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WATE TV helped several local honor guard units raise funds for uniforms, equipment and transportation Tuesday at Knoxville Wholesale Furniture in West Knoxville and several other points across our region.

Local TV stations hold drives for Operation Honor Guard, Second Harvest

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Last Tuesday was Giving Tuesday and a cold wind and a few snowflakes did not discourage two Knoxville television stations, WATE and WVLT, from helping two non-profit organizations.

The WATE staff joined honor guard members to raise much-needed funds for the annual Operation Honor Guard Day of Giving. The event took place not only in Knoxville's Pinnacle

at Turkey Creek and Knoxville Wholesale Furniture's Clearance Center but also at Tanger Outlets in Sevierville, Enrichment Federal Credit Union in Oak Ridge, Claiborne-Overholt Funeral, Lenoir City Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Food City in Morristown.

WATE backed up the outreach with a call-in show that lasted most of the day.

Funds raised by Operation Honor Guard go toward expenses their volunteers face as they are called upon to honor each fallen

veteran in our area by attending services in full dress uniform, providing "Taps" and bagpipe honors, and presenting a multi-gun salute. The families of the deceased veterans are also presented with a ceremonial American flag and comforted in their grief by the guard, all at no cost to the families.

WATE and the local honor guard volunteers raised over half of its \$50,000 goal during the effort.

You can still help by going to

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They're Back!

East Tennessee Binocular Vision Center Opens New Location

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The East Tennessee Binocular Vision Center father-son duo is excited to return to Callahan Drive in Knoxville. The new office, located at 715 Callahan Drive in Powell, opened in March of this year and the original office will continue to serve clients at 9051 Executive Park Drive, Suite 401.

ETBVC is a family-owned optometry practice specializing in binocular vision therapy and vision rehabilitation, especially for pediatric patients. Dr. M. W. Rhyne Jr., a native of the area, has been practicing for over 50 years. From the late 1970s to 2016, the senior optometrist worked out of Rhyne and Patton on Callahan before leaving to open the Executive Park Drive location.

"God has gotten me through those 50 years," M. W. told The Focus.

M. W.'s son, Dr. Seth Rhyne officially joined the team in May. Seth earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. While assisting in the Executive Park office, he developed a passion for optometry and "fell in love with" the practice. This inspired him to pursue a Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Pikeville in Kentucky.

Seth grew up in the Powell community and shared that serving his hometown is deeply meaningful to him, stating, "I feel much more at home."

Seth works in both offices and will eventually transition to spending most of his time at the new office. After initially working in temporary

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PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL.

Drs. Seth and M. W. Rhyne are happy to be back on Callahan drive in the Powell community.

City parking fees, enforcement changes may pass on Tuesday

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The Knoxville City Council may increase parking violations, upping the fines to \$25, and authorize the Public Building Authority officers to tow and impound violators. The ordinance is in its second and final reading but had some opposition with a split vote during the council's previous session.

The council may also vote on changes to the processing of fee collection for nonresidential waste for the downtown Knoxville Alliance area.

Fifteen public schools inside the city may see \$425,000 in funds from the city through the United Way of Greater Knoxville for a multifaceted community school initiative to help achieve healthy communities.

Sidewalks will get some attention as the council votes on the Citywide Rumble Stripes Project, the Gay Street Brick Sidewalk Repair Phase II Project, the Fountain City Sidewalk Project, and the Neyland Drive Pedestrian Connection Project.

Applications for grants from the state and federal governments are on the agenda including for the purchase of fitness equipment and equipment and tools for the fire department. The council may also approve applying to Homeland Security for a cybersecurity grant to protect the city's network.

The council may approve

purchasing, by condemnation if necessary, property at 312 South Castle Street as recommended by the Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee.

Also on the agenda is an agreement for \$72,000 for "government relations services" for the city.

The planning commission is asking to change the street name for part of Patton Avenue. An emergency ordinance is on the council's consent agenda to approve \$23,650 in Community Improvement funds for agencies and organizations in a proposal by several council members.

Tax break for development on council agenda

Tax breaks for future development and renovation within Knoxville have worked out well so far and on Tuesday the city council will discuss giving a PILOT or payment in lieu of taxes to a project with two addresses. McCarty Holsaple McCarty Inc. is requesting a tax break for a property that faces 625 North Broadway and backs onto 750 Stone Street.

The city administration is suggesting the tax break, meaning the developer will pay the current taxes on the property until the agreement ends when the property will be more valuable.

In other real estate-related agenda items, a lot

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BOE examines survey results

By Ken Leinart

The Knox County Board of Education received a "30,000-foot overview" from Milan Chicago consulting firm during Thursday night's monthly meeting.

A mountain of information was presented to the board and that isn't even the full packet.

Ron Landis of Milan Chicago touched on the high points of the KCS Stakeholder Engagement Surveys. Board members were given the full packet from the survey to review for when the next KCS strategic plan is put together.

"This is information you can use moving forward," Landis said of the report.

The survey was available through KCS Sept.

25 to Oct. 18. The survey was broken down into three groups of stakeholders: Parents/guardians (family), staff and community. Landis said "community" included anyone with any connection with KCS from organizations who work with the system to businesses that employ a Knox County graduate, former students, etc.

The highest number of respondents came from the family group with 7,032 surveys completed. KCS staff completed 2,628 surveys. Community respondents numbered 260.

Landis noted that incomplete surveys and surveys from respondents who objected to their answers being released were not

included in the highlights. The survey asked how well KCS is responding in priority areas (Performance) and the Importance of each priority area. The numbers represent percentages.

All three groups highly ranked the Importance of the first priority, "Excellence on Foundation Skills" - 92% ranking in the family

group, 93 from staff, and 98 from the community - but the survey showed three groups felt the Performance aspect of foundation skills needed more work.

Landis said usually any score below 60 would indicate that's an area that needs to be looked at a

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A Really Enjoyable Christmas Gift

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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I really appreciate the very nice things people have said and written to me about my book "From Batboy to Congressman - Thirty Years in the U.S. House."

Many people have said it is just like I am sitting there with them telling these stories in person. This may be because I have written every word of this book myself - no ghostwriter.

May I suggest that this book would be a very enjoyable Christmas or birthday present for anyone who is interested in politics,

sports, and/or unusual legal cases.

The book contains 203 vignettes or short stories from my career as a lawyer, judge and congressman, and every story - every word - is true.

I wrote the book because over the years, after I would tell a story in a speech, interview, or just in ordinary conversation, I must have had at least 100-200 people say to me, "You need to write a book."

I got my undergraduate degree in journalism, worked full-time as a newspaper reporter my senior year, and taught journalism for a year.

I have always liked to write, and I have written many serious columns and articles for newspapers and magazines all through my career. I am now in my fifth year as a columnist for The Focus.

The stories in my book are about half serious, half

humorous, and many stories are both. A friend of mine from Nashville told me it was the funniest book he had ever read, and he meant that as a compliment.

I was told that my book has sold more copies than any book published by U.T. Press except possibly books written by professors who have required their students to buy them over a period of several years.

There are stories about sex on an airplane, desperate housewives, Baptist men stealing airport toilet paper, the only time the word urinated was used in an obituary, etc., all related to my work in Congress.

There are stories from Air Force One and my interaction with all the presidents with whom I served.

There are stories about Tennessee political figures like Howard Baker, Ned McWherter, Don Sundquist,

Jimmy Quillen and others. You will learn what Howard Baker's favorite story was and what Lamar Alexander called the worst job in the state.

It is worth the price of the book to read the full letter from the boy from Knoxville who wrote to me asking if he got two million signatures, could I do away with homework. Among other reasons, he said it was putting kids in "a state from which they might never recover."

One story you will really enjoy is one that the famous Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill put in his last book. It was a conversation I had with a 79-year-old woman who loved my Dad but never voted for him because "he was too good a man to put into politics."

You will read about the time I was offered several million dollars in legal campaign contributions to run for the Senate, and why I

turned this generous offer down.

You will read about what my late wife, Lynn, said to Donald Trump after I endorsed him for president that he thought was one of the funniest things anyone ever said to him.

You will read about why I voted against going to war in Iraq after having tremendous pressure put on me in a little secure room at the White House.

You will read about how I became, like Reagan and Eisenhower, not pacifists, but very anti-war Republicans.

You will read that I got along just as well with the Democrats in Congress as with the Republicans so I could get things done for our District.

The price for my book at a bookstore or on Amazon is \$24.95 plus tax. The U.T. Press lets me sell the book myself for \$20.00, which includes the sales

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Several men have told me they enjoyed the book so much that they got their wives to read it and that they enjoyed it, too. Someone else told me that the book had already been passed around to four other family members who read it after they finished reading it. I hope you will enjoy it, too!

Trump's controversial nominees

That the Democrats are arguing that some of Trump's nominees are not qualified is laughable. Have they looked at Pete Buttigieg's resume? I guess he got the Transportation gig because



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he was known as Pothole Pete. What about Xavier Becerra who is clearly not qualified to head HHS? Also, Granholm at Energy has zero qualifications for the job.

However, I wonder what motivated Trump to nominate Tulsi Gabbard as director of National Intelligence since she criticized many of his foreign policy moves during his first term. I am certain that the Democrats will have a field day quizzing her on her previous positions.

I would rate her confirmation chances as "toss up."

Speaking of field days, the hearings for RFK Jr. will be must-see TV. He ran his presidential campaign on "Make America Healthy

Again." He noted that Froot Loops sold in the U.S. were less healthy than Canadian Froot Loops. He is anti-vaccine and called the Covid vaccines the "deadliest ever made" which is interesting since Trump is responsible for bringing the Covid vaccines to market. He only drinks raw milk and wants fluoride out of our water systems. He has questioned the safety of pesticides and claimed that he suffered mercury poisoning from eating too much fish. Mind you, these

are just a few of his views.

Needless to say, the public health/pharmaceutical/food complex is beside itself and is in a panic thinking that Kennedy will head HHS. I think that this is why Trump nominated him.

I rate his chances of confirmation as "toss up."

What about Pete Hegseth for secretary of Defense? The main criticism (aside from his being on Fox) is that he has no managerial experience and Defense is a massive agency. Clearly, Trump wants a defense secretary to aggressively wind down the ongoing social experiment of DEI, trans soldiers and perhaps even women in combat roles. Hegseth has been a vocal opponent of all these and more.

As to the administrative role, the Pentagon has just flunked its seventh consecutive audit. Hey, if you are

given \$800 billion surely you don't really expect them to account for every penny? Thus, an auditing firm could not give the Pentagon a "clean audit." Doesn't the Pentagon have a chief financial officer? If this were a corporation, failure to get a clean audit would drive the firm's stock price down, adversely impact credit ratings and the CFO would likely be fired. Yet the Pentagon's CFO still has a job.

Maybe Hegseth will pledge to hire a capable person to oversee the Pentagon's administration, fire the CFO and get the books finally straightened out.

I would rate Hegseth's chances as "lean confirm" unless it gets derailed with the accusations of sexual misconduct.

Another controversial nominee is Lori Chavez-DeRemer, the Oregon

Republican nominated for secretary of Labor. J. D. Vance's fingerprints are all over this nomination. She was one of only three House Republicans who voted for the PRO Act which would override states' right-to-work laws that give workers the choice of whether to join a union. The Teamsters enthusiastically endorsed Ms. Chavez-DeRemer. More ominously so did Randi Weingarten, head of the teachers' union - which should have been disqualifying. It will be interesting to see if there is any pushback from the Republicans in the Senate. No doubt she will get every Democrat vote.

I rate her chances as "confirm."

Lastly, we have the nomination of Kash Patel to head the FBI. This nomination is the most controversial of them all. Patel's

nomination clearly shows Trump's disdain for the FBI. Patel has been solidly in Trump's corner criticizing the FBI and its politicalization. Naturally, his critics say he is unqualified. What really troubles his critics is his staunch support of Trump and his intent to replace entrenched officials at the agency. Patel wants to rebuild public trust in an agency that has harassed Christians, right-to-lifers, parents against woke in their children's schools, Trump and his supporters. The Democrats are howling. The establishment at the FBI is quaking in its boots. Old-line Republicans dislike him. Our Bill Hagerty loves the nomination. Expect Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and Mitch McConnell to be problematic.

I rate his nomination as "toss up."



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www.wate.com/operation-honor-guard/ to find out where to donate online.

WVLT hosted a food drive and fundraiser for Second Harvest Foodbank of East Tennessee on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of WVLT's Days of Giving. Staff members at the station were joined by Second Harvest officials and people with food or cash donations could drive by and contribute.

Second Harvest has the goal of providing over 2.25 million meals to families struggling with food insecurity and is preparing for the historically low donation period in the post-holiday winter months.


"Inflation has placed a heavy burden on families, particularly those already facing hardship. This day of giving is an opportunity to support your food bank in providing critical meals during the colder months. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to serve our East Tennessee neighbors and offer a lifeline to those struggling to make ends meet," said Elaine Streno, executive director of Second Harvest, in a statement preceding the event.

The WVLT virtual food drive is ongoing as of press time at secondharvestetn.fenfly.org/drive/wvlt



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WVLT TV assisted Second Harvest at their office just off Papermill Drive Tuesday and Wednesday in getting food and cash donations. People drove by and many made donations without leaving their cars.



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Publisher's Positions



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have been committed and yet to be discovered.

Biden ran as a centrist and promised us unity and then proceeded to govern as a divisive figure with a "woke" left-wing ideological agenda.

The reasons cited in pardoning Hunter are lies as well. Throughout the entire Hunter Biden scandal, which was ignored by the corporate media, Joe Biden has consistently had to give ground because he was lying. No, he never knew anything about his son and brother's influence-peddling business. No, he never met with any of his son's clients. It was lie after lie. The truth is Biden was caught on tape discussing new stories on the dealings of his son and brother. There are records and pictures of meetings with Biden. Some of Hunter's "clients" thanked him for giving them access to his father.

Pinocchio Jean-Pierre repeated the lie at her podium every chance she got.

Biden swore up and

down he would not pardon his son because at the time, he was running for reelection. That, too, was a lie as NBC has reported there were conversations about the pardon as long ago as last June.

The most sickening part of it all is watching the parade of administration suck-ups on CNN and MSNBC praise Biden for his love for his son. One alleged legal "scholar" tried to excuse Hunter's lying on the gun ownership form because he was an addict. Really? So, any false statement or answer is no longer a crime if someone is drunk or high? It's more of the same.

The collection of idiot sock-puppets that make up "The View" have done backflips trying to defend Joe Biden. Whoopi Goldberg can't bring herself to admit that Biden lied; Anna Navarro, who works for ABC News, posted that President Woodrow Wilson had pardoned his brother-in-law "Hunter DeButts." Yes, she actually said that. Her source? ChatGPT.

Esquire magazine had to kill a piece because writer Charles P. Pierce falsely claimed President George H. W. Bush had pardoned his son Neil.

The idea that Hunter Biden was singled out by his father's Department of Justice is nothing less than absurd. The idea that Hunter Biden did not receive the same treatment as any other American is quite true, as his father's DOJ tried hard to sweep it all under the rug and put together a deal none of the rest of us would have gotten. Hunter Biden failed to pay his taxes and was brazen about it. Remember, he spent it on prostitutes and drugs. By some twisted leftist logic, it wasn't supposed to be a crime because Hunter was an addict. People have gone to jail for both of the crimes for which Hunter Biden was convicted.

The Democrats have apparently learned little or nothing from the recent election. The mainstream media is held in lower esteem than Congress

and there's a good reason why. They don't report news; they lie in repeating a partisan left-wing narrative and the majority of Americans know it. During the nearly four years of Joe Biden's presidency the mainstream media, Hollywood, and the White House have tried their best to gaslight the American people. There was NO crisis at our southern border, there was no scandal surrounding Hunter Biden, Hunter's laptop was Russian "disinformation," the economy was booming, there was no inflation, and Joe Biden was as sharp as a tack. Lie after lie, right up until the end. And they --- the Democrats and the corporate media --- are always surprised that we don't believe them.

Now the mainstream media, which pounded home the belief Joe Biden would never pardon Hunter, is left fully exposed for having perpetuated the lying of the Biden administration. That same corporate media has been caught with its collective

hand in the cookie jar time and again. They have repeated lie after lie and maintained fiction because it fit their narrative.

In the end, Joe Biden had no choice but to pardon his son, as Hunter was the tip of the iceberg in the influence peddling that brought the Biden family \$30 million from various Chinese interests. All trails led to "the Big Guy."

January 20 Can't Come Soon Enough

What is remarkable is the fact that Donald Trump's policies already seem to be working before he has even taken the oath of office for a second time. Trump's threat to slap a 25% tariff on Canada and Mexico if they don't regulate their borders has brought immediate results. Canada's prime minister, Justin Trudeau, couldn't get to Mar-a-Lago fast enough and Mexico's president scattered and disbursed two caravans headed to the U.S.

Lies, Lies and More Lies

The Biden administration is ending just as it began, with a lie. Americans can now see, without any doubt, that Joe Biden lied to the American people when he repeatedly said he would not pardon his son, Hunter. I am not surprised Biden pardoned his son and I don't think most people are, but it certainly will deeply tarnish his legacy. The pardon given to Hunter Biden was the most sweeping in the history of presidential pardons as it covers crimes that might

Sheriff explains new employee policy

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board will vote Monday on whether or not to allow the sheriff to hire military veterans with other-than-honorable discharges. The purpose is to increase the number of deputies, who all start as correctional officers.

Sheriff Tom Spangler was asked for a comment on the proposed change.

"The change request would allow the sheriff's

office to review each applicant individually since there are extenuating circumstances to which both P.O.S.T. and TCI allow exceptions for a discharge other than honorable," the KCSO told The Focus.

P.O.S.T. is the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission that promotes continued law enforcement training. TCI is the Tennessee Corrections Institute that also sets standards for employees.

Applications Open for Junior Commissioners Class of 2025

By Larsen Jay, Knox County Commissioner (At-Large)

In a time when civic engagement is at an all-time low, there's a bright spot here in Knox County -- the third annual Junior Commissioner program. Our Knox County Commissioners believe community engagement and civic education are vitally important to a healthy republic and functioning democracy. As such, in 2022 the commission established an annual "Junior Commission" civics education and youth leadership program where Knox County high school students (juniors or seniors) can become more engaged and informed citizens. Junior Commission participants will learn the functions of their local government and further develop healthy citizenry habits, all while promoting the importance of community engagement and public service.

Applications are now open to be named a Class of 2025 Junior Commissioner. Students can fill out a digital application online at www.knox-county.org/juniorcommission and be considered for participation in the next cohort of future leaders, walking side-by-side with our elected officials. Students can choose to apply to be the Junior Commissioner for one of the nine districts their school is located in, or choose to apply to work with one of the two at-large commissioners



representing the entire county.

Over an immersive three-month period, Junior Commissioners will learn alongside their elected officials as they attend commission meetings, learn about land use policies and zoning decisions, go on field trips to Knox County facilities like the jail, engineering and health department, hold their own mock-meeting, and attend community events with their mentor commissioners.

The experience during the first two successful years made a lasting impression on the student participants. Bayless Bolt, a senior at Webb School, told the commission, "I was so ready to leave Knoxville before I started this program, but being a Junior Commissioner opened my eyes to how large Knox County really is, and how diverse the issues within it are. It gave me pride and confidence in my lawmakers, and just how much I had been taking East Tennessee for

granted."

Timothy Cho, a junior at Farragut High School, stated, "My perception of government has often been dominated by national partisanship and polarization, but this experience opened my eyes to an important level of government. Local government is really where actual change starts."

As the commission prepares to welcome the new class, one wonders if one day we'll see a graduate of the Junior Commissioner program on the ballot. Kalan Hendrickson, a senior at Apostolic Christian School, said, "Through my time as a Junior Commissioner, I have become even more motivated to get involved with local government. Talking to your representatives is a lot more accessible than people might think. I will definitely use what I learned to vote and maybe even run for office."

The application portal is open through December 19 and students will learn if they are chosen as part of the Class of 2025 during the first week of January. While we don't yet know which eleven Knox County students will have the opportunity to participate, one thing is for certain, this year's class of Junior Commissioner students will no doubt take their civics education to another level and find ways to serve Knox County in new and dynamic ways.

City parking fees

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at 6521 Vance Road may be approved to go from RN-1 to RN-2 residential and 100 East Inskip Drive may be changed from neighborhood commercial to general commercial.

A property on Saint Mary Drive may change from institutional to multi-family residential on a request from Jim Hatfield. Also on the agenda is 7057 Pine

Grove Road in a request to switch to highway commercial and four lots on Milton Street may go from RN-4 residential neighborhood to RN-5, general residential, in a request from Heyoh Design & Development.

Tim Graham is asking that 901 Kermit Drive change from Highway Commercial C-H-1 to Highway Commercial C-H-2.

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Bible family gifted a new beginning

By Ken Leinart

Corryton Church hosted its 22nd Christmas party Saturday morning, Dec. 7, at South Central Elementary School in Chuckey.

For Pastor Rocky Ramsey and Corryton Church it is one of the many ways to show how they love and care about people.

Over the past 22 years, the church has given away nearly \$1 million worth of gifts and goods to families in East Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky. Two years ago, it helped a church, a pastor, and families, who were victims of the Hazard, Ky., flood.

A few hours after Saturday's Christmas party, a single mother in Newport, the mother of two teenage daughters, an educator who teaches kindergarten, also received a blessing from Corryton Church.

Some Corryton members from Newport knew of a single mom who taught kindergarten whose home had been all but destroyed when Helene flooded the Pigeon River in late September.

Brandi Bible was at home with her eldest daughter, Madylyn, who was eight months pregnant, when a neighbor who lived up the road called her on her cell phone.

The neighbor was lucky, living on higher ground than many along the Pigeon River.

A wall of water was heading toward the Bible home, the neighbor warned. Time to head someplace safe.

"It took 17 minutes ... And



PHOTO BY KEN LEINART

From left are Corryton Church Pastor Rocky Ramsey, Betsy Ramsey (who decorated the inside of the restored Bible house), Brandi Bible and Pastor Grant Rodgers.

then we were standing in water," Bible said.

She and her daughter were rescued in a canoe by another neighbor. Bible's house is about 200 yards from the Pigeon River. The bank of the river is some 15 to 18 feet high. The flooding breached the river bank and another six to eight feet to get above the front and back porches and run a "current" through the Bible home.

"There was a river running through her house," Corryton Church Pastor of Etc. Grant Rodgers said. "It came in through the front door and was running out the back door." As the soon-to-be Bible house restoration project manager, Rodgers was called in to look at the damage.

What happened after Ramsey and his wife, Betsy, and Rodgers, met with Bible and saw the destruction seems like something out of a Hollywood movie.

Ramsey said the church was going to have its annual Christmas party in another county, in another community, but after hearing about the flooding in upper East Tennessee he knew they would go there. But then Chuckey, Tennessee, and Brandi Bible were selected.

And that opened the door for so many acts of compassion - unexpected compassion - and outpouring that even Ramsey was surprised.

Bible said 50 friends showed up that very first day. They weren't asked to show up. They just did.

"We shoveled mud and swept out water, tore down walls," she said.

Baptist Relief Ministry people came in and tore up the sodden floors of the house.

Then Corryton Church took over.

Bible, her daughters and her mother were put up by Bible's fiance, Stevie

Frazier, who lives about 15 minutes away. She was told to stay away from her home until the project was finished. And Corryton Church had a target date for completion: Dec. 7. Five short weeks away from when they began.

Ramsey said 12 volunteers from Hazard, Kentucky, made the trip to Newport and worked for two days, not just on Bible's house, but her mother's house as well. Bible's mother, Evelyn, lives almost next door to her.

Ramsey said when they started the process he thought he would go to businesses for materials and ask if they would let the church have them "at cost" or a discount. "We'd tell them what we were doing and they'd say, 'Why don't we just donate this to you?'" he said.

Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, roofers, landscapers volunteered. Some

companies sent crews to work. Ramsey said a man in Kentucky heard about what Corryton Church was doing and donated a new HVAC system. One of two donated.

"Those are what? Ten thousand dollars?" Ramsey said.

A few people outside of the church heard about the project and donated \$22,000. A church in Kentucky donated \$6,000 toward new furniture.

Companies making donations include East Tennessee Fireplace, Brandon Smith Electric, East Tennessee Rooter and Plumbing, Brookhaven Designs, Top Notch Air, and Turner Exteriors. Two members donated furniture.

Shaw Industries and Broadway Carpet donated flooring. Patterson Appliances donated all the appliances. Quality Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, and Electrical provided the other HVAC units and did all the repair and installation, which included shoveling mud out of the crawl space for ductwork. GAF and Mid-Atlantic Roofing Supply donated shingles to replace the roof. Lansing Supply donated vinyl shakes for the exterior.

Your Home Solar donated and installed a solar system for the house. The Cleaning Authority donated a deep clean of the home. A church in Kentucky purchased some of the furnishings. Knoxville Wholesale Furniture and other businesses reduced the church's costs for what had to be purchased.

Five weeks later Brandi Bible walked into her "new" home.

"Not bad for five weeks," Rodgers said.

Bible could not hold back her tears during the tour of her home.

The day Bible was rescued from her house was scary, she said. "The water was over the porch and the day that we left we realized everything would be lost that it was really hard, that was heartbreaking. We knew once we left when we came back it would never be the same," she said.

But even on that day, she said she felt blessed. "Even though I lost my home and my car, I didn't lose my family or my friends," she said.

"Coming back today, before I came, I prayed and I knew everything would be different ... I knew that God loves me and I was just thankful to have help and thankful to have a fresh start and a new beginning.

"I've come back to my home. I missed my home," she said "There are no words to describe it. Some things are gone and you can't bring them back but I still have the memories of them."

She said her home now is, "Totally different, but in a good way. It's my house, but it's different."

And she has a new family. "I didn't know any of them," she said about the people of Corryton Church. "And now they're family. It's a wonderful feeling to know that you're loved and they haven't forgotten you."

BOE examines survey results

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little more closely. The three groups all scored the response to "Excellence in Foundation Skills" below 60 - Family surveys ranked KCS with a 59 rating, staff 58, and community 48.

The second priority, "Great Educators in Every School," reached high marks in its Importance as well - family 92, staff 94, community 97 - but the response results for Performance from the survey-takers had KCS fall below the 60 thresholds for two groups - family 56, staff 68, community 48.

"Career Empowerment and Preparation" had similar results. All three groups ranked the Importance of this priority fairly high - family 89, staff 87, community 89 - but again showed they thought work needed to be done on Performance - family 50, staff 55, and community 49.

The final priority "Success For Every Student" scored high in Importance - family 90, staff 93, community 92 - but the response to this priority's Performance also showed low numbers - family and staff both scored the response as 46, while community ranked it 36.

Landis said, however, that the surveys "reflect perceptions. You may be doing it (a priority) well and the perception is not there." He said in that case, "We have to communicate better."

The next question asked how well KCS prepared students for life after graduation in five categories.

Do students graduate as lifelong learners? Family 38, staff 58, community 47. Are they effective

communicators? Family 37, staff 54, community 46.

Are they a collaborative teammate? Family 40, staff 60, community 47.

Are they a creative problem solver? Family 36, staff 52, community 44.

Are they a community-minded citizen? Family 33, staff 48, community 39.

Breaking down the separate groups, the family respondents were 72% Caucasian, 6% Hispanic, 5% Black, 4% identified as "two or more identities," 3% were Asian and 9% preferred not to say.

Pre-school and elementary school families accounted for 62% of the completed surveys with middle school accounting for 35% and high school 34%.

Some respondents have children in more than one level and their answers were applied to each, resulting in the overlap.

Family Results

Parents/guardians were asked about specific aspects on KCS "Excellence in Foundation Skills." The answers reflect the percentage of "favorable."

Does KCS prepare students to be skilled leaders? 75% favorable; Does KCS prepare for academic success for the next grade? 74% (higher favorability rating elementary school respondents); Does KCS prepare students with math skills for the next grade? 70%; Does KCS challenge students academically? 69%; and Does KCS clearly communicate academic standards? 66% (higher favorability rating elementary school respondents).

The two "Great Educators in Every School" specific

survey questions had greater results from elementary school family respondents. Does KCS have highly effective educators in every classroom? 49% favorable; Does KCS invest in educators? 43%.

Family respondents were asked about KCS 865 Academies in the "Career Empowerment and Preparation" portion. Only 42% had heard about them, and 26% thought 865 Academies are preparing students for life after graduation. Ninety-two percent of the respondents said it was important for students to be supported by a team of teachers with an assigned principal and counselor in high school.

Family respondents listed STEM as a number one priority, industry experience while in school as number two, early postsecondary opportunities such as dual enrollment as third, humanities such as art and theater as fourth, and advanced academics such as AP classes, honor roll, etc., as fifth.

When asked about "Success For Every Student," family respondents gave a 75% favorable rating for KCS communicating behavioral expectations to students; a 71 for setting high behavioral expectations; a 66 for providing opportunities for students from all backgrounds to succeed; and a 55 for providing support for when a student struggles. Elementary school respondents were higher than middle and high school.

The student-family experience survey results had a couple of oddities, but nothing that seemed abnormal.

Offering students the opportunity to participate in activities received a 74% favorable, but was high in middle school and high school survey respondents because of several factors, including the number of athletic teams available. Having an environment that is welcoming and respectful to students of all backgrounds, 73%; safe and secure campuses, 72%; families feel welcome and included in their students' education, 68%; and students feel valued and important, 66%.

The last four had a higher favorable rating in elementary school surveys.

Finally, the family survey asked about KCS communication. Keeping families informed about school-related items, 88%; staff responding in a timely manner, 79%; clearly communicating behavioral expectations to parents/guardians, 79%; doing a "good job" communicating about parents/guardians' children, 68%; have resources available to answer questions about school-related issues, 58%; ideas on how to help a student at home, 52%; offer translation/interpretation services to parents and guardians who may need them, 35%.

All surveys scored more highly with elementary school respondents. The response to ideas on how to help students at home also scored higher with middle school respondents.

KCS serves more than 60,000 students. It should be noted that many families have students in more than one level of the three survey areas: elementary, middle and high school.



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Dr. M. W. Rhyne in the therapy room at the Callahan Drive practice.

They're Back!

East Tennessee Binocular Vision Center Opens New Location

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facilities while construction was ongoing from January until March, he feels proud of the completed office, stating, "God has the final say."

M. W. added, "They're back!"

In his free time, M. W. enjoys farming and often has homemade jelly, canned peaches and green beans and fresh eggs available for purchase in his office. He recalled the early years of his practice when he would sell his items at the farmer's market to help sustain the business. He may have been resourceful but he also acknowledged that he had a little help: "It's not me who does it, it's God who does it."

M. W. pointed out a handmade quilt displayed in his office and spoke lovingly of his wife, Susan, with whom he has been married for 35 years.

Seth lives on the Heiskell family farm with his wife, Caitlin, who is also an employee of the

practice. He enjoys tabletop games, playing guitar, and spending time with his wife and horses.

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The Doctor is in
a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Extinction Burst

What you're seeing with Trump, regardless of his flaws, is a massive, concentrated psyop.
Joe Rogan

Of the many things I love about the Holiday Season, Christmas music and Christmas movies top the list. Both help me get in the Christmas spirit. And you may find it strange, but I also love Claxton fruitcake. Yes, I'm particular.

We've been playing holiday music for several weeks, but the rule in the Ferguson household is no Christmas movies until after Thanksgiving. Then, like old friends we haven't seen in a year - George Bailey, Ralphie, Kevin, Scrooge, Cousin Eddie and Buddy the Elf - join us for good Southern visits.

Becky is the CEO of our home, and although I am retired and underfoot more than during my working years, she remains the manager of our abode. And

it is Becky who makes our house a home.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we've also begun our Christmas decorating. It's a lot simpler these days because our kids are grown and have their own homes and families. So we no longer put up a big, live Christmas tree. We have a friend in Townsend who has a Christmas tree farm where we used to cut our own tree for one modest flat price. One year I brought home a Clark Griswold size tree that touched an eleven-foot ceiling even after cutting three feet off the bottom. These days our small, artificial Charlie Brown tree is good enough.

Last week Becky brought out the Christmas china and coffee mugs. Some of you may find it strange, but I love china, so we alter our dinner place settings regularly. We have five senses and I've found that food tastes better when presented well on a nice plate

rather than plastic. The same goes for wine in a nice stem rather than a styrofoam cup.

I have too many favorite Christmas songs to list, but I'll suggest just three for you to consider. Go to YouTube and search for The Drifter's rendition of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." Then try Nancy Wilson singing "That's What I Want for Christmas." This musical standard is sublime and the lyrics embody love. And the last is the somewhat obscure Christian folk hymn, "I Wonder As I Wander," attributed to John Jacob Niles. The haunting melody and contemplative lyrics can also be experienced on YouTube. You won't be disappointed.

I refuse to let "wars and rumors of wars," the political crisis in South Korea or the lying, corrupt Joe Biden who just pardoned his impaired son, Hunter, ruin my Christmas spirit.

People often ask me if I ever worry about finding a topic for this column. It hasn't become an issue after almost 900 essays over fourteen years. Fortunately, there is a dearth of topics that interest the essayist in me. And unfortunately, there are so many problematic issues in the world today that warrant comment.

Actually, I have some sympathy for Hunter who was apparently the black

sheep of the Biden family. A caring parent would have maneuvered Hunter into drug rehab rather than sending him to Ukraine to negotiate "business deals" or sit on Ukrainian energy boards, like Burisma, without any energy expertise. What could Hunter have been selling to justify his multimillion-dollar salary other than information and access to his vice president father? What could go wrong in a country legendary for corruption?

The charges of influence peddling by the Bidens were leaked to The New York Post during the 2016 election season, threatening not only Hunter, who never registered as a FARA (Foreign Agent Registration Act) lobbyist for Ukraine but also Joe Biden. Even more importantly, the potential scandal threatened Obama's administration and reputation. Either Obama knew of Biden's shenanigans or was unaware of the problems under his nose. I don't know which is worse. You now begin to understand the 10-year pardon of Hunter who knew the details and could topple this house of cards if he was imprisoned. So the pardon was less about protecting Hunter and more about protecting the Big Guy and Obama. As one news blogger said, the "vengeful old man is the perfect symbol of his dying

party." Biden has destroyed faith in virtually every government institution and now his party. But for another seven weeks, he is still the president because the Democrat coup to supplant him was a dismal failure evidenced by President Trump's historic reelection.

There were many losers in November, but the legacy media (ABC, CBS, NBC, NYT, Washington Post, etc.) went down with their Democrat Party. Media gurus seemed surprised by Hunter's sweeping pardon. But were they shocked because they were clueless or did their ideology blind them? It doesn't matter. We are wise to their biased presentation of "a story" rather than "the story." Their lies have destroyed them because after suppressing the Hunter Laptop story, promoting Hillary's Steele dossier, support of Russiagate and the Covid lies regarding virus origin, vaccines, masks, distancing, censorship and lockdowns, no one believes them any longer. They have been replaced by the alternative media (examples: talk radio, Rumble, Truth Social, and podcasters like Joe Rogan, etc.) just as the Democrats have been replaced by MAGA.

I learned two new terms recently. Psyop is a shortened term for a psychological operation using, for

instance, propaganda to manipulate people. Psyop techniques are used by the military, but the legacy media's manipulation of Americans with propaganda has now been exposed.

The second term is extinction burst, defined as "a sudden and dramatic increase in behavior when reinforcement has been removed." An example is screaming at or kicking a vending machine when you don't get your soda. After all, inserting money in the machine always produces a soda ... until it doesn't.

In the election fallout, don't expect the Democrats and their legacy media to reform. Their lies will continue until consequences force change. We'll see if the Democrats moderate their policies and become more centrist. We'll see if the legacy media can once again report the facts and regain our trust. In the meantime, even the loons who used to listen to them are leaving in droves. Their expectation was the truth and they were lied to.

Even the Wisconsin women screaming at Lake Michigan because of President Trump's election expected a return on their investment of money, time and effort. They should have just bought a soda.

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Taking a Dayton Holiday Loop

Christmas is coming, the weather is changing, and you might need a break already after the Thanksgiving holiday. Getting out with the family and away from Knoxville to our neighboring counties and smaller towns could be a nice break from the stress and rush.

A Day Away

By Mike Steely

Chief who controlled the crossing of the Clinch River, the path up Cumberland Mountain to places like Nashville. The Treaty of Tellico turned the area over to white settlement. Following the Civil War, two veterans bought the land, established a port and steamboat landing, and the town developed by 1880. The town's Civitan Christmas Parade is today, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. and starts at Gateway Avenue and disassembles at the end of Rockwood Street.

Just east of Highway 27 is the Rockwood downtown area with many historic homes.

Heading south you will come to **Spring City** which began as a

railroad stop and was originally called Sulphur Springs and later called Rheaville and then Rhea Springs, for the county there. The Southern Railroad Depot there is notable, built in 1909.

On Saturday, December 14, Spring City's Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Depot Festival and Parade starting at 10 a.m. with a "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" theme and photos with Santa and a 2 p.m. parade.

If you continue south along Highway 27 you'll come to historic **Dayton**, the site of the iconic "Monkey Trial" at the courthouse there. That town's parade was held on December 2 with a staged production of "It's a Wonderful Life."

The town hosts six neighborhood Christmas Lights drive-through routes and Christmas at

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A Three Rivers Christmas



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I am not worthy

On December 20, my mother would have celebrated her birthday. She'd have been 104 this year. Another event also falls on this date. On December 20, Amy and I will celebrate 50 years



By Joe Rector
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of marriage. I remember when we were first married I thought I wouldn't live to see the day, and of course, I might not. It's still a couple of weeks away. I assure you that over the last fifty trips around the sun, things have not always been smooth; neither have they always been terrible.

Amy and I met at

a church in Cookeville while I was attending Tennessee Tech University. She was a home girl there, and in the beginning, neither of us particularly cared for the other. It was through the insistence of Reverend Bill Menees that I gave her a call at the beginning of my senior year. Just like always, I was nervous as a cat and sure that she would turn down my request for a date. To my surprise, Amy said that she'd go out with me.

We attended the Tech football game on a Saturday

evening, and I took her home afterward. In the few hours I'd been with Amy, I knew that I'd been wrong and that she was a wonderful person. I asked if she'd go to homecoming with me, and after telling me she'd think about it, she quickly answered "Yes." A good-night kiss is what sealed the deal for me. In my mind and heart, I knew that I'd found the woman I wanted to marry.

We did just that a year and a half later. I had a teaching job in Knox County, and Amy was going to finish her degree at UT. Like most other newlyweds, we slowly learned how to live with another person. Amy worked part-time

to help supplement our income. She also joined the Army Reserves to pull in a bit of cash.

In 1978, we built a small two-bedroom home in Ball Camp. Amy was the one who asked if we could move back there and away from South Knoxville. Both of us worked south, and the construction of better interstate travel for the coming World's Fair made for interesting travel. When the fair began, we stopped on many occasions to enjoy the sights and to wait for traffic to die down enough to reach home.

I said I wanted no children. My reasoning was I taught teens all day, so I didn't need any more young people in my life. However, we had a daughter who was born in April 1981 and a son who was born in February 1985. Our lives settled into a normal grind of work, meals of hotdogs and macaroni and cheese, and youth sports. During those years, Amy and I had little time for each other. I

take the blame for the rough patch that we experienced because Amy was going all the time, and I was doing little to help. I had a terrible temper and screamed and hollered when I was mad. We escaped that tense situation; it took some time for Amy to trust me again, but thankfully she did.

Over the 50 years, both of us have had surgeries that put us out of commission. My dear wife took wonderful care of me when I was down, and I did the best I could when she was the patient. We've had our scares, but with the help of good friends and a loving God, healing has occurred. Our losses have wounded us severely at times. Our parents have passed, as well as a brother and cousins. Not too long ago, our son passed, and that has made our lives tougher than ever to face.

The woman I married is my hero. Amy has always been a steady force in our family. She wisely took care of financial affairs that

steered us to where we are now: a comfortable retirement. My wife has always been a loving, supportive mother who defends her children. At times, she also had to pull out a flip flop and warm up some young behinds. She loves me, even when I don't really deserve that affection. The older we grow, the more we seem to love each other and appreciate each other's company.

For some reason, Amy Alice Moore honored and saved me by becoming my wife. Do I deserve her and her love? The answer is "no." Have I ever understood why such a beautiful woman chose such a toad for a husband? "No" is the answer again. I love her with all of my heart because I know how lucky my life is to have such a wonderful person by my side. I am not worthy of her love, but I will always hold it in my heart and thank God for giving me such a fabulous person with whom to walk life's path.

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The Minority Leader Charles L. McNary of Oregon

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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It may surprise readers there was a time when Oregon was a highly Republican state. In fact, it was the home state of Charles Linza McNary, who served as minority leader during some of the most difficult years for Republicans. McNary was the GOP leader in the United States Senate at the apex of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Administration. Following the 1936 election, there were only 15 Republican senators out of 96 (Hawaii and Alaska were not yet states). Yet Charles McNary remained a highly effective leader and shrewd strategist who was able to maximize the sometimes-scanty minority's influence. When dark horse candidate Wendell Willkie captured the GOP presidential nomination in 1940, a member of the Republican Old Guard was needed to balance the ticket. Willkie asked McNary to become his running mate and the 66-year-old senator agreed.

A crafty opponent as well as a legislative expert who knew how to get things done, McNary was well-liked amongst his colleagues. TIME, the most widely read news magazine of its day, acknowledged Charles McNary had long puzzled New Dealers who called the Oregon senator "able, shrewd, liberal, weary, lazy, cynical." McNary was a tall, sandy-haired dapper man, well attired and usually sporting a jaunty bowtie. One of the quirks of McNary was getting to his feet from his desk on the front row of the Senate Chamber and "shooting his cuffs" which were always white and stiffly starched. Oftentimes observers could gauge the minority leader's mood by how he tugged at his cuffs, whether he would good naturedly pick at Democrats or whether he was angry and ready to send a pointed barb at the opposition. TIME noted McNary had won many a skirmish "with nothing up his sleeve but pure, political cunning."

McNary was well-liked not only by his colleagues but also by much of the Capitol Hill press corps. The senator from Oregon knew what was going on in Washington, D.C., and was apparently one of the best off-the-record sources for favored newsmen.

When he died, Salem's Statesman Journal newspaper noted Charles McNary's life was "the Modern History of National Legislation." McNary is largely remembered today for his sponsorship of the McNary-Haugen Act, which was written to help farmers and bitterly opposed by many inside his own party,

although both McNary and House sponsor Gilbert Haugen were Republicans. "Charlie Mac" became highly popular with farmers and was considered an authority on farm aid, which was a subject near and dear to his heart. McNary once warned the members of his party to "quit its abstractions and alarms and get down to the level of human sympathy and understanding." McNary followed his own advice during the First One Hundred Days of the New Deal, voting for practically all the legislation recommended by President Roosevelt. Instrumental in the development and passage of the massive Bonneville Dam and power project, McNary supported TVA, Social Security and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Act.

Charlie McNary's story was uniquely American in his rise to security and prominence. The tenth child of his parents, McNary was four when his mother died and nine when his father died five years later. The McNary orphans banded together out of necessity and love to eke out a living. Charlie McNary became a paperboy while also working on farms and orchards to help provide for his family. John Hugh McNary was elected county recorder in 1890 and hired his younger brother. Charlie McNary eventually moved to California to attend Stanford University, against the advice of his grandfather who urged the boy to go into the grocery business. Instead, McNary took the \$28 he had saved over a summer from working and went off to college. To support himself, the future senator worked as a waiter. McNary went home to Oregon after his family asked him to return with the understanding that he would study to become a lawyer. Charlie McNary did not give up his pursuit of the law and read the law under his brother John and attorney Sam Hayden. McNary passed the Bar exam in 1898 and engaged in the practice of his profession. Charlie joined John Hugh McNary in starting the law firm of McNary and McNary. John McNary also worked as a deputy assistant district attorney. As a lawyer, McNary became well acquainted with agricultural issues. It seems second jobs were second nature to the McNary family as Charlie began teaching property law at the Willamette University College of Law. In 1908, Charles McNary became Dean of Willamette's Law School. McNary also bought the old family farm and for the rest of his life, it remained a working



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The 1940 GOP presidential ticket,
Wendell Willkie (left) and Charles L. McNary of Oregon (right).

enterprise.

Charlie McNary married his college sweetheart, Jessie Breyman, and the couple enjoyed what was by all accounts a happy marriage. Jessie was killed in an automobile accident while returning home from her mother's funeral when the car flipped and crushed her to death. It was a terrible blow to Charles McNary. McNary continued his rise to prominence by becoming counsel to Oregon's state railroad commission and was appointed to serve on the state Supreme Court as a justice. McNary enjoyed friends in both the conservative and progressive wings of Oregon's Republican Party, although he was a thorough-going progressive in his outlook. McNary was an outspoken supporter of the direct election of United States senators, public power, and labor through advocating for the eight-hour workday. McNary always enjoyed the support of organized labor during his political career.

McNary suffered the only defeat of his long political career when he lost the Republican nomination for the Supreme Court by a single vote. The conservative and progressive factions of Oregon's Republican Party were feuding, and McNary proved to be one of the few agreeable to both groups. Charlie McNary became chairman of Oregon's Republican Party and promptly worked to ensure the election of Charles Evans Hughes who was campaigning to unseat President Woodrow Wilson. In a very close election, Evans lost the White House but carried Oregon. In 1917, United States Senator Harry Lane died suddenly. It quickly became clear McNary was one of a handful of contenders to be appointed to the senatorial vacancy by Governor James Withycombe. Six days after Senator Lane's death, the governor appointed Charles L. McNary to the United States Senate.

Almost immediately McNary demonstrated he was an adept campaigner by defeating Robert Stanfield, the speaker of Oregon's House of Representatives, handily in the GOP primary. McNary faced yet another formidable challenger in the general election in Oswald West, a former governor.

McNary won the general election decisively only to leave office as he had not run to finish out Senator Lane's term. Frederick Mulkey won that special election and served a few months before resigning so that McNary could gain a seniority advantage over incoming senators. McNary took his seat in the United States Senate in December of 1918 where he remained until his death.

Only once did McNary face a daunting reelection campaign for the Senate. At the peak of Franklin Roosevelt's popularity in 1936, the senator faced the voters of Oregon once again. McNary faced Willis Mahoney, the mayor of Klamath Falls, who ran as an all-out backer of Roosevelt and the New Deal. Mahoney delighted in asking audiences when they had last seen McNary. It was a very close election, which McNary won by just over 5,000 votes. Still, McNary's personal popularity saved him from the same fate as many of his colleagues where Republicans were an endangered species.

The elections of 1932 had begun the decimation of Republicans in both the House and the Senate. Majority Leader James E. Watson of Indiana had been defeated in the Roosevelt landslide and McNary had become the minority leader, a position he held until he died in 1944. It was following the 1936 elections that Charles McNary demonstrated his political sagacity when President Roosevelt sought to pack the U.S. Supreme Court. McNary advised a strategy of allowing Democrats to tear each other apart while Republicans largely watched from the sidelines. McNary's wise counsel focused the opposition to the president's proposal inside his own Democratic Party to take center stage, robbing the Roosevelt Administration of the powerful argument that it was a

partisan issue. The idea of packing the Supreme Court was opposed by every Republican in the Senate, but GOP senators reluctantly followed McNary's leadership and watched in wonder as a full-blown mutiny occurred in Democrat ranks. Burton K. Wheeler, a progressive Democrat from Montana, became the leader of the court-packing opponents in the Senate. The coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats would become more powerful following the 1938 midterm elections and crippled the dominance of Roosevelt politically. No longer could FDR expect a compliant Congress merely to rubberstamp whatever he laid before it. That largely was the doing of Charles McNary's shrewd leadership.

McNary remarried in 1923 to Cornelia Morton and the couple adopted a daughter, Charlotte, whom the senator positively doted upon. Each summer, McNary looked forward to leaving hot and humid Washington, D.C., for the splendor of his farm in Oregon where the weather was usually wonderful. The senator spent time in his magnificent garden at his modest but quite comfortable farm cottage. The cottage was surrounded by magnificent fir trees, which were reflected in ponds created by a natural spring. McNary's farmhouse was known as "Fircone." Located six miles from Salem, Fircone was heaven on earth for Charlie McNary.

The election of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the arrival of the New Deal eliminated many Old Guard Republicans who were thorough-going conservatives, as well as President Herbert Hoover, who believed Charlie McNary was too liberal. Many of the Republicans who survived the ascendancy of FDR and the New Deal were Republican progressives like Hiram Johnson of California, William Borah

of Idaho, Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota and McNary.

Charles McNary was a man with a magnetic personality, recognized for his ability as a member of the United States Senate. One of the essential qualities of McNary as a person was his understanding of the human condition. Charlie McNary had the ability to make lasting friendships, a key ingredient in success in any legislative chamber.

When nominated for vice president, McNary had never seen nor met Wendell Willkie. McNary opened his vice-presidential campaign in Oregon before an audience of some 12,000 people. Senator McNary paid tribute to the sturdy pioneers who had traveled what became known as the "Oregon Trail." "Land, if you had to work it, was never free," McNary told his listeners. "Men paid for it in sweat, blood and loneliness, if not in dollars." Oregon had prospered McNary said precisely because "Americans had not then been instructed that they must look to Washington for inspiration and sanction for their every act. . ."

The Willkie-McNary ticket lost the 1940 election to Roosevelt, but it had run far better than its predecessors. Charles McNary ran for yet another six-year term in 1942 and won easily. Shortly after his reelection, McNary began experiencing odd symptoms and experts at Bethesda Naval Hospital discovered the senator was suffering from a brain tumor. The senator underwent an operation to remove the tumor. Following his surgery, McNary went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to rest and recuperate. One worried sister went to Florida where she spent two weeks with her ailing brother. Reports indicated McNary was making rapid progress in his recovery, taking short walks around the area. Because the news from the senator's Florida sojourn was so positive, his death on February 26, 1944, came as a distinct shock to his family, friends, Oregon and official Washington, D.C.

Tributes poured in from across the political spectrum. Vice President Henry Wallace, the mystical progressive, remembered McNary as "one of the finest men I ever knew." Republican U.S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan thought Charles McNary was "one of the wisest, soundest and ablest statesmen in the public life of this generation."

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What was your favorite childhood Christmas gift?

By Mike Steely
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Each of us probably has a fond memory of a special gift we received years ago. Childhood memories seem to linger with us long throughout our adult lives. One of my favorite gifts was a new 24-inch bike that I rode all over my hometown. The Focus asked Knox County residents what their favorite gift was and here are some of the replies:

Ralph Siglin: A small replica of an American LaFrance fire truck.
Lynne Siglin: I received a bride doll, very beautiful.
Mike Cohen: My brother and I spent hours and hours for years and years playing on one of these. (A hockey board game)
Mark Cawood: A clock radio. It actually had a clock on the front that rotated the time on wheels. Remember this was 1968, it was very unique. My mom saw me

looking at the radio in July 1968 at Penny's in Oak Ridge. She went back and bought it for me. I was totally surprised!!
Katie Allison: The best was the year Santa brought us two Shetland ponies and a pony cart.
Carson Dailey: My first pop gun. I was probably around three years old. I still remember getting it at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Vonore, Tennessee.
Danny Lyons: When I was

about six years old, I spotted a Radio Flyer wagon in the window at Western Auto that used to be on Western Ave in the West Haven shopping center. It was like a Richard Petty blue one. I told my Mom that I sure would love that, I knew she really didn't have the money, but there it was on Christmas morning, compliments of Mom's friend who stepped up and made this little kid very happy on that

Christmas Morning.
Becky Cooper: I got a football. Best ever. I was into playing.
Chris Fortner: Transformers.
Monte Seymour: A slot car race track set had to have been it, although a pellet gun ran a very close second. This would have been late 50s, early 60s.
Debra Dobson: A beautiful new metallic blue girl's bike. I was 10 and it was

the prettiest, shiniest thing I had ever seen. Plus a doll I named David and still had him when I got married.
Misty Williams: My best memory was when I got a baby goat for Christmas. I was so excited.
Alan Williams: At five years old it was a Colonel McCauley space helmet. It was the neatest thing since I wanted to be an astronaut growing up.

Taking a Dayton Holiday Loop

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the Courthouse kicked off Saturday, December 7 with caroling, crafts, and Santa hosted by Main Street Dayton. There's a museum in the basement of the Rhea County Courthouse recalling the history of the area and the notorious trial there, plus you can walk up inside the building and visit the actual courtroom where the Scope's Trial took place.



If you can't attend holiday events at the historic Dayton Courthouse you can still take a day trip to there or many other regional towns that are all lit up for Christmas.

You could get back on the highway and follow it south toward Chattanooga but I suggest you turn east on Highway 30 and cross the Tennessee River to **Old Washington**. That little place was once the county seat of Rhea County and the home of Judge David Campbell. Campbell is buried there beside his son-in-law and, it is said, the judge's favorite horse.

The little community was also a ferry landing and is now served by a highway bridge. Staying on the highway you'll come to **Decatur**, the Meigs County seat. Holiday celebrations around the courthouse featured "Cozy Christmas" on Saturday, December 7, one of many events held there leading up to the Christmas holiday.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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Carter High Hornet Chandler Wilson is in motion as he puts the pressure on Powell High's Nathan Russell. The boys in green would take the win, 73-49, after a big third quarter.

Lady Rebels continue to develop, hang tough against Karns at home

By Ken Lay

When Cody Graves arrived at West High School, his first goal was to give the Lady Rebels' basketball program's culture an overhaul. Well, that work has begun. West has played just two games this season but it looks as though Graves' work is beginning to reap some benefits. But the process will be a long one. "That's what I'm trying to do, change the culture here," Graves said after possibly watching his Lady Rebels play quite possibly their most competitive game over the last two-plus seasons in a 60-36 loss to Karns at home Tuesday night. "It's all about belief, positivity and being competitive. The work goes far beyond the basketball court for Graves and West High. The Lady Rebels have been the District 4-4A doormat for the last

two seasons. And things got off to a rough start for West, which lost its season opener to a young Central team, 51-28, on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

"We had 30 turnovers in that game and the turnovers cost us this game tonight," said Graves, who spent the last two seasons as the girls coach at Bearden Middle School. "It's all about confidence. We're scoring 50 or 60 points in practice against our JV boys, but we get out here in a game and we don't have confidence. We're doing some team building activities. We're going to Lady Vols' games and doing Angel Food and things like this. We want to build the family atmosphere here." West (0-2) found itself in a tight game early Tuesday night against the Lady Beavers, who look to challenge seven-time defending champion Oak Ridge for the District 3-4A title. **Continue on page 2**

Hornets, Lady Panthers notch wins

By Ken Leinart

Powell High School (Dist. 3-4A) earned a split Tuesday night, Dec. 3, in non-region action when the Carter Green Hornets (Dist. 3-3A) paid a visit.

The Lady Panthers used a third quarter outburst to take a 55-37 W. The Hornets evened the scales with their own big third quarter to take a 73-49 win.

Lady Panthers 55, Lady Hornets 37

Powell's defense created early havoc for the Lady Hornets, holding the visitors to four points in the first quarter. With a 10-4 lead the Lady Panthers continued to play consistent offensively and distributed the points evenly though Krysta Madison would lead all scoring with

13 for the Lady Panthers. The Lady Hornets solved the Powell defensive puzzle in the second quarter though. And freshman Emma Millington got hot, she scored all six of her points of the night in the second frame as the Lady Hornets came back to within one point of the Lady Panthers, 19-18. But the second half

belonged to the Powell offense. Madison scored seven of her 13 in the third and Hannah Hayes and Anna White both nailed threes in answer to Lady Hornet scores. The Lady Panthers continued to build their lead in the fourth for the win. "We were a little inconsistent, but I was pleased **Continue on page 2**

COLLEGE SIGNEES

Carter's Taylor signs with Army

By Steve Williams

The world is opening up with great opportunities for Carter High School's Judd Taylor.

The 6-3, 270-pound offensive lineman signed scholarship papers with Army, the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, in a ceremony at Carter last week.

"Growing up," said Taylor, "I've always heavily respected the military and I've always liked the military, but there was never 'I'm dead set on that.' It was more like I was going to get an education for playing football and continue on my path and see where life leads me."

Meeting Dane Romero, Army slotback coach and recruiter, turned out to be a huge break for Taylor. Romero came from Wofford University and is in his first year at Army.

"I was actually the first recruit that he offered and committed to Army, so it was really special for him and me both," said Taylor. "And we've become really close this past season and even in the off-season. When he started recruiting me we became really close and he's been awesome throughout the process."

Another big step for Taylor was meeting Central High product Kalib Fortner at West Point

the weekend before last. Kalib is a junior starting linebacker for Army and led the Black Knights to a 17-11 victory over Navy last season.

"I was sitting there in the locker room talking to Kalib and he was kind of giving me some inside information about the school and the team and congratulated me and welcomed me in," said Judd. Kalib's twin brother Liam also is a starting receiver for Army, which will play Navy in the two academies' 125th meeting Saturday.

Taylor said he has always enjoyed watching the Army **Continue on page 2**



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Carter High School's Judd Taylor signed with the United States Military Academy's Army Black Knights last Wednesday morning in the early signing period for NCAA Division 1 schools.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Rebels enjoy early success with home wins over Catholic, Karns

By Ken Lay

West High School's boys basketball team is off to a fast start this season. The Rebels have won all of their first three games by double digits.

But on Thursday, the West High squad, which features nine seniors, faced its toughest test of the season so far.

The Rebels notched a 76-65 victory over the previously unbeaten Irish.

As it had done in its previous two tilts against Central and Karns, West quickly darted out to a big lead.

The Rebels (3-0) held one of Knoxville's most potent offensive attacks intact over the first 16 minutes of the contest. The Rebels led

23-12 after the first quarter and extended their advantage to 42-20 by halftime.

"We came out in the first half and we got the kind of effort we wanted," said Tommy Eggleston, West High's first-year head coach. "When you hold a team like that to 20 points in the first half, that's pretty good."

"We did what we wanted to and I'm glad Catholic came over here and gave us a game. We want to play games against good teams. That's what we want to do and that's who we are."

Maurice Clark and Devyn Martin each scored 19 points for West against the Irish (4-1). Martin posted a double-double as he also

pulled down 17 rebounds. He also came up with four blocked shots, four assists and three steals. Clark had four rebounds and two steals for the Rebels, who saw their lead dwindle to seven points when Catholic's Juice Eleam buried a 3-pointer to make the score 66-59 with 2 minutes, 49 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. The Irish, however, never came any closer.

Eleam finished with eight points and guard Carson Asbaty scored 14 of his team-high 16 points after halftime. Cade Murphy scored 15 points for the Irish.

"Catholic is a good team and I knew they would

make a run at us, with players like Juice and Cade," Eggleston said. "We came out and we started the game with intensity, but we didn't come out with the same intensity in the third quarter."

"We matched their effort in the third quarter, but not their intensity."

Despite watching his team have its share of offensive struggles over the first 16 minutes of the contest, Irish coach JaJuan Smith was pleased with his team's effort after the break.

"I tip my hat to the West High Rebels basketball team," Smith said. "They protected their house. They're a great team."

They're organized and they're well-coached.

"But I'm proud of my guys. They didn't give up. Basketball is a game of runs and their run in the first half was obviously bigger than ours was."

West High's win over the Irish came two nights after the Rebels dismantled a young Karns team at home Tuesday, notching an 87-43 victory over a Beavers team that returns just one player with previous varsity experience in Taha Tarchane.

Longtime Karns coach Lee Henson was just as impressed with the Rebels as Smith was after the Rebels opened a 26-7 lead in the first quarter of that game as they appeared to

score at will in the contest.

"West is a great team and they're going to do this to a lot of people," Henson said after watching his team drop to 0-3. "I hope they'll go on a good run this year."

"They brought in their second unit and I think they made more 3's than their first unit did. We're young and we'll get better. I have one guy with any varsity experience from last year. That was Taha and he played about 10 minutes per game."

Clark led the way for the Rebels with 13 points. Garrett Burch scored 12 points as he buried four 3-pointers, and Martin finished with 11.

Carter's Taylor signs with Army

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versus Navy game on TV.

"It's awesome. I love it."

And if everything works out, the Carter standout could play in that game in the future. Just imagine Judd at left tackle blocking against the Midshipmen.

"I've always liked the offensive side, just being able to push down the field," Judd said. "The feeling of scoring is awesome. Especially with (high school teammate) Jody (Scruggs) being a good running back that he is. It was awesome to block for that guy."

Even though offensive tackle is his favorite position, Taylor is a team-first guy. "I can be versatile whether it be outside at tackle or inside at guard,"

he said, adding he even "dabbled" in the defensive line in his time with the Hornets. "Really I'm just leaving it up to the coach and wherever they think I'm going to be best for the team."

When asked who he would like to give gratitude to for helping him get where he is today and say thank you to, Judd answered: "At first, it's always God. God has always been great to me. Every day I give thanks."

"Secondly, it's got to be my family. They've given me so much just to put me in situations ... college

visits, camps and different things to get me recruited. They've given up a lot and I'm extremely thankful for that.

"And then my coaches and teammates. They've been there every step of the way, always supportive."

Taylor knows there is a requirement to serve in the military after graduating from West Point.

"If the career is there in the military, perfect," he said. "If not, a West Point degree goes a long way."

Taylor's honors at Carter include 2023 Tennessee Sports Writers All-State team, 2023 Region 2-4A Offensive Lineman of the Year, 2024 All-Region and 2024 Team Captain.

"Judd is a phenomenal young man that has been the foundation of our offensive line since he has arrived at Carter," said Head Coach Todd Helton. "He has always demonstrated a strong work ethic and incredible leadership qualities. These traits will be a few of the reasons he will find ultimate success at Army West Point and in life past college."

"I'm excited that Judd has this amazing opportunity, and I look forward to watching all the great things he accomplishes during this time at Army!"

MORE COLLEGE SIGNINGS ON C4

Hornets, Lady Panthers notch wins

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with the effort," Lady Hornet coach Parker McNew said. "The kids never panicked."

McNew said he was pleased with the shot selection of his team, especially from senior Marah Yeo and sophomore Lexi Tipton. Both tallied nine points to share team high honors on the night.

He added that playing "up" his team is preparing for its own region. The Lady Hornets are 1-5.

Powell was led by Madison's 13, but also received a solid outing from sophomore center Payton Richmond with nine points and Daisy Gentry with eight. The Lady Panthers improved to 2-3.

Hornets 73, Panthers 49

Just like in the game played before them, the third quarter would make the difference. This time in favor of the visitors.

A 27-point explosion thanks to the three-ball in the third quarter carried the Hornets to the non-region win Tuesday night.

Senior guard Chris Cowan hit three threes in the third frame - a trifecta if you will - and senior Naviyon Shipe hit two as the Hornets erased a 32-27 halftime Powell lead. The Hornets would outscore the Panthers 27-10 in the third frame and then cement the win by allowing only six points in the final quarter.

"Our guys are really close. They look out for each other," Hornet coach Tyler Cate said. "It was a matter of just coming out in the second half and playing our game."

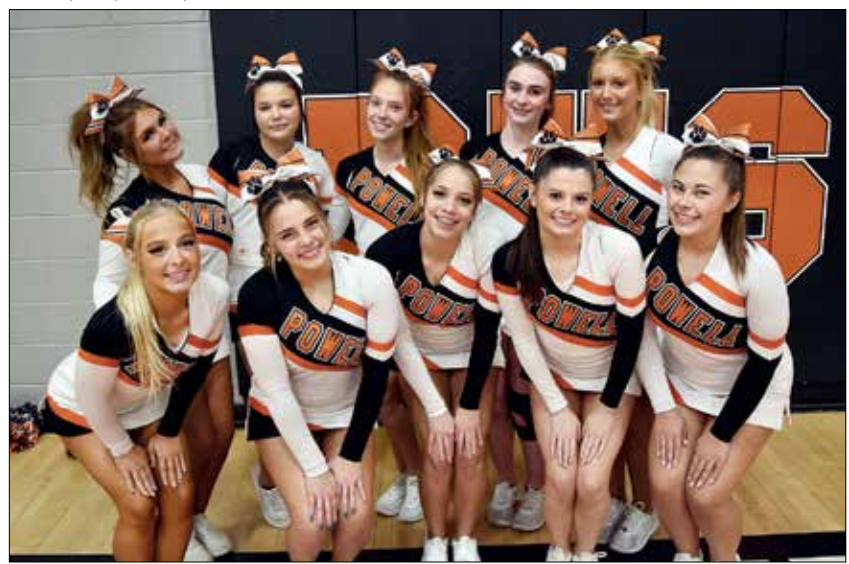
The Carter defense was solid, but the Hornets also dialed back on some silly mistakes - turnovers - that hurt them in the first half.

Senior Zion Oliver was the catalyst for the Hornets, running when the opportunity allowed, but keeping the pace of the game in the Hornets'



PHOTOS BY KEN LEINART

The 2024-2025 Carter High School cheerleaders are (front row from left) captains Tessa Buckner, Alyssa Allen and Kayla Arreola. In the back are (from left) Hailey Evans, Bella Palado, Gray Boyer, Josie McCreary, Layla Robinson, Emiley Shybloosky, Emilee Nichols and Reece Holbest.



The 2024-2025 Powell High School cheerleaders are (front row from left) Arya Browning, Addison Arnold, Ariana Daugherty, Kellie Whiteley and Kenzie Elliot. In the back are (from left) Ella Riggs, Leah Acres, Aisa Robinson, Lily Meyers and Kiersten Sheppard.

favor. "We learned a lot about each other, about what we can do, during summer camp at Wake Forest," Oliver said. "It's like we know what each other is going to do."

Oliver scored 17 in the win, but teammate Cowan took high game honors with 20. Shipe also hit double digits with

a 15 point night. The Hornets broke .500 with win, leaving Powell with a 4-3 record.

Powell's Nathan Russell was a defensive thorn Tuesday night and he also led Powell scorers with 17 points. Noah Lakin added seven for the Panthers and senior Neyland Dugger added six.

The Panthers stand at 0-3.

Lady Rebels continue to develop, hang tough against Karns at home

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Karns got off to a fast start, opening an 8-0 lead, before Lizzy Jones knocked down a 3-pointer midway through the first quarter. After Jones scored, however, the Lady Rebels were assessed an administrative technical foul because her name and number weren't listed in the scorebook. The Lady Beavers' Reese Roberts converted the subsequent free throws, giving Karns a 10-3 lead.

But West didn't wilt. Instead, the Lady Rebels closed out the opening frame with a modest 7-5 run. The Lady Rebels trailed just 15-10 heading into the second stanza. West was only down 20-14

at halftime.

And that didn't set well with Karns coach Lauren Trent, who watched her squad go through a shooting slump and commit multiple turnovers over the first 16 minutes of the contest.

"We weren't ready to play. We came in here and we thought we could just turn it on," Trent said. "And we didn't."

"So we had a good talk at halftime and we talked about wanting to be here and wanting to compete."

After the pep talk at the break, the Lady Beavers responded by pulling away in the third quarter. They used a 23-7 run in the frame to open a 43-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

West, however, was competitive enough to keep the TSSAA mercy rule from being implemented.

"We played better in the second half but we're going to have to play a full game, and not just 16 minutes, or 20, or 24. We have to play a full 32 minutes," Trent said. "If we do this against better teams, we're going to get beat."

Reese Roberts scored 14 of her game-high 17 points after halftime and had 10 during the Lady Beavers' third-quarter barrage. Rylee Roberts added 15 points. Lauren Miller had 13 and Kiki Clay finished with 10.

Jones led the Lady Rebels with 12 points.



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Steve died Aug. 18, 2010, at age 67, but left Vol fans a marvelous collection of memories. His career ended 60 years ago in the 1964 Vanderbilt game.

DeLong played for three coaches during his time at Tennessee: Bowden Wyatt (1962), Jim McDonald (1963), and Doug Dickey (1964).

His teams never had a winning record, but fans found Steve hard to miss from his middle guard position. He wore No. 65 on his orange jersey, and you found him by locating who had the ball. Steve was generally in the vicinity, always in a bad humor.

DeLong was the anchor of a defense that season that allowed 121 points in 10 games.

"Steve was a tremendous player," said Dickey. "He had quick hands, strong arms, and good use of leverage. He could hit with his hands and move a blocker out of the way. Middle guard was an advantageous position for him."

Steve was good enough for media types to take notice, despite playing on television only twice in his



Doug Dickey (L) and Dick Williams (R) were part of ceremonies honoring Steve DeLong for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in October 1993.

career. He became one of the most honored Vols of all time.

He was a 1993 selection to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

He was the 1964 Outland Trophy winner as the nation's best interior lineman.

He was twice named All-SEC and All-American.

He was captain of the 1964 Vols.

He was the MVP of the 1965 Senior Bowl.

Consider the names of some of his contemporaries.

In the 1965 AFL draft, the San Diego Chargers took him with pick No. 6 in the first round, just after Kansas City took University of Kansas running back

Gayle Sayers. The formidable Dick Butkus was a step or two behind, chosen No. 1 in the second round by Denver.

On the NFL side, the Chicago Bears drafted him, also at No. 6, ahead of Donny Anderson of Texas Tech and behind Craig Morton of California. Butkus and Sayers were picks No. 3 and No. 4, respectively.

He signed with the Chargers and played on the west coast from 1965-71. His final NFL season was with the Bears in 1972.

Brother Ken signed on in 1965 and played tight end from 1967-69. He was an All-SEC player himself, earning that honor in 1968 and 1969. He was an alternate captain of the 1969

team. He was a load with ball in hand, much the way Austin Denney was the previous two years. When Ken ascended to the varsity after Denney left (after the 1966 season), Vol fans quickly found out the tight end position was in good hands.

Steve came back into prominence among Vol fans in 1985, when son, Keith, came to Knoxville, playing linebacker from 1985-88.

Keith followed in Steve's footsteps as a hard-nosed defender. He was captain of the 1988 team. Keith was also an All-SEC and All-American selection that season.

During Keith's career, Vol publicists came up with a poster titled "Defense by

DeLong," featuring Keith and Steve as Vol defensive stalwarts. Keith was a first round draft choice by the San Francisco 49ers in 1989 and played in the 1990 Super Bowl.

One of the most famous plays in Tennessee football history has Steve's fingerprints all over it. It came at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 24, 1964. LSU and Tennessee were embroiled in a 3-3 tie. They recovered a fumble at the Vol 15 and had it first-and-goal at the 5. On fourth-and-goal at the Vol 1, they went for the touchdown that would give the Tigers the lead and likely the game.

Steve led the charge up front, getting under the LSU center and blowing up the play. It was one of those

"inspirational ties" that showed fans that Dickey had things going in the right direction.

Steve spent much of the later years of his life at Hillcrest North, following a 2002 fall that left him with a broken neck and bruised spinal cord. He did take particular delight in helping out and cheering up his fellow residents. He was always glad to see any of his friends from the University of Tennessee, no one more than Dickey, his senior season coach.

There was an emotional moment when Dickey visited one day. There was an instant connection between player and coach. Words didn't come easily to either man, the rough-and-tumble player who battled so hard in the trenches, and his coach, a man given a bad rap for being unemotional and calculating.

No one spoke for a brief moment, but a vintage time of storytelling and reminiscing followed quickly. No one who was there would trade the moment.

"We just played football then," said Steve about his Vol career. "It was all football, just rock 'em, sock 'em."

For Steve DeLong, it was much more than that. The DeLongs are, without a doubt, one of the great families in Tennessee football history.

Steven Cyril DeLong (July 3, 1943-Aug. 18, 2010) led the way in setting that tradition in motion.

Bama Bias is Real

By Mark Nagi

So, there's an adage that states you aren't paranoid ... if they are out to get you.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think the earth is flat. But there are some conspiracies that make too much sense not to have at least a little credibility. With that, I give you college football and the University of Alabama.

Keep in mind that I'm writing this article right before the final College Football Playoff rankings are announced. But whether Alabama gets in or not, the fact remains that the Playoff Committee continues to bend over backwards to assist the Crimson Tide.

Let's go back two years to when Tennessee and Alabama were each fighting to get into the 4-team playoff. Both teams finished the regular season 10-2,

but Tennessee had the head-to-head win over Alabama, they have a better strength of schedule than Alabama, and in terms of similar opponents, Tennessee destroyed LSU 40-18 in Baton Rouge, while the Crimson Tide lost to the Tigers in Baton Rouge.

But the committee chose to put Alabama 5th, just ahead of Tennessee. following the season-ending injury to Vols QB Hendon Hooker. In the CFB Playoff principles, it states that they'll consider "other relevant factors such as unavailability of key players and coaches that may have affected a team's performance during the season or likely will affect its postseason performance."

Backup QB Joe Milton wasn't at Hooker's level, but he did lead the Vols to a blowout shutout of Vandy and then was named Most Valuable Player following Tennessee's Orange Bowl win

over Clemson.

Let's go back one year when Alabama was fighting for a playoff spot once again. This time, the committee placed 12-1 SEC champion Alabama 4th, ahead of 13-0 ACC champion Florida State. Never before had an undefeated Power 5 conference champ been left out of the playoff. But the committee bent over backwards once again for Alabama, and once again used an injury as an excuse after Seminoles QB Jordan Davis broke his leg.

I maintain that the committee knew Alabama head coach Nick Saban was going to retire and did everything they could to get the Tide into the playoff one last time, even if it meant ignoring all precedent.

And that brings us to 2024. This 9-3 Alabama team is not very good. They needed a late charge to pull away from South

Florida. They lost a close game in Neyland Stadium and fell at 6-6 Vanderbilt. Two weeks ago, they got blown out at 6-6 Oklahoma, scoring only 3 points. Last week they turned the ball over 4 times in a shaky 28-14 win over 5-7 Auburn.

But the committee looked at a September win over Georgia and a tight two-point win in October over South Carolina and was convinced (as of December 7) that they deserved to be in the field of 12. They favored Alabama over 10-2 Miami, and fellow 9-3 SEC rivals Ole Miss and the Gamecocks.

Head-to-head doesn't matter... until it benefits Alabama.

Heck, in 2017 an 11-1 Alabama team that didn't win their own division got the 4th spot over an 11-2 Big 10 champion Ohio State, even though the Buckeyes had more ranked wins. That time,

the committee couldn't overlook a 31-point loss by Ohio State at Iowa.

In 2011 even the BCS computers were in on the act. They favored an 11-1 Alabama which didn't win their own division over Big 12 champ Oklahoma State, setting up an LSU/Alabama title game rematch ... and the outrage led to the 4-game playoff that started in 2014.

No matter the playoff system, Alabama gets the benefit of the doubt.

I thought all of this would change when Saban retired. I was naïve. In the future, we will be better off knowing that it is an 11-team playoff, with Alabama already given a spot.

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COLLEGE SIGNEES

Inman expects Lowe to do well in softball at RSCC

By Steve Williams

Lizzi Lowe, the daughter of Powell High football head coach Matt Lowe, signed scholarship papers last week to play softball at Roane State Community College.

Her proud dad and Lady Panther teammates were among those at the Dec. 2 ceremony in the school library.

With her senior season still to come, Lizzi has been the starting left fielder and also played some in right and centerfield. Offensively, she has mostly hit in the No. 2 hole.

Lowe also had offers from Johnson University and Pellissippi State but decided on Roane State this past September.

The "coaching staff for sure" was the main reason she chose the Lady Raiders. Marty McDaniel is in his second year as the head coach at RSCC.

Lizzi also said she likes



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Lizzi Lowe (left) and Sifa Morgan will be playing different sports, but they celebrated their signings together at Powell High on Dec. 2. Starting in the 2025-26 school year, Lowe will play softball at Roane State, while Morgan will play soccer at Carson-Newman.

"the competitiveness of the team and the atmosphere."

Powell Head Coach Jeff Inman said Lowe is "an outfielder with speed and a high on-base percentage. I think she will fit in well there. I expect her to play two years at Roane State and then have the

opportunity to go on from there.

"She can play any outfield position and is a contact hitter with speed," added Inman. "She can play the short game or hit with some power."

Lowe is expected to major in Business Administration

more than likely.

Former Powell player Grayson Woods also is on the Roane State team and plays right field.

Roane State is a public community college in East Tennessee with its main campus in Harriman. The college opened in 1971.

Soccer signee Morgan and C-N are a good match

By Steve Williams

The combination of being a Christian and playing the sport she loves made Carson-Newman University the perfect choice for Sifa Morgan.

The Powell High student-athlete signed scholarship papers with C-N in women's soccer on Dec. 2 in the school library with many of her high school teammates attending.

Sifa started playing soccer when she was six years old.

With the Lady Panthers, she played the forward and striker positions and this past season she was a left or right winger.

Morgan also was a sprinter on the PHS track team, competing in the 100 and 200-meter dashes and the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

Carson-Newman Head Coach Simon Duffy had a good opportunity to get Morgan as PHS Head

Coach Jessica Cable also is in her second year as a Volunteer Assistant Coach at C-N.

"Whenever I went to go visit, I liked how close they were as a team and their (religious) beliefs," said Sifa.

She plans to get a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a minor in "the emotional kind of Therapy."

Morgan said she had offers from Maryville College and Tennessee Wesleyan and a couple of others.

"I'm just thankful and excited to play next fall," she added.

Carson-Newman is a private university in Jefferson City and is affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Founded in 1851, its enrollment is about 2,500.

GCA's Edmondson signs with ETSU

By Steve Williams

It was give and take at Weston Edmondson's signing day last Wednesday at Grace Christian Academy.

Not only was the Rams' quarterback hearing the praises of many, he also was very thankful.

"Being able to play quarterback here at Grace since I've been a freshman, there's been a lot of people pouring to me over the four years," said Edmondson, who signed scholarship papers with East Tennessee State University, a Division 1 member of the Southern Conference. "Honestly, my senior teammates - whether playing in middle school or high school - they poured in me over the years, making me a better teammate but also a better person."

Edmondson, who was voted The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year,

completed 233 of 346 pass attempts (67.3 percent) for 3,080 yards and 32 touchdowns. He also rushed 42 times for 200 yards and three TDs.

The 6-foot-5 Edmondson also hadn't forgotten who had coached him at the start of his prep career.

"The staff I had before this one with Coach Justin Long, I can't thank him enough. He trust me as a freshman to put me on that platform and go out there and play.

"And obviously the coaches now, with Coach (Justin) Price and Matt Price as well, you can tell they've been doing it for a long time; they really know what they're doing. Without them I wouldn't be on the platform I am now and to be able to have the success I've had this year."

Weston also mentioned some of "the playmakers" he had around him this season

- workhorse running back Terrion Thomas and receivers Kaden Webber and Blake Perkey - "just making plays for me and making me look good, and then obviously the whole line, so without them there's nothing I can do back there, so I'm very thankful."

In his first season at Grace Christian this year, Justin Price guided the Rams to the quarterfinals of the Division II-AA playoffs before losing to eventual state champion Christ Presbyterian Academy.

"I think when you look at Weston, there's no better representation of this school than Weston," said Justin. "On the field, off the field, and you guys have known him forever. I've known him for a little less than a year and just the impact he makes when he walks in a room is seen very quickly.

"It's not going to be long before ETSU realizes the moment he



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Kristin and Travis Edmondson celebrate with their son Weston on his signing with East Tennessee State University during the early signing period on Dec. 4.

steps on that campus, the impact he's going to have on everybody. And his future in football, the best is yet to come for him. You guys have seen it. He's a phenomenal player with a great family. Obviously, the Edmondson family

means a lot to Grace. So this is a big day and we just want to honor him."

Assistant coaches, Head of School Matt Mercer and Senior Pastor Dr. Bobby R. Lewis helped lead the way in that regard.

FLAG FOOTBALL

The games go on despite the cold

By Steve Williams

It was spitting snow at Karns and the temperature was in the mid-30s last week, but the Girls' Flag Football show went on.

"It's a little chilly, but we're making it work; like we've slowly got accustomed to it in practice the last few weeks," said South-Doyle Coach Jacob Guerra in between his team's two games on Dec. 2. "We're doing our best to stay warm over there on the sideline."

The Lady Cherokees had held off Karns 25-12 in the opener.

"I'm trying to keep them active on the sideline, keep them warmed up with hand warmers and extra jackets. They're probably a lot warmer than I am," Guerra added with a chuckle.

South-Doyle got off to a fast start as quarterback Ava Laconca ran for a first down at the Karns 42-yard line. Teammate Khloe Parham then caught a 35-yard TD pass from Laconca for 6-0 lead.

Karns' Alaysia Muhammad had a 15-yard run, but that possession



PHOTOS BY AMANDA HOBBY

Karns' Alaysia Muhammad sticks her foot in the turf and tries to get by four Lady Cherokees in Flag Football on Dec. 2. The South-Doyle defenders are Cienna Donovan (8), Kali Parham (4), Danielle Phillips (24) and Aubrey Hubbs (12). S-D notched a 25-12 win.

ended with an interception.

S-D's Laconca increased her team's lead to 12-0 with a 3-yard run. Karns' Malin Watkins pulled the flag on the extra point attempt.

The Lady Beavers then got their passing game going and lefty Zoie James passed to Brooke Childress for a 15-yard TD play to pull within 12-6. Karns' Muhammad had two runs and caught a pass and

Kylee Long caught three passes in the scoring drive before halftime.

Karns had the ball first after the intermission and James completed two passes to Amari Brooks and another to Childress, but the drive ended at the S-D 26-yard line.

Leading by only six points, South-Doyle went back on the attack. Laconca connected with Lydea Hobby

for a first down at the Karns 34. The QB then kept the ball and ran to the 22. Karns' Maggie Stanley, however, stopped the march with an interception at the 2-yard line.

Watkins caught a low pass at the 19-yard line from James, but S-D took over at the Karns 44-yard line and Kali Parham ran for a touchdown on the next play. Laconca's extra point run upped the Lady Cherokees' lead to 19-6.

Karns quickly answered as James passed to Brooks at the 33-yard line. On the next play, James passed to Watkins for a 57-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 19-12.

The Lady Cherokees responded. After Laconca passed to Alyssa Russell at the 31-yard line, the QB kept the ball and ran 59 yards for a TD to extend South-Doyle's advantage to 25-12.

Karns' James completed a pass to Long, but a S-D defender pulled the flag to prevent a touchdown breakaway. James completed another pass to Watkins at the S-D 39, but Te'Asia

Varner broke up a fourth down pass and the South-Doyle quarterback took two knees to end the game.

Coach Guerra said "just execution" was the key to the win. "Our main thing this season is on defense we're great; offense is just execution. We came out here and the quarterback made good reads. We made good catches. That led us to the win.

"On defense we just have some girls flying around and pulling flags. We've implemented a little strategy there, but right now it's just athletes being athletes.

"For a lot of them on defense it just came natural. They came out here right away in the first practice and they just had it. They've been killing it on defense."

Other scores in the Week 4 action at Karns saw Carter defeat South-Doyle 21-13 in Game 2 and Carter roll past Karns 39-19 in Game 3.

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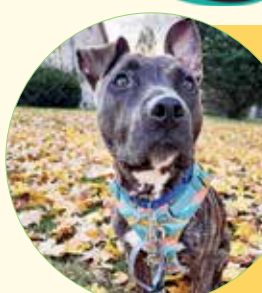
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 MARQUES W. JORDAN AND BRONDA L. JORDAN
 WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 2, 2011, Marques W. Jordan and wife, Bronda L. Jordan, conveyed the following described premises to A. Nicole Troutt, Trustee, for the benefit of Barbara J. Murrian, owner and holder of the indebtedness, to secure the indebtedness due thereon, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 201105030064080, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, will advertise and sell the property described herein, on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., outside the front doors at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and proceed to offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

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This 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

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NO. 207683-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, it is ordered that said defendant, DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY, SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY, and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY TO 3317 SAVOY ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with ELIZABETH B. PADGETT, an Attorney whose address is 4170 ASHFORD DUNWOODY RD., STE. 475, ATLANTA, GA 300319, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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NO. 209868-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES of THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased; a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES of THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased; it is ordered that said defendants, MELISSA SMITH, P.O. BOX 2319, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039; JENNIFER SHARP, 668 MACON DRIVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, and LEGAL SUCCESSORS OF ANY DECEASED HEIRS or DEVISEES of THOMAS E. SMITH (DOD 11/15/2013) and PATRICIA D. SMITH (DOD 8/8/2016), both deceased; file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., an Attorney whose address is 125 NORTH MAIN STREET, CLINTON, TENNESSEE 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
 Clerk and Master

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
TO: HEIRS OF MARY WILLIAMS (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); HEIRS OF DAISY FISHBACK (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); HEIRS OF JOANN ANDREWS (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); HEIRS OF LELA D. PHELPS (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); HEIRS OF WALTER WILLIAMS (deceased brother of Eva Mae Williams); HEIRS OF ERNEST WILLIAMS (deceased brother of Eva Mae Williams); AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIR OF EVA MAE WILLIAMS.

IN RE: 3407 ARROW DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37814-5711
ESTATE OF EVA MAE WILLIAMS
DOCKET NO. 90190-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2024, Letha Smith filed a Petition to Sell Real Property in the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. The property is located at 3407 Arrow Drive, Knoxville, TN 37814-5711. The following interested parties are hereby notified and directed to file a response to the Petition in CHANCERY COURT, Knox County Probate Division, 400 W. Main St., Ste 352, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days: Heirs of Mary Williams (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); Heirs of Daisy Fishback (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); Heirs of Joann Andrews (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); Heirs of Lela D. Phelps (deceased sister of Eva Mae Williams); Heirs of Walter Williams (deceased brother of Eva Mae Williams); Heirs of Ernest Williams (deceased brother of Eva Mae Williams); and any other known or unknown heir of Eva Mae Williams. After thirty days, the real property may be sold and the proceeds deposited with the Clerk & Master until an Order approving final disbursement to the heirs is entered.

This publication shall be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
 This 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.
 J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
 Clerk & Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN K. ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 90243-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN K. ADAMS, who died Sept. 29, 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 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN K. ADAMS

ERIKA M. ADAMS, EXECUTRIX
 8630 DENMARK STREET
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VERNON ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90193-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VERNON ANDERSON, who died February 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (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 this 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF VERNON ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 BYRON ANDERSON
 2200 SANDFORT RD.
 PHENIX CITY, AL 36869

COURTNEY L. COX, ATTORNEY
 4931 HOMBERG DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES A. DIXON
DOCKET NUMBER 90226-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES A. DIXON, who died May 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the credit 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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHARLES A. DIXON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 RONNIE MCELHANEY
 7722 BUD HAWKINS ROAD
 CORYTON, TN 37721

EVAN M. NEWMAN, ATTORNEY
 P. O. BOX 6
 RUTLEDGE, TN 37861

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEON A. DONALDSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90237-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LEON A. DONALDSON who died 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)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LEON A. DONALDSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JANIS RAGSDALE,
 1416 PHEASANT GLEN
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES HOWARD ENSOR
DOCKET NUMBER 90192-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES HOWARD ENSOR, who died Aug. 2, 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 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES HOWARD ENSOR

as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES HOWARD ENSOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JAMES C. ENSOR, ATTORNEY
 / ADMINISTRATOR
 P.O. BOX 32218
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID CARLTON JOURDAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90240-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID CARLTON JOURDAN, who died Aug. 28, 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 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DAVID CARLTON JOURDAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CAROLYN JOURDAN, EXECUTRIX
 8505 CARTER MILL DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SADIE BERNICE KINNAMON
DOCKET NUMBER 90195-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SADIE BERNICE KINNAMON, who died August 29, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SADIE BERNICE KINNAMON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ROBYN LEANN GILLANI
 4709 SKYLINE DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

STEPHEN C. WALLING, ATTORNEY
 707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCILLE COLLINS LOVE
DOCKET NUMBER 90199-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LUCILLE COLLINS LOVE, who died on July 13, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LUCILLE COLLINS LOVE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 BONNIE LOVE HOWELL

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LILA MAE LUDWIG
DOCKET NUMBER 90197-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LILA MAE LUDWIG, who died September 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LILA MAE LUDWIG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 ALFRED SHELDERS LUDWIG, II
 218 DOUGHTY DR.
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KELSEY R. REILLY, ATTORNEY
 1518 N. BROADWAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA JANE COPELAND MCCROSKEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90249-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARTHA JANE COPELAND MCCROSKEY, who died Oct 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARTHA JANE COPELAND MCCROSKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CHARLES PARKER MCCROSKEY,
 ADMINISTRATOR
 122 LAKEVIEW HILLS LANE
 CLINTON, TN 37718

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH MAE BUTTRAM MCCULLAH
DOCKET NUMBER 90133-3

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

ESTATE OF RUTH MAE BUTTRAM MCCULLAH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 MARGIE ANN CUNNINGHAM
 4316 TAZEWELL PIKE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

T. MICHAEL CRAIG GRUBBS, ATTORNEY
 402 GLYDE STREET
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARYLOU STYLES OGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 90234-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARYLOU STYLES OGLE, who died on July 30, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF MARYLOU STYLES OGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 MARYELLEN SHERROD

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LURAE THOMSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90202-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LURAE THOMSON, who died on October 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 this 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LURAE THOMSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY MINTER
2027 COUNTRY HILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

MARK E. TILLERY, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 12257
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CORRINE H. WATSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90228-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CORRINE H. WATSON, who died December 12, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CORRINE H. WATSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH RAYMOND WILKINSON
7145 PISA CIRCLE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

JONATHAN D. REED, ATTORNEY
KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH VINYARD WOLFENBARGER
DOCKET NUMBER 90142-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RALPH VINYARD WOLFENBARGER, deceased, who died July 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (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 this 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF RALPH VINYARD WOLFENBARGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TODD MICHAEL WOLFENBARGER
5084 TAYLOR CREEK DRIVE
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258

SCOTT RANDALL WOLFENBARGER
4569 LAKESHORE ROAD
BEAN STATION, TN 37708

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY
125 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES LEWIS BELL
DOCKET NUMBER 90239-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES LEWIS BELL, who died Aug. 28, 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

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

This the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JAMES LEWIS BELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN DIAMOND, EXECUTOR
8020 HARMON ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBA JOYCE BUMGARDNER
DOCKET NUMBER 90261-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of REBA JOYCE BUMGARDNER, who died October 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date 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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF REBA JOYCE BUMGARDNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LYDIA GRACE SWAFFORD
1907 WHITMAN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH ADAM CONES
DOCKET NUMBER 90163-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH ADAM CONES, who died on September 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH ADAM CONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARVIN CONES, ADMINISTRATOR
7914 GLEASON DRIVE, APT. 1074
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVA SARAH DAVIS,
AKA EVA B. DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 90286-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVA SARAH DAVIS, aka EVA B. DAVIS, who died July 30, 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 paragraphs (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 (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF EVA SARAH DAVIS, AKA EVA B. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSE ARLENE DAVIS
ROSE ARLENE DAVIS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FLORA MAE DITMORE
DOCKET NUMBER 89933-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of FLORA MAE DITMORE, deceased, who died on the 6 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 the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) of (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication or posting as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF FLORA MAE DITMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROGER G. WHITE
P. O. BOX 874
CAMP WOOD, TX 78833

ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE W. EASLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90260-1

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

(1)(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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WAYNE W. EASLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WAYNE W. EASLEY, II, EXECUTOR
901 HAYSLOPE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL EDWARD EMGE
DOCKET NUMBER 90185-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARL EDWARD EMGE, 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 and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CARL EDWARD EMGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY JAMES EMGE
4922 CLARK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

MICHAEL EDWARD EMGE
5116 AQUAMARINE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON LOU EVERS
DOCKET NUMBER 90254-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHARON LOU EVERS, who died August 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF SHARON LOU EVERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY JO EVERS
1648 BANEBOY LANE
ALCOA, TN 37701

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH MORRIS GOOGE, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90280-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH MORRIS GOOGE, SR., who died in Knox County on SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned, John Gordon Googe, 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 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH MORRIS GOOGE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN GORDON GOOGE
2006 STILL WATER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT G. HARTWICK
DOCKET NUMBER 90196-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the estate of ROBERT G. HARTWICK, who died April 13, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ROBERT G. HARTWICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TREVOR HARTWICK, EXECUTOR
210 PILCHER DRIVE
PIEDMONT, SC 29673

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LIBBIE HAYNES
DOCKET NUMBER 90282-2

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

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

This 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LIBBIE HAYNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FLOYD THOMAS MCBEE, JR.
3510 HAWTHORNE RIDGE ROAD
COLUMBIA, TN 38401

KALA C. DAVID, ATTORNEY
8001 CENTERVIEW PARKWAY, STE. 103
CORDOVA, TN 38018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN HOLLINGSWORTH
DOCKET NUMBER 90242-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDITH ANN HOLLINGSWORTH, who died Oct. 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)(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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN HOLLINGSWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SAMUEL R. HOLLINGSWORTH, EXECUTOR
2437 CHIMNEY ROCK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS ANN LUEBKE
DOCKET NUMBER 90224-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOIS ANN LUEBKE, who died October 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court,

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

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

This 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF LOIS ANN LUEBKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMY F. GRUBB
4335 WEST COVE DR.
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

MICHAEL B. JOHNSON
610 N. SPRINGVIEW RD.
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WESLEY QUINTIN MARTIN
DOCKET NUMBER 90176-1

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

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WESLEY QUINTIN MARTIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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Knoxville-Knox County Homeless Coalition to host memorial service

WHAT: A candlelight walk from the Volunteer Ministry Center parking lot will precede the memorial service at St. John's Lutheran Church.

WHEN: Thursday, December 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The walk starts at the Volunteer Ministry Center parking lot (511 N Broadway) and continues with an indoor service hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church (544 N Broadway).

WHO: Friends and family of those who died, service providers, shelters, faith-based organizations, concerned citizens, civil leaders, public officials, and local and state legislators are invited.

The community is invited to honor and remember those who lost their lives while experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, organized by the Knoxville-Knox County Homeless Coalition, is a poignant annual event that intentionally falls on or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year.

Since 2009, our community has convened for a crucial memorial service dedicated to honoring our neighbors who have died during an episode of homelessness. This event serves as a solemn

reminder of the challenges faced by those living without stable housing, highlighting the realities that many encounter, including the tragic loss of life. The gathering aims to both honor those who have passed away while homeless and raise awareness about the critical need for compassion and action in addressing homelessness within our society.

For some individuals memorialized, this service may be the only commemoration of their lives.

"The issue of homelessness presents profound risks

that extend beyond mere lack of a roof over one's head, significantly impacting health and overall well-being," remarked Bruce W. Spangler, chair of the Knoxville/Knox County Homeless Coalition. "Without access to safe and permanent shelter, many of our vulnerable neighbors are exposed to increased threats of various illnesses and injuries. Tragically, this precarious situation can lead to fatal outcomes. Disturbingly, statistics reveal that individuals experiencing homelessness are nearly three times more likely to lose their lives

compared to those with the security of stable housing. This stark reality underscores the pressing need for stable housing and highlights the immense health benefits that come with it."

The service will honor approximately 170 unhoused residents of Knoxville and Knox County who died in the past twelve months while also highlighting and drawing attention to the structural, systemic and policy decisions that can prevent unnecessary premature deaths in our community.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NICKY DREXEL OGLE DOCKET NUMBER 90270-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NICKY DREXEL OGLE, who died Oct. 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN R. SHEPHERD, who died August 28, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KAREN R. SHEPHERD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONJA SHOCKLEY
5500 VALDOSTA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHY D. STINNETT, a.k.a. KATHY DIANA STINNETT, who died October 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHY D. STINNETT, a.k.a. KATHY DIANA STINNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALISHA D. SMITH
5704 LUTIE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CORA HUNT WILBURN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID H. WEBB, EXECUTOR
8500 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE E
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON DOCKET NUMBER 90229-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON, who died July 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH RAYMOND WILKINSON
7145 PISA CIRCLE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

JONATHAN D. REED, ATTORNEY
KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

- ROLL CALL;
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG;
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES;
- PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at commission.knoxcounty.org, by emailing Kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:

- 6a. Yogi Yogeshwaraya LLC
Yogi Yogeshwaraya LLC
5515 Strawberry Plains Pk
Knoxville, TN 37914
Off Premises (District 9)
- 6b. Weigel Stores, Inc.
Weigel's #118
5981 Schaad Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37931
Off Premises (District 6)

ADJOURNMENT:

6c. Gohan Japanese Grill.....
Gohan Japanese Grill
7507 Tazewell Pike
Corryton, TN 37721
On Premises (District 8)

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

BID 3620, Residential Contractor Services for CAC Housing and Energy Services, due 1/8/25.

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 9, 2024

Knox County Grants and Community Development 400 Main Street, Suite 364 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 865-215-5253

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Knox County, Tennessee.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 27, 2024, Knox County Grants and Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Projects-Based Voucher (PBV) Program funds under the Public Housing Program and the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, to undertake a project on predominantly wooded land with the remnants of a residence in the eastern portion of the property located at 9900 Westland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922. The acquiring will consist of Elmington Residential, LLC acquiring and constructing a multi-family rental community on the project sit with the assistance of PBVs through Knoxville's Community Development Corporation. The community will consist of 17 residential buildings with 68 total dwelling units. The units will vary in size, number of bedrooms and number of bathrooms. Associated parking, landscape, and amenities will be provided at the development. If released, \$26,800,000.00 PBV Program funds would be used for this project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Knox County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA) on file online at www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Knox County Grants and Community Development Department via email at grants@knoxcounty.org or by phone at 865-215-5253. All comments received by December 26, 2024, will be considered by Knox County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Knox County certifies to HUD that Glenn Jacobs, in his capacity as County Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Knox County Community Development to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Knox County's certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Knox County; (b) Knox County has initiated a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of HUD, Knoxville Field Office, Region IV, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, Suite 300, Knoxville, TN 37902-2526. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

"Si usted necesitara asistencia para este aviso en otro idioma, por favor llame al 694-8880 para mayor informacion y mencione del Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Knox."

Mayor Glenn Jacobs
Certifying Officer



NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

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

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

- 1) 12 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3F26CL441925
- 2) 12 HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPEC4AC8D6H14686
- 3) 08 NISSAN MAXIMA 1N4BA41E88C834203
- 4) 98 TOYOTA CAMRY JT2DB0270V0076076
- 5) 02 MAZDA TRIBUTE 4F2YU08162KM38730
- 6) 17 HONDA CIVIC 5HHFK7H44HU205983
- 7) ? BMW WBAVA37578NL32154
- 8) ? FORD F-150 1FTRV80L0TKE05513
- 9) ? BUICK ENCLAVE K14CJ1SB4KB892433
- 10) 19 NISSAN VERSA 3N1CN7AP1KL834466
- 11) 20 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0B22LUB44932
- 12) 03 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM56334A147065
- 13) 08 HONDA CIVIC 2HGFG12628H522327
- 14) 23 VOLVO 4V4NC9H3PN340051
- 15) 20 CHEVY COLORADO 1GCHSCEA7L1166076
- 16) 99 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF28K7XU933501
- 17) 20 KIA SOUL KNDJ23A0U2L7119780
- 18) 07 TOYOTA PRIUS JTDK820U873286187
- 19) ? HYUNDAI SONATA 5X4K23AB7B6042553
- 20) ? ACURA RDX 5J8TB3H5X8019204
- 21) 09 JEEP WRANGLER 1J4GB39149L753994
- 22) 01 DODGE RAM 3B7HC13Y71M261352
- 23) 08 AUDI A4 WAUDF78E78A908827
- 24) 99 GMC 1500 2GTEK19T2X1517317
- 25) 01 CHEVY TAHOE 1GNK13T01R142929
- 26) 17 SUBARU JF2SJAF62G8H448167
- 27) ? VOLVO JV1J559H241375847
- 28) 12 BMW WBA35A5C55CF341780
- 29) 05 DODGE DAKOTA 1D7HW48N75S177106
- 30) 10 HONDA CRV 3C2R4E455A6705495
- 31) 11 FORD MUSTANG 2ZVBP8EM85126481
- 32) 17 HONDA CIVIC SHHF7H86HU226448
- 33) 04 CHEVY CAVILER 1G1JC12F347158406
- 34) 04 BMW 325I WBAEV33848KR31005
- 35) 08 DODGE 1D4P624R86B6812476
- 36) 03 DODGE VAN 2D8G644L3R217766
- 37) 99 HONDA VAN 2HKRL1866XH532654
- 38) 00 GMC 1GTCS1958YK269746
- 39) ? BMW 318 WGAAM51060AD39059
- 40) 13 DODGE VAN SC4RDGC7DR503145
- 41) 02 HONDA VAN 5FNRL18012B029441

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE AB-580 (Sub-No. 1X)

Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc. ("KXHR"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc. ("G&O") gives notice that on or about December 12, 2024, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board"), Washington, DC 20423, a Petition for Exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq., permitting the abandonment of an approximately 3.8-mile rail line between milepost 0.1, in Knoxville, TN, to the end of the line, also in Knoxville, TN (hereinafter, the "Line" or "K&A Belt") in Knox County, Tennessee. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territory of 37920. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-580 (Sub-No. 1X).

The proposed action entails the abandonment of KXHR's common carrier obligations over the Line. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance ("OFA") to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails public use, and OFA) must be filed directly with the Board's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 C.F.R. § 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on the applicants' representative [See 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding OFAs, public use, or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for specific Board action should be served on the applicant's representative: Crystal M. Zorbaugh, MULLINS LAW GROUP PLLC, 2001 L Street NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036; phone: 202-663-7831.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NICKY DREXEL OGLE DOCKET NUMBER 90270-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NICKY DREXEL OGLE, who died Oct. 30, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN R. SHEPHERD, who died August 28, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KAREN R. SHEPHERD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONJA SHOCKLEY
5500 VALDOSTA ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHY D. STINNETT, a.k.a. KATHY DIANA STINNETT, who died October 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF KATHY D. STINNETT, a.k.a. KATHY DIANA STINNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALISHA D. SMITH
5704 LUTIE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CORA HUNT WILBURN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID H. WEBB, EXECUTOR
8500 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE E
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON DOCKET NUMBER 90229-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON, who died July 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CHRISTY WATSON WILKINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH RAYMOND WILKINSON
7145 PISA CIRCLE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELSIE RUTH PORTER DOCKET NUMBER 90070-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELSIE RUTH PORTER, who died on July 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DEWAYNE SHULTZ DOCKET NUMBER 90303-2

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