When Dogwood Arts came and asked if they could have murals painted there, I was very excited to collaborate. I remembered a project I was a part of in

Miami - Wynwood Walls. I envisioned full scale, top to bottom murals, with a specific topic that all artists would work together on. The murals will be permanently on the walls, as an open exhibition, accessible to the public."

Each artist commissioned by Dogwood Arts will take between 5-10 days to complete their individual murals; work will begin in late July and continue through early September. A press event will be scheduled in mid-August when the largest concentration of artists will be working in the space, more details to follow. Knox Walls at Emory Place will officially open to the public in early October.

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Turning Point

I'm reading the novel "11/22/63" by Stephen King about the Kennedy assassination. A focal point of the novel is how an event serves as a turning point in someone's life. King writes beautifully, but his usual macabre oeuvre is not my cup of tea.

In recent weeks I've been writing about how things are changing which I have described as turning points. There are many similar terms, including watershed events or the original description of a "Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell. I believe the failed assassination of President Trump and the defiant picture of him will be the tipping point for the presidential election and the turning point for America.

Leftists, progressive Democrats, socialists, the deceitful mainstream media and the depraved

Washington establishment have spent the last decade trying to prevent President Trump's election (Russian collusion hoax), undermine his presidency, impeach him, lie about him, denigrate his character with porn star hustlers and con men, raid and trash his home, attack his family, try to financially ruin and imprison him. They failed. What's left?

Repeatedly, we hear about the radicalization of Muslims who then become terrorists. Propaganda is a tool to manipulate people and promote extremism, especially in the minds of imbalanced people. The Big Lie was coined by Adolf Hitler in his book "Mein Kampf" and used by his propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels. Our propagandists are the alphabet mainstream media.

President Trump has been described as a Nazi,

fascist and an existential threat to democracy by Biden and numerous talking heads on MSNBC, CNN, NYTimes, ABC, CBS and I could go on. Demonizing rhetoric radicalized the imbalanced murderer in Pennsylvania who sought recognition by assassinating the "monster" that Democrats and the media created.

Poor leadership and failed Democrat progressive policies have ravaged our country. I'm no expert on K-12 education, but I have watched my own daughters and now my grandkids go through various schools. I have observed that when school principals show leadership, teachers rise to their best and students prosper. And the opposite is certainly true. The same goes for our country which is suffering from a dearth of competent leadership from the president down through Congress and government agencies.

Last week I wrote about what has been lost in our country. Go to The Knoxville Focus archives and read last week's essay "The Missing Link." I believe our secular government has abandoned God or relegated the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe to lip service. We have chosen big government

over big God, and it's not working. So now I'll add inadequate human leadership to our decline.

The so-called adults who came to Washington to lead the country in the aftermath of the Fauci/Chinese pandemic and a compromised 2020 election are incompetent and ideologically driven, 1960s radicals headed by an old geezer. It has been a disaster or, gutturally speaking, a charlie foxtrot.

But everything changed on Saturday, July 17. Providentially, President Trump turned his head to the right just as the assassin fired, and the bullet tore through his ear lobe and not his brain. No, I cannot prove that Trump was saved by the hand of God. But neither can God's intervention be disproven. The president's life was saved and we did not devolve into a civil war as in the 1860s.

The apostle Paul's words in Acts 17:28 speak to me across the ages. I challenge you to read the verse and consider that nothing happens outside the sphere of God's creation and control. I am a Christian, but this passage suggests pantheism and a unifying philosophy for all rational people.

I asked multiple members of my Sunday school class if they trusted any

government institution. They said "No." The loss of trust is further proof we are headed in the wrong direction. I used to watch "The X-Files" and trusted Mulder and Scully to look for the truth, even as they worked to circumvent the obstructionist (corrupt?) FBI hierarchy. How ironic that fiction has become the truth.

At this point, I trust the IRS more than the leadership of the FBI, Biden's inJustice department or anything that comes out of the White House. And after the utter failure of the Secret Service to protect President Trump from a 20-year-old kid on a roof with a rifle, I believe this bunch is either incompetent or corrupt. Perhaps this is why the Secret Service couldn't find the cocaine user in the White House.

Our impaired president is too far gone to realize it's over for him, but he won't resign or suspend his campaign because, in part, his echo chamber, Hunter and Dr. Jill, tell him he's "a good boy." Biden's reelection campaign was based on registering illegals to vote and demonizing President Trump. Now, Ole' Joe won't be able to motivate his crazy base with his radicalizing rhetoric of "It's time to put Trump in the bullseye."

So many iconic images

emerged from the July 13 attack. I'm sure you've seen the bloodied President Trump surrounded by Secret Service agents raising a defiant fist with Old Glory flying above him. Demonization by Democrats, lawfare, impeachment, character assault, feckless RINOs and now an assassin's bullet have not been able to defeat Trump.

Americans think they know Donald J. Trump because he's been president, a TV star and through the media's mischaracterization of him with their Trump Derangement Syndrome propaganda. But President Trump's granddaughter described her loving grandfather and Melania Trump's post-July 13 letter to Americans described her husband's "laughter, ingenuity, love of music and inspiration," and his humanity hidden by the Democrat media's demonization.

It's time to step up and be a patriot. Be courageous like our Braveheart and renounce evil. Demand accountability for the Secret Service's failure. Get on the Trump train and together let's Make America Great Again.

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A new park for Hardin Valley?

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The Knox County Commission's agenda review meeting last week saw several items being passed onto tonight's regular session including Chairwoman Terry Hill's idea for a new park in Hardin Valley. She said the rapidly growing northwest area has no real park or place for more than 20 people to meet outside of a school building.

Hill said that the county owns five acres there and Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the proposed new park building would be similar to the building in New Harvest Park, adding that the new park would also have a shelter, community center, walking trails, a playground and picnic area. He estimated the cost at \$2.5 to \$3 million. The resolution calls for a \$259,500 contract with Lose Design for a design study for a community center on the property off

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Boy Scout Grayson Rosenblad (above), Marisa Moazen from Knoxville's Community Development Corporation and Property Manager Lisa Holbrook officially cut the ribbon on a Little Free Library in the Nature's Cove affordable housing community on July 17. Rosenblad installed the library and seating area as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Boy Scout establishes Little Free Library, picnic area at KCDC's Nature's Cove

A local Boy Scout has provided a Little Free Library and seating area for residents at Nature's Cove, a housing community for families owned by Knoxville's Community Development Corporation.

Grayson Rosenblad of Boy Scout Troop 757 officially unveiled the library and two picnic tables with a ribbon cutting on July 17 at the Bakertown Road property as part of a project to become an Eagle Scout.

"We want to thank Grayson for sharing his

love of reading and donating his time and efforts to open this Little Free Library," KCDC Executive Director and CEO Ben Bentley said. "We know access to books helps children build early literacy skills, and the seating area will enhance the neighborhood and offer a place for people to gather."

Representatives with KCDC and Nature's Cove attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony along with Rosenblad.

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Crazy Times in College

On his way home from a family reunion in Pittsburgh with his dad's parents and uncles and aunts, 16-year-old grandson Madden visited The University of Kentucky. My daughter Lacey



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said that the trip did what it was supposed to do, but I'm not sure I understand what she was talking about. I do know that going to college is a privilege. But I don't necessarily think it's for every person. Lots of folks can do things without a college degree and make a good living and have the things that make for a better life. I wasn't one of

those who could make a better life with a trade or a skill. I had to go to college, and I'm glad I did. It was a unique experience and something that helped mold who I am and what I am and how I am.

brother Dal and his wife, Brenda, lived in a dorm where he was head resident. Our dorm room was the largest Jim and I had ever shared. However, Jim was gone most of the time as he rehearsed with the band for half-time shows.

By the end of the first quarter, Jim had gone home. He pined away to be with his soon-to-be wife. By January, I'd grown into my new life. I'd had a girlfriend for a while that first term, but she never returned after the break, and I never heard from her again. During classes, I met some people with whom I made loose friendships. I also began to take part in some things on campus. Football and

basketball games offered a break from the demands of classes. Many evenings were spent at Dal's apartment, where I watched "The Tonight Show" before beginning my studies.

The strangest events I witnessed involved crowds. The first was a panty raid. Male dorm residents crossed campus to where the women's dorms were located. There the males stood at the edge of the curb and yelled at the girls in their rooms. Some were brave enough to even cross the road to try to enter the dorms. Female head residents, however, were successful in preventing them from getting close. In fact, some of the head residents were so forceful that they tossed male residents around as if they were toys. Girls would hang out the windows and possibly throw down a piece of

lingerie and dare males to try to reach it. For the most part. It was just a way to stop the boredom of college life for those who had no social life.

The second event at that time was streaking. This was a predominantly male venture, and those who participated usually were members of fraternities. The requirement for participating was to be sufficient-wasted to strip naked and run from one end of the main quad to the other as the crowded quad lined with students cheered on participants. It was not a favorite activity with the administration and only happened on a couple of occasions. The spectacle was another way for college students to release the energies that were stored up from plenty of studying, as well as from too much drinking.

It's hard to believe that Madden is already looking at colleges. It seems just like yesterday he was a little boy visiting Knoxville and wanting to play dinosaurs in the woods. I doubt seriously that the events he finds at college will be anything close to what I witnessed. However, I hope he makes friends and does much more socializing than I did. Those are good days. They're the best days that some people can have because they're free of responsibility and are learning how to be a part of the real world. The best thing that happened to me in college was meeting Amy during my senior year, and we've been together ever since. Maybe Madden will be that lucky. Anything can happen during those crazy times in college. Let's hope he leaves the school with a diploma in hand.

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Boy Scout establishes Little Free Library, picnic area at KCDC's Nature's Cove

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passionate about reading, so the goal of my project is to offer others, specifically children, the ability to develop the same fondness for books that I've had," Rosenblad said. "I'm hopeful the picnic tables will provide a community space to allow for reading, cookouts or anything that will bring the neighborhood together."

Rosenblad currently is a Life Scout and is working toward earning his Eagle Scout rank, which requires that he complete

a comprehensive service project in the community, earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate leadership and proficiency in outdoor skills. Rosenblad said he's been active in the Boy Scouts since the fifth grade and was a Cub Scout prior to that.

In addition to Nature's Cove, KCDC housing communities with Little Libraries include Five Points, Lonsdale Homes, The Vista and Western Heights. KCDC is seeking individual, corporate or organization donors to add

Little Libraries at Autumn Landing, Montgomery Village and North Ridge Crossing.

Cagle Terrace and Northgate Terrace, KCDC properties serving the elderly and disabled, maintain indoor libraries and are in need of donations and assistance in maintaining those larger collections. Book donations may be dropped off at 901 N. Broadway in Knoxville. Inquiries may be directed to partnerships@kcdc.org.

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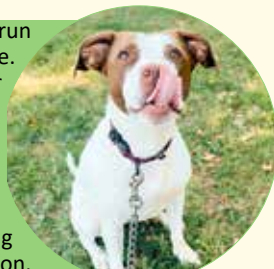


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Robert L. Ramsay of West Virginia

Pages from the Past



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I have oftentimes stated my belief that the U.S. House of Representatives, for better or worse, is a reflection of those people who send a congressman to Washington, D.C. Most congressmen work in anonymity, even in today's world where there are too many news and social media outlets to count. Usually, those representatives were only widely known inside the congressional district they represented. Robert Lincoln Ramsay was one of those representatives who was little known outside of West Virginia's First Congressional District. Ramsay immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1881, when he was four years old. The future congressman's father was a miner, which was the perfect pedigree for a Democrat in West Virginia where the unions would become a powerful political entity in the coming decades. The family settled in Hancock County and Robert Ramsay graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1901. For the rest of his life, Ramsay would practice his chosen profession in one form or another.

Prior to the Great Depression, West Virginia was a Republican state and Ramsay's party was in the minority, although it was possible for a Democrat to win elections periodically as demonstrated by the irrepressible Matthew M. Neely, who was both a perennial and frequently successful candidate for public office. Ramsay served as the city solicitor of Follansbee for a lengthy period of time and was elected the district attorney for Brooke County in 1908 and served four years before losing his reelection campaign. Bob Ramsay would prove to be something of a perennial seeker of office himself and defeat never deterred him from his goals. Four years after having lost his reelection bid as district attorney, Ramsay ran again in 1916 and won. In 1928, Ramsay was the Democratic nominee for attorney general of West Virginia, but it was a big year for Republicans in West Virginia and the nation. The entire Democratic ticket, including U.S. Senator Matthew M. Neely, went down to defeat. Bob Ramsay lost to incumbent Attorney General Howard B. Lee by more than 63,000 votes.

Two years later, Ramsay challenged Congressman Carl Bachman, a Republican, for his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Even with the Depression, Bachman managed to win reelection relatively easily, garnering better than 56% of the ballots cast. As always, Bob Ramsay was persistent and ran again for Congress in 1932. With the Great Depression deepening

and more people suffering, West Virginia voters began to turn away from President Herbert Hoover in particular and the Republican Party in general. As Franklin Roosevelt was carrying the Mountain State with 54.4% of the vote, Robert L. Ramsay was edging out Carl Bachman in what was likely the most solidly Republican congressional district in West Virginia. Ramsay eked out a 3,000-vote victory in the general election.

Once in Washington, D.C., Bob Ramsay was a loyal supporter of President Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Congressman Ramsay was also an unabashed supporter of organized labor, a prerequisite for any Democrat in West Virginia. Former Congressman Carl Bachman, likely thinking Ramsay's win in 1932 had been a fluke, sought a rematch in the 1934 election. Ramsay increased his majority, beating Bachman decisively. In 1936, Congressman Ramsay won by the biggest majority of his congressional career to date, polling almost 60% of the vote against GOP candidate Charles J. Shuck.

Bob Ramsay had every reason to feel good about his reelection campaign in 1938; he had steadily increased his majority with every election. Republicans nominated attorney Andrew C. Schiffler without opposition to face Ramsay in the general election. Election Day surprised Congressman Robert Ramsay, who was upset by Schiffler, who won by quite nearly 10,000 votes. As always with the defeat of an incumbent who is expected to win reelection, local newspapers unearthed the body to do a political autopsy. Referring to Ramsay as the "Friar of Follansbee," columnist Charles Brooks Smith of the Hinton Daily News thought Ramsay had fallen victim to the unpopularity of Secretary of State Cordell Hull's trade treaties inside the district. Smith opined the trade treaties were a significant issue both in Ramsay's district as well as that of the Eighteenth District in Ohio, which lay across the river. Noting that Wheeling, inside West Virginia's First Congressional District, was "a compact, populous center of highly unionized crafts of 'skills,'" the tariff was "no academic question to those workers. Both districts had Democratic congressmen, Ramsay and Lawrence E. Imhoff of Ohio; both lost their reelection campaigns to GOP challengers in the 1938 election. As a loyal supporter of the New Deal, enough unemployed workers blamed Ramsay for their condition due to Hull's trade policies. Congressman Ramsay had stoutly resisted the arguments made by many glass workers in



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Days after Pearl Harbor, West Virginia Congressman Robert L. Ramsay (left) and House Door Page John Jurgenson, typify the American men who are eligible under the draft extension passed by Congress. Ramsay was 64 while Jurgenson was 18.

the First District, who had become unemployed due to the imports allowed under treaties negotiated by Secretary Hull. Ramsay maintained those treaties were not the cause of their losing their jobs while A.C. Schiffler took the opposite approach, steadily lambasting the New Deal and its trade policies. As Charles Brooks Smith wryly pointed out, an unemployed worker on a steady diet of beans is unlikely to care much for lofty economic arguments. Ramsay's insistence he would not question "any policy now effect in Washington" was utterly unacceptable to those on relief instead of working.

An editorial in the same newspaper faulted a decision made by the National Labor Relations Board in a hearing on Weirton Steel, which was related to charges the company had discriminated against organized labor and unions. The editorial thought the resulting investigation "was so biased and unfair it brought about a revulsion of feeling among the voters of both parties in the northwest panhandle of the State." As the Hinton Daily News rightly concluded, Congressman Robert L. Ramsay had been no less supportive of the New Deal than the rest of West Virginia's congressional delegation, with the notable exception of maverick U.S. Senator Rush Holt.

Rarely ever does an election turn upon a single issue; usually it is a combination of factors and 1938 was the beginning of the end of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. For six years, Democrats had increased their majorities in both houses of Congress and the 1938 election saw the tide ebbing, with Republicans making major gains across the country. In West Virginia, the high tide of 1936 was reduced by 100,000 votes, although Bob Ramsay was the only Democratic congressman to lose his seat, most of the others saw their margins drastically reduced. A coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans would make their presence felt in both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

No longer would Franklin Roosevelt enjoy such subservient legislative bodies.

The proof of the pudding, as they say, is in the tasting. Evidence of the unpopularity of the Hull trade policies in West Virginia was Senator Matthew M. Neely having voted in favor, only to oppose the treaty a second time. Especially true for the Democrats in West Virginia, it was fair to say no other special interest or voting bloc received as much consideration, especially in an election year, as did labor. Both heads of the major unions, John L. Lewis of the CIO and William Green of the AFL, wielded considerable influence in West Virginia's politics.

Like Bob Ramsay, "Andy" Schiffler had at one time been a prosecuting attorney. For six years, Ramsay and Schiffler would fight pitched battles over the right to represent West Virginia's First Congressional District in the House of Representatives. The all-consuming desire to remain in government has been referred to as "Potomac Fever" and if so, Bob Ramsay had a near-terminal case of it.

The 1940 election was quite different in at least one respect; it was a presidential election year. At the top of the Democratic ticket was the best-vote-getter the party had: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. FDR remained highly popular in West Virginia and former Congressman Robert L. Ramsay was anxious to win back his seat in the House. Ramsay sought a rematch with A. C. Schiffler in 1940, but his standing inside his own party did not prevent another serious Democrat from challenging him for the nomination. C. Lee Spillers of Wheeling, a prosecuting attorney, sought to move up to the House. Ramsay was renominated and the differences between the former congressman and the incumbent were like night and day. A.C. Schiffler introduced a bill that would have banned all immigration to the United States until further notice. Bob Ramsay was, of course, an immigrant himself.

In a bitter and hard-fought campaign, with Roosevelt and Matthew Neely at the top of the ticket, Robert L.

Ramsay managed to beat Congressman A.C. Schiffler and take back his seat in the House. Schiffler had been popular, especially inside his own Republican Party, and kept up his political contacts after returning home to West Virginia. It soon became readily apparent he would run again in 1942.

In their final grudge match, A.C. Schiffler reversed his 1940 defeat and beat Congressman Ramsay decisively. Out of office once again, former Congressman Bob Ramsay found shelter in the New Deal he had steadfastly supported throughout his time in the House of Representatives. Leaving Congress in 1943, he remained in Washington, D.C., working as a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States. Doubtless, Ramsay would have sought yet another rematch with Andrew Schiffler in 1944 had it not been for Matthew Neely. Neely, finishing out a term as governor of West Virginia, found private life even more distasteful than Bob Ramsay. With no Senate seat open and barred from a second consecutive term as governor, Neely ran for the only office available to him: the House of Representatives. The old Democratic warhorse managed to beat Congressman A.C. Schiffler, but only barely. Neely, who had represented the First District in the House of Representatives years before, was without question the strongest candidate the Democrats could have fielded against Andy Schiffler. With Franklin Roosevelt once again atop the Democratic ticket, Neely only managed to nudge Schiffler out of office by 950 votes.

Realizing all too well his inability to beat the Colossus of West Virginia politics, Bob Ramsay did not run against Neely for Congress in 1944. Thinking the route back to the House was closed to him for a period of years, Ramsay opted to return to West Virginia where he worked as an assistant to the state attorney general. Ramsay's political career was both stalled and revived when Matthew M. Neely was unexpectedly

defeated for reelection in 1946 by Republican Francis J. Love. Ironically, A. C. Schiffler almost certainly would have run a stronger race and could have served yet another term in Congress, but the former congressman chose not to be a candidate, preferring to return to his law practice. The 1946 election was the best for Republicans nationally since 1928 and they won control of both houses of Congress.

With Matthew Neely off and running to reclaim his former seat in the U.S. Senate in 1948, 71-year-old Robert Ramsay ran in the Democratic primary for West Virginia's First Congressional District. Ramsay faced five opponents in the primary and won with just over 31% of the vote. Ramsay managed to beat Congressman Love as 1948 was as good a year for Democrats as 1946 had been for Republicans. Love was not an especially strong candidate and Bob Ramsay won easily. There were signs his popularity inside his congressional district was diminishing. Ramsay faced a primary opponent in 1950 who won a third of the vote. In a rematch with Francis Love, Ramsay won a narrow victory. It was the last victory of Bob Ramsay's long political career.

In 1952, Senator Matthew Neely sponsored his protégé Robert Mollahan, who beat Ramsay in the Democratic primary. Ramsay, 77 years old, tried again in 1954 and was humiliated. Working as an assistant prosecutor in a county office, Ramsay tried to unseat his former boss in the primary in 1956 and lost yet again. That November, Robert Ramsay died.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK
IN RE: LAKEN ELIZABETH CONLEY
V.
ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK
NO. 208704-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint, 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, it ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK, file an answer with The Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Laura E. Metcalf, an Attorney whose address is 800 Gay Street, Suite 2275 Knoxville, Tennessee 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 11th day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS
IN RE: KENZIE MARIE SELLERS v.
BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS
NO. 208660-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS it is ordered that said defendant BRITTANY DANIELLE SELLERS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with HARRISON C. DUSEK, an Attorneys whose address is, 310 N. MAIN STREET, CLINTON, TN 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor CHRISTOPHER D. HEADGERTY at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18th day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CALEB CHANCE BALES
DOCKET NUMBER 89596-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect to the estate of CALEB CHANCE BALES, who died April 6, 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 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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 2 day of JULY, 2024

ESTATE OF CALEB CHANCE BALES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY ALLEN BALES
8160 CHESTNUT HILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

JOHN W. BUTLER, ATTORNEY
2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIMMY ALLEN BALL
DOCKET NUMBER 89635-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JIMMY ALLEN BALL, who died June 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 27 day of JUNE, 2024.

ESTATE OF JIMMY ALLEN BALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DARRELL L. BALL, EXECUTOR
9031 CARLTON CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TYLER BECK
DOCKET NUMBER 89679-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of TYLER BECK, who died in testate January 31, 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 of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least 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 10 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF TYLER BECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN CATHELL
16 HACKNEY DRIVE
BEAR, DE 19701

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA KATHERINE BALLOCK
DOCKET NUMBER 89714-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GLORIA KATHERINE BALLOCK, who died April 27, 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 9 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GLORIA KATHERINE BALLOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KELLY S. NORRIS
2013 CRENSHAW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORA JEAN ELLIOTT
DOCKET NUMBER 89603-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DORA JEAN ELLIOTT, who died May 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 1 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DORA JEAN ELLIOTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HEATHER ASHLEY NORMAN,
ADMINISTRATOR
7433 PINTO LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

W. TODD DANIEL, ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 950
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE ALLEN FREDETTE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89609-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LAWRENCE ALLEN FREDETTE, JR., who died February 14, 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 1 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE ALLEN FREDETTE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAWRENCE ALLEN FREDETTE, III
2 VILLAGE DRIVE

MEREDITH, NH 03053

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMUEL FRANKLIN GUINN, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 89280-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMUEL FRANKLIN GUINN, JR., who died December 15, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 3 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL FRANKLIN GUINN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RUTH LOCKE GUINN, EXECUTOR
330 CHOWNING DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALTA M. HUFFAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 89190-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MARCH, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALTA M. HUFFAKER, who died December 2, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 28 day of MARCH, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALTA M. HUFFAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOWARD H. HUFFAKER, CO-EXECUTOR
1934 CLIFFVIEW COURT
MURFREESBORO, TN 37128

THOMAS D. HUFFAKER, CO-EXECUTOR
1901 SOUTHDAL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

GEORGE R. GARRISON, ATTORNEY
1142 DOLLY PARTON PARKWAY
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES M. LEE
DOCKET NUMBER 89599-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES M. LEE, who died February 2, 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 2 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES M. LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARLA D. HEADRICK

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORA RUTH (PRICE) LEEPER
DOCKET NUMBER 89650-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORA RUTH PRICE LEEPER, who died on the 19th 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 2 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF NORA RUTH (PRICE) LEEPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT N. PRICE
8104 CONNOR ROAD

POWELL, TN 37849

S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER THAD GUMP MICHAEL
DOCKET NUMBER 89475-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ROGER THAD GUMP MICHAEL, who died 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 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 months from the decedent's date of death.

This 10 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROGER THAD GUMP MICHAEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MONICA BARNETT
4006 GUMWOOD LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

CORT SIKES, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 31526
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CHARLES NELSON
DOCKET NUMBER 89492-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER CHARLES NELSON, who died on January 9, 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 1 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CHARLES NELSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY SUSAN LAYMAN, ADMINISTRATOR
16 EDDINGTON LANE
MOMOE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. PITMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 89682-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA B. PITMAN, who died May 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 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 of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least 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 9 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. PITMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WICKI H. KING
6809 PICKLE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37754

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE ROWLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 89386-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of WAYNE ROWLAND, who died on March 24, 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 2 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WAYNE ROWLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRI COFFMAN

17000 E MINERAL PLACE
CENTENNIAL, CO 80016

LORI ROWLAND
2008 CEDAR LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA STULL DELLER DOCKET NUMBER 88972-3

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 MARTHA STULL DELLER who died on October 17, 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 date of the decedent's date of death.

This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA STULL DELLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARL TATE PECK, II
8105 MEADOWOOD LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MITAL D. PATEL, ATTORNEY
217 S. PETERS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY FAYE ETHERTON DOCKET NUMBER 88751-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY FAYE ETHERTON who died on the 31st day of July, 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 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY FAYE ETHERTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES R. ETHERTON
6629 THOMAS WEAVER RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

STEWART M. CRANE, ATTORNEY
9111 CROSS PARK DR., SUITE D-200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MERLIN JAMES ETUE DOCKET NUMBER 89692-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MERLIN JAMES ETUE, who died on the 26th day of February, 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
(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 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MERLIN JAMES ETUE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM MICHAEL ETJJE
18 YORK LANE
STANFORD, KY 40484

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAITHER WILSON HORDE, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89706-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAITHER WILSON HORDE, JR. who died February 9, 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GAITHER WILSON HORDE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

LESLIE LEE HORDE CLAXTON, CO-EXECUTOR
GAITHER WILSON HORDE, III, CO-EXECUTOR
PO BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM THOMAS LUNDY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 89712-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of William Thomas Lundy, Sr. who died on May 17, 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 prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication described in (1)(A); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM THOMAS LUNDY, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM THOMAS LUNDY, JR.
709 KNOXVILLE VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY
402 CLYDE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD E. MANTOOTH DOCKET NUMBER 89689-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD E. MANTOOTH, who died October 11, 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EDWARD E. MANTOOTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACOB EVANS
2366 FLORIBANNA STREET
NORTH PORT, FL 34287

MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALLACE MCCLURE, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89698-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WALLACE MCCLURE, JR., who died June 11, 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 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WALLACE MCCLURE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WALLACE B. MCCLURE
10645 FOREST CREST ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ALEXANDER M. TAYLOR, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA MILLER MORRIS DOCKET NUMBER 89524-3

WHEREAS, at the Chancery Court, Probate Division, for Knox County, Tennessee, located at 400 Main Street, Suite 352, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, it appeared to the Court that ANNA MILLER MORRIS, late of Knox County, having died, but having first made a Last Will and Testament, in which Bruce E. Tackett, was nominated as personal representative. The Will, having been proved and admitted to record, and Bruce E. Tackett having qualified as Personal Representative, the Court ordered the undersigned to issue these Letters Testamentary, according to law.

The undersigned, therefore, empowers Bruce E. Tackett as Personal Representative to take into his possession all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the decedent, wheresoever found, and all just debts of the decedent, and all the legacies specified in the Will, well and truly to pay, so far as the goods and chattels, rights and credits, may extend according to law, and in all things to administer the estate, according to the Will and the laws of the land.

ESTATE OF ANNA MILLER MORRIS

WITNESS, J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, who has issued this letter on the 11 day of JULY, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
CLERK AND MASTER
STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNTY OF KNOX
THIS ESTATE IS STILL IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS OF THE 11 DAY OF JULY 2024.
I, J. Scott Griswold, Clerk and Master of Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Letters Testamentary issued to the Personal Representative of the above-described estate of as it appears in my office.

IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand and seal at office in Knoxville, Tennessee this 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANNA MILLER MORRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRUCE E. TACKETT
1516 CUNNINGHAM RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY PARKS DOCKET NUMBER 88999-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN WESLEY PARKS who died on January 24, 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 of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least 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 JOHN WESLEY PARKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY PARKS STUHLAND
7608 N. JUSTICE WAY
VAN NUYS, CA 91405

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEROME MICHAEL PIETAK DOCKET NUMBER 88888-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of JEROME MICHAEL PIETAK, who died December 10, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident or 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) and (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 days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received a copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the decedent's death.

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JEROME MICHAEL PIETAK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES J. PIETAK
4400 DEERFIELD BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

CHARLES W. KITE, ATTORNEY
C/O MISER WEALTH PARTNERS, LLC
12802 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE #2
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY FAY RADER DOCKET NUMBER 89697-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY FAY RADER, who died April 1, 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 and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY FAY RADER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WENDY RADER-BAILEY
6306 NORWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

MELISSA WORTLEY, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORA JEAN ROBINSON DOCKET NUMBER 88954-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORA JEAN ROBINSON who died September 16, 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 NORA JEAN ROBINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH ANN ROBINSON
6 TINOU ST.
11251 ATHENS, GREECE

MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM O. SHARP, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 88889-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters of administration of the Estate of WILLIAM O. SHARP, JR. who died October 29, 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:

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

This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM O. SHARP, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA SHARP WALDROP
8600 CHILDRESS ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

CELESTE H. HERBERT, ATTORNEY
1368 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH CRAIG SWEAT DOCKET NUMBER 89719-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH CRAIG SWEAT, who died on April 29, 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:

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RALPH CRAIG SWEAT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA ANNE SWEAT, EXECUTRIX
5118 TROPICANA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

RICHARD T. SCROGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE CATHERINE AMMONS TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 89677-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE CATHERINE AMMONS TAYLOR, who died June 8, 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
(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 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE CATHERINE AMMONS TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA LYNNE BUNCH
3914 WINDCREST ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MELISSA LEAH TAYLOR
3901 WINDCREST ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

F. SCOTT MILLIGAN, ATTORNEY
PO BOX 12266
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 89713-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS THOMAS, who died on October 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:

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RAYMOND THOMAS
321 ISLAND VIEW LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY
402 CLYDE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUNE I. VANCE DOCKET NUMBER 88885-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of JUNE I. VANCE, who died on December 8, 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 dates as prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JUNE I. VANCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID ROBERT CAMPBELL
196 CORNERSTONE CIRCLE
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD JOSEPH WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 89578-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD JOS&P WILSON, who died April 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the

A new park for Hardin Valley?

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Hickory Creek Road. Also on today's agenda are amendments to the rules of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System dealing with employee rights to appeal the denial of a request for reclassification and the merit board's rules on loss of pay for suspended KCSO employees.

The commission will also discuss the county picking up the cost of extending a larger waterline along the I-40 Business Park and the West Knox Utility Company doing the work. That resolution saw some questions from Commissioner John Schoonmaker during the agenda review meeting. He asked if the developer nearby had not promised to pay for the larger water line. Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the waterline will also serve the West Knoxville Soccer Field and future development in the area.

Today's meeting will also honor the University of Tennessee National Baseball Champions and the commissioners and those attending are being urged to wear UT Orange. Mike and Pam Duncan and the Duncan family

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will be honored for the Duncan Boat Dock's 80th Anniversary and its impact on the Rocky Hill and Riverbend Neighborhoods.

Doyle High 50th Class Reunion

Go Pioneers!
The 50th reunion of graduation from Doyle High School will be celebrated in September.
Friday, September 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Graduates only will meet at David and Donna Fortner Tipton's home located at 1092 White Oak Avenue, Maryville, TN 37803 for a casual get-together and meal at No Cost. BBQ pork and sides will be provided. BYOB!

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 6 p.m. Graduates and their guest will enjoy a buffet dinner and music at Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.
Graduates pay only \$75, bring one guest - total cost is \$150.
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Wow! Helton makes himself at home

By Steve Williams

Fountain City Ball Park, Lindsey Nelson Stadium and Coors Field. They were homes away from home for Todd Helton in his baseball career.

Sunday he was welcomed into a new home at 25 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York. The National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Helton, a Knoxville product who starred at Central High School and the University of Tennessee before playing 17 seasons with the Colorado Rockies, is one of only 273 major league players in the Hall of Fame.

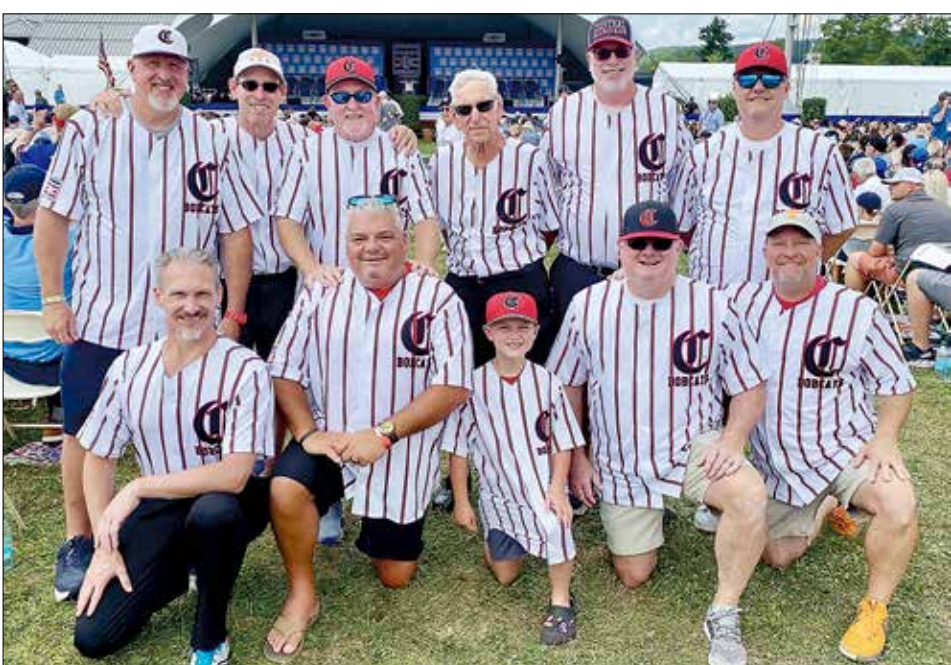
He joined former Colorado teammate Larry Walker as the Rockies' only Hall of Famers and also is only the second player from the Southeastern Conference to be so honored, with Frank Thomas of Auburn being the first.

"The recognition of the Cooperstown enshrinement is special," said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey last week. "I grew up about two hours from Cooperstown and made several trips there when I was young and even as an adult.

"Of any Hall of Fame, that one you walk into and it's a 'wow moment,' so congratulations to Todd and to everyone around him for the chance to celebrate ... but (also) to feature that wow moment for a University of Tennessee alum."

Helton, a lefty-lefty, was a 5-time All-Star, 3-time Gold Glove first baseman and a 4-time Silver Slugger with a .316 career batting average that included 592 doubles and 369 home runs.

Todd's display in the Hall of Fame includes a UT helmet as a tribute to his days as a football player, too.



Members of Central High's 1990 state championship team that included sophomore Todd Helton pose Sunday on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center wearing CHS throwback jerseys. Todd's high school number 16 is on the back of each jersey. Top row (left to right): Brad Pilkay, Finley Hicks, Assistant Coach Jon Miller, Head Coach Bud Bales, Chris Freeman, Chris Burlison. Bottom row (left to right): Lloyd Lay, Brent Walker, Kameron Freeman (Chris' son), Andy Bolton, Danny Jones.



Todd Helton was the leadoff speaker at the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Induction Ceremony Sunday at Cooperstown, N.Y. Andy Bolton, one of eight high school teammates to make the trip and attend the special occasion, said Helton did "outstanding" on his induction speech.

HALL OF FAME PHOTOS BY ANDY BOLTON

At Todd Helton with high school head coach Bud Bales (center) and assistant coach Jon Miller (left) in front of Helton action pictures at the Rockies' party Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

State championship coach to reboot varsity football at CCS

By Ken Lay

For the first time in six years, Concord Christian School will field a varsity football team. The Lions last attempted to play varsity football in 2018.

But they didn't play a game. They forfeited the lone game on their schedule as they were to play Friendship Christian, but lost by forfeit, 1-0.

Concord first began playing a varsity schedule in 2015 when it went 0-9 playing in Region 1-1A schedule in Division I of the TSSAA.

Lack of players plagued the Lions as they played varsity

football from 2016-18. They've never won a varsity game in 30 tries.

But that didn't scare new head coach Steve Matthews, a former Tennessee, Memphis State and NFL quarterback, away.

"When I interviewed for the job, I had about 20 questions and they had a good answer for all of them," said Matthews, who served as co-head coach at Catholic High School in 2023, sharing head coaching duties with Philip Shadowens. "We've talked about building a champion and I'm excited and I'm embracing the challenge."

And a challenge, it will certainly be.

CCS is a K-12 private school, affiliated with First Baptist Church, Concord, and has an enrollment of approximately 200 students.

"We have 200 students in our entire school," said Matthews, who was head coach at Catholic from 2013-21, guiding the Irish to state championships in 2015 and 2017.

The first time around, the Lions, who were once coached by former Tennessee and NFL running back Troy Fleming, struggled to have a full roster for many of their games.

Sometimes, they would have to forfeit on game days due to injuries. But that doesn't appear to be a concern in 2024.

Instead of playing a TSSAA schedule in 2024, CCS will be an independent team. The Lions will play a 10-game schedule with five of those games being varsity contests. In recent years, Concord has played only in junior varsity games.

"We have 37 kids out this year and we have 50 kids in our middle school program," Matthews said. "We have 10 games on our schedule and five of those will be varsity games."

"We have good kids and they're all working hard. We have a lot of young kids and some of them haven't even gone to high school yet."

Concord Christian has had success this summer in a 7-on-7 competition against some of the area's largest schools, including Heritage and Morristown East. But the preseason has been full of ups and downs. Matthews, however, is an optimist.

"We had a bad day of practice in the rain (on Tuesday), but you have good days and bad days," Matthews said. "But that's what

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Lane has all the keys to use at Central now

By Steve Williams

Kevin Lane has been a coach on the local high school football scene for 21 seasons, but this year is his first head job.

He has returned to Central, where he started his coaching career under Joel Helton in 2003.

Over the years, Lane has worked for six head coaches in all and been a defensive coordinator for 11 seasons. He was a DC on two state championship teams – West (2014) and Knoxville Catholic (2017). The past two years, he's been at Bearden.

With an athletic 10-year-old son (Briggs) of his own, Lane said at the KFOA Media Day on July 12 that it was no longer a "big goal" of his to be a head coach. Briggs is playing quarterback in the West youth program and threw his first touchdown pass a couple of weeks ago.

"(But) when the Central job came open, there were some calls and support for me to apply for the job, so I did," said Kevin. "I prayed about it and didn't think much (more) about it. Then I got offered the job and accepted it on Jan. 29."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New Central High coach Kevin Lane with three of his key players for the 2024 season -- Daniel Sackie, Jake Holbert and Kaden Long -- at the KFOA Media Day. High school teams are getting acclimated to the weather and will be in full pads later this week.

Lane will have "new duties" as a head coach, but he has learned over the years what to expect and how to be ready.

"They do things a little different everywhere and you take a little piece of those with you everywhere you go, and then your own philosophy kind of marries all those things together."

Central was represented

by seniors Daniel Sackie and Jake Holbert and new sophomore quarterback Kaden Long at the KFOA Media Day.

"Our skill players are really good," said Lane. He also thinks his offensive and defensive lines, "if they stay healthy, will be the difference" in games.

"No matter how much the game changes, it's

still built around the line of scrimmage. If you look at the state champions the last 10 to 15 years, the teams that win can run the football. And the ones that don't, they may get there or have a really good year, but typically when you can hang your hat on a run game or the line of scrimmage that's what wins games."

BOBCATS FOOTBALL 2024

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|-----|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Fri | Aug. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Fulton |
| Fri | Aug. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | Maryville |
| Fri | Sep. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | at Rhea County |
| Fri | Sep. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | at Ooltewah |
| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | at West (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | South-Doyle |
| Fri | Oct. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | at Oak Ridge |
| Fri | Oct. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Powell (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Heritage (R) |
| Fri | Nov. 1 | 7:00 p.m. | at Halls (R) |

Nick Chittum (5-7, 165) and Jaedyn Harris (5-10, 215) are battling to see who replaces workhorse Frank Johnson for the starting position at running back. Sackie (6-1, 190) is the H-back. Long, the QB, is 6-0, 170.

The Bobcats' wide receiving corps has JJ Smith or Niko Townsend at the "Z," with Javaston Badgett the "Y" and Sam Verneuli the "X."

Up front are sophomore Cassen Garrison (6-3, 250) at left tackle, Holbert (6-1, 295) at left guard, Zach Brown (6-1, 260) at center, Rodarious Pannell (5-10, 220) or Miguel Kirby (5-11, 225) at right guard and Kirby or Landon Hatfield (6-1, 225) at right tackle.

Defensively, Jayden Dixon (6-4, 215) and Hatfield are the starting

ends and Holbert is the nose guard. Tyler Hurley and Nikolai Brooks (5-10, 240) are the middle linebackers, while Demario Chapman and Sackie are the outside LBs. Cornerbacks will be Badgett and Torin McAfee. Smith, Townsend and Reggie Jones are battling for the two starting jobs at safety.

Corey Rathbone is Central's new offensive coordinator. He came from CAK and also has been at DeKalb County. He played at CAK when the Warriors won back-to-back state titles (2011 and 2012). He also played college football and coached in college, according to Lane.

Central will host rival Fulton in the Battle of Broadway on Aug. 23 in Week 1.

New S-D coach to rebuild program

By Mark Nagi

There's been a change at the top at South-Doyle, with Larry Headrick taking over as head coach for the departed Paul Shelton. Headrick has a packed East Tennessee resume, working previously as an assistant coach at Knoxville Central, Knoxville Catholic, Kings Academy and Fulton. Headrick is hoping to turn things around for the Cherokees program, which finished 2-8 in each of the past two seasons.

"I think that we have a bunch of kids that are

willing to learn," said Headrick. "They come to work every day. They are really coachable. It's been really neat because anything we coach them to do, they go above and beyond to make it happen. If they don't understand something, they ask questions. It's been a pretty solid transition coming in because they want to get better."

Headrick likes what he sees from his roster in the skill positions. Unfortunately, the roster isn't filled with a lot of guys that have seen significant

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Turner anticipates explosive offense at Gibbs

By Ken Leinart

Every new high school football season brings up questions to be answered as that season progresses.

Gibbs High School has early answers on a couple of the key questions that will be asked about head coach Brad Turner's Eagles.

No, last season's 9-3 record was not a fluke.

Yes, the Eagles are poised for another good campaign – maybe even a great one.

Because yes, the offense is going to be explosive.

"We have a lot of experience back," Turner said of his team.

"We have depth at the skill positions and we have some speed. We should be pretty good on offense."

Last year Gibbs took an early season loss against a powerful Halls High School team – the Red Devils were two miscues away from upending West High School's bid for a repeat

EAGLES FOOTBALL 2024

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| Fri | Aug. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Union County |
| Fri | Aug. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | at Halls |
| Fri | Sep. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | at Karns |
| Fri | Sep. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Seymour (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | at South-Doyle (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Campbell County |
| Fri | Oct. 11 | 7:00 p.m. | at Carter (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Morristown East |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Anderson County (R) |
| Thu | Oct. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | at Fulton (R) |

undefeated season last year.

Last season the Eagles squared off against powerhouse Anderson County with matching 3-0 Region 2-4A records with the regional title at stake (Gibbs would beat Fulton the following week for a 4-1 region record). That late October matchup was the fluke in the Eagle season as they lost 55-6.

Then came the second-round playoff loss to Greenville to end the year.

"At halftime (against Greenville) it was a one possession game," Turner

said. "We've never competed with them (Greenville) like that before, so it was 'good' for us." Even though it was a loss, much good came from it. "We understand what we need to do as a team, physically, up front," the coach said.

"We have to be more physical to compete with the Anderson Countys and the Greenvilles. We understand the work we need to do." That "work" returned early dividends last spring when the Eagles beat the defending 5A state

champion Knoxville West Rebels in a late May spring scrimmage.

Led by "All-World" candidate senior Warren Axton under center the Eagles racked up almost 400 yards in total offense – half of that through the passing game – in a 6-0 scrimmage win.

"That's where we're at," Turner said. "What a better way to test yourself than to scrimmage a two-time state champion to see where you are at?"

"Obviously they have a great squad and it gave our guys confidence to compete with them, just knowing how good that team is."

Axton is a dual threat and showed his experience and his moxie in the spring scrimmage. His throws were on target, he made very few mistakes, and he showed off his ability to understand when to throw or when to tuck it and run.

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CHEROKEES FOOTBALL 2024

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| Fri | Aug. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Lenoir City |
| Fri | Aug. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | at Heritage |
| Fri | Sep. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | at Austin-East |
| Fri | Sep. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | at Carter (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Gibbs (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | at Central |
| Fri | Oct. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | at Fulton (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Halls |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Seymour (R) |
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How long was spring practice in 1938?

Tennessee head football coach Robert R. Neyland had returned to Knoxville looking to pick up where he left off in his first tenure as head coach of the University of Tennessee football team. From 1926 through 1934, his Volunteers had amassed a 76-7-5 record (.822) and had reeled off a 14-game winning streak and 33 and 28-game undefeated streaks.

He had missed the 1935 season because of a short-lived stint in the Panama Canal Zone that he and his family hated. He "suffered through" 6-2-2 and 6-3-1 seasons in 1936 and 1937, respectively, and was chomping at the bit to get ready for the 1938 campaign.

Losses in 1937 to Auburn and Vanderbilt had rankled Neyland, as did four losses and a tie against Alabama from 1933-37. The Vols ended 1937 with a 32-0 win over Ole Miss on Dec. 3 at Crump Stadium in Memphis.

Notwithstanding the date on the calendar, "spring practice" began 37 days later, Jan. 9, according to Russ Bebb's history of the Vol football program. History is unclear how

many days per week the Vols worked out, but the practices lasted until April. Neyland obviously had seen something special in this bunch, although he wouldn't say so publicly, true to his character.

"Inasmuch as the opposition appears to be even more improved, our record might not be as good as last year's," Neyland had told the Knoxville Rotary Club pre-season. That was a complete dissertation for the normally subdued and publicity shy Vol mentor. That was obviously "coach-speak." Neyland did it better than anyone. Vol fans, who seemed to instinctively know when a special season was in the offing, were as anxious for the season to begin as was Neyland.

"There's a growing feeling around town that the UT Vols are going places this fall," wrote Knoxville Journal sports columnist Tom Anderson. "It is, of course, far too early to be scrambling out on the limb, and it would be unfair to players and coaches to make extravagant predictions. Nevertheless, there is this persistent hunch, intuition, presentment, or whatever you want to call it, that Bob Neyland's outfit is headed for the upper regions."

There was another addition to the stadium's east side, 44 rows and 12,030

seats, an addition that included student housing underneath. Capacity was now 31,390.

The seniors were battle-tested from the 1936 and 1937 campaigns, notably Edwin "Cheek" Duncan, Joe Little, Babe Wood, George Hunter, Ralph Eldred, John "Skeeter" Bailey, Bob Woodruff, and the team captain from Kingston and future head coach, Bowden Wyatt.

The junior class included Leonard Coffman, Sam Bartholomew, Joe Wallen, Boyd Clay, Al Thomas, Jim Rike, and George Cafego, a smallish tailback from West Virginia, who Neyland had recruited to Knoxville sight unseen, at least on the gridiron.

The sophomores were a precocious bunch, a collection of talent Knoxville News-Sentinel sports editor Tom Siler termed "high-octane."

That group also included some soon-to-be big names, e.g., Bob "Breezer" Andridge, Bob Foxx, Buist Warren, Jimmy Coleman, Ed Molinski, Maxie Steiner, Hodges "Burr" West, Ed Cifers, Abe Shires, Bill Luttrell, Norb Ackermann, and Knoxville lineman Bob Suffridge, who would become the school's first and only three-time All-American selection in 1940.

There were five All-American selections from

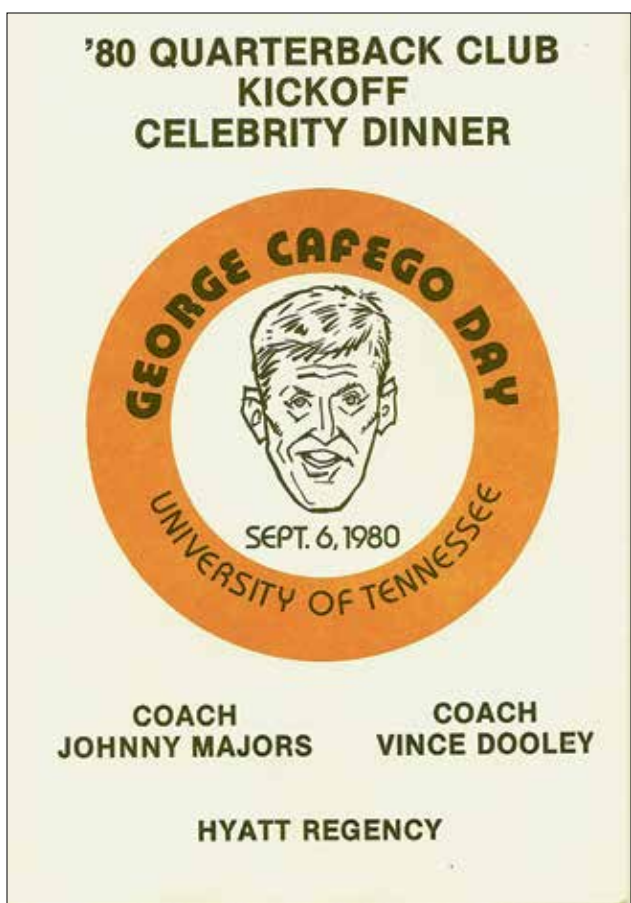
those teams—Wyatt, Cafego, Molinski, Shires, and Foxx. In addition to Neyland, four of them—Wyatt, Cafego, Suffridge, and Molinski—made the College Football Hall of Fame.

The Vols finished 11-0, unranked until appearing in the AP poll at No. 8 on Oct. 22 after a 13-0 win over Alabama on Legion Field. The Vols moved up steadily until they were ranked No. 2 before their Orange Bowl date with No. 4 Oklahoma on Jan. 2, 1939. The season was capped by a 17-0 win over the Sooners in a contest said to be one of the roughest in bowl history.

A 7-0 win over Auburn was the closest game. There were eight shutouts. The Vols scored 293 points and gave up 16. The Vols were outright SEC champions, the first of three titles won between 1938 and 1940.

Neyland probably wouldn't have countenanced the practice limitations in effect today. Vol practices in those days were, however, well-planned and well-organized, as Neyland demanded the full attention of his squad.

As Alabama and Duke head coach Wallace Wade once said, "He could take his and beat yours, or take yours and beat his." Haywood Harris always



Sept. 6, 1980, was "George Cafego Day" in Knoxville, honoring his playing and coaching career at Tennessee.

said that was the ultimate compliment from one coach to another.

For the 1938 season and well beyond, the pieces again started falling into place for Bob Neyland and the Tennessee program on Jan. 9, 1938.

IN MEMORIAM: I met the late singer and native Tennessean (Mountain City) Dave Loggins (Nov. 10, 1947-July 10, 2024) backstage at the "100 Years of Volunteers Gala"

on November 2, 1990. That was the night he performed his classic "Orange Memories," a history of the Vol football program from its beginnings in 1891 to more recent days. Nearly 34 years later, it's still a memorable combination of video and audio that catches the attention of those who watch it. For many reasons, that was one special night. You can find it on Vimeo.

Enjoying a 'Senior Day' at the Fair

I took a time-out last week and went to the Anderson County Fair in Clinton, my hometown.

This year's Fair was billed "The 6 Best Days of Summer."

I had driven through Clinton the first of July and saw a sign promoting the Fair and the dates it would be at the fairgrounds (July 15-21).

I texted my brother John last Tuesday evening and asked if they still had a Senior Day with free admission. He replied they did on Wednesday starting at 12:30 and free ice cream at 1:30.

That sounded good to me, particularly with the hot summer days we were having.

I had never taken advantage of Senior Day and I will soon turn 72.

I took the I-75 North route to Clinton since the fairgrounds were located on the northeast side of the town. I enjoyed the pleasant ride up the interstate and prayed God would be with me throughout the day, and He would watch over my kids (cats) back at home. That would be Gracie, Polly and Whitey.

I knew He was listening because when I pulled into the fairgrounds there was a parking place right at the entrance. A man / worker even came up and gave me a raffle ticket. I thanked him and stuck it in my pocket.

The tented open-air area was full of seniors like me and everyone seemed to be having fun. I stood next to a lady in a wheelchair and she got me up to date on the first 30 minutes or so I had missed.

I soon recognized that Bear Stephenson was the M.C. on the stage and they were having a "wobblies



By Steve Williams

knees" contest. If they weren't wearing shorts, some on the stage were pulling up their pants so their knees could be seen. All I know is there was a lot of

laughter!

About that time, the sweet lady I previously mentioned pointed out the person who won the award for "oldest citizen in Anderson County." She was sitting about 15 feet in front of us. Ethel Taylor was 105 years old. She had ties to the old Magnet Mills hosiery plant in Clinton.

A few minutes later, I made my way to Ethel to congratulate her on her longevity and gave her a hug. She was dressed beautifully and we shared a conversation. I told her she reminded me of my mom, who passed away a few years ago, and she took that as a nice compliment.

When they started calling off the raffle numbers for prizes, I thanked my friend who had been so helpful and asked what her name was. She said "Lee Ann" (but I forgot to ask how she spells it). I told her I was going to go and find where they were giving out free ice cream.

I had hardly gotten around the corner when I heard "No. 407" called out. I hadn't looked to see what my raffle number was, so I quickly pulled it out of my pocket and looked. To my surprise it was No. 407. Since no one had replied, Bear said "Well, I guess we've got to move on." I raced back to the tent and hollered wait, "I got it."

I was just in time.

I was handed an envelope that said on the outside: "Fair Fun Money (\$25) from Judge Victoria Bowling." The lady, who was probably Judge Bowling,

shook my hand and congratulated me.

I was happy to win the money, but how it happened - with me racing to get my ticket in - made it even more exciting.

I'm thinking it really is a blessed day.

More good time followed. I found where the ice cream was. And the man who started filling my cup was a former schoolmate, Bruce Fox, and we hadn't seen each other in years.

I went with Mayfield's chocolate, strawberry and vanilla - Neapolitan is my favorite - with a little chocolate and strawberry syrup added and found a seat in the shady open-air tent area, which helped keep the ice cream from melting. I must have been one of the first in line for ice cream, because most of the people from the raffle drawing didn't show up until 15 or so minutes after I got there.

I met Jerry Mounger, who grew up in South Clinton and said he "knew of" my granddad, Rev. E. E. Conner, who lived in that area on Catawba. Jerry was in the Class of '68 at Clinton, but dropped out after his junior year and served 15 months in Vietnam. Thank you for your service Jerry! I remember his younger brothers, Brent and Dale.

I also met Fay Martin, Ph.D at the ice cream table. Fay is an Environmental Toxicologist, who lives in Oak Ridge. Athletic-wise, she has switched from tennis to table tennis and all but challenged me to a match at the Oak Ridge Civic Center. I may take her up on that, since she's a couple of years older than me. Loser buys the pizza at Big Ed's!

After leaving the ice cream area, I toured the building that used to be the

YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP THIS WEEK AT A-E

The annual Elston Turner Youth Basketball Camp is this week at Austin-East High School.

The camp is for boys and girls first through 12th grade and will be held Monday through Saturday (July 22-27) at the Clifford Ross Gymnasium.

Campers will receive a lunch each day and a camp T-shirt.

Cost of the camp is \$50.

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Turner, a 1977 A-E grad, is a former SEC and NBA player and current assistant coach for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

| LIONS FOOTBALL 2024 | | | |
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| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Hayesville (NC) |
| Fri | Oct. 11 | 7:00 p.m. | at Copper Basin |
| Fri | Oct. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | at Tri-Cities Christian |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:30 p.m. | at Grace Baptist, Chatt. |

State championship coach to reboot varsity football at CCS

Cont. from page 1 happens when you have young kids. It's sometimes a three-steps-up, one-step (down) process.

"We have guys in the school and on the team that haven't played for a long time. Some played when they were younger, but they haven't played in high school. We've played 7-on-7 and we've had some success. We tied Heritage and tied Morristown East and those are 5A and 6A schools."

Top players for the Lions include Deklan Meisner

(freshman, quarterback); Lyric Jackson (freshman, running back/outside linebacker); Oakley Helton (freshman, linebacker); Travis Cozart (junior, running back/linebacker); Dawson Williford (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Reece Burlerson (freshman, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) and Reece Franklin (sophomore, linebacker).

The Lions will play their first varsity game at East Tennessee State when they battle Providence Academy on Sept. 20.




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Enjoying a 'Senior Day' at the Fair

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National Guard Armory and saw blue ribbon items plus enjoyed the best free popcorn at the Anderson County Schools' display. The building that includes the Fair office also had great photography to see plus much more.

Before I left, I had a long chat with Louie Newberry, who has been setting up a lemonade stand and Italian ice drinks at the Fair for some 20 years. He works that summer job around his umpiring duties. By the way, Louie has umpired in the TSSAA state baseball tournament four times in his career!

I ran into a man who played for Clinton High football coach Ken Honea in the early 1970s. Lonnie McKamey, a defensive end for the Dragons when he said he was "skinnier and stouter," survived two seasons under Honea.

"They were good and they were tough," McKamey said of the Clinton teams that Honea coached. "He had no second string. He would have made a good drill sergeant."

Outside of the carnival, McKamey sets everything up at the Fair and takes everything down. It takes a month, he said.

I ran into Clinton Mayor Scott Burton. He said he always thinks of my mom and dad, Bobbie and Bob, this time of the year and where they would sit at the Fair. For many years, Dad was very much involved with the Clinton Optimist Club and helped out with its booth at the Fair.

Another treat for me was running into E.T. Stamey, a 1966 Clinton High graduate and a Dragon through



PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMS

Autumn Brooke Hill (second from right) was crowned the Fairest of the Fair at the 135th Anderson County Fair on July 15. Other honorees included (from left to right) Junior Fairest of the Fair Brooke Madison Halford, Pre-Teen Fairest of the Fair Hadley Kate Webb and Fair Princess Fairest of the Fair Adeline Elizabeth Queener.

and through.

Of course, I can't leave out the Fairest of the Fair. Autumn Hill, a UT junior and CHS 2022 grad, wore that crown and often walked through the Fair in majestic fashion.

I did miss seeing Freddy, who is well-known in Clinton and surrounding counties, particularly by sports fans. Mayor Burton told me he had been at the Fair the first two nights. I think I might go back Saturday night. Surely Freddy won't miss the Fair's last night.

I know I'll have to pay to get in, but hey, I'm up \$25.

New S-D coach to rebuild program

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playing time. "Our weakness is experience," said Headrick. "We don't have a ton of guys coming back this season with experience. We have to work on that. You don't get experience unless you get out there and do it. We do have two freshman that started last season and played in all 10 games. We are talented but young. Just need that experience and the time on the field and the reps to get better to experience things so we know how to handle it."

In terms of the quarterback situation, the Cherokees have a lot of youth at that position, a group that includes sophomore Benson Brang. "He's leading the charge in the QB room," said Headrick. If the name Brang sounds familiar, it should. Benson's brothers Nolan and Mason also played quarterback at South-Doyle.

Headrick made a point to

mention junior Trey Lane, who was moved to the offensive side of the football. He is a team leader and projects to be a two-way starter at wide receiver and cornerback.

The Cherokees play in Region 2-4A, and will be competing with Carter, Fulton, Gibbs, Seymour, and perennial state title contender Anderson County to earn a playoff spot.

"If you are going to build a program where you are competitive and you want to win, you have to say hey, the goal is to win the region, to make the playoffs and give yourself a chance because if you don't win games, you don't give yourself a chance. Our goal is to go 1-0 everyday, make the playoffs and give a chance to get into the second season and make a run at it.

The Cherokees open the season on Friday, August 23 when they host Lenoir City.

Turner anticipates explosive offense at Gibbs

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Senior Levi Allison, a three-year starter for Gibbs, also showed his growth and potential in what is going to be a high-octane offense.

Another senior, Maddox Brackfield, will also play a key role in the Eagle offense.

Allison and Brackfield have sure hands, run clean routes, and have that extra gear to separate themselves from defenders.

Another wide out, just a sophomore, with those same qualities is Reid Daniels.

Mix in the speed of Dajuan

Harris and the Eagles hold an unfair advantage on ... well, just about everybody.

"Harris finished fourth in the state in the 100-meter dash," Turner pointed out.

If that's not enough, junior Chase Norman, a 6-foot, 4-inch H-back, is set to have a breakout season as well.

There are some questions surrounding the offensive line, where graduation took a pretty hefty toll, but Turner has a semi-secret weapon at his disposal in line coach Brent Gibson.

"We've never been that typical 6-foot, 250-pound

lineman team," Turner said. "But our kids get after it."

"We have a good line coach in Brent Gibson who played at the University of Tennessee with Peyton Manning. He does a good job of taking those undersized kids and making them play aggressively."

There are a lot of youngsters looking to make a name on the Eagle offensive line. Dylan O'Dell, Lucas Denny, Colton Wilkerson will try to make headway as sophomores.

But it's seniors Preston McClain and Billy Pratt who

will be tasked to step up and provide needed experience up front.

Defense also took a hit during cap and gown season.

"We have to create an identity of defense," Turner said. "We have two great leaders, though."

Seniors Brad Hughes and Lane Patterson are old-school football players. Hard-nosed is a good way of describing them. They have high football intellect and are natural leaders.

"They lead by example," Turner said. "Just by the

work they put in and how they prepare."

Turner is building a program in north Knox County. He has his offensive pieces in place and the Eagles should put up some mind-boggling numbers this year.

The defense will find its way, create the identity it needs, and by the time the late season tilt with Anderson County comes around, things could be interesting.

Gibbs will have to contend with a pretty stacked Region 2-4A lineup though. South-Doyle and Carter

are no slouches and are going to be in the mix for a playoff spot as well and both of those contests are road games for the Eagles.

"We have to grow each week," Turner said.

"Football season has highs and lows and not letting one low take you to another low is important. It's about overcoming adversity throughout the season and when you have success, build on that success."

The Eagles open the season at home Aug. 23 against Union County.

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