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Standing front left to right - Martin Ammons, treasurer of Knox County Republican Party; Bob Griffiths, longtime aide to Congressman Jimmy Duncan; Knox County Republican Party Chairman Buddy Burkhardt; and Tennessee Republican Party Chairman Scott Golden.

## Major Sevier Avenue Project gets approval

By Mike Steely  
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Three different aspects of the city's Sevier Avenue Roadway Project were discussed and funded at the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday evening. South Knoxville Councilman Tommy Smith commended the projects and noted it "took 20 years"

to fund the improvements. Improvements along the revitalized route include new streetlights, improved sidewalks, roundabouts and underground utilities. Engineering Director Tom Clabo told the council that one side of the street will always be open during the construction to maintain **Cont. on page 2**

## Remembering Former Governor Winfield Dunn

By Ray Hill

Former Governor Winfield Dunn passed away on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at age ninety-seven. Dunn drifted off peacefully, surrounded by his loving wife Betty and other family members.

It is likely difficult for some folks to fully understand the importance of Winfield Dunn and his relation to Tennessee's modern Republican Party. I still remember the thrill and the excitement of the 1970 election, watching as the returns came in on election night.

Tennessee had never elected a Republican to the United States Senate until Howard Baker's election in 1966. In 1969, Republicans gained a tenuous majority in the Tennessee State House of Representatives through

a coalition. By 1970, there were a number of Republicans who thought the gubernatorial nomination might be worth something more than merely being the party's sacrificial nominee. A host of viable candidates quickly announced for the spot. Bill Jenkins, the first Republican Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives since 1883; Claude Robertson, a confidant of Senator Baker and former state chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party; Maxey Jarman, multi-millionaire businessman and shoe tycoon; and Hubert Patty, who had been the 1962 GOP gubernatorial nominee were all candidates. There was also an obscure dentist from Memphis who announced his candidacy, Winfield **Continue on page 3**

## Knox County Republicans rally to 'get out and vote'

By Ken Lay

A huge crowd turned out for the Knox County Republican Party's Bluegrass and BBQ Rally Thursday night at the Knox County Expo Center.

The event was intended to be fun as attendees were treated to a barbecue dinner and were entertained by the musical tones of the Stoney Point Bluegrass Band.

"I want everybody here to have fun," Knox County Republican Party Chairman Buddy Burkhardt said. "I'm glad you're here. I love you and thank you for supporting our party."

"I'm glad you're here because we need your support for Republican

candidates in all of our contested races."

Burkhardt also noted the importance of welcoming new voters and youngsters to the party and he implored longtime party members to welcome the younger voters.

"We have more than 600 people here and I know almost everybody in this room, and the people I don't know came up to me and introduced themselves," he said. "I see young Republicans here and I see college Republicans here and I see high school Republicans here."

"Make sure you make them feel welcomed because we need these

people to vote and vote Republican."

"You always welcome people and tell them 'We're glad you're here to share in our message.'"

The event was meant to be a joyous occasion, but the speakers addressed the seriousness of the upcoming Nov. 5 election.

"We, in East Tennessee and Knox County, have to insulate ourselves from the madness going on in Washington, D.C., and the way we do that is by voting for strong Republican leadership in Knox County," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who spoke while most of the crowd was still filing in.

"We don't have much time left to eat barbecue together," Tennessee Republican Party Chairman Scott Golden said. "We have two weeks left (before early voting). 'It's never been more adverse between the Rs and the Ds.'"

All the speakers spoke of the urgency of voting in the election. Some who attended are too young to vote this time, but it was state Rep. Becky Massey that encouraged older voters to get the youngsters involved in the electoral process.

"Encourage your friends to vote," she said. "When you vote, take your kids **Continue on page 3**

## KCS Clothing Center facing woes after move

By Ken Leinart

Questions arose about the Knox County School's Clothing Center on Monday, Sept. 30, during the Knox County Board of Education's workshop session.

The center's director, Sylvia Woods, responded to those concerns during the board's Thursday, Oct. 3, regular meeting.

The Clothing Center is not operated by the Knox County School System but rather by an independent PTA Board. Knox County Schools System does, however, provide funds for the upkeep of the building, utilities, and staff salaries.

There have been changes in the last six months that have created some hiccups in the center's operations. Changes that have left the

center unable to fulfill its mission of providing "school appropriate clothing for students enrolled in Knox County's public schools who have a financial need."

Kristi Kristy of the 9th District said she had "a couple of students" in her district in need, but found out the Clothing Center was not operational. "Not even in emergencies," she said.

She said she was concerned because of the center's lack of ability to fulfill a request in an emergency for a couple of students (in her case), or even help social workers asking for assistance on behalf of students.

"Knox County Schools makes a significant investment in them," Kristy said of the center. "I've been asking for their financial

information. I think that's fair, right? I can't even get that."

Kristy also noted that after researching the status of the center with the state, the center's 510(c)(3) non-profit status expired in December 2023.

"Do we continue to invest money ... if the needs of the kids are not met?" she asked

"I know they have the heart for the mission. I don't question that. I question their capacity and if this is a good productive relationship."

Knox County School's Assistant Superintendent of Strategy Kori Lautner said there are a number of issues with the Clothing Center that are being addressed.

The biggest challenge, and maybe the heart of the matter,

is the move from the Central Avenue location the center had been operating in for 30 years to the Cedar Bluff School campus near the teacher's depot.

The move created several problems for the center's staff, and not just with the move itself.

Lautner said the school system had been in contact with the PTA Board about the move for "about a semester" before the planned move, but that board did not return. The new board was not aware of the plan.

Woods said she and the staff were told about the move last May.

Woods said the move brought in a new set of challenges including just getting access to the new location for center staff.

The Central Avenue building is owned by Knox County, who let the school system use the building. The Cedar Bluff location is on a school campus, in the middle of classrooms. Key cards are needed to access the building and since the center's staff are not Knox County School System employees, they cannot be given key cards for access.

"The kindergarten classes are below us," Woods said. "They let us in. But there have been times I've had to wait to even get in the building."

Another setback for the center's staff was the amount of clothing it had received, plus all of the clothing it already had.

Woods said the clothes had **Continue on page 4**

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# Even Liberals Admit J.D. Vance Won The Debate

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

Sen. J.D. Vance did so well in the vice presidential debate on Tuesday, Oct. 1, that it brought joy to the hearts of worried Republicans.

It was really enjoyable to see the grimaces and sour looks on the face of the very partisan Democrats when they had to admit that Vance not only won the debate, but that he was also knowledgeable, confident, and - shock of all shocks - even likeable.

I reported in one of my earlier columns that

Syracuse University's School of Communications (certainly not a conservative organization) released a study last Dec. 30 that said only 3.4% of journalists were Republicans.

It has been very clear for a long time that the national media is the strongest part of the Democratic Party.

The late Charles Krauthammer, a syndicated columnist and television commentator, was a brilliant man with two degrees from Harvard.

For many years, he was a liberal Democrat and at one time in his career was a speechwriter for Vice President Walter Mondale.

He became a conservative, and once wrote that you know everything you need to know to understand American politics when you realize that liberals don't just think

conservatives are wrong on the issues, they believe conservatives are evil.

This at least partly explains why many on the Left have so much hatred for those who disagree with them. Many liberals have such a high opinion of themselves, they just cannot believe and are personally offended that anyone would even question their opinions.

Democrats were ecstatic when Donald Trump did so horribly in the debate against the very dumb Kamala Harris.

They had almost overnight developed such a hatred for J.D. Vance they were convinced he would come across as mean, stupid and unlikeable during the debate. They were licking their chops in their eagerness for this debate to begin.

Actually, I don't think

Gov. Walz did that poorly, but the Democrats in the media were just so shocked and disappointed that Vance did so well and that he was so clearly the winner of the contest.

My wife, Vickie, said she thought the country would be better off if Vance and Walz were the presidential candidates instead of Trump and Harris.

I don't understand why Democrats are not really embarrassed that so many people are fleeing Democrat-run cities and states and moving to Republican-run states.

What is even harder to understand is why many of these refugees from Democrat cities and states move to Republican areas and continue to vote Democrat.

Most of the Democrats in Knoxville and Knox County, with the exception

of most local African-Americans, are people who have moved here from messed up, Democrat-run areas.

Then, too, people have come across our Southern border this year from over 150 other countries. They are fleeing socialism.

In most countries around the world, people have fallen for the myth of socialism and had socialist governments forced on them, and their economies have been ruined.

God has blessed every nation with natural beauty or natural resources (some nations with both) that could have made all those countries wealthy if they had small governments and capitalist, free market economies.

As a result of big government socialism, almost half the people in this world have to get by on \$4.00 or less a day, and

over 70% on \$10 or less a day.

The simplest, easiest-to-understand solution to any problem is to turn it over to the government. Yet, this almost never works because, especially at the federal or national level, all the incentives and pressures to hold costs down and operate efficiently are removed.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs speaks frequently about the siren call of socialism. And Mark Cuban, one of the hosts of Shark Tank, once said if you want to make something really expensive, make it free. Think about healthcare and college tuition.

When socialism has hurt so many people around the world, it would be a terrible mistake for us to elect a socialist like Kamala Harris as our next president.

## Sevier Avenue Project

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traffic flow. Councilwoman Amelia Parker asked that construction trucks be kept out of the other neighborhood streets and Mayor Indya Kincannon promised the city would coordinate truck parking.

Within the three resolutions approved for Sevier Avenue was a \$8.9 million contract with Whaley Construction LLC for construction, \$980,734 with CDM Smith for engineering and inspection, and almost \$5.3 million with Southern Constructors Inc. for the utility conduit and duct bank project.

A separate \$1.2 million was approved to reimburse Knoxville Utilities Board for relocating utilities underground on the Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Project.

The Woodland Avenue Complete Street Project got a \$41,500 contract with Butler Appraisal Group for right-of-way appraisals.

The Knoxville Community Development Corporation was asked to create a Magnolia Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Plan. Councilman Charles Thomas commented that he hoped the plan would look at salvaging vacant and blighted property. Councilwoman Amelia Parker asked about how residents and businesses along the street were being notified of the project and public hearings. She urged the city to adopt a plan that would

not price some people out of the area and stressed a need for workforce housing and lower rents beyond the project.

Funding was approved in a \$250,000 agreement with Perez Planning and Design LLC to develop a Parks and Recreation Systems Master Plan for the city. The O'Connor Senior Center was given \$138,000 to provide adult education, health and social services and recreation programs. Councilman Lauren Rider asked about who chooses the programs and speakers for the center and recalled a past controversial program there that saw some objection.

Ace Miller Golden Gloves Charities was given \$75,000 to promote amateur boxing and Childhelp, Inc. was allotted \$125,000 for clinical services for abused children.

The council voted to fund three efforts to plant new trees around the city and sold 205 Spruce Street to Philip Chesney for \$50,500 in the Homemakers Program. The mayor was authorized to apply for grants for equipment, supplies and technology upgrades for the police department.

The council voted to honor a current Community Action Committee leader by declaring that the name "Barbara Kelly Legacy" be added to Major Ave. at Western Ave. by the CAC headquarters.

## Pack the Court!

Ron Wyden (D-OR) who chairs the Senate Finance Committee has introduced legislation to add six new justices to the Supreme Court increasing its number from nine to 15 over a 12-year period. I think it is a brilliant idea. Just like when Harry Reid got rid of the filibuster for Supreme Court justices and gave us the three Trump appointees, Wyden suffers from the same stupidity, thinking that the Democrats will always control the Senate.

If Trump gets elected, despite all his efforts to the contrary, and somehow the Republicans take control of the Senate, I want them to pass Wyden's bill. The only difference is that I want Donald Trump to appoint six new justices during the first months of his term rather than having the size increase over 12 years. That will ensure that the Supreme Court will continue to be a firewall into the foreseeable future against the Democrats' efforts to destroy the republic.

What are the chances that the Republicans can take the Senate? All signs point to Republicans winning in Montana and West Virginia. The only reason why Ohio is not in the Republican column is that its candidate, Bernie Moreno, is solidly anti-abortion. Otherwise, that Ohio keeps electing the far-left Sherrod



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Brown is a real puzzler. Arizona Republicans keep nominating the toxic Kari Lake, a proven loser, and so the scandal-ridden Ruben Gallego will likely win. In Nevada, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin

and Maryland, Democrats all enjoy comfortable margins over the Republicans. The only close race for a Republican incumbent is Texas where Ted Cruz is only three points up over Rep. Colin Allred. But say that on Election Day, the Republicans somehow end up with 52 seats in the Senate and Trump wins, they should take the cue from the Democrats and ram through their agenda. Of course, this assumes that they will temporarily cease from being the Stupid Party.

Instead of honing his message to highlight the failures of this administration (Afghanistan, illegal immigration, crime, inflation, lower real incomes, obsession with climate change, Title IX and all the rest), Trump has resorted to pandering to whatever audience is before him. I am not going to bemoan that he cannot stay on message since I am not sure I know - or he knows - what his message is. Trump is undisciplined. He is also a narcissistic bully. But hey, nobody is perfect. Better a narcissistic bully than a vacuous empty suit incapable of cogently articulating

policy initiatives. I doubt if Trump can be dominated by pressure groups and their surrogates but I don't have that doubt when it comes to Harris. She will be worse than Biden who at least had a veneer of being a moderate. Harris has no veneer. She will double down on the past four years much to the delight of AOC and the Bernie Bros.

It is obvious to me and likely also obvious to many in the voting public that the ills plaguing the economy are the result of actions of the government. Trump needs to point that out and hammer home that message. Thus far he has not talked about the adverse effect of heavy-handed regulation. He has not talked about the administrative state or out-of-control government spending. He has avoided talking about the federal debt. These are issues that would redound to the voters who cringe at "I'm from the government and am here to help you." So maybe Trump and Vance should start saying "It's the government, stupid."

Maybe Trump isn't talking about the federal debt because he knows that the Democrats would rip him apart for any suggestions he might make to curb the growth of government spending. Once in office, he should aggressively pare down the administrative state. In the past, he has favored the elimination of the Departments of Energy and Education, two of the most useless cabinet offices. Their budgets are \$50 billion and \$84 billion respectively. Trump could also adopt a variant of Rand Paul's idea of instituting an across-the-board cut in federal spending of 2% per fiscal year that he is in office.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Republican Rally Huge Success

Last Thursday, Knox County saw its most enthusiastic gathering of Republicans in decades at an old-fashioned rally featuring barbecue and bluegrass music. Over 600 people came through the doors and folks got to the Expo Center well before the 5 o'clock kick-off. The event was headlined by Congressman Tim Burchett who was wearing clothes appropriate for barbecue and bluegrass. Burchett's predecessor in Congress, Jimmy Duncan, despite the advice given by his daddy about not being remembered once out of office, proved to be as well-liked by the happy crowd of Republicans as ever. Both Duncan and Burchett had the crowd whistling, shouting and applauding. The event was to promote the entire ticket from top to bottom. Special support from the event came from state legislators Senator Becky Duncan Massey, Representative Jason Zachary, Representative Justin Lafferty, Representative Michele Carringer, Representative Elaine Davis

and Representative Dave Wright. All of them made great remarks for the appreciative audience. The courthouse turned out. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Charlie Susano, circulated through the crowd, greeting friends and making new ones. Mayor Glenn Jacobs spoke earlier in the evening and it was easy to see why he remains so personally popular with voters. Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs, Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond and Register of Deeds Nick McBride mixed and mingled as did Property Assessor Phil Ballard. Ballard's opponent in the August GOP primary, Jackie Raley worked at the front helping to register and record guests to the event. Many Knox County Republicans made a beeline for Sheriff Tom Spangler, rejoicing in his recent diagnosis of being cancer-free. KCSO Chief Deputy Bernie Lyons, a longtime law enforcement professional who has a wide acquaintanceship of his own, was at Spangler's side. The office of District Attorney General Charme Allen was out in force. Chief Deputy Attorney General Sam Lee and his lovely wife were there as was General Franklin Ammons, a talented young attorney. Chancellor Bud Armstrong, long a favorite of Knox County Republicans, moved through the crowd steadily. Chancellor Chris Haegerty joined my wife Kim for a plate of barbecue. The Knox County Commission was well represented. Both commissioners at-large, Larsen Jay and Kim Frazier, were

on hand. County Commission Chair Gina Oster and her husband, Stanton, warmly greeted friends. South Knoxville's Andy Fox was shaking hands, as was East Knox County's Adam Thompson, both of whom are new to the commission. Commissioner Rhonda Lee glided through the throng in a hat entirely appropriate for the beautiful weather. Commissioner Terry Hill was there, along with her husband, Steve. The Knox County Board of Education was also well represented with Chair Betsy Henderson, Kristy Kristi and Travis Wright hurrying to the event after an official meeting of the board. All three are very popular with their constituents and all of them were warmly greeted by fellow Republicans. There were a great many former officeholders present and South Knoxville had three former county commissioners holding court: Ray Hill, Mike Brown, Fred Flenniken and Carson Dailey. Every demographic imaginable was represented at the biggest GOP rally in decades. Folks in their eighties and a large number of young people equally enjoyed the food and fellowship. GOP State Chairman Scott Golden joined local chairman Buddy Burkhardt on stage. By every measure, the event was a complete success. Thanks to all those who had a hand in planning and executing the event, which could not have been any better. It amply demonstrated that Knox County's

Republican Party is not only alive but is very much still kicking. The enthusiasm of those attending was electric. **Federal Response To Helene Is Disgusting** The devastation of the effects of the recent hurricane to much of the southeast is enough to take one's breath away. It has inflicted intense suffering upon the families of many of our fellow citizens who remain without food, water, or electricity. All of us have read stories about families who lost their lives. One can only say a prayer when reading about the grandparents sitting on top of their roof with their 7-year-old grandson awaiting rescue. The roof eventually collapsed and they all drowned. It is heartbreaking. Our congressman, Tim Burchett, immediately suspended his fundraising for his own campaign and asked supporters to donate instead to relieve the suffering of our fellow citizens and neighbors. Yet we discover FEMA is broke, having spent billions of dollars in keeping illegal aliens in luxury hotels, providing sex changes, and the like. Now there is nothing left for the people who paid the taxes in the first place. There is nothing wrong with taking care of one's own first. In fact, it is where love and compassion begin. The Left likes to point out it is already illegal to vote fraudulently. It's also illegal to just come across our border, but it's happened somewhere between 14 or

20 million times. The same people telling us voter fraud is illegal already have also been flying illegals into this country consistently. We've discovered there are as many as 500,000 criminals among them; rapists, murderers, thieves, because there has been no proper vetting. That same proper vetting occurs in the legal process of immigrating to this country. We've allowed terrorists into this country and we have no idea where they are and God help us when we hear from them, as we surely will. The current administration is paying a lot less attention to Americans, some of whom are our own fellow Tennesseans, as well as those in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina after 40 trillion gallons of water fell on the Southeast. They don't have the same concern for American citizens as they do illegal aliens and folks really ought to ask themselves why is that?

person. The Focus family sends its sincere condolences to the members of the Dunn family on Governor Dunn's passing. He left behind him a great legacy. The Focus also wants to acknowledge the passing of former U. S. Senator Jim Sasser. Sasser was elected in 1976 when Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second-best state in the nation after his own Georgia. Sasser went on to serve 18 years in the United States Senate. A Democrat, Jim Sasser worked hard for Tennessee and Tennesseans. Sasser was well known for something Tennesseans have come to expect from their congressmen and senators, which is good constituent service and that had much to do with Sasser's popularity with his people. The political pendulum swings both ways and Jim Sasser left the Senate in 1994 when he was upset in the GOP landslide by Dr. Bill Frist. Sasser went on to become our country's ambassador to China. When we forget that those who don't agree with us are also people, we are well on our way to losing our humanity and violating our Christian principles. While I certainly did not agree with Senator Sasser's politics, I think it is important we acknowledge those who loved and worked for Tennessee and Jim Sasser certainly did that. The Focus family sends its condolences to the family of Senator Sasser.

## Remembering Former Governor Winfield Dunn

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Dunn. Dunn was no stranger to politics, his father Aubert having served a term in the U. S. House of Representatives from Mississippi, as well as district attorney and later, as a judge of the Circuit Court. Winfield Dunn had settled in Memphis after marrying his sweetheart and went to dental school. The young couple were like many of their neighbors and representative of that magnificent generation of Americans who were something new in America: suburbanites. Dunn, a former Democrat, also like many others in Memphis, became attracted to and active inside the Republican Party. Winfield Dunn made an unsuccessful race for state representative and later served as chairman of Shelby County's Republican Party. Things were changing in the city and county that was once the dominion of Edward Hull Crump. Many of those who had supported the Crump machine soon grew supportive of the Republican Party, along with those upwardly mobile young couples living in the suburbs. While Lyndon Johnson carried Tennessee in the 1964 presidential election, Barry Goldwater's campaign inspired legions of young people to become active in politics. Winfield Dunn was one of those. In 1966, Dan Kuykendall, one of those upwardly mobile young suburbanites, challenged Congressman Grider and won. Kuykendall

became the first Republican congressman from Shelby County. Dunn was Kuykendall's dentist and had been a moving force in the new congressman's successful campaign. By 1969, Dunn was traveling the highways and byways of Tennessee. Tall, handsome, and possessed of a magnetic charm, Winfield Dunn made quite an impression. Dunn also quickly demonstrated he could make one hell of a speech. Warm and folksy while exuding an old world Southern charm, Dunn made friends everywhere he went. Few political observers gave the young dentist from Memphis much chance of winning the nomination, but there were a lot of folks who said he was their second choice. Winfield Dunn carried Shelby County with better than 95% of the vote and ran well enough in the rest of the state to give him the GOP nomination for governor. For the first time since 1948, Tennessee Republicans had nominated what they expected to be an attractive statewide ticket in Winfield Dunn for governor and Congressman Bill Brock of the Third District (Chattanooga) to face off against Senator Albert Gore Sr. Both Dunn and Brock won their races and that, along with Senator Howard Baker, was the birth of the modern Republican Party in Tennessee. Winfield Dunn was the first Republican elected governor of Tennessee in fifty years. As Tennessee's governor,

Winfield Dunn tried to be a unifying force and appointed both Republicans and Democrats to high positions in state government. Dunn knew to get anything accomplished, he had to have the cooperation of the Tennessee General Assembly, which was dominated by a heavy majority of Democrats. At the beginning of his term, the Democratic majority did little to cooperate and more to obstruct. Governor Dunn created Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development, which has been a vital part of state government since that time. Governor Dunn could not succeed himself as at the time, Tennessee did not allow a chief executive a second consecutive term in office but would run again in 1986 when he lost to Ned McWherter in the general election. Winfield Dunn assumed the status of an elder statesman and remained an active and faithful Republican for the rest of his long life. The former governor was a successful business executive for the remainder of his professional career. Winfield Dunn was also involved in GOP politics from the courthouse to the White House, always ready to help. Nor did he ever forget a friend. Winfield Dunn and I have been friends since at least 1981. We kept in touch regularly and I still have all the New Years' and Christmas greeting cards I received from he and Betty. When I first wrote the column about Governor Dunn, which is

reprinted in this edition, Winfield wrote to thank me. He told me at the time he wished me to write his obituary. This will have to do, although I prefer to call it a tribute for if any man or woman deserved a fitting tribute for having been faithful to family, friends, state and nation, it was Winfield Dunn. Truly Dunn was a public servant in the best sense of the term. Governor Dunn was a man of considerable charm, wit, kindness, and possessed perhaps the most underrated quality a person can have and that would be grace. Winfield Dunn was every bit the Tennessee gentleman.

## Knox County Republicans rally to 'get out and vote'

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and take your grandkids so that they can see how it works. "Your encouragement can make huge differences." State Rep. Jason Zachary lamented the voter turnout in the primary election. "During the primaries, only 17-18 percent showed up to vote, and that's terrible," he said.

"The primary is when elections are won." Zachary continued, "After the primary Gloria Johnson (who is opposing incumbent Marsha Blackburn in the US Senate) tweeted that it was not a matter of if, but it was a matter of when Knox County would become blue. We've got to get people out to vote."

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# Merit and ethics appointments on county agenda

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The Knox County Commission has two notable appointments to consider during its agenda review session on October 21.

While applications are being accepted through Oct. 11 to fill a vacancy on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors, October 21 is the date set for the commission to interview applicants.

John Valliant III appeared before the commission last month asking to be reappointed and came under question. He serves as vice chair of that group and currently has a court case against the county regarding the rule that a merit board member cannot be involved in local politics while serving.

At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay reminded Valliant that he took an oath to abide by the rules.

The commission hesitated to reappoint Valliant and opened up the process for anyone, including Valliant, to apply for the position. Applicants will be interviewed at 3 p.m. during the agenda meeting.

The other appointment is

to fill a vacancy on the Knox County Ethics Committee. Ethics Chair Michael Covington has resigned to become an employee of the property assessor's office. Commission Chairwoman Gina Oster has a resolution on the agenda to replace him and serve out his term until October 31, 2025. Any appointment on that group will mean a selection of a new chair by that committee.

In other business, the commission may also discuss changing the merit rules to allow sheriff department employees five days of compassion leave with pay for immediate family members. The rule for commissioners to file reports on committee meetings annually may be dropped.

Each month the commission reviews and accepts new subdivision roads built by developers to be maintained by the county. October's meeting has no less than 43 roads on the agenda.

"Thankfully, it is only records clean up where we recently audited our road list and discovered we had several errors in our previous acceptances," Jim

Snowden, Knox County Engineering Department Director, told The Focus.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs has several appointments before the commission for the Golf Board.

A permanent memorial to the late Officer Tucker Blakely may be approved and placed at the intersection of Emory Road and Brickyard Road and a bridge over Beaver Creek may be named for him, in a resolution offered by Commissioner Rhonda Lee and Mayor Jacobs.

Christi Darleen Moore Kirk may be memorialized for her service to the Knoxville community in a resolution from Commissioner Damon Rawls. October 28th may be approved as National First Responder Day in a resolution sponsored by the mayor and At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier.

Forty-nine items are on the October 21 agenda review meeting list for Chairwoman Gina Oster and other commissioners to discuss. Those not pulled for discussion will go on a consent list and be passed together with one vote in the regular meeting on October 28.

## Bower Field future returns to commission

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Five unusual zoning change requests are on the Knox County Zonings agenda for the Monday, September 21 meeting. The requests are unusual in that they come from a county commissioner and not the property owner or planning commission.

District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox is asking his fellow commissioners to rezone several south Knox County properties, in and around Bower Field, reversing a previous planning commission decision and rezoning them agricultural. That includes 2814 Tipton Station Road, 8802 Sevierville Pike and 8744 Chapman Highway, the site of Bower Field.

He wants the planned residential, mixed-use and general business designations discarded

and all the property go back to agricultural and low-density residential.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said the commission could pass the Fox resolutions with a simple majority vote.

"Both the county zoning ordinance and the state statutes on zoning make it clear that the commission has the power to rezone property," Moyers told The Focus last week.

"Commissioner Fox's resolution, if passed, would place the county in the position of the applicant. An application would then be filed with the planning commission as usual and after the planning commission makes its recommendations, the commission may act upon it," he explained.

Thunder Mountain Properties wants to turn the Bower Field ballpark

into a hub for commerce and add some residential homes. The company donated land to the county for the relocation of the popular neighborhood ballfield. The planning commission approved the change and the commission passed the zoning changes. Residents of the area packed the commission meeting with signs and speakers and it was thought that any appeal would go back to the Board of Zoning Appeals or to Chancery Court.

Should the Fox resolutions pass, as Moyers said, the entire process would go back to the planning commission with the county commission as the applicant.

"While unusual, and while it carries some risk to the county, it is within their purview," Moyers said of the commission's powers.

# KCS Clothing Center facing woes after move

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to be sorted, inappropriate clothing removed, and many items – used items – had to be washed.

"We washed a lot of clothes," Woods said.

Also different is the way a child in need may get clothing. Gone are the "clothing vouchers" given to a student's family and the family traveling to the center. Because the center is now located on a school campus, orders are sent to the Clothing Center, filled, boxed and sent to the school.

But Woods said the center has no access to the school system's computer network because, again, staff are not employees of Knox County School System, so they can't receive orders. She said it's impossible to take orders over the phone. "It's just not practical," she said.

Two school board members cut to the chase.

"How quickly can we get them (Clothing Center)

active?" asked District 3's Patricia Fontenot-Ridley.

District 2's Anne Templeton said that while the center's work had been disrupted by the move, "There's no disrupting the need."

Lautner said the center "is an invaluable resource for the community. But it's operated by an independent PTA Board."

Lautner said the school board and the PTA Board need a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define where the decision-making authority is.

"We have to do right by the kids," Lautner said. "But there are staffing challenges, replacing vacancies. Where is the decision-making authority? The PTA Boards have changed (through the years). Put what in the job description and who do these positions report to? Where is the decision-making authority?"

"We need to be as legally sound as possible. We can't staff a position that reports to a board outside of this board (Board of

Education)."

Lautner said an MOU is being worked on to present to the board of education for the January 2025 monthly meeting.

During Wednesday's regular monthly meeting, Woods had some updates on the center's operational position.

She said volunteers have been working extra days to get the clothes sorted properly, a packing station arrived Tuesday, Oct. 1, and the center had obtained a "secure guest link to the internet which will allow us to receive orders."

Woods said the option of logging in as a guest was first presented to them after the Monday workshop discussion.

"We are ready to take orders now," she said. "We're still working on the MOU, but we need to get some experience (in the new location and format) behind us to help with that."

She also said the Clothing Center is under the umbrella of the PTA 510(c)

(3) non-profit status.

Woods did note Monday night the Clothing Center has been in operation for Knox County Public Schools for almost 100 years – since

1930 – and the move to Cedar Bluff caused problems the center has never faced.

"First? Shock," she said about the questions arising

Monday night. "We (PTA Board and Board of Education) have always worked together, trusted each other.

"So what's different?"

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### Criminal

If you doubt the existence of evil, then consider hatred as evidence of that malevolent force. Jim Ferguson

The October surprise that we've come to expect every presidential election season occurred September 27, 2024. Biden/Harris' Deputy Director of ICE released data that they have allowed 425,000 immigrants with criminal convictions into our country. "Got aways," who continue to stream across our nonexistent border, are not part of this data. But included in the data are 13,000 convicted murderers and 16,000 sex offenders and rapists. This averages four murderers and five sex offenders in every county across America. This is criminal.

And yet the media and Democrat toadies like Jessica Tarlov blame President Trump instead of the border czar and "the man of [dementia]" who continue to fly aliens

into the country without proper vetting or vaccination. These asylum seekers are to attend court hearings in some distant future, but undoubtedly they will disappear with the more than 11 million other illegals from 80 different countries who have invaded America, aided and abetted by Comrade Kamala.

In a rational world, the woman who no one voted for would not be the Democrat candidate for president. But half the country has left reality and is driven by a pathological hatred of President Trump. The vitriol, vilification and dehumanization of Trump by the media and Democrats have driven this delusional hatred and fomented mob mentality. The media has manipulated Americans with criminal intent.

Last week people from across the country reached out to me in the wake of Hurricane Helene. I assured them we are fine, but our

southeastern neighbors, especially those in western North Carolina, are suffering. A hundred years ago, the Tennessee River would often flood, but not since the Tennessee Valley dam system was created. I consider it criminal that Kamala was away fundraising in California and Biden was "on the phone" somewhere, perhaps the beach. President Trump offered real leadership with a presence in Georgia. Reportedly, he worked with Elon Musk to get Starlink to communities without internet and phone contact.

As I begin this essay, crises are everywhere. Iran fired approximately 180 ballistic missiles at Israel in yet another escalation of the Middle East war. It was just a few years ago that Biden's national security advisor, Jake Sullivan, proclaimed that "the Middle East is quieter than in a decade." There are consequences for removing sanctions on Iran and allowing billions to flow into coffers of the Mullahs. Money also enables them to achieve nuclear status which they say will be used to destroy Israel. Biden is so weak that no one is deterred; not Iran or their proxies, not Putin in Ukraine, nor China with Taiwan.

There is a political concept known as the "madman theory" of leadership. The thought is that

a "mad" leader is a deterrent to enemies. Biden is cognitively impaired, but would not be classified as a madman because he is predictable. On the contrary, President Trump was a deterrent to bad actors who might not be able to predict what he would do. Trump certainly had the Mullahs contained, Putin was kept in Russia, little rocket man was quiet on the Korean peninsula and China was not threatening Taiwan.

It is a tragedy that Dr. Jill put her husband out there to then be cast aside by the Democrat Party machine. It's even worse for America that Biden was elected and then surrounded himself with fools who are no help in a crisis.

Alejandro Mayorkas, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, gleefully participated in the border invasion. He was asked about the Hurricane Helene tragedy in the Southeastern U.S. and showed his inhumanity by pivoting to climate change rhetoric.

And the secretary of the Commerce Department (Raimondo) said she's "not very focused on the strike" of dockworkers which began October 1. This strike will cause huge inflationary pressures on an already stressed and damaged economy. Criminal ... but I repeat myself.

It's Tuesday as I write the

first draft of this column. The vice president debate is tonight, but I won't be watching. First, political debates are anything but debates, especially with Democrat moderators. Debates are media-engineered Kabuki Theatre and useful only for gotchas and sound bites.

Second, we are voting for Comrade Kamala or President Trump, not the mincing China Tim or JD Vance. I read JD's book and have listened to his multiple interviews. I watched Walz let Minneapolis burn. Case closed.

And last, our Atlanta Braves made the playoffs Monday night and played the Padres during the debate. Baseball is a contest without a pseudo-journalist's finger on the scale of fairness.

I am critical of what the Democrat party has become. Most who now march under that ensign are not John F. Kennedy Democrats, but progressive socialists. You may have heard the term Yellow Dog Democrat which originated in the late 1800s and described Southern voters who would "vote for a yellow dog before they would vote for a Republican."

Another historical term is Blue Dog Democrats. A coalition of fiscally and socially conservative Democrats banded together as a Congressional

caucus of 54 members in 1995. The group now has only 10 members. This is illustrative of what the Democrat Party has become.

I am also critical of the GOP, the Grand Old Party which may be old, but it is no longer the party of Lincoln and Reagan, nor is it grand. The "old" guards have lost their way and are being replaced.

Years ago, Becky and I attended a Braves baseball game against the Cubs while we were in Chicago. It was such a great experience I bought a Cubs baseball hat. Now when I wear the hat people ask me if I'm a Cubs fan. I say no and explain that the "C" on the cap stands for conservative. I am a conservative who supports traditional Republican policies which are totally absent in the modern Democrat party. The new wing of the GOP is actually conservative, inclusive, pragmatic, populist and patriotic. This new party of Donald Trump will Make America Great Again.

I have become a Trumpster and I am glad to have JD Vance in America's future. I challenge you to renounce hatred and logically join us for a better future and for your children's sake.

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## Retired Justice Lee honored by Girl Scouts

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Retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon G. Lee was honored by the Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachia Thursday for her years of service and her days as a Girl Scout in her hometown of Madisonville.

Lee was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2004 and became the first woman to serve the Eastern Section in nearly 80 years. She was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2008 and served as chief justice from 2014 to 2016. Lee retired in 2023 and her portrait hangs in the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Trefoil Society Luncheon raised funds for Knoxville area Girl Scouts. The annual event pays tribute to distinguished women in the region who exemplify the spirit of Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Council CEO Lynne Fugate hosted the event at the Foundry in the World's Fair Park.

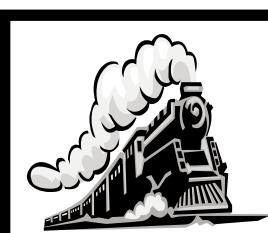
The program included a welcome from Cecilia Petersen, a speech from Fugate and Heather Anderson introduced Justice Lee.

"We are excited to honor Justice Lee, a role model for women who demonstrates how far Girl Scouts can go," said Fugate. "Justice Lee is a great example of a Girl Scout who grew into a

distinguished leader in her field and paved the way for future generations, the very essence of what Girl Scouting represents."

The Trefoil Society of the Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians symbolizes ethical leadership values they learn as a member. When a girl becomes a scout she is given a pin that features a trefoil. There are 3,455 girl members and 1,823 volunteers within Knox and surrounding counties.

Lynne Fugate, left, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians, stands with retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon G. Lee, right. Photo by Mike Steely.



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# Cooking with new-fangled machines

I watched Amy prepare supper the other night. The stove and counter areas were covered with a variety of new appliances for the task. I marveled at how easily she worked those machines



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like me to blister fingertips or forearms.

Mother had a basic set of pots and pans. She had a large pot for making soups, chili and spaghetti. In the drawer of the stove, she stored her cast iron skillets, Dutch oven and cornbread pone maker. She also had a pressure cooker that served up thousands of jars of canned vegetables. One Christmas, Daddy bought her an electric skillet, and Mother cooked some scrumptious chicken, fried fish and other meals that kept her three boys fat and happy.

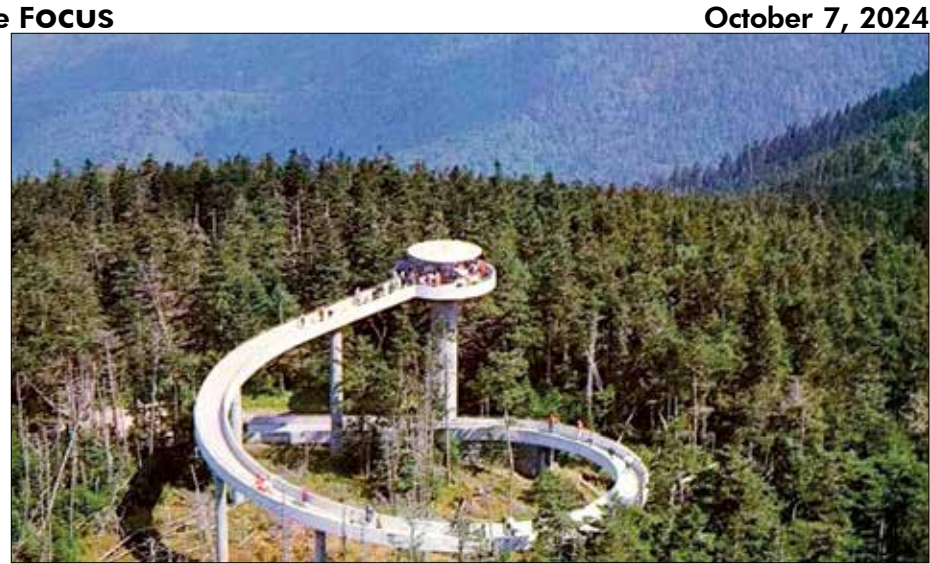
My dear wife has an array of new countertop appliances. One is an air fryer. I don't have the foggiest idea how any food can be fried with air. She also has an Instant Pot. I think it functions somewhat like the old pressure cookers but are much safer. She also has a food processor, although I'm not sure what that name means or how it works. We have a coffee pot, but attached to it is a pod machine that makes one cup of java at a time. I don't like the taste of pod coffee; it tastes too much like soaked paper.

The funny thing about all these appliances is that they do the same things that Mother's simpler tools did: cook good food. Amy is a wonderful cook; looking at my rotund torso is evidence of that. She uses her new appliances, but hours of reading instructions have gone into mastering them. They aren't as well constructed as cast iron skillets, and their inner-workings can fail at any time, something that renders those handy-dandy appliances of no use.

I'm not about to demand that Amy get rid of her appliances. I like to eat too well to do that. I also enjoy conversations with my wife, but they would end the minute I make such a silly demand. Her appliances are the tools of her cooking trade. She uses them much better than I use my woodworking tools; that much is for sure because she hasn't come close to severing a finger like I did not too long ago. I'm also glad that cooking is something at which my wife is talented. Otherwise, I'd starve to death.

It is the tallest point in Tennessee, the Smokies, and along the Appalachian Trail. The peak was formerly named for Thomas Clingman, a lawyer, U.S. representative and senator, and Confederate brigadier general from North Carolina. Probably the most known place name based on

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Clingmans Dome has been renamed Kuwohi, the traditional Cherokee name for the peak. The new official title joins many other places in our region that maintain Native American place names.

## Kuwohi joins other Cherokee-based place names in our region

### A Day Away



By Mike Steely

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names recently approved a request from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to officially change the name of Clingmans Dome to **Kuwohi**, the Cherokee name for the mountain that translates to "mulberry place."

Kuwohi is a sacred site for the Cherokee people and stands at 6,643 feet.

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# The Southern Gentleman

## Winfield Dunn

### Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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*Editor's Note: The Knoxville Focus is running this reprint of Ray Hill's column from September 2013 on former Governor Winfield Dunn to honor his passing last month.*

Bryant Winfield Culberson Dunn was born July 1, 1927, the son of Aubert and Dorothy Dunn. Anyone who has had the pleasure of hearing Winfield Dunn cannot help but hear the soft Southern lilt in his voice, which is a reminder of the fact Governor Dunn was born in Mississippi. In fact, Dunn's father enjoyed a prominent career in politics himself. Aubert Dunn served as district attorney, served a term in Congress, remained in Washington for a spell as an expert serving the Senate's Finance Committee and was later a special attorney employed by the attorney general's office. Aubert Dunn capped his career by serving as a judge of the circuit court.

Young Winfield Dunn enjoyed a happy childhood in Mississippi, which he documents in his memoirs, "From A Standing Start." During World War II, Dunn served in the U.S. Navy and later in the Air Force Reserve. After receiving a degree from the University of Mississippi, Winfield Dunn went on to earn a D.D.S. and commenced the practice of dentistry. Dunn found the time to marry his sweetheart, Betty Prichard, and first practiced dentistry with his father-in-law.

The Dunns moved to Memphis and it wasn't long before Winfield was engaged in public service, first as chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party. Following the death of Edward Hull Crump in 1954, Memphis politics changed abruptly. Long-time Mayor Watkins Overton, who had retained the support of the Memphis Boss throughout most of his career, had tried to regain the mayor's office in 1955, but lost to Edmund Orgill. Orgill was a reformer and opponent of the Crump machine. Orgill was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1958, but lost to Buford Ellington.

The Crump machine was in tatters by the early 1960s and the last vestige of the Crump era, Congressman Clifford Davis, was defeated in the 1964 Democratic primary by George Grider. Many former Crumpites were uneasy with Lyndon Johnson and his Great Society and began supporting Republicans. A new age was dawning with the birth of Tennessee's modern Republican Party. Winfield Dunn was instrumental in birthing the baby of modern Tennessee Republicanism.

working hard to elect Dan Kuykendall to Congress. Kuykendall had challenged Senator Albert Gore Sr. in 1964 and won a very respectable 46% of the vote while LBJ was carrying Tennessee.

Dan Kuykendall won election to Congress in 1966 just as Howard Baker defeated Governor Frank Clement to become Tennessee's first popularly elected Republican U.S. senator. Despite the fact there was no serious GOP candidate for governor that year, Tennessee was no longer a one-party state. In 1968, the Republicans won control of the Tennessee House of Representatives and elected Bill Jenkins as speaker. That same year, Richard Nixon carried Tennessee in a three-way contest with Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Governor Buford Ellington, having won a second nonconsecutive term in 1966, was ineligible to seek reelection in 1970. Ellington had won a surprisingly hard fought primary with John Jay Hooker in 1966 and Hooker was running again in 1970. Republicans sensed an opportunity and the GOP primary drew a slew of serious candidates.

Speaker Bill Jenkins, from upper East Tennessee entered the gubernatorial contest, as did Claude Robertson, an attorney and Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party with close ties to Senator Howard Baker. Millionaire businessman Maxie Jarman from Nashville became a candidate, as did a little known dentist from Memphis, Winfield Dunn. Republicans even had a primary contest for the United States Senate between Chattanooga Congressman Bill Brock and country music star and actor Tex Ritter (father of the late John Ritter) to face Senator Albert Gore.

Each candidate carried his home base; Jenkins won the First District, Robertson the Second Congressional District, and Maxie Jarman won most of Middle Tennessee. Winfield Dunn won more than 90% of the vote in populous Shelby County, which saw a heavier turn out than normal. Dunn also ran well in other areas of the state and managed to edge out Maxie Jarman who spent freely from his personal fortune.

As expected, John Jay Hooker won a divisive Democratic primary and even Senator Gore had been hard pressed by Hudley Crockett, who had been Governor Ellington's press spokesman. Ellington, still unhappy



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Governor Winfield Dunn

with Hooker's challenge in 1966, remained silent throughout the campaign, lending Hooker no support or aid.

Although never having been elected to any office previously, Winfield Dunn charmed the people of Tennessee. Tall, handsome, well-spoken and full of charisma, the 43-year-old Dunn made friends everywhere he went. A young Lamar Alexander helped to manage Dunn's effort in the general election and, to the surprise of almost everyone, became Tennessee's first Republican governor since the election of Alf A. Taylor in 1920. Bill Brock was also elected to the United States Senate, giving Republicans both Senate seats and the governorship. By 1973, Republicans would hold five of the nine Congressional seats. It was to be the peak of Republican success in Tennessee for decades, but it lasted only briefly.

The inauguration of Winfield Dunn was something more than the usual spectacle; it was a celebration of success by delirious Republicans who had come back to power after decades in the darkness.

Governor Winfield Dunn immediately set out to heal the wounds from incessant political infighting, filling prominent positions with both members of his own party, as well as Democrats. Still, Democrats, who had regained control of the House of Representatives, frequently refused to work with Governor Dunn. Undeterred by Democratic intransigence, Winfield Dunn managed to give much needed pay raises to state employees, as well as develop a building program for Tennessee.

With the 1972 elections, the modern Tennessee Republican Party had reached its zenith. Robin

Beard, who has served as commissioner of personnel, entered the race for the Sixth Congressional District, which was occupied by William R. "Bill" Anderson. Anderson had served in Congress since 1964 when Congressman Ross Bass had been elected to the United States Senate. Anderson was widely known in Tennessee, having been the captain of the USS Nautilus, the first submarine to successfully travel beneath the North Pole ice cap.

Beard beat Anderson and the GOP held the First, Second, Third, Sixth and Ninth Congressional districts in 1973, as well as both seats in the United States Senate and the governorship. Richard Nixon's triumphant victory over South Dakota Senator George McGovern in the 1972 presidential contest soon faded as the details of the Watergate break-in became public knowledge.

Governor Dunn, a man of absolute integrity, was shocked and astonished by the emerging details of the Watergate scandal, which would cause massive losses for Republican candidates all across the country in 1974. Dunn was barred by Tennessee law from seeking a second term, but he worked hard for the election of Lamar Alexander, who faced former Congressman Ray Blanton at the ballot box.

Tennessee Republicans were routed in the 1974 elections. Not only did Alexander lose, but also the GOP lost two congressional seats. Congressman LaMar Baker, who had succeeded Bill Brock when he was elected to the United States Senate in 1970, lost to challenger Marilyn Lloyd. Congressman Dan Kuykendall in Memphis narrowly lost to a young state legislator named Harold Ford.

Tennesseans quickly saw the difference in the administrations of Winfield Dunn and Ray Blanton; Dunn, charming, urbane and gentlemanly, had tried to work with the Democratic legislature to accomplish his goals. Governor Blanton was often sullen, imperious and autocratic. The biggest difference of course was in the basic honesty between the two men and Blanton's administration remains a disgrace.

Out of office, Winfield Dunn returned to the business world, serving as a vice president of Hospital Corporation of America. When it was believed Senator Howard Baker might leave the Senate in 1981, former Governor Winfield Dunn was perhaps the leading contender to fill the vacancy. Dunn did not attempt a political comeback until 1986, after Lamar Alexander had served two four-year terms. Dunn faced powerful House Speaker Ned McWherter who had defeated two popular Democrats to run in the general election.

Winfield Dunn easily dispatched two primary opponents of his own and mounted a campaign that enthused much of the Republican base across the state. Unfortunately, First District Congressman James H. "Jimmy" Quillen maintained an ominous silence throughout the gubernatorial race.

While governor, Dunn had enraged Congressman Quillen by vetoing a bill to establish a medical school in upper East Tennessee. At the time, there were already three medical schools serving Tennessee, but the legislature overrode the governor's veto and the medical school was established. Quillen nurtured and kept a watchful eye on the medical school, which was named for him, but he never forgave Winfield

Dunn and that was a deciding factor in the former governor's loss in 1986.

Dunn accepted his defeat gracefully and again returned to the private sector and assumed his status as one of Tennessee's and the Republican Party's elder statesmen. Just last year, former Governor Winfield Dunn was named the Honorary Chairman of Mitt Romney's presidential campaign in Tennessee. Dunn traveled to the 2012 Republican National Convention and by all accounts was likely the most personally popular delegate from the State of Tennessee. Described by some in the media as a "Southern Jimmy Stewart," the former governor had recently recovered from serious surgery and yet looked every inch the statesman. His smile was as friendly and disarming as ever; Governor Dunn regaled listeners with stories of the many conventions he has attended, saying at the age of 85, it would likely be his last. Dunn's discussion of the past remains clear and concise, just as his observations of the country's future are sharp and cogent.

I cannot claim to be objective about Winfield Dunn; I think he was a great governor and more importantly, an even greater human being. I well recall his first race and even though young at that point, I had my campaign buttons and signs for Winfield Dunn and Bill Brock. Winfield Dunn is my friend and I his and I am proud of that fact.

Political defeat does not diminish truly great men and Winfield Dunn is one of those men. For those who remember the rise of Tennessee's modern Republican Party, Winfield Dunn will always retain a special place in the hearts of old-time Republicans, as well as those who were fortunate enough to come across his path.

Winfield Dunn's election in 1970 remains one of the most significant political accomplishments in Tennessee history. An unknown Memphis dentist winning the GOP primary over better known and better funded candidates was something of a political miracle; managing to win the general election and become the first Republican governor in fifty years was an equally great political accomplishment.

Governor Dunn and his lovely wife Betty reside in Nashville where they continue to enjoy their family and friends. We enjoy them, too.

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## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS**  
**IN RE: LATISHIA ROCHELL BELCHER**  
**VS. ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS**  
**NO. 209210-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, 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 ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, it is ordered that said defendant, ELIJAH KEWAN DAVIS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JERRY R. GIVENS, an Attorney whose address is 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 504, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 12th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

No. 2024-CV-79

**CANDICE OLIVIA ENOCH, and**  
**STEPHEN DALTON ENOCH, Petitioners,**  
**v.**  
**KERINGTON BINGHAM, Mother,**  
**and UNKNOWN, Father,**  
**Respondents.**

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SERVICE FOR RESPONDENT MOTHER KERINGTON BINGHAM

Please take Notice that in this action, an Order for Service by Publication has been signed and entered directing that Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, may be served by publication in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, for four (4) consecutive weeks. Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, is directed to serve an answer upon Petitioners' Attorney, Kara Bellar, by mailing it to Post Office Box 192, Carthage, Tennessee 37030, or by delivery to Attorney Kara Bellar's physical address located at 216 Main Street North, Carthage, Tennessee 37030; and, Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, is to file an answer with Smith County Circuit Court, 322 Justice Drive, Suite 115, Carthage, Tennessee 37030, according to law. If Respondent/Mother, KERINGTON BINGHAM, fails to serve an answer, a default will be taken against named Respondent/Mother for the relief sought in the Petition. The final hearing in this matter is scheduled for October 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Macon County Justice Center, 904 Highway 52 Bypass East, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083. Please be present if you wish to be heard. Failure to appear may result in adverse action being taken against you.

Attorney for Petitioners Kara Bellar  
216 Main Street North  
P.O. Box 192 Carthage, TN 37030

Publication Dates: September 23, 2024, September 30, 2024, October 7, 2024 & October 14, 2024

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DEVONTE J. BLAIR**  
**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD WHOSE NAME FOR PURPOSES OF THESE PROCEEDINGS IS: HADDEN BLAIR, DOB 2/7/2011**

**By:**  
**GABRIEL AND EUGENA MATIAS, Petitioners,**  
**vs.**  
**MICHAELA R. RANGEL, Respondent / Mother,**  
**and**  
**DEVONTE J. BLAIR, Respondent / Father.**

NO. 206250-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEVONTE J. BLAIR, 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 DEVONTE J. BLAIR, it is ordered that said defendant, DEVONTE J. BLAIR, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MEGHAN A. BODIE, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication 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 a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 20th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: GUSTAVO JUSTICE**  
**IN RE: PAUL E. JUSTICE**  
**-Vs-**  
**GUSTAVO JUSTICE**

Docket # 160583

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 GUSTAVO JUSTICE 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 GUSTAVO JUSTICE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by PAUL JUSTICE, Plaintiff herein, within

Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. J. NORTON, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 236 E. MAIN ST. #103, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862, 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 the 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND**  
**IN RE: HAMILTON HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

Plaintiff

vs.

**ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND**  
**Defendants**

NO. 209303-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, 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 ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, it is ordered that said defendants, ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. REDMOND and MICHAEL D. REDMOND, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with KEVIN C. STEVENS, an Attorney whose address is 550 MAIN STREET, SUITE 400, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902 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 JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 24th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: SHENG YE**  
**IN RE: CHEN CHEN**

vs.

**SHENG YE**

NO. 209126-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHENG YE, 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 SHENG YE, it is ordered that said defendant, SHENG YE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with RACHEL E. DONSBACH, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 600, KNOXVILLE , TN 37902 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 JOHN F. WEAVER at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 25th day of September, 2024.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA BALLARD**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89998-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRENDA BALLARD, who died July 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BRENDA BALLARD  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEORGE M. WYATT  
10418 SLEMP RD  
KODAK, TN 37764

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KENNETH D. BARNES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89987-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH D. BARNES, who died May 5, 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 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 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KENNETH D. BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHERINE W. BARNES, EXECUTRIX  
606 GWINHURST ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KENNETH DEAN BORDEN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89989-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KENNETH DEAN BORDEN, who died Aug 1, 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 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KENNETH DEAN BORDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT D. BORDEN, ADMINISTRATOR  
302 NAUEDA LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HOWARD A. BRODY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90014-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of HOWARD A. BRODY, who died July 22, 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 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HOWARD A. BRODY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA B. ANDERSON  
6714 127H PLACE SE  
SNOWHOMISH, WA 98296

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES R. BUCKNER, SR.**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89785-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES R. BUCKNER, SR., who died on the 13th day of June 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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLES R. BUCKNER, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSEPH BUCKNER  
2515 PREACHER RD.  
NEW MARKET, TN 37820

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE CAMPBELL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90001-3**

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

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

publication; or

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

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE CAMPBELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROSALYN POOL  
2500 PARKVIEW AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GREGORY CHRISTOPHER CHALOS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89941-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GREGORY CHRISTOPHER CHALOS, who died June 20, 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 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GREGORY CHRISTOPHER CHALOS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LARRY CHALOS, CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
11152 SONJA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MELISSA P. CHAMBERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89888-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration CTA in respect of the Estate of MELISSA P. CHAMBERS who died on July 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 the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MELISSA P. CHAMBERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ASHLEY STINSON  
1617 EMERSON PARK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37922

LEE A. POPKIN, ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DR., SUITE S-700  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAYMOND CHRISTY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90008-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM RAYMOND CHRISTY who died May 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 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 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAYMOND CHRISTY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHAD PRATT  
714 BRAKEBILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DORIS J. CLAYTON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89990-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS J. CLAYTON, who died July 30, 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 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DORIS J. CLAYTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY A. TAYLOR, EXECUTRIX  
9000 GRANADA LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WALLACE A. CONARD**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90005-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALLACE A. CONARD, who died August 13, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WALLACE A. CONARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ASHLEY HEALY  
11020 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 250  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 1990  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LARRY JAMES COOPER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90015-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY JAMES COOPER, who died August 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.</



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE MCFALLS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89835-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANNA MARIE MCFALLS, who died December 26, 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) from the date of first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days after 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 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE MCFALLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FELICIA COALSON, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 800  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY  
310 GREAT CIRCLE RD., 3 WEST  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89974-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS, who died testate on August 18, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident or non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the date prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise the 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 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 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN DAWN OAKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HELENA OAKS  
729 MORGAN STREET, APT. #1  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

DANIEL KIDD, ATTORNEY  
1308 WILSON ROAD, STE. 102  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90021-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY, who died on the 6th day of July, 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 abovenamed 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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROSE MARY KITTS PRESSLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BARRY DEAN PRESSLY  
1062 HEATHCHASE DRIVE  
SUWANEE, GA 30024

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TIMMY ALAN RIVERA**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90012-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMMY ALAN RIVERA who died June 6, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF TIMMY ALAN RIVERA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOE M. RIVERA  
618 CITRUS WOOD LANE  
VALRICO, FL 32354

BEN T. NORRIS, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 397  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89961-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN, who died July 25, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or  
(B) Sixty(60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELEANOR GARDNER ROSEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARGARET VIRGINIA BELD  
4633 WOODBRIDGE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

STEWART M. CRANE, ATTORNEY  
577 PICKLE ROAD  
LOUDON, TN 37774

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES ROGERS SMITH**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90019-3**

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES ROGER SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JILL MARIE WEEKLEY  
9710 ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

JOY ELIZABETH HENDRICKS  
12322 CHIRPING BIRD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

MARSHALL PETERSON, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 442  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN ZOE CAVANAUGH THOMAS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90010-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHN ZOE CAVANAUGH THOMAS, who died on July 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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN ZOE CAVANAUGH THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PARK CAVANAUGH THOMAS  
PAIGE THOMAS CALDWELL

MATTHEW T. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY  
116 AGNES ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY J. WIMES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89907-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. WIMES, who died July 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 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. WIMES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DE ERIC ROBS, ADMINISTRATOR  
1613 HAZEN STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES CURWOOD WITT, JR.**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90018-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES CURWOOD WITT, Jr., who died August 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 abovenamed 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 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES CURWOOD WITT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANET CAROLE CAVENDER WITT  
9201 MESA VERDE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. ARMSTRONG**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90022-3**

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. ARMSTRONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRIAN ARMSTRONG, EXECUTOR  
2680 HWY. 64E  
WARTRACE, TN 37183

BILL FIX, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 31632  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELLA JEAN BRADLEY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90036-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELLA JEAN BRADLEY, who died July 26, 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 first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELLA JEAN BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBORAH L. BOMAR, EXECUTRIX  
1001 DARTMOUTH ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID JOHN BRIDGES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90037-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID JOHN BRIDGES, who died Aug. 13, 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 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID JOHN BRIDGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TAMMY R. BRIDGES, ADMINISTRATRIX  
6728 GREENBROOK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JERRY BUNCH**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90042-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JERRY BUNCH, who died June 4, 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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JERRY BUNCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOAN BUNCH, ADMINISTRATRIX  
3504 GINN FARM DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JANE D. COLEMAN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89592-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JANE D. COLEMAN, who died December 1, 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 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 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JANE D. COLEMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFF D. KOSKI  
240 HILLCREST DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD DOUGLAS, JR.**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90060-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHN EDWARD DOUGLAS, JR., who died on July 13, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD DOUGLAS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS C. BEELER  
12196 SOUTH NORTHSORE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

K. RAY PINKSTAFF, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 31408  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SANDRA HAMPTON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90002-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA HAMPTON, who died on August 14, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SANDRA HAMPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAIGE CORCORAN  
9231 MILLERTOWN PIKE  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DALE O. HAMPTON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90030-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DALE O. HAMPTON, who died August 17, 2024, were issued to DAWN MOSTEIT by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, TN. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DALE O. HAMPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAWN MOSTEIT  
1825 HUCKLEBERRY SPRINGS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROGER DALE JONES, II**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90028-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ROGER DALE JONES, II, who died May 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROGER DALE JONES, II

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FRANCIS ALFRED LAFORGE, III**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 89**



# Two Revolutionary War Soldiers Honored

By Mike Steely  
Senior Writer  
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Two American Revolutionary soldiers were honored recently in a service, held by the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Stephen Holston Chapter, at their grave sites in Fountain City.

The September 28 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony was at the Berry Lynnhurst Funeral Home and Lynnhurst Cemetery at 2300 Adair Drive and Mark DeNicola, vice president of the organization, emceed. Rev. Greg Banther gave the invocation and the national colors were presented by the chapter's color guard.

About two dozen people attended and listened to the special proclamation read by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Tributes to John Adair and Edward Smith were delivered by Robin Green and Timothy Dale. Chapter president Joel Davenport oversaw the presentation of wreaths by the color guard which also gave a musket salute. Following the service, a reception was held by the Sons of the American Revolution and a benediction was



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Stephen Holston Chapter of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's color guard gathered under the huge oak tree at the grave of patriot John Adair in Fountain City.

given by Sherrell Greene.

John Adair was one of the first settlers in the region where he settled on 640 acres granted in 1788 for his military service. He built a fortified cabin just off what is now the North Broadway. Adair became the supplier of arms for soldiers and travelers across the Cumberland Plateau and supplied John Sevier's forces with funds. He was a delegate that created the state of Tennessee.

Edward Smith served in Virginia and was captured by the British forces and was counted in the 1830 census of Knox County. Smith died in 1848 and his family is buried in the Smithwood Cemetery. His grave is only a few feet from Adair's tombstone beneath the Adair Oak. Mayor Jacobs noted in his proclamation that Smith was present in Yorktown for the surrender of British forces to General George Washington.

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Native American history is "Tennessee," based on the Cherokee village site called **Tanasi**. The river that separated Tanasi and Choto was also dubbed Tanasi by early traders and is now called the Little Tennessee.

**Tuskegee** was also on the Little Tennessee and is where the Cherokee alphabet's creator Sequoyah was born. The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and a monument to the Tanasi village are located in Vonore.

Tellico Village and Tellico Plains derive from the Cherokee name **Tablequah**, meaning "rare-peace place." Chilhowee means "valley of many deer."

**Citico** is a Creek word meaning "frog" and **Tuskegee** means "island town." **Hiwassee** means

"savannah" or "meadow." **Sequoyah** means "sparrow."

**Pellissippi** means "winding waters" and was the Cherokee name for the Clinch River. **Etowah** is a Creek word meaning "town."

**Unaka** means "white." **Oneida** means "long awaited" or "people of the Standing Stone."

**Cherochala Skyway** from Tellico Plains to Robbinsville, North Carolina, is a combination of Cherokee and Nantahala, the two national forests over which it passes. **Nantahala** means "land of the noon day sun."

**Chattanooga** in Cherokee means "rock coming to a point." **Ellijay** means "green ground place."

## FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

# Lewis Wetzel ran for his life

By Jadon Gibson

Brothers Lewis and Jacob Wetzel were attacked and kidnapped by Indians when they were 13 and 11 years old, respectively. Lewis, the elder of the two, suffered a serious gunshot wound to his chest that the Indians treated with a poultice, a bandage made of herbs.

On their second night of captivity, the boys escaped into the night and headed homeward. Ordinarily, Lewis would have been unable to travel in his condition, but they felt the need to travel on to escape the Indians. They were careful not to be detected by the Indians who had parties searching for them.

The boys collected pieces of deadwood and vines the following morning before fashioning a crude raft. They climbed aboard and pushed off, trying to cross the river. They drifted over a half-mile downstream with makeshift oars before reaching the opposite shore.

Both boys were exhausted when they reached the opposite shore. They struggled to climb the bank to a place where they

thought it would be safe to rest. Lewis's wound was very painful, sapping his energy.

"You stay here and rest and I'll get help," the younger Wetzel said once they were awake.

Lewis nixed the idea, knowing better than to let the youthful Jacob travel alone. After resuming their travel, they were soon found by an acquaintance who was out hunting. They were taken back home where their father prayed tearful thanks for their safe return.

Lewis thought he was well enough after three weeks to accompany Thomas Mills to look for his horse that was lost when his party was routed by Indians.

Everyone expected that the Indians had left the area after the skirmish, but as Lewis and Thomas neared a watering hole they came upon several Indians who were still in the area. The Indians spotted Lewis and Mills about the same time the young men saw them.

The initial shots resulted in an Indian being killed and Mills being struck in the foot. The injured Mills was soon overtaken, killed,

and scalped as Lewis ran, reloading his rifle as he went. Several Indians took up the chase after Lewis. After running for a half mile one of the Indians nearly caught Lewis but he turned and fired a shot, killing the Indian and sending him to the proverbial happy hunting ground.

Lewis continued running and began reloading his rifle again just as he did before. Reloading while running was nearly second nature to him since his father taught him the art as a young lad. He struggled to stay ahead of the Indians, glancing back periodically to see if they were gaining on him.

Sure enough, one of them was getting close. When Lewis wheeled around to fire his rifle, the Indian was so close he grabbed the muzzle of Lewis's gun. Luckily for Lewis, he was able to squeeze the trigger while the barrel of the gun was aimed at the chest of his attacker.

Lewis immediately began running, again reloading his rifle along the way. He looked back and saw two Indians chasing him this time.

Lewis was very tired at this point and hoped the Indians would abort the chase, but each time he looked around he saw they were still running after him and gaining ground.

He looked back again, and the Indians were about 15 to 20 feet behind, so he turned to shoot. When he did the two Indians scampered and hid behind trees. Lewis took off running again and the Indians remained hot on his tail.

A short time later the path on which Lewis was traveling went through an open field. With one of the two Indians gaining ground on him, Lewis turned to fire a shot at him while his assailant was looking for a tree to hide behind. Not finding a tree the Indian took cover behind a sapling and Lewis was able to shoot him through the leg. The wound bled profusely and later proved fatal.

Lewis turned on his heels and began running again, reloading his rifle as he ran. He then looked back toward the lone remaining Indian.

"No can catch," the Indian said to him. "Your gun is always

loaded." The Indian then disappeared into the woods and Lewis Wetzel, nearly exhausted, was pleased the chase had ended.

Lewis killed numerous Indians along the frontier settlements in Kentucky and 27 more in the Indian wars in Ohio and West Virginia. He credited his success and longevity to John Wetzel, his father.

John Wetzel taught his sons how to reload and fire a rifle while running. John had learned the art earlier when he witnessed a friend get killed by an Indian as he held an empty gun. It was an important lesson for young Lewis. It helped him escape and survive.

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Jadon Gibson writes from his home in Harrogate, Tennessee. His writings are both historic and nostalgic in nature. He wishes to thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, his alma mater Alice Lloyd College, and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PEGGY SHARON OWNBY DOCKET NUMBER 90049-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY SHARON OWNBY, who died Nov. 17, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KEELY RENEE OWNBY, EXECUTRIX  
9705 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES B. REDMOND DOCKET NUMBER 90055-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES B. REDMOND, who died August 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file

the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 1 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES B. REDMOND  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA ANN HAMMER  
407 OAKCREST RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARGUERITE B. REED DOCKET NUMBER 90040-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGUERITE B. REED, who died June 26, 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARGUERITE B. REED  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT W. REED, EXECUTOR  
1124 COVERED WAGON LANE  
FRIENDSVILLE, TN 37737

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HARRY STOOKSBURY DOCKET NUMBER 88099-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY STOOKSBURY who died May 12, 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:

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This the 10 day of JULY, 2023.

ESTATE OF HARRY STOOKSBURY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CLARK STOOKSBURY, CO EXECUTOR  
4831 EAST SUMMIT CIRCLE #237  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919  
JEFF STOOKSBURY, CO EXECUTOR  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELIZABETH TWOREK DOCKET NUMBER 90057-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH TWOREK, who died July 22, 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH TWOREK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JERZY TWOREK, ADMINISTRATOR  
2549 POPPYWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF FRANCES INEZ WEAVER DOCKET NUMBER 90061-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FRANCES INEZ WEAVER, who died on August 18, 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF FRANCES INEZ WEAVER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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HEATHER A. QUINNBAEDER, ATTORNEY  
408 WINDHAM HILL ROAD  
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE E. WEBSTER DOCKET NUMBER 90039-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE E. WEBSTER, who died Aug. 17, 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:

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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE E. WEBSTER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEWAYNE WEBSTER, ADMINISTRATOR  
126 W. MOODY AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## MISC. NOTICES

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

### Lady Admirals earn hard-fought victory in district quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

It's district tournament time for area high school girls teams. That means one thing, win or go home.

Style points never matter and that was a good thing for Farragut High School Saturday morning.

The fourth-seeded Lady Admirals did just enough to

eliminate No. 5 Maryville, notching a 1-0 victory over the Lady Rebels in the District 4-3A Tournament quarterfinals on a toasty morning at the Farragut Soccer Stadium.

Maryville (4-13-4) has one of the youngest teams in the district and features just two seniors on its roster.

But that didn't mean that coach Steve Feather wasn't going to have the Lady Rebels ready to play. And they were prepared.

The Lady Admirals (7-4-2) scored the lone goal of the match when freshman forward Ava Upshaw found the back of the net in the third minute of the match.

That would be enough to help Farragut advance to play top-seeded Bearden Tuesday night at Turner-Allender Field. Kickoff for the elimination semifinal match is slated for 7 p.m.

Farragut lost to the Lady Bulldogs, 7-2, in its district finale on Monday, Sept. 30.

"You know Steve is always

going to have his team prepared and ready to play," Farragut coach Jessie Stephens Burkhardt said. "They're well-coached and he always has them prepared for what they're going to see, and he did again today.

"But we did what we had to do. Right now, you have to win and go

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



PHOTO BY ROB DOUGHERTY

With a beautiful sunset in the background, Knoxville Catholic High School cheerleaders and junior cheerleaders root for the Irish football team against Montgomery Bell Academy Friday.

### A Tush Push? MBA gets away with 24-23 win over Irish

By Steve Williams

Freshman quarterback Charlie Verner scored the winning touchdown for Montgomery Bell Academy on a 4-yard run up the middle on a play that looked like he was pushed over the goal line by teammates and is referred to as the "Tush Push."

Such a play is legal in college and the NFL but not in high school.

Nevertheless, if it was a "Tush Push" it wasn't flagged by the officials and the Big Red left town with a 24-23 win over Knoxville Catholic in a Homecoming game Friday night at Blaine Stadium.

"I mean it's just a big

pile," said the 5-10, 140-pound Verner. "You got 11 guys pushing me in the end zone along with myself. And I mean I just reach in there, get across the plane and get in there for six."

"That's what they're calling it nowadays (Tush Push) ... We don't call it that. We might need to change our play call to that. We might need to change the play call to the Tush Push. I'll talk to them about it."

It's been called "the QB sneak," said Verner, who took over at quarterback in the season opener when starter Hugh Price was hurt.

MBA began its last

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### TKA offense clicks, defeats Ezell-Harding 44-0



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Ken Hall (5) scored three touchdowns for The King's Academy in its 44-0 romp past Ezell-Harding Christian Academy Friday night. The victory clinched a playoff berth for the Lions.

By Ken Leinart

Everything "clicked" Friday night for the King's Academy Lions.

You know that's true when a back up offensive lineman scores a touchdown, which is sort of what happened in the Lions' 44-0 win over visiting Ezell-Harding Christian Academy in a Division II-A East matchup in Seymour. Not to mention it was homecoming for the Lions.

"We played a full four quarters tonight," TKA Head Football Coach Jonathan Sellers said of his team's efforts. "I think it's the first

time this season that's happened. From start to finish our guys executed really well. The offense started clicking and executing."

The ground game carried a majority of the scoring load. Running backs Ken Hall and Brady Swaggerty (a wide receiver turned running back) scored five times with Hall crossing the goal line three times, including a clinching 41-yard break away early in the third quarter.

"(Hall) is extremely hard to tackle," Sellers said. "He's a strong, fast, physical kid."

After Hall's third score

the Lions were up 44-0 with Jorge Mendoza's kick after and the hosts pulled its starters and let the clock wind its way down.

On the night Mendoza was perfect on four extra point attempts and even recovered his own onside kick in the third quarter to set up the final score (the onside kick was more of a rocket that hit an Eagle player and bounced almost straight back to Mendoza).

The Lions went for a two point conversion twice and converted both times.

Hall scored in the first, second and third quarters. Swaggerty's scores came

in the first and second quarters.

On a night when everything worked, senior lineman Triston Brown scored on a hook and ladder from 33 yards out in the second stanza.

Sophomore quarterback Mason Eckerson connected on a swing pass to receiver Avery Jordan, who took a step or two, took a hit from a defender, then flipped the ball to Brown.

It was only fitting. Friday night happened to be Brown's birthday.

"(Brown) is one of the most selfless players on

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

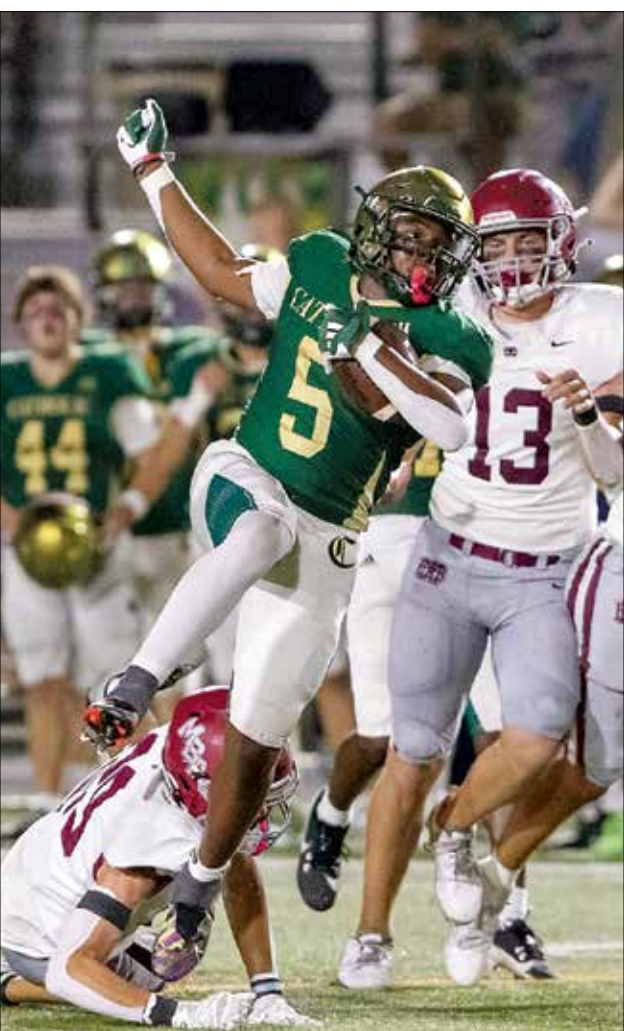


PHOTO BY ROB DOUGHERTY

Knoxville Catholic freshman running back Matthew Rogers battles for yardage in the Irishmen's Division II Class AAAA East Region game with MBA Friday at Blaine Stadium. The Big Red pulled out a 24-23 win in the final minute.

## A Tush Push?

## MBA gets away with 24-23 win over Irish

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possession after the Irishmen went ahead 23-17 with 9:27 to go and marched 76 yards in 19 plays to score. Ronit Chandra kicked the winning extra point to put the visitors ahead with only 53.7 seconds remaining.

The win lifted Montgomery Bell to 1-1 in the Division II Class AAA East Region and 3-4 overall, while Catholic slipped to 3-3 after playing its first region contest.

The Fighting Irish fought their way back after falling behind 17-6 late in the second quarter. Place-kicker Gavin Menard booted a 24-yard field goal with 12.2 seconds left in the half to cut the deficit to eight.

Catholic's defense forced a MBA punt on the first series after intermission which also was a good sign for the Green and Gold, but they were backed up again at the 6-yard line.

After having to punt, Catholic's Aron Mase intercepted a deep MBA pass at the Irish 19. Three quick first downs – QB Mack Bartholomew's 23-yard pass to Tyreek King, a 19-yard run by Matthew Rogers and a spectacular 31-yard catch by Casen Jenkins – set up a first-and-goal at the 8.

Two plays later, Bartholomew ran left and stuck the nose of the ball over the goal line for a touchdown. A two-point pass attempt to King was incomplete, but Catholic trailed only by two (17-15) at 3:48 in the third quarter.

The Irish "D" stopped the Big Red again and Catholic took over with its momentum rising.

A 6-yard pass to Jenkins and MBA jumping outside on Bartholomew's hard count moved the chains to the MBA 24 at the start of the final quarter.

On third-and-eight from the 22-yard line, 6-foot-2 freshman Brooks Johnston jumped high to make a

catch and landed across the goal line. Rogers, another freshman, powered over for the 2-point conversion and Catholic was on top 23-17 with 9:27 left.

Verner's third down 20-yard pass over the middle to tight end Luke Hutchison and a 13-yard run by Verner were the big plays in the winning drive. Those two and what may have been a "Tush Push."

Catholic started at the 20 with less than a minute left. Bartholomew ran 12 yards for a first down and it looked like the Irish might get in field goal range. But defensive linemen Kaleb Ball and Nolan Shelton put a stop to that and Verner took a knee.

"They made one more play than we did," said Catholic Coach Philip Shadowens. "I mean, let's be honest, we got to get a stop right there (during MBA's fourth quarter drive)."

Shadowens also mentioned an extra point kick being blocked early and going for a first down at his team's 36-yard line that didn't work. Instead, Verner tossed a TD pass on the next play to Davis Brooklen for a 14-0 lead.

Catholic quickly struck back as Bartholomew hit a streaking King down the visitors' sideline with a 63-yard TD pass.

Chandra kicked a 47-yard FG for a 17-6 lead late in the first half and Menard matched it with a 24-yarder in the closing seconds.

Neither team scored in first quarter, but MBA's kicking game was rewarded with excellent field position.

Next up for Catholic is a Rivalry Thursday TV game against Brentwood Academy (0-2, 4-3).

**HOMECOMING QUEEN:** Senior Maggie Frana, escorted by her father, was crowned at the half-time festivities.

## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

## Helene aftereffects and 'Mountain Strong'

By Steve Williams

Rusty Bradley is a well-known name in Knoxville high school football, as a former coach at CAK, Grace Christian and Webb School.

Now at Asheville Christian Academy, Bradley felt the aftereffects of Hurricane Helene a little over a week ago and his 33-hour ordeal was well documented.

The storm damage at ACA was reportedly devastating. The gym floor is damaged, there was flooding throughout the school and the athletic fields and tennis courts are destroyed. One set of bleachers at the Lions' baseball field is upside down. The scoreboard at the football stadium is twisted; some of the bleachers are lost along with the fencing around the stadium.

What's ahead: Asheville Christian has been cleaning up and dealing with the damage.

But first priority turned to getting students what was needed at home, then putting a plan in place for academics.

**SEYMOUR STEPPED UP:**

With South Greene playing at Seymour this past Friday, The Focus heard that Seymour High School had been collecting money for the folks in the Greene County area who had been hit hard by Helene.

Seymour Principal Greg Haggard reported Saturday that the school raised \$5,341.

Many schools in the upper East Tennessee area are helping each other and businesses in the Knoxville area also are contributing.

Their efforts have been tagged as "Mountain Strong."

**HIGHLIGHTS of Week 7** are topped by Farragut notching its first win of the season. The Admirals

topped Bradley Central 28-20 ... Grace Christian (7-0) and Gibbs (6-0) remained undefeated ... CAK continues to have close losses ... Winless Seymour was edged by South Greene 18-17 ... West surprisingly lost to Alcoa by a 28-10 score ... Maryville surprisingly walloped Bearden 62-28.

**OPEN DATES GALORE:** Eight high school teams in The Focus' coverage area will have Week 8 off. They include Central, Grace Christian, Halls, Powell, South-Doyle, TKA, Webb and West.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** TSD (3-4) will be trying to finish with a .500 winning percentage when the Vikings host Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MASD) Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

**FULTON ROLLS:** Javon Moulden threw four TD passes in the Falcons' 40-16 win over visiting South-Doyle. Derrick Smith hauled in two of them and Travis Ballinger and Walter McNair one each. Ballinger's catch covered 60 yards.

Rejuan Womble and Albert Johnson each rushed for a TD.

**GIBBS LINEBACKER**

Dallas Holt and running back Quez Sharp were Players of the Game in the Eagles' romp past Campbell County in Week 7.

Holt, a sophomore, had six tackles, including two tackles for loss. Sharp carried the ball six times for 96 yards and a touchdown.

**CAK QUARTERBACK**

Seaton Moffet completed 16 of 30 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown, plus had nine carries for 34 yards and one TD in the Warriors' 21-13 loss to Chattanooga Christian. Will Kelley contributed seven receptions for 92 yards and one TD.

Defensively, Collin Crider had 14 total tackles, including 12 assists,

one sack and one TFL. Alex Gilmer recorded 11 total tackles (two solos and nine assists) and one fumble recovery.

**LAMAR BROWN,** West coach, logged his 150th win in his coaching career in the Rebels' victory at Heritage on Sept. 28.

**AYDEN GREENE,** former Powell standout, scored his first collegiate touchdown at Virginia Tech with his high school head coach Matt Lowe watching the game on TV on Sept. 27.

**TWO MONTHS AWAY:** The 2024 BlueCross Bowl state football championships will be held December 5-7 at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga.

**WORDS FROM TSSAA:** As high school football continues, we encourage all fans to uphold a positive and respectful atmosphere during games. Cheering for your team is important, but it's equally vital to show good sportsmanship towards players, coaches, and fellow spectators. Let's create an inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the excitement of the game. Together, we can make this season memorable for all!

**ONE OF THE BEST:** The 1991 TSSAA state semifinal football game between Central and Oak Ridge was played in Knoxville. Oak Ridge won, 42-41. Although it's been over 30 years since it was played, it is still regarded by many as one of the best – if not the best – high school games ever played in the Knoxville area.

### Preps of the Past

Five years ago on Aug. 30, 2019, Central moved past upset-minded Fulton 13-12 in the Battle of Broadway at Bob Black Field.

The young Falcons had taken a 12-0 lead on Jose Mojica's second 35-yard

### High School Football Scores + Schedule

#### WEEK 7 RESULTS

Alcoa 28, West 10  
Chatt. Christ. 21, CAK 13  
Farragut 28, Bradley 20  
Gibbs 59, Campbell Co. 0  
TKA 44, Ezell-Harding 0  
Fulton 40, South-Doyle 16  
GCA 49, Austin-East 0  
Halls 41, Heritage 17  
Webb 27, Brainerd 0  
Maryville 62, Bearden 28  
MBA 24, Catholic 23  
Northview 31, Carter 27  
Oak Ridge 42, Central 24  
Powell 38, Karns 0  
Sevier Co. 29, HVA 3  
S. Greene 18, Seymour 17

#### WEEK 8 GAMES

Kickoff at 7 unless noted

#### Thursday

Brentwood Acad. at KCHS

#### Friday

Kingston at A-E

White Co. at CAK

Bearden at Cleveland

CCS at Copper Basin

Bradley at HVA

Campbell Co. at Karns

Gibbs at Carter

Farragut at Oak Ridge

Fulton at Seymour

field goal midway through the third quarter.

But the Bobcats came alive. Braden Gaston returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards. Deontae White picked off a pass six seconds later to set up Central at the Fulton 35-yardline. Senior quarterback Dakota Fawver cashed in the field position with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Isaiah Osborne, which put the Bobcats ahead and proved to be the game winner.

Joshua Jones got behind the Bobcats' secondary on the Falcons' first possession and hauled in a 74-yard touchdown pass from Tommy Sweat. An errant snap on the PAT left Fulton with a 6-0 lead.

Mojica kicked a 35-yard field goal to boost the Falcons' margin to 9-0 in the second quarter.

Senior end Eunique Valentine led the Central defense with 8 tackles and 2.5 TFLs. Fulton's defense got a team-high six tackles from cornerback DeRondre Peebles.

## TKA offense clicks, defeats E-H 44-0

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O-line for the hook and ladder, his biggest impact came on defense.

Brown and sophomore Maki Bell owned the Eagle backfield.

"He's just a sophomore, but he has come a long way," Sellers said of his big defender.

The Eagles had two first downs in the first half (five for the game) and it was two Browns (Triston and junior Cade) and a Bell causing all the

consternation.

The Eagles looked bigger on the line, with two experienced playmakers in senior quarterback Willis Frazier and senior running back Jeremiah Glass, but they couldn't shake the pressure spearheaded by those three Lions.

"Hats off to the defense," Sellers said. "Getting a shutout is hard to do with the way offenses play these days."

With the win, the Lions

even their record at 1-1 in Division II-A East (2-3 overall) and have locked a playoff spot in the four team division.

The Lions have the week off before traveling to Murfreesboro to play Middle Tennessee Christina School in another division matchup. The Cougars are the defending state champions, but lost a lot to graduation, Sellers noted.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## Lineups drawn for district tournaments

By Ken Lay

The 2024 regular season has concluded for area Division I high school volleyball teams and now it's time to crown district champions.

The double-elimination District 4-3A Tournament gets underway tonight (Monday) at Maryville High School.

Top-seeded Farragut will play No. 8 Lenoir City at 5 p.m. In the other 5 p.m. match, No. 4 Maryville will take out No. 5 Hardin Valley Academy.

At 7 p.m., No. 3 William Blount will play No. 6 West High and No. 2 Bearden will play No. 7 Heritage.

Action continues at Maryville on

Tuesday with matches at 5 and 7 p.m.

The tournament shifts to Bearden for matches Wednesday and Thursday.

The District 3-3A Tournament will be hosted by Powell with matches at the Clark Duncan Fieldhouse and the Jeff Hunter Gymnasium. The event begins Tuesday and goes through Thursday.

Action begins at 4:30 p.m. as No. 2 Central will play No. 7 Karns at 4:30 p.m. at the Clark Duncan Fieldhouse. No. 3 Oak Ridge will play No. 6. Campbell County at 4:30 p.m. at the Jeff Hunter Gymnasium.

On Tuesday, fourth seed Halls will play No. 5 Powell at 6 p.m. in the Jeff Hunter Gymnasium at 6 p.m. The winner of that match will play top-seeded Clinton Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday at 4:30 at the Hunter Gymnasium.

The tournament concludes Thursday.

Carter, Fulton, Austin-East and Seymour will compete in the District 3-2A Tournament. Gibbs was set to compete in the District 2-2A Tournament and South-Doyle was in the District 4-2A Tournament. Game times, seedings and locations were not available at press time.



# 'This field belongs to everybody'

When you think about it, there are memories of a number of great moments scattered across the green-sward of Shields-Watkins Field. It's been quite a run for the Vols since Shields-Watkins Field opened for business. When Tennessee played its first football game in 1891 against Sewanee, no one could have possibly imagined how the program would develop, what an influence it would have across the state of Tennessee and beyond.

The first tentative steps to maturity were marked by coaches coming and going (some for just a year or two). J.A. Pierce was the first in 1899. The Vol program finally found a 3,200-seat home on campus in 1921, with seats on the west side only.

Col. William Simpson Shields was the field's "lead donor," although that term did not gain credence until many, many years later. That venue thus became Shields-Watkins Field, in honor of Shields and his wife, the former Alice Watkins. The orange jerseys would arrive a year later.

It's been amazing to see how things have worked out. The stadium has grown from that modest grandstand into a 101,915-seat structure that fills quickly each home Saturday. The stadium stands in testimony to all those uncounted "Tennessee people," who have been a part of building the legend known as Vol football.

These "people" and "events" of Tennessee football are special. In the mind's eye, you can almost see John Deanie Hoskins or Bob Campbell carefully overseeing the turf, Johnny Butler motoring his way to the south end against Alabama in 1939, or Bob Neyland in his double-breasted suit standing stoically on the east side 50-yard line, with substitutes at the ready. You could possibly see Nelson on the fledgling Vol Network in the late 1940s, before embarking on a heralded national broadcasting career.

For his efforts building the program, Neyland's name appeared on the west side of the massive edifice in October 1962. For his part, Nelson's name



The Vol Network made its debut Sept. 24, 1949, with Lindsey Nelson (C) on the play-by-play, joined by spotter Julian Andes (R) and crew.

appears on the façade of the Tennessee baseball stadium. If you look closely at the southeast corner of the field, you can imagine the celebration featuring Larry Seivers and Gus Manning after Larry caught the game-winning two-point conversion against Clemson in 1974.

At the northeast corner, there's the spot three Vols (Bill Majors, Wayne Grubb, and Charley Severance, from Sewanee, Athens, and Knoxville, respectively) stopped LSU's Billy Cannon short of the goal on an early fourth-quarter two-point try on Nov. 7, 1959. Cannon said after the game he made it. Over the years, Severance has steadfastly

(and proudly) disagreed. There's also the south 43-yard line, where the Vols got a second chance against Arkansas in the 1998 game. That was the site of the famed "Stoerner Stumble," the turnover and resulting touchdown that saved the 1998 season.

The Vols made the most of it, all the way to a national championship. The authors of a book about the 1998 championship season ("Clad In Big Orange 25 Years Later: The Inside Story of the Tennessee Volunteers' Epic 1998 National Title") highlighted Stoerner's "accomplishment" in the book's acknowledgements. Things looked bleak for the Vols. Here's how Sean

McDonough of CBS reported it: "There's 1:47 remaining. One time out left. 12 to go for the first down. Stoerner... lost the football! Oh, my goodness! He stumbled and fumbled, and Billy Ratliff recovered." There was a rush on stadium gates at that moment as Vol fans who were on their way out quickly found their way back into the stadium.

That led to Ward offering this piece of advice to the Vol coaching staff down on the field below: "They need to give it to Henry," resulting in five carries for 43 yards and the game-winning score. The off-season between 1993 and 1994 was a memorable few months,

when grass finally came back to the floor of Shields-Watkins Field after a hiatus since the final gun of the 1967 Vanderbilt game. Tennessee fans arrived at Gate 7 at the south end and asked Campbell or one of his aides to let them see the field, to literally let them watch the grass grow.

"There's no telling how many people, how many families, came just to see the field and take pictures," he said. "It's truly amazing what this stadium means to people." There was the aftermath of the 1998 win over Florida and the spirited celebration that followed, as Vol fans went "bee-serk," in Ward's parlance. It resulted in large chunks of turf being excised from the field, enraging the football purists. Here's my take, from a Volunteers Magazine "editorial" in 1998.

"To my mind, fans of other schools may attack the things they hold most dear, as thousands of Georgians did after the 2000 Tennessee game, when the supposedly sacred hedges surrounding the field came tumbling down at Sanford Stadium. "Both were surreal sights, almost out-of-body experiences. Those who love the Tennessee program and faithfully follow the fortunes of the Vols should have known better. Most do." "This field belongs to everybody," Campbell said during his tenure caring for the field (1990-2009). "It's a special place. I've taken stewardship of it for this moment in time." Here's the bottom line. If someone tells you a football field is only a field, devoid of memories for the ages, don't believe a word of it.

## Lady Admirals earn hard-fought victory in district quarterfinals

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on and that's all we're really worried about right now. We were able to win."

The Lady Admirals controlled the tempo and held the territorial advantage throughout the second half of the match. They also had a big edge in possession time. Farragut also got several scoring chances in the latter stages of the game, but Maryville senior

goalkeeper Mary Bashou made seven crucial saves in the second half and kept the Lady Rebels within striking distance.

"We had what I call some half-chances," Burkhart said.

The Lady Rebels nearly pulled even in the 70th minute as it had a long-range shot narrowly missed going into an open goal mouth. They also had a late

corner kick which the Lady Admirals were able to clear from harm's way a short time later.

"We knew that at some point that they were going to hold on for a 1-0 result and I figured we might be able to hit them on a counter and we did, and we just missed. Then, we had the corner kick," Feather said. "So, what I thought would happen at the 20-minute

mark happened at the 10-minute mark.

"We had an up-and-down year, but we were kind of prepared for that because we only had two seniors and we had such a young team. I don't usually say this often after a loss, especially a season-ending loss, but this was a game I was proud to be a part of because our girls showed a lot of character."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Bearden's boys golf team will begin play in the TSSAA Division I-AA state tournament Thursday at the Sevierville Golf Club's River Course. Seated (L-R): Grayson Parker, Grant Haskins, Will Ibbotson and Karson Messer. Standing (L-R): Assistant Coach Chris Kimel, Conner Hall, Chris Faircloth, Bryce Harmon, Charlie Culbertson, Dane Helzer, Aidan Ella and Head Coach Billie Davis.

# Bearden boys and HVA girls get job done when it counts

## Harmon and Newman are top Division I-AA qualifiers

By Steve Williams

After Halls and Maryville swept district titles the week before, the Bearden boys and Hardin Valley girls stole the show in the Region 2-AA tournament and earned berths in the TSSAA state tournament, which gets underway today at the Sevierville Golf Club.

The Lady Hawks were Johnniecome-lately champs too as they earned their first trip to the state in school history. The Bulldogs advanced to state last year after a 40-year drought.

Bryce Harmon shot an 8-under-par 64 to lead Bearden to a 284 team score and nine-stroke advantage over Halls and Maryville (293 each) at the Oak Ridge Country Club on Oct. 1. The UT-Martin commit also was low medalist by a two-stroke margin.

"Staying focused and keeping calm were the main things," Harmon said that led him to his best-ever score in high school play. "It was a pretty easy day to be honest. I was able to keep the ball in play and straight a lot."

Bearden's foursome also included Charlie Culbertson's one-under 71, Conner Hall's 74 and Dane Helzer's 75.

New Bearden coach Billie Davis said he was really proud of his team.

"They finally put it all together. They played their best golf today and they deserve it."

"Bryce was on a mission," added Davis. "He loves this course. It sets up well for him. He minimizes his mistakes and he went out there and played his heart out today for us."

Other boys qualifying for state as



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardin Valley's girls golf team will begin play in the TSSAA Division I-AA state tournament Thursday at the Sevierville Golf Club's Highland Course. L-R: Katelyn Seybold, Addisyn Newman, Coach John Williams, Rylee Taylor and Leona Patel.

individuals were Oak Ridge's Jack Bentz (66), HVA's Jake Sheffield (69) and Halls' Evan Caldwell (70), who won a playoff with Maryville's Jack O'Quinn for the final spot.

Freshman standout Addisyn Newman led the young Hardin Valley team to its title with a two-under-par 70. Sophomore Rylee Taylor added a 77, including a birdie on Hole No. 18, for a team total of 147, which was three strokes better than Maryville (150).

"I'm really proud of them," said HVA Coach John Williams. "They've worked hard all year long. These girls put in the work back in the spring and just really exceeded our expectations. They play well together. They've got a lot of grit to them."

"There are a lot of really good girls in this tournament and so it's really just a credit to their hard work to be able to pull it out against some of the best in the area."

Other girls making state were Maryville's Rylie Tucker (70), William Blount's Sophia Gambini (75) and Farragut's Harper Holmes (75).

Newman won a playoff with Tucker

for top individual medalist with her birdie on Hole No. 1. She said she hit a gap wedge with a three-quarter swing 93 yards on her second shot to get within nine feet of the cup.

When asked what the key was to winning the tournament, Addisyn said: "A lot of practice really got me through. I go to fairways three times a day and find out what clubs I need just to perfect my swing."

Trailing Bearden, runner-up Halls and Maryville in the boys' team scoring were Oak Ridge 297, West 307 and Anderson County 326. For the girls, West (155) placed third behind HVA and Maryville, followed by Farragut 156, Halls 156 and Gibbs 160.

Only the team champion and the top three individuals not on the first-place team advance to the state tournament.

Bearden's boys team and Hardin Valley's girls team and Region 2-AA boys and girls individual qualifiers will be among those competing on Thursday and Friday at The Sevierville Golf Club's Highlands Course.

# HVA coach would like to see more teams get a shot at state

By Steve Williams

There's a lot of pressure when just one team from a region can advance to the TSSAA state golf tournament in Division I.

"It sure is and they felt it," said Hardin Valley Coach John Williams after his Lady Hawks earned their first-ever state berth by winning the Region 2-AA tournament last week.

"It's really up for grabs. Any of these girls teams could have won today. They're all so talented. The Halls team, Farragut, Maryville, West and us. There's so much talent and it really comes down to who plays the best on that day."

"I really wish more of these girls could go to state and get to experience it," added Williams. "I think our region has some of the best in the entire state. I'd love to see more than just Hardin Valley there competing for it. But we're happy to get to go."

The HVA coach said he thinks Region 2-AA's second and third place teams could compete at the state level every year.

## HVA freshman has big dreams

Addisyn Newman said she wants to play golf in college and beyond that.

The Hardin Valley ninth grader, who recently won the Region 2-AA tournament title, was asked how old she was when she first hit a golf ball.

"Since I was little, like 1," answered Addisyn.

"I've always been playing golf, but this is my seventh year playing competitive golf."

## New Bearden coach joins the excitement

Billie Davis is in his first season as Bearden's golf coach and excited to be part of the program to be going back-to-back at state.

"I think we've got some good scorers," he said. "We'll be alright."

Davis, a 1994 Karns High graduate, played golf at Karns and was the Beavers' captain three years in a row. He also played in college at Hiwassee.



Powell's Carson Roberson takes a shot in the fairway during the Region 2-AA tournament Oct. 1 at Oak Ridge Country Club. Photo by Steve Williams.

### TSSAA State Golf Schedule

The 2024 TSSAA state golf tournament dates and location:

**Division I-A and Division II-A**

October 7-8 at The Sevierville Golf Club - River Course in Sevierville.

**Division I-AA and Division II-AA**

October 10-11 at The Sevierville Golf Club - Highlands Course in Sevierville.

Spectator tickets are \$12 per day if purchased in advance on GoFan, or \$15 per day if purchased at the gate. Everyone school-age and older must purchase a ticket. Registered school administrators on the TSSAA Portal can get free admission at the team entrance.

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