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Choto residents talk roadway safety



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Choto Peninsula residents, from left, Ginger Sharpe, Mary Costner and Linda Mollenhour look over a chart highlighting proposed improvements to the peninsula's traffic flow.

By Ken Leinart

Traffic studies can tell you a lot of things about a community.

Where are the bottlenecks along a certain route? What's the average daily speed on this road or that road? Where are crashes most likely to happen? What are the road conditions?

Under Knox County's amended Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan and Growth Policy Plan, several communities in the county were selected as specific areas of study under the heading of Advance Knox.

The study evaluates

challenges related to increased development and traffic congestion and will evaluate current and future road conditions, look at alternative transportation (greenways, bike lanes) and how to improve safety, capacity, and connectivity to the surrounding area.

Cannon and Cannon Civil Engineering and Consulting firm shared its study findings Thursday, Jan. 16, for the Choto Peninsula in southwest Knox County.

"How does Knox County grow in an economic and viable way while maintaining quality of life? This is an opportunity to get feedback to help make

better decisions," Cannon and Cannon CEO Houston Daugherty told those attending Thursday's information meeting. "Maybe you're seeing something on your daily commute we're not seeing.

"These are roads we drive daily and routinely and we can almost do on autopilot."

Thursday's meeting highlighted at least two areas along Northshore Drive for improvements that are planned and budgeted, plus others that are under further study.

One area in need of improvement is the intersection of Montgomery Cove and Northshore Drive,

resident Mary Costner said. "You can't turn left onto Northshore there," she said. "Especially in the afternoon because the traffic is heavier and the sun shines in your eyes. We asked Knox County to put in a roundabout four years ago and they said no.

"A turn lane is not going to help."

Costner said she hopes any improvements made will make roadways safer, "Not faster."

Resident Ginger Sharpe said she and her then 15-year-old son witnessed, "a horrific accident" at the intersection three years

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South Knox multi-unit development before commission after months of delay

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When the Knox County Commission sits in its zoning session Wednesday it may consider a zoning change request filed last May and delayed several times. The rezoning request for the property at 611 West Governor John Sevier Highway was approved by the planning commission last year and deferred several times.

The Wednesday meeting takes place in the small assembly room of the City-County Building and was rescheduled because of Martin Luther King Day on Monday and the availability of the room. It begins at 5 p.m. following a commission agenda review meeting at 3 p.m.

William Dale Rhoton is asking that less than an acre, .89 acres, be changed from its agricultural zoning to general residential so 12

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Junior Commission Assembled



Knox County's future leaders went through junior commission orientation last week. Each high school student will accompany their district commissioners to meetings and events and spend three months learning about local government. The third annual Junior Commissioners for 2025 are: Jakhi Powell, Audrey Zanders, Estella Tarbox, Kekya Patel, Shylyn Whitecomb, Pierce Broussard, Olivia Price, Jackson Kingsford, Charity Davis, Olivia Graves and Matthew Greenwood. Photo courtesy of Pat Middendorf.

Merit board votes to hear fired officer's grievance

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At last week's quarterly meeting of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board, members voted to hold a grievance hearing for a fired 21 year-old KCSO employee. Gabriel Loya requested the meeting in a letter to the merit board. All members except Lindsey Willis voted to approve the hearing in a 6-1 decision. While the next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for May 12, the hearing is scheduled for February 10 at 1 p.m.

The sheriff's department asked that no hearing be held and added that no copy of the grievance has been received, seen or read by the department.

The Knoxville Focus requested and received a copy of Loya's grievance in which the officer asks to be reinstated and notes his dismissal came after an incident which was his first offense after more than a year on the job.

"This is a wrongful termination," Loya appealed

in writing. He doesn't describe the incident that brought about the firing which apparently involved an inmate or prisoner being admitted to a hospital. He wrote that he followed "previously taught procedures, notified my supervisors immediately, and ensured my arrestee was in good health."

"I am aware my mistake may lead to disciplinary action but not to the extremity of termination for a temporary lapse of judgment," Loya's grievance noted, concluding, "I have fought hard odds to make it to here. I was in this department and I would like to request an opportunity to appeal."

In other action, the board re-elected Christopher Manning as chairman. Aside from Willis, the other members include vice chair Kenny Boatman, Clarence Vaughn, Brock Goetz, Michael Crichton and Dan Johnson.

Non-voting employee representatives include Detective Jeremy McCord, Captain Debbie Cox and Mitzi Evans.

Farragut Community Center to host health and wellness fair

Shop Farragut in partnership with the Town of Farragut will host the fifth Farragut Health & Wellness Expo presented by Turkey Creek Medical Center/Tennessee. The free event will feature unique presentations by the medical center staff and over three dozen additional local businesses who specialize in the care of the human body, mind and spirit! The expo will showcase the products and services currently available in our community for your comfort and well-being supporting your healthy lifestyle.

The expo will take place



on Sunday, February 2, between 1 and 5 p.m. in the Farragut Community Center located at 239 Jamestowne Blvd. just north of Village Green Shopping Center and Planet Fitness on Campbell Station Road.

Patrons can visit booths offering a wide variety of services and retail. For example, Beltone will be set up to conduct hearing tests and JC Penney Beauty & Salon will conduct special healthy hair and skin

demos. Other committed vendors include Campbell Station Jazzercise, Window Hero, SweatHouz, Apotheca, Clean Eat, Eden Family Chiropractic, Support Her Wellness, Way with Sarah, Thrive Physical Therapy, The Exercise Coach - Farragut, Ash Chiropractic and Wellness, Healing Hands Spa, Poppet's Play Place, Neighborhood Barre, Courtney Chiropractic, Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, Skin by Jenn, Sound Healer/Meditation Teacher, Adapt & Stay, HearingLife, Redeem Health & Chiropractic, KCDP District 5, The Link Chiropractic, Be More Than

Fit, Emily Houston Esthetics, Corrective Chiropractic, Tim Baird with Farm Bureau Insurance and Y-12 Federal Credit Union will pro-actively discuss your financial well-being.

Additionally, Farragut RN

and certified health coach Karyn Smydra will conduct an extensive workshop, "Empowering Your Health through Nutrition" beginning at 11:00 a.m. Then medical professionals

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Trump Deserves Most Credit For Peace Agreement

From a distance



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Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 47th president of the United States on the day this column will be published.

It is a very positive and hopeful sign that even before taking office, he took action as president-elect to help bring about a peace agreement for the poor people of Gaza.

The Times of Israel is one of the leading publications in that country. On January 15, the situation was summed up in this way: "A 'tense' weekend meeting between Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and incoming Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff led to a breakthrough in the hostage negotiations, with the top aide to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump doing more to sway the premier in a single sit-down than outgoing President Joe Biden did all year, two Arab officials told the Times of Israel on Tuesday."

Witkoff had been sent to the region by Trump the week before to participate in the negotiations to "try to secure a deal before Trump's January 20 inauguration."

He then flew to Israel on Saturday, Jan. 9 to meet with Netanyahu in his Jerusalem office where Witkoff urged him "to accept key compromises necessary for an agreement."

The key to finally reaching this temporary (hopefully permanent) settlement was something Trump posted on his personal

platform, Truth Social, on Wednesday, January 6. This post really shook the Israeli government to the core.

According to the Jerusalem Post, Trump "shared a video of Jewish-American economist Jeffrey Sachs wherein Sachs called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu 'a dark son of a b****' and of dragging the U.S. into wars in the Middle East."

The video Trump shared came from a speech Sachs gave at Cambridge University in England. During a question-and-answer session, Sachs said the U.S. Deep State "wanted war all the time" and had "to scare the s**** out of the American people" to get those wars.

Sachs then added that "the 2003 Iraq invasion was a 'phony war' that came from Netanyahu, actually."

Regular readers of my column will know that I

quoted Sachs in my column last week about Netanyahu's violent nature, and in my column on Dec. 2, I mentioned a Nov. 21 podcast where Sachs said that Netanyahu was the "lead cheerleader for the Iraq War."

In 2016, I became one of the earliest members of Congress to endorse Trump for president. I did this because I was convinced he was the least hawkish of all the Republicans running for president that year (after Sen. Rand Paul had dropped out).

I was included in a small group that consisted of five members from the House and one member from the Senate who were invited to hear Trump's first major foreign policy speech at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., on April 27, 2016.

Trump has always been very kind to me, even after I left office. He gave me one

of his 15 non-family tickets to the 2020 presidential debate (tickets were limited because of Covid), and he invited Vickie and me to have dinner with him in Nashville a year and a half ago. At another Nashville event, he introduced me as a "great friend."

I have said and written that Trump has said and done things that even his strongest supporters wish he had not said or done. And I know, too, that even husbands and wives and best friends sometimes disagree. I will not agree with everything Trump will do over these next four years.

But at a time when people are fleeing more than 150 countries trying to escape socialist governments that have destroyed their economies, I am relieved that we did not elect the socialist Kamala Harris as our president.

And because of Trump's

statements through the years about having an American-First foreign policy, I am very hopeful that he will be a very anti-war, peace president like Eisenhower was.

Trump was against our war in Iraq, he has raised concerns about NATO, and he has said the war in Ukraine should have been worked out before it ever even started.

Unfortunately, 82 people were killed by Israeli bombs in Gaza on the day this latest agreement was reached. The ceasefire is supposed to last for 42 days. I hope Israel will not be so eager to go to war after that.

No one can predict the future, but Trump is off to a very good start with this peace agreement. Now, I hope and believe he will stop pouring more billions down the drain in Ukraine.

Farragut Community Center to host health and wellness fair

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from Tennova – Turkey Creek Medical Center will be conducting short talks and Q&As on a variety of heart-related health topics. "AFIB 101" begins at 1:00 p.m.

A special Wellness Pavilion is being hosted by Crunchy Mama Box Wellness Resources that will showcase over a dozen specialty product providers from across the world. Their goal is to save time and money for families who are looking for healthy products made with sustainable packaging.

The local MUCHO GUSTO Food Truck will be on hand throughout the

event for lunch and early dinner type menu items.

This special event is free to the public. Parking is available at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., and close by at Village Green Shopping Center.

SouthEast Bank supports the Expo as a Platinum Level Sponsor. Betsy Herzog of Edward Jones Financial is a Silver Level supporter. Additionally, Knox Massage & Wellness, First Citizens Bank, JH Health Solutions, WFIV 105.3fm and The Farragut Press helped make the event happen.

More at www.shopfarragut.com.

Trump's Tariffs

Donald Trump has thrown many of his supporters under the bus. Trump says he is going to impose 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico plus an additional 10% on China. In so doing, he is betraying those who voted for him because of the price inflation during the Biden years. First, I thought all trade agreements had to come through the Congress. If a president can do this unilaterally without the consent of Congress, then Congress should take away this power. Second, tariffs raise the price of imported goods and are paid by the importer and not by the country of origin. The importer then forwards the amount collected to the Federal government.



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What happens next depends on the elasticity of demand for the goods imported. If it is a final good, then the importer (say Walmart) may decide to pass anywhere between 0 to 100% on to the

customer. Any amount absorbed by Walmart will then be a drag on its earnings and lower its profits thereby adversely affecting both the company and its shareholders. If the good is an intermediate good, such as aluminum, steel or lumber, the importer will incorporate that price into its final product. Thus goods that incorporate the intermediate good will have their final prices increased. Consider automobiles. About 3 million cars are imported from Mexico a year and another million from Canada. More than \$90 billion in auto parts are imported. Estimates are that the price of these cars will rise between \$3,000-\$5,000. Not surprisingly, Trump's announcement was met with a fall in the stock price of the automakers. What about all of the agricultural goods imported? They will be adversely affected as well.

Overall the effect of the tariff on households will be a tax of between \$1,000 to \$3,900 in lost purchasing power. The hardest hit will be low- to moderate-income households who spend relatively more on consumer goods and who shop at stores that stock Chinese products, stores like Walmart and Target. Trump has threatened to also increase Chinese tariffs by an additional 60% which will have an even greater negative impact on household real income.

The Chinese, Mexicans and Canadians won't sit idly by. The Chinese retaliated on American goods during the first Trump administration and will do so again. So did Canada and Mexico. Recall during the first Trump administration when he imposed stiff tariffs on Canadian lumber, that building costs in the United States skyrocketed causing a building slump. Most economic forecasters predict that the overall impact of the tariffs will be to raise consumer prices, lower economic growth and increase unemployment with a loss of about 400,000 jobs. All bad things.

I reported before that I had a conversation with a prominent economist who

said that Trump was using tariffs as a bargaining tool to get fairer trade deals. I don't believe him. Trump hated NAFTA and, on his watch, renegotiated the deal which resulted in the US-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement. Well, Trump has just violated his own agreement with the tariff threat.

Trump has said that he wants to return manufacturing jobs back to the US. He must think that companies can magically instantaneously build plants and re-employ factory workers. Trump forgets that the myriad of US regulations mean that it takes up to three times longer to bring a plant online in the US than in Mexico. Even then the labor costs in the US may make the plant not feasible.

Trump says that the tariffs are being used to make Mexico and Canada stop the flow of fentanyl and illegals into the country. It remains to be seen what will happen next. The Mexican president has vowed retaliation. During the first Trump administration, Mexico imposed \$2 billion in retaliatory tariffs targeting exports from Texas and the swing states of Arizona, Michigan and Illinois. The new Mexican president is a hardcore leftist and has sworn not to back down to Trump. Although fentanyl is manufactured by the cartels in Mexico from chemicals from China, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum says that drugs are an American problem. It will be interesting to see who blinks first.

Regardless, Trump has thrown his rank-and-file supporters under the bus.



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Publisher's Positions



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fire hydrants boggles the mind.

Karen Bass, the mayor of Los Angeles, had told the New York Times she wouldn't travel internationally should she be elected. The NYT has documented at least five international trips she has taken since taking office, including flying to Paris, France for the Olympics three times. Bass was in Ghana in Africa when the wildfires in Los Angeles raged; she was attending the inauguration of Ghana's new president, an understandable priority for any American mayor, right? After all, what could be more important? Oh, like having water available in fire hydrants to put out fires. In fact, Karen Bass was attending a cocktail party while her city burned according to newly released photos.

Karen Bass has invested heavily in programs to address homelessness which have largely been unsuccessful. Bass has virtue signaled she would protect illegal aliens. The city has been raising taxes while the hole in the budget continues to grow like Topsy. California, under the guise of its environmental policy, has blocked controlled burns while at the same time allowing the highly flammable brush to proliferate. Bass had cut the budget of the fire department while spending

lavishly on providing hotel rooms, phones and amenities for the homeless, more than \$1.2 billion dollars. As actor Michael Rappaport stated, Governor Gavin Newsome ought to have spent more time trying to fire-proof California instead of Trump-proofing the state. California is the perfect example of a government run by DEI and woke policies. The bureaucrats are too incompetent to focus on the practicality of keeping citizens safe.

Hegseth Should Be Confirmed

Pete Hegseth was ready for bitter questioning by Democrats on the Senate's Armed Services Committee. Ari Fleischer, a former White House Press Secretary, wrote on X, "Pete Hegseth is crushing it. It is refreshing to see someone relentlessly focused on warriors and lethality, without playing Washington's word-salad game of forcing nominees to talk like social workers who run government agencies."

Hegseth's message is clear. The secretary of defense nominee proposes America walk away from the policy of woke and achieve deterrence through strength. The claim by Senate Democrats that Hegseth is not qualified to serve is absurd. Look at Biden's

secretary of defense, Lloyd Austin. Which is worse, a secretary of defense gone AWOL, when nobody knows where he is, or the fact nobody noticed he was missing for days?

Bye Bye, Biden, Bye Bye

Joe Biden has given his "farewell" address to the nation and for the majority of Americans it came none too soon. Biden leaves office the same Washington hypocrite as when he assumed it. He talks about the wealthy paying their fair share, something his influence-peddling son did not do. Biden pardoned his son after having lied about it. It was a pathetic minor spectacle of an old pudding-head desperately trying to take credit for having done something good. CNN's own poll shows 64% of Americans disapprove of the job Biden is doing while only 36% approve.

Joe Biden clinging to the idea he and his administration have finally got the hostages held by Hamas freed is nothing less than pitiful. Those hostages have been held by the terrorists of Hamas for more than a year and Biden has been singularly unsuccessful in trying to broker their freedom. Quite the contrary, Biden and his administration have done

more to hurt the efforts of the Israelis in dealing with Hamas than anything else. Biden's handling of foreign policy has been every bit as terrible as his handling of domestic policy. It is no coincidence Hamas took notice of President-elect Trump's pronouncement if the hostages are not released there will be hell to pay. Strength usually causes bad actors to begin negotiating in earnest.

It's becoming ever clearer that Joe Biden is so isolated inside the White House that he lives almost entirely inside what is left of his mind. Biden appears to be bitterly delusional and his legacy will rank as one of the worst in American history.

Better Late Than Never

Mark Zuckerberg, the head honcho at Meta has, after giving it some thought, decided to 'get back to our roots around free expression on Facebook and Instagram.' That decision comes a bit late in the game. Zuckerberg seemed to have no problem being prodded to censor freedom of speech at the bidding of the Biden administration, nor did he appear to have any problem stifling the dissent of those the Biden administration wanted silenced. The "fact checkers" were

paid by Facebook and were apparently anything but experts who were oftentimes just out of college and extremely ideologically biased. It was as far from fair and balanced as can be. The Left, which hates free speech and any dissent to its orthodoxies on illegal immigration, gender, DEI, and other holy of holies, is angry with Zuckerberg while those on the right rightly wonder where his principles were for the last four years. The Biden administration apparently provided funding in the amount of \$267 million to filter Facebook and social media to its liking. That happened after Trump's victory in 2016. Of course, they preferred thinking Donald Trump's election occurred because of Vladimir Putin because they sure as shooting didn't want to blame themselves or Hillary Clinton. Zuckerberg jumped on the bandwagon and said Facebook was "working to stop misinformation and false news."

The stifling of free speech on Facebook played an important role in the outcome of the 2020 election. Hopefully, Mark Zuckerberg has had a genuine regret for aiding in killing off free speech and questioning authority. Time will tell.

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ago. "We were the first ones on the scene. It traumatized my son. It traumatized me."

Sharpe said the weather was bad and a young driver overcorrected after a skid and lost control of the car and hit a tree.

"There's not a shoulder there, she just slid off the roadway," Sharpe said.

She said traffic conditions around Concord Park and Jefferson Park are especially dangerous.

"I've seen people use the turning lane as a passing lane," she said. "I think all of Northshore does have a problem."

Similar stories were shared Thursday; congestion, narrow roadways and speeding cars were common threads.

But speeding, according to the completed traffic surveys, was not as big of a problem as it may seem.

"You look at the average daily speed and it's 39 in a 35. That's four miles. That's not bad," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said.

He said whatever causes are determined and whatever solutions are settled on, "I hope it makes Northshore Drive safer and takes some of the congestion away from Farragut."

Attendees Thursday night were presented with three charts. The first showed the



Cannon and Cannon CEO Houston Daugherty PE answers questions from Choto Peninsula residents John Ford, left, and Frank Risalvato.

peninsula traffic pattern as is. The second showed the two planned improvements and those under further review.

The third asked residents to mark areas they had concerns about with color-coded dots.

Daugherty said once Cannon and Cannon incorporates citizen feedback into its study he hopes there will be another information-sharing meeting.

"That would seem to make sense," he said. "But that's up to Knox County."

More information on the study can be found at www.knoxcounty.org/epw/Choto-Mobility.php.

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Rezoning back on council agenda

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On Tuesday, the Knoxville City Council will vote on the future 24 housing units on the Pinehurst Church property. The zoning change would see the Knoxville Habitat for Humanity build on the site at the end of the dead-end street around the former Quaker Church. The request passed the

first reading after being postponed until Habitat for Humanity met with residents concerned about a traffic increase and curious about what was planned there. The lot, at 4325 Pinehurst Drive was zoned Office and may be changed to RN-4, general residential neighborhood.

The council will also have a final vote on a change to the general commercial,

C-G-1, zoning for a 5041 Kingston Pike property on a request by White Realty and Service Corporation.

Four lots on Milton Street, now zoned RN-4 could change to RN-5, general residential neighborhood on a request by Heyoh Design & Development. The request passed the planning commission on a split 8-4 vote and is before the council on a first reading.

The council has two resolutions allocating \$55,000 each to WSP USA and Gresham Smith to "provide staff augmentation services" to the City's Transportation Engineering Division.

The Cal Johnson Recreation Center may get some more improvements if the council votes to increase the contract by \$83,858, bringing the new total with Design and Construction

Services Inc. to \$462,208. The accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins LLC may be hired for audit services for the Knoxville Utility Board and and KUB may routinely be given a tax break for its electric, gas and fiber service for the year.

Applications for grants from the state and the U.S. Department of Justice may be authorized.

The Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council may be asked for \$1.75 million and \$115,500 would come from the federal agency through the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

The city's co-response team program with the Helen Ross McNabb Center may be expanded with an \$820,000 per year agreement.

A look at lesser known items on Knox County Commission agenda

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While some resolutions might get more attention when the Knox County Commission meets in its agenda review and regular meetings this month, like the request from the sheriff to permit "other than honorable" discharged veterans to apply to be correctional officers, there are other interesting items on the agenda that won't get much attention.

Often these items end up on the Consent List and are approved together in one vote. Sometimes a commissioner will pull an item from that list for discussion or a vote.

There are numerous appointments before the commission this month including the mayor's request to reappoint Ruth Ann Milsaps to the West Knox Utility Board and the property assessor's request to appoint Jim



Renovation on the main assembly room of the City-County Building is underway. While construction is underway most meetings are being held next door in the small assembly room through February.

Weaver to the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee.

Chairwoman Gina Oster has a resolution to reappoint Darlene Moyers, Chris Battle and Commissioner Kim Frazier to the Agricultural Extension Committee and a resolution from Mayor Glenn Jacobs recommending members to the Knox County Golf Board will also be on the agenda.

As required by law, the commission will routinely approve all the Knox County School Board's agenda items and one small resolution authorizes \$2,000 to be paid to Fork Design LLC to design an existing bus into a mobile library.

Two items from the sheriff have to do with overtime reimbursements: \$18,000 from the U.S. Marshals Service and \$114,000 from

the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

The commission may also honor the Sunday Tradition/Mulls Singing Convention, hear a quarterly report from the Fire and Technical Rescue Committee and hear from a report on Legal Aid on Eviction Prevention. Some 26 subdivision streets are on the agenda to be adopted for future county road maintenance.

South Knox development before commission

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Requests are also before the commission to change: 1824 North Campbell Station Road from agricultural to planned residential for up to four units; 8920 Karns Valley Drive from agricultural to planned residential for up to six units per acre; 6350 Clinton Highway from agricultural to general residential; 4923 Shipe Road to planned residential for up to five units per acre; Zero Parkerhill Lane from RA, low density, to planned residential for up to three units per acre; 205 North Wooddale Road from agricultural to planned residential for up to six per acre; and 6209 Hammer Drive from agricultural to planned residential for up to five per acre.

Other zoning change requests on the agenda include three other deferred requests from December: changing 1915 Andes Road from agricultural to low-density residential and changing the names of two street segments in the Ball Camp Pike Road area in a request from the Department of Engineering and Public Works.

Two appeals are before the commission regarding the planning commission's denial of a rezoning request and comprehensive plan amendment for property at 3000 Crenshaw Road.

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Changing of the Guard

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness.
Charles Dickens

I pray that by the time you read this essay, we will have a new president. And we need one because we haven't had a real president in four years. Joe Biden was a facade. Our country, western civilization, Christianity and the world will be safer with a reinstated President Trump because the enemies of freedom fear and respect him.

I pray for President Trump and I especially pray that he will be protected from more assassination attempts. I never thought much about presidential protection until recently because I used to trust the Secret Service, the FBI and the intelligence agencies. I don't any longer. Evil men have corrupted these agencies as they have corrupted so many institutions of our

government. On the way out of the door, FBI Director Christopher Wray just warned us that China has infiltrated critical sectors of our American

infrastructure. Because Wray's FBI has spent years chasing law-abiding Americans, this infiltration happened on his watch and people no longer trust him or what he says. And why should Chinese infiltration surprise anyone? California Senator Diane Feinstein's chauffeur was a Chinese agent and so was California Congressman Eric Swalwell's paramour, "Fang Fang." We are led by dangerous fools. God help President Trump and God help us.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the problems in our country and the world? I've often wondered whether there are more problems or, because we live in the information age, are we just more aware of problems? I believe it is

both. I live in the "best of times" partly because the wonderful technology of the internet allows me to explore topics that interest me and stay connected to family and friends. Unfortunately, I'm also made aware of the "worst of times" like the LA fires and the horrors of war in the Middle East and Ukraine. Periodically, I have to turn off the news, analogous to soldiers removed from the front lines for R&R. But it is my duty as a citizen to stay informed, even though it is difficult given the corruption in the legacy media.

If you are not oblivious or delusional, the damage to our country extends beyond the corruption and incompetence in the White House over the last four years. Tragically, it is also demonstrable at the state level in Gavin Newsom's California and at the municipal level with the "Karen" (Bass) of Los Angeles. These two incompetents have literally burnt the City of Angels to the ground. The destruction is so severe that President Trump has compared the burnt landscape to being "hit by a nuclear weapon."

The Biden dystopia is ending, although this shell of a human being continues to lie and harm Americans. Biden recently proclaimed that climate change has replaced his ruse of white supremacy as the foremost

threat to our country. The climate change ruse is dead and has no bearing on the tragedy incompetent Democrats compounded in California. I feel sorry for the people who are suffering in Los Angeles. But recently I saw a meme in which a woman laments the loss of her home to fire. She said she'll vote for different Democrats in the next election cycle.

And if you think Democrat dystopia can't happen here, you are wrong or ideologically delusional. This should be a wake-up call for Tennessee and Knoxville. If you don't want our state and city to end up like California and Los Angeles, stop voting for liberal progressive Democrats. People in Canada and around the world are figuring this out. And so have the majority of Americans who overwhelmingly elected President Trump. Even Mark Zuckerberg and Senator John Fetterman have figured it out.

As 2025 dawns, the destructive Democrat policies have been exposed. DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) is dead and non-racist meritocracy is back. ESG (environmental, social, governance), where corporate investments are made based on perceived environmental and social issues rather than what is best for stockholders (owners) of the company, is also dead.

Gender-affirming care, a euphemism for genital mutilation and hormone blockers for kids with the mental illness of gender dysphoria, is dead. Democrats, who cannot define a woman, will no longer be allowed to destroy women's sports (Title 9) by forcing women to compete against men or invade a woman's private space. And the Democrat sacred cow of demographic destiny, where illegal immigration through open borders is used to bolster the Democrat voting base, is also dead.

Americans recoiled as Democrat policies damaged the country, and Democrat lawfare threatened to destroy President Trump who once said, "They're coming after you; I'm just in the way." Democrats lied about Trump, tried to remove him from ballots, tried to lock him up, and tried to bankrupt him and his family. And when nothing else worked they tried to assassinate him. They failed. Lawfare failed and is dead.

I could not have withstood a fraction of the abuses President Trump endured. All the Democrats accomplished was a corrupt conviction, by a corrupt judge in the corrupt NY legal system. All for an accounting error, with no victim.

The odious Judge Juan Merchan is the modern day equivalent of Captain

Ahab who was obsessed with destroying not the white whale, but the "Orange man." He and his lawfare compatriots destroyed themselves, the justice system and fellow Democrats. Merchan even exposed his daughter who shilled for the Democrat party as a fundraiser. These abuses reelected Trump president.

But there is more. Liberalism, especially its extreme iterations of progressivism and socialism which destroyed lives and fortunes all over the world, is dying. We watched the attempted character assassination of Pete Hegseth by Democrat Senators "Crazy Maisie and Chief Running Mouth" and other Democrat hypocrites. Respect is earned, and the notion that it is elected is dead.

The charade of Senate confirmation hearings is Kabuki Theater theatrics. Fortunately, Oklahoma Senator Markwayne Mullin called out Democrat senators who "vote while drunk and cheat on their spouses." He didn't mention the Congressional "slush fund" that cleans up the peccadillo of congressmen.

American patriots voted for a drastic change of leadership and direction of the country. This gives me hope.

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Stamp Collecting Old Becoming New

OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE



By Harry Brooks
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Stamp Collecting – Really? Are you serious? Yes, serious, I am. My collecting days began when I was ten years old. If you

have been a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout or if you knew someone in scouting, remember the stamp-collecting merit badge and related Cub Scout activity. That was my start. By the age of twelve, I was heavily invested in collecting stamps. A neighbor gave me a stamp catalogue with pictures of stamps, values and identification numbers. This allowed me to evaluate whether stamps were a good trade or purchase.

Paper routes and lawn mowing money provided funds to purchase more stamps or supplies.

Rather than always purchasing stamps, it was (and still is) best to find free stamps. Is anything free? Yes. My neighbors, the Davis sisters, allowed me to examine hundreds of old envelopes and mailing covers they had saved that contained stamps. This was a real gold mine for a twelve-year-old. Many of these envelopes were torn open or cut open in a way that the envelope was not collectible, but a few of the envelopes were in good shape. Some of these envelopes (covers) can be very valuable.

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Knox County Farm Bureau Honored with President Award

During the 103rd annual meeting of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation in December, Knox County Farm Bureau was recognized for its accomplishments and successes from the past year. Knox County Farm Bureau President John Jared was recognized onstage for the county's exemplary programs and service in advocacy, organizational advancement and leadership development.

President Jared stated: "The award represents a team effort among Farm Bureau board members, office managers, agents and customer service

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Knox County Farm Bureau President John Jared (left) receives the award from Farm Bureau State President Eric Mayberry.



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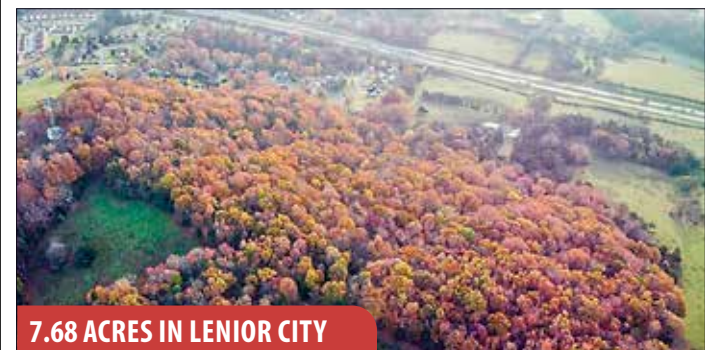
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Visiting the National Cathedral



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Did you know you can tour the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.? You'll be surprised at the church, its many secrets, and learn who is buried there.

I was reminded recently while watching the funeral of former President Jimmy Carter at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., of previous visits to that historic church.

The building is a wonderful place to visit and holds some little-known secrets.

I was stationed in the nation's capitol for my last two years in the Coast Guard and, while there, was assigned to many events including some duty at Arlington Cemetery, marching in the Nixon second inaugural parade, and carrying

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

dispatches from the then Pennsylvania Avenue headquarters to the Treasury Department and the Pentagon. The most memorable of those assignments came at the funeral of former

President Dwight Eisenhower.

I was assigned to the funeral and placed at one of the side doors. I held the door for members of the U. S. Senate to enter. I specifically remember the late Senator Ted Kennedy entering and his face held the thoughts of the loss of his brothers, former

President John F. Kennedy and Attorney General R. F. Kennedy.

I had seen candidate Eisenhower in Kentucky at a campaign event years earlier when I was a child so the former president's funeral was a bit more personal for me.

Years later my wife and I were visiting D. C. to meet with some old friends. We started the Capitol tour at Congressman John Duncan's office where we chatted before his staff gave us the tour. While in the city we visited the National Cathedral and I showed my wife where I had held the door for the senators before we started to wander about the large building.

We were surprised to find that several nationally-known people were interred

there including Helen Keller and her teacher and companion, Anne Sullivan Macy.

Among the other national figures interred at the cathedral are Tennessee's Cordell Hull and former President Woodrow Wilson. We cherish our visit there and our glimpse of the crypts.

You can visit the National Cathedral and tour it at your own pace for \$15 or take a guided tour for \$20. The cathedral is located at 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. You can pay the ticket machines at the lobby with cash or credit cards. There is a café and gift shop and there is never a charge for worship services or private prayer.

You may also contact the Washington National Cathedral by calling (202) 537-6200 or visit www.cathedral.org online.

Stamp Collecting Old Becoming New

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These free stamps became the core of my early collection. Family and friends also helped with my stamp acquisition by giving me stamps for birthdays and other occasions. All of this was free.

Collections of any kind will have various levels of activity. The fewer funds available for supplies and stamps, the less collecting activity. As funds and time became more available my collecting increased. When friends and others became aware of my stamp hobby

they would give me stamps they found or came across. I never turned down a free gift.

Family interest in my stamp collection was and is near zero. My family supported the activity by allowing me time and expenditures. One should never allow a hobby to dominate life to the point that it interferes with family time or faith. I know some stamp collectors who spend thousands of dollars beyond their financial capacity as if it is an addiction. This is not the purpose of a hobby.

The most significant value of stamp collecting as a hobby is the time spent working on the collection.

This time is relaxing, but it also calls for study and research. Counting the printing dots on the nose of a two-cent Washington stamp is a strange activity, but it always lessens the pressure and hassles of the day's issues. Learning history, paper production methods, printing methods, color of print, and stamp size did not solve many problems at work but allowed me to relax

and clear my mind. I was able then to be more productive when I returned to work with the sheriff's department and later in state government. Having a hobby will always affect one's quality of life. Mine is stamp collecting. I am a stamp collector turned stamp dealer.

I will be contributing to The Focus each month (third week) with my information concerning stamps and stamp collecting. If you have questions or interest please email me at hrbrooks68@gmail.com or call at 865-604-0164. Until next month, happy collecting.

Farm Bureau Honored

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Eric Mayberry, "Knox County Farm Bureau is to be commended for the member's hard work, well-earned success and impressive membership achievements over the past year."

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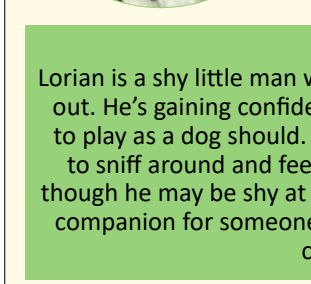
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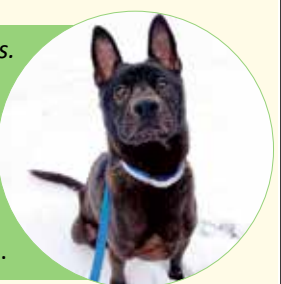
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The Gentleman From Minnesota

Melvin Maas

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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I would be surprised if a single reader has ever heard of Melvin J. Maas, but his was a truly remarkable life. A pilot during both World Wars, Maas was at various times a soldier, a congressman and a businessman. Blunt and outspoken, Melvin Joseph Maas was a man of convictions as well as courage.

An early advocate of the importance of air power, Maas once buzzed the Capitol building in a biplane while President Herbert Hoover was on the grounds to make his point. A member of the Naval Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, Melvin Maas was the sponsor of the legislation that created the Naval Reserve as well as the first women's reserve for the United States military.

When another general told the blind Maas, "You must be the first blind general ever to be on the active list," the former congressman demurred. "I'm just the first one to admit it," Maas replied. Maas loved a good cigar and was known for smoking as many as twenty in a day.

"I never read so much when I had my eyes," Maas liked to tell audiences. "But I've read some 500 books since I've been blind." The House of Representatives was in session when "a pale, pinched young man" threw a leg over the railing of the House gallery, and while waving a .38 caliber pistol, screamed, "I demand 20 minutes to address the House! Whoever tries to stop me will die. Is that understood? I want to be heard."

The man with the revolver was Marlin Kemmerer, a 25-year-old from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who worked in the sporting goods department of a Sears, Roebuck and Co. store. Later it came to light that Kemmerer was indeed an expert marksman.

Congressmen were milling about the floor of the House as a clerk was taking a teller vote on an amendment to an appropriation bill. Perhaps one hundred congressmen were gathered below the House gallery, and many panicked at the sight of the gunman waving his pistol and darted for the cloakrooms. Others rushed to hurl themselves beneath the safety of tables.

Melvin J. Maas, recently defeated in the election, calmly stood looking up at the young man in the gallery. Maas walked over to stand directly beneath the gunman and said, "All right, son, you can have the floor and make your speech. But you can't do it with that gun in your hand. Come on, drop it down to me." Other reports of the day indicated

Maas told the young man it was against the House rules to speak on the floor of the House, gun in hand. In any event, Maas continued to coax the young fellow. "Throw me your gun, that's a good fellow," Maas said. Everyone witnessing that extraordinary event let out their breath when the young man dropped the revolver, cocked, and fully loaded into the hands of Congressman Melvin J. Maas.

Congressman Fiorello LaGuardia was one of those who burst into the House gallery and tackled Kemmerer from behind. Kemmerer went to a hospital for observation and a much-needed mental evaluation. Police found two sticks of dynamite in his room at a local boarding house, as well as a 10-page screed in his pocket. "You need a gun these days to get the right to make a speech," Marlin Kemmerer explained.

For his bravery, Melvin Maas was awarded the Carnegie Medal.

Maas had been active with the Marine Corps until 1925 when he received a commission and remained a member of the reserve. Maas worked with his brothers in a prosperous insurance business and his first foray into politics was urging a modification of the existing prohibition law. Maas argued for allowing folks to drink beer and wine, a highly popular notion in Minnesota, home to many people of Scandinavian and German descent. That political activity led Melvin Maas to challenge Congressman Oscar Keller in the GOP primary. Maas won both the primary and general elections in 1926 and was the youngest member of Congress at 28.

Maas was popular inside Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, but in 1932 every member of the House delegation was forced to run statewide due to the legislature's inability to adopt a proper redistricting plan. A Republican, Maas lost that election but became a candidate once again in 1934 when the legislature did its job and finished redistricting. Maas was reelected to the House of Representatives. Every two years Maas was routinely reelected by the people who knew him best.

As might be expected of a state with a huge population of Nordic descent, folks in Minnesota were quite wary of American participation in another European war. Both of Minnesota's United States senators, Henrik Shipstead and Ernest Lundeen, were fierce noninterventionists. So, too, were most of those Minnesotans serving as members of the House



Major General Melvin J. Maas of Minnesota in uniform, 1956.

delegation. Like the great majority of the people he represented, Melvin J. Maas was also a noninterventionist. In 1940, Congressman Maas spoke over the radio against providing aid to Great Britain as it carried too great a risk to the United States becoming involved in the war for which the Minnesotan said the country was "disgracefully unprepared."

Maas, as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, was called back into active service and became a member of the staff of Admiral William "Bull" Halsey. Eventually, Maas was transferred to the staff of the commander of the Pacific Theatre of the war, General Douglas MacArthur. Maas was awarded the Silver Star for his participation in a flight mission where he manned the gunning position of a bomber, which dropped desperately needed food and supplies to US troops.

Melvin Maas remained in the Pacific until President Roosevelt as commander-in-chief, ordered all congressmen and senators back to Washington, D.C. That year Maas faced three candidates in the general election; a Farmer-Labor Party candidate, a Democrat and a Communist. Maas won easily, polling better than 65% of the vote.

Following four months' service in the Pacific Theatre of the Second World War, "the floundering little Congressman from Minnesota" came home profoundly disturbed by what he regarded as "bungling" by the Navy. Maas made an appointment to see the president and while received cordially by Franklin Roosevelt, the congressman was dismayed by the lack of FDR's response. Similar visits to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, a fellow Republican, and Admiral King were equally unsatisfactory to Maas. Finally, the congressman concluded to air his concerns over the radio in a nationally broadcast speech. When word reached the

Navy Department of Congressman Maas's intentions, officials urged him not to make the speech. Melvin Maas made it anyway.

"The public has been misled all along on the status of our military and naval operations in the Pacific," Maas thundered. "Unjustified optimistic releases created the impression that all was proceeding well in our war with Japan ... Defeats and disasters have been ... announced as successes and victories for our forces." According to the most widely read news magazine of its day, TIME said the congressman did make one change in his address requested by Navy Department officials. The sentence was originally written as, "We are still losing the war in the Pacific." That was revised to read, "We are still not winning the war in the Pacific."

The official reason for not broadcasting some aspects of the war was the desire not to reveal any information to the enemy that might be helpful. Congressman Maas worried something worse was behind the lack of candor. "Possibly the motive for the policy of mishandling war facts is to keep from stirring up the people and Congress, in the fear that the people, through Congress, might force some reforms on the executive bureaus."

"When are losses are admitted, it is long after they occur," Maas complained, "and whether by design or mere repeated coincidence, such losses are almost always made public coincident with the announcement of some success, or at least optimistic prediction from Washington, thus softening the blow ... Such officials just don't understand Americans. We can take it!"

Congressman Maas ran again in 1944 and faced harsh criticism from his opponent Frank Starkey, who accused the incumbent of being

an isolationist. Maas had accused President Roosevelt of having had prior knowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese days before voters went to the polls. Congressman Maas had said it was apparent "the investigation reports were being suppressed." Maas said the White House had knowledge of the pending attack but failed to warn the base. Frank Starkey barked Maas would have been arrested for making false statements about Pearl Harbor had he not been a member of Congress.

Although Maas had been routinely reelected from his district, which covered St. Paul, it was due to his attention to his constituency and personal popularity. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was also quite popular in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District. In an election post-mortem, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune noted when Maas made his accusations, his voice had real authority behind it due to his service in the Pacific. Unfortunately, the newspaper reported his charges had fallen "on deaf ears." The Star-Tribune thought it would have been better had Mel Maas not made any speeches at all during the campaign. The paper thought the people of Minnesota's fourth Congressional District "simply refused to believe him." Not only that, but they "got so mad that they turned against him by thousands, and relegated him to private life."

As it was, while Melvin Maas lost to Frank Starkey, he had run a close race. The Star-Tribune marveled the Democratic candidate had not won by a bigger majority.

Melvin J. Maas never looked back. He returned to the war and was involved in the bloody Battle of Okinawa. Maas was named the commander of the Awasa Air Base. After his return to the United States in 1946, Melvin Maas served as a special advisor to the House

Naval Affairs Committee. Maas then joined the business world, serving as an executive in the Sperry Corporation in New York City. Melvin Maas was also an owner and director of the Maas-Keef Company, a manufacturing concern.

As the sun began to set and shadows started to fall across the grounds of the Pentagon, Brigadier General Melvin Maas, completely blind for the last eight months, stood at attention "reviewing" an honor parade to mark his retirement. General Lemuel C. Shepherd and Mrs. Maas pinned another star to the uniform of the former congressman for his rank of major general. Melvin Maas would retire with that rank but would also remain as the member of the U.S. Marine Corps for the Department of Defense's Reserve Policy Board.

As a result of facial wounds inflicted by an exploding enemy bomb suffered on Okinawa, Melvin J. Maas lost his eyesight in August 1951. For the rest of his life, Maas would be totally blind. Yet his service to others and his country was not done. Since 1949, Maas had been appointed to the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped. Melvin Maas remained a member of that committee for the rest of his life. Maas served as chairman of the committee from 1954-1964, working without compensation. In 1955, Maas had been elected national commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

Suffering from heart disease, hardening of the arteries and diabetes, Maas entered Bethesda Naval Hospital. Melvin J. Maas died April 13, 1964, at age 65. As befitting one who had been awarded the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit and the Silver Star, Melvin J. Maas was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

President Lyndon Johnson issued a statement following General Maas' death. "He has shown us how to live in the face of adversity, his courage and conviction have enriched us all." LBJ noted Maas "taught himself a new existence without sight, traveled the world over and inspired people everywhere about the capacities and abilities of the handicapped." Most importantly, President Johnson acknowledged, "Arthritis crippled his limbs, and massive heart attacks limited his mobility; yet his spirit was whole; his spirit was never disabled."

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Complaining about the weather

The weather forecasters are warning folks in our area of "possible" dangerous conditions. In fact, they tell us that multiple winter storms are stacking up on the west coast and are heading,



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one after the other, for the east side of the country. If all of these storms develop and follow the paths that prognosticators tell us, much of the country will be trapped inside for quite some time.

On whom we are relying for planning our activities and lives are folks who are trained meteorologists, or

maybe not. Is it possible that all of the weather people on all of the television stations are meteorologists? I seriously doubt that every person on our local stations is so trained.

Perhaps many have certifications that allow them to present the weather conditions and to pass along what the National Weather Service says. Hey, don't get me wrong; I appreciate the work that those television people do. I could never stand in front of a camera with a green screen behind me and point to specific

locations that appear on an empty background. If it were me, my pointing to Tennessee might move it to the northeast or even the west coast.

Weather around this area is particularly difficult to predict. To our west is the Cumberland plateau. Weather systems seem to be zeroing in on our area, but once they reach the plateau, those storms shift to the north or south. The mountains also protect the region from severe weather. The winds might gust to sixty miles per hour there, but our homes enjoy much calmer breezes.

I firmly believe that our careless actions have altered the weather. Snow

used to be a regular occurrence in Knoxville. For the last few years, however, our accumulations have been sparse. To the west of us, Nashville has now become part of tornado alley, and that location is socked with many more severe storms and weather situations than in years past. Our winters are dominated by rain instead of snow. In the 60s, a snowstorm could hit as late as April and as early as November. Temperatures also seem to fluctuate more. Even this year, we had days in the upper 60s the week before Christmas.

Bad weather isn't as much of a concern around our home these days. Both Amy and I are retired, and

our daughter lives too far away for us to know what's going on in Hendersonville. However, the best kind of snow accumulation is the kind we used to receive when I still taught school. Snow could fall all night and into the morning, just as long as most of it melted by about 11:00 a.m. Being stuck at home because of snow used to drive me nuts, even though I had no place to go or nothing to do. I just hated the feelings of being trapped.

Before this day is over, I'll see what actually befalls the area. I hope ice isn't one of the possibilities because that stuff stops everything and everyone. In past years, such weather

has trapped me on the UT campus after a night class and in Winston-Salem on my way home from a business meeting. As for weather predictions, I don't pay much attention to them. Like Lewis Grizzard used to say, "I have a weather dog. If she comes inside wet, it's raining. If she doesn't come in at all, it's windy." I possess no powers, other than prayer, to affect the weather. Like most people, all I can do is watch what happens and complain about it. If the bad weather does plague us this winter, please drive carefully and be safe. If you're my age, stay inside and don't risk falling and breaking a hip.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs to launch 2025 Read City challenge on February 1

"Library Laboratory" is a FREE hands-on science fair at Bridgewater Place

Knox County Public Library and Mayor Glenn Jacobs are set to launch the 2025 Read City challenge from 10:00 - 2:00 on Saturday, February 1 at Bridgewater Place (205 Bridgewater Road) with a hands-on science fair. Library Laboratory features demonstrations, experiments, crafts, and more. Participants will be invited to operate a robotic arm, excavate fossils, and explore the galaxy in a planetarium among other

activities. The event is free and open to the public.

A dozen organizations including The Muse, American Museum of Science and Energy, Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, Oak Ridge National Lab, University of Tennessee Knoxville, and Zoo Knoxville, will be on hand with booths and activities for kids of all ages. Mayor Jacobs will kick off the day with a story time on the main stage followed by presentations

by Dr. Al Hazari, the Owl Raptor Center, and Hands-on Discovery Center.

In its seventh year, Mayor Jacobs started the Read City challenge to encourage families, businesses, and organizations to support Knox County Schools and early literacy. The program began in 2019 with a community goal of reading 250,000 hours. Every year since then, the community has met the challenge, which expanded to a million hours. Last year, the challenge was to complete literacy activities in more of a game-like format.

"The Read City challenge is a tangible way to encourage the entire community to be a part of the effort to

help our children learn to read, and more over learn to love reading. The Schools do a great job, but they can't do it alone. It takes all of us," commented Mayor Jacobs.

Knox County Public Library has worked with area partners to create a year-round program with reading goals, activities, and incentives. This year's theme is "Curious Minds" with the first leg of the challenge set for February 1 - March 16. Participants can pick up a "Scientists Among Us" game board at the event or at any Knox County library location.

Library Laboratory is made possible by a grant from the Jane L. Pettway Foundation.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bearden notches rivalry win at home

Remains unbeaten in District 4-4A

By Ken Lay
Bearden High School boys basketball coach Jeremy Parrott saw his team keep its perfect District 4-4A record intact with a victory against its biggest and most bitter rival. With their 74-57 victory over Farragut, the Bulldogs completed the first half

league schedule without a loss. Bearden improved to 19-3 overall and 5-0 in the district Friday night. But Parrott knows that his team still has plenty of work to do. And he's not taking anything for granted. "This league is tough and every team is good, so we're just going to cherish every district win we can pick up," Parrott said after his team darted out to an early 9-0 lead and never trailed in the contest.

"Whether we win by one or 100, it's a district win and that's all you're after this time of year." Bearden was seemingly in control of things but the Admirals (13-7, 1-2) pulled to within 46-41 when Britton Lewis made two free throws early in the third quarter. Farragut trailed 44-33 at halftime before opening the second half with an 8-2 run, doing what Parrott fully expected. "They're a good team,"

Parrott said of the Admirals. "Every team in this league is good." "It's not a normal game. That's the first thing. You've got an opponent not going to lie down, not going to quit. I never once felt like we were going to separate because in that kind of game, when you've got that kind of pride and a lot of heritage on the line, you're not going to see a team wilt in that situation. I didn't expect them to and

they didn't." Farragut, however, couldn't find an answer for Bulldogs' guard Justin Nordin. The guard scored a game-high 30 points, including 21 over the first 16 minutes of the contest. "Nordin plays well when he plays with pace," Parrott said. "Tonight, he did that. He didn't go too quick and he didn't go too slow. "He did a nice job tonight." Nordin was one of three

Bearden players to post double figures in the scoring column. King Hubbard added 14 points and Jermichael Blair Jr. added 10. "It seemed like every time we needed a bucket tonight, Justin or King got it for us," Parrott said. Parker Lane led the Admirals with 23 points as he converted four long-range jumpers. Dan Lanning added nine points for Farragut.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Carter girls' streak ends; Lady Eagles lose 14-13

By Steve Williams
Carter High School's streak of three straight team trips to the TSSAA state girls bowling tournament has been snapped. Coach Ray Wynn's Lady Hornets were halted by Dobyys-Bennett 25-2 in the Region 1 semifinals Wednesday at Holiday Lanes in Johnson City. Madelyn Lewis led Carter with a 151 game followed by Kali Gentry's 134 and Gabrielle Lawson's 133. Gentry also will represent the school in the individual state tourney this week at Smyrna.

Gibbs' girls came the closest to advancing to the TSSAA Sectionals this year among local teams. The Lady Eagles lost to Cherokee 14-13 in the Region 1 semis. Malyiah Smith had Gibbs' top individual game with a 204. Jessica Dupler added a 188 and Callie Rice a 154. Smith also will compete in the individual state tournament this week. Gibbs nipped Cherokee 2,047 to 2,043 in total pinfall. Dobyys-Bennett moved on in the Region 1 boys' semifinals, knocking out South-Doyle 21-6. Taylor Wilson led the Cherokees

with a 202 game, while Landon Walker added a 192 and Matthew Green a 178. Carter's boys were ousted by Chuckey-Doak 23-4. The Hornets' balanced attack included Chandler Bowman (189), Ethan Lewis (183) and Seth Stallings (173). In the Region 1 championship round, the Dobyys-Bennett girls defeated Cherokee 16-11 and the C-D boys toppled D-B 18-9. Karns represented Knox County in the Region 2 tournament, which was held last Tuesday at Crest Lanes in Maryville. Cleveland eliminated Karns in the semifinals, edging the Beavers 15-12. Despite the loss, Karns posted some high individual scores with Jackson Gerdes leading the way with a 269 game. Keaton Duckworth added a 214 and Brandon Stephens a 213. William Blount nipped McMinn County 14-13 in the other semifinal match. Cleveland went on to defeat William Blount 16-11 in the Region 2 finals. In the Region 2 girls' semifinals, Maryville



Gibbs High's Unified bowling team is happy to earn another state tournament berth in Smyrna. From left to right: senior partners Isaiah Martinez and Dalton Tipton, senior athletes Gabe Guess and Maven Dykes, Coach Samatha Kelley and Head Coach Keith McElroy.

Gibbs returns to state in Unified bowling

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley and Karns also competed in the Sectional. Each of the teams bowled two baker games versus another team and the highest team total of the two games was the winner. Each team consisted of one athlete and two partners. Gibbs defeated Hardin Valley 249 to 198 and Dobyys-Bennett defeated Karns in the first two matches to reach the championship match. Gibbs High is going to the state tournament again this year in Unified bowling. Four teams competed in the Upper East Tennessee Sectional qualifier for that honor Friday at the Strike & Spare Fountain Lanes in Fountain City. Dobyys-Bennett won the Sectional championship and Gibbs was runner-up. Both will be in the state tourney Friday at the Smyrna Bowling Center.

D-B beat Gibbs 275 to 201 in the finals. Dobyys-Bennett earned its state tourney berth by winning the region. Gibbs also earned a state berth by having one of the three next best game scores of the other 19 teams that tried to qualify across the state. Seniors Gabe Guess and Maven Dykes were the athletes on Gibbs' Unified team, while seniors Isaiah Martinez and Dalton Tipton competed as partners.

"This is the fourth time in the last five years that Gibbs has qualified for the state tournament," said Head Coach Keith McElroy. "The team had a school record 151 pin fall game total in one of their baker games. "As a coach, I am very proud of how these players stepped up today and performed today. We are very proud of our Unified Sports teams here at Gibbs and take pride in qualifying for state events."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

'New' Fulton beats Carter to take lead in 3-3A

By Steve Williams

Jody Wright hasn't given up on his new basketball team. In fact, the veteran Fulton coach appears to be working harder than he has in a long time.

Last Wednesday night's game at Jody Wright Arena had the Falcons going against Carter with first place up for grabs in District 3-3A and both teams 3-0.

The Hornets twice had big leads in the game, but Fulton came back both times and won 61-52 to improve its overall record to 8-10.

"Sometimes you have to win ugly and that's what we had to do," said Coach Wright, who guided his last two teams to back-to-back state championships. "Carter was doing about

whatever they wanted to do offensively and we were standing around defensively. I thought the game was about to get away from us."

The Hornets jumped out to a nine-point lead (13-4) in the first six minutes. Sophomore Nick Skeen, Fulton's only returning starter, scored five straight points and sophomore Devin Hatchett passed to freshman Keirus Cox for a basket inside to reel Carter back in.

Then midway into the third period, the Hornets built an 11-point lead (37-26), but this time Hatchett hit two 3-pointers from the top of the key and senior Derrick Smith swished in a 3-pointer from the left corner to reduce the

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Carter's Chris Cowan goes up for a shot as Nick Skeen defends for Fulton in the District 3-3A battle at Jody Wright Arena last Wednesday. A strong fourth period led the Falcons to a 61-52 win.

Martin muscles West past Farragut, 70-52

By Steve Williams

West High's Devyn Martin once again showed what he can do last week when the spotlight is on.

The 6-7, 210-pound senior forward poured in 32 points to power the visiting Rebels to a 70-52 win over Farragut at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium on Jan. 14.

"Actually, this has been his pretty standard output in the big games," said

Coach Tommy Eggleston. "He's played three or four big games and probably averaged 28 or 29 points in those games."

Staying out of foul trouble - getting only two personal fouls - certainly was a key.

The victory lifted West to 13-3 and 1-1 (second place) in District 4-4A. The Rebels have a huge district test at Maryville Tuesday.

Robert Shuler contributed 14 points (including four 3-pointers) and Kevin 'The Avalanche' Jack 12. Jailon Hill added nine. Six-foot-3 Dom Vanacher, who had the tough assignment of guarding Martin, tallied 26 points and Parker Lane 16 to pace the Admirals (13-6 and 1-1 also in 4-4A).

Martin, who was a first team honoree on The Focus / Coaches' All-Knox

County team last season, was hot at the start as he scored 12 points in the opening period to give West a 25-10 lead.

The advantage swelled to 20 (33-13) when Martin blocked a shot (one of his four in the game) and took it the distance for a layup.

After that, Lane, talented Farragut guard, went on a flurry, scoring 11 points to cut the deficit to nine (35-26) at halftime.

But Jack (nine points inside) and Shuler (two 3-pointers) pushed the lead back to 22 (53-31).

"Robert is a streaky shooter and when you looked in his eyes, I knew they were going in, so we were satisfied with him taking those shots," said Eggleston, a 12-year assistant at West prior to filling the head coaching position this year.

Farragut didn't quit. Vanacher scored two baskets to make it 57-39 at the third stop.

An old fashion 3-point play by Parker and back-to-back scoring drives by Britton Lewis all of a sudden had the Admirals within 11 (57-46) early in the final period. But Farragut would not get any closer.

Shuler drilled his fourth 3-pointer from the left

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Lady Bulldogs edge Farragut in low-scoring rivalry game

By Ken Lay

Natalya Hodge scored a game-high 21 points, including the final one, to help Bearden High School's girls basketball team earn a crucial District 4-4A victory in a rivalry showdown Friday night before a packed and spirited house.

Hodge's free throw with 0.3 seconds remaining in the contest provided the winning margin in the Lady Bulldogs' 49-48 victory over Farragut.

The game-winner was the second of two foul shots after the Lady Admirals were called for a technical foul when players left the bench with time left on the clock, according to one of the officials.

Hodge's final free throw, which helped the Lady Bulldogs keep their perfect league record intact, sealed Bearden's victory in a wild game and a defensive struggle. The waning moments of the contest were packed with drama and controversy.

Farragut took its final lead of the game when center Trinity Curry made a layup with 23.7 seconds to go, making the score 47-45.

In a game that was a roller coaster ride, Bearden (20-3 overall, 5-0 in the district) took a 48-47 lead when Emma Rainey knocked down a 3-point shot with 6.3 seconds left.

Then things really got crazy.

Farragut's Jaci Neubert then took the ensuing inbounds pass the length of the floor. She missed a layup but grabbed her own rebound and was fouled on the putback attempt. She was hit and required to leave the game as her leg was bleeding.

Farragut's trainer worked feverishly to patch the open wound.

"I asked (an official) a question about how long we've got," Farragut coach Jason Mayfield said. "We're trying to work on it with our trainer, and all of a sudden, I was told I had to sub."

Gabbie VanAcker replaced Neubert and made one of the two free throws, knotting the contest at 48.

Then, after the Lady

Bulldogs inbounded the ball, Farragut was whistled for a technical. Hodge converted the second of two free throws and Bearden was awarded the ball and ran out the clock.

All this occurred in mass confusion.

"There was three-tenths of a second left on the clock and when VanAcker made the free throw, they ran onto the floor, Bearden coach Justin Underwood said. "They had players on the floor.

"In fact, I think they had even one of the girls checked back in onto the floor, and that's what it was. Leaving the bench and having too many players on the floor. That was the gist of it. That was a tough situation, just a lot of emotion, just a natural reaction. Again, just a crazy finish to a rivalry game."

Mayfield said he didn't receive an explanation of the technical foul.

"I'm assuming that we had some girls run on the floor," he said. "It's a crazy ending."

Mayfield said the technical wasn't the sole reason that the Lady Admirals lost the game.

"It's like I just told our girls, you could avoid an ending like that if we do a better job taking care of the basketball," he said. "We had a lot of turnovers there on the wing spots where we catch the ball.

"That's what cost us the game."

Farragut (13-7, 2-1) committed 19 turnovers in the game.

Bearden, which didn't have its best night on the offensive end, had eight turnovers and shot 29 percent from the floor and 27 percent from beyond the 3-point arc.

"I wouldn't say this was our best basketball," Underwood said. "Our offense struggled, but we played good defense."

"I'm proud of our girls because they didn't give up. They didn't quit."

Rainey scored 10 points and Caitlyn McVeigh added eight for the Lady Bulldogs.

Curry led Farragut with 15 points and K.J. McNealy finished with 14.

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Drama underneath the south end

Interesting things go on in the visiting team dressing area after the game. That assertion comes after spending time in the visitors' media

By Tom Mattingly

area post-game from 1989 through 2006.

There's drama underneath the south end after each game precious few fans get to witness.

The current visiting team area dates to the 1948 stadium expansion at the south end, with a couple of additions, including a new media room, in the years since. This area is a continuous hub of activity on a number of fronts after the game, the corridor often being crowded with training supplies as well as food for the post-game trip to the airport and the plane ride home. There are also print and broadcast media present with all kinds of questions.

There's the sound of cleats on carpet laid down over concrete. There's the uniquely football sight and smell of blood, sweat, and grass stain, and icepacks on sore joints, occasionally slings or crutches for players injured during the game. Trainers dole out pills of one kind or another, making notes about who received what.

Players grumble to themselves over missed tackles, dropped passes, and bad calls. If the opponent is Alabama, Georgia or Vanderbilt, there are occasional obscenity-laced



Tennessee and Syracuse ready for action in the 1966 Gator Bowl. Who won and what did the coaches say?

tirades directed their way by "fans" exiting the stadium through a maze of ramps.

After the 2006 LSU game, I remember walking into the media room and spotting someone being interviewed who looked suspiciously like an offensive tackle. "Which one of the linemen is that?" I queried. The LSU rep said he wasn't a lineman. He just looked like one. Actually, it was Tiger quarterback JaMarcus Russell, all 6-5, 265 pounds of him.

Occasionally, it was a shock when the inside door opened and an opposing coach such as Steve Spurrier or Mark

Richt strode into the room. Spurrier always had a one-liner at the ready, something about "God looking after the Gators," particularly after the finish of the 2000 game. Something about a victory at Neyland Stadium always seemed to get Spurrier's pulse racing.

One media cynic said afterwards it wasn't really the Almighty who had aided Florida. It was the SEC official who ruled that Jabar Gaffney had caught the game-winning touchdown pass in the north end zone.

On the other hand, Richt, like many others, was generally more restrained, considering every word, speaking in measured,

"coach-speak" type tones. Media reps generally earned better "copy" from Spurrier.

After the 2001 South Carolina game, when there was a malfunction with the game clock, Lou Holtz told the media how easy it was to keep the time: "One thousand one, one thousand two," he said.

Two years before, when the game ball was delivered to midfield by a paratrooper, Holtz reminded everyone that he had also jumped out of a plane, one of the 100 or so things on his adult life to-do list, e.g. eating dinner at the White House, coaching at Notre Dame, winning a national

championship, etc.

UNLV head coach John Robinson was holding court after his team lost in the 2004 season opener. In the midst of his remarks, Anthony Munoz tried to "ease into" the interview room, as if someone his size could do so anywhere. After spotting him, Robinson stopped in mid-sentence and told the assembled media, "There's the greatest offensive lineman ever to play this game."

Occasionally coaches' comments are more for their local media. In 1999, when Memphis lost a 17-16 decision, Rip Scherer, the only Tiger coach to defeat Tennessee (21-17 in 1996),

tore into Tiger beat writers for doubting the courage and character of his team.

Then there was 2002, when Alabama dispatched the Vols 34-14. Coach Dennis Franchione did his interview perfunctorily, looking very much like the loneliest man in Neyland Stadium. I later found out he had been making plans to get out of Tuscaloosa, headed to College Station, Texas.

Kentucky coach Guy Morriss' post-game comments after the 2002 game were singularly impressive. The game with the Vols had come three weeks after a real downer for the Wildcat program.

That was the so-called "Blue Grass Miracle," when Morriss was doused with Gatorade befitting a Wildcat victory, seconds before LSU completed a 74-yard "Hail Mary" pass to steal the decision.

I told Kentucky AD Mitch Barnhart how well Morriss had done in the media room, noting that Guy was a definite "keeper." Mitch seemed surprised at my remarks, and a few days later, I found out why. Morriss would end up leaving Lexington on his way to becoming head coach at Baylor.

There was never a dull moment after the game under the south end, regardless of the outcome. The Vol Network is not likely to make a video of great moments occurring therein, but that does not diminish in the least what happens there.

The Joy of Traveling... and the Buffalo Bills

By Mark Nagi

Regular readers of this column know how much I enjoy traveling. We as a people are not meant to be stagnant. While centuries ago, mankind traveled to avoid being eaten by dinosaurs, we now travel for fun and fellowship.

Considering that most of my interests revolve around sports, I thought that heading north to see an NFL playoff game was a terrific idea.

So, I used up some frequent flyer miles that had been burning a whole in my pocket and secured a Friday morning flight to Buffalo.

Slight problem. The airplane wasn't working properly. Of course, it is better that they figured out the problem with a door that wouldn't close before take-off than after we had left the ground, so I'm not complaining too much.

Well, not about that part. The complaining comes because that delay cost me two hours. Then, when we landed in Washington, D.C., there was a plane at our gate, which forced us to sit on the tarmac another 45 minutes. That forces us to miss our flight to Buffalo.

To make a long story short, we ended up getting to our final destination five hours late.

I've already contacted the airline to complain (none of the issues were weather related) and they've offered me 5000 frequent flyer miles as an apology, which is probably about \$50 off a future flight... on an airline I'm not happy with at the moment.

I still love to travel... even if the actual traveling part is now the equivalent of a cramped, expensive bus ride. Thanks for letting me vent. This saved me the co-pay for my therapist.

Things started turning around when we walked through the Buffalo Airport. Everywhere you looked there were Buffalo Bills colors and logos and flags and helmets. I've said multiple times before that if the SEC is ever to expand into professional football, the Bills should be their first selection.

Does that sound ridiculous? Sure does. You know what else is ridiculous? California and Pittsburgh playing in the same conference. UCLA and Rutgers playing in the same conference. There is no more normalcy in American sports.

On Sunday we watched the Bills play the Denver Broncos in the AFC Wild Card playoffs. Both franchises have been home to Tennessee Volunteers

alums of the recent past. Think Peerless Price and Shawn Bryson on the Bills, and of course Peyton Manning on the Broncos.

Before the game I had the chance to tailgate with some ole college friends of mine. I was fraternity brothers with Tony and Matt some 30+ years ago. Sports helps keep those connections alive.

The game itself was fairly uneventful. Buffalo QB Josh Allen led the Bills to a 31-7 victory, as the drive to Buffalo's first Super Bowl victory in team history continues.

With the Tennessee Volunteers out of the College Football Playoff pretty early, the pro game takes more of the football attention span... at least it does for me. The NFL might be an infallible organization, but it isn't nearly as entertaining as the college game. That said, Buffalo is as close to a Knoxville type experience as it gets. I look forward to those Bills

games almost as much as I do a Saturday at Neyland Stadium.

And come mid-February, we will be more than six months away from any real

football. Enjoy the games while you can.

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defeated Walker Valley 17-10 and Oak Ridge got past Bradley Central at 17-10. In the girls' finals, Maryville defeated Oak Ridge 16-11.

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will be held Saturday with William Blount at Chuckey-Doak and Dobyns-Bennett at Cleveland. The girls' Sectionals will match Oak Ridge at D-B and Cherokee at Maryville.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bruins receive message, run past Karns in tournament quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

As the dean of Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference's coaches, Ben Zorio has seen the highs and lows of a season and of the KMSBC postseason tournament.

He's witnessed his team go undefeated and win the tournament. He also saw his Bearden Middle School team lose in the quarterfinals as a No. 1 seed to ninth-seeded Gresham, which went on to cut down the nets at Karns Middle School in 2018.

Again in 2025, the Bruins entered as the No. 1 seed in the KCMSBC Class AAA Tournament, and Zorio and his Bearden squad came in with targets on their backs after losing just one game in the regular season.

"That was the message before the game. I know we have a target on our backs and I know everybody's going to come in gunning for us," Zorio said.

The Bruins (18-1) heard the message and heeded



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Karns Middle's Lenny Bravo-Moon attempts to elude Bearden's Brian Tate in the Knox County Middle School Conference Class AAA quarterfinals Thursday. Tate scored eight points for the Bruins in their 44-18 victory.

their coach's warnings and eliminated Karns, 44-18, in their final home game of the 2024-25 campaign at Bearden Middle School.

Bearden's defense was stifling out of the gate

against the Beavers, who won a first-round road game at Powell, coming back from a 14-point deficit Wednesday against the Panthers.

The Bruins forced Karns

into multiple turnovers early in a trend that continued throughout the contest. Bearden, which opened an 11-4 lead in the first quarter, surrendered just seven points before halftime and

held a 24-7 lead at halftime.

Offensively, the Bruins were also dominant. They boasted a balanced attack as Isaac Kannah led the way with 12 points, including 10 in the first half.

Dontae' Campbell added 11. He had seven before halftime.

Paxton Redford and point guard Brian Tate scored eight points each. Tedford had five in the first half, while Tate scored all of his points, making two three-pointers in the third frame.

Karns co-head coach Jason Ewing knew his team faced a tall order Thursday night. He was obviously disappointed to see the Beavers' season come to an end, but had some kind words for his players.

"We had an up-and-down season but the thing I want everybody to know is that I'm proud of these guys," Ewing said. "I'm proud of them as student athletes."

"I'm proud of the them for the things they did as student-athletes both on and off the floor. They did everything that we asked of them."

Brando Fears led the Beavers with six points.

Martin muscles West

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corner to make it 62-46.

Fittingly, a slam by Martin made it 70-50 and both coaches put in subs to play the final two minutes.

"We were rusty obviously with four days out of school for snow and (the fact) we can't do anything (practice) doesn't help," said Coach J.P. Burris. "And they have a really good team. Devyn Martin is really good and Kevin Jack is really good. Hill is a phenomenal point guard. They've got a really good three-headed monster."

"They played better than us tonight. We got to get back to the drawing board."

LADY ADS ROLL: Farragut coasted to a 66-24 win over West. KJ Mcnealy (16), Trinity Curry (16) and Jaci Neubert (15) gave Coach Jason Mayfield's Lady Admirals (13-6, 2-0) a 1-2-3 punch.

McNealy's total included three 3-pointers. Curry and Neubert each tallied all but two of their points in the first half.

West's Lizzie Johnson got off to a good start with two 3-pointers in the opening period.

Farragut led 20-9 after the first eight minutes but stretched the difference to 36-12 by intermission.



PHOTO BY ROB TAYLOR

West High's Devyn Martin, one of the best big men in the state, soars for a shot in a win over Austin-East on Jan. 8.

'New' Fulton

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Hornets' advantage to three.

Fulton junior Rejuan Womble took another charge after that and Smith followed with two technical free throws to pull the Falcons within one point (41-40).

The final period started with Carter in front 44-41, but Fulton outscored the Hornets 20-8 in the final eight minutes.

"We're trying to get those guys to understand how hard they got to play," said Wright. "We're not a real tough team right now and that pains me to say that. So we got to develop toughness - physical and mental toughness - and that's been our focus here the last two or three weeks. We're making strides (but) we're not where we need to be right now. Faces change around here, but the standard doesn't."

"We played a lot of young guys here tonight and I was proud of them. But we got to meet the standard and when we do that we got a chance."

Smith and Skeen were Fulton's leading scorers, with 22 and 18 points, respectively. Hatchett and senior Travis Ballenger added eight points apiece.

Carter (13-6, 3-1) was led by Chris

Cowan (17), Xzavion Gibby (13) and Greyson Watson (12).

"They went on two runs," said Carter Coach Tyler Cate. "The first one we recovered from. We weren't able to get anything going after the second one."

CARTER GIRLS WIN: The Lady Hornets got double-digit scoring from sophomore Lexi Tipton (16), freshman Emma Millington (13) and senior Marah Yeo (10) in their 54-41 victory.

"We had been out for snow a couple of days and I challenged them to play hard and do the little things really well," said Carter Coach Parker McNew. "We guarded real well tonight and Fulton is very athletic. I thought we did a good job of matching their intensity tonight."

The win lifted Carter to 4-13 overall and 1-3 in district play.

Fulton (4-7, 0-4) got balanced scoring from Shiloh Taylor (13), Damoni Kpana (11) and Jyree Shephard, who scored 10 of her 11 points in the first quarter.

According to Fulton's coaches, senior standout Dee Williams didn't play in the game due to being in the hospital.

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

A Letter For Sarah

By Jadon Gibson

Washington, D.C., residents wanted a quick battlefield victory over the Confederate Army in northern Virginia in the summer of 1861. The conflict was drawing too close to home and family.

"On to Richmond" was a common cry but the Union soldiers were not truly ready for the battle that would soon follow. Many were concerned for their mortality. Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell, appointed by the president to command the army of northeastern Virginia, had his doubts as well because his men were "green, untested."

"They are green it is true," President Lincoln told him. "The Confederate forces are green as well. We are all green alike."

General McDowell began his campaign leaving Washington on July 16, 1861, with approximately 35,000 men. Confederate General Beauregard, with his 20,000 troops, held the railroad center at Manassas Junction and General Joseph Johnston's 10,000 troops were offering support in the Shenandoah Valley.

Sullivan Ballou, a major in the Second Rhode Island Volunteers, had mixed feelings when he wrote home to his wife a week before the battle at Bull Run:

July 14, 1861, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sarah,
The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days, perhaps tomorrow and lest I shall not be able to write you again I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I am no more.
I have no misgivings

about or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged and my courage does not falter. I know how American civilization now leans upon the triumph of the government and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the revolution and I am willing, perfectly willing to lay down all my joys in this life to help maintain this government and to pay that debt.

Sarah, my love for you is deathless. It seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but omnipotence can break. And yet my love of country comes over me like a strong wind and binds me irresistibly with all those chains to the battlefield.

The memory of all the blissful moments I've enjoyed with you come crowding over me and I feel most deeply grateful to God and you that I've enjoyed them for so long.

And how hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when God willing we might still have lived and loved together and seen our boys grow up to honorable manhood around us.

If I do not return my dear Sarah, never forget how much I loved you nor that when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield it will whisper your name. Forgive my many faults and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless, how foolish I have sometimes been.

But oh Sarah if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they love I shall always be with you, in the brightest day and the darkest night. Always, always! And when the soft

breeze fans your cheek it shall be my breath. Or the cool air over your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah, do not mourn me dead. Think I am gone and wait for me for we shall meet again.

Sullivan Ballou was killed in the first battle of Bull Run just a handful of days after the letter was written.

Union casualties were 460 killed, 1,124 wounded and 1,312 missing or captured. Confederate losses were 387 killed, 1,582 wounded and 13 missing.

"Today will be known as Black Monday," diarist George Templeton Strong wrote.

David Detzer wrote in "Donnybrook: The Battle of Bull Run, 1861:" "If the war had turned out to be

of short duration Bull Run would have been a disaster for the Union. But if, as now seems more plausible, a long and nasty war is inevitable, that battle had a curiously salutary effect for the Union side. It provided a wake-up call for those optimists, like Steward or even Lincoln, who had hoped for or counted on a quick result."

Unfortunately, the war

continued four more years.

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Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, Tennessee. His writings are both historical and nostalgic in nature.

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'Bats - Understanding Their Important Role in Our Ecosystem'

By Melanie Staten

Bats play a big role in our food production, and they also help protect us from pesky mosquitoes that transmit diseases. Join the UT Arboretum Society and bat rehabilitator, Susie Kaplar, at a virtual program on January 23rd, 7:00 p.m. EST as she presents facts about the plight bats are facing.

Co-sponsored by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP), the program is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link and a copy of the recording. Register for this program at www.utarboretumsociety.org under PROGRAMS. Closed captions are available. Please contact Michelle at mcampani@utk.edu for any questions or registration issues. "It is extremely important

that we protect all bats because, for too long, people think of bats as 'flying mice' or 'little Draculas.' Nothing is further from the truth," said Kaplar. "It is extremely important that we protect all bats because if we don't, it will impact us all."

Kaplar first began working with a wildlife rehabilitator when she lived in Northern California. She has been vaccinated for rabies and is able to work with all rabies vector species. Her interest in bats has increased tremendously, and this year, the State of Tennessee has allowed a handful of wildlife rehabilitators to work with bats. She is now a fully licensed and permitted bat rehabilitator. Her organization, Bat Education & Rehabilitation of Grainger County, is a 501, (c)(3) nonprofit.

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The Knox County Chancery Court Lawsuits will be filed on or after March 1, 2025 in Chancery Court.

You are advised that after February 28, 2025 additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office.

SUCH ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND COSTS MAY INCLUDE INTEREST, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES AND PENALTIES ON EACH PARCEL

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO AVOID THIS COSTLY PROCEDURE.

You may make payment at the following Knox County Trustee locations:

- KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE ONLINE** - <http://www.knoxcounty.org/trustee/>
 - MAIN OFFICE** - 400 Main Street - 215-2305 - (Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
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 - CEDAR BLUFF** - 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road - 215-8555 - (Mon.-Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm)
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, BRANDON LEE GIBSON and JOCELYN GIBSON executed a Promissory Note payable to HAZEL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, dated November 30, 2015, in the original principal amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) (the "Note"), which Note is more fully described in and secured by a Commercial Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Lease, and Financing Statement executed by BRANDON LEE GIBSON and JOCELYN GIBSON, dated November 30, 2015 and recorded as Instrument Number 2015120010033342 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made, and the undersigned, STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ., having been appointed Trustee (the "Deed of Trust");

WHEREAS, default in the payment of the Note and Deed of Trust has occurred and proper notification of the parties and proper notification of said default has previously occurred; and WHEREAS, HAZEL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, the owner and holder of said Note and Deed of Trust, has demanded the real property described in the Deed of Trust be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt. The real property as described in the Deed of Trust will be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt and any costs legally accruing in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ., as Trustee, or my agent, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon me in said Deed of Trust, will on February 4, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., prevailing time, at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and in bar of the right and equity redemption, whether statutory or common law, the right of redemption granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 66-8-101 (as amended or renumbered), homestead, dower, marital share, and all other rights and exemptions of every kind, all of which have been expressly waived by grantors as provided in said Deed of Trust, certain real property more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 1R1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Resubdivision of Lot 1R, James A. Hart Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record under Instrument No. 200906050079844, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Brandon Lee Gibson and wife, Jocelyn Gibson, under Warranty Deed dated November 30, 2015, and recorded as Instrument Number 201512010033341 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Best known addresses to be 0, 2300, and 2304 West Gallaher Ferry Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37932, and 0 Hickory Creek Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37932, Parcel IDs 129-03512, 129-03513, 129-03514, 129-03515, and 129-03516.

Other interested parties include: None.

In the event of a discrepancy between the property address and the property description, the property description shall control. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day and time certain, without further publication and in accordance with the law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

No warranties are made as to the merchantability of title of said real property, which property is being sold, "where is, as is", subject to all restrictions, easements, governmental zoning or regulations, subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect with respect to the property, unpaid property taxes, assessments and all superior encumbrances and liens, if any, whether of record or not. The Trustee herein makes no representations or warranties as to status of title or description of this property.

Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the

second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

The Trustee will make a deed to the purchaser on the day of sale, and the premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes, other than those tax encumbrances which are divested by nonjudicial sale, further, the premises will be sold subject to any and all other restrictions, encumbrances and any governmental zoning or regulations and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect with respect to the property.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above, from time to time, as needed at the sole discretion of the Trustee.

This communication and notice is an attempt to collect a debt and any information or funds collected or garnered hereby or as a result hereby may be used for purposes of collecting the debt.

This the 6th day of January, 2025.

STEFFANIE M. SPECK, ESQ., Trustee

This notice will run in The Knoxville Focus for 3 consecutive weeks: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, and Jan. 27, 2025.

COURT NOTICES

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES TO: UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF SWAN T. SMITH

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SWAN T. SMITH

DOCKET NO. 031922

IN THE PROBATE DIVISION OF THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The Administrator CTA N. Craig Strand of the Estate of Swan T. Smith gives notice that he intends to move to close the Estate of Swan T. Smith and do a final distribution to any beneficiaries that he has submitted to the Probate Division of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee.

The Administrator CTA N. Craig Strand has conducted a diligent search to locate all known beneficiaries of the Estate of Swan T. Smith and submits that he has done so. There remains the possibility that additional unknown beneficiaries exist.

A hearing for the Motion to Close the Estate and to approve final distribution of the residuary estate is set for February 6, 2025 in the Probate Division of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee at 9:30 am. The address for this hearing is Room 352 of the Knox City-County Building located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Such Notice provides that upon failure to appear at the February 6, 2025 at 9:30 am. or otherwise object to the closure of the Estate of Swan T. Smith and/or the final distribution of funds will constitute a waiver of the same.

Notice of service by publication that shall be published in The Knoxville Focus for a period of four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD Clerk & Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SEAN NANCE

IN RE: MA'LAYAH AMIRRAH NANCE BY: BRANDIE RYESSHA NICOLE JACKSON Vs. CIERRA AUDREANA TRAMMELL and SEAN TRAE NANCE NO. 209848-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SEAN NANCE, 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 SEAN NANCE, it is ordered that said defendant, SEAN NANCE, file

an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with ALEX D. BRINSON, an Attorney whose address is 2018 CLINCH AVE., Knoxville, Tennessee 37916, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 30th day of December, 2024.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: RICHARD MANAGAN IN THE MATTER OF: DELANEY ANN MANAGAN, a minor juvenile DOB: JUNE 18, 2011

DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 24 JT 78

TO: RICHARD MANAGAN, Respondent and parent of a Female Child born June 18, 2011, in Davidson County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you in the District Court of Davidson County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights of the minor child. You are required to answer the Petition and make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice on January 13, 2025. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Raini K. Singleton, Attorney for Petitioner Penry Terry & Mitchell LLP NC State Bar No. 60444 17 East Center Street Post Office Box 626 Lexington, NC 27293 (336) 248-6222 Telephone (336) 248-6214 Fax

This notice will run in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks: January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2025.

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DAVID W. RICHWINE, ANGELA RICHWINE, and AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants

IN RE: CASCADE VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC., PLAINTIFF V. DAVID W. RICHWINE, ANGELA RICHWINE, and AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants

NO. 209345-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing by sworn Affidavit, that the residence and whereabouts of DAVID W. RICHWINE and ANGELA RICHWINE, Defendants herein, cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, and that personal service of process cannot be had upon said Defendants; service of process by publication is hereby ORDERED, and said Defendants(s) are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Complaint filed herein by Plaintiff, Cascade Villas Condominiums Association, Inc., whose attorney is Kevin C. Stevens, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, Tennessee, once weekly for four consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of January, 2025.

J. SCOTT GRISWOLD Clerk and Master

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN VON MANN

IN RE: 5900 GROVE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918 ESTATE OF MARILYN VON MANN, DECEASED DOCKET NO. 89549-1 FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

From the sworn Petition for Sale of Real Property and for Order requesting service of process by publication and the entire record, the Court finds that any Heirs are unknown and the residence(s) of the respondent(s) is/are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, or respondent(s) is/are a non-resident(s) of this state.

It is therefore ORDERED that any Unknown Heirs shall be served by publication of the following notice in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper located in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, as provided by law.

TO: Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Marilyn Von Mann

It is ordered that said Unknown Heirs, file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knox County, Tennessee and with Felicia Coalson, an Attorney whose address is Owings, Wilson, & Coleman 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 800, Knoxville, Tennessee within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or the real property of Marilyn Von Mann located at 5900 Grove Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918 will be sold.

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

This 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

JOHN F. WEAVER Chancellor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY E. BILLINGSLEY DOCKET NUMBER 90216-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY E. BILLINGSLEY, who died September 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3rd day of January, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY E. BILLINGSLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM J. ALLMAN 2126 BELLE TERRA RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

WANDA CARRINGTON 10306 DAYMARK LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

WILLIAM E. DUFFEY, JR., ATTORNEY 112 DURWOOD RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY JANE CLOWERS DOCKET NUMBER 90379-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JANE CLOWERS, who died Nov. 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 30 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF BETTY JANE CLOWERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KENNETH RAY CLOWERS, EXECUTOR 9600 BUCKHAVEN CT. KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WENDELL RAY CONNER DOCKET NUMBER 90371-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of WENDELL RAY CONNER, who died on November 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the

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

This the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF WENDELL RAY CONNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRIANNE M. GRAVES 7905 BARKER ROAD CORRYTON, TN 37721

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY 7838 BARKER ROAD CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH CROZIER, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 89794-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH CROZIER, JR., who died June 4, 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 3 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH CROZIER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPH CROZIER, III 5125 GREEN VALLEY DRUVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

LAURA HOOD 701 W. ROMANA ST. PENSACOLA, FL 32502

RYAN L. SARR, ATTORNEY 1900 N. WINSTON ROAD, SUITE 600 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY LEE HARTLE DOCKET NUMBER 90424-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NANCY LEE HARTLE, who died December 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 3 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF NANCY LEE HARTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GENE HARTLE ELLE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD DOUGLAS HARTLE DOCKET NUMBER 90425-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RICHARD DOUGLAS HARTLE, who died December 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 3 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RICHARD DOUGLAS HARTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GENE HARTLE ELLE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE HENDERLIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 90365-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE FAYE HENDERLIGHT, who died September 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-

resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ALICE FAYE HENDERLIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROE BALETH RAINEY, JR. 705 WHIPPOORWILL CIR. SEYMOUR, TN 37865

P. ANDREW SNEED, ATTORNEY 217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA MICHELE HODGSON DOCKET NUMBER 90320-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LISA MICHELE HODGSON, who died November 24, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

This the 20 day of December, 2024.

ESTATE OF LISA MICHELE HODGSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES HENRY MCGINNIS 4400 WOODVALE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY 5344 NORTH BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS S. HOSKINS DOCKET NUMBER 89972-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of LOIS S. H

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS DOCKET NUMBER 90027-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS, who died August 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(3) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 17 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER E. HICKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA SMITH
112 KINGSTON STREET
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

AMANDA SMITH, ATTORNEY
112 KINGSTON STREET
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PETER MARK HORODYSKY DOCKET NUMBER 90410-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PETER MARK HORODYSKY, who died November 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PETER MARK HORODYSKY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA H. BAYNE ADMINISTRATOR,
222 WHEAT RIDGE TRACE
OLIVER SPRINGS, TN 37840

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 90344-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON, deceased, who died on the 9th day of March, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of such notice at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PEGGY LOU SHELTON JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSS WILLIAM SHELTON, JR.
5905 MCGINNIS ROAD
Corryton, TN 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAREN ALICE LAMBECK DOCKET NUMBER 90418-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN ALICE LAMBECK, who died December 1, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KAREN ALICE LAMBECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANICE SLYMAN

646 BROCHARDT BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THERESA ANN LEA DOCKET NUMBER 90411-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of THERESA ANN LEA, who died August 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THERESA ANN LEA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GAVIN KANE
5212 JACKSBORO PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

REGAN D. CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA DOCKET NUMBER 90129-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA, who died were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JOYCE LINDA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR
900 S. GAY ST., #800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL,
DIVISION OF TENNOCARE
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD, 3 WEST
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARTHUR F. LONG, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90440-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARTHUR F. LONG, JR., 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) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ARTHUR F. LONG, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN B. YOUNG, EXECUTRIX
7914 THORN GROVE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL S. MILLS DOCKET NUMBER 90105-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL S. MILLS who died July 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) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL S. MILLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JASON ADAM MILLS, EXECUTOR
127 MACEDONIA CHURCH ROAD
ANDERSONVILLE, TN 37705

DARRICK L. EDMONDSON, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 789
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT DOCKET NUMBER 90438-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT, who died Nov. 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD DAVID MYNATT, AKA PETE MYNATT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANITA MAE SHIPLEY, EXECUTRIX
5300 DANIELS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARRY WAYNE NORMAN DOCKET NUMBER 90402-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of HARRY WAYNE NORMAN, who died on November 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) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HARRY WAYNE NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA DORSEY, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
6600 RIDGE RUN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 27921

JENNIFER MARLOW, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
155 EAGLE CREEK ROAD NW
CLEVELAND, TN 37312

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS PEASE DOCKET NUMBER 90359-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS PEASE, who died Oct. 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DORIS PEASE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL DAVID PEASE, EXECUTOR
3307 WEXGATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA COLE PETERS DOCKET NUMBER 90423-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA COLE PETERS, who died November 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(2) 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
(3) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

THE ESTATE OF BARBARA COLE PETERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN G. PETERS, EXECUTOR
624 LITTLE TURKEY LANE
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOLLIE R. PORTER DOCKET NUMBER 90414-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOLLIE R. PORTER, who died November 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOLLIE R. PORTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FIRST HORIZON BANK, EXECUTOR
800 S. GAY STREET, 5th FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

BRADLEY C. SAGRAVES, ATTORNEY
GRAYSON B. HOLMES, ATTORNEY
2095 LAKESIDE CENTRE WAY, SUITE 131
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD FRANKLIN RAY DOCKET NUMBER 90435-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD FRANKLIN RAY, who died Nov. 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) 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RONALD FRANKLIN RAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHELIA R. COOPER, EXECUTRIX
7709 JENKINS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE C. RHEA DOCKET NUMBER 90400-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE C. RHEA, who died on November 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(2) 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
(3) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE C. RHEA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CUMBERLAND TRUST & INVESTMENT COMPANY
40 BURTON HILLS BLVD., STE. 300
NASHVILLE, TN 37215

LISA W. GAMMELTTOFT, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH (BETTY) HELTON SCHOW DOCKET NUMBER 90392-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration cum Testamento Annexo in respect to the Estate of ELIZABETH (BETTY) HELTON SCHOW, who died on December 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH (BETTY) HELTON SCHOW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MELISSA LEE TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 90405-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of MELISSA LEE TAYLOR, who died July 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 or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MELISSA LEE TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DUDLEY W. TAYLOR
221 E. BLOUNT AVENUE, APT. 649
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

DUDLEY W. TAYLOR, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 473
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STANMIRE ZDRAVKOV TOMOV DOCKET NUMBER 90351-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STANMIRE ZDRAVKOV TOMOV, who died Oct. 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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
(2) 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
(3) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF STANMIRE ZDRAVKOV TOMOV

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BEVERLY TOMOV, ADMINISTRATRIX
8440 MECKLENBURG CT.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCAS JACKSON WHITWORTH DOCKET NUMBER 90404-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUCAS JACKSON WHITWORTH, who died May 7, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13 day of JANUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LUCAS JACKSON WHITWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SMALL 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