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Rotary Club of Farragut names Farrell Levy its 2024 Hidden Hero

The Rotary Club of Farragut has selected Farrell Levy as the 2024 recipient of the Hidden Hero Award. The award recognizes unsung heroes in Knox County who go out of their way to help others in need. Levy, a Farragut native and partner in the McDonald, Levy, and Taylor

law firm, is a founder of The Dream Connection, an all-volunteer organization that makes dreams come true for children with serious and life-threatening illnesses. Levy was presented with the award at the Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday at Fox Den Country Club in Farragut.

"This is our way to honor individuals in our community who exemplify the Rotary motto of Service Above Self," said Scott Bertini, president of the Rotary Club of Farragut.

Beth Milam, board president of The Dream Connection, said, "Farrell has been a key leader since we

were formed. Thanks to his involvement, we have provided 1,100 dreams for children in East Tennessee."

The 2024 Hidden Hero Award nomination process was open to the public. The only requirement was that the nominee be from Knox County and the

service rendered be in Knox County. Don Ball nominated Levy for the award. "Farrell was instrumental in the formation of The Dream Connection in 1985 and has been a mentor and guide for a lot of people for forty years," Ball said in his nomination.



Farrell Levy

Amaya and her fan club!



Knoxville Catholic High basketball standout Amaya Redd celebrates her signing with the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles last week. Please see the college signing list of local student-athletes in this week's Sports & Recreation, section C.

City hotel-motel tax may increase to 4%

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In an effort to fund repairs for the city coliseum and other related facilities, the Knoxville City Council voted, on first reading, to up the hotel-motel occupancy tax from 3 to 4 percent.

The idea is to reinvest in the coliseum and that is strongly supported by the Knoxville Ice Bears and the Downtown Alliance. Mayor Indya Kincannon said in the council's regular meeting Tuesday that the coliseum is "beautiful but deteriorating" and

needs some repairs.

The tourism tax was put into place with the idea it would "sunset" with the paying off of the convention center. The average overnight stay inside city lodgings is about \$117 per night and the increase is estimated to bring in about \$2 million new dollars to the city.

The first reading passed unanimously and now goes for a final reading next Tuesday, November 26.

In other action, the council voted to use about \$2.3 million from **Cont. on page 3**

Tipton Station development decision postponed

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Consideration of a large development at 2814 Tipton Station Road has been pulled from the Knox County Commission's November agenda following the cancelation of the public hearing on the issue. The public hearing was originally scheduled for last Tuesday and the development was to be on the agenda for today's regular commission meeting. The hearing and commission discussion will be rescheduled.

The proposed 340-lot residential development is estimated to cost about \$80 million and involves 85.1 acres of the 153-acre property on the former Goddard Farm between Maryville and Martin Mill pikes in South Knoxville. Atlas Powder Company owned the property for decades and could have left hazardous material used to make dynamite.

Many South Knox County residents oppose the development based on safety concerns.

Beaver Creek Dr. rezoning request confuses commission

The rezoning of three lots on Beaver Creek Drive from agricultural to planned residential saw

lots of discussion and a confusing vote during the Knox County Commission's zoning session last week.

Two homeowners along the route were concerned about how a proposed development of five dwelling units per acre might block access to their homes. The planning commission's decision to approve the zoning change saw much discussion and homeowners Ryan Lynch and James O'Neil

also questioned the future water flow there with the additional homes.

Engineering Director Jim Snowden assured the commission that drainage there won't be made worse after the development and that the current property owners will have access to their homes. While one commissioner suggested "reforestation" of the trees there, Commissioner Larsen Jay said he has never heard of that being

required.

Commissioner Rhonda Lee moved to approve the development subject to three conditions: sidewalks, a natural buffer, and replacing 80 percent of the trees removed for development. Specific types of trees were then discussed. That motion apparently passed but Commissioner Angela Russell then suggested a substitute motion to guarantee protection of **Continue on page 4**



Former Ninth District Commissioner Carson Dailey was honored by the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee Wednesday afternoon for his eight years of membership. He's pictured with Brad Anders, executive director of Knox County Emergency Communications District. Each of the member organizations contributed a badge from their group. Photo by Mike Steely.

RAM seeking volunteers for Knoxville

healthcare clinic

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The Four Main Issues That Gave Trump The Victory (Part Two)

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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(Continued from 11/11/24 edition)

In my column last week, I wrote that Donald Trump won the election for four main reasons: the economy, immigration, Kamala Harris and lawfare (using the courts for political purposes). Last week I covered the first two reasons (economy and immigration). Now, on to #3.

3) Kamala Harris: Harris was simply not a good candidate. She probably peaked in the first two weeks after Biden pulled out due to the Democrats' relief at not being stuck with him as their nominee.

Harris tried to run away from all her previous positions on the issues and pretend she was a moderate. But most were not fooled by this. This country, thank goodness, is not a far left nation, and a majority did not want a far left leader.

When socialism has ruined the economies of most nations around the world, and when many millions have come here (and many millions more are on the way, fleeing socialist run governments), the biggest mistake we could make is to elect a socialist as our president. Thankfully, enough people were intelligent enough not to fall for the siren call of socialism in this election.

There were jokes or humorous imitations going around with Harris saying at the end of every question on every issue, "I'm from the middle class." Harris lost the middle-income and working-class vote because the Democrats had become

too elitist. I remember after the 2016 election that even on the Democrat's network, MSNBC, one of the leftist analysts said that the party "needed to learn to be less elitist."

Joe Scarborough said, or at least implied, that Harris lost because of race and gender bias. Well, this country has already twice elected a black man as President.

Even more significantly, this nation has elected more blacks and people of color to high office by far than any other majority-white country and possibly any other country other than a small number of African nations.

This country also does more for blacks and people of color than any other nation, including even the African countries. A very good case can be made that the U.S. is the least racist nation in this world, because there is some racism in every country,

even in majority-black countries.

As for gender bias, it would also be hard to find a nation where more women have been elected to high office than here. We have elected and re-elected many women as governors, senators, representatives, mayors, and other positions of leadership all over this country.

Probably 15 or 20 years ago, I was sitting on the U.S. House floor with Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida. I told him then that I thought women might be in the majority of Congress by the year 2050.

4) Lawfare: A majority of the people simply reacted against the Democrats' use of our courts for blatant political purposes. Using our judicial system to wage political war against Donald Trump really backfired and, ironically, caused many poor and lower-income people to feel sorry for, or at least sympathize with Trump.

People could understand and even respect fighting hard in a clean and fair election. But what they couldn't understand and refused to accept was the Democrats fighting so hard to bankrupt and/or imprison a political opponent. And all the cases against Trump were and are blatantly political, and this is obvious except to the most blindly partisan Democrat.

Then, too, the Democrats' pious and very superior claims to be fighting to save our democracy rang hollow when they came at the same time their party had efforts going on in 30 states to keep Trump off the ballot. Even the liberals on a unanimous Supreme Court ruled that that was going too far.

There were other factors, of course. I thought I might add that the main reason the election was close was because of the bias of the national media. However, that bias has been so

obvious for so many years now, I'm not sure it is still a major factor.

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee sat by me at a dinner several years ago. He told me then that campaigning was the hardest thing he had ever done, but that governing was even harder.

Donald Trump will face tremendous challenges because of our \$35 trillion debt and all the problems we face both here and abroad. But he is the most anti-war president we have had since Eisenhower.

To be a poor loser is a bad thing. To be a poor winner is worse. Now that the election is over, I am hoping for a kinder and gentler Donald Trump. He gave us four years of peace and prosperity in his first four years. I hope and pray that he can do so again in the next four.

Are you now feeling the joy?

I was on a local radio show where the host told the callers that I was black. I corrected him saying that I was "mostly black" having 10 distinct DNA strains.



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On the campaign trail for Harris, Obama (who may not even be mostly black) chided black men: "And you are thinking about sitting out?" he said. "Part of it makes me think — and I'm speaking to men directly — part of it makes me think that, well, you just aren't feeling the idea of having a woman as president, and you're coming up with other alternatives and other reasons for that."

Obama actually said: "aren't feeling the idea of having a woman as president." I'm surprised he

didn't try to feel the idea of being black by rapping the words.

M i c h e l l e Obama joined in the chiding with: "If we don't get this election right, your wife, your daughter, your mother, we as women, will become collateral damage to your rage. So are you as men prepared to look into the eyes of the women and children you love and tell them you supported this assault on our safety?"

I don't know what assault she was referring to. I doubt if it was the assault perpetrated on unborn black babies. Maybe the Obamas should have said, "You should get down on your knees and thank your mothers that they did not decide to abort you like 50 percent

of your unborn brothers."

The lapdog media chimed in saying that black men are sexist if they do not support Harris.

All of this strains credulity. First, Obama doesn't know jack firsthand about black men. He was raised by his white mother in Hawaii, went to Ivy League schools and is a multimillionaire with million-dollar homes. Not exactly the hood. However, he can identify with being raised by a mother without his father around like the majority of black boys today. If anything, black males are the antithesis of sexism. They are raised by women and I believe the long braided hair and earrings are so prevalent among black men because they wish to emulate the most important people in their lives — their mothers and grandmothers. Sexist? Hardly.

Second, Harris like Obama is not of the 'hood and she too may not be "mostly black." She was raised in Canada by her Indian PhD mother. However, like Obama, she was raised without a father in the home. Isn't it ironic that neither black Democrat presidential candidates are African-Americans (although Obama's father is African)? So why should blacks have blind allegiance to Harris simply because she happens not to be white?

Why all this scolding and finger pointing? I thought Harris' was the campaign of joy. Did you feel the joy? I didn't and never did. If any campaign was having fun, it was Trump's. The photo op at McDonald's was brilliant. Harris should have done it right after she claimed to have worked at McDonalds. But her campaign lacked imagination (and joy). Then there was Biden saying that Trump supporters were garbage. Again Trump's reaction was brilliant riding to a rally in a garbage truck

and saying "You can't lead America if you don't love Americans." Do you think Harris, Biden and the left love America and Americans? If so, where are the American flags in their neighborhoods? I have yet to see one when I drive through my old neighborhoods in Atlanta. Yet at the family farm in Gray, it seems like there was one in front of almost every house on our highway (along with a Trump-Vance yard sign).

The next four years will be interesting. I expect that Trump will do what Biden did and erase as much of the past four years with executive orders. Harris said that if elected Trump will go after his enemies. I think he is too smart to do that no matter how much he wants to do it. There has been so much damage done over the past four years that hopefully Trump will go against his nature and be magnanimous to the losers and continue to offer hope to the rest of us. So do you feel the joy? Now the answer is yes.

Knox Ethics Committee selects new chairperson

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The Knox County Ethics Committee met Wednesday morning and reorganized its leadership, choosing Deborah Stafford as the new chairperson. She replaces long-time chairman Michael Covington.

Stafford moved to the chair position and called for nominations for vice chair and the committee chose Bryon Wood.

The board has reviewed no complaints against elected officials since the Knox County Law Department took over reviewing cases. The board recognized Commissioner Damon Rawls who sits in a non-voting role. The newest member, Michael Bittel, was not present at the meeting.

Other voting members include Kathryn Ogrod, Rusty Goddard, Carletta Rando-Smelcer, Steven Goodpaster, Krystal Gibson and Marcus Hilliard.

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Publisher's Position

Trump Cabinet Selections Going Very Well



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President-elect Donald Trump is beginning to name those he intends to nominate for places in his second administration and the difference is already apparent. Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, has been named to serve as America's ambassador to Israel, a masterstroke of an appointment. Considering what is going on in the Middle East currently and the rise of anti-semitism around the world, it is of more vital importance than ever. Trump has sent a signal to our ally Israel that he recognizes the importance of the post by naming someone who stands high in GOP councils as America's ambassador to Israel.

Trump has leaned heavily upon his adopted state of Florida to staff his Cabinet and other posts in his administration. Marco Rubio has established himself as an outstanding member of the United States Senate and should make an outstanding secretary of state.

The big surprise as this is written is Trump's choice of Congressman Matt Gaetz to serve as attorney general of the United States. That has already caused some liberal and leftist heads to explode. There is very good reason to believe several departments of the U.S. government need an overhaul and the Justice Department is one of them. The only people who seem unable to admit the Department of Justice has been weaponized against Trump, his supporters and every day working Americans are universally on the far left of the political spectrum and usually in the terminal stages of Trump Derangement Syndrome. The Justice Department has moved into the realm of politics, where it was never supposed to be, and has become a cesspool of partisan politics and is in desperate need of reform.

So, too, have the FBI and the CIA demonstrated they are in need of a good look if not a big overhaul. The news of the spy in the CIA turning over or selling secrets to Iran is both disgusting and disturbing. John Ratcliffe, a former congressman and very able lawyer, will helm the CIA and former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard will serve as director of national intelligence in Trump's new administration. Both are excellent choices.

Another Trump pick that has caused much of the mainstream media and professional leftists to poop itself is the president-elect nominating Pete Hegseth to serve as the secretary of defense. Hegseth is a real American patriot who symbolizes strength, which is more important in today's world, especially in the face of predatory enemies like China and Russia doing all it can to weaken our country. Hegseth understands the armed forces and is a remarkable choice inasmuch as he is young enough to be in touch with the feelings of many of those currently serving our country. A 44-year-old father of four, Hegseth is a warrior himself and continues to serve in

the reserve. Pete Hegseth also is a graduate of Princeton and has a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Hegseth is another outside the box choice that will shake up Washington and the usual way of doing business.

Trump has called on two other members of the U.S. House of Representatives to serve in his administration so far. Elise Stefanik will make a great ambassador to the United Nations and be a strong voice for America there. Michael Waltz, another Florida congressman, will have a new role as Trump's national security advisor.

Trump also sent a message with Tom Homan to serve as his border czar in his second administration. Homan knows the southern border quite well and should serve admirably.

President-elect Trump has nominated Robert Kennedy Jr. to run the Department of Health and Human Services. Once again, it is a pick that will help to shake up a department in need of shaking up.

And even before taking office Trump has once again

shaken things up with a new Department of Government Efficiency headed by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy. This would be the first serious attempt to rein in reckless spending in years. We're long past the time we should be spending the taxpayers' money and have nothing to show for it as has been the case with the seven charging stations and no cable hookups during the current administration.

Even a moron could see there are some serious things wrong inside our federal government currently. The admission by the FEMA supervisor in North Carolina that those homes with Trump signs or banners be skipped during the relief effort following Hurricane Helene is obscene. Maybe that's why so many Trump Derangement Syndrome sufferers think that's what's in store for them, because they see it being done to those who disagree with them.

Donald Trump didn't do that during his first term and he won't do it during his second term.

What President-elect Trump has done so far with his choices for various offices is to show the American

people that he understands the need to reevaluate, realign and rework some agencies of the federal government. Trump has indicated he is open to saving money and streamlining the federal government. Continually spending more and more will bankrupt Social Security even sooner and we need to live within our means as a country. Simply taxing more and more to provide services and "free" stuff to those who won't work shouldn't be an option.

America is the greatest country on the face of God's earth. No other country in the history of mankind has done so much for so many, nor has any country done so much for other countries. There has been a concerted effort by the Left to dismantle, belittle, and demonize our country. They want a socialistic globalist society. Their hatred of the slogan "Make America Great Again" speaks volumes for wanting our country to be great in every respect should offend exactly no one.

When a Nation Lets God Die

Whether it is a seedling that takes time to grow into a mighty tree, a book that goes through multiple drafts before it can be read, or an idea that requires tireless effort for a new business to succeed, concepts often require time and patience before a desired result can be seen. Unfortunately, not everything that requires time and patience is a positive or constructive thing. Some things that are built or contrived over time are destructive such as a tumor, an engine problem, or an aging foundation. Sometimes, in the theological and spiritual realm, some epochs and agendas start way before we begin to see or feel the results of them.

It is my conviction that many of the cultural battles that we are facing in America today began in the mid-1800s. Things that started to be taught under the banner of intellectualism have paved the way for the modernism and the secularism that we are now dealing with in our nation. Philosophies and agendas that were produced and promoted 100 to 150 years ago are now often the



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headlines on our mainstream media.

Satan systematically used philosophers, scientists, neurologists and theorists to entertain the mind and flesh of men while methodically attempting to eradicate any concepts or ideas of God. In essence, it became one time period amongst many others in which the prophecy of Psalm 2 became a visual reality. The heathens began to rage, and the people imagined a vain thing. Nations of people became more prone to believe the words and philosophies of mere mortal men than to take confidence in the Words of the living God.

In the mid-1800s Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels co-wrote a pamphlet called "The Communist Manifesto," which pushed for the state to eliminate so-called "oppression" by seizing and managing people's property and assets. Behind the scenes, it was an all-out attack on God as being authoritative.

In 1859, Charles Darwin wrote "On the Origin of Species," where he marketed that life began in a warm pond and eventually

worked through monkeys, and the end result was what we call humanity. A clear attack on God as divine Creator.

Then in the early 1900s, Sigmund Freud developed a twisted 'pleasure principle' that brought a new level of sexual perversion and advocated for people to gratify all of their impulses and urges with no respect or governance towards what God had said. Freud was a pioneer in condemning God as a lawgiver.

What happened in the mid-1800s to the early part of the 1900s was an assault on God. A nation that spent the better part of 125 years placing their hope on Christian Judeo principles from the pages of God's Word suddenly felt as if they were now enlightened. Along with the Industrial Revolution and human ingenuity, men began to think that God may no longer be necessary, and they found their own way. The results of those men and their attacks on God the divine Creator, lawgiver and ultimate ruler are what we are being consumed with in 2024.

Understand that when God doesn't exist, anything and everything is permissible. With no moral authority, humanity can live as it pleases with no

convictions as to its behavior and no consequences to its actions. When God is dead in the minds of nations and individuals, we are left with secular, irreligious, unbelieving, godless and unrepentant societies left to do whatever they please. I agree with the words of the late Charles Colson: "God is not dead because He doesn't exist, but because we live, play, procreate, and die as though He doesn't."

Again, when God doesn't exist, anything and everything sexually, morally and ethically is permitted and allowed by both people and governments. We are now living in the reality of shadows that were cast decades ago.

In today's world, secularism and modernism reign supreme. Their influence permeates every aspect of society. Truth is distorted, morality is relative, the sacred institutions of family and marriage are redefined, and the most vulnerable, the unborn, the oppressed and the marginalized are silenced. The noise of relativism, materialism and humanism drowns out the whispers of faith, leaving many to wonder if God has abandoned the battlefield. It's tempting to believe that the forces of darkness have won the day and the war is all but

lost. However, scripture assures us that darkness will not prevail. A day is coming when God will unleash His righteous judgment, and Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, will return and the forces of evil will tremble.

The second part of Psalm 2 says that our God just laughs at the current epochs and movements of our day.

My encouragement in the face of seeming defeat is to stand firm. Hold fast to the truth, though it seems unpopular. Proclaim the gospel, though it's met with resistance, and love boldly, though the world despises it. For when the dust settles and the war is over, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:11)

Satan cannot erase a single line of God's promises. Skeptics will never eradicate one bit of God's plans, and cynics will never eliminate any of God's purposes. They cannot and will not ever kill God or let Him die. Let the world have its day, because we who walk by faith know the end of the story, and in the end, Jesus wins!

City hotel-motel tax may increase

Continued from page 1 the federal American Rescue Plan Act, coronavirus state and local recovery funds for buying and developing affordable housing. The idea is to purchase two downtown commercial properties and build affordable housing units with rents based on income and assisted with vouchers. Described as a "sizable development," the effort would add to the mix of downtown housing. Councilman Andrew Roberto said he was "enthusiastic about using these funds for this purpose." He also urged private developers to look to the city for funding of similar projects.

Postponed until the next meeting was a request from Habitat for Humanity to change the zoning of 4325 Pinehurst Drive from civic and institutional to medium-density residential. The

property includes an abandoned church and parking lot.

Bill Terry of Habitat said the project would include the construction of 12 double units, or 24 owner-occupied housing units. He also said the church building will be sold to a pastor who wants to operate it.

The council also heard from neighbors who are concerned about traffic issues and said that Habitat has had little contact with them about plans for the property although Habitat may have mailed letters 10 days prior to the initial planning commission meeting on the matter.

Council members Roberto, Lauren Rider, Charles Thomas and Debbie Helsley discussed getting the two parties together with Rider speaking of her concern about the road width in and out of Pinehurst Drive.

Rider, in making a motion to postpone for two weeks, said she would help set up a neighborhood meeting with Habitat.

The council voted to allot \$1.4 million for a housing development in Inskip. Developer John Huber spoke for Hopeful Housing and said the project will provide 48 affordable housing units, 60% of which would be for low-income residents. He estimated completion in late 2026.

A request from Cherokee County Club to rezone 5331 Lyons View from residential to open space was postponed for two weeks. A request to change 0 Lifespring Lane from office to neighborhood commercial was also postponed for two weeks as was a rezoning request for property at 4720 West Martin Mill Pike to change from RN-1 to RN-2.



Round Up Restaurant Receives Award

Sam Tobe, the owner of Round Up Restaurant and Ice Cream in Knoxville, was presented with the 2024 "Best of the Best" award by Brooke Widener of Best In Town Network, a North Carolina-based national restaurant research firm. Accepting the award, Tobe said, "We have built a loyal customer following since opening at this same location in 1972. We are open 7 days per week and serve an average of over 9,000 monthly patrons. It is humbling and an honor to have received so many awards over the years and to have so much support from our customers and the local community."

Protecting children, federal funding on commission agenda

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When the Knox County Commission meets today it may discuss some controversial proposals offered by two members. During the agenda review meeting last week, Commissioners Rhonda Lee and Andy Fox made proposals dealing with protecting children from "Sexualized conduct and materials" and abiding by state laws rather than federal requirements.

Lee's "Protection of Children" proposal failed last year and she has changed the wording and placed it back on the agenda with the idea of ending any local taxpayer revenue that is given to organizations that she sees as having sexual orientation, such as drag show or gay pride parades.

"We cannot regulate morality but we can control where our taxpayer dollars go," she told the agenda meeting, mentioning the Tennessee Theater and Ijams Nature Center. She contends the county funds can go to other needed projects.

Commissioner Courtney Durrett and other members countered Lee's contention that any local taxpayer funds go to sexually explicit events. Durrett asked if the resolution would pull funding from libraries or sex education in schools. Lee said it would not. Durrett said that county funds have never gone to any program that has sexually explicit events that involved children.



Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell addressed the commission's finance meeting last week, noting the county is in good shape now but warned of very large balloon payments coming up in the future to repay bonds issued. He said the county's surplus funds will weaken and, in future years, "We won't have the surplus we normally have."

Fox sided with Lee on the matter but Commissioner Larsen Jay questioned if Lee's proposal would end funding to theaters that show violent or sexy movies. Lee said that would be on a "case by case" basis. Fox said that court decisions refer to "community standards" and added, "We are the proper body" to make such decisions.

Commissioner Adam Thompson said Lee's proposal is "a little too broad for me" and Commissioner Terry Hill said she understood the intent but added, "I do not feel this resolution is the way." Lee was asked who would enforce the ordinance and she replied, "The community as a whole."

Commissioner Jay asked if the county helps fund any events for children that would break state law. Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers replied, "No, not that I know of." Law Director David Buuck said that if such a violation took place, the district attorney general could get an immediate

restraining order.

Chairwoman Gina Oster noted that the City of Knoxville urged Visit Knoxville to donate \$1,000 to the Gay Pride Parade and that Ijams Nature Center canceled a planned drag show after complaints were made. She also explained the library policy regarding age-appropriate material. She said that parents have a responsibility for their children that the government does not have.

"We're not funding any drag shows," she said, adding, "There's lots of emotion and misinformation out there."

The resolution saw some expected comments during the agenda review meeting and remains on the agenda for today's regular session.

Fox asked that three items be pulled from the agenda and discussed tonight, all resolutions concerning county uses of federal funds.

"The federal government borrows money to give us grants," he said, adding, "We don't have to be taking money that it borrows."

Commissioner Terry Hill wondered where several programs would get funds if federal grants were not accepted. Commissioner Damon Rawls asked what the county would do about housing without Housing and Urban Development funds. Fox replied, "Explore private sources."

"Government is not always the answer," Fox said.

Fox replied that "many people choose homelessness" and said that some homeless make a choice and that funding can be "enabling."

Fox said that accepting federal grant money "needs to be discussed."

In other actions for today's meeting, the commission's agenda has funding of the Homeless Bound Program, low-income housing, supporting "Operation Green Light" for veterans, honoring the late Officer Tucker Blakely with a monument and bridge name in Powell, and accepting 24 subdivision streets into the county maintenance program.

Tipton Station development decision postponed

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Jay said the issue was getting confused. Chair Gina Oster said neither she nor the clerk heard a vote to approve. Lee then moved to defer the vote for thirty days. Jay then introduced a motion to approve the zoning change subject to two conditions, sidewalks and a buffer, and Jay's motion passed in a 6-5 vote.

Voting for the change were Commissioners Jay, Oster, Damon Rawls, Courtney Durrett, Shane Jackson and Terry Hill. Opposing approval were Commissioners Lee, Angela Russell, Adam Thompson, Andy Fox and Kim Frazier.

The November zoning session was held in the small assembly room of the City-County Building on Tuesday because of Veterans Day and the city council meeting in the main room next door. The busy session saw several requests for changing zonings approved and one denied. Several requests were postponed until next month.

A request to change two acres at 10641 High Meadow Drive from planned residential to office was quickly denied on a motion by Oster, who said the request required

access through the neighborhood there.

The county commission voted to approve four units per acre on Grospoint Drive, three per acre on Snyder Road, 4.4 units per acre along Campbell Station and Campbell Park Lane, and a change from agricultural to OB (office) for a property on Asheville Highway.

Property on Nichols Road was approved for low-density residential, a West Governor John Sevier Highway lot was approved for general residential, and four lots on Thurman Lane went from low-density to planned residential with up to six units per acre. A property on East Hendron Chapel Road was approved as Planned Residential for up to two units per acre.

Deferred for future action was a Babely Road lot owner's request for up to five units per acre, two requests from Jim Snowden for street name changes along Ball Road, a Benjamin Mullins request for changes along Byington Beaver Ridge Road and Karns Valley Drive, and a request from Taylor Forrester to remove the previously approved zoning on Ball Camp Pike.

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American Revolutions

DEI is DOA
Greg Gutfield

After my pseudo scientific poll predicting President Trump's victory (November 4, 2024), I am officially retiring from my pseudo career as a pollster. There will be no taunting like football players or braggadocio, just relief that President Trump was reelected. However, I suspect a lot of traditional, JFK Democrats are also silently relieved.

And yet the election continues after almost two weeks because so-called "election officials" in states like Arizona and California apparently have trouble with 123s and ABCs. Neither Florida, Tennessee or France have trouble running elections or counting votes. Actually, Tennessee was again recognized as having the best and most secure election system in the country. Trump plans to decentralize government agencies like Homeland Security and move them to the border. Perhaps the

Department of Education should be moved to counties and states who can't count.

I am a stickler for definitions, and any post-election analysis must define terms. Once, the perspectives of traditional Democrats and Republicans were similar. Both stood for national borders and legal immigration, strong national defense, capitalism, and Constitutional rule of law with equal opportunity rather than mandated equity of outcomes, and both stood for law and order. Republicans once believed the best way to protect the people and achieve prosperity was through smaller government, less regulation and lower taxes. However, in recent decades many Washington Republicans have become more like their counterparts in the Democrat Party who favor bigger government, more regulation and higher taxes.

The recent election was

a landslide for President Trump and Republicans. Americans had finally had enough of the disastrous Democrat policies. But there are even larger seismic shifts.

The Republican GOP (Grand Ole Party), once the party of Abraham Lincoln, is now the MAGA party of Donald Trump who espouses conservative values of individual freedom, religious tolerance, and even "the right to be left alone" (Don Surber). The American people rejected open borders, mismanagement of the economy and being ruled by unelected Washington deep state bureaucrats. Unfortunately, many Republicans lost their way in Washington and succumbed to the siren's song of ever bigger and more powerful government. Some remain in the GOP, but their power is waning.

The autopsy of the Democrat Party's defeat continues, but after all the finger-pointing is done, the radicals will be purged because it was the policies of progressives, democratic socialists and leftists in the Democrat Party that led to sweeping defeat.

The modern Democrat party is not the party of JFK or even FDR. It has been taken over by AOC Progressives who espouse the utopian living wage, universal (government) healthcare, income redistribution, BIG government,

no limits on abortion, and LGBT+ activism, including biological men in women's sports and locker rooms as well as sex changes for children with gender dysphoria. Americans were especially repelled by the latter.

Admittedly, I am opposed to progressive policies, but the policies of leftist and Democrat socialists are far worse. Leftists hate America, are anti-capitalist, want open borders, are woke and espouse neo-Marxist class and racial warfare in everything. Think NeoMarxist Antifa and BLM, and the rants of MSNBC's Joy Reid.

In their pursuit of power, rather than what was best for the country, the old guard, like Pelosi and Schumer, thought they could use and control the young radicals. They were wrong. To appeal to sane American voters, the Democrats must purge radical leftists and progressive policies, abandon the ridiculous CRT (critical race theory) and DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) must die.

There are other losers in this American Revolution. The alphabet, legacy media (ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, NPR, NYT, Wash. Post, etc.) were shown to be liars and were the actual purveyors of misinformation and disinformation which they accused others of doing. MSNBC has lost 50% viewership which translates to billions

of dollars of lost advertising revenue. Chris Wallace is leaving CNN and others will lose their jobs.

And on it goes. Democrats trotted out celebrities to stump for Kamala. Oprah's production company was paid a million dollars for a town hall with Kamala. Beyoncé and others were paid unknown amounts for their endorsements/performances. Kamala's campaign raised a billion dollars and ended up 20 million dollars in debt. What amazes me is why anyone would be so vacuous to follow the recommendation of an actor. I might admire the artistry of portraying a character, but I would not be confused by an actor's facade of reality.

The political revolution in America is obvious. But there is also a technological revolution driven by AI (artificial intelligence). Some years ago, it became possible to manipulate visual imagery to the point that courts began to question what is true or admissible. Now, AI is pushing the envelope of reality even further. I have not used AI to produce my essays, but a professor friend of mine is challenged to police his graduate students who are tempted to use AI for content rather than grammar - fortunately I have Becky as my editress to police my grammar.

Recently, I came across the Gell-Mann Amnesia Effect in an article by L.

Wayne Mathison. The author Michael Crichton came up with the concept and named it after his physicist friend Murray Gell-Mann who developed theories of sub-atomic particle physics, a subject which fascinates me. Relativity, I'm not going to detour into the strange realm of quarks upon which the universe is constructed and makes our devices and AI work.

Crichton described "the tendency of individuals to doubt news stories about subjects within their field of expertise yet readily accept the veracity of articles on topics outside their expertise." I can critique science and medical subjects, but I would defer to Dr. Harold Black on economic issues. Since there are few polymaths, we must depend on others to honestly report the truth. And since the media have been proven deceitful, they are finished without a mea culpa but don't hold your breath.

As a kid, I remember being warned that I should straighten up because Daddy is coming home. Similarly, the unelected deep state bureaucrats who aren't culled by efficiency czars Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy need to wise up and accede to the electoral mandate of We The People: Trump Daddy is coming home.

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Neighbor upset about lack of safety on Highland Drive

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An Inskip resident is frustrated with fruitless attempts to get sidewalks installed, slow down traffic and get some city help with police enforcement on Highland Drive.

"Highland is almost exclusively a residential road and there is only one church the length of Highland and yet there is no indication that drivers need to be careful other than the very few 30 mph signs," the resident wrote to Christy Branscom, COO of the City, a few years

ago. A stop sign was put up as well as a flashing sign that most drivers ignore according to the resident, who declined to publically release their name.

For years, homeowners along Highland and the adjoining streets have been trying to slow traffic down and create a safer street. Highland Drive runs between Rowan Road and Broadway and falls into City Council District 5 and borders District 4 where it ends on North Broadway. Council members Charles Thomas and Lauren Rider represent the two districts respectively.

The resident's complaints include the dangers to pedestrians from the hills blocking the visibility of drivers and the deep ditches along the street making it hard to safely walk beside the street. They are also worried about safety along the road for the school and city bus routes there and don't think there are enough police patrols.

The Focus contacted neighborhood leaders and city officials about safety along the busy connector street.

"Only the portion of Highland from Rowan to Inskip is in the Inskip

area. Across Inskip it's Fountain City to Broadway," said Betty Mahan, past president of the Inskip Neighborhood Association.

"Highland is like all of our streets, busy and people in a hurry. We would have to slow people down to slow vehicles," Mahan said.

"As a result of our complaints, one stop sign was installed at Jenkins, halfway down Highland. I wish that had helped but it has not," the Highland resident told The Focus, adding that drivers blast by the all-way flashing stop sign and speed bumps along the

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Highland Drive in Inskip and Fountain City runs through a beautiful neighborhood but the street constantly sees some traffic safety issues and there are no sidewalks or separate bike lanes. What's the solution?



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Sharing Now With The Future

This column is an exercise for every individual who reads it. No, it's not homework or a test. It is, however, an activity that each person will find worthwhile. So, sit back, relax,



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when they do it. The next items to include are scars, marks, tattoos, or things in that area. Tell how, why, when those things came into existence.

Next, write down the philosophies of those family members. Don't say you don't know, because you most certainly do. What are their political, religious and social ideas? What specifically is most important to them and how do they prove it? What do they most dislike? What habits do they have that annoy or delight others?

Write out short biographies for each person. Include their family members, where they lived, and any stories about their lives that you especially like. In this section, favorite sayings, words, and facial expressions can be included. Important in these descriptions is the special way that those utterances are said. Does he speak with a nasal

tone? Does she sound like a Valley Girl from the 80s? Does the individual have a quick temper or is he slow to anger?

Anything else you can write about that person that makes him remarkable or easily identifiable can be added. These writings are yours; no one cares if a word is misspelled or a comma is omitted. The key is to give enough information so that strangers could pick out of a crowd the person about whom you've written.

For those who begin this exercise, surprises are on the way. Long forgotten things about these loved ones will resurface, and the author will meet them with a smile or tear. What all of us need to realize is that our families are precious folks who won't be here forever. When they have passed, our minds will think of hundreds of things that we wish we could have them answer or explain.

This same exercise can be used to write about folks outside of families. I have two best friends on whom I could write long stories. They would include all of the information above, as well as short anecdotes about our adventures together.

When a person feels comfortable, he can write his own story. That task is a bit more difficult and uncomfortable. The truth is often tough to share. However, it demands that we reveal ourselves, "warts and all."

Many folks will wonder why their time should be spent on such an activity. If they have lost loved ones or good friends, the answer will be evident. Our memories fade, and facts sometimes blur. Taking time in the present to write the truth you see about people important to you will have rewards in the years to come. Looked at in a different way, our writings can serve as more vivid family histories that are much more exciting than a simple listing of long-passed relatives. Just imagine how excited future generations would be to read intimate details of their descendants.

The next time the television offers no programs worth watching, start your writing. Again, don't be concerned that your work might not be perfect. Just make sure it's on paper or saved on your computer so that it becomes a valuable set of documents in years to come.

Pushing Back on Aggressive Debt Collectors



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If you find yourself in a situation where you have racked up more debt than you can pay you may start receiving mail and phone calls from debt collectors. These calls are not only stressful, but they can be downright annoying and harassing in nature.

There are some things you can actually do to push back on debt collectors. Most debt collections laws are federal laws and are found in the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Here are some helpful things you can do or say to the debt collector that you may not have known:

You are allowed to record the phone call you have with the debt collector.

You can revoke your consent to have them contact you any further and tell them they are only allowed to send you written correspondence.

You can demand that they validate the debt and prove that you are legally obligated to pay them.

You can demand to be provided the purchase agreement related to the debt to confirm that they are not trying to collect after the statute of limitations has expired.

You can demand that

they provide the original written agreement with your signature on it showing that you agreed to pay them.

You can demand a copy of the last billing statement from the original creditor.

You can demand proof that the entity contacting you has their collection agency license in the state of Tennessee.

My guess is that most entities that contact you will not be able to provide you with much of these items. That is why it is incredibly important that you record phone calls with debt collectors so you have proof that you demanded they provide these various things.

Again, under federal law, you are entitled to request these things, and if the debt collector cannot provide them, you may be able to avoid paying this particular debt.

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The Last of the Gray Wolves

James Bowler

Pages from the Past



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I would be shocked if a single reader of this column, which draws some of the best-informed people on political history in many instances, has heard of James B. Bowler before. Yet he is notable for a few reasons, one of which is being one of the oldest freshmen to take his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. James Bowler was 78 years old when he first took the oath of office to succeed Adolph Sabath as the congressman from Illinois' Seventh Congressional District. Bowler had been a prominent figure in Chicago's oftentimes vicious politics for more than half a century, serving on the Chicago Board of Aldermen for 42 years. James Bowler was the last of the pack of "Gray Wolves," which had run Chicago once upon a time. Bowler became known as the "Silver Fox" of Chicago politics.

The most powerful members of the Chicago city machine were a colorful lot known by journalists of the day as the "Gray Wolves," due to their age, experience and years of service. Most of them had colorful nicknames to go along with their political profiles. John Powers was known to both reporters and his constituents as "Johnny De Pow," while John Coughlin was known as "Bathhouse John Coughlin," and Michael Kenna was known as "Hinky Dink Kenna."

For over 45 years, Adolph Sabath had been the congressman from the heart of Chicago. The title of "Dean of the House" is reserved for its longest-serving member and Sabath won that designation on April 1, 1934, and held it for 18 years until he died on November 6, 1952. Chicago was ruled by a potent political machine and the machine rewarded those who had served it loyally by kicking some members upstairs and sending them to Congress. The machine considered the real power to be centered in city hall but occasionally the organization needed something from Washington, D.C.

James Bowler had been one of the more successful politicians and had been around for so long that he predated the ruling machine. Chicago's political organization had enjoyed several permutations and iterations. Bowler had been elected a Chicago City Alderman in 1906, the same year Adolph Sabath won a seat in the House of Representatives. For a member of Chicago's oftentimes distinctly odious political machine, Bowler had a very unusual background, having been a professional bicycle "endurance rider and racer." Yet Bowler was also known as a fellow with

a lot of friends and, even more importantly, no political enemies. Bowler's rise in politics began when he was selected by John Powers to become the 19th Ward's second Alderman. Bowler remained personally loyal to his benefactor and apparently had some integrity as he was the author of the ordinance which increased the number of wards from thirty to fifty, but also each ward was to be represented by only one Alderman. Bowler voluntarily gave up his seat so that John Powers could remain in office. Bowler was named to the newly created job of Chicago Commissioner of Compensation. When Johnny De Pow died, James Bowler was elected to replace him. Bowler resigned his seat on the board of aldermen in 1934 in order to become Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the administration of Mayor Edward J. Kelly. Bowler decided he preferred being a member of the board of aldermen and was reelected in 1935.

Bowler also became affluent, owning a successful insurance business. The alderman was also very interested in horse racing and when his colleague Bathhouse John Coughlin died, Bowler bought Coughlin's insurance agency and his stable of racehorses. When Mayor Anton Cermak was hit and mortally wounded by a bullet intended for President-elect Franklin Roosevelt in Miami in 1933, he had just left Jim Bowler at the horse races in Bayfront Park.

Chicago's bloody history is usually associated with Al Capone, prohibition and organized crime, but it was also a byproduct of politics. Chicago endured what became known as the "Aldermen's Wars," which had been ignited by hard-fought political contests for seats on Chicago's Board of Alderman. Most specifically, it began when Anthony D'Andrea ran against James Bowler for alderman in 1916. The campaign and election were markedly noted for its violence, which sparked the Aldermen's Wars. It lasted for five years.

When Bowler died, TIME magazine recalled the alderman had recruited his "own rifle-equipped 'army' to hold out against gangster attempts to invade and take over his ward." TIME also noted Bowler had "shared power all through the boodle days with 'Hinky Dink' Kenna and his close friend 'Bathhouse John' Coughlin ..."

The Aldermen's Wars saw 30 people killed over the five bloody years it lasted. Anthony D'Andrea was an unsavory character, to say



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Speaker of the House Joe Martin (left) swears in newly elected congressman James Bowler of Chicago, Illinois, July 13, 1953.

the least, a former priest who had been excommunicated, which had to shock the thousands of good Catholics inside the district, and a convicted counterfeiter. The Chicago Tribune reported Antonio D'Andrea had been "a power in the old 'red light' district," which of course was the area where prostitution thrived and was an operation of organized crime. D'Andrea had ties to organized crime and newspapers of the time believed D'Andrea's candidacy was an attempt by local crime lords to take over James Bowler's ward. Anthony D'Andrea, despite his background, was popular with his fellow Italian-Americans, as well as organized labor.

Frank Lombardi, an associate and supporter of Alderman John Powers, was shot and killed in a Chicago saloon by Samuzzo Amatuna, who was only 17 years old at the time. Both the machine adherents of Johnny De Pow and Jim Bowler armed themselves along with the supporters of Anthony D'Andrea.

Perhaps the most ominous and lurid feature of the Aldermen's Wars was a tree located at 725 S Loomis Street. This particular tree had a name carved on it. Later, that person was found murdered. Another name was carved into the tree and another. It wasn't long before Chicago's enterprising reporters and locals began referring to the tree as "Dead Man's Tree." The machine was able to repulse the repeated and determined efforts of Anthony D'Andrea to win a seat on the board of alderman and take over control of the ward run by Johnny De Pow and Jim Bowler. Three times D'Andrea ran for alderman; 1916, 1919 and 1921. The warfare included twice bombing the home of Alderman John Powers. Another bombing, likely in retaliation, took place at a political rally for Anthony D'Andrea, with half a dozen supporters being injured. There were also additional bombings, which included another private home of a D'Andrea supporter and the campaign headquarters for D'Andrea

as well. Paul Labriola, a bailiff in Chicago's Municipal Court and patronage employee of Alderman John Powers, had been pressured to join many of his fellow Italian-Americans in supporting Anthony D'Andrea. Labriola refused, which earned him the enmity of several D'Andrea backers. Labriola was gunned down and murdered; Labriola's murder was quite reminiscent of that of Harry Raymond (Raimondi), another Powers supporter, which occurred on the same day. Almost immediately Powers offered a \$5,000 reward for information on the triggermen. The powerful alderman was highly conspicuous at Paul Labriola's elaborate funeral. When the elderly alderman gazed into the open casket and viewed Labriola's body, he burst into tears. "I can't help it, friends," Powers explained, wailing, "He died for me."

D'Andrea lost each of his election bids and following his loss in the 1921 campaign, he announced he was done with politics. Described by the Chicago Dispatch as the "political dictator" of his ward, Anthony D'Andrea's announcement that he was through with politics availed him little in the end. As D'Andrea was leaving his home, a passing car fired at the boss, fatally wounding him. The weapon which killed D'Andrea was a shotgun and near the gun, which had been discarded, was a battered hat. Inside the headband of the hat was a folded \$20 bill and a note, which said "for flowers."

In death, D'Andrea was denied the rites of his church, although two of his brothers were priests. The family had intended to bury Anthony D'Andrea in Mount Olivet Cemetery, but the archbishop of Chicago forbade it. The only explanation was a terse statement from an underling that D'Andrea had not lived as a Catholic and would not be buried as one. As he lay dying, Anthony D'Andrea sought to rejoin the Catholic Church and "was given the sacraments of penance, holy communion and extreme unction

... " D'Andrea's funeral was held on the street near his home. It was reputed to be "the largest and most expensive funeral ever given any Italian" in the City of Chicago until that time.

The Aldermen's Wars was not quite over with the death of Anthony D'Andrea. Two supporters of D'Andrea vowing vengeance for their leader's murder were killed shortly after saying they would get revenge. That ended the Aldermen's Wars. Had not Powers and Bowler used the same tactics employed by those seeking to take over their ward, they would have been routed.

Adolph Sabath's death came as no surprise to anyone as he had been suffering from pancreatic cancer for some time. When Sabath died, Jim Bowler told friends he would like to cap off his political career by serving in the House of Representatives. Being a loyal member of Chicago's city machine, Bowler had always supported Sabath and had never tried to challenge him to go to Congress. When Sabath had a dispute with Alderman Joseph Ropa, an effort was made to eliminate Sabath's seat in redistricting. It was Jim Bowler who had saved Sabath's seat in the House.

Any thought of opposition to Bowler's candidacy for Congress was swept away when the eight ward leaders comprising the congressional district all endorsed the alderman to succeed Adolph Sabath. Although he was virtually assured of winning the special election called for July, Bowler said he did not intend to resign his seat on Chicago's Board of Aldermen "until I get the certificate of election July 7." Bowler held the important post of chairman of the Rules Committee, which then engaged in mapping out the redistricting of the aldermanic wards.

Just about every municipality and locality has its own self-appointed and self-designated "good government" group and Chicago was no different. A committee of citizens had proposed Miss Jessie Binford, a 76-year-old who had just retired after 36 years

as the executive director of the Juvenile Protective Association. The committee wanted Miss Binford's candidacy to be considered by the Democratic ward committeemen who had already endorsed Jim Bowler. William Jones, a member of the committee of citizens who believed she should be elected, said Miss Binford would "bring prestige locally and nationally" to the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois. No one who knew anything about politics could have been surprised when the committee ignored the demand.

During his four years in the House of Representatives, James Bowler quietly tended to his duties and pushed for projects and improvements and federal dollars for Chicago.

Congressman James Bowler was seriously ailing by his 1956 reelection to the House of Representatives. Bowler easily dispatched his Republican opponent by a 3-1 majority but his health continued to fail following a heart attack. Also suffering from nephritis and severe arthritis, Bowler remained confined to his comfortable six-bedroom home on California Street. When Congress convened for its new session on January 3, 1957, Congressman Bowler remained in Chicago. The congressman was too ill to go to Washington and never came back to the House of Representatives.

James Bowler died on July 18, 1957, and his passing was immediately lamented by Mayor Richard J. Daley, who had consolidated the power of the Chicago machine into his own hands. Bowler, while never influential in the House of Representatives, was at least a distinguished successor to Adolph Sabath. The machine was not as selective in the special election to choose a successor to Congressman Bowler. The Daley machine settled on a criminal defense attorney who served in the Illinois State Senate and had been associated with Al Capone during his heyday.

Neighbor upset about lack of safety on Highland

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route were not considered because of the bus routes. Carlene Malone of Fountain City Town Hall said, "I have not heard anything about traffic issues on Highland. Grant Rosenberg and two representatives from City Engineering provided a program at FCTH's Oct. 14, 2024 meeting. I don't recall Highland Dr. being mentioned by staff or audience."

While District 4 Councilwoman Rider pointed out that she does not represent Highland Drive residents, she did respond, "People want peace and quality of life in their neighborhoods. They want to feel safe getting their mail and playing in their yards. It's unfortunate that people speed in other people's neighborhoods. We are trying to address this with education, speed warning signs with radar, and speed humps."

"Speeding has been a problem on Highland Drive and we placed a speed indicator sign there and added a stop sign at one of the intersections. I was hoping that would help, but I will talk to Engineering to see if they have other suggestions," replied Councilman Thomas.

"We have excessive speeding across the city. Our Vision Zero strategies will help, but it's a challenge to be sure," Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon

told The Focus. At-large councilmembers were asked about safety along the street and Councilwoman Amelia Parker responded, "While the city's budget does not contain money for new sidewalks this year, the city's Vision Zero coordinator seems anxious to work with neighborhoods on some innovative, cost-effective solutions and could be a viable next step for neighborhood leaders seeking solutions."

Some of the city officials contacted by The Focus did not respond during a three-week inquiry.

Transportation Engineering Chief responds to Highland Drive traffic safety

Knoxville Transportation Engineering Chief Karen J. McKeehan responded to the various questions about traffic safety on Highland Drive.

Here is her statement: In 2019, an application for the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) was made by residents for Highland Drive between N Broadway and Inskip Road. Under the NTSP, street classification is a key consideration. Minor collectors located within residential neighborhoods, like Highland Drive, have been considered on a

case-by-case basis through the program. On Highland Drive it was deemed that installation of traffic calming measures would interfere with emergency response for both the police and fire departments, not KAT bus operations.

In 2023, an all-way stop was installed at the intersection of Highland Drive and Jenkins Road due to crashes, not speeding. Prior to the installation there had been 7 crashes at this location, with one of them being a fatality and two involving injuries. Since the stop has been installed, we have only seen one documented minor crash. Additionally, the set of radar speed feedback signs on Highland were relocated from the Jenkins Road area to the block between Mount Pleasant and Horton Roads during this same timeframe.

Pedestrian accommodation is an important goal of the City of Knoxville and we are always looking to improve pedestrian safety. In order to help the City determine which new sidewalk projects are the most needed and beneficial to the most people, we recently completed a Citywide Sidewalk Study .

A review of the study shows that a gap in the sidewalk system along Highland Drive has been identified as a needed project. The link from Inskip Road to N Broadway is nearly 1.6 miles long and the estimated cost in 2020 was \$6.9M. This project is the

80th highest ranked sidewalk project in District 5.

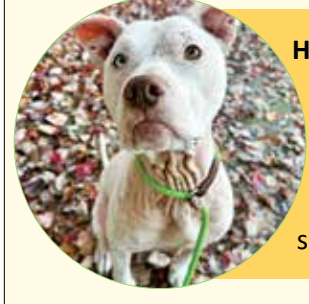
Unfortunately, the need for new sidewalks is extensive in the City, and the funding is limited, so it's challenging to construct all the needed projects as quickly as we would like. Funding varies from year to

year and will be announced as part of the mayor's annual budget. Once the yearly budget is approved and funds are available, new sidewalk projects will then be selected for design and construction.



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- WR Brody Rogers, Halls jr.
- TE Drew Ross, Halls sr.
- OL Stephen Johnson, West sr.
- OL Brayden Arnwine, Powell sr.
- OL Austin Kirk, Karns sr.
- OL Seth Seiber, Gibbs soph.
- OL Zane Fields, CAK sr.
- QB Weston Edmondson, GCA sr.
- RB Albert Johnson, Fulton sr.
- RB Terrion Thomas, GCA soph.
- K Mikel Van Pelt, Gibbs jr.
- ATH Connor Wheeler, Powell sr.

Defense

- DE Cardell Thomas, Powell sr.
- DE Collin Crider, CAK jr.
- DL Michael Stewart, HVA sr.
- DL Brady Kittle, Karns sr.
- DL Jake Coffey, Carter jr.
- LB Jack Keith, West sr.
- LB Abu Keefer, Powell sr.
- LB Dom Culp, Halls jr.
- LB Maddox Mozingo, CAK sr.
- DB Antwain Burdine, West sr.
- DB Kent Carbaugh, Farragut sr.
- DB Evan Pritchard, GCA jr.
- P Nathan Holbrook, HVA sr.
- KS Dylan Stooksbury, Powell sr.
- ATH Brady Hughes, Gibbs sr.

Second Team and Honorable Mentions inside

Focus / Coaches' 2024 All-Knox County team Edmondson, Player of the Year, has 'high potential'

Hughes and Turner are Co-Coaches of the Year

By Steve Williams

Weston Edmondson, Grace Christian Academy quarterback, has been voted The Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year. The award is based on regular season results. West DB/WR/RS Antwain Burdine and Gibbs QB Warren Axton tied for second, followed by Bearden WR/QB Drew Parrott and Powell QB Deuce Rodgers.



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Player of the Year Weston Edmondson waits on the snap in a Division II-AA game against CAK on Sept. 13. GCA won its fourth game that night in what turned out to be an eight-game win streak.

Edmondson, a 6-5, 210-pound senior with a 4.1 GPA, made statistical progress under new head coach Justin Price this year, finishing the 10 games with 2,514 passing yards and 28 touchdowns through the air. Last season, he passed for a little over 2,172 yards and 22 TDs. Weston received an offer last week from West Georgia, a FCS school, said Price. "I expect Weston definitely will have some options to play at the next level," added Price, who had seen him play in 7 on 7 before he started coaching

at GCA. "The thing about Weston is he's got some intangibles. Weston just has a skill set that I think makes him have such high potential. He's very tall. He's got a good arm. He can see the field. His football IQ is very high. He's a natural and just a great leader." With Grace Christian playing two more games in the playoffs this season, Edmondson's stat totals increased to 3,080 passing yards and 32 touchdowns plus three rushing TDs. The Rams' season ended with a 55-21 loss at CPA Friday night.

In the balloting for Knox County Coach of the Year, Halls' Brent Hughes and Gibbs' Brad Turner tied for the award. West's Lamar Brown, Farragut's Geoff Courtney, Bearden's Josh Jones and Grace Christian's Price also got votes. Both Hughes and Turner led their teams to the second round of the TSSAA playoffs before they were eliminated Friday. Turner guided Gibbs to a 9-1 regular season record and 10-2 overall mark. Hughes' Red Devils ended up 7-3 and 8-4 for all games.



Gibbs' Brad Turner. Photo by JJ Spears.



Halls' Brent Hughes. Photo by Ben Ging.

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Panthers fall to Smoky Bears' 25-24 comeback

By Ken Leinart

Depending on which side of the field you were sitting at Sevier County High School during the TSSAA 5A second round of the playoffs, you experienced a soul-lifting comeback filled with hysterical screams of joy and exultation, or a stunned, silent heartbreak. The host Smoky Bears, 12-0 and Region 1-5A champions, scored 15 points in the span of

three minutes to end the Powell Panthers' (9-3, 4-1 in Region 2-5A) season 25-24. Sevier County scored a touchdown, kicked an extra point, recovered an onside kick, scored another touchdown, converted a two-point conversion, then sealed their reversal of fortunes with an interception just when the Panthers were close to field goal range for "big leg" Dylan Stooksbury.

All of that after Powell went up 24-10 with 3:17 left in the game on a Deuce Rodgers scoring plunge and Stooksbury point after. "Yep," Panther Coach Matt Lowe said of his team's effort in the game. "This team has been an outstanding unit, a lot of fun kids to coach. I hate this for the seniors, hate this for everybody involved in the program. For whatever reason, things just fell apart there at the end."

But things didn't really "fall apart" for the Panthers. Sevier County simply made plays that it didn't make for three-plus quarters. The Smoky Bears opened the game with an 80-yard scoring drive. They used a mix of runs - the four-, five-, and six-yard variety, and passes - the eight-, 10-, and 12-yard variety - from sophomore signal caller Cooper Newman.

Jude Costner took the scoring honors from two yards out and senior Taylor Madison's point after gave the hosts a 7-0 lead with 6:30 left in the first. What was interesting - or maybe prophetic - was the first play of the drive was a deep ball from Newman that overshot wide open Bryson Headrick by four yards. Newman would try four more deep throws through the first three quarters and

eight-plus minutes without finding success. It was an aggressive start against a team that had ended the Smoky Bears' season last year in the second round of the playoffs, 31-7. "Last year we waited around to see what kind of game it was going to be at first," Sevier County Coach Todd Loveday said. "And then it was too late against a team like that. They get

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For many, National Signing Day is the culmination of a long recruiting journey!

LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to athletic directors at high schools inside The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, here's a list of student-athletes who have signed or will be signing Letters of Intent in the National Signing period, which began Nov. 13 of the 2024-25 school year, and later will be enrolling in college for the 2025-26 school year.

BEARDEN

Kendall Anne Murphy, Lenoir Rhyne University, basketball
Aisha Patel, Tusculum University, basketball
Eva Baker, Tennessee Tech University, soccer
Halle Bibee, Tennessee Tech University, soccer
Callia Misenheimer, Ferrum College, soccer
Natalie Heinig, North Alabama University, soccer
Drew Tolley, Sam Houston State University, soccer
Brooke Dawson, Troy University, volleyball

CAK

Tyler Bennett, Tennessee Tech University, baseball
Orly Berry, Valparaiso University, swimming
Alexis Fishel, Lincoln Memorial University, golf
MG Matthews, Asbury University, softball
Bryson White, Tennessee Tech University, golf

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Keegan Smith, University of Colorado, cross country and track
Lillie Murphy, Furman University, tennis
Karena Thurman, Centre College, tennis
Alex Mendillo, Belmont University, volleyball
Kameron Mayfield, University of the Cumberlands, lacrosse
Natalie Stobb, Belmont Abbey College, soccer
Cooper Williamson, Charleston Southern University, baseball
Nick Turner, Johnson University, baseball
Amaya Redd, Tennessee Tech University, basketball
Tinsley Walker, Maryville College, basketball

FARRAGUT

Ty Roderiques, University of Nebraska, gymnastics
Elsa Morrison, University of Tennessee, softball
Cole Draper, Wofford College, baseball
Karley Wolfgram, Marshall University, swimming
Jackson Zeller, Chattanooga State Community College, baseball
Kendall Hudgens, University of North Florida, swimming
Isabella Alley, Northern Arizona University, soccer
Mateya Dessieux, University of Texas, soccer
Brodie Roberts, Roane State Community College, baseball
Bryce Thompson, Penn State, track and field
Tobias Peterson, Pellissippi State Community College, baseball
Connell Driver, Walters State Community College, baseball

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

Colton Denton, University of Tennessee, baseball
Jaxon Jones, Tennessee Tech University, baseball
Andrew Lewis, Pellissippi State Community College, baseball
Gracey Lasig, Emory & Henry University, volleyball
Kyndra West, University of Virginia's College at Wise, basketball
Kamayah Love, King University, basketball
Adam Leonard, Belmont University, soccer
Emma Kate Schneider, Pellissippi State Community College, softball
Alex Souders, Belmont Abby College, softball
Brock Connatser, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, wrestling
Stewart Leath, Carson-Newman University, cross country

KARNS

Jackson Rendon, University of Oklahoma, gymnastics
Olivia Henry, Carson-Newman University, soccer
Reese Roberts, Bryan College, basketball
Rylee Roberts, Bryan College, basketball
Caitlyn Brown, Johnson University, softball
Maddie Siebers, Pellissippi State Community College, softball
Yuleesa Kennedy, King University, softball

POWELL

Camryn Dean, University of Illinois, gymnastics

SOUTH-DOYLE

Cloey Wade, Johnson University, basketball
Tyler Ansel, Wilkes University, baseball

Signing this week: GIBBS

Savanna Melo, Bryan College, softball
Jadyn Parker, Roane State Community College, volleyball
Ella Brannan, Tennessee Wesleyan University, volleyball
Brooke Farmer, Lincoln Memorial University, golf
Jadyn Thompson, Freed-Hardeman University, golf
Maliyah Smith, Carson-Newman University, softball
Lacey Keck, Carson-Newman University, softball

- Compiled by Steve Williams

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



PHOTO BY ROB TAYLOR

West quarterback Parker Dubon hands the ball off to Tavion Ray in the Rebels' 35-8 win over Halls in TSSAA Class 5A second round action Friday night at 3300 Sutherland Avenue. Both Dubon and Ray had a hand in two touchdowns each.

Rebels rip Halls 35-8, await Smoky Bears

By Steve Williams

West showed Halls who the boss was Friday night.

After escaping with a one-point overtime win at Halls Oct. 25, the two-time defending state champion Rebels were determined to prove a point and sent the Red Devils back to the Crossroads with a 35-8 shellacking in a second-round TSSAA Class 5A playoff game.

It was really over before the mercy rule could kick in. "Two weeks ago (at Halls) we faced a lot of adversity," said West senior quarterback Parker Dubon, regarding to what led up to the Rebels' payback victory. "We turned the ball over five times. A lot of penalties didn't go our way. We had the defense on the field the majority of the game.

"And those guys thought they should've beat us. That's what they've been saying the past three weeks. They've been telling all the news (media) and everyone that they should've beat us. And that's what got us really fired up for tonight. We all have the same goal. We all want to advance to next week and we just practiced really hard and focused. We wanted the outcome and we worked really hard to get it."

With the win, West (9-3)

will host unbeaten Sevier County Friday at Bill Wilson Field in the state quarterfinals. The Smoky Bears (12-0) made a late comeback to eliminate visiting Powell 25-24 last week.

Dubon threw two touchdown passes and senior RB Tavion Ray ran for two touchdowns in the Rebels' explosive first half.

Dubon hit a streaking David Drata perfectly in stride on a 32-yarder for West's first score and found a wide open Jack Hankins in the end zone with a 7-yard toss in the final minute before intermission.

Ray ran in from 11 yards out in the closing seconds of the first quarter to give his team a 21-0 command. He added a 24-yard run straight up the middle to widen the gap to 28-0 a little over two minutes before halftime.

West's other TD came midway in the first quarter after Halls chose not to punt on fourth-and-three at the Red Devils' 43 and linebacker Davis Neely broke up their pass. The 5-6, 134-pound Messiah Wrenn scooted 57 yards around right end on the very next play and Pete Rogers converted one of his five PATs in the blowout.

Dubon, the Rebs' first-year QB, didn't overlook his

team's defense. "I'm really proud of the defense," he said. "You know, they let up zero points until we had the backups in tonight. Those guys deserve a lot of credit."

Late in the game, West's standout defensive back Antwain Burdine gave the fans something more to cheer about as he picked off his ninth pass of the season to set a new school record.

"He is one of the hardest working guys I know," said Dubon. "He's a very selfless guy. It's an honor to play with a guy like that."

Halls got an interception and runback to the West 12 by Brody Rogers on the Rebs' first possession of the game but couldn't capitalize on it. Parker Crittenden was even short on a 27-yard field goal attempt.

Rogers intercepted another pass in the second quarter and the Red Devils put together a 50-yard, 13-play drive to the West 13 before Lethgo threw three straight incompletions.

Late in the third quarter, the Halls QB completed a 16-yard pass to tight end Drew Ross and two passes to Landon Vest, including a 23-yarder, to advance to the West 23. On the following play, Halls executed a trick play with Lethgo

passing backward to Vest who passed to Rogers for a 23-yard touchdown – its first and only score of the game with 9:27 to go. Lethgo also passed to Vest for the two-point conversion.

TSSAA Football Scores and Pairings

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SECOND ROUND RESULTS

Class 3A

Alcoa 48, Austin-East 6

Class 4A

Greeneville 48, Gibbs 10

Class 5A

Sevier Co. 25, Powell 24

West 35, Halls 8

Class 6A

Bearden 26, Kingsport 7

QUARTERFINALS Division II-AA

CPA 55, Grace Christian 24

QUARTERFINALS Friday

Kickoff at 7 unless noted

Class 5A

Sevier Co. (12-0) at West (9-3)

Class 6A

Bearden (9-3) at Maryville (11-1)

The Return of Grumors

By Mark Nagi

So Tennessee football is in a really good place right now. Yes, this article is being written before the Vols play at Georgia, but whether they won or lost by 50, UT is in better shape in terms of their football program than it has been in decades.

Sometimes it is hard to remember what things were like before Josh Heupel and Danny White showed up in Knoxville, but it wasn't pleasant. Between Phillip Fulmer's "retirement" and Lane Kiffin's resignation and Derek Dooley's incompetence and Butch Jones's ego and Jeremy Pruitt's rule breaking, Tennessee football was mostly a mess.

And through most of it, there were Grumors.

Unless you've been living under a Knoxville rock the last 10-15 years, you know what I'm talking about. Every time there was a coaching change (and there were many) at Tennessee, the name Jon Gruden would be heard the loudest.

Gruden, the former NFL coach with the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, had been a Tennessee grad assistant in 1986-1987 under Johnny Majors, and married a Tennessee cheerleader from Morristown. He won a Super Bowl at Tampa Bay, and following his firing was the color commentator on Monday Night

Football from 2009-2017.

That meant that Gruden wasn't on a football field during the Vols 2012 and 2017 coaching searches, prompting the "Grumors" we spoke of earlier.

Jon Gruden owns land in East Tennessee! Jon Gruden was seen at Calhoun's! Jon Gruden was seen driving down I-40 in Dandridge in an orange colored Corvette!

And on Monday Night Football, Gruden would often put in a not so subtle plug for the University of Tennessee.

Gruden lost his NFL gig in 2021 when emails surfaced in which he used racist and homophobic language. Recently, he was hired by

Barstool Sports because... well because that's what people do now.

They go work for websites. Gruden made news late last week on that app when he talked about... you guessed it... Tennessee.

He said, "My wife cheered at Tennessee. I love Tennessee. I was a graduate coach there, and I did talk to the Athletic Director, and I don't look up to anybody more than I'm looking up to Peyton Manning and Kenny Chesney. Those are two of my favorite Tennessee guys. And I was very interested in doing it. At that time I was having so much fun on Monday Night Football with

Mike Tirico I couldn't take any other job... I almost did consider pulling the trigger there."

The truth of the matter is that Jon Gruden was never taking the Tennessee job, no matter what he says today. Gruden successfully used Tennessee as leverage with ESPN when negotiating contracts. Gruden was not a college coach. He was an NFL guy, and went back to the pros to coach the Las Vegas Raiders in 2018.

Fame is a heck of a drug, and Gruden has never been able to let that go.

There's another truth at play. The Grumors never really die.

'A vigorous competitor, strong on sniffing out a good story and then getting it'



By Tom Mattingly

In the days Knoxville had two newspapers, the morning Knoxville Journal and the afternoon Knoxville News-Sentinel, each paper covered the sporting scene locally, regionally, and nationally with a spirited, but friendly, rivalry.

Ed Harris worked with the Journal on a part-time basis while attending Knoxville High School. He was on the police beat before shifting to sports. He spent two years at the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser and in Chattanooga before becoming news editor at the Journal.

He became sports editor in 1939 and kept that position until 1969 around a stint in the Army after Pearl Harbor. Harris then became executive sports editor, a position he held until he retired May 31, 1974.

"He was a down-to-earth-type guy who would have been a plus for any newspaper," long-time colleague Ben Byrd said.

Harris was inducted into the Tennessee Sportswriters Hall of Fame July 9, 2013, at Cumberland College in Lebanon.

Ed wrote his "Top of the Morning" column two or three times per week for 35 years. He covered the University of Tennessee football program and enjoyed a fine relationship with head coach Bob Neyland.

"In our business, Ed has always been a vigorous competitor, strong on sniffing out a good story

and then getting it," wrote the News-Sentinel's Tom Siler on June 3, 1974, just after Harris had retired. "Ed can look back on more than four decades of fruitful labor in this vineyard."

One of Ed's significant career accomplishments was publishing a book titled "Golden Memories of Ed Harris: 50 Years in Big Orange Country" (1972). It was a compendium of articles Harris had assembled over the years, complete with pictures and text covering his time at the Journal.

There are more vignettes than time and space will allow, but one story stood out from the rest. Harris chronicled a seminal moment of Bill Battle's first season as University of Tennessee head football coach, the 11-1 squad that finished No. 4 in the nation and won its final 10 games. It was the first of many challenges Battle would face.

After head coach Doug Dickey had left for Florida in early January 1970, Battle took the reins of the Vol program at age 28, taking over an unranked team, despite being the defending SEC champion.

Steve Kiner and Jack "Hacksaw" Reynolds, both All-American selections, Kiner in 1968-69 and Reynolds (1969) were gone to the professional ranks. Three starters were missing in the secondary. A host of sophomores—Conrad Graham, David Allen, John Wagster, Bill Emendorfer, Jamie Rotells, Sonny Leach, Tom Johnson, Tim Townes, Frank Howell, Gaylon Hill, and Jimmy Young—were slated for significant varsity service.

A number of knee injuries caused great concern

over the summer and into fall drills.

"I'll never forget the Friday before my first game as head coach," Battle told Harris. "We were facing SMU and its great forward passer Chuck Hixson. We had a brief afternoon practice."

Then came a real surprise, one Battle probably hadn't anticipated.

"While I was talking with my coaches, I heard laughter on the field, looked up, and saw the linemen engaging in a bit of left-handed touch football. The remainder of the team was a cheering section.

"I thought right then these guys certainly were not thinking about SMU and Chuck Hixson and certainly would not be playing touch football the following Friday at Birmingham against Auburn."

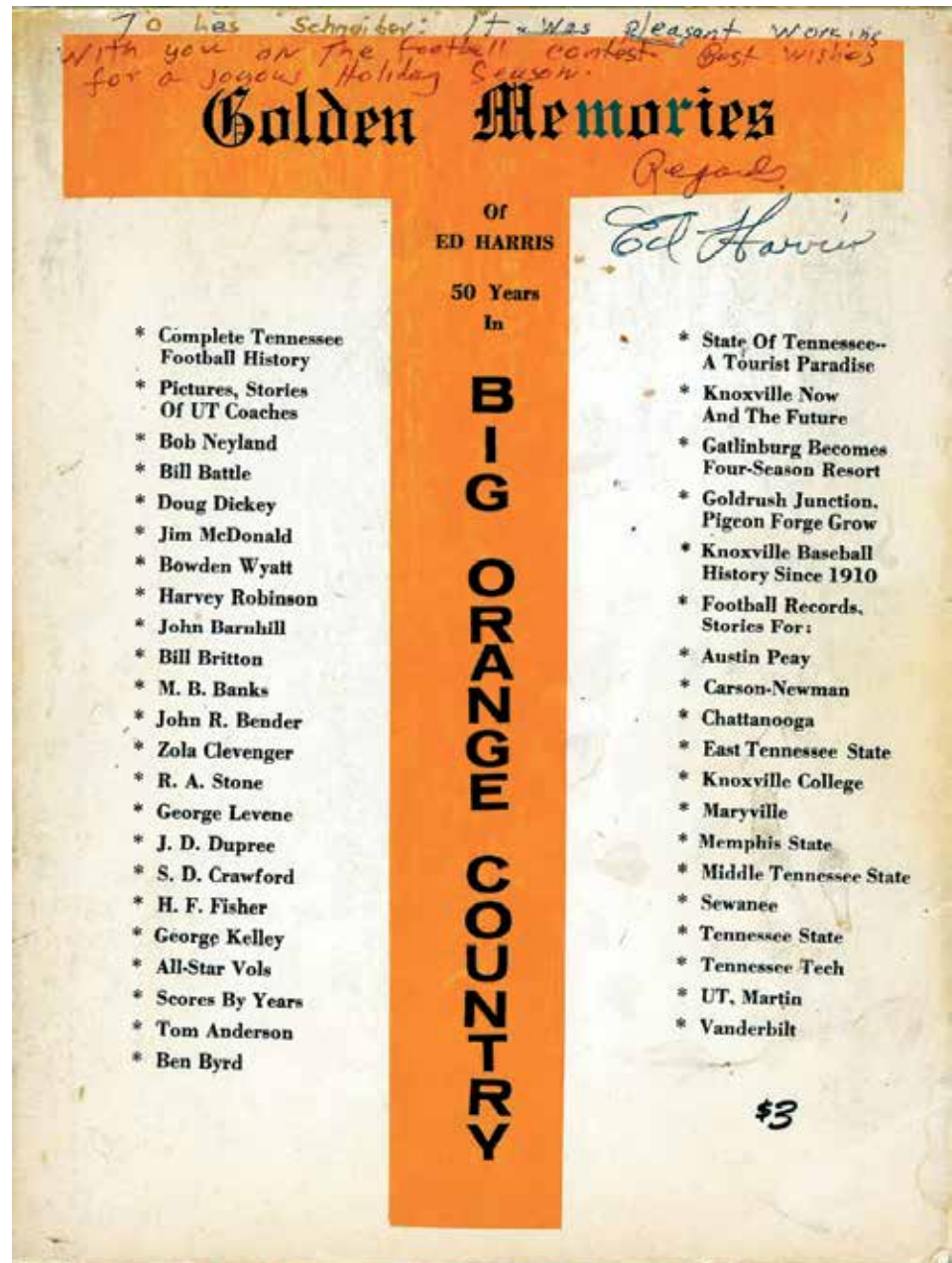
Tennessee defeated SMU, 28-3. The next week brought the always-pivotal late September clash with the Tigers.

"The following Friday we thought about Auburn in the afternoon, that night, and all the next morning, and we lost. The following Friday we returned to left-handed touch football."

This Vol squad overcame all the obstacles to become one of fans' all-time favorites.

Following the loss to Auburn (36-23), the Vols knocked off Army (48-3), Georgia Tech (17-6), Alabama (24-0) Florida (38-7), Wake Forest (41-7), South Carolina (20-18), Kentucky (45-0), Vanderbilt (24-6), and Air Force (34-13) on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans.

The Alabama and Florida weekends were as exciting as any in Vol history, as



"Golden Memories of Ed Harris: 50 Years in Big Orange Country" (1972).

Battle and the Vols were taking on Bear Bryant, his Alabama head coach, and Dickey, his predecessor at Tennessee.

They reentered the AP poll on Oct. 10 after a win over Army and steadily marched onward and upward to a final No. 4 rank after the win over Air Force.

"That was an exceptional squad," said Battle. "It had a oneness I never saw before. They believed in each other. They lived and ate together. They had great

leadership in their captains and seniors." Those captains were defensive back Tim Priest of Huntingdon and alternate captains offensive lineman Chip Kell of Decatur, Ga., and defensive lineman James Woody of Columbia.

Those post-practice left-handed touch football games may have been a "little thing" to many minds, nothing to be concerned about, but they made a difference in the success the team enjoyed.

"I do know," said Battle, "that they finished even all season in touch football, and that they played Super-Bowl left-handed touch football on the eve of our Sugar Bowl game."

For Vol fans, this book offers a number of stories that define Ed's career covering the wide world of sports, Big Orange style. It's been more than 50 years, but the stories are still enjoyable. The memories they elicit are truly "Golden."

Focus / Coaches' 2024 All-Knox County team

Parrott's 'selfless' attitude makes him honorary captain

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's Drew Parrott has been named the honorary captain of The Focus / Coaches' 2024 All-Knox County football team. Parrott had been a three-year starter at quarterback for the Bulldogs, but stepped aside this season to allow newcomer D.J. Hunter, a highly touted quarterback, to take the reins at that position.

"Total team guy, selfless in a day and age when everybody is selfish, he is Mr. Selfless," said Bearden Head Coach Josh Jones. "He will do whatever he can for his team and he doesn't ever complain or shrug his shoulders or roll his eyes."

"Most people in the situation he was dealt would have transferred and went and played somewhere else. He just kept keeping on and he's had a phenomenal senior season."

Parrott also filled in at quarterback when Hunter was injured this season and missed five games.

Drew's stats included 801 yards passing and seven touchdown passes, 24 carries for 166 yards and four touchdowns and 20 catches for 514 yards

and five TDs. That totals over 1,400 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Coach Jones turned in Parrott as a Player of the Year nominee and an Athlete.

In addition to Drew's character, a lot of good stats are spread through the first-team positions, starting with All-Knox County quarterback Weston Edmondson of Grace Christian, who passed for 2514 yards and 28 touchdowns during the regular season, which is what the All-Knox County team is based on.

The stats of quarterbacks Amari Lethgo (Halls) and Deuce Rodgers (Powell) were so close they had to share the second team position. Lethgo's numbers included 2,187 yards passing, 22 touchdowns and 27 TDs total. Rodgers passed for 1,509 yards and 20 touchdowns plus he rushed for 613 yards and eight TDs.

GCA sophomore Terrion Thomas, a RB/WR, is one of three Mr. Football semifinalists on the All-Knox County team, which also includes Catholic junior wide receiver Tyreek King

and Powell senior kicker Dylan Stooksbury.

Thomas, by the way, also put his name in the TSSAA record book this season with 53 carries in the Rams' win over Webb. He now ranks No. 4 in the state and No. 1 in Knox County.

Thomas averaged over 200 all-purpose yards per game this season and totaled 25 touchdowns. Lincoln Rich of CAK, who is on the second team, also is known as a "work horse" running back.

Other points of interest by first-team honorees:

Halls' Drew Ross produced 610 yards and 10 TDs at the tight end position.

Karns center Austin Kirk has four D3 and NAIA offers.

The Beavers' Brady Kittle, a defensive tackle, intercepted two passes in the season opener.

GCA's Evan Pritchard, called a "utility type player," chalked up six interceptions.

Michael Stewart of Hardin Valley (the Defensive Lineman of the Year in Region 2-6A) "is a

THE FOCUS / COACHES' 2024 ALL-KNOX COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM

Second Team

Offense

- WR Derrick Smith, Fulton sr.
- WR Gabe Dennis, Carter sr.
- TE Westin Williams, Powell sr.
- OL Will DeLong, GCA soph.
- OL Jacob Rice, Catholic jr.
- OL Jacob Cabrera, Farragut sr.
- OL Neal Henley, HVA sr.
- OL Cooper Houser, CAK jr.
- QB Amari Lethgo, Halls jr.
- QB Deuce Rodgers, Powell jr.
- RB Marcus Moore, Halls sr.
- RB Lincoln Rich, CAK sr.
- K Pete Rogers, West jr.
- ATH Jody Scruggs, Carter jr.
- ATH Shavar Young, Webb jr.

Defense

- DE D'Andre Hundley, A-E jr.
- DE Ward Sterchi, CAK sr.
- DL Iverson Garcia, Powell jr.
- DL Shawn Daulton, GCA jr.
- DL Marvin Hicke, Webb jr.
- LB Alex Idol, Karns sr.
- LB Samuel Mann, HVA jr.
- LB Jackson Coffey, GCA soph.
- DB Anterius McAllister, West sr.
- DB Maddox Brackfield, Gibbs sr.
- DB Ethan Couvertiere, Bearden sr.
- P William Pendergrass, Bearden sr.
- ATH Hal Niendorff, Webb sr.

Honorable Mention

AUSTIN-EAST: FS/SS/RB Mike Gladney and OG/DT Quinton Calhoun. BEARDEN: Athlete Drew Parrott, WR Tory Beaufort, WR/CB Deameion Leavell, OL Reid Rowland, NG Boston Yeager, DE Ethan Hill and CB Keshawn Mills. CAK: FS Elijah Hoke and SS Jac Phillips. CARTER: WR Brody Martin, QB Brody Sparks and RB Joseph Armenta. CENTRAL: WR/DB Daniel Sackie. FARRAGUT: WR/CB Robbie Jacobs, WR/FS Landon Collins, LB Connor Parris, DL Bryce Thompson, DE Owen Petroskey, WS Harrison Smith, QB Corbin Hobson, KR/PR Ethan Farhat and K/P Ryan McCue. FULTON: QB Javon Moulden and DB Joe Moore. GIBBS: QB Warren Axton, Athlete Levi Allison and TE/LB Chase Norman. GRACE CHRISTIAN: WR Kaden Webber. HALLS: WR Landon Vest, ILB Harlen Hunley and ILB Gavin Self. HARDIN VALLEY: OL Evan Clarke, DB Brody Lamb and RB Kaden Kutcher. KARNs: WR-OLB Weston Ritter. KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC: WR Casen Jenkins, C/NG Anton Hamilton and DE/TE Caleb Johnson. POWELL: LB Johntay Dunn, LB Adrian Daugherty, DB Brodie Hollowell, DL Caleb Acres, DB Ja'Taal's Henderson and WR DeZion Jackson. SOUTH-DOYLE: SS Jeremiah Smith, OLB Reed Reynolds, FS Kamariyon Rice and P Isiah Mitchell. WEBB: WR/DB Greg Tate, RB/DB Baxter Johnson, WR Greyson Webb and LB Brock Green.

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Grace Christian hoops teams host first Navy/White night to open season

By Ken Lay

Grace Christian Academy ushered in the 2024-25 basketball season with its first annual Navy/White Game Tuesday. The event was part basketball game and part party.

It was played at the school's Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium. The band was on hand. The cheerleaders and pom teams also got the crowd in a nearly packed house into the spirit of the night's events with their performances and routines.

The pom team previewed its routine that it later performed at last week's TSSAA State Dance and Cheer Championships at the Knoxville Convention Center. The fans were also introduced to Rally, the school's new mascot.

The night was packed with skills competitions, including a three-point shootout and a slam dunk contest.

The boys and girls elementary school teams were the first squads to take the floor. They displayed their defensive skills in a set of drills.

The middle school teams were next up. The Rams and Lady Rams competed in a skills competition.

The high school's junior varsity teams then participated in intersquad scrimmages before the varsity boys and girls showcased their respective shooting touches. The Rams and



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Grace Christian Academy senior Cameron Mercer elevates during the slam dunk competition Tuesday night as the school ushered in the new basketball season Tuesday during the first annual Navy/White Game at the Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium.

Lady Rams competed in three separate three-point shooting competitions, with the girls winning the first before the boys bounced back to claim the second one, forcing a winner-take-all third matchup with some high stakes.

Girls co-head coach Neek James and boys coach Marcus Dilligard agreed that the losing team (with coaches included) would have to run a suicide.

The Lady Rams prevailed while they celebrated, Dilligard and the Rams ran.

The Lady Rams then

played their scrimmage. The Navy edged the White, 10-6.

The next event of the night was the slam dunk competition. The boys competed and the Lady Rams judged the competition.

The night concluded with the boys competing in their scrimmage. The White defeated the Navy, 17-15.

The fans were in mid-season form and it was a feel-good night and that's just what Dilligard, who is also the athletic director wanted to see.

"This was a lot of fun and we wanted to have our community come out

and see our basketball teams," he said. "This was just a great night and a lot of people worked hard to make this happen.

"We had a lot of people working behind the scenes."

Lady Rams' Angela Phillips agreed.

"This was a chance for everybody to have fun before we get started with the grind of a long season," she said. "This night just shows how many good things are going on at Grace Christian Academy.

"It was great fun for the kids."

Gladiators overcome slow start to defeat Northwest

By Ken Lay

After getting off to a slow start, the Gresham Middle School boys basketball team kicked things into high gear after halftime Thursday night. The Gladiators, who fell behind by eight points in the first quarter, notched a 54-43 victory at Northwest.

Gresham (7-1) scored just nine points in the opening frame after falling behind the Rangers, 10-2, early. The Gladiators, who trailed, 13-9, at the end of the first quarter, continued to chip away at their deficit and pulled to within, 20-19, at halftime.

The Gladiators opened the third stanza with a 13-2 run and pulled ahead, 32-22, when Money Romero made a steal and converted a transition lay-up with 3 minutes, 21 seconds remaining in the frame.

The Rangers, who would never lead in the contest again, would respond and pull to within, 35-31, when Marquise Witt knocked down a 3-point shot with 1:21 to go in the frame. The Gladiators, however, ended the period, on a modest surge and led, 38-33, heading into the final frame.

"We got off to a slow start," Gresham coach Matthew Lay said. "We scored 19 points the whole first half and then we came out and scored 19 points in the third quarter."

The Gladiators proceeded to score the first seven points of the fourth quarter and saw their advantage balloon to 45-33 when Taron Batson buried a long-range jumper with 3:33 left in the game. Gresham would go on to extend its lead to 51-35 after Jai'Shon Dean made a free throw and Romero made a basket with 2:35 left in the contest.

Romero was Gresham's leading scorer as he 15 points, including nine in the third quarter. Dean added 12 and Batson finished with eight.

The Gladiators haven't won a league title since 2018 but Lay said this Gresham team has all the ingredients necessary to compete for a championship.

"This group of kids could be special," Lay said. "Gresham hasn't won a league title since 2018, but this group has the talent if they can put it together."

Witt led all scorers with 18 points.

Northwest coach Shane Reed said his No. 1 task is to change the culture for the Rangers.

"This group has never been coached hard and in the last few years, they've had a different coach every year," Reed said. "The next step for me is to come back in to practice tomorrow and work on our defense."

Lady Gladiators blank Northwest: Gresham routed the Lady Rangers, 42-0, Thursday night.

With the win, the Lady Gladiators improved to 6-1 on the season.

Gresham coach Andrew Barkley said that he was pleased with his team's effort.

"We've been working on a couple of things in practice," Barkley said. "We've been working on defense and playing together as a unit."

"We played good defense from whistle to whistle and on offense, we played well together and that got us some good looks."

Brytin Fowler scored 15 points for the Lady Gladiators, while Brynn Bush added 10.

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| HALLS (light) vs. CARTER (dark) GIRLS |
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| CENTRAL (light) vs. FARRAGUT (dark) GIRLS |
| CENTRAL (light) vs. FARRAGUT (dark) BOYS |

Panthers fall to Smoky Bears

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on you and they just hammer you. It's a good program."

Powell would tie the game late in the second quarter. The Panthers moved the sticks on their first possession, thanks in large part due to a Rogers to Westin Williams combo that netted passes of 30 yards and 14 yards, but Smoky Bear Bryson Headrick ended that threat with an interception.

Powell used the legs and stubbornness of senior running back Connor Wheeler on its next possession to move the ball to the five where Rogers found a seam for the score. Stooksbury made it a 7-7 game with 4:18 left in the half.

Powell broke the tie in the third quarter when Stooksbury centered a 39-yard field goal with 8:14 left in the third.

Sevier County's Madison returned the favor at the 4:53 mark from 38 yards out.

The Panthers went 80 yards on the ensuing drive, the final 48 yards on a Rogers to Stooksbury connection, set up by a neck twisting fake to Wheeler. Stooksbury was by his lonesome near the 15 when Rogers' throw found him. Stooksbury also added the point after and it was a 17-10 game with 1:53 left in the third.

Then it was defense from both squads. A couple of traded punts later Powell had the ball at its own 34 with 10:28 to play. The Panthers ran the ball and ran the

clock until, with a little more than four minutes to play, they faced a fourth and three at the Sevier 33. Rogers played Kool-Aid Man and literally busted through a wall of purple clad defenders for a 31-yard run dragging Sevier players with him to the two.

Two plays later Rogers went in from one, Stooksbury made the point after, and with 3:17 the Panthers led 24-10 and Smoky Bear fans started emptying Hardin-Robertson Field.

But then Newman found Headrick for a 52-yard gain. And then a 38-yard touchdown - a 90-yard drive that held five penalties for the offense, including an intentional grounding. Madison's kick made it 24-17 with 1:18 to play. Those first four long ball misses were ancient history.

The obligatory onside kick was recovered by Sevier. Those first four long ball misses were not just ancient history, but erased completely from memory when Newman took the first snap and found senior Hayden Akers at the one, He took the hit from two defenders and wound up in the end zone.

After a Powell penalty on the point after, the Smoky Bears lined up for two and Costner swept wide right and made it 25-24 with 1:08 to play.

"This is kind of proof of what we always preach and what we always do," Loveday said "It's a four-quarter game, the scoreboard takes care of itself. There's no panic regardless of the score.

Our guys don't panic, they just play. Play the next play and forget the last one."

Powell had time and talent to move the ball with 1:08 to play, and the Panthers did just that. A 55-yard kickoff return from Ja'Taalīs Henderson boosted chances, as did a Rogers' run and a Wheeler reception and with 33 seconds the Panthers were in business with a first and 10 at the Sevier 30 just shy (maybe) of Stooksbury's range. But a pass from Rogers hit something - a lineman's helmet or shoulder pad, an invisible bird or the invisible man, and turned from bullet to injured pigeon and Sevier's Parker Newman caught the dying pass before it hit the ground for a game-sealing interception with 22 seconds left.

"What it comes down to ... I love these kids and they do a tremendous job and they bust their tails every day," Lowe said. "They played a heck of a ball game. Unfortunately at the end, like I said, it kinda fell apart."

Sevier County will travel to West next Friday.

"Their reputation precedes them. Well coached, great football team, always have speed, technically sound, always has players," Loveday said. "You're not going to back into a win against them. You have to go beat them, just like this bunch (Powell) right here. They have some similarities about how they believe they're going to win."

Parrott's 'selfless' attitude makes him honorary captain

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phenomenal student-athlete who leads by example and has been one of the best football players in Region 2-6A for the past two seasons," said Coach Tyler Wynn.

HVA punter Nathan Holbrook averaged 44.7 yards this season with a long of 67.

King, Catholic junior and a Tennessee commit, had 45 receptions for 1,002 yards and 13 TDs in the regular season.

Powell Coach Matt Lowe submitted senior Connor Wheeler as a RB/Athlete. He had a total of

1,056 total yards and 15 TDs.

The Panthers' Cardell Thomas was on the other side with 68 tackles, 44 solo stops, 11 TFL, 11 sacks, 31 QB pressures and two forced fumbles.

West's Antwain Burdine, a WR/DB/RS, had six INTs in the regular season and is up to nine now. Teammate Jack Keith, an inside linebacker, also intercepted six passes and returned four for TDs.

Carter athlete Jody Scruggs is a fan favorite with his all-out style of play.

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DOCKET NUMBER 90159-2

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN JULIAN HACKNEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90130-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN JULIAN HACKNEY, who died July 20, 2024, were issued

to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. 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 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF STEVEN JULIAN HACKNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT ELIJAH HACKNEY
4930 FALLING STAR LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

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110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD W. HASKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 90171-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD W. HASKINS, who died Sept. 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 30 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF RONALD W. HASKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTEN ANN AWIN, EXECUTRIX
30 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA M. MCFALL
DOCKET NUMBER 90162-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA M. MCFALL, who died October 12, 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 nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

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

This the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BARBARA M. MCFALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA M. BARGER
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ALAN MCFARLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 90188-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of MICHAEL ALAN MCFARLAND, who died in Knox County on SEPTEMBER 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned, NATHAN THOMAS WILBURN, 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 described in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred;

- (1)(A) Four months from the date of the first publication of 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 months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ALAN MCFARLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATHAN THOMAS WILBURN
3305 LOMA VISTA CIRCLE
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN FRASER MOORE
DOCKET NUMBER 90166-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of DORIS JEAN FRASER MOORE, who died on August 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN FRASER MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHARON MOORE DORMAN
3828 GLENFIELD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

O.E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 9000
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN M. ROGERS
DOCKET NUMBER 90165-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GWENDOLYN M. ROGERS, who died June 18, 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 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 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN M. ROGERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LEWIS R. ROGERS, CO-EXECUTOR
39 LAKESHORE LANE
CROSSVILLE, TN 38558

BEVERLY ANN TUCKER, CO-EXECUTOR
925 GREEN HILLS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EMALI D. SAGE DOCKET NUMBER 90125-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of EMALI D. SAGE, who died October 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) 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 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF EMALI D. SAGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK EDWARD JONES

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT GAULT SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 90135-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT GAULT SMITH, who died on September 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor receive 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 publications: 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 NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT GAULT SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL FRANK SMITH
LAURA GOLLIER
945 GARRISON RIDGE BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

DOUGLAS L. DUNN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 30994
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930-0994

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALDINE R. TURNER DOCKET NUMBER 90156-2

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

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

ESTATE OF GERALDINE R. TURNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK D. TURNER
7308 MISTY MEADOW PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

DEAM M. TURNER
1613 BICKERSTAFF BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LAUREN S. BROWN, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOGAN ALEX VANDAGRIFF DOCKET NUMBER 90132-2

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

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

This the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LOGAN ALEX VANDAGRIFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KERRY VANDAGRIFF

JAMES LAWRENCE, ATTORNEY
9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 250
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THEODORE B. VOGT, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90174-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of OCTOBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THEODORE B. VOGT, JR., who died Jun 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) 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 29 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF THEODORE B. VOGT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIFFANI LIMPUS, EXECUTRIX
9718 LAVERNE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NEIL MCCORKLE WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 90153-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the probate administration of the Estate of NEIL MCCORKLE WRIGHT, deceased late of Knox County, Tennessee, who died on Sunday, the 1 day of September, 2024, were issued by the Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee, to the undersigned duly qualified and sworn Personal Representative. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Decedent's Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Knox County Chancery Court Probate Division, c/o Probate Court Clerk, Knox County Courthouse, Rm. 352, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in the below paragraphs (1) or (2), otherwise the claim will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this 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 NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF NEIL MCCORKLE WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL GLENN WRIGHT
601 BRIAR GATE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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9111 CROSS PARK DR. BLDG. D, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923-4506

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM DOCKET NUMBER 90152-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM, who died June 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BECKHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID L. BECKHAM, ADMINISTRATOR
3012 SINKING SPRINGS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT DOCKET NUMBER 90158-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT, who died on September 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BRUMMETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

WILLIAM ("BILLY") CHARLES SPRADLIN
12414 MALLARD BAY DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY DOCKET NUMBER 90167-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY, who died September 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date 9f 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 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP HOGUE CROSSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CYNTHIA MASON CROSSLEY
2045 HIDDEN COVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

STEVEN K. BOWLING, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 11125
KNOXVILLE, TN 37939-1125

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL WAYNE DEEVER DOCKET NUMBER 90201-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of EARL WAYNE DEEVER, who died September 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF EARL WAYNE DEEVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN MARK DEEVER
505 UNION AVENUE, APT. 219
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHELLE LEE DRESCH DOCKET NUMBER 90101-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MICHELLE LEE DRESCH, who died on June 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MICHELLE LEE DRESCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MOUHAMADOU NDIAYE
2300 MERCHANT DRIVE, APT. 121
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTYE JOYCE FULTON DOCKET NUMBER 90170-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTYE JOYCE FULTON, who died on September 25, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTYE JOYCE FULTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA LEIGH FULTON
404 KITTREDGE COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JAMES E. WAGNER, ATTORNEY
RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 90173-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON, who died Sept. 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHENELLE NICOLE JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON LEROY JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR
2967 CECIL AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN JEAN MARKS DOCKET NUMBER 90161-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of HELEN JEAN MARKS, who died on the 21st day of August 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 same with the Clerk, of the above-named court, on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF HELEN JEAN MARKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY DOCKET NUMBER 90140-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY, who died Sep 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH NEATHAWK MCCOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEFFREY NORTHERN
DOCKET NUMBER 90186-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JEFFREY NORTHERN, who died October 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JEFFREY NORTHERN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY WILLS SAWYER DOCKET NUMBER 90098-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY WILLS SAWYER, who died April 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARY WILLS SAWYER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY SHELLEY WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 90179-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration c.t.a., in respect of the Estate of NANC