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Early voting turnout lower than usual

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“Turnout is down about 5% from two years ago and around 20 to 25% from four years ago,” Knox County Election Administrator Chris Davis told the Focus Friday.

Saturday was the last day of early voting. The ballot includes the party primaries for national and state races as well as the Knox County general and Town of Farragut Municipal elections which include seats for county commission, criminal court judge, assessor of property, law director, school board, and the Farragut aldermen races.

“While turnout has been steady, a



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Election workers at Downtown West welcome voters during the early voting days. Turnout was down in the initial rounds of voting and may pick up Thursday when other voters return to their regular precincts to cast their ballots. Please see Section D for sample ballots and voting locations.

good number of the phone calls we are getting now are about the presidential election. Frankly, most voters are just focused on November, and

that’s a shame, because we have an election going on right now,” Davis said. General Election Day is Thursday, August 1.

Multiunit zoning off Lyons Bend rejected by council

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The Knoxville City Council heard and approved many zoning requests during its regular session Tuesday but turned down the request of Scott Smith for a multiunit development just off Lyons Bend Road along Northshore Drive.

Benjamin Mullins represented the developer and told the council that 15 acres were involved but that only two to five acres would be developed. He said the location, next to

Lakeshore Park and near a townhouse community, was unique to the area.

The request was in three parts including the change in the Southeast Sector Plan with a request to go from low-density to medium-density residential.

Scott Smith said no more than 20 units would be planned and described the location as on a “beautiful cove.”

Attorney Wayne Kline represented nearby homeowners and said much of the property is in a flood plain and watered by

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Top: All smiles, Emerald Academy scholar Anastasia Hernandez looks amazed at the greeting she received from the academy’s staff Monday morning. Above: Yahzion Matthews gets a hug from a staff member while classmate Azaiah Holloway gets ready for a high five.

EMERALD ACADEMY OPENS DOORS ON 10TH YEAR WITH CELEBRATION



Jeavon Rollins gets a big welcome back at Emerald Academy Monday.

Starting the school year off on the right foot

By Ken Leinart

High fives, poms poms, and “welcome back” signs – enough good stuff to make even the most school-dreading kid alive break out a smile.

Emerald Academy welcomed back students Monday, July 22,

with a sort of “walk of fame,” where scholars were greeted with high fives from the staff, had green and white poms poms shaken over their heads, and were treated to signs telling them how good it was to have them back.

The Monarchs have returned. Emerald Academy’s 450 kindergarten through eighth grade scholars all got the same treatment.

“Sometimes the kindergarten kids are a little ... taken aback,” John Crooks, Emerald Academy

Director of Marketing and Communications, said. “They’re not sure what to make of it.”

They’ll get used to it. The welcome line is the way the school has welcomed its scholars for all 10 years of its existence.

Even the most jaded students – the ones walking with their arms folded and a serious look on their faces – break out a smile when a familiar teacher or friend

calls their name.

There are two welcome lines the staff and teachers have to work this day. There is the line for the kids brought by parents either by walking or in a car. Then, with a shout of “Pivot!,” staff and teachers swing 90-degrees to welcome kids coming in via school bus.

Nobody misses a beat. No

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A new school, road plans, merit changes heard by commission

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Hardin Valley Road widening

Engineering Director Jim Snowden told the commission that \$2 million has been allocated for the first phase of widening Hardin Valley Road. The addition of two lanes to the current three-lane busy road west of Pellissippi Parkway was introduced with a video, featuring Snowden and Commissioners Kim Frazier and Terry Hill.

Snowden said the improvements over the next two years will greatly increase the capacity

in Knox County’s fastest-growing community.

Two merit system changes

The commission approved two changes for the rules governing the Knox County Sheriff’s Office Employees’ Merit System; the first will forbid appeals on reclassification of jobs.

The second change opens appeals filed by employees on loss of pay on any suspension, changing the previous process that limited appeals to suspensions of three days or more. Both

resolutions passed 10-0 with Richie Beeler absent.

Beer board changes

Commissioner Gina Oster, who also serves as Beer Board Chair, proposed some changes to the Beer Board that included re-authorizing the board and giving anyone opposed to beer sales a choice not to serve.

The resolution, which saw some discussion last month, passed in a 7-0-3 vote with Commissioners Dailey, Rhonda Lee and Kyle Ward passing.

More land for parks

The commission voted to accept the donation of two parcels of land from the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club to be added to the county’s park system. Commissioner Dailey called on Matthew Kellogg of the club and Park’s Director Jim Mack to speak. Mack told the commission the bike club currently has 90 miles of trails in South Knox County. The property is off Prospect Road and McCall Lane.

The bike club will create

trails and maintain them on the two sites.

New school for South Knox County

Commissioner Carson Dailey pulled a school board item from the consent agenda and applauded the purchase of 25.7 acres along Kimberlin Heights Road. He said the board of education’s purchase of the Ceri McAdow property will soon lead to a ribbon cutting at the site.

“We’re going to get a new school,” he said.

Republican Conventions In 1964 And 2024

From a distance



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A few days short of my 17th birthday in July of 1964, I rode a train for 77 hours to go to the Republican National Convention that nominated Sen. Barry Goldwater for president. The convention was held in San Francisco, and I wanted to go by train because at that point in my life, I had not been anywhere west of Nashville. I was an honorary assistant sergeant at arms, and I have told people since then that you can't get any lower than being an honorary assistant, but it got me into the convention. It was a thrilling trip for me, and I felt lucky to be there.

I felt even more fortunate to still be alive and active and healthy enough to attend this latest Republican Convention 60 years later as a Tennessee delegate. Susan Richardson Williams, the Knoxville businesswoman and television commentator, was also part of the Tennessee delegation. As far as we could determine, we were the only ones at the Milwaukee Convention who were also at the San Francisco meeting. Susan was a page at the '64 convention. This year's convention was a great success and gave a real boost to the party going into the fall elections. There was a very wide variety of speakers, showing the great appeal Republicans have to all people - male or female, white or black, from every walk of life. We will now be campaigning against the very unappealing Kamala Harris, and I will be doing everything I can to help

re-elect President Trump. I do think he would be wise to shorten his speeches. Most people thought he spoke too long at the convention - more than an hour and a half - and I read that he spoke for two hours at Grand Rapids in the first post-convention rally. Edward Everett, who was the featured speaker at Gettysburg when Lincoln later wrote to Lincoln: "I should be glad, if I could flatter myself, that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes." The Democrats have always falsely claimed they were for the working man, the middle class. Yet the big government they have brought about has primarily helped the big giants in every industry and hurt or destroyed many small businesses. Knowing the great appeal of the acceptance speech by J. D. Vance at the recent convention, and

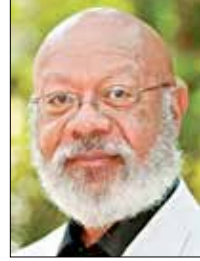
the populist theme of many of the speakers, the Democrats in the media claimed they had never heard these things at Republican conventions in the past. All that did was show how little the media of today knows about Republicans. As Ryan Girdusky wrote in his newsletter, the themes of Vance and other 2024 convention speakers were reminiscent of Calvin Coolidge, Robert Taft and Pat Buchanan. Liberals are the best friends big business has. Republicans have always been for small business and the little guy - power to the people, not big government bureaucrats. As Girdusky, whom I have never met, wrote about me in a national news magazine in 2018: "Duncan belongs to a brand of conservatism that dates back to the Eisenhower era, one that regularly opposed both the military industrial complex and big business. He looked out for the interests of Main Street instead

of Wall Street and voted to protect America's liberty and security at home instead of traveling the world in search of monsters to destroy." While populist conservative themes have always been heard at Republican conventions, some of our leaders have become unpopular by not governing that way. George W. Bush campaigned all over the country saying we should not be the policeman of the world and that we needed a "more humble foreign policy". He said we should get out of the business of nation-building (of other nations). However, when in office, he allowed himself to be controlled by Israel-First Neocons. While Donald Trump is strongly favorable to Israel, he did not have us in any war during his four years in the White House. Big Government conservatives (if there is such a thing) have always been out of step and uncomfortable

with the great majority of rank-and-file, small government Republicans. Ordinary Republicans do not favor open borders with unlimited immigration, trade deals that harm American workers, and going to wars for other countries when there is no threat to our own country. Donald Trump and J. D. Vance realize that socialism greatly expands the gap between the rich and the poor and want to bring this country back to its America-First roots. Trump has said on Day One he will close the border, expand oil production to bring down gas prices, and end the electric car mandate that mainly helps China. These things will not be easy, because he will have to fight an entrenched liberal bureaucracy to accomplish these very popular goals.

The Supremes: Where's the Wobble?

A friend who is a "progressive" wondered what I thought of the Supreme Court ruling on presidential immunity. I told her that I had no opinion. The justices on the Supreme Court should be



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legal experts and interpret the Constitution given their legal expertise. I am neither a legal expert nor a student of the Constitution. I may agree or disagree with a particular ruling. But my opinions do not come from a lifetime of reading the law. Few ask, "Is there only one correct reading of the Bible?" Is there only one correct reading of the Constitution?

is consistent or does the justice wander all over the place. Clarence Thomas is the most consistent justice with regard to a literal reading of the Constitution. Sonia Sotomayor's rulings appear to be mainly based on emotion rather than on legal grounds. What about Justice Gorsuch? Few question his intellect or scholarship. But Gorsuch is a staunch supporter of Native American rights. He joined the liberals and wrote the majority opinion in 2019 that the state of Oklahoma could not bring criminal prosecutions for crimes on Indian land without the consent of the

Indian tribes. In 2022, the court modified the decision shifting the power to prosecute away from the federal government and back to the state. It was a 5-4 decision. Gorsuch's minority opinion was withering. Gorsuch recounted the court's decision in 1832 that barred the state of Georgia from confiscating the land of 100,000 Cherokees. Georgia and the odious Andrew Jackson ignored the ruling, leading to the Trail of Tears. Gorsuch said that Native American tribes retain their sovereignty unless and until Congress ordains otherwise. Since Congress had not ordained otherwise, was Gorsuch right or was he wrong? Nonetheless, he has been consistent. What about the chief

justice? Critics have lambasted the chief justice as being "wobbly." But is he? Perhaps his most famous ruling was the vote that enabled Obamacare. Roberts said that if Obamacare funding were a tax then it was constitutional. When the three Trump nominated justices were installed, the press said that Roberts had been rendered ineffective and it was now Thomas' court. They were wrong. Thomas appears to be increasingly isolated in his view of a strict reading of the Constitution. Even Alito at times votes differently. Rather Roberts seems to be in control of this court. But is he wobbly? Not according to some experts. Despite his ruling on Obamacare he has led rolling back the administrative state and federal regulatory authority. He seems less interested in social matters and favors ideological cease-fires through procedural rulings that leave hard choices for another day. Amy Coney Barrett has proven to be an intriguing justice. Even when she votes with the other conservatives, which is 90% of

the time, her opinions bear her own stamp. Coney Barrett has proven to be her own person. In her concurring opinions, she places less stock in history than do Gorsuch and Thomas. What is most enjoyable about Coney Barrett is seeing the confusion she sows amongst both the left and the right. Those on the left seem totally confused about her opinions. Those on the right say she is wobbly. However, she seems to be a solid conservative and her votes with the liberal wing have never - unlike Gorsuch - been in a deciding vote with the other conservatives in the majority. What about Kavanaugh? Although many on the right thought that he would be the most likely justice to turn Souter, he has not. Many forget that Kavanaugh had the most experience on the bench than any other justice with hundreds of opinions. He is pragmatic and consistent in his rulings and has been in the majority more than any other justice. The newest member of the court, Ketanji Brown Jackson may turn out to be

the most interesting justice. Seemingly ignored is her voting with the conservatives in two cases. She voted with the conservatives (excepting Coney Barrett) in ruling against the Justice Department's novel application of the obstruction of justice law regarding January 6. In her concurrence she wrote, "Our commitment to equal justice and the rule of law requires the courts to faithfully apply criminal laws as written, even in periods of national crisis and even when the conduct alleged is indisputably abhorrent." We would never see such a statement from Kagan or Sotomayor. She also voted with the majority of the conservatives against a nationwide opioid settlement. Yet I have heard no one accuse Jackson as being wobbly. Despite all the gnashing of teeth about selected rulings from the left there is no MAGA court or else there would be less whining from the right. I think that reasonable people should be pleased with Roberts' court and impressed with the deft hand of the Chief Justice who now seems to be firmly in control.



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Publisher's Position

Liberal Elites And The Media Are The Real Threat To Democracy



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It's already begun. Much of the national media is busy rewriting history and telling us Kamala Harris was never the "border czar," a name which they gave her themselves. Now they are busy falling over one another saying they were mistaken. Odd, how it has taken them 3 1/2 years to discover their initial mistake and of course coincidentally, after Harris is slated to become the presidential nominee in place of Joe Biden. The same news outlets now telling us Kamala had nothing to do with the border have been telling us over the past 3 1/2 years there was no crisis at the border, just as they told us Joe Biden was sharp as a tack, that he was the best Joe Biden

there had ever been, right up until the debate. Then they forced Biden to pass the torch - - - after they torched him. Biden may have withdrawn after Democrat elites threatened to invoke the 25th Amendment - the same people who were saying how competent and on top of it he was two weeks earlier.

The assumption by the national media - - - and there is no polite way to put it - - - is that you are just plain stupid. That you have the memory of a gnat and no ability to recall a single thing you've heard or read. Now the national Democrats point to a bogus "bipartisan" bill to fix the border? How about simply having finished the quite nearly completed border wall in the first place? It was Joe Biden who signed the Executive Order undoing the security at our southern border and he and his administration have been telling us it IS secure all this time until that lie, too, became impossible to maintain. Am I the only person in America who remembers Lester Holt interviewing Kamala Harris and asking her why she hadn't even bothered

to visit the border? She said she had visited the border, Lester called her out and said she hadn't. Krazy Kamala cackled and then said she hadn't been to Europe either.

If it weren't so despicable it would be ironic; Kamala and her crowd are continuing the hoax about our democracy being threatened. This claim coming out of the mouth of a woman whom not a single, solitary Democrat voted for in the recent presidential primaries. In fact, the Democrat elites tried to discourage any candidates from running in the primaries against Biden, which is why they moved South Carolina to the front of the schedule. If Kamala is indeed the nominee of her party, she will be the first to be nominated in my lifetime who never won the first vote in a primary election. Kamala's nomination is as far from democracy as was Stalin having been nominated by the Politburo.

Old Joe and Kamala talk about the wealthy paying their fair share, yet Biden's son has been charged with not paying his taxes and oddly neither ever mentions the millions and

billions earned by people like George Clooney who probably haven't been in a grocery store since they were teenagers. At the same time they are promising the poor everything for free, they provide loopholes for the mega-wealthy. Who in his/her right mind thinks people like George Clooney and Whoopi Goldberg know anything about politics or the lives of real people? Pampered and the very definition of privileged, it's likely been years since Whoopi even picked up her own doughnut. I wouldn't be surprised if her personal assistant fed it to her. I can tell you when Kamala will be exposed for eliminating the tax loopholes enjoyed by the likes of Hollywood's elitists: the 12th of Never.

That is why they kept insisting the economy is booming and there are some morons not in the millionaire class who actually believe it. Things cost 2 1/2 or 3 times more than they did almost 4 years ago and the costs aren't coming down. The cost of housing has shot through the proverbial roofs too many people find difficult in keeping over their heads these days. Again, it would be

ironic if it were not so disgusting - these people who talk about the "houseless" have implemented policies to create more of them than anyone else in this country.

Another attempt by the Left to rewrite history is to try and convince us that Krazy Kamala was a law-and-order prosecutor. Next thing we'll see is a campaign ad with her slamming a cell door shut, probably on someone who was at the Capital on January 6. It certainly wouldn't be anyone participating in rioting, billions of dollars' worth of destruction of property, including federal buildings, where far more police officers were hurt and people actually killed. No, Kamala raised money to provide bail for them and enough idiots contributed money to release any number of dangerous criminals. Frankly, the best bill Congress could pass at this point is to make it the law for any politician who advocates for the defunding of the police to be forever exempt from police protection and no campaign funds should be allowed to be spent on private security. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. These people

need to live under the policies they want you and me to live under.

Kamala, Never-the-Border-Czar, has said she would extend free health care to every illegal alien who gets across the border.

Now our congressman Tim Burchett is getting jumped on by the Left, including the Sentinel's Allie Feinberg for having said Kamala was a DEI pick by Joe Biden. Sometimes the truth isn't pretty and sometimes it hurts. Everybody remembers Biden making the promise to pick a Black woman, meaning nobody else was qualified or could be considered. Maybe it would be more politically correct to say they were an affirmative action nominee, I don't know.

What I do know is her anointing by her own political party has as much to do with democracy and democratic government as did Mao Zedong. Absolutely nothing. The people crying our democracy is under attack are the very people who don't believe in democratic government by the people.

City elections will change, but how?

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Should Knoxville City Council members be elected by district or by all voters?

That's the main question that the council wants to put on the ballot in November. The debate took up most of Tuesday's regular meeting and will be back on the agenda for their August 6 meeting.

Beneath the main issue are questions such as "Should 50 plus One percent of a primary election put the winning candidate in office?" It does in the race for Knoxville Mayor and City Judge. Another question is how to resolve tie votes in council races.

Three options may end up on the ballot: one changes District 5 voting dates, a proposal by Councilman Andrew Roberto for city-wide elections and an alternate proposal by Councilwoman Amelia Parker for voting by district.

Currently, the city has six district council members and three at-large members. Under the current system, which was changed by the Tennessee Legislature, there is a city election every two years with five four-year seats on the ballot. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are on the same ballot every four years and

the three at-large seats, District 5 and the city mayor are on the other ballot. This places the North Knoxville district out of sync with all the other district elections.

Within the six-hour meeting last week, the council seemed to approve moving the District 5 elections to the other district elections beginning in 2027, allowing the current council member, Charles Thomas, to serve his full four-year term. Thomas told his fellow council members that people in his district "want to be treated like any other district."

That possible charter change was approved by the council on first reading and may end up on the November ballot.

Councilman Roberto's proposal, which passed its first reading 8-1 with Parker voting "No," recommends all council districts be called "regions" and all nine council members be elected by a vote of the entire city, not by individual districts.

Parker's proposal for the referendum ballot has district members being elected from local district voting and not a city-wide vote. At-large members are already elected city-wide and would remain so. Both the Roberto and Parker ideas were discussed in depth with several residents speaking

for and against the proposals.

Parker said electing all council members in a city-wide vote might cripple minority participation and lessen the voice of a district.

There was some discussion on extending the "50 percent plus one" election rule to district and at-large races. Law Director Charles Swanson advised that the 5th District change would go better with Roberto's proposal.

Councilman Lauren Rider expressed what many on the council felt about the state legislature reaching into the city and making changes in the way elections are held.

"This is the system that has worked very well. We're a home-ruled city and it's up for us to decide. I feel like they betrayed us," she said of the legislative action.

Parker said the council was being "very nitpicky" with her proposal.

Thomas suggested a two-week postponement on the proposals to give the law department time to "clean up" the language. That passed and apparently the District 5 voting question and Roberto's proposal come back for second readings with Parker's proposal returning for discussion.

Multiunit zoning off Lyons Bend rejected by council

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Fourth Creek. Kline said the zoning change required a property to be in a transitional area, which he said it was not, and he said the development would cause more traffic and environmental problems.

Smith then said the units could be limited to 1.7 acres on the site but the council voted 8-0-1 to deny the request.

Councilman Andrew Roberto moved to combine the three requests for the site into one discussion and said the property has topographical issues and is surrounded by water. Roberto cited the planning staff's recommendation to deny the request. Councilman Charles Thomas said that although the planning commission approved the request 11-1, the planning staff disagreed and noted seven disqualifications in their report.

Zoning requests approved included residential changes for 1805 Ferd Hickey Road, 324 Watauga Drive,

3107 Landview Drive, and 3107 Valley View Drive. A property along 1000 May Avenue was approved a base zoning change to highway commercial and a site at 277 Ogle Avenue was approved to go from C-G-1 to C-G-2 general commercial.

In other action, the council approved a new lease agreement with the Tennessee Valley Agricultural and Industrial Fair, approved funds for improvements at the Cal Johnson Recreation Center, and allocated \$4.6 million for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park.

The council also voted for \$86,245 in Homeless General funds to go to the Joy Baker Center and Men's Emergency Shelter and approved \$27,609 in community funds to go to eight

community improvement projects.

A \$50,000 Homeland Security grant was approved for the cyber security of the city's networks, as was \$32,500 in Homeland grants for a mobile camera trailer for the police department. Also approved was a gun swap from the police department's inventory for 325 new weapons.

Just over \$910,000 was authorized in an agreement with GCE Construction for renovations to the 6th floor of the City-County Building and the Western Heights Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan was approved.

The council set aside \$41,235 in a contract for the demolition and salvage of historical materials from the old church at 2100 Washington Avenue.

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Taking a day trip to Bush Beans Visitor Center

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Bush complex south of Dandridge before but I thought I'd do a mental trip again and I shared it with him.

We've driven over to Dandridge several times and I'm always been fascinated. Dandridge, Tennessee's second oldest city, was protected by an earthen dam from the rising waters of Douglas Lake. The town sports a Revolutionary War cemetery, a historic courthouse that serves all of Jefferson County, a noted local drug store, and so much more including a beautiful downtown area.

The easiest way to start this trip is to take I-40 to I-81 and go north to the first or second Dandridge exit. Turn south and follow the signs to the historic downtown area.

From Dandridge, it's easy to visit the Bush Beans Visitor Center without getting into the heavy traffic of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge or Gatlinburg. Take Chestnut

Hill Road, Highway 93, south across the lake to Highway 411 and turn right and proceed until you reach the Bush complex.

About 1908, A. J. Bush started a small cannery in the Chestnut Hill Community. In 1969 his great-grandson, Jay Bush, discovered a new recipe and the company grew to become a nationally known canned bean maker.

Today the Bush Visitor Center tells the history of beans and the Bush family with a well-done museum, gift shop, and tasty restaurant featuring, you guessed it, Bush bean products. The free-admission complex features a huge bean can large enough to walk through and many other items. There's a video featuring the place's history and the original family dog, Duke.

The center is a great free attraction and the Bush historic home and factory is

nearby.

You can double back on Highway 411 and take it to Newport and visit the Tourist Information Center at 115 Mulberry Street. It's open Monday through Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and seasonally on Sundays.

Newport is on the ancient Warrior's Path and is the county seat of Cocke County. Newport was the site of several pioneer forts along the French Broad River. It originally was known as Shine's Ferry.

You could double back on Interstate 40 to Knoxville but there are a couple of places nearby you might want to visit. Just east of

Newport is the small community of Parrottsville on Highway 321. Just beyond that small rural community is Swaggerty's Fort, a blockhouse built to defend from Cherokee attacks. It stands by itself beside the road and was built over a spring to make sure defenders had useable water.

Just north of Parrottsville, along Highway 340, is a natural attraction you will miss if you don't carefully watch for it. The highway, also called the Oven Creek Road, crosses Oven Creek and the span is actually built atop a natural arch. The natural bridge is marked along the highway

and you can park along the highway and walk down to see the arch, which is a wonderful and little-known attraction.

From there you can double back or continue north to Greeneville and come back by Interstate 82 to I-40.

A day away with the family, a friend, or by yourself can refresh your mind and give you a wider outlook of our area. Many newcomers know of our main attractions but learning what else is in our area is the second step in getting to know what Knoxville and East Tennessee offer.

Emerald Academy

Continued from page 1 child is left without a welcoming.

Some of the scholars did the routine walk through, hands out slapping as many high fives as they could while walking a brisk pace; some took time to give a high five to every single hand in line; and some stopped for hugs and pats on the back.

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American Elegy

I lost my mother last week. Pat Ferguson lived 98 long and vigorous years, but the infirmities of age and then pneumonia proved too much for her. Her mind remained clear and she understood that she could not recover the independence that once defined her life. So, after breakfast and coffee at the rehab center, she closed her eyes for the last time on July 20, 2024, and she was gone.

I was hesitant to tell her story outside of family and close friends, but my wife and editress, Becky, encouraged me to do so, not as a traditional obituary, but as an American elegy.

Like JD Vance, my mother came from humble beginnings. In fact, she was born at home on property now occupied by Mount Olive Elementary School in South Knoxville. Two of her grandchildren, two of her great grandchildren and my mom all attended Mt. Olive.

That school seems

altogether fitting because my mother, after graduating from the University of Tennessee with a major in English, became an elementary school teacher. She met and then married my dad, whom she met at UT, and became a homemaker where she met the challenge of raising three boys. I've heard her say, "Books would fly off the shelf when her boys entered a room." And after her boys were launched, she became a successful real estate agent and later a travel agent.

It's interesting to observe the traits you inherit from your parents. Like my mother, I became a teacher (of patients, medical students, etc.) and I shared her wanderlust for travel. Perhaps my writing avocation was even genetic.

I chose to share my mother's elegy in The Focus because my mother was an accomplished woman, a conservative patriot, and long ago quit reading the "daily paper"

where Knoxville obituaries are usually printed and are quite expensive.

Every day there are fewer of the Greatest Generation who, like my mom, survived the privation of the Depression and WWII. As a result, mom remained frugal all her life. She would have been appalled by the price of a traditional newspaper obituary.

Names are important and typically it is our parents who name us. In antiquity, a name was considered to be a reflection of the person's character. Similarly, where Becky and I worked doing mission work in Guatemala, birth certificates were non-existent and surnames were often the flowery hopes of parents.

In America we sometimes get to choose our moniker. We recently heard about JD Vance's "Mamaw." When my mom chose her name as a grandmother, she chose to be NaNa. I wish I could remember why. When our first grandchild began to talk, he called Becky, "Behbe" which eventually became BB as his baby talk matured. And it seemed right that I became JD (JimDad).

These days, I'm trying to live more in the current moment rather than worrying about the future. I have never been one to fret about the past because there's nothing I can do about what has been. My mother is gone and no

longer has to worry about her family in these troubled times or their futures. But I do. My mother will be interred in the Veterans Cemetery with my father who was a navy pilot during WWII. But my "tour of duty" continues.

I vow to resist the lies and the great evil that has corrupted our leaders, government agencies and perverted the minds of so many. I'm a doctor and have 50 years of experience dealing with delusional thinking as seen in schizophrenia, manic depressive illness or alcohol withdrawal. However, all rational people see the delusional hatred of Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS).

Disturbingly, a recent poll found that one third of Democrats think that President Trump staged the assassination attempt. And when asked to explain that a man was murdered and two others were shot along with Trump, the TDS answer was "Trump is capable of anything." I've worked in scary emergency room settings with crazy people who scare the hell out of me. God help us from delusional people with TDS!

When we are young, parents are our heroes. It's funny what you remember, and it may sound silly, but I remember my mother heroically defending me when my ex-military, engineer father demanded that I learn and recite



The Ferguson boys and Mom, 1999

the multiplication tables at seven years old. Since becoming a man, I can't remember having a hero until President Trump stood with blood on his face and defiantly raised his fist after the assassin failed.

Tucker Carlson said, "A leader's courage gives courage to his people." It's now our duty to be courageous. It's no longer acceptable to play it safe and "go along to get along." Tolerance has led to acceptance of delusional thinking. Corruption has resulted and we are on the brink of collapse.

The dam of lies has broken and rational people all over the world have seen the truth behind the curtain. Democrats like Kamala and their media stooges colluded and lied about Biden's cognitive impairment. The same liars and party bosses (Obama, Schumer, Pelosi), who for years told us Joe Biden was fine, then engineered a coup to remove

him as a presidential candidate when they determined he was damaging fund raising and would lose the presidency to Trump and damage other Democrat candidates. So much for democracy and the voters who overwhelmingly selected Joe Biden as their Democrat candidate.

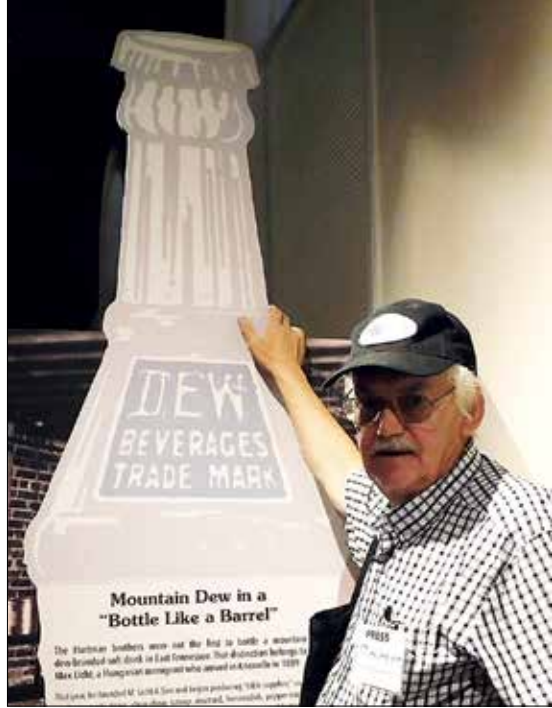
President Trump became a changed man by his encounter with death on July 13 at 6:11 pm EST (read Ephesians 6:11). In a far less dramatic way, I became a changed man late in medical school when I returned to my Christian faith.

Robert Frost's immortal poem of two roads dividing in the forest and him taking "the road less traveled and it made all the difference" is my story and President Trump's. I challenge you to be courageous and join us on the road to Make America Great Again.

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Remembering East Tennessee's soft drink history

Early in its history, Mountain Dew was marketed in a bottle shaped like a barrel. The Knoxville history of the soft drink, originally made as a mixer for moonshine, was featured in the East Tennessee History Museum's exhibit "It'll Tickle Yore Innards: A (Hillbilly) History of Mountain Dew" a few years ago. Photo by Lettie Steely.



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When I was a child, I often walked from school or on a Saturday to the local small grocery in our neighborhood and bought a NEHI grape pop for 25¢. The tall, cold bottles and the sugar therein helped boost me for childhood activity, whether it was bike riding, playing ball or just playing.

I remember that a classmate's father ran the local RC Bottling Company and went in there a few times to watch the bottling process, surprised to see they also bottled the NEHI drinks as well.

I guess we all have memories of those soft drink brands we

liked but I had no idea of the history of those drinks or how Tennessee played such a part in the production and marketing of pops or sodas. For a period years ago the drinks were also called "Dope" for the cocaine or caffeine they once contained.

NEHI and Royal Crown Cola were first bottled in Columbus, Georgia, and Coca-Cola was invented in Atlanta. Pepsi-Cola was invented by a pharmacist in New Bern, North Carolina, and Dr. Pepper comes from Waco, Texas. The "Crown" was termed for the cap of the soft drink. RC was the first soft drink to be sold in aluminum cans. The "pop top" on soft drink cans was invented by the Alcoa Aluminum Company.

"Sun Drop" was first bottled in St. Louis, Missouri. Ale-8-One was invented in Winchester, Kentucky.

The popular lemon-lime drink Seven Up was created by Charles Leiper Grigg in St. Louis, Mo. The brand and formula are owned by Keurig Dr Pepper Company, although the beverage is internationally distributed by PepsiCo.

But several iconic brands can rightfully claim Tennessee as home. Knoxville can boast that Mountain Dew was invented here, originally as a mixer for moonshine, but Johnson City also claims the drink. Today Mountain Dew is made by PepsiCo.

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'Neither refused the meeting'

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." If you remember this line, it's possible that you sat in a typing class during high school. If you are as old as I



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am, then, you might have banged away on a typewriter, not a sleek, easy-touch keyboard.

I wasn't a good typist. Those around me were so skilled that their machines seemed to smoke. On the other hand, the sounds at my typewriter were mixtures of quick strokes, the muffled swear words, the jerk of backspacing to correct mistakes, and more cursing as the bell rang to

26 WPM must have ranked at the bottom of the class.

My report card reflected the lack of success. A huge "F" was in plain view. Afraid to take such a horrible grade home, I walked to the typing classroom, inserted the report onto the roller, and aligned the paper with the keys. A "B" perfectly covered failure. In later years, I worked on my skills enough to be a fair typist. Of course, the way

signal the end of the timed test. While other students smiled when the teacher announced their WPM (words per minute), I tried to find a hole into which I could crawl and lick my wounds. A lousy

to correct mistakes these days is much quicker and neater, another reason I can type.

My favorite thing to do is work in the yard. My best thinking comes when I sit on a mower. Weedeating is a chore I don't mind completing. For several years now, I've picked one or two stumps in the yard. They haven't been small ones. For days, I labored to get them out of the ground. I swing an axe, chop with a mattock, dig with a shovel, and pry with a steel bar until the things come out or are far enough under the ground to keep from destroying a mower blade. Too many shrubs need trimming, and flower beds need weeding, but the work is something I enjoy. Being outside is a blessing, and

having a huge yard to keep me busy is a dream come true.

In the past few years, I've tried to become a woodworker. My creations are what I call rustic. Measurements are off from piece to piece. Trying to make them fit makes the final product a bit cockeyed. I've bought tools to make jobs easier; among them are saws, routers, and angle finders. Only one thing that I've ever created has made it into the house.

A couple of weeks ago, I decided to make a patio chair. For the first time, I decided to make all my cuts before putting the chair together. Things were running smoothly, and before long, my mind began to wander. In a heartbeat of not paying attention, my

left ring finger hit the saw blade. Robert Frost's poem "Out, Out" best describes the accident:

"He must have given the [finger]. However it was, "Neither refused the meeting."

I looked in dreaded horror at my hand. It had already become a bloody mess. I ran to the house and yelled to Amy that we had to go to the hospital. I weakened as we wove around road construction to reach the ER. Amy put me in a wheelchair and rolled me to the front desk. Those waiting in the room looked at the blood-soaked towel on my hand. It's amazing how quickly a staff moves when a patient says, "I've cut off my finger and I'm on blood thinners!"

Dr. Calhoun with KOC met me the next day. I expected

him to amputate the digit, but he said he could fix the finger. He said he'd been offered great deals on hundreds of table saws. The offers were made by spouses of injured husbands.

For the next sixteen weeks, I'll be visiting physical therapy. She said the demographics for the injury I suffered indicated that most often the person was a white male between the ages of 60-80. That makes me feel somewhat better knowing I'm not the only Clutz.

Golf, yard work, and all the things I enjoy are on hold until further notice. I'll use my saws again, but my attention will be keen from now on. If goofs are in future stories, have mercy on a one-handed typist.

Soft drink history

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Originally the formula was invented in 1940 by Knoxville beverage bottlers Barney and Ally Hartman. In 1958 a revised formula was created by Bill Bridgeforth. The rights to this formula were obtained by the Tip Corporation of Marion, Virginia, where the formula was further refined. In August 1964, the Mountain Dew brand and production rights were acquired from Tip by the Pepsi-Cola company, and the distribution expanded across the United States and Canada.

A historic marker on Knoxville's East Magnolia Avenue recalls the history

of Mountain Dew.

Double Cola hails from Chattanooga in 1933 and was so named because the bottles were twice the size of other cola containers. It was originally bottled by the Seminole Flavor Company.

Johnson City also claims "Dr. Enuf" which was formulated in 1949. It's now bottled by the Tri-Cities Bottling Company there. The drink is different than many other sodas in that it is "enriched with vitamins and minerals" and it was said to relieve muscle aches and pains.

While Coca-Cola was invented in Atlanta the first bottling plant of the iconic drink was in Chattanooga.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Davy, Davy Crockett

By Jadon Gibson

Davy Crockett made an interesting trip to visit his brother-in-law early in the 1800s.

Following the corn harvest in late October of 1822, Crockett had a successful fall hunt saying he found "bear a'plenty and all sorts of game and wild varmints, except buffalo.

"I hunted on 'til almost Christmas, having supplied my family very well with wild meat at which time my (gun)powder gave out."

He had no powder for hunting or for the celebratory firing of the Christmas

guns, a practice that was common in that era but has been largely replaced by fireworks today.

His brother-in-law had recently settled about six miles away and brought Davy a keg of gunpowder. Although there had been heavy rains resulting in flood conditions Davy decided he couldn't wait longer in going to fetch it. He tied together some extra dry clothes and moccasins and set out.

"The snow was about four inches deep when I started and when I got to the water it looked like an ocean," Davy wrote. "I got in and waded 'til I come to the channel where I crossed on a high log."

Crockett then commenced wading again until coming to the deepest part of the river. Ordinarily, he would cross at that point on a log but it was submerged about three feet under the floodwater and couldn't be seen. The water was thirteen feet altogether.

"I felt my way along with my feet on the log although I was about waist deep in the water," Davy related. "It was a mighty ticklish business but I finally got over. I had very little feeling in my feet and legs by this time for I was in the water so much."

Crockett continued only a short distance before coming upon another slough. He felt fortunate however since there was a floating log leading across.

He held his gun and dry clothes that were tied in a bundle at the end of a stick and started across.

"I mounted the log and started walking across," he told. "When I got about the middle of the deep water, somehow the log spun over and caused me to fall off the log. The water was up to my head. I barely managed to hold my gun and grip above my head.

"I waded out of this deep water until I came to a highland where I stopped to pull off my wet clothes and put on the others. I was so cold my flesh had no feeling. I thought I would run to warm myself a little but I was so cold I couldn't step more than half the length of my foot."

Davy began functioning better after a while and continued the five miles to his destination.

His brother-in-law was amazed to see him upon his arrival. Weather conditions were even worse the following morning and Davy decided against trying to start back home.

"I went out hunting and killed him two deer," Davy said. "The weather still got worse and colder instead of better. I knew the water would be frozen over but not hard enough to bear me so I agreed to stay. The next morning was bitter cold but I determined to get home to my family or die a-trying. I took my powder keg and hunting tools and started out."

When Crockett reached the water, it was a solid sheet of ice for "as far as I could see." He started walking across the ice but it broke through with him after only a short distance.

"I took out my tomahawk and broke my way along for a considerable distance. At last I got to where the ice would bear me so I mounted it and went ahead. It soon broke in again and I had to wade till I came to my floating log. It was frozen in by the ice so I knew it couldn't give me another fall as it had before."

Davy crossed it without difficulty but still had to negotiate the submerged log that was his last obstacle. The swiftness of the current kept the water from freezing so he had to wade across a log with swift water meanwhile up to his waist. He waded first with the powder and then returned for his gun.

"By this time, I was nearly frozen to death," he wrote later in life. "When I managed to get home, I wasn't quite dead, but mighty nigh it.

"But I had my powder and that was what I went for."

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The Irrepressible Perennial Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia

Pages from the Past



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Faithful readers of this column will note I have covered some of the same subjects again, at least in terms of personages. I am attempting to give readers a better feel for what the person was like, his or her personality. Basically, I am trying to add some flavor to the stew and hopefully I will have achieved my purpose. TIME magazine once described Matthew Mansfield Neely as tall and thin, whose likes included "the New Deal, the C.I.O." and one who loved "purple language and purple suits." The news magazine noted Neely "also loves politics, in which he is a shrewd and practical man." Few politicians demonstrated the flare for the dramatic of Matthew M. Neely. Neely could have just as well be a successful stage actor. Although he delighted in speaking to audiences numbering in the thousands, M. M. Neely disliked crowds and liked leaving just as soon as his speech was finished. From the time he entered Congress in 1913 until his burial in 1958, M. M. Neely commanded center stage in his state of West Virginia and few loved the spotlight more. For quite nearly forty years, Matthew Mansfield Neely was either a congressman, U.S. senator or governor.

In West Virginia it was often said few people had a neutral opinion when it came to Matthew M. Neely. That had been true throughout his political career and remained true even in death. When the longtime senator breathed his last, both the bitter and the sweet were publicly in evidence. From the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce came the wintry blast of "no comment" when asked about Neely's passing. The "no comment" managed to speak volumes.

One Republican, when told of the senator's death, exulted "it couldn't have happened to a better man." Some of those likely had felt the lash of Neely's "corrosive tongue."

No one in modern history has ever made so many political comebacks as Matthew Mansfield Neely of West Virginia. Neely was one of those who had to be in public office, and he was popular enough to come and go with remarkable frequency. One of the most colorful politicians in a state renowned for its oftentimes brutal politics, Matthew M. Neely's longevity in politics and officeholding was only outdone by Robert C. Byrd in the Mountain State. Yet Byrd was entirely a creature of Congress, serving in both the House of Representatives and the

U.S. Senate. M. M. Neely served in both houses of Congress as well, but he also was elected governor of West Virginia. Like Robert Byrd, Neely was a colossus in West Virginia's stormy political landscape. Unlike Byrd who never lost an election, M. M. Neely knew both the taste of victory and the despair of defeat. The oftentimes flowery orator of the old school could quote from the Bible, poetry, and Shakespeare equally with ease. Even Robert Byrd never dominated West Virginia politics as did Matthew Mansfield Neely. Neely consolidated his hold and was strong enough to elect a protégé to West Virginia's other Senate seat. The head of the "federal" faction of West Virginia's Democratic Party, Neely openly sought a candidate for the governorship to eliminate the more conservative "statehouse" wing. None of the prospective candidates suited Neely, so he ran himself.

A lawyer by vocation even if his real trade was holding public office, Matthew M. Neely was the champion of the working folks. A staunch ally of organized labor in a state heavily populated by mine workers and where coalmining was big business, Neely was a warm friend of John L. Lewis, master of the United Mine Workers' union. Neely's rise was due in large measure to his phenomenal memory. Even in his eighties, the senator could call people by name whom he had only met casually. While he worked painstakingly on speeches, he was able to read them once or twice and commit them to memory, making it appear to audiences he was speaking extemporaneously.

Neely first came to the House of Representatives in the 1913 special election after Congressman John W. Davis resigned to become ambassador to Great Britain. Reelected in 1914, 1916 and 1918, Neely suffered his first political defeat in the 1920 GOP landslide. Two years later, Neely was the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate held by Republican Senator Howard Sutherland. Neely won the election, only to lose his reelection bid in 1928 to GOP Governor Henry D. Hatfield. Two years later, Neely made a triumphant return to the United States Senate by beating the Republican nominee by the greatest majority given a candidate for the Senate in West Virginia until that time.

With the advent of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, Senator Neely lavishly

rewarded his friends and followers with federal jobs. Neely was building a political machine and its effectiveness became clear when he backed Rush Holt against his Senate colleague in 1934. Rush Holt, unable to take the oath of office for six months because he did not meet the constitutional requirement of being thirty years old, defeated Senator Hatfield decisively. By the time Neely came up for reelection in 1936, he and his protégé had become bitter political enemies. Holt, angry that Senator Neely was gorging himself on WPA jobs, took to the Senate floor to denounce West Virginia's senior senator. Holt claimed Neely was attempting to build up a powerful political machine. Holt endorsed a former Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates against Neely in the Democratic primary. Neely beat the stuffing out of his opponent, proving his political machine was running both smoothly and effectively.

West Virginia had been mostly a Republican state until 1932 with the exception of when M. M. Neely was on the ballot. The Great Depression changed the political dynamic in the Mountain State where want and suffering was acute. President Roosevelt was wildly popular in West Virginia and the Republicans were swept out of Congress in 1932 and replaced with New Deal loyalists. The governorship fell into the hands of the Democrats as well. H. Guy Kump became the first Democrat to serve as governor since John Cornwall had gone out of office in 1921. Kump, the Depression governor, was popular as well. Kump picked his successor, Attorney General Homer Hanna, and both administrations were more conservative than Neely's federal faction. The statehouse faction was busy dispensing its own patronage throughout the state and creating a formidable machine in its own right. Neely recognized the threat to his continued tenure in the Senate and ran for governor in 1940 and beat the statehouse candidate inside the Democratic primary.

That proved to be the peak of Neely's political potency and power. Neely was even able to appoint his own successor in the United States Senate. Governor Neely selected Dr. Joseph Rosier, a colorless president of West Virginia's State Teacher's College. It was readily apparent Neely had picked a placeholder rather than someone who could run for and hold the seat in the 1942 election. Neely had also managed to replace Rush Holt in the Senate, backing an obscure country judge, Harley Kilgore, inside the Democratic primary. Senator Holt, tarred with the brush of isolationism, ran third in a three-way primary between himself, Kilgore and ex-Governor Kump. It soon became clear Neely intended to simply replace the statehouse machine followers with his own and try and

reclaim his Senate seat in the 1942 election. Former Governor Kump ran again in the 1942 Democratic primary but nothing or no one could defeat Neely for the nomination of his party.

It took Republican Chapman Revercomb to beat M. M. Neely. The 1942 election was the greatest political surprise of Matthew Neely's long political career. Governor Neely's enemies, Republicans and Democrats, supported Revercomb who beat him soundly. Loathing the idea of life without public office, Matthew M. Neely challenged GOP Congressman Andrew Schiffler for reelection in 1944. Grabbing hold of a frail FDR's coat-tails, Neely won the election. Two years later, the 72-year-old Congressman M. M. Neely was upset yet again by another Republican. Francis Love won the 1946 election in one of the best years the GOP had enjoyed since the 1920s.

Seventy-four-years old in 1948, M. M. Neely made his greatest political comeback by challenging and ousting his successor in the Senate, Chapman Revercomb. Matthew M. Neely easily turned aside a serious challenger in 1954 and remained in the Senate until the day he died.

Captains and kings felt the sting of Neely's words. President Eisenhower vetoed a bill raising pay for postal workers 8.8%, and an angry Senator M. M. Neely got to his feet on the floor of the Senate and thundered, "My text consists of the ninth and tenth verses of the seventh chapter of Matthew: 'What man is there of you, whom if his son asked for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?' For 1,900 years these questions remained unanswered. But now every postal employee in the U.S. can identify the man. He is the confused and floundering mythical one who, at the moment, occupies the presidential chair."

When the 80-year-old Senator M. M. Neely sought reelection in 1954 to another six-year term, coal was facing a noticeable slump. The senator did not especially worry about upsetting those who might admire the occupant of the White House. "In 32 years in Washington, I've never seen a more useless President than Dwight D. Eisenhower," Neely snarled. "He's the poorest President the U.S. ever had."

Senator Neely had campaigned throughout West Virginia in 1954 without knowing he had broken his hip at some point. As the pain increased, Neely finally went to the hospital and was told of his fractured hip. The official reason Neely went to Bethesda Naval hospital, according to his office, was an attack of "sciatica." As is always the case when an aging incumbent is ill, the senator's office tried to diminish any kind of medical procedure or make it seem routine. Neely's office acknowledged the senator was undergoing an operation but passed it off as a "minor" surgery. That was



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An ailing West Virginia U. S. Senator Matthew M. Neely, 83 years old, walks with the aid of a cane to the Senate Chamber in 1957.

in May of 1956; when the new session of Congress began in January of 1957, Senator Neely was rolled into the Senate Chamber in a wheelchair. In June of 1956, Senator Neely had undergone prostate surgery, which was likely for prostate cancer. Neely had lost several fingers on his left hand due to cancer when he was much younger.

As it became more noticeable that Senator Neely might well be seriously ailing, some Democrats urged Neely to retire before Republican Cecil Underwood took the oath of office as governor. Whoever suggested that course of action must not have known Neely well; public office without Matthew Neely was the duller for it, but without public office, Neely was not whole. Senator Neely snapped such suggestions came from his "opposition" or perhaps, he said grimly, from those "friends" who thought they might be the beneficiary of his resigning by being appointed to the Senate.

Matthew M. Neely clung to his seat in the United States Senate with the same tenacity he held onto life. Senator Neely made his last appearance on the floor of the Senate just over a week before he died in

Bethesda Naval Hospital of cancer. Neely's political career only ended with his last breath. No funeral rite, except perhaps for a fiery Viking send off, could do justice to Matthew Neely's colorful personality. There had been nothing sedate nor especially stately about M. M. Neely.

Senator Neely's body lay in repose at his home in Fairmont. M. M. Neely likely would have been skeptical about the numerous tributes offered to him in death. "Old Matt" Neely probably would have liked that offered up by an ancient ward healer, who opined simply, "He was the greatest vote-getter of them all."

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Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:7-11).

When it comes to prayer, at times there is doubt that creeps in. Can I trust God with what I ask? Ask. Seek, Knock. Jesus knows there will be struggle in prayer. Jesus addresses something important – the goodness of God. Jesus speaks commands: ask, seek, knock. Prayer is an action we take. Asking is an action and demands a response at some level. It literally can be read: Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. Don't stop. Jesus then paints a picture of the most powerful relationship in our lives – the relationship between a parent and a child. Analogies of bread to stone and fish to snakes is meant to tell us that God doesn't provide superficial substitutes of what we ask for. God doesn't give us gifts that would harm us, like a snake or a

stone in our soup. The disciple should have confidence and trust in this good God. If your kids ask you for something they desire, and you had the ability to provide it, and you thought it reasonable and good, you would get it for them. Why? Because you love your kids. So, what is prayer? Dallas Willard defines prayer as: "Talking to God about what we are doing together." Prayer is a back-and-forth conversation with God. Prayer always centers around relationship and it involves asking. A little boy was going off to bed. He said to his family, "I'm going to be praying to God. Does anybody want anything?" What a great attitude. That boy believed God is approachable with our requests and will answer. Sometimes we pray thinking, "Well, I know He's not going to answer

this, but here it goes anyway." We need to imitate that little boy. Asking is uncomfortable for many of us. Pride can get in the way. We are a society that takes great pride in doing things for ourself and consequently we wait until we have about ruined our lives before asking for help. At times, we all need help. No man is an island, despite what Simon and Garfunkel would tell you – "I am a rock, I am an island." Society tells us over and over, "You don't need anyone. To be successful is to not have to ask." Pride often comes from a place of injury, hurt, or trauma from the past. The root of pride is often fear. In asking someone, we are afraid of rejection. What if we are told no, again? We are afraid of being indebted to someone else.

We don't want to be a burden to others. Asking is a vulnerable thing and you have to come face to face with another person. But relationships are built on asking. There is a danger in a text like this one, where you read it and suddenly think that God will grant every request we bring to Him by the next day. This unrealistic approach to prayer has destroyed the faith of many and led to resentment and anger toward God. I don't have an answer to why God answers some prayers in the affirmative and other times with a no. What I do know is that we have to rely on both the goodness and the wisdom of God. We might think we know what is best for us and others we care about, but we need to trust that God knows how and when to answer our prayers.



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Turner still takes part in the drills with the kids

By Steve Williams

Elston Turner said there were no basketball camps when he was young and remembers Clifford Ross taking him to a camp at the University of Louisville in Kentucky when he was a youngster.

Back in the mid-1980s, Turner started his summer youth camp and he has been returning to his alma mater, Austin-East, the last week in July ever since.

"I think I've been at 38 of the camps," Turner said last Wednesday. "I had to miss one or two."

"This is where I grew up. This is where I want to teach. When I look at the kids here, I see myself."

"I said to myself a long time ago: If I make it, I'm going to come back and I'm going to provide as much information as I can so they can make it."

Nearly 100 youngsters overall participated in this year's camp, with the younger boys and girls on the court Monday through Wednesday and the older group up to 18 years old attending Thursday through Saturday.

"I have gone to camps before and I've seen the orchestrator of the camp do the opening and they go disappear and then come back and do the closing," recalled Turner.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Elston Turner teaches youngsters the game of basketball at his annual summer camp held at Austin-East High School.

"So I said to myself, 'I'm going to be out here. I'm going to open. I'm going to do the drills. I'm going to run up and down the floor with you. You're going to see me, you're going to touch me, ask me questions. And basically to show them, if I can do it, they can do it.'"

Turner, 65, is hardly ever out of sight at his camps. It's easy to see basketball is still in Elston's blood.

From leading Austin-East to a state championship in 1977 to helping lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to the Final Four of the NBA playoffs this past season, Turner is still coaching and teaching the game he loves.

Turner's camp also includes life lessons.

"We have a session after lunch when we give them a lecture and it's all about life lessons," said Elston.

"It's not basketball during that segment. At different times, you can parallel sports, especially basketball, with real life skills. But we're always bringing that to their attention. Jeff Tate does a state FOCUS and we have Pastor Miller here teaching what he teaches and then me. I'm big on it."

"I always tell them, bottom line, live your life so your autograph is wanted, not your finger prints," said Elston.

Turner said he is on contract to be back as the defensive coordinator for the Timberwolves for a couple more seasons the Lord willing.



Elston Turner talks to the boys and girls at his camp on July 24. Turner, who is the Defensive Coordinator of the Minnesota Timberwolves, has been making the trip to the camp in his hometown the last week in July since the mid-1980s.

Knoxville hosts elite high school volleyball camp

By Ken Lay

High school volleyball teams from across the Southeast and Midwest gathered recently at the Knoxville Convention Center for three days of competition in team and individual drills.

More than 60 teams and 800 players took part in the fourth annual K2/Munciana High School Volleyball Camp, which took place July 17-19 in Downtown Knoxville. The event is co-hosted by East Tennessee's K2 Volleyball Club in Louisville, Tennessee, and Munciana Volleyball Club, located in Muncie, Indiana.

"We have 65 teams and more than 800 players," said K2's Chris Hames, who currently serves as

Maryville High School's head coach and previously held the same position at Webb School of Knoxville, where she guided the Lady Spartans to multiple consecutive Division II-A state championships. "This has really grown and it's probably one of the biggest camps in the nation."

"We started this during COVID, so we started it four years ago. This is the fourth one, and when we started, we only had four teams."

Area teams at the camp included Central, Catholic, Karns and Farragut. William Blount, Oak Ridge and Maryville were also present from surrounding counties.

The event concluded with

both a junior varsity and varsity tournament.

Mike Lingerfelter of Munciana said that he always looks forward to his annual trip to Knoxville.

"We get great teams here, and as a guy who is from Lexington, Kentucky, I never thought volleyball would be as big as this in Tennessee," Lingerfelter said. "We have teams here that will be fighting to win state championships."

"This is big. You have 65 teams and almost 1,000 kids and Knoxville has always been great to us."

Central coach Susan Davidson was also happy to have her Lady Bobcats attend the three-day event.



High school players receive instruction at the recent K2/Munciana Volleyball camp hosted by the Knoxville Convention Center. Photo submitted.

"This is a great opportunity to have fun and grow," she said.

High school volleyball will return to the Knoxville Convention Center in September

when the city will host the annual Showdown at the SunSphere, one of the biggest midseason tournaments in the Volunteer State.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Powell aims for state championship

By Ken Lay

The more things change, the more they stay the same for the Powell High School football program. The Panthers have one goal and one goal only, as they prepare for the upcoming 2024 season.

The lone objective is to win a Class 5A state championship.

"Our expectation is always the same," said coach Matt Lowe. "Our expectation is always to win a state championship, and if we don't, it's a disappointment."

"We know that we can't always win the state, but that's what we play for. That's what we come to work every day for. That's what we expect. That's what the coaches want and that's what the coaches expect."

The Panthers may have some lofty expectations for the upcoming campaign but Lowe, who begins his 13th season at Powell and sixth of his second tenure as the school's head coach, and everybody associated with the program knows that the team can't get far ahead of itself.

"We have to do what we do and that's come in, go to work, and work hard every day," Lowe said. "If we come in and work hard, then Week 1 will take care of itself. Week 2 will take care of itself and Week 3 will take care of itself."

"Then, we have to be a better team in the middle of the season than we are at the beginning of the season and we have to be a better team at the end of the season than we are in the middle the season. We have to make sure that we peak at the right time, going into the playoffs."

The Panthers went 9-4 last season and reached the TSSAA Class 5A playoff quarterfinals before falling to Region 2-5A rival Knoxville West, which would eventually go on to win its second consecutive state championship.

The one place where Powell lost players is on the offensive line.

"We have nine of 11 starters back on defense and the defense will be the strength of our team," Lowe said. "On offense, we have returners back at the skill positions, but we lost a lot of experience on the offensive line."

"We lost three offensive linemen that were really experienced. They all had at least 20 games of experience, two had at least 30 games of experience and one had 50 games of experience."

Returning starters on defense for the Panthers include: Cardell Thomas (junior, defensive lineman); Iverson Garcia (junior,

defensive lineman); Caleb Acres (junior, defensive lineman); Adrian Daugherty (senior, linebacker); Johntay Dunn (senior, linebacker); Abu Keefer (senior, linebacker); Karmaryon Fenner (junior, cornerback); Connor Wheeler (a senior defensive back, who is a two-way starter who also plays running back) and Brodie Hollowell (senior, safety).

Returning starters on offense are: Deuce Rodgers (junior, quarterback); Fabby Neiwoh (senior, running back); Dylan Stooksbury (a wide receiver and all-state kicker); Adam Weaver (senior, wide receiver); Aiden Gomez (senior, offensive lineman) and Braden Arnwine (senior, offensive lineman).

Lowe said that he expects newcomer Dezion Jackson, a sophomore, to make a quick impact at wide receiver.

On special teams, Stooksbury is one of the area's top all-time kickers.

"It seems like he's been here forever and he's finally a senior," Lowe said. "He's a four-year starter and he's all-state. He's been kicking extra points here since Ayden Greene and those guys were scoring touchdowns."

"We don't really have any stats, but everybody around here is pretty certain and pretty confident that he holds 100 percent of the kicking records here."

Powell, which plays one of the area's toughest schedules. The Panthers' region is one of the toughest in the state as their Region 2-5A opponents include the two-time defending champion West, Halls, Central and Heritage.

In addition to their league slate, the Panthers will play former Region 3-5A foes Oak Ridge, Clinton and Karns.

"When you play (Class) 5A football in the Knoxville Area, in East Tennessee, you always play a tough schedule," Lowe said. "It's no accident that the last three state champions (Powell, West and West) have come out of Knoxville."

"You have good teams out west too. What Page (in Nashville) has done, making it to the state championship game the last three years, is absolutely amazing. And they're going to be pretty good again this year."

"We're going to find out where we are in a hurry," Lowe said. "Our (new starters on the) offensive line are talented. They're good but they just don't have the experience."

"You have to show up every night or you're going to get beat, and when you get beat, you have to listen to everybody talk about it for a whole year."



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New Karns Offensive Coordinator Caleb Slover points out something to senior Hunter Owens during practice Wednesday.

Karns gets a boost with Slover new OC

By Steve Williams

Caleb Slover parted ways with Sweetwater's football team in the middle of the season last year, but second-year Karns head coach Lee Warren worked hard to get him on his staff for this season.

An 11-year high school head coach known for his offensive expertise, Slover is now the Beavers' offensive coordinator and his son Austin, a rising junior, is Karns' No. 1 quarterback.

Slover was a stand-out college quarterback at Tusculum and played Arena League football before assisting one season at Tusculum. He began his prep career as the head coach for six years at Cocke County and then was head coach at Morristown East for four seasons before going to Sweetwater.

Warren has been a defensive coordinator in past seasons at Karns and will continue in that role in addition to his head coaching duties. He said Slover will be "the head coach of the offense."

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Last year was Warren's first as a head coach and a 7-6 win at Fulton prevented the Beavers from having a winless season.

"No doubt about it," said Warren. "I learned a lot about being a head coach last season."

"We had several staff changes this year," added Warren, who was given the opportunity by the administration to get the people on his staff he wanted to have.

It also was important to Warren to have a mix of people who had head coaching experience and young guys who are energetic and want to work hard and start to climb the ladder in their coaching career.

"It's been a real good transition for us," said Warren.

As far as the quarterback position, senior Carson Paul, who was Karns' starter last season, competed with Austin Slover and sophomore Ben Styles.

"Austin started at the bottom and climbed his way up through spring and summer (to win the job)," said Coach Warren.

"Carson and Ben were mature about everything. I'm really proud of those guys. They are selfless and they want to find other ways to help our football team."

Paul (5-9, 160) is now showing his talents as a linebacker and running back and Styles is

competing at safety and receiver.

Slover (5-11, 142) has "knowledge of the offense," said Warren. "It's his dad's system and he's been playing it his whole life."

Warren said the strength of this year's team "right now is our culture. We've got a great group of kids that like being here, like working hard and like being with each other. When you have those things together, you can be successful on Friday nights."

"And then B we've got some guys that we feel like can do some great things with the ball in their hands. We've got some good guys at the skill positions in the backfield and at receiver and at the back end on defense."

The weakness is depth. Karns returns six starters on offense and five on defense.

In addition to Paul, seniors Daesean Huckleby (6-0, 206) and Douglas Turner (6-0, 185) return as wide receivers and Avery

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Hardin Valley adjusting to new coach, new staff, new expectations

By Mark Nagi

The Hardin Valley Hawks got off to a really good start in 2023, winning their first three games. But things went sour once the Hawks started regional play. HVA lost their final seven games and missed the playoffs. Region 2-6A is not for the faint of heart.

"It is definitely a challenging region," said new head coach Tyler Wynn. "It's one of the toughest in the state. But everybody who is a coach knows that football is still hard, and I don't care what level. That's why a lot of people don't do it anymore, either playing or coaching. Football is tough at every level. No job is no tougher than someone else's."

Wynn is no stranger to East Tennessee. He is a Carson Newman grad and a former Eagle football and baseball player. Wynn has spent the last 15 years coaching in both college and high school in Georgia

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| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | at Bearden (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | at Maryville (R) |
| Thu | Oct. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Sevier County |
| Fri | Oct. 11 | 7:00 p.m. | Bradley Central (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | at Farragut (R) |
| Thu | Oct. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | Cleveland (R) |

and Florida. For this new challenge, Wynn oversees a very young Hawks team that is going to have to grow up in a hurry.

"The biggest thing for us has been guys adjusting to a new style of coaching, new staff, new expectations, and different beliefs and philosophies," said Wynn. "We have seen a lot of buy-in from our guys. They have worked tremendously hard in the weight room and on the practice field. They have done a tremendous job of buying in to what we are doing. We have got a small group of seniors and they do a

tremendous job of leading. We also have young underclassmen, sophomores that have taken some ownership. This is their team and their team of the future."

Wynn made a point to mention two of his offensive linemen who set the bar on offense: Neal Henley and Evan Clarke.

"Both have done a great job of saying to their teammates, 'This is how we are going to do things, and this is who we are,'" said Wynn. Henley has been a starter for the Hawks for two years and Clarke excels in wrestling when not playing

football. On the defensive side, outside linebacker Nathan Holbrook and defensive end Michael Stewart are setting the expectation for their class.

Wynn spoke about wanting to play at a fast pace and put pressure on their opponents. "Offensively we want to get the ball into as many guys' hands as possible as quickly as possible. We are gonna be spread and want to get the ball to skill guys in space to make plays. On defense, we want to attack the football and force people to go the long way. We want to put ourselves in situations where we can be successful. We want to know the opposing offense as well as we possibly can."

The Hawks have good numbers, with the roster in the mid-80s.

"This is a great group to coach as we go into the season," said Wynn.

Hardin Valley opens the 2024 campaign on Friday, August 23 at Karns.

PANTHERS FOOTBALL 2024

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| Thu | Aug. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | at Anderson Co. Rivalry Thursday |
| Fri | Aug. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | Farragut |
| Fri | Sep. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Oak Ridge |
| Fri | Sep. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | at Heritage (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | at Clinton |
| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Halls (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Karns |
| Fri | Oct. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | at Knox Central (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | at McMinn County |
| Fri | Nov. 1 | 7:00 p.m. | West (R) |

Players Who Stood Tall

In the history of the Tennessee-Alabama rivalry, the series that defines the "Third Saturday in October," there are many players who have stood tall when each year's game was on the line.

Former Tennessee defensive back Jimmy Weatherford, a Vol All-American selection as a senior in 1968, will never be confused with Alabama's Terrence Cody, but they do share one thing in common.

Each of them was a tough competitor, asking and giving no quarter. Each blocked a field goal that saved a win for their team when Tennessee and Alabama squared off. That very quickly brings to mind Bob Neyland's game maxims, his guidelines for success on the gridiron, particularly No. 6: "Press the kicking game. Here is where the breaks are made."

Cody, often known as "Mount Cody," saved the 2009 game for the Crimson Tide by knocking aside Daniel Lincoln's game-winning attempt. Happiness reigned supreme across Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Weatherford did

likewise in 1968 at Neyland Stadium. He came off the right side of the defensive formation to block a Mike Dean attempt that would have won the game for the Crimson Tide.

He had changed places with Nick Showalter and somehow got a hand on the kick. The final score was 10-9, second victory over the Tide and Bear Bryant in as many years for Doug Dickey and the Vols. It was the first win over Alabama in Knoxville since 1960.

"What did we have to lose?" Weatherford said afterwards. "They were going to win if we didn't block the field goal. It was that simple. So I went after it. It was just a chance, one of those oddities that worked, like throwing the dice and winning."

That game was a tough one for Tide partisans to swallow. That has been true on both sides in the Tennessee-Alabama series all the way back to the legendary "Hack, Mack, and Dodd" (and Quinn Decker) Tennessee backfield of the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Alf Van Hoose of the Birmingham News had this priceless analysis: "The stage was set to make it one of college football's all-time classics. The scene was fitting. Perfect. Storied old Neyland Stadium on a

golden October Saturday. All it took was a 36-yard field goal by little Mike Dean. But in these cruel times, there is sometimes a jagged ending. Old prince and pauper tales may have been replaced. Life is hard."

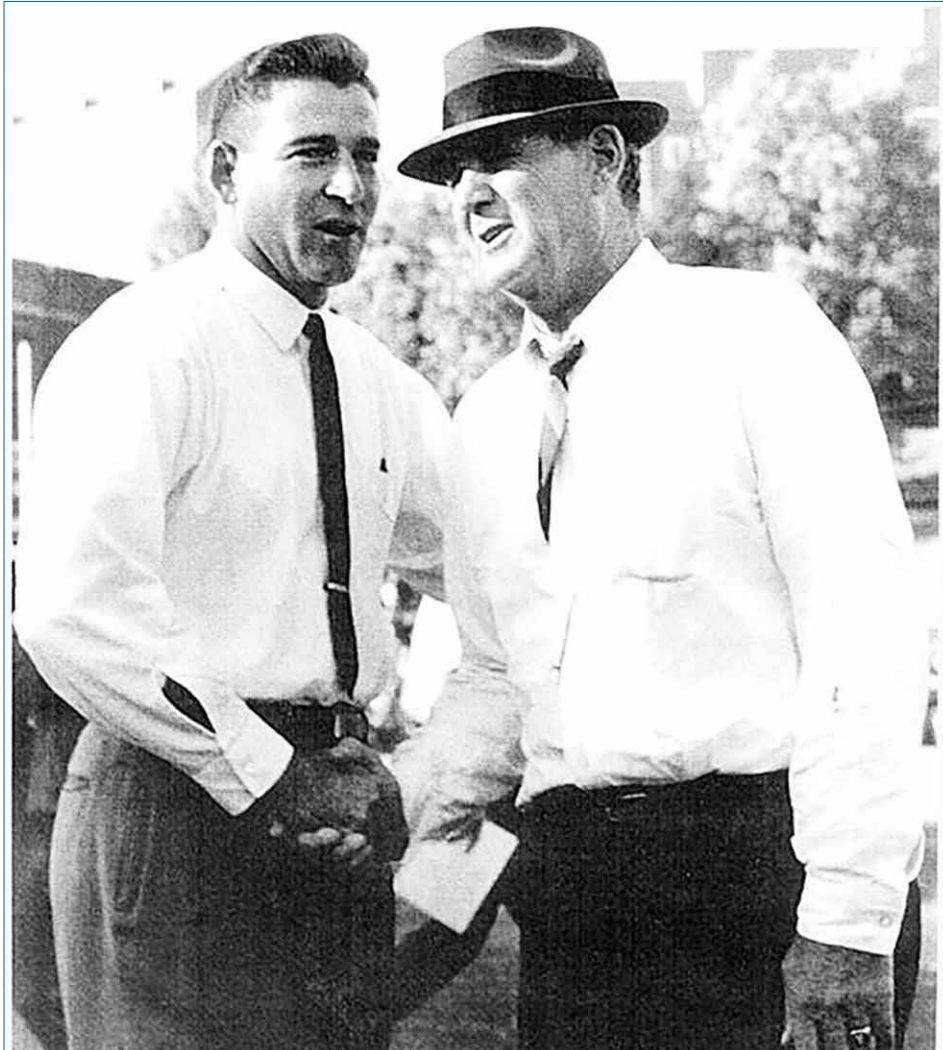
They don't write game stories that way anymore.

What Van Hoose wrote could have also applied to the feelings of those fans on the Tennessee side on Oct. 24, 2009, when Cody spoiled the day for the Vols. The term "Life is hard" also came down on Vol fortunes on that day.

Weatherford's big play was an integral part of the success Dickey had enjoyed at Tennessee. After Dickey's fifth year at Tennessee, Alabama had won twice, by one (1966, 11-10) and 11 points (1964, 19-8), Tennessee had won twice by one (1968, 10-9) and 11 points (1967, 24-13). There had also been one tie (1965, 7-7). All the games except one (1964) had come down to the final seconds. Dickey ended his tenure in Knoxville with a three-game win streak against Alabama, after two losses and a tie.

Dickey was battling the Bear on even terms.

The Vols laid the wood to Alabama a year later on Legion Field by 41-14. There was a small plane



Doug Dickey and Bear Bryant meet at midfield before a 1960s Tennessee-Alabama game in Knoxville.

that flew over Legion Field that day with a message for both sides: "This is Big Orange Country." On that day, the Vols were in the catbird's seat.

As Vol fans looked toward the 1970s, life was good.

As history records, however, there was danger lurking in the shadows. In early 1970, Dickey confirmed rumors he was heading home to Gainesville. Bill Battle, a stalwart for Bryant in the early 1960s in Tuscaloosa, got the nod to lead the Vols.

After a 24-0 Tennessee

win that season, the series took an ominous turn.

Between 1971 and 1981, it was all Alabama. There were close games in 1971, 1972, and 1973, maybe even in 1976 and 1979. That was the year the Vols were all over the Tide, ahead 17-0 before the Tide rallied for a 27-17 win.

After Tennessee dominated the series between 1995 and 2006, 10 wins and two losses, Nick Saban showed up in Tuscaloosa and won 16 of the 17 contests. That was another ominous turn.

He did lose in his final Neyland Stadium visit by 52-49 in 2022. He may have lost that night, but he won a bunch in the preceding years, much as had happened to Bryant when he lost in his last appearance in Neyland Stadium.

Those of us who were there, either in Knoxville, Birmingham, and/or Tuscaloosa over the years, remember very well the way things transpired. They also won't forget the contributions Cody and Weatherford made to the history of the series.

Stevens returns to A-E, expects 'iron man football'

By Ken Leinart

Great swathes of forests have been cut, milled and pulped to provide enough paper for football scribes and pundits to write about Austin-East head football coach Stanton Stevens and his many accomplishments.

Stevens was the last coach to take the Roadrunners to a state title (2001), where he coached from 1999-2004. He coached at Oak Ridge from 2005-2008 and took the Wildcats to the state final while there. He finished his previous coaching stint at La Vergne, 2010-2019, before becoming athletic director at Southeast Raleigh Magnet School in North Carolina.

But Stevens missed "home" and he missed coaching.

Taking over the Austin-East Roadrunners in March 2024, he said he spent most of spring getting to know his players.

"We had a couple of team meetings but we didn't really get together and do anything," Stevens said.

"We didn't really get started until school was out, when we started our conditioning sessions. I've been learning the team and I can say they work hard. They've done everything I've asked them to do.

"If I say, 'run,' they run. If I say, 'stop,' they stop. That's important. It means they understand we have to do things and we have a certain way to do them. If coach has asked us to do it, then it's necessary," Stevens said.

The 2024-2025 version of the Roadrunners will be a work in progress, though

ROADRUNNERS FOOTBALL '24

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| Fri | Aug. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | William Blount |
| Fri | Aug. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | at Carter |
| Fri | Sep. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | South Doyle |
| Fri | Sep. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | at Gatlinburg-Pittman |
| Fri | Sep. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | at Alcoa (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 27 | 7:00 p.m. | at Pigeon Forge |
| Fri | Oct. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Christian |
| Fri | Oct. 11 | 7:30 p.m. | Kingston (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Union County (R) |
| Fri | Nov. 1 | 7:30 p.m. | at Scott (R) |

Stevens said there is a pretty good foundation to work on.

Senior Quinton Calhoun is a rock. The tackle and defensive end is the undisputed leader of the Roadrunners. He looks the part at 6 feet 2 inches tall and 250 pounds with a penchant for looking serious.

"He's going to be very important for us," Stevens said.

"Our numbers aren't very good," Stevens said. "I think if we had been able to have spring the numbers would be better. But things are what they are. We're going to have to play some iron man football this year. Our kids are going to have to play both ways."

Stevens said his players are working hard and getting in shape. "We've been working at that all summer," he said.

Even with a pretty good group of talent in the defensive backfield and with some playmakers at the skill position, Stevens said the offensive and defensive line is where the Roadrunner strength lies.

"Yeah, surprisingly that is our strongest point," he said.

Darius Cannon and Jamarious Flowers will be in their senior campaigns and can play a huge role on both sides of the ball.

Jarvis Henderson is a tremendous blocking back with speed and will also play defensive end. He's got speed and size.

Javion Moore is listed as an imposing 6-foot-6 lineman coming in at 255 pounds.

"We're not going to be deep," Stevens said. "But our first group is really good."

Depth could come as the season progresses. "We'll see as the season goes on and we get in 'game shape.'"

Stevens said the linebacking corps is still taking form but there is potential there. Dante Daniel, James Niyonkuru and Meishawn Fawn could find homes on the Roadrunner defense.

The defensive backfield is going to be formed by committee he said. There is talent in the defensive backfield, it just needs to solidify and he needs to see who is going to play where.

"It may be a different guy who steps up every week," Stevens said. "And the linebacking corps has a chance to be really good."

"We are going to be a blue collar team. We're going to work at it."

One thing is certain, however. Senior Michael Gladney is going to line up somewhere on defense and he's going to make



PHOTO BY KEN LEINART

Austin-East head football coach Stanton Stevens and senior lineman stand out Quinton Calhoun.

plays.

"He's an outstanding young man and great athlete," Stevens said. "We expect a lot from him."

Gladney also has a lot of expectations on the offensive side of the ball as a wideout.

Stevens said the Roadrunners are going to run a lot of 3x1 and the receiving corps will need to make plays.

Leading the offense will be senior quarterback Juwaan Troutman. At 6'5", 225 pounds, Troutman brings a "presence (with his size alone)" and quarterback experience to the game.

He could have a monster year, but Stevens knows the quarterback position is key so he's not taking chances.

"We have three kids who can sling it, but Juwaan is getting the majority of the snaps now," Stevens said.

Sophomore Jayden Ealy and freshman Nymire

Jackson have also taken reps for the Roadrunners.

The Roadrunners' road to success this year is marked and ready for a drive, but it may take a bit before the pathway smooths out.

"We have to improve on our basics," Stevens said.

"We want a physical and competitive style of game. We need to play the entire game that way and that will take some time as we play our way into 'game shape.'"

"And we have to clean up the miscues," Stevens said. "If we're getting beat, I get that. The other team is just better. But I don't like losing because of us."

Austin-East has changed since the last time Stanton Stevens roamed the sidelines. The grass has become turf and the stadium and facilities have been upgraded.

But it's still, "Up on the field at 2800."

"It's the 'home' feeling being back," Stevens said. "It's like one of those things

you ask yourself, 'Why did I ever leave?'"

Austin-East opens the season on Aug. 23 at home against William Blount. Stevens said it will be a great test for his defense because the Governors can "run the ball and give you a long night."

The Roadrunners then go to Carter, host South-Doyle, then travel to Gatlinburg-Pittman before their first Region 2 3A opener at Alcoa Sept. 20.

Austin-East has two non-region games after that (Pigeon Forge and Grace Christian) before finishing out the season with three region games. The Roadrunners host Roane County (Kingston) and Union County before finishing up with Scott.

Austin-East went 8-4 last year but finished with a 2-2 region mark. The Roadrunners advanced to the second round of the playoffs where they lost to Alcoa.

Murphey ends prep career as national runner-up

By Steve Williams

Ella Murphey took second place (freestyle) in the 2024 US Marine Corps / USAW 16U and Junior Nationals Wrestling Championships earlier this month.

The Hardin Valley Academy 2024 graduate competed on the Tennessee National Team in the 190-pound weight class.

The tournament was held at Fargo, N.D., and was the biggest national tournament for high schoolers this year.



A berth in the United States Am will still be on the line when Lance plays in the Western Am.

Simpson is a redshirt junior at UT and has averaged 72 in 63 rounds his first two years competing for the Vols.

Lance was a two-time TSSAA individual state champion in 2018 and 2020.

UT's Simpson takes third in Southern Am

Tennessee's Lance Simpson, Farragut High Class of 2020, took third place in the 118th Southern Amateur golf tournament at Lexington recently.

Simpson had a strong game off the tee and "tried to overpower the golf course a little bit," he said. That led to rounds of 68-65-65-68.

Beville is Webb's new boys lacrosse coach

Webb School of Knoxville has announced Steve Beville as its new head boys' lacrosse coach / program director and Middle School physical education / wellness teacher.

Beville will take over his new duties at Webb later this summer.

Considered one of the nation's most successful



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Five-year-old Walker Shadowens (wearing green T-shirt) stands next to Knoxville Catholic Head Coach Phillip Shadowens, his grandfather, during their game against Cocke County in the Knoxville Classic 7v7 Tournament at Powell High School earlier this month. Every time Coach Shadowens moved during the contest, Walker would run to catch up. When the photographer told Coach Shadowens after the game that Walker looked like he was about ready to be going in, Coach replied: "He's close, he's close."



Ella Murphey, a Hardin Valley Academy product, ended her high school wrestling career with a second place showing in a prestigious national tournament held in Fargo.

collegiate men's lacrosse coaches, Beville comes to Webb from SUNY (State University of New York) Cortland, where he served as head men's lacrosse coach and a physical education instructor for 17 years until his retirement in 2023. He amassed a lacrosse coaching record at Cortland of 255-65 (.797), making him the university's career victories leader.

Burnette signs with Carson-Newman

2024 Farragut Admirals football grad Brooks Burnette signed last week to continue his education and football career at Carson-Newman University. The ceremony took place in the Farragut Football Team Room.



Farragut defensive end Brooks Burnette signed with Carson-Newman University on July 25.

KFOA Media Day hosts 73 players and 35 schools

"What an amazing day for High School Football" as the Media Day is the "official kickoff" for the 2024 season, said KFOA's Harold Denton

Contact Denton at 865-256-1948 / TNRef4e@

icloud.com if you're interested in officiating this season.

Fontenot and Tate are assistant ADs

Farragut High School Athletic Director Donald

Dodgen announced recently that for the 2024-25 school year, Albert Fontenot and Jack Tate will serve as Assistant Athletic Directors at FHS.

Tate will also continue in his role as Sports Information Director.

Attention: Softball umpires

Anyone wanting to umpire Middle School softball games this fall must register on Arbiter for the 2024-25 season, which includes this fall and next spring.

These games are \$60 single games and \$100 DH. These games will be held July 29 through September. Only six teams as of now. Text Eddie Turpin if interested and get registered.

Karns gets a boost with Slover new OC

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Westfield (5-8, 150) is an athlete. The Beavers have senior Austin Kirk (5-10, 215) and junior Keegan Teffeteller (5-10, 295) back in the offensive line.

Senior Alex Idol (5-10, 225) heads up the defense at linebacker, while also returning are Huckleby, junior Simon Tutu (6-0, 153) and senior Warda Apiat (5-9, 132) in the secondary,

and senior linemen Ethan Boggess (6-0, 220) and Brady Kittle (6-2, 240).

On special teams, Karns has junior Auston Fann at place-kicker and senior Hunter Owens at punter. Kick returners include Huckleby, Westfield, Apiat and junior Chris Boyce.

The Beavs are starting a new tradition this season with the team captain wearing the number zero and

Idol will have that honor.

"This will be Idol's fourth year at linebacker," pointed out Coach Warren. "He is the quarterback of our defense and a really smart football player. He was All-Region defensive end last year and also played some nose guard."

Even with a new QB this year, Warren said his team "is not going to be an air raid offense. We have guys

who can do good things with the ball in their hands.

"Defensively, we'll be more vanilla than we have been in the past and a lot more based defense with a

4-3 and 4-4 look."

The Beavers planned to have their first practice on July 29 from midnight to 2 a.m. (last night) - the earliest teams could start per

TSSAA rule.

Karns will have home field advantage against rival Hardin Valley Academy in their season opener on Aug. 23.



Lee Warren heads into his second season as head coach of the Karns Beavers. Warren said the strength of this year's team "right now is our culture. We've got a great group of kids."

'Beavers love the rain'

As Karns football player Ethan Boggess was leaving a little after 11 Thursday morning, he was asked how it was practicing in all that rain?

"Beavers love the rain," replied the senior defensive lineman.

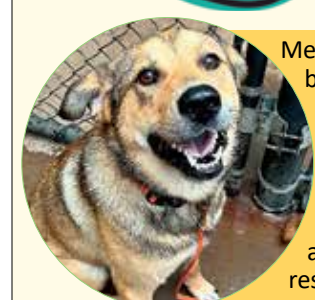
A little later, Head Coach Lee Warren was told about Ethan's comment and laughed.

"It was great," said Warren. "The kids fully embraced all the rain. It was pouring. We were all soaked. But it was maybe our best day so far this summer. They were excited and when we were all done, they were doing belly flops in the puddles of rain and everything, so they had a good time and got after it."



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Knox County General , Federal/State Primary, Town of Farragut Municipal Election

August 1, 2024 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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August 1, 2024 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

| Polling Places | <p>Precinct 36 Gresham Middle School 500 Gresham Road</p> <p>Precinct 37 Inskip Elementary School 4701 High School Road</p> <p>Precinct 39-E Inskip Recreation Ctr. 301 W. Inskip Drive</p> <p>Precinct 39-W Inskip Recreation Ctr. 301 W. Inskip Drive</p> <p>Precinct 40 Norwood Elementary School 1909 Merchants Drive</p> <p>Precinct 41 Norwood Elementary School 1909 Merchants Drive</p> <p>Precinct 42 Pleasant Ridge Elementary 3013 Walnoaks Road</p> <p>Precinct 43 West Haven Elementary 3620 Sisk Road</p> <p>Precinct 44 Ridgedale School 4600 Ridgedale Road</p> <p>Precinct 45 Bearden Middle School 1000 Francis Road</p> <p>Precinct 46 Knoxville 1st Church of Nazarene 538 Vanosdale Road</p> <p>Precinct 47-N Bearden High School 8352 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 47-S Bearden High School 8352 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 48 Pond Gap School 4530 Papermill Drive</p> <p>Precinct 49-N Bearden Elementary School 5717 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 49-S Bearden Elementary School 5717 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 50-N West High School 3326 Sutherland Avenue</p> <p>Precinct 50-S West High School 3326 Sutherland Avenue</p> <p>Precinct 51 Deane Hill Recreation Ctr. 7414 Deane Hill Drive</p> <p>Precinct 55 Bearden Middle School 1000 Francis Road</p> <p>Precinct 56 Copper Ridge Elementary School 2502 E. Brushy Valley Road</p> <p>Precinct 57 Bethany Baptist Comm. Ctr. 6705 E. Raccoon Valley Drive</p> <p>Precinct 58 Copper Ridge Elementary School 2502 E. Brushy Valley Road</p> <p>Precinct 59 Brickey-McCloud School 1810 Dry Gap Pike</p> <p>Precinct 60 Halls High School 4321 E. Emory Road</p> <p>Precinct 61-E Halls High School 4321 E. Emory Road</p> <p>Precinct 61-W Halls High School 4321 E. Emory Road</p> <p>Precinct 62 Hardin Valley Elementary School 11445 Hardin Valley Road</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 63 – NEW LOCATION Karns Elementary School 8108 Beaver Ridge Road</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 63-N – NEW LOCATION Karns Elementary School 8108 Beaver Ridge Road</p> </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 64 – NEW LOCATION Pellissippi State Comm. College 10915 Hardin Valley Road</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 65-E – NEW LOCATION Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 65-S – NEW LOCATION Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 65-W – NEW LOCATION Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Precinct 65-SW – NEW LOCATION Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard</p> </div> <p>Precinct 65-N Farragut Primary School 509 N. Campbell Station</p> <p>Precinct 66-NE Farragut Middle School 200 West End Avenue</p> <p>Precinct 66-NW Farragut Middle School 200 West End Avenue</p> <p>Precinct 66-SE Farragut High School 11237 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 66-SW Farragut High School 11237 Kingston Pike</p> <p>Precinct 67 Cedar Bluff Middle School 707 N. Cedar Bluff Road</p> <p>Precinct 68 Cedar Bluff Middle School 707 N. Cedar Bluff Road</p> <p>Precinct 68-E Cedar Bluff Public Library 9045 Cross Park Drive</p> <p>Precinct 69-E Bluegrass Elementary School 8901 Bluegrass Road</p> <p>Precinct 69-N West Valley Middle School 9118 George Williams Road</p> <p>Precinct 69-S Northshore Elementary School 1889 Thunderhead Road</p> <p>Precinct 69-W A.L. Lotts Elementary School 9320 Westland Drive</p> <p>Precinct 70-E Amherst Elementary School 5101 Schaad Road</p> <p>Precinct 70-W Ball Camp Elementary School 9801 Middlebrook Pike</p> <p>Precinct 71 Rocky Hill Elementary School 1200 Morrell Road</p> <p>Precinct 72-E Crown College 2307 West Beaver Creek Drive</p> <p>Precinct 72-W Crown College 2307 West Beaver Creek Drive</p> <p>Precinct 73-E Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex 2136 W. Emory Road</p> <p>Precinct 73-W Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex 2136 W. Emory Road</p> <p>Precinct 74 Shannondale Elementary School 5316 Shannondale Road</p> <p>Precinct 76 Sunnyview School 412 Bagwell Road</p> <p>Precinct 77 Asbury United Methodist Church 2822 Asbury Road</p> <p>Precinct 78 Marbledale Baptist Church 5935 Thorn Grove Pike</p> <p>Precinct 79 Mt. Harmony Baptist Church 6500 Strawberry Plains Pike</p> | <p>Precinct 80 Corryton Comm. Ctr. 9331 Davis Road</p> <p>Precinct 81 Gibbs Elementary School 7715 Tazewell Pike</p> <p>Precinct 82 Arminda Comm. Ctr. 2501 Ellistown Road</p> <p>Precinct 84 Ritta Elementary School 6228 Washington Pike</p> <p>Precinct 85 East Knox Elementary School 9315 Rutledge Pike</p> <p>Precinct 86 Carter Elementary School 8455 Strawberry Plains Pike</p> <p>Precinct 87 Odd Fellows Lodge Hall 10103 Thorngrove Pike</p> <p>Precinct 89 Mount Olive School 2507 Maryville Pike</p> <p>Precinct 90 South-Doyle High School 2020 Tipton Station Road</p> <p>Precinct 92 Gap Creek Elementary School 1920 Kimberlin Heights Road</p> <p>Precinct 93 New Hopewell Elementary School 757 Kimberlin Heights Road</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Central Absentee Ballot Counting Board 109 Lovell Heights Road</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Central Provisional Ballot Counting Board 109 Lovell Heights Road Meets August 6th</p> </div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <p>KNOX COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE CHANGES</p> </div> <p>PRECINCT 12 has relocated. If you live in Precinct 12, you now vote at: Phyllis Wheatley YWCA 124 S. Cruze Street</p> <p>PRECINCT 63 has relocated. If you live in Precinct 63, you now vote at: Karns Elementary School 8108 Beaver Ridge Road</p> <p>PRECINCT 63-N has relocated. If you live in Precinct 63-N, you now vote at: Karns Elementary School 8108 Beaver Ridge Road</p> <p>PRECINCT 64 has relocated. If you live in Precinct 64, you now vote at: Pellissippi State Comm. College 10915 Hardin Valley Road</p> <p>PRECINCT 65-E has relocated. If you live in Precinct 65-E, you now vote at: Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road</p> <p>PRECINCT 65-S has relocated. If you live in Precinct 65-S, you now vote at: Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road</p> <p>PRECINCT 65-W has relocated. If you live in Precinct 65-W, you now vote at: Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard</p> <p>PRECINCT 65-SW has relocated. If you live in Precinct 65-SW, you now vote at: Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>Maps of all new Election Day Polling Places can be found at www.knoxvotes.org</p> </div> |
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated July 15, 2022, Travis Lawelling, and Shelby Johnson conveyed the following described premises to A. Nicole Troutt, Trustee, for the benefit of Stanley M. Reno and wife, Joyce D. Reno, as Co-Trustees of the Reno Real Estate Trust dated May 24, 2019, owner and holder of the indebtedness, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 202207180003771, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, will advertise and sell the property described herein, on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and proceed to offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Eight of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, and being known and designated as all of Lot 1R1 of Resubdivision of Part of Lots 1 and 2, of the "John D. and Ina McMillan Farm", as shown by the plat of same of record as Instrument Number 200701300061792, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Travis Lawelling, single, and Shelby Johnson, single, by Warranty Deed from Eddie Lee Johnson, Jr. and wife, Angie R. Johnson, by Warranty Deed dated July 15, 2022, and recorded on July 18, 2022, as Instrument Number: 202207180003770, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The above description is the same as the previous deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable restrictions, easements, building setback lines and all conditions as shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Property bears the address of: 8608 Ellis Lane Knoxville, Tennessee 37924 Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Eddie Lee Johnson, Jr. L & M Landscape Materials and Gift Shop, Inc. Knox County, Tennessee

The property will be sold free from the equity redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which were hereby expressly waived under the provisions of the above stated Deed of Trust. The above property will also be sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances, unpaid taxes, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The right is reserved to rescind or adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set for the above.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

A. NICOLE TROUTT, BPR#021726 TRUSTEE 101 Dalton Place Way Knoxville, TN 37912 865-524-1636

PUBS: 07/29; 08/05 & 08/12/2024

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK IN RE: LAKEN ELIZABETH CONLEY V. ANATOLY SHEMCHUCK NO. 20870-4-2

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. 208600-3

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 him. In compliance with T.C.A. 21-1-204, it has been Ordered that said Respondent, Jordan Malik Mays, file his answer with the Chancery Court of Knox Tennessee, located at 400 Main St. SW #125, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902, and a copy to the Petitioner's attorney, Timothy Chambers, whose address is 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D200, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of this publication exclusive of the last date of this publication, or a judgement may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. Further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in the judgement being taken against him and entry of a Final Order.

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Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. Chancellor of the Knox County Chancery Court

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. HEAGERTY 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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA IN RE: LESNIA TIFFANY SANCHEZ POSADAS v. ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA

NO. 207850-3 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA cannot be served upon, it described in the complaint is ordered that said defendant, ERICK JONAS DURON AVILA, file an answer with The Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DANNY C. GARLAND, an Attorney whose address is 103 SUBURBAN ROAD, SUITE 202 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923 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 at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 22nd day of July 2024.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN RE: NEVAEH DOROTHY HOWELL BY: RECTOR THOMAS WYRICK and ELSIE L. WYRICK, PETITIONERS, vs. MISTY RENA KEY (deceased), and EFRIM HOWELL, RESPONDENTS, NO. 209181-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant EFRIM HOWELL 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 EFRIM HOWELL it is ordered that said defendant EFRIM HOWELL file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with ALLISON H. ANKROM, an Attorney whose address is 117 CENTER PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 22ND day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

SHEILA AND MAURO VEGA JOHN AND KELLY WHITE -vs- MYRA KING AND JAMES B. HAMM Docket# 158809

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MYRA KING 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 MYRA KING. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR ADOPTION filed by SHEILA AND MAURO VEGA, JOHN AND KELLY WHITE, Plaintiffs herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with LUKE SHIPLEY, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST. SUITE 700, KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 17TH day of JUNE, 2024.

Mike Hammond Clerk

Michelle Henry Deputy Clerk

RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JORDAN MALIK MAYS IN RE: The Adoption of Male & Female Children Whose Names Are: Jaeviauna Ray - DOB 7/11/2019 Niyayla Ray - DOB 6/06/2017 Messiah Ray - DOB 9/09/2020 Children Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

BY: HEATHER SELLERS, Petitioner vs. KYLEE RAY, Respondent and JORDAN M. MAYS (LEGAL FATHER OF JAEVIAUNA), Respondent

DOCKET NO. 208311-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Adoption After Direct Placement and for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed by Petitioner, Heather Sellers against Respondent,

Jordan Malik Mays, who is believed to be a resident of the State of Tennessee and his whereabouts cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him. In compliance with T.C.A. 21-1-204, it has been Ordered that said Respondent, Jordan Malik Mays, file his answer with the Chancery Court of Knox Tennessee, located at 400 Main St. SW #125, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902, and a copy to the Petitioner's attorney, Timothy Chambers, whose address is 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D200, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of this publication exclusive of the last date of this publication, or a judgement may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. Further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in the judgement being taken against him and entry of a Final Order.

This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18 day of JULY, 2024.

Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. Chancellor of the Knox County Chancery Court

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER IN RE: KING ALI KEY

BY: RECTOR THOMAS WYRICK and ELSIE L. WYRICK, PETITIONERS, vs. MISTY RENA KEY (deceased), and UNKNOWN FATHER, RESPONDENTS, NO. 209187-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER 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 UNKNOWN FATHER it is ordered that said defendant UNKNOWN FATHER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with ALLISON H. ANKROM, an Attorneys whose address is, 117 CENTER PARK DRIVE, SUITE 100 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG JR., at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18TH day of JULY, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NELVA HALL ARMSTRONG DOCKET NUMBER 89701-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NELVA HALL ARMSTRONG, who died on May 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 (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF NELVA HALL ARMSTRONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHARON RENEE BEARD 201 OAK CHASE BOULEVARD LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

DAVID A. MONTGOMERY, ATTORNEY 112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUSSELL LEE BONNE DOCKET NUMBER 88798-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RUSSELL LEE BONNE who died Nov. 1, 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF RUSSELL LEE BONNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROL COSTELLO, ADMINISTRATRIX 510 SNEAD DRIVE CROSSVILLE, TN 38558

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS C. BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 89716-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS C. BROWN, who died June 27, 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 and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF THOMAS C. BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID J. BROWN 6508 AUTUMN KAYLA LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLENE RUSH CHALMERS DOCKET NUMBER 89703-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLENE RUSH CHALMERS 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 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLENE RUSH CHALMERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN REED RUSH EWING 1413 KNIGHTSBRIDGE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MACK A. GENTRY, ATTORNEY PO BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EUGENE CHAMBERS DOCKET NUMBER 89116-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EUGENE CHAMBERS, who died on December 9, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EUGENE CHAMBERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROSE CARPENTER, 120 CANDY LANE HALEYVILLE, AL 35565

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE G. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 88951-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JANICE G. DAVIS who died Dec. 24, 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JANICE G. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BILLY W. DAVIS, ADMINISTRATOR 6618 VANCE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

(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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA STULL DELLER

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

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 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 11 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MERLIN JAMES ETUE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM MICHAEL ETJUE 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 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 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 KNOX

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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 STUVLAND
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:

(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 FEBRUARY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM O. SHARP, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA SHARP WALDROP
8600 CHILDRRESS 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:

(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 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:

(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.

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 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:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (6) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the 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 JUNE I. VANCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID ROBERT CAMPBELL
196 CORNERSTONE CIRCLE
CLINTON, TN 37718

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&PH 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 above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF EDWARD JOSEPH WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD D. WILSON, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
205 HENDERSON BEND ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

WINTHROP C. WILSON,
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2095 OLD HARRIMAN HWY
OLIVER SPRINGS, TN 37840

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM GENE WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 89686-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the WILLIAM GENE WILSON, who died on February 27, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 if 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 WILLIAM GENE WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA LOGAN, ADMINISTRATOR
1816 FAIRMONT BOULEVARD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAVYARIMANA ALAIN DOCKET NUMBER 89755-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HAVYARIMANA ALAIN who died June 11, 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 this first publication; or

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

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

This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF HAVYARIMANA ALAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NDIZEYE BONNE-ANNEE, ADMINISTRATOR
1427 MCGSPADDEN STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS DOCKET NUMBER 89748-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS, who died June 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN B. ATKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL ROBERT ATKINS
7912 BENNINGTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARSHA BREMERS DOCKET NUMBER 89611-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARSHA BREMERS, who died on April 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 this 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.

This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARSHA BREMERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT C. BREMERS

RONALD L. GRIMM, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 2466
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2466

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAINES EUGENE BRUCE DOCKET NUMBER 89623-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAINES EUGENE BRUCE who died May 5, 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF GAINES EUGENE BRUCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC WILLIAM BRUCE
291 HUNTERS LANE
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 89608-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD, deceased, who died on December 6, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 claim will be forever barred:

(1) 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. This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LUTHER HATFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KIM DEIGHTON 1028 VON CANNON LANE SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY 5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 89683-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR. who died April 19, 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) 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF FRED DOYLE HUMAN, SR.

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

FRED DOYLE HUMAN, JR. 127 WATER DRIVE HEISKELL, TN 37754

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE DOCKET NUMBER 89740-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE who died May 31, 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM LOWELL JESSIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) NANCY CAROL KECK, EXECUTRIX 4640 ANGAKOT ROAD CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA CAROL PINCKLEY JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 89730-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA CAROL PINCKLEY JOHNSON aka PATRICIA P. JOHNSON who died June 12, 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) 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 PATRICIA CAROL PINCKLEY JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE C/O LEIGHANNE COVINGTON, J.D. 515 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 89731-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON aka JOSEPH E. JOHNSON who died September 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:

(1) 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWIN JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE, EXECUTOR C/O LEIGHANNE COVINGTON, J.D. 515 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD VANN JONES DOCKET NUMBER 89708-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD VANN JONES who died on April 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) 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 DONALD VANN JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GARY LEE JONES, EXECUTOR 696 SANDY VALLEY ROAD ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

PHILLIP L. BOYD, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 298 ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA WALLACE KITTS DOCKET NUMBER 89696-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARTHA WALLACE KITTS who died June 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 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) 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 decedent's date of death. This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA WALLACE KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOEY L. BREWER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY DOCKET NUMBER 89757-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY who died July 18, 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 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE RUTH LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AMANDA OGLESEBY, EXECUTRIX 7613 FREEDOM LANE CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA J. MAJOR DOCKET NUMBER 89760-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA J. MAJOR who died June 6, 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 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 12 day of JULY, 2024

ESTATE OF LINDA J. MAJOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KELLEY LYLES, EXECUTRIX 1533 SNODDERLY ROAD LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE MEADORS DOCKET NUMBER 89612-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEE MEADORS, who died 04-23-2024 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) 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 RICHARD LEE MEADORS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAREN LEACH CLARK 1735 SAINT PETERSBURG ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY 10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH MORSE DOCKET NUMBER 89610-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RUTH MORSE who died on January 15, 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) 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 RUTH MORSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHEILA G. HARTSELL 6717 SHREWSBURY DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

MATTHEW J. MCCLANAHAN, ATTORNEY PO BOX 51907 KNOXVILLE, TN 37950

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW MOYES DOCKET NUMBER 89654-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN ANDREW MOYES, who died on May 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 if 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) 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 JOHN ANDREW MOYES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KRISTEN MARIE MOYES 239 N. SCOTT DRIVE CHANDLER, AZ 85225

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY DOCKET NUMBER 89754-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY who died Apr. 8, 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 12 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF PAMELA GAIL OVERBAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RUSSELL OVERBAY, ADMINISTRATOR 3911 FAIRMONT BLVD KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOISE RAWLINS DOCKET NUMBER 89758-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOISE RAWLINS who died May 25, 2022, 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LOISE RAWLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CINDY TURNER, EXECUTRIX 1025 VENICE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES GEORGE VANDERINK DOCKET NUMBER 89551-3

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

(1) 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 before 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES GEORGE VANDERINK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEVEN H. VANDERINK 12140 WARRIOR TRAIL KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89720-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR., who died on April 25, 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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 LIGE HARRY WEILL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELSIE FLORENCE WEILL 308 LAUREL LANE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, TN 37350

O.E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY P.O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-9000

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE E. WHEDBEE DOCKET NUMBER 89543-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JULY, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE E. WHEDBEE, who died on September 23, 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) 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 as 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 a 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 GEORGE E. WHEDBEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TRACEY LONG KAYE WHEDBEE 7433 HOMESTEAD DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

N. DAVID ROBERTS, JR, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 2564 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH WILKERSON DOCKET NUMBER 89557-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH WILKERSON, who died on May 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) 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 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH WILKERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JASON CLYDE WILKERSON 3912 S. LAKE BLVD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY 216 PHOENIX CT. SUITE D SEYMOUR TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELKE E. WOOFER DOCKET NUMBER 89695-3

Notice is hereby given, as required by T. C. A. § 30-2-306, that on JULY 15, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of ELKE E. WOOFER, deceased, who died on May 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Creditors 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 the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 15 day of JULY, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELKE E. WOOFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAMON WOOFER, ATTORNEY 608 SMITHVIEW DRIVE MARYVILLE, TN 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS



Bathrooms, pavilion coming to Urban Wilderness Gateway Park

Last Tuesday, Knoxville City Council unanimously authorized Mayor Indya Kincannon's administration to proceed with a planned \$4.6 million Urban Wilderness Gateway Park pavilion.

The 23,000-square-foot structure and plaza will contain four bathrooms, shade structures, a water refilling station, picnic tables, and play features that include slides and climbing areas nestled into slopes, amid natural boulders and landscaping.

The park is strategically located at the southern terminus of James White Parkway, where it ends at Sevierville Pike. The world-class Baker Creek Bike Park, for example, is less than a half-mile from the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park. The area is the nexus to a rich network of more than 68 miles of trails.

"The Urban Wilderness has truly come into its own as an outdoor adventure destination – it's no longer a secret," said Rebekah Jane Justice, the City's Chief of Urban Design and Development.

"With the existing parking and these new family-friendly facilities, the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park will become a true stepping-off point for Knoxville families as they set off on both big and small adventures."

The pavilion project is one of the last pieces of the larger overall Urban Wilderness public amenities plan, first proposed, approved and budgeted eight years ago.

Design and Construction Services Inc. was selected as the most responsive bidder for the competitively-awarded pavilion contract, which will be finalized

this summer. The pavilion and other site construction will be completed by late 2025.

In addition, work is continuing on two new greenway segments that – once completed – will better connect the South Waterfront and the Urban Wilderness with downtown, East Knoxville and other points north of the Tennessee River.

"The river, throughout Knoxville's history, has always been a sort of natural barrier," Urban Wilderness Coordinator Wes Soward said. "But soon, that will no longer be the case. We're working to enhance a much safer connection between the Urban Wilderness and areas north of the river."

"The Urban Wilderness Gateway Park will be a natural spot where thousands

of visitors will stop before continuing on to their way to whichever destination they're wanting to explore."

One of the new segments – an extension of the Cottrell Greenway, between the Gateway Park and Sevier Avenue – is expected to officially open by this fall. One of two lanes of one-way northbound Cottrell Street is being converted to a greenway. The road has been paved, and next, the multi-use pathway lane will be striped and landscaped.

The other greenway is even more ambitious: It will cross the Tennessee River via the South Knoxville Bridge – a protected greenway on the northbound lane, connecting to the Morningside and James White Greenways. Construction is expected to begin next year on the river-crossing greenway.

SEEED Celebrates 15th Anniversary with Green Gala

Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development, a Knoxville-based nonprofit organization dedicated to creating pathways out of poverty through career readiness training and environmental literacy, is excited to announce its annual Green Gala event. This year's theme is Fostering a Forward-Facing Legacy for the Next Generation of Leaders and marks SEEED's 15th anniversary.

The Green Gala will take place on September 28, 2024, at the Knoxville Convention Center, featuring a night of dinner, dancing and entertainment. The event promises an unforgettable evening with Haller in Hilton Hill as the Master of Ceremonies and a captivating Elvis tribute band providing the music. Guests will enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a chance to dance the night away.

In addition to the celebration, the Green Gala will highlight SEEED's impact over the past 15 years, sharing inspiring stories of transformation and success. Attendees will learn more about SEEED's mission and the positive changes it has brought to the Knoxville community. The event will also honor students from SEEED's Career Readiness Program, showcasing their achievements and future aspirations.

"We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone with our community and supporters," said Stan Johnson, Executive Director of SEEED. "The Green Gala is not only a celebration of our past achievements but also a commitment to our future. We aim to continue empowering young adults and fostering sustainable communities."

The Green Gala will also provide an opportunity for attendees to support SEEED's initiatives. Guests can make donations during the event, which will directly benefit SEEED's programs, including the Career Readiness Program, Edible Forest Program, and Community Engagement Program. Contributions will help SEEED continue its mission of creating pathways out of poverty and equipping communities with environmental literacy skills.

Tickets for the Green Gala are available now at www.seeedknox.org. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

For more information, please contact SEEED Knoxville at (865) 766.5185 or jd@seeedknox.org.



2024-2025 Knox County Schools Calendar

Thursday, August 1
Friday, August 2
Monday, August 5
Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 7
Thursday, August 8
Wednesday, August 14
Monday, September 2
Monday, September 9
Tuesday, September 17
Wednesday, September 18
Friday, October 4
Monday, October 7 – Friday, October 11
Tuesday, November 5
Wednesday, November 13
Wednesday, November 20
Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29
Friday, December 20
Monday, December 23 – Thursday, January 2
Friday, January 3

Monday, January 6
Monday, January 20
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 5
Wednesday, February 12
Monday, February 17
Monday, March 10
Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 21
Wednesday, March 26
Thursday, April 17
Friday, April 18
Monday, April 21
Thursday, May 22

Friday, May 23
Thursday, June 19

First Day for Teachers (School Based In-Service Day)
Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12)
Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)

Systemwide In-Service Day (1/2 Day School-based);
Administrative Day (1/2 Day Teacher Work Day);
6th and 9th Grade Orientation

Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)

First Day for Students (1/2 Day)

Early Release Day for Students

Labor Day Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)

End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

Constitution Day (Knox County Schools Open)

Early Release Day for Students

End First 9-weeks Grading Period

Fall Break

Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)

End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

Early Release Day for Students

Thanksgiving Holidays (Knox County Schools Closed)

1/2 Day for Students; End Second 9-weeks Grading Period; End First Semester

Winter Break

Systemwide In-service Day (1/2 Day School-based);
Administrative Day (1/2 Day Teacher Work Day)

First Day for Students after Winter Break (Full Day)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Knox County Schools Closed)

Early Release Day for Students

End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

Early Release Day for Students

Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)

End Third 9-weeks Grading Period

Spring Break

Early Release Day for Students

End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)

Systemwide In-Service Day (School-based)

Last Day for Students (1/2 Day); End Fourth 9-weeks Grading Period;
End Second Semester

Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers

Juneteenth Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)

Calendar Summary

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| 180 | Instructional Days* |
| 4 | Administrative Days |
| 2 | Unscheduled In-Service Days |
| 1 | Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours Day |
| 6 | Scheduled In-Service Days |
| 10 | Vacation Days |

*In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3004 – 177 student instructional days plus 3 days accumulated under daily 7-hour schedule.

Note: This calendar allows cancellation of up to 8 instructional days due to inclement weather or serious outbreaks of illness before any make up days will be required.