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Judge Kyle Hixson of the Tennessee State Court of Criminal Appeals (left) and Charlie Susano, Clerk of the Circuit, Civil Sessions & Juvenile Courts.

Judge Kyle Hixson sworn into office

By Focus Staff

Just about every judge in East Tennessee was present to watch Kyle A. Hixson take the oath of office as a judge of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. Hixson was appointed to the post by Governor Bill Lee, who was on hand to administer the oath of office. Most of the Courthouse came out to witness the ceremony, which was held in the ornate main courtroom in the Supreme Court Building, the former downtown post office.

Hixson's family--his parents and uncle, as well as his in-laws--were all gathered to witness the thirty-something former prosecutor take the oath of office December 15. Standing beside the judge were his beautiful wife, Rachel, and their three daughters. The Hixson daughters all had matching pink bows in their hair. Indeed, the two elder Hixson daughters made quite a hit by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The ceremony began by being

gaveled to order by Knox County's High Sheriff Tom Spangler. Sharon Lee, justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, presided with grace and good humor and recognized a host of judges and public officials after a moment of silence for Judge John Everett Williams who had passed away. Chief Justice Roger Page made brief, but very gracious remarks, saying Kyle Hixson had a superlative work ethic which he

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County commission forgives AMR fines, extends contract through Jan. 2024

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For the past two years of the Covid pandemic Knox County's contracted ambulance service, American Medical Response, often had difficulty getting ill people inside hospitals in a timely manner due to patient backlogs and short staff. AMR's contract agreement included fines for delays of longer than 30 minutes and those fines have exceeded about \$4.3 million. Last Monday the Knox County Commission voted to forgive the fines and also extended the AMR agreement until January of 2024.

"You can't punish a service that has little control," Commissioner Carson Dailey told his fellow commissioners adding, "It's a service we really need."

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs had suggested ending AMR's agreement on June 30th of next year but that resolution disappeared when the January 31, 2024 extension resolution passed. Jacobs wants the county to ask for ambulance service bids when the AMR agreement ends and the current provider has indicated they will be

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Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey was successful in reducing AMR's response time fines for next year to \$5,000 on each incident of being more than 30 minutes to deliver patients to hospitals. The ambulance service contract was extended to all of 2023 and more than \$4.3M in past penalties forgiven.

An Emotional Night at Commission

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The final meeting of the Knox County Commission for 2022 turned out to be an emotional session as several commissioners bemoaned local problems or decisions at the end of the meeting.

Last Monday's regular meeting began with honors given to Chris Caldwell's Finance Department for earning the "Triple Crown" for finance reporting, Bishop Billy McCool for 65 years pastoring the First Apostolic Church, and Randy Smith for being named the Tennessee PRIMA Risk Manager of the year.

Eddie Smith, director of Childhelp, reported on the growing number of abused children in the region but thanked the commission and other groups for additional funding this year.

Various citizens spoke to the commission about different issues, ranging from the homeless, a possible sheriff's advisory board,

zoning on Legg Lane, civil rights, the drag show at the Tennessee Theater, and the incident at McAlister's Deli. One by one the citizens were called to speak and several became emotional during their time at the podium. Commissioners took the opportunity to share their feelings as well.

Commissioner Rhonda Lee said the drag show was "perverse" and that she had talked to the Knox County Sheriff's Office and County Mayor about it but lamented there was no authority granted the commission to do anything about it. She also said she was very disappointed by not getting a second to her motion to have the state legislature increase the number of members of the Hallsdale-Powell Utility Board. She expressed sympathy to the teenage girl fired at McAlister's Deli and also to the law enforcement officers involved.

"We shouldn't treat our law enforcement officers like this. Shame on us," Lee said.

Commissioner Dasha Lundy praised Anthony Thompson Jr.'s sister, Aniya, who spoke about the division between law enforcement and the community at the meeting. She was critical of the KCSO public information officer's online post about the incident at the deli where the 15-year-old cashier was fired after officers said she refused them service.

"It's not a Knox County problem, it's a national problem" Lundy said, adding that the three officers who entered the deli were not in uniform and flashed a badge at the young cashier.

"The sheriff's

department lied about it," Lundy said, calling on the formation of a sheriff's review group.

"We're living in trauma. I'm tired but we have got to move forward," she said.

Councilwoman Gina Oster lamented that she has to "work within the boundaries I'm given." She opposed the Drag Show that Mayor Jacobs "has not been quiet" about, saying he requested that the vendor be required to have age limits and set a parental warning.

Oster turned to Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers for a statement and he said dealing with adult entertainment events is legally

difficult.

"I'm not going to quit. It's not our job, it's up to the legislators," Oster said.

IN OTHER ACTION the commission voted to ask local state legislators to exempt state military members from national vaccinations, a possible empty vote because the U.S. Congress has voted to exempt all military members who oppose vaccinations unless President Biden vetoes the bill.

The first of two necessary votes to approve campers, RVs and non-permanent structures to be used for family living during the construction of a home passed commission

Monday. Commissioner

Lee abstained on the vote. Denied was a resolution to alter the Northeast County Sector Plan to permit a rezoning at 3029 Legg Lane. Commissioner Richie Beeler then moved to alter the request from two dwellings per acre on the property's 3.6 acres to one unit per acre.

An amendment to the Alcoa Highway Small Area Plan dealing with the Highway Corridor Study was approved. The change removes some barriers to further open the area for development and adds mixed-use development along the route.

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COVID-19 Was Political From The Start

From a distance



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Jane Fonda said just before the last Presidential election that "Covid was a gift to the left."

I believe that COVID-19 was used in a very political way right from the start. People hated Donald Trump so much that they were determined to go to any length to defeat him.

With the economy booming, gas prices low, the border secure, the U.S. safe from international threats, and a very weak Democratic candidate it was obvious that desperate measures had to be

taken.

One way - perhaps the only way - was to blow the coronavirus outbreak totally out of proportion, exaggerate it to high heaven, and shut down as much of the economy as possible.

The blue Democrat-run states, where teachers' unions were the strongest, and even in most red states, the schools were shut down even though there was almost no threat to children.

As Emily Oster, a liberal professor from Brown University wrote several weeks ago in the Atlantic Magazine: "The health risks of in-school spread were relatively low, whereas the costs to students' well-being and educational progress were high."

She added that the precautions were "totally misguided," and "Obviously some people intended to mislead and made wildly irresponsible claims."

Chief among these was Dr. Anthony Fauci, who was an unknown bureaucrat for most of his career and largely ignored. Then, almost overnight, he became a celebrity, was on TV every day, and obviously gloried in his newfound fame.

It is my opinion that he really was an evil man who in 2012 wrote an article for the American Society of Microbiology saying if a scientist "became infected with the virus, which leads to an outbreak and ultimately a pandemic... the benefits of such experiments and the resulting knowledge outweigh the risks."

Also, many high level federal bureaucrats love to open offices in or send money to foreign countries so they can justify traveling there. Thus, Fauci sent millions to the Wuhan, China lab to fund research to find the probable cause of the

coronavirus outbreak.

We should have handled the whole situation just like the 1957-58 Asian flu outbreak when the world and U.S. population was only about 60% of what it is now and which possibly killed more proportionally then. Nothing was shut down then and children were not hurt, and many thousands of small businesses did not go under.

The reason for our over-reaction was the 24-hour news cycle and the media's hatred for Trump as well as Big Pharma's public relations and lobbying campaigns so they could gain governmental immunity from lawsuits and rake in billions and billions of taxpayer dollars.

Isn't it interesting that Africa, the least-vaccinated continent, had by far the fewest Covid outbreaks, and Australia, which is 96 percent vaccinated and boosted, is now in its

fourth outbreak?

Liberals don't like for people other than themselves to have too much personal freedom, and thus they favor things like lockdowns, mandates and forced vaccinations.

Lord Sumption, a former member of the British Supreme Court, said recently that Britain's public finances were "in the worst shape since World War II" and "the main culprit lurking in the background: the lockdowns of the last two years."

Obviously, the U.S. panic led to a worldwide panic in almost every developed country except Sweden, which Sumption pointed out "in terms of both cases and deaths were a lot better than ours."

Columnist Paul Craig Roberts said the "Covid virus was not the threat it was presented to be and the 'vaccine' was neither effective nor safe."

He added that the "pandemic was an orchestration for profit, power...and the public health agencies responsible for protecting public health went ahead and created a climate of fear, based on the lie that there was no available treatment..."

According to the CDC, 94% of so-called Covid deaths were in people who had co-morbidities such as stroke, heart failure, pneumonia, diabetes, or other health problems. By far the highest percentage was in people 80 or older and would probably not even have been classified as Covid deaths except for the fact that the Democratic Congress wanted the number to be as high as possible, and hospitals were paid more if Covid was listed as the cause of death.

Wither the LSAT

Merry Christmas.

The accrediting council of the American Bar Association voted 15-1 to recommend the elimination of the LSAT or any other standardized examination from

the admission requirements for law school. The debate within the council was whether standardized tests limited diversity amongst law school students. Individual law schools could still maintain the requirement if they so choose. Ironically, Southern University's law school announced that it is still going to require the test. Given that Southern is an HBCU, presumably diversity is not an issue of prime importance.

Previously some of the



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top law schools in the country, Harvard, Yale, and U C Berkeley withdrew from the US News and World Report rankings saying that the rankings ignored their efforts to diversify their student bodies. The

rankings downgraded certain actions by the schools. For example, one law school dean said that "students who have received public interest fellowships from the school or are pursuing other graduate degrees are "effectively classified as unemployed" and negatively affect a school's ranking."

Predictably the knee jerk reaction on the right was that the law schools were lowering admission standards to increase the number of minority

students. One writer called this "the soft bigotry of low expectations." But is this really the case? The writer did not do any basic research to discover whether the LSAT is a prime predictor of whether a law student is admitted to the bar. Many standardized tests are culture-bound and predict the test takers culture rather than the ability to perform in college or graduate school. This may be the case with the LSAT. I don't know the metrics used by US News but their current methodology is obviously flawed.

Looking at the research on whether the LSAT is an important predictor in law school success, there is conflicting evidence. One study finds that the LSAT is the best predictor of success in passing the bar exam while another finds

that law school GPA is the most important indicator. I have not looked at the studies but suspect that LSAT and law school GPA are most likely highly correlated. I would think that the appropriate measure of success would be the percentage passage rate on the bar exam. When looking at that metric, the University of Wisconsin, not Harvard, Yale or Berkeley, has the highest first-time passage rate. The question is whether the first time passage rate of those schools eliminating the LSAT is adversely affected by adding more diversity to their student body. That is an empirical question and a study by the American Bar Association that shows that a rising percentage of non-white students is associated with a rise in first time failure rates. Perhaps the elite law schools are leaving US News because they know their rankings will fall due to diversity admissions.

Of course, this means that the next step is going to be an advocating of elimination of the bar exam as a requirement to be admitted to practice. Currently all states require the bar exam. Four states, California, Virginia, Vermont and Washington do not require going to law school in order to take the bar. My uncle was an attorney and then a judge in Ohio. He read the law while clerking as a paralegal, took

the bar, passed it and was admitted to practice. Classical economists have long argued that the purpose of the bar exam is to limit the number of lawyers thereby maintaining high salaries and billings for existing lawyers. Obviously, there are incompetent lawyers, amoral lawyers and crooks that have passed the bar. I don't know if the bar exams for each state have been vetted to test only the law and not cultural aspects. But if a bar exam only tests knowledge of the law, then I see no reason why it cannot be a final hurdle to admission to practice.

However, the question remains as to what are the best metrics to use for admission to law school. When I was a professor and on the PhD admissions committee, one year the student with the lowest undergraduate GPA and test scores ended up earning the PhD and is now a tenured faculty member at an excellent university while the student admitted with the highest GPA and test scores flunked out of our program. The indication is that in some cases, undergraduate GPA and test scores do not predict one's desire to learn and to achieve. Therefore, while I think that the indicators are that GPA and test scores are important, there are exceptions that demand individual scrutiny.

AUTHOR'S GUILD TO MEET

The Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30. Published authors are invited to attend.

AGT is now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book but are not yet published. Serious authors only.

In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT Website for updates and information: authorsguildoftn.org.

AMR fines forgiven

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Dailey, active in fire and rescue squad issues, moved successfully to reduce the 30 minute penalty from \$10,000 to \$5,000 for each incident.

"Let's find a way to make it work," Dailey said.

The waiver of performance damages stretches from June 1st to December 31 of 2022. A request for proposals for contracting an emergency medical service provider was deferred until the next commission meeting and may not be necessary with the extension of the AMR contract for all of 2023.



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Publisher's Positions

Common Sense Needed

Tennessee state Senator Richard Briggs is by profession a physician. More specifically, a heart doctor. Some on the far right have been giving the senator a hard time over Briggs having questioned the need for doctors to mount an "affirmative defense" stating under Tennessee State law why ending a pregnancy was medically necessary to save the life of the mother. The Tennessee Journal quoted Dr. Briggs as saying, "The defendant is guilty until he can prove that he's not guilty. In my opinion, that is a very bad position to put the doctors in --- why should this doctor have to pay his own legal bills for saving a woman's life?"

According to the Tennessee Journal, Lee Berkenstock, chair of the Tennessee Medical Association, as well as president Edward Capparelli, said in a statement Briggs has noted recognition of the "unintended consequences" of the abortion laws passed by the General Assembly. The statement issued by Berkenstock and Capparelli puts a fine point on the

issue, saying of the law, "It places doctors in the unconscionable position of having to choose between saving a patient's life or committing a felony."

Folks complain about the cost of health care, but the position physicians are placed with the current state law would only drive the cost of health care up. It illustrates the need for the legislature to revisit the law and fine tune it. Many matters of the law are much more gray than black and white. A heapin' helpin' of common sense would really be helpful in this instance.

Rose Calls for Mayorkas' Removal

Congressman John Rose of Tennessee's Sixth District is calling for Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, to either quit or be removed from office. Rose wasn't especially particular about it; the congressman suggested Mayorkas either resign or be impeached. Congressman Rose was fed up after reading a report from the Department of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) stating busloads of illegal immigrants

are being shipped to Tennessee. Rose said Mayorkas has repeatedly violated his oath of office. The congress noted 175 Americans die daily from the deadly drug Fentanyl flowing over the border in astonishing quantities.

Governor Bill Lee issued a press statement, saying his office had been notified last Monday that "ICE facilities in New Orleans are scheduled to begin transporting an unknown number of single adult male detainees to Tennessee this week to await court proceedings."

How many of the illegals do you suppose will show up for their court dates?

Charter School Applications Continue To Grow

Tennessee's Department of Education has received 23 letters of intent from operators of Charter Schools in eight districts across the Volunteer State. At least three of those letters are resubmissions in Rutherford, Montgomery and Madison Counties, where their applications were denied.

In Davidson County, there are currently 12,800

students enrolled in 32 charter schools. The Metro Public School system has received 5 letters of intent for new charter schools.

The county receiving the largest number of letters of intent is Shelby. No less than 10 proposed new charter schools want to begin operation. That would be in addition to the existing 57 charter schools operating in Shelby County presently.

Knox County has two new applications to open charter schools. That would be in addition to Emerald Youth Academy, which boasts 438 students currently.

Thank Goodness For Elon Musk

Elon Musk's release of the "Twitter Files" has caused leftists to meltdown daily. The constant stream of revelations confirms much of what we already knew. Voices on the right were deliberately silenced as Twitter staffers tried to build blacklists to keep some comments and commentators from trending.

Bari Weiss, an independent journalist, has reported Twitter kept a secret

blacklist and the social media giant supposedly tried to suppress the accounts of conservative commentator Dan Bongino and Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, who argued against COVID lockdowns.

Ms. Weiss said Twitter secretly placed Dr. Bhattacharya on what she described as a "Trends Blacklist" which deliberately kept his tweets from trending.

Weiss also stated Dan Bongino was placed on a "Search Blacklist" while conservative activist Charlie Kirk's account had the admonition "Do Not Amplify" for Twitter insiders.

Happy Holidays!

Everyone here at The Focus hope you and your family stayed warm, dry, and happy during Christmas. We hope that Santa was very good to you. The Focus family wants to wish you and your family a healthy, prosperous and very Happy New Year!



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When Public Is Not Public

Mayor Indya Kincannon has already got a transparency problem as evidenced by the lawsuit filed by the Knoxville News Sentinel over the process used by the city government in selecting a new police chief. Still, the city just doesn't get it. City media spokesperson Eric Vreeland just emailed Kincannon's public schedule, which is only notable for how meager it is. Yet the media is advised: "For media information only, not for publication." So, it's Indya's public schedule, yet not for public consumption. Kind of sums it all up, doesn't it?

Judge Kyle Hixson sworn into office

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believed is necessary in a good judge.

A farm boy who went to the University of Tennessee College of Law, Kyle Hixson worked for years as a deputy district attorney under Attorney General Charme Allen. Hixson ran a determined campaign to win a seat on the Knox County Criminal Court bench. Hixson faced a credible opponent in the Republican primary, which he won by an overwhelming majority. It was an impressive victory for a young candidate. Hixson's friendly demeanor and record as a deputy district attorney general made him an appealing candidate. Considering the number of judges gathered at Hixson's investiture ceremony, the number of roofs with snow on top emphasized just how quickly Kyle Hixson has risen in the legal profession.

After Chief Justice Page introduced Governor Bill Lee, it was easy to see why Lee was so easily reelected this year. The governor's own comments were brief, to the point and sincere. In fact, whether in making remarks or shaking hands with Tennesseans, the quality that one detects about Bill Lee right away is sincerity. Indeed, Governor Lee radiates sincerity. After a few remarks, the governor administered the oath of office to Kyle Hixson.

Among those who attended the investiture ceremony was Knox County Commissioner Kyle Ward, whose wife, Katie, is best friends with Rachel Hixson. The two Kyles, Hixson and Ward, would normally babysit the Hixson daughters while the girls went out. Now the Wards have their own child and Antonio will likely learn to fend off the girls. Other members of the county

commission attending were Gina Oster, Kim Frazier, chair Courtney Durrett, and Richie Beeler. The clerks of the courts were present: Charlie Susano, Clerk of the Circuit, Civil Sessions, and Juvenile Courts and Mike Hammond, Clerk of the Criminal and Fourth Circuit Courts. Register of Deeds Nick McBride, County Clerk Sherry Witt, and Property Assessor John Whitehead were there as well. The Knox County Board of Education was represented by Betsy Henderson.

Fellow Knox County judges attending were Circuit Court Judge Jerome Melson, Sessions Court judges Chuck Cerny and Judd Davis, and Hixson's former colleagues on the Criminal Court bench Scott Green and Steve Sword. Attorney General Charme Allen was clearly delighted to see her protégé sworn into office. Judge Kristy Davis, another Knox County judge promoted by an appointment by the governor to sit on the Tennessee Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of the late Charles Susano (father of the clerk of the same name), was circulating through the crowd. Judge Davis has also made an application for a seat on the Tennessee Supreme Court when Justice Sharon Lee leaves the bench. Chancellor Chris Heagerty was present as were both mayors, Glenn Jacobs for Knox County and Knoxville

City Mayor Indya Kincannon.

The state legislators Dave Wright, Richard Briggs, Jason Zachary, Michele Carringer, and Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally watched as Kyle Hixson took the oath of office. State judges, while appointed by the governor when a seat becomes vacant, must also be confirmed by the Tennessee General Assembly. Joe Bailey, former city councilman, was at the ceremony to represent U.S. Senator Bill Hagerty.

Former congressman Jimmy Duncan patiently stood and shook hands with his host of friends and admirers. As Justice Sharon Lee reminded those present, Jimmy Duncan had served as an elected judge of the Knox County Criminal Court before being elected to Congress.

After the ceremony was over, Judge Hixson and Governor Lee greeted just about everyone present. Both the judge and the governor were good-natured in posing for photos and shaking hands.

One admirer stated he believed Kyle Hixson was a good bet to sit on Tennessee's Supreme Court one day. After a pause, he added, "And if Tennessee ever gets another seat on the U. S. Supreme Court, it could be Judge Kyle Hixson."

Nobody attending the ceremony doubted it.

Decision on hold re. Aramark's UT beer sales

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A ruling on a stay requested by Aramark is in limbo until probably after the holidays. A hearing on the request to dismiss the city's charges regarding underage beer sales at UT's Neyland Stadium was held last Monday via Zoom. Hearing officer Loretta Cravens heard from counsel for the city and for Aramark, the beer permit holder, prior to saying she is reserving a ruling until more information from the city is submitted.

Cravens also said that a final decision on penalizing Aramark or suspending the beer permit may be made in February or March.

"Assuming all or part of this complaint will survive," she said.

The Zoom hearing

included representatives of the city, the police department, the university and Aramark with attorney Alyson Dyer speaking for the city and attorney Tasha Blakney for Aramark.

Blakney said the request for a "stay" in the case was based on the company's objection to considering prior violations that took place before the current beer permit was issued.

Dyer countered that, according to beer regulations, Aramark requested a "revised" beer permit, not a "new" one, which justifies previous volitions being considered by the hearing officer.

Blakney also objected to the city including UT Police reports of alcohol violations outside the game but Dyer said the permit holds the permit holder

liable for infractions on stadium property.

Dyer said that Aramark is trying to "get a do-over" when requesting a revised permit and seeking preferential treatment. Blakney said the revised plan was submitted because of SEC beer sales regulations and changes at the stadium.

Blakney said the company is operating under a new permit, didn't misrepresent anything, and the city accepted the last permit request. She said the new permit was requested because of expansion and changes at Neyland Stadium.

Cravens said she will review the issues and conduct an efficient and fair hearing.

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Here is a sampling of the headlines and big stories from The Knoxville Focus' 2022.

JANUARY

A search firm was hired by Knox County to search for a replacement for retiring Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. She had been the subject of attack for her dealing with the pandemic and chose to retire.

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler asked the county for higher salaries for his employees. The Knox County Sheriff's Office Merit System Council appointed retired Judge Sharon Bell as the hearing officer for former KCSO employee Martha Dooley's grievance. Alternate member John Marshall accused the three-member committee of violating rules and holding secret sessions. Later in the month, Chancellor Christopher Heagerty ruled that the merit council could hear the Dooley grievance complaint.

The commission passed rules regarding the naming of county parks and began talking about a mental health court to provide an alternative path for those with mental health problems outside the criminal system.

The board of education set a new starting salary for the next school superintendent and, for the first time, school board candidates were required to run in partisan races.

Community listening sessions were scheduled by the city to begin the search for a new police chief. Knoxville's Community Development Corporation hosted an open house on January 19 for neighborhood, stakeholder and community members to review the Transforming Western plan for the Western Heights housing site and Beaumont area.

Fountain City Auction held its annual Advertising Auction and a Covid vaccination event was held at the Jacobs Building for children 5 to 11 years old.

off his campaign for Chancellor Part II with a gathering at the Corryton Community Center.

The Knoxville City Council discussed tax breaks for businesses that develop near the proposed multi-use stadium.

Former Congressman Jimmy Duncan addressed the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association about his new book "From Batboy to Congressman."

Terry Hill was the subject of a "Catching up with" feature and local basketball great Elston Turner was honored by the city with a street bearing his name.

Fulton High School football coach Rob Black announced he was stepping down.

MARCH

An April trial date was set for former KCSO Narcotics Chief David Henderson and Martha Dooley, a former KCSO employee, testified in a two-day hearing about her grievance.

Forty-three candidates for Knoxville and Knox County elections reserved booths or scheduled an appearance at a political event at the Knoxville Expo Center. The Knox Board of Education dismissed ethics complaints against three members: Kristi Kristy, Susan Horn and Betsy Henderson. The three had appeared at a Knox County Commission meeting asking that an outside attorney be hired to represent the schools in a dispute with federal regulations about wearing a mask in school.

While commission began discussing pay raises for sheriff deputies, the city council voted to add money to the budget for city police cadets.

Knoxville's co-responder program was declared successful. The ride-along program teamed mental health counselors with police officers in responding to domestic calls. The four teams reported responding to more than 600 calls since the first of the year.

A future hotel on Jackson Avenue downtown got a tax break from city council and the commission saw the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building postponed again.

Term-limited District 7 Commissioner Charles Busler answered Catching Up questions and community leader Roy Kruse was remembered by public officials and longtime friends.

Boyd Kitts of the Gibbs Community was remembered.

The Bearden Lady Bulldogs claimed the first basketball state title in school history in March 2022 when they defeated West Knoxville rival Farragut at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center. Bearden and Fulton boys both fell in basketball semi-final games. Carter's Tyler Cate was honored as District 3-3A Coach of the Year and the late Eric Robertson of Powell High was remembered.

The Knoxville Dragway announced an event to benefit Union and Knox County sheriff's offices.

APRIL

The various Knox County candidates appeared before a large turnout at the Expo Center prior to the start of early voting on April 18 for the county primary elections.

Dr. Jon Rysewyk's contract as the new Knox County Superintendent was approved by the school board. A new ballfield at West High School was discussed at the school board and the county

commission debated the future of the KCSO Merit System Council.

Sheriff Tom Spangler sought a pay raise for his employees and Kyle Hixon was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals of the Eastern District.

Former county narcotics Chief David Henderson faced a federal trial date in April that ended up being reset for November and then delayed further pending results from a competency hearing.

The City of Knoxville began closing some streets around the future multi-use stadium. Mayor Indya Kincannon delivered her budget proposal during her State of the City Luncheon raising the minimum city employee wages to \$15 per hour. Retiring City Police Chief Eve Thomas, the first female to serve in that position, was honored by the city council.

The Dogwood Arts Festival kicked off its annual event with a ribbon cutting and the late Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss was remembered in a tribute by Wiegel's and the Gibbs and Corryton communities. The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit came to Knoxville again and both mayors, Congressman Tim Burchett and Captain Bill Robinson spoke at its notable ceremony.

Ball Camp Baptist Church celebrated 225 years of service.

Coming off a 21-7 victory at Alcoa, Farragut High School set its sights on another state softball championship and Carter High dedicated its new softball facility.

MAY

Although early voting numbers were down a bit in the Knox County Primary, Knox County Republicans celebrated several victories on the May 3 election day at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Richard "Bud" Armstrong defeated Eddie Pridemore Jr. for Chancellor and Debbie Helsley won the Democratic Primary for county mayor.

Later in May, Janet Testerman would kick off her campaign for state representative to replace Eddie Mannis. Candidates Kim Frazier and Vivian Shipe, both seeking the at-large county commission seat vacated by Justin Biggs, answered Focus questions. Retired Judge Charles Susano passed away peacefully in his 86th year.

Commissioner Carson Dailey was honored by Keep Knoxville Beautiful and the school board approved a \$591.5 million budget. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs increased the county budget but added no new taxes.

The Knox County Commission chose John Marshall as a merit council voting member and Chris Manning as the alternate member. Former KCSO employee Ivan Harmon dropped his grievance against the department and Martha Dooley, in dispute with the department, retired. Later in May Dooley dropped her claim for payment to her attorney.

The powers of the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals were questioned regarding how developers gain approval.

The Thunder Mountain proposal to build 250 or more homes along Sevierville Pike was approved in a split vote by the Knox County Commission. Two historic farms were recognized as "Tennessee Century Farms." The Yarnell Family Farm and the Murphy Springs Farm received those honors.

Paul Noel was announced to replace City Police Chief Thomas. The Police Advisory and Review Committee met and police handcuffing policies were discussed.

The Knoxville Community Development Corporation cut the ribbon on a mixed-income housing development at First Creek in Austin. Inskip residents voiced their opposition to a Bruhin Road rezoning and a joint meeting of elected officials discussed mental illness.

Powell High School hosted the Special Olympics and West High School's Rebels downed Oak Ridge to win the district title in soccer.

Gibbs High School became regional champions in softball after defeating Clinton and Catholic High School moved on to the state tournament. Farragut High School captured the state baseball title for the 11th time in school history... and the second straight state championship in softball.

Claude Walker Ballpark in East Knoxville reopened to the public after some major upgrades.

The Focus honored area high school valedictorians and salutatorians.

The Knoxville Focus front page from June 27, 2022.

JUNE

Candidates stumped through the county as Attorney General Charme Allen, Farragut Mayor Bill Johns and Knox County Commissioner At-Large Larsen Jay spoke to the Concord-Farragut Republican Club for re-election. Later in the month, candidates for the Farragut council and mayor attended a public forum.

Sheriff Spangler asked the merit council to set a date for a hearing on former KCSO employee Scott Moore's grievance as that body continued to undergo regulation revisions. Moore would withdraw his grievance later in June.

Superintendent Rysewyk outlined his realignment of the system's district office at a school board meeting. New body cameras for school security officers were authorized.

Cheryl Hill, program manager for KCHD's Healthy Weight Davison, was honored with the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists.

The Knox County Commission discussed the powers of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Industrial Development Board. The Knox County Rules Committee met and discussed updating procedural rules for commission meetings.

A one-day survey in Knoxville reported an increase in the number of homeless people. A vote on a proposed Bruhin Road development in Inskip was postponed by the City Council.

SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway was established in the Gibbs community to honor the fallen soldier. State Senator Dr. Richard Biggs was presented the Guardian of Small Business award by the National Federation of Independent Businesses State Director Jim Brown.

The award-winning "A Day Away" series continued with a story about how places names in our region got their names and our area's railroad depots. Dr. Jim Tumbelin, Fountain City's noted historian, passed away.

The Focus began recognitions of Student-Athletes of the Year, naming outstanding student-athletes, one male and one female, from each prep school in its coverage area.

Casey Humphreys was named West High School softball coach.

The Knoxville Focus front page from February 28, 2022.

FEBRUARY

Three finalists were revealed during February in the search for a new Knox County School Superintendent: Dr. Linda Cash, Dr. Jon Rysewyk and Kirk Shrum. Cash and Rysewyk would go on to answer questions from the public in a forum before making their final pitches to the school board. Dr. Jon Rysewyk was selected by the board of education to be superintendent, replacing retiring Bob Thomas.

Candidates emerged for the May primary as the filing date ended and UT Professor Mark Harmon announced he would oppose incumbent Congressman Tim Burchett. Former Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong kicked

The Knoxville Focus front page from April 18, 2022.



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Hanging It Up

We are what we repeatedly do.
Historian Will Durant

Last week the Christmas spirit came to me. Each year I search for the spirit, and it finally comes, sometimes early and sometimes later. Jesus said, "Seek and you will find," so I seek Him, his Spirit and his essence of love at Christmas.

As my readers know, I love Christmas music and movies. I have dozens of Christmas CDs and even homemade cassettes. Younglings may not know of such old technology. I also stream Christmas music on Pandora. Here's a Christmas gift: Go to YouTube and search "That's What I Want for Christmas" by Nancy Wilson. You won't be disappointed and the message in the lyrics is the essence of Christmas love.

By the time you read this essay, Becky and I will have completed our annual pilgrimage through our repertoire of Christmas movies. Just as songs can be enjoyed over and over, so can Christmas movies. In addition to old standards like "Christmas Vacation" and "Home Alone," we love the wonderful rendition of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with Patrick Stewart. This year my Christmas spirit returned with Nancy Wilson's song and the movie "One Magic Christmas" with Mary Steenburgen. Disney once made inspirational G movies. This story is about a young, disillusioned mother who lost her Christmas spirit, only to rediscover what she lost because of her young daughter's faith.

At year's end businesses

close their books and many of us reflect upon life in anticipation of plans or resolutions for the new year. We are time-oriented people, perhaps more so for those who still work at jobs. Those of us who are retired have fewer time constraints or deadlines. I do have an early publisher's deadline for the next two weeks so that Focus personnel can be with their families at Christmas and New Year.

I am now retired from medical practice, but some remnants of my old life persist with, for instance, medical malpractice insurance. In the mid-1970s there was a crisis when medical malpractice insurance companies quit offering coverage for Tennessee physicians. As a result, Tennessee physicians formed our own company, and the State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company was born. It has been an A+ rated company since that time. Recently, I changed my status to "retired," having been with the company for 45 years and never sued. I was fortunate, but I was also meticulous with my patient's care.

Several years ago, a retiring colleague described his reluctance about surrendering his medical license. He said he had worked so

hard to acquire his medical degree, achieve specialty training and then practice medicine for decades. However, the requirements of continuing medical education, the expense of maintaining a license he no longer used and additional state professional fees forced his hand. He said to me, "I just no longer feel like a doctor."

Sometimes when you are on unfamiliar ground insight seems to come from nowhere. In such situations, scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say. I reassured my crestfallen friend and told him that he will always be a doctor, even if he does not have a piece of paper sanctioned by the state to hang on his wall.

I thought about that conversation when I recently surrendered my DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) license. I had maintained this license to prescribe medications since I graduated from medical school in December 1975. And in May 2023 another milestone is coming, when I allow my own medical license to expire since it is no longer relevant for a "retired" doctor.

We accept things as we perceive them to be. Einstein defined special

and general relativity which describes the physics of the universe. Among its many arcane principles, relativity holds that there is no privileged place in the universe. And philosophically, everything is relative without standards or a reference point. And taken to absurdity the Me Too movement and gender identification results.

On a more practical level, most of us perceive the passage of time as linear. I am writing now. An hour ago, I was not and, in an hour, or so I hope to have a rough draft of my year-end musings. As a corollary, I offer the observation that men think in a linear fashion, whereas women are not bound by such contrivances and require no segues in conversation with other women!

Our western notion of the passage of time is not present everywhere. Some cultures view time as circular. Examples were the ancient Mayan civilization of Mesoamerica and some far eastern cultures. The "circle of life" concept in "The Lion King" movie was an artistic adaptation of circular time and the ancient concept of the "wheel of life."

The Doctor Is Still In, but medical topics interest

me less these days. I still read medical journals, but I recognize that one will become obsolete when the so-called fire in the belly departs. We have all seen people hang on when their time has passed. There is a saying, "There is no fool like an old fool." Our erstwhile president is an example. "It is best to step down before others tell you to sit down" (Ferguson's axiom #213).

These days, I'm more interested in other things like writing and the lone dove at my birdfeeder. In the harshness of winter, I'm more diligent in keeping my birdfeeder filled. I have learned that doves mate for life and I feel for the lone dove without a group and seemingly without a soul-mate. I don't think that animals experience the notion of love as in the Nancy Wilson song. Nor do they imagine time as depicted in "One Magic Christmas."

I'm about done with 2022, and I'm hoping for a happier new year. In the meantime, I will try to stay in the moment and sing Psalm 118:24 throughout this Christmas season and each day of life that I am blessed to receive.

And I wish all of you the Merriest Christmas ever!
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Catching up with Larry Cox

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He's been a dynamo of involvement in the city, county, and especially North Knoxville. His career in athletics and coaching paralleled his many years of service as a city council member and community involvement. As past coach and director of the non-profit Knoxville Falcons the organization he helped make possible for thousands of children in Knoxville to have access to learn and play baseball, basketball, football, softball and cheerleading.

Larry Cox has been slowed by a stroke but is recovering and, in his wheelchair or on his walker, he's out and involved in the community again. He has a community center and athletic field named for him.

He is full of memories of those people who he has known over the years.

It might surprise you to learn that he served more than 15 years in the Air National Guard and graduated from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1963 with an Associate Arts Degree. He moved on to Middle Tennessee State for his bachelor's degree before his military service.

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Cox recently and asked him a few questions.

Tell us about your years with the Falcons Youth Athletics.

I got involved when I was five years old playing T-Ball. I've been involved with the board, picked it up and coached kids 12 and under and 16 and under.

I played football at Fulton and also played for the Knoxville Raiders when we beat the Falcons one time - I guess I was twelve then. I had great coaches and we made sure to teach the kids the fundamentals. In high school, I was involved with the Key Club and the High Y.

What are your favorite memories from when you served on the Knoxville City Council?

Two men, Kenneth "Red" Bailes and Dr. Ted Beeler, came up to me and asked me to run. Until then I never had an interest in running for office. In that first race, there were five of us in the old 5th District. I was elected and sought advice. Jean Teague had been there for years and told me, "Just sit and listen," and my first project

was to get Christenberry's field dried up with a French drain thanks to Mayor Kyle Testerman.

How did you get involved with Chicken City? What is Homestead Egg and Poultry?

Chicken City used to be over there on Magnolia operated by Harrison Poultry and operated for about 20 years. When it was closing I got involved and the Harrisons said if I would hire them and keep the employees that they would run it for me. I had a company, Homestead Egg Company on Central, and moved it there and added "Chicken City." My nephew operates Homestead now.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Brenda, has been a (workhorse) when
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Larry Cox was honored with a plaque earlier this month at Christenberry School for his many years of service.



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The Promise of 2023

What a season for Tennessee football! It has seen the highest of highs---a victory over rival Alabama halting a 15-year run by the Crimson Tide. It has seen the lowest of lows---a huge, devastating loss to South Carolina. As the curtain closes on the final game of the season, it seems like so much promise has been lost. It



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is human nature to want to win; it is much harder to deal with loss.

Names like Heupel, Hyatt, and Hooker became recognized in a new light after the Alabama win when fans stormed the field and carried the goalpost down Cumberland Avenue. From the coach to the quarterback, we have seen great leadership through

it all. Though heartbreaking to see The University of Tennessee (UT) quarterback go out with a season-ending injury, Hooker has shown the courage and faith to overcome this latest adversity. It was inspiring to learn about the religious children's book he and his brother wrote. Recently, the sad news about the death of Coach Mike Leach may have been a reminder to UT fans that he was once under consideration to be Tennessee's coach until Jeremy Pruitt was hired.

Current UT Coach Heupel played quarterback for Leach.

Football is much like the game of life. There are good times and times that are not so good. As we come to the end of 2022, may incredible blessings come your way in 2023! Happy New Year!

Words of Faith: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52 (KJV).



Recently, I found a photo slide that I made in the seventies---a close-up of Ayres Hall on the UT campus. The iconic image can often be seen when Tennessee is playing in nationally televised football games.

Catching up with Larry Cox

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it comes to helping me out during this stroke. I have a daughter who teaches school at Alcoa Elementary School; she has a boy and girl. My son, Shane, worked at Chicken City for a while and he has a little daughter. I've coached football, baseball and basketball at Christenberry.

When did you become interested in local politics?

I am basically a Republican but never ran with a label. I attended Middle Tennessee State University and majored in political science and history. I got involved in supporting the Civil Rights Act at Cumberland University because everybody should be equal. Locally I've supported Lynne Fugate, Indya Kincannon and Janet Testerman in non-partisan city elections.

How has your stroke slowed you down?

It slows you down but doesn't hurt you badly. Hubert Smith, who had a stroke a few years ago, told me how well you do is up to God and you. I do a lot of therapy. I'm 80 years old and exercise at the pool at Tennova, and do what I call kitchen

sink therapy, where I hang onto the sink and do squats.

The Larry Cox Senior Center is named for you. Want to comment?

Mayor Victor Ashe named it for me. I didn't know that until it was on the city council agenda.

You were a part-time aide to Congressman Jimmy Duncan. Can you comment on those days?

Jimmy and I were golf buddies with Alan Carmichael. I was a volunteer and filled in for Jimmy when he couldn't attend something, like Boy Scouts events. I was a part-time citizen field representative.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I used to golf but now I stay involved with politics, volunteerism, the Boys & Girls Club, the Phillip Fulmer Golf Tournament, the Knox Sports Hall of Fame, Emerald Youth and the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association.

How would you like to be remembered?

As an honest person, I love my family, my church, my coaching, and my work with boys and girls.

New Year's Day Hike at the UT Arboretum

Do you get overloaded on football, food and festivities? The UT



The UT Arboretum Society is offering a great alternative: start out the year on the "right foot" by joining our New Year's Hike at the UT Arboretum on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

Arboretum Society is offering a great alternative: start out the year on the "right foot" by joining our New Year's Hike at the UT Arboretum, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge, on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Please follow the signs for parking up to the auditorium. Hikers will gather at 9 a.m. at the UT Arboretum Auditorium offered coffee, hot chocolate and snacks. At 9:30 a.m. the group will leave for a guided hike that will last about 45 minutes. The hike will follow a forest trail and will visit the Elmore Holly Collection.

Please wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking. The aim is for this hike to be suitable for all, but the difficulty level of the hike is dependent on individual fitness. Be sure to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated as you hike. Due to ongoing research projects on the grounds, pets are not allowed.

This is a free program offered by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society. No registration is required. For more information contact mcampani@utk.edu.

Redbone

The first time I ever eyed Howard "Redbone" Cochran, he was walking across the main quad at Tennessee Tech. I'd seen football players before, but Redbone almost seemed freakish with his towering height and bulging muscles. His bright red hair clashed with the school colors of purple and gold, but I wasn't about to tell him, nor was anyone else, lest he tear that informer's body parts from the torso.



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Howard was an offensive guard for the Golden Eagles, and he had little trouble whipping the man in front of him. Then he'd look to find another victim to demolish. Howard's teammates were every bit as fierce. They included such NFL players as Elois Grooms (Saints) and Jim Youngblood (Rams). The team won the OVC Howard's senior year and went on to play in the 1972 Grantland Rice Bowl.

Most males in the freshman class of 1970 feared the members of the football team. Rumors flew about one monster's beat down

of a first-year student who dared to walk on the same side of the street. Other stories told of wild parties in Cooper Hall, the athletic dorm, where football players destroyed most every item in the dorm and relieved themselves in the corners of the elevator.

To help fill the physical education requirement for a degree, I signed up for weightlifting. No, I wasn't an avid bodybuilder; in fact, I weighed a measly 135 pounds at the time and had arms and legs with no muscular definition. I took this course to knock out a requirement and thought it would be easy since a senior P.E. major was the instructor

My brother Jim loved to lift weights and asked if he could be in the class as well. We and one other fellow met that night in the football team's weight room. The door flew open, and this red-haired giant walked in. I was terrified and sure that the guy would do his best to destroy us. He announced that he

was the instructor and set out to teach us the correct techniques for lifting. Before half the class was finished, I could feel my tiny muscles straining and cramping. The next couple of mornings I was so sore that walking to classes was excruciating.

Just when I had a handle on the routine we followed, Redbone decided to change things up. He announced that we'd complete supersets. The idea behind the new plan was to complete as many reps as possible of one exercise in 30 seconds and then move to the next and do the same thing. By the time we finished supersets, none of us could move. Exhaustion made just standing up nearly impossible. I survived the course but promised myself never again to make such a horrible mistake.

A couple of weeks ago, Amy and I traveled on a bus tour to New York. As we approached the door of the bus, I noticed a hulking figure helping folks to get on the bus. Immediately, I knew it was Howard. I walked up to him and asked if he was, in fact, Howard Redbone Cochran. He nodded with a smile

and asked if he was supposed to know me. I shook my head but told him of the class he'd taught fifty years ago.

Howard and I developed a fast and deep relationship on the trip to New York. We spent time talking about the old days, politics, and our aching bodies. I've never so quickly grown to like a person the way I do this man. He is kind, generous, thoughtful, and honest. He spent years coaching football, and I'm sure his players were better men for having met him. I remembered a certain play that excited him since no one else had ever mentioned it.

Going to Central Park with Amy was the highlight of our trip. She'd wanted to go, and nothing would keep me from getting her there. The most memorable thing in New York had nothing to do with the city. Instead, it completely dealt with reconnecting with an acquaintance from fifty years ago and becoming good friends. Redbone, thank you for making my first and last visit to New York so successful. We'll be in touch before long.

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Pages from the Past



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Like all things, Hobart Freeman Atkins long ago passed into the pages of history. And like so many others, Hobart F. Atkins deserves to be remembered. When he died, the Knoxville News-Sentinel remembered him as, "A Union County boy, who came to Knoxville at an early age and made a name for himself in the legal, legislative, construction and war service fields. . ." It was no overstatement for Hobart Atkins had served four terms in the Tennessee State Senate and as an attorney had played a crucial role in "winning one of the U.S. Supreme Court's most historic decisions." A bachelor, Hobart Atkins never married and lived in a remarkably modest one-bedroom, one-bath home.

It would be accurate to say Hobart F. Atkins was a character in his own right. The News-Sentinel phrased it differently, saying Atkins had "a personality all his own - - - earthy and droll." Atkins was indifferent and downright careless in his personal appearance. Hobart F. Atkins apparently was out to impress nobody and his head of hair was unruly and all too often "unkempt." Throughout his life, Atkins "retained his hillbilly brogue." Yet that same "hillbilly brogue" masked a fine legal mind and he frequently addressed courtrooms and juries by quoting Abraham Lincoln. Atkins frequently said he had no higher aspiration "than to be a lawyer of the Lincoln type."

Hobart Atkins had first come to Knoxville from Union County in his teens. He had served in the Navy during the First World War and attended the University of Tennessee and was licensed to practice law in 1921. Even to the time he died, Atkins was "lean and rugged with a tanned and wrinkled face." The weathered state senator's favorite recreation was bowling. When once asked why he ran for public office, Hobart Atkins replied he believed "a fellow has a duty to help make the country a little better if he can."

As to his politics, like his hero, Abraham Lincoln, Hobart Atkins was a Republican. Atkins ran for Congress in the 1948 GOP primary against Congressman John Jennings Jr. and won roughly 47% of the vote.

In 1952 and 1958, Hobart Atkins was the Republican nominee for the United States Senate at a time when the GOP was a distinct minority in the Volunteer State. While running as the GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate in 1958, Atkins was also the Republican nominee for a seat in the Tennessee State Senate. The country was in

a recession that year and it was not a good electoral year for Republicans who lost thirteen seats in the U.S. Senate. Hobart Atkins lost both races. When first elected to the state Senate, Atkins' district was comprised of Knox, Anderson, Loudon and Roane counties. His subsequent three races were centered in Knox County.

When Hobart Atkins ran his dual campaigns for the United States Senate and the Tennessee State Senate, he never had any illusions about winning a statewide race; however, he had a reasonable expectation of winning the race for the state Senate. Atkins' opponent was Charles T. Eblen, who had served a term in the House of Representatives from 1954-1956. Eblen was a credible challenger and while Atkins carried Knox County, his campaign was hampered by the fact he was confined to the hospital during the latter part of the race. Charles Eblen won, having carried Anderson, Roane, and Loudon counties.

Warren Webster, campaign manager for the GOP ticket in Knox County, had urged Knox Countians to vote for Atkins twice, but his admonition was ignored. It was a Democratic year and Senator Albert Gore carried Knox County by over 10,000 votes. Democrats had been shut out of the 1956 legislative races in Knox County but also won both of the state senate seats up for election in 1958. State Representative Ralph Adcock was defeated unexpectedly as well. Democrats also won most of the offices up for election locally in Knox County, sweeping much of the courthouse.

Hobart Atkins was a lawyer's lawyer and unlike some of the more squeamish and discerning of his colleagues at the Bar, the senator believed even the guilty and disreputable deserved good legal representation. Atkins kept up a lively criminal defense practice and represented some who were downright notorious. Atkins was the defense attorney for the Touhy Brothers, one of whom had been framed for the kidnapping of John "Jake the Barber" Factor, brother of cosmetics magnate Max Factor. Being from East Tennessee, Hobart Atkins represented his fair share (and more besides) of moonshiners, bootleggers and rumrunners. Atkins frequently represented the dregs of society, oftentimes without charging a fee for those in economic dire straights.

During the 1957 session of the General Assembly, Senator Hobart Atkins announced he would not



Lawyers involved in the Baker v. Carr case gather together, Hobart Atkins is second from left. Former congressman and mayor of Memphis Walter Chandler is second from the right.

support the gubernatorial administration's segregation bills, which were contrary to the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Atkins said the issue of segregation "must be met as a moral question, not as a legal one."

Atkins' popularity with Republicans had not flagged, as he won the Republican nomination for state senator over veteran lawyer and politico Judd Acuff easily in 1960. Atkins faced T. M. "Ted" Coulter in the general election. Coulter had first been elected in the 1958 Democratic sweep and was generally considered to be a representative of organized labor as he was an employee of the railroad. Unlike 1958, 1960 was not a Democratic year. Vice President Richard Nixon won more than 60% of the ballots cast in Knox County while Hobart Atkins won a comfortable victory over Senator Coulter. Perhaps one of the more notable victories of that particular election was that of Mrs. Katherine Shook, a Democrat, who ran first in the county-wide race for State Representative. Mrs. Shook was a former teacher in the city school system and a leader in the local League of Women Voters. Katherine Shook had been elected as a delegate to the 1959 Constitutional Convention for the State of Tennessee.

In 1962, the congressman from Tennessee's Second Congressional District was Howard H. Baker, father of the U.S. senator of the same name. Baker was also the chairman of the Tennessee State Republican Executive Committee at the time and he sent a telegram to state Senator Hobart Atkins from Washington, D. C. to praise his friend for Atkins' continuing battle for reapportionment in the Volunteer State. "Congratulations on a great victory," the wire began when the U. S. Supreme Court ruled the state legislature had failed to properly guard the rights of voters through redistricting and was indeed a matter for federal courts to decide. Congressman Baker told the Knoxville Journal, "I congratulate Sen. Hobart Atkins who has worked so long and effectively to bring about

constitutional reapportionment." It had been a winding and torturous route for Hobart Atkins who demonstrated remarkable persistence in pursuing his goal with dogged determination. Five times Senator Atkins had drafted bills calling for reapportionment; the bills went exactly nowhere. Only East Tennessee Republicans had voted for his bills.

Ultimately, Hobart Atkins did what lawyers do: he filed a lawsuit. Along with former congressman and mayor of Memphis, Walter Chandler and Charles S. Rhyne of Knoxville, Hobart Atkins represented ten taxpayers from Shelby, Davidson, Knox, Hamilton and Montgomery counties. That was the beginning of what became Baker v. Carr, which began in 1955. Senator Atkins had the pleasure of witnessing some 4,000 Knox Countians sign their names to a petition urging him to seek reelection in 1962. The petitions were being circulated by a nonpartisan group and the language included in the petition referred to Hobart Atkins as "one of the few statesmen we have left." Guy Smith's Knoxville Journal published an editorial stating Atkins deserved to have no opposition in his bid for reelection, although the newspaper acknowledged the senator had not decided whether or not he would run again. The Journal readily acknowledged the legislator was not in the "most robust" of health and his recent service had been "a great drain upon his strength." Smith's editorial stated ordinarily the Journal would not have intruded and questioned Atkins' own preference to retire from the Tennessee General Assembly, but the editor thought the senator serving in Nashville had to "be classed as a public necessity." One of the most popular Democrats in Knox County, Charles C. Spangler, the elected highway commissioner, announced he was running. Sensing the political mood in Knox County, Spangler later dropped out. Hobart Atkins was reelected without opposition. At that time, state senators were elected every two years and Atkins had no opposition when he sought another term in 1964.

For years, Hobart Atkins had been plagued by emphysema. The senator was also afflicted with an asthmatic condition which made it impossible for him to climb a flight of stairs without stopping to catch his breath. According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Senator Atkins kept an "inhalator on his desk in his office" when he felt the need to use it. Atkins was remembered for never allowing the state of his health to darken his own view of the world, remaining cheerful and never complaining. During both the 1963 and 1965 sessions of the Tennessee General Assembly, Senator Atkins was stricken with respiratory ailments which required him to leave Nashville and come home to Knoxville and go into the hospital.

Hobart Atkins slipped away at St. Mary's Hospital without knowing of his final and most lasting achievement as both an attorney and a legislator: the ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Baker v. Carr. Long an advocate of urban areas having the representation required by population, Atkins passed without knowing of his ultimate success. Atkins' death was much editorialized in Tennessee; the Johnson City Press-Chronicle thought the loss of Atkins to East Tennesseans was "substantial."

The Knoxville News-Sentinel lamented the irony, "Hobart Atkins' death comes at the very hour of his final triumph in the most creditable effort of his long and varied career." The editorial noted Atkins' "fight for equitable apportionment of both Legislative and congressional seats has virtually been won." Because of Baker v. Carr, the Knoxville News-Sentinel editorial believed Hobart Atkins' "name will be remembered in history for that." "It was a victory for justice and fair play, righted a wrong that Tennessee Legislatures had been compounding for half a century by failing to reapportion every ten years as the Constitution requires." The News-Sentinel acknowledged Hobart Atkins was "a self-made man" and noted his success as both a businessman and an attorney. So, too, did the editorial recall Hobart F. Atkins as

a kindly man, who unselfishly oftentimes financially assisted those who needed help.

Guy Lincoln Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal, the voice of Republicanism in the State of Tennessee, had been a personal friend of Hobart Atkins. Smith described Atkins as "one of the greatest and most valuable men of our time. He will go down in history as one who revolutionized and bettered our whole legislative system - - - not just our state, but in our country."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal acknowledged Hobart Atkins never found "the statewide political popularity which he once sought." Instead, what Atkins found was "esteem" from friend and foe alike.

The Nashville Tennessean editorialized Hobart Atkins as "one of the state's more outstanding legislators," noting the senator had won a well-deserved "reputation for independence and tenacity in upholding Republican principles in the face of temptation for compromise."

The editorial printed in the Knoxville News-Sentinel concluded, "Mr. Atkins ended his career as a statesman. So few who engage in politics ever really attain that distinction."

A throng of hundreds of people gathered at the funeral of Senator Hobart Atkins to say farewell to a man who had made a difference, including Governor Frank Clement. The Reverend Willis R. Allen said of Atkins, "This man left his footprints in the sands of time."

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New director chosen for Old Gray Cemetery

By Mike Steely
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Russell B. Kuhlman, president of the trustees of the Old Gray Cemetery, issued a letter to members and supporters this month and announced that Ellen Rochelle has accepted the position of executive director. She replaces Ruthie Kuhlman who has retired after six years and was key in completing the trees, trails and the Traditions Campaign.

Kuhlman took the position as a temporary assignment and

during her service, she supervised the restoration of roadways, installation of the fountain and routine tree maintenance. She also worked to increase security at Old Gray.

Rochelle has been active as a board member and tech support. She has strong family ties to the cemetery. Her grandfather, W. Russell Briscoe, was a former president of the board of directors and many of her family members are buried there.

President Kuhlman reported the historic fountain is running and a company is under contract

to maintain it. He said that fencing at the cemetery has been reinforced to help secure the grounds.

"Our 'Spirits of Old Gray Tour' was well attended this year in spite of the weather predictions. The annual event, held on the 3rd Sunday in October, included reenactors, food trucks and 'spirits,' highlighted with tours by Jack Neely and Laura Stills," he shared in the letter.

Kuhlman noted a PBS program featured the cemetery with drone footage showing the complete grounds in downtown Knoxville.

Old Gray Cemetery was founded in 1850 and named for the English poet Thomas Gray. William Martin was the first person buried in Gray Cemetery. He was fatally injured by the explosion of a cannon during a celebration held on July 4, 1851, in Knoxville on Asylum Hill. He was buried in the northwest corner on July 15, 1851, before the cemetery was completely laid out.

The cemetery is a great place to walk and each grave has its own history. It was in 1890 when grieving widower Andrew

Jackson "A.J." Albers dedicated Gray Cemetery's towering fountain in memory of his young wife Ella. The fountain has been totally restored and is a centerpiece of the historic burial ground. Many past public officials and historic families are buried there and there are dozens of unique gravestones. The cemetery is also a noted green space in the city.

You can find more information or donate to help preserve and keep up Old Gray by going to www.oldgraycemetery.com.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Early settlers along Wilderness Road VI

By Jadon Gibson

Frances Pendleton and Mrs. McDowell were killed nearby in the same year and Chief Bengé was the alleged culprit. Two years elapsed before Bengé was again reported in the Moccasin Gap area.

He murdered Harper Ratcliff and his entire family, six in number in 1793. Soon thereafter along with two companions, he fired on a man named Williams. He took Williams' female slave but she was able to escape after two days. Bengé's red warriors murdered many other settlers and were responsible for taking and destroying much of their property during this bloody era.

In early April of 1793 Moses Cockrell and two or three men were leading several packhorses from Rye Cove to Powell Valley. A writer of the period took the opportunity to write of the events that followed when Chief Bengé met Moses Cockrell.

"Bengé was remarkable for his strength, activity, endurance and great speed as a runner," he noted. "He was a man of more than average intelligence and a man of great bravery and

strategy. On more than one occasion he approached the settlements so secretly that he fell upon the scattered settlers without their knowing of his presence.

"He then took leave and retired to his home beyond the Cumberland Mountains without leaving a trace of the route he had traveled even though rangers were constantly on the lookout for his trail. One of these rangers of the Holston settlements was a man by the name of Moses Cockrell.

"Cockrell was famous for his size, strength and survival instincts. Bengé and Cockrell were rivals in manhood and woodcraft. It seemed both were intent on fighting each other in mortal combat. The opportunity arose when they met atop Powell Mountain before it became Lee County.

"Each seemed jealous of the other's prowess and courage and recognized the opportunity when they met a few months before Bengé's last incursion into our area. They met on top of Powell's Mountain, in what is now Lee County, each with a band of followers.

"The Indians observed the approach of the settlers and prepared an ambush. Bengé instructed

his companions not to kill Cockrell so that he might run him down and capture him."

Two of Cockrell's companions fell when the shooting began. He saw at once the folly of combat with a dozen savages so he sprang down the mountainside like an antelope with Bengé in pursuit. Two miles away in the valley on Wallen's Creek was the cabin of a pioneer that Cockrell knew and he quickly realized that was his best chance of escape.

Bengé was gaining on him but he made a desperate effort and increased his speed. As Cockrell leaped over the fence that surrounded the cabin, Bengé threw his tomahawk. It sunk in the top rail of the fencing with a thud as Cockrell scampered across the yard and into the cabin. Bengé fled back to his companions in disgust as he didn't know how many men and rifles were in the cabin.

Cockrell died a few years later on the north fork of Lee County. At his wake, an old comrade said, "Poor Cockrell was a noble fellow whether he was after injuns or varmints. I hope he has gone to where there is as much game and as desperate a range as he had here."

Fourteen were killed on the road to Kentucky that same week. The settlers discovered the Indians preparing to attack and tried to fire the first volley of shots but failed. Only two of the settlers made their escape and five Indians lay dead as well as one renegade white man. Both parties broke at the same time at the end of the battle and ran in opposite directions.

Joseph Martin led his initial group to build Martin's Station on property he had in Powell Valley. He would return a second time.

He held many commands during the time of these incursions by Logan and Bengé. In 1787 he became a primary Indian Agent for North Carolina which included a much greater land mass than it does today. In that post, he dealt with John Sevier and William Blount who were both destined to become great Tennesseans.

In 1789 he sold his land

holdings in Powell Valley and returned to Henry County to live. His Indian wife went to South Carolina to live with her aging mother.

Martin was prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor of Virginia in 1790 but was content to serve for many years in the House of Delegates. Light Horse Harry Lee became governor instead and Lee County was named for him when it was formed in 1792. One of Lee's sons, Robert E. Lee, was destined to lead the south in the Civil War.

Governor Lee appointed Joseph Martin the Brigadier General of Virginia in 1793. He later served on the commission that settled the boundary line between Virginia and Tennessee. The task was magnified because of the double lines of Dr. Thomas Walker and Judge Richard Henderson. This caused many disagreements between border residents for many years.

As late as 1808, Joseph Martin made a journey through Indian territories at the request of the government. His health deteriorated during his travels. He was worn out physically when he returned and suffered a stroke and died on December 18, 1808, at the age of 68. Martin distinguished himself throughout a long life of public and military service.

Wilderness Road State Park in Lee County, Virginia, has proven to be popular among tourists and features the rebuilt Martin's Station Fort, less than ten miles from the world-famous Cumberland Gap. Thousands of park visitors and Indian and pioneer reenactors visit during special events and activities each year.

Editor's note: We'll wrap up this story in the next From The Mountains.

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Beverly Park golf course receives facelift, new name

By Ken Lay

The Par-3 golf course in North Knox County has received a facelift and a new name recently.

The course, formerly known as Beverly Park, is now The Barn of Beverly after its recent remodeling.

Mark Brown, a pro at nearby Three Ridges Golf Course, located just outside of the Fountain City community, is now in charge of The Barn at Beverly and at the Par-3 course located at Concord Park in the West part of the county.

"We've had a complete rebranding at The Barn at Beverly," Brown said. "We

resurfaced all nine holes with Sunday Bermuda."

Knox County Parks and Recreation had always maintained the Par-3 courses at Beverly and Concord Park and the county was looking to improve the conditions at the course, which allows youth golfers from the area to play for free thanks to PGA pro Scott Stallings, who hails from nearby Oak Ridge.

"Scott lets the kids play for free and we wanted the course to be something he could be proud of,"

Brown said. "He lets them play for free and then he

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North Knox County's Par-3 golf course recently received a facelift and a new name. The course, through joint work of Knox County Parks and Recreation and the University of Tennessee was renovated and is now known as The Barn at Beverly. Photo submitted.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Karns Offensive Coordinator Andre Caballero and De'Sean Bishop shake hands after the standout running back announced last week he would join the Tennessee Vols. Also in the picture are (L-R) Secondary Coach Reed Lindsey, Running Backs Coach Marcus Hamilton, Assistant Offensive Line Coach Randall Scott and Offensive Line Coach Hunter Fendley.

Bishop ends up at Tennessee after all

By Steve Williams

De'Sean Bishop's dream came true on National Signing Day (Dec. 21) as he joined the University of Tennessee football program.

"All the hard work has paid off," said the Karns running back who ranks as

the TSSAA's No. 2 all-time leading rusher. "It's what I've dreamed of since I was a freshman."

The 5-10, 194-pound Bishop, a two-time Class 5A Mr. Football honoree, picked the Vols over Appalachian State, after reopening his recruitment Dec. 6.

He had been committed to Coastal Carolina University until Jamey Chadwell left CCU to take the Liberty University head coaching post on Dec. 4.

Karns Head Coach Brad Taylor began the ceremony by welcoming a small crowd at the school's auditorium

and said Bishop had been "a huge part of our program the last four years."

De'Sean thanked his teammates for their support and then began to reveal his choice by taking off the red jacket he was wearing. Underneath it was

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Meet the Knoxville Focus All-County Girls Soccer Team

By Ken Lay

The recently completed 2022 high school girls soccer team had plenty of exciting moments as West High reached the Class 3A State Tournament in Chattanooga and Bearden went undefeated for a second consecutive year and claimed a second straight Class 3A State Championship.

Plenty of standout players provided fans with excitement and The Knoxville Focus recognizes some of the county's top performers on the pitch with its All-Knox County Team.

Co-Coach of the Year: Ryan Radcliffe: Bearden High School: Radcliffe guided the Lady Bulldogs to a second consecutive state championship and a 24-0 record in 2022.

Bearden hasn't lost a game in two seasons and was ranked as a top team in the nation for the last two years.

Co-Coach of the Year: Roberto Castro: West High School: A late hire on

Sutherland Avenue, Castro led the Lady Rebels to their first-ever Class 3A State Tournament appearance in Chattanooga in 2022. The Lady Rebels went 15-4-1 on their way to winning both the District 3-3A regular-season title and tournament championship.

They lost twice to Bearden and once to Hardin Valley Academy before falling in the state quarterfinals.

Player of the Year: Brinley Murphy: Bearden High School: A senior forward and South Carolina signee. She was the district and regional Most Valuable Player as she scored 41 goals and dished out 22 assists for the Lady Bulldogs, who went unbeaten for the second consecutive season and won a second straight state championship. Murphy's selection as Player of the Year nets her a spot on The Knoxville Focus All-County Team.

Carolina Pittman: Forward: Gibbs High School: A senior for the Lady Eagles, **Continued on page 4**

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HOLIDAY HELPERS

Karns has seven groups of student-athletes contributing

By Steve Williams

Karns High School's community service provided by its student-athletes during the holidays has been impressive.

The holiday help has come from five different teams and cheerleaders and dance members.

Athletic Director Ben Collins couldn't be more pleased.

"There are few things in life that can help teach the importance of community than giving of your time in service of others," said Collins last week. "We feel the support from the Karns community daily, and are thrilled at the opportunity to return that love through different student led service activities during this holiday season."

On Dec. 17, Karns' cheerleaders and dancers and the girls basketball team, football team, baseball

team and boys soccer team had representatives providing community service at the Breakfast with Santa event at the high school.

Whether it was kids shooting "snowballs" through a basketball hoop or football players making reindeers, it was great to see youngsters enjoying the holidays, thanks to the high school student-athletes.

The Focus also heard about the community service of the Karns' wrestling, baseball and football teams the week before and reported it in its Dec. 19 issue.

All the names of everyone who took time to provide some joy in a youngster's life won't be found in the newspaper, but we hope their service will fill their hearts with gladness and joy that comes with giving this time of the year. Special thanks also to

Lee Warren for getting around to all the stations and locations to take pictures and share with The Focus. Warren is an assistant football coach and the Head Strength and Conditioning coach at Karns.

Central cheerleaders

Coach Kara Clark Cardwell's Central cheerleading squad helped out at the Fantasy of Trees in November and at the Salvation Army bell ringing in December.

"The girls served also as a Holiday Helper to two students at Central," said the CHS cheer coach. "They spent an entire Saturday morning shopping for gifts for the students.

"I am very proud of the time they commit to serving others."

Carter girls and boys bowling teams

Carter's boys and girls bowling teams pitched in to provide gifts and wrap them for the annual Strike & Spare Fountain Lanes Christmas party this holiday season.

"We also served as volunteers at the party, worked the games, bowled with the kids, served food and handed out gifts," said Coach Ray Wynn.

Incidentally, Carter's boys and girls recently swept this season's District 3 tournament.



KARNS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA PHOTOS BY LEE WARREN.

A youngster tosses a "snowball" at the basketball hoop at Karns' Breakfast with Santa. At left, Karns basketball player Reese Roberts supervises this station.

Karns cheerleaders at the Breakfast with Santa event Dec. 17. Back row (L-R): Hannah Hockmon, Bella Sheperd, Addie Shelton, Katherine Burgess, Evelyn McNeeley, Reagan Shelter, Amelia Coffey, Zoie James, Hannah Little, Zaibree Westmoreland. Front Row: Lily Diggs, Reese Brandau, Kinsley Gardner, Addy Hutchison, Emily Zimmerman, Jordan Rhodes, Rebecca McElroy.



Top: The Carter bowling teams pitch in to wrap gifts they provided for the annual Strike & Spare Fountain Lanes Christmas party.

Above: Central High cheerleaders ring bells for the Salvation Army this holiday season.



One of the community services that the Central High softball team participated in was helping kids shop for presents in Weigel's annual Christmas family event. Left to right is Coach Ashley Swaney, Shelby Miller, Zoey Cranford, Maddie Gloeckner and Coach Ashley Ivnes. They are pictured at the Knoxville Expo Center before going shopping with the children at Target.

Lady Bobcats feel the goodness that comes from helping others

By Steve Williams

Central High's softball team has participated in two community service opportunities this holiday season - Weigel's Children Christmas Shopping and the CHS Christmas Child.

In the Weigel's annual event, the Lady Bobcats met at the Knoxville Expo Center and ate breakfast with the children.

"Then we traveled to Target where the kids got to pick out their own Christmas presents," said Assistant Coach Ashley Swaney. "Players walked around with the children to help them pick out what they wanted."

In the CHS Christmas Child event, the Central team went to Target after workouts and shopped for Central students.

"We then went to Wendy's for team bonding," said Swaney. "The players also wrapped presents during practice time."

A few of the Central players commented on their community service experience.

Zoey, a sophomore pitcher, said: "This experience made me more humble. It made me appreciate the things that I have."

Freshman outfielder/pitcher Maddie said: "This was a fun experience. It made me feel like a kid again."

Jayla, a sophomore infielder, said: "It makes me realize how appreciative I am."

Two juniors on the team also expressed their feelings.

"It was fun," said Shelby, a catcher and middle infielder. "I felt helpful because I got to help kids pick out their Christmas presents."

Kayleigh, an outfielder, added: "I'm happy that we could do this as a team to help someone in need."

Coach Ashley summed it up

this way: "I think this experience brought us closer as a team. It was a perfect way to have some team bonding while reminding ourselves how blessed we are. I am very happy our girls participated in these activities."

Concord Christian School

Fantasy of Trees has raised millions of dollars to benefit East Tennessee Children's Hospital since 1989, Concord Christian School Athletic Director Lincoln Thomas told The Focus last week. He also noted \$400,000 was raised this year to purchase a new ambulance for the hospital and CCS students had the opportunity to volunteer at one of the many craft stations at the 2022 Fantasy of Trees.

Representing Concord Christian at the event included soccer players Jacey Kate Jennings, Maddie Starkey and Raleigh Jack

Walker, who also plays basketball; softball player Sophie Starkey, volleyball and basketball player Mady Sulish; and seniors Rhyann Tolleson and Emma Lee.

At another event this year, the Concord Christian senior class contributed to the Mission of Hope, an organization that serves neighbors living in rural Appalachia, said Holly Zachary, who is part of the Office of Spiritual & Student Life at CCS and also a high school Bible teacher.

The CCS seniors were given the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer at Winfield Elementary School in Scott County. They also sang Christmas carols, shared the Christmas story, and served as personal shoppers, helping Winfield students choose the perfect toy for Christmas.

Soccer player Jude Goldenberg and basketball players John Dunn and Tyson Zachary were

student-athletes in the senior class that helped the Mission of Hope.

The Operation Christmas Child was also helped this holiday season by Concord Christian student-athletes. It is a ministry that delivers gift boxes to boys and girls around the globe.

CCS students filled shoeboxes and volunteered with local efforts to collect shoeboxes from our community, but they also had the opportunity to serve at the OCC Processing Center in Charlotte, NC, where they were the last hands to touch the boxes before they are placed in the hands of children in need. The Concord Christian student-athletes that helped OCC were cheerleader Addi Grace Brown and basketball players Tyson Zachary, John Dunn, Raleigh Jack Walker and Jacob Dunn

Jason Zachary was chaperone.

'They'll probably think he wasn't bad for his time'

When word arrived December 15 that former Vol wide receiver Johnny Mills had died at age 77, memories of vintage times in

By Tom Mattingly

Carter County and his football career at the University of Tennessee dominated the recollections of his friends and associates. "Mills was the longtime owner of Mills Greenhouse in Elizabethton and a well-respected business owner in the Carter County community," wrote Jeff Birchfield in the Johnson City Press.

Record-setting performances often happen in unexpected places, at unexpected times. For Mills, it happened in a televised game in the days there were precious few games on the tube.

In the ninth game of the 1966 season, the Vols and Kentucky were squaring off on Shields-Watkins Field in the home season finale, with the game being regionally televised on ABC. The Vols won, 28-19, as Mills racked up seven receptions for 225 yards. The Vols finished 7-3 and squared off against Syracuse in the

Gator Bowl. He set a pass receiving yardage record (225) that stood for nearly 35 years, before finally being broken in the 2001 LSU game. That was the night Kelley Washington caught 11 balls for 256 yards. In 2010, Denarius Moore had 228 against South Carolina.

"Johnny was a competitor," said quarterback Dewey Warren, who also never flinched on the gridiron. "He didn't think anybody could cover him one-on-one. He had great hand-eye coordination. He had moves that could fake me out. He always said, 'I can get open.'"

During Gator Bowl pregame introductions, residents of Elizabethton and Carter County and surrounding area were no doubt bemused when ABC's Bill Flemming introduced Mills to a nationwide audience as a native of "Elizabeth-town, Tennessee."

Mills and Warren were part of a stellar sophomore class in 1964 that had to have caught first year head coach Doug Dickey's attention, including Austin Denney, Paul Naumoff, Mack Gentry, Joe Graham, Derrick Weatherford, Robbie Franklin, Bobby Morel, Tom Fisher, Art

Galiffa, Ron Jarvis, Harold Stancell, Ron Widby, Doug Archibald, and Jerry Smith. Against Kentucky, Mills had 33- and 41-yard receptions in the first quarter, 12- and 33-yarders in the second period, a 13-yarder in the third, and 21 and 72-yarders in the fourth. His final reception of the day stretched the lead to 28-13, keyed by a downfield block from sophomore wide receiver Richmond Flowers.

"Johnny was another of those route-runner, good-catcher-type guys who did not have great speed, but had the ability to maneuver himself into the openings," said Doug Dickey, his head coach. "He knew how to fake and move, set up the defender, then end up somewhere catching the ball."

Mills led the 1966 team with 48 catches for 725 yards, both record numbers to that time. Mills more than doubled what All-American Buddy Cruze had done in 1956, in terms of receptions and yardage. In the Gator Bowl, he caught eight passes for 86 yards.

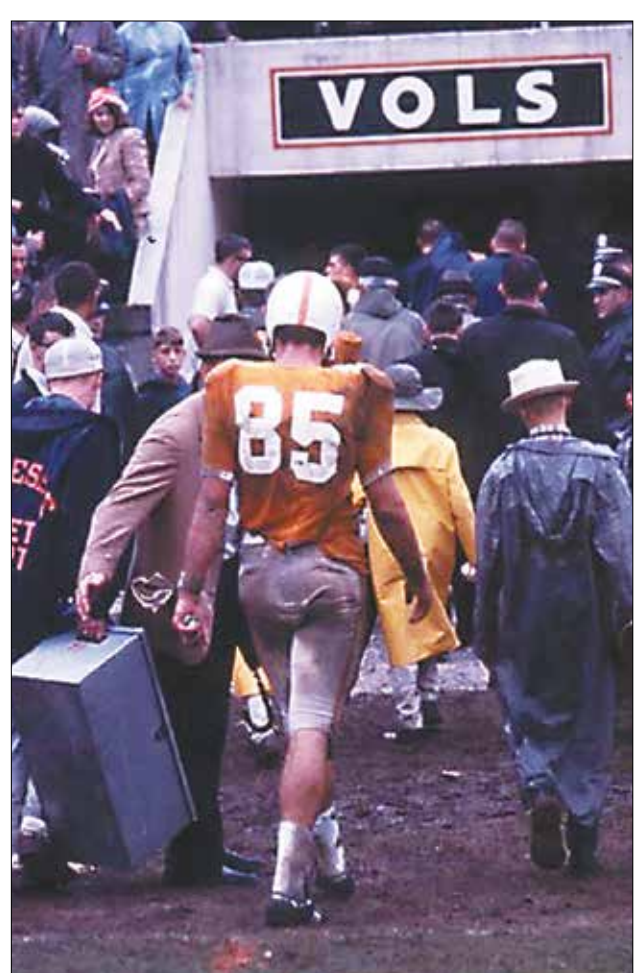
Willie Gault came closest to Mills with 217 yards against Vanderbilt in 1981. Then came Carl Pickens with 201 against Kentucky in 1990, Cordarrelle

Patterson with 219 yards against Troy in 2012, Moore with 205 against Kentucky in 2010, Stanley Morgan with a like number against TCU in 1976, Peerless Price with 199 against Florida State in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl, and Anthony Hancock 196 in the 1981 Garden State Bowl.

Mills had a spectacular two-game run in 1965 and 1966, catching 10 passes in the 1965 UCLA game and coming back in the 1966 season opener against Auburn to catch 11. He was named All-SEC in 1966, one of four Vols so honored, joining Naumoff, Denney, and Bob Johnson.

"I remember thinking after the Kentucky game that I had a great senior season made all the better because I had broken my arm in the 1965 UCLA game," Mills said. "It was not for sure I was even going to get to play in 1966. I remember finishing the game and looking up in the stands, knowing it was the last time I would ever play in Neyland Stadium. It was a bittersweet moment."

Mills coached at both Cawood and Harlan (Ky.) high schools in the 1970s before returning home, where he operated a greenhouse with his wife, Carla, until 2019. He is also in



Johnny Mills (85) is shown leaving Shields-Watkins Field after a hard-fought loss to Alabama on October 15, 1966.

the All-Northeast Tennessee and Elizabethton High Athletic Halls of Fame. He was a 2012 inductee into the Carter County Sports Hall of Fame.

"Everybody had a time. I had my time," said Mills. "They probably look at those old videos and say,

'Boy, the guy sure is slow. He sure does run archaic routes.' But as they mature, they'll probably think he wasn't bad for his time."

One conclusion is inescapable. Johnny Mills wasn't bad for his time, or anybody else's.

HOLIDAY HELPERS



From top: A youngster closely watches as Karns football players Jay Alsup, Walker Lockhart, Carson Paul, Campbell Glover and Alex Idol make some reindeer at their station in the Breakfast with Santa event. Several Concord Christian School student-athletes got to take part in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry that delivers gift boxes to boys and girls around the globe. The Central Cheer squad at Fantasy of Trees. Central High's softball team participated in the school's Christmas Child community service and show gifts they got at Target for students at Central.

Family Time... With the New York Rangers

By Mark Nagi

I love the New York Rangers and I love Madison Square Garden.

Even if they don't love me back.

I've been a New York Rangers fan since 1979. I was 6 years old when the underdog Rangers went on an unexpected run to the Stanley Cup Final. I was hooked, even though games were hard to find on television. The Rangers lost to Montreal in five games.

In 1994 they snapped a 54-year curse, winning the Stanley Cup.

Twenty years after that, the Rangers went on another unexpected run to the Final, losing in 5 games again, this time to the Los Angeles Kings. It was 2014 and my daughters were still little. They watched a lot of those playoff games with me that season. My oldest daughter Lillian took a big interest in her father's favorite team.

We've seen the Rangers play in Nashville, Raleigh, and Columbus, getting to one game a year since 2015. When Covid hit that slowed our roll but now we are back on schedule.

For years we talked about seeing a game in New York City. With Lillian 16 and still waiting for her first trip on a plane, I thought that this would be a perfect Christmas gift.

So, on December 3, Lillian and I flew into JFK, grabbed a shady Lyft into midtown Manhattan, and got ready to see the Rangers play the Chicago Blackhawks.

As a Dad, I bore my daughters to death about "making memories." Life is made up of memorable moments I tell them, and Lillian's first plane ride and first time in Madison Square Garden certainly fits into that category.

During our 2+ days in Manhattan we did a lot of shopping, saw the Christmas tree, and skated at Rockefeller Center. I saw a guy on the ice in an Alabama hat and yelled "Go Vols!" while skating

away Jalin Hyatt-esque. Later on, I fell and twisted my knee.

Kids, it's tough to get old.

We ate a lot of slices of New York pizza (I miss it so), walked all around Times Square, and went to the observation deck at Rockefeller Center. The views at night are remarkable. You could be in NYC for a week and never get to 2% of things you'd like to do.

But I'm a sportswriter and you likely don't expect travel agency articles from me, so let's get back to the hockey.

We arrived at MSG an hour before the puck dropped. I've been there for games maybe a dozen times in my life, and I think I've seen them win once. The Rangers had been slumping but Chicago is terrible so I thought that Lillian would get to see a win in her Garden debut.

Nah.

The Rangers looked slow, playing their second game in as many nights. They hit the post multiple times. Chicago scored on tipped shots and rebounds. The Rangers lost 5-2 and Lillian had the chance to hear what a New York crowd sounds like when things aren't going well. She laughed, and even though I'm now 50 years old, I laughed too.

We grabbed a Lyft to JFK on Monday, saw our connection flight in Charlotte canceled, and had to stay overnight in the Queen City before finally getting back to Knoxville on December 6.

I'm always aware of how finite our time on this planet is knowing that tomorrow isn't guaranteed. My youngest daughter Emily isn't in high school yet, but Lillian will be in college in the Fall of 2024. I don't know how many more opportunities I'll have to take a trip like this one with her.

After we got back, Lillian asked if we could do it all again next Christmas.

That made all of this worth it.

Even if my Rangers didn't hold up their end of the bargain...

Lady Devils topple Whittle Springs in middle school hoops

By Ken Lay

Halls Middle School's girls basketball team ended the pre-Christmas portion of its schedule with a dominant performance at home Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Devils took control of their Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference game as they defeated Whittle Springs 50-9 at Halls Middle School.

Halls held the Lady Warriors without a field goal until 1 minute, 1 second remaining in the third quarter. The Lady Devils opened a 14-4 lead in the opening frame and their defense kept Whittle Springs scoreless in the second stanza and used a 19-0 run to extend its advantage to 33-4 by halftime.

Bella Wires led the Lady Devils with 14 points and Audree Riehn



Whittle Springs guard Abby Weaver goes up for a jump shot over defender Bella Wires. Weaver scored all of the Lady Warriors' points as the Lady Devils prevailed 50-9 Tuesday.

added 10. Brimley Wilson and McClain Turner finished with six points each for Halls, which led 45-6 heading into the final quarter.

Abby Weaver had all nine points for the Lady Warriors, including four free throws in the opening frame and a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Red Devils overcome early adversity to edge Whittle Springs

By Ken Lay

Foul trouble and poor free shooting plagued the Halls Middle School basketball team in its final Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference game before Christmas.

But the Red Devils would complete a fourth-quarter comeback and capture a 38-33 victory over Whittle Springs at home as Halls coach Jeremy Fine matched wits with his former assistant Cameron Dean, now head coach of the Warriors.

"We just got a big win. It was a great team win," Fine said. "They're a great team and they're well-coached. Coach Dean used to be on our staff and he had a great game plan."

Halls, which trailed 24-17 at halftime, after

scoring just three points in the second quarter, chipped away at the Whittle Springs lead after the break.

Halls turned up the defensive pressure as it held the Warriors to just nine points after halftime in the contest where both teams experienced offensive power outages.

The game was close early as the Red Devils and Warriors played a fast-paced opening frame. When the dust settled, Whittle Springs led 15-14. The Warriors then created some separation in a 9-3 run in the second stanza as Halls endured an offensive struggle and the Red Devils found themselves in foul trouble.

Halls also failed to take advantage of its opportunities at the foul line. The

Red Devils went just 7-for-16 from the stripe in the first half.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle as the Red Devils and Warriors combined just 11 points but Whittle Springs still maintained the lead, holding a slim 28-24 advantage.

Over the final six minutes of the contest, the Red Devils found their shooting touch and knocked down some late clutch free throws and found their way into the win column.

"In the fourth quarter, we finally made our free throws," Fine said. "I think we were like 13-for-37 from the line (in the game) and we got ourselves in foul trouble in that second quarter and we had some guys step up and play roles."

Halls opened the final frame with a 9-0 run and took a 33-28 lead on a two-point field goal by Jarrell Chandler, his first bucket of the game, with 1 minute, 20 seconds remaining in the game.

Whittle Springs would answer when Yahya Awolowo knocked down a long-range jumper to make it 33-31 a short time later.

The Red Devils would finish with a flourish, scoring five of the game's final seven points.

Colton Hoffmeister and Fisher Green each scored 14 points for the Red Devils while Ethan Strange added nine.

Demarcus Lowery led the Warriors with eight points. Awolowo added seven.

Thornhill and Miller earn District 3 bowling awards

By Steve Williams

Blake Thornhill and Gracie Miller have been selected the District 3 Bowlers of the Year for 2022.

The All-District 3 teams have also been announced.

The Boys/Coed Division includes Lara Calhoun, Central; Davis Bowlin, Gibbs; Brodi Rukse-Hawkins, Hardin Valley; Braden Allen, L&N STEM; Bryson Headrick, Abby Dalton and Cole Porter, Karns; Trey deForest, Lewis Niad and Adam Fouche, Oak Ridge; and Nicholas Johnson, Seth Stallings and Micah Taylor, Carter.

The Girls Division includes Lilly Woods and Josephine Eastgate, Oak



Ridge; Maliyah Smith, Lilly Pryor and Jordann Reagan, Gibbs; and Isabelle Gibson, Kayla Rucker and Hallie Lane, Carter.

Carter, coached by Ray Wynn, swept this season's District 3 team championships and will compete in the Region 2 tournament after the holidays. The Gibbs girls team and the Karns boys team, which were District 3 runners-up, also will advance to the region tourney at Pigeon Forge.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY:

Powell High had two football players to officially announce their college choices Dec. 21 - wide receiver Ayden Greene (Virginia Tech) and quarterback Jordyn Potts (Tennessee Tech).

Kicker Reese Keeney of Farragut signed with Rice University.

In a signing ceremony at Knoxville Catholic, three student-athletes signed letters of intent that will chart their academic and athletic careers. They were Blair Cherry (Carson Newman) in volleyball, Trevor Duncan (Tennessee) in football and Brock Taylor (Vanderbilt) in football.

LAMAR BROWN of West has been named the

head coach of the 2023 Knox County All-Star football team that will play the East Tennessee All-Stars in the Commercial Bank Rivalry Showcase game, presented by Food City, announced Mark Packer recently on Twitter.

Kingston's Brian Pankey will be the head coach of the ET All-Stars.

The post-season contest is tied at 1-1 and a site for next year's game has yet to be named.

CADE BALLARD, former Greeneville High standout, was the quarterback for Army in the Black Knights' recent overtime win over Navy.

Central brothers Kalib and Liam Fortner were freshmen on the Navy roster this season.

Meet the Knoxville Focus All-County Girls Soccer Team

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Pittman has been one of the area's top scorers throughout her stellar career in Coryton. She was the 2022 District 4-AA MVP and the Region 2-AA Attacker of the Year.

Annabelle Ekern: Forward: Farragut High School: Ekern led the Lady Admirals to an appearance in the District 4-3A semifinals. She was an all-district standout and all-region performer.

Jayla Blue: Forward: Bearden High School: The Lady Bulldogs' freshman was the District 4-3A Rookie of the Year as scored 28 goals and dished out 13 assists.

Norah Jacomen: Forward: Hardin Valley Academy: A senior for the Lady Hawks, was the District 4-3A Co-Offensive Player of the Year. She was also an all-region standout and helped HVA reach the region tournament.

Paige Branam: Forward: Central High School: The District 3-3A Attacker of the Year helped the Lady Bobcats to another successful season.

Sifa Morgan: Forward: Powell High School: Morgan, an all-district standout, helped the Lady Panthers make a Region 2-3A Tournament appearance.

Bre Mendoza: Forward: Bearden High School: The junior scored 21 goals and had 13 assists for the Lady Bulldogs, who won a second consecutive Class 3A State Tournament title.

Sydney Clements: Midfielder: Catholic High School: A senior on the young Lady Irish's squad, helped Catholic defeat Greeneville and Webb School of Knoxville. Catholic also played Farragut to a draw.

Lauren Leslie: Midfielder: Farragut High School: Leslie was an all-district and all-region performer for the Lady Admirals.

Phoebe Scott: Midfielder: West High School: Scott, an all-district and all-region performer, had 15 goals for the Lady Rebels in 2022.

Hana Kirsch: Midfielder: Powell High School: The Lady Panthers' senior was the District 3-3A Midfielder of the Year. She helped Powell make an appearance in the Region 2-3A Tournament.

Becca Roth: Midfielder: Bearden High School: Roth was an all-district and all-region standout despite missing several games due to illness.

Nyla Blue: Midfielder: Bearden High School: Blue, an all-district and all-region performer, helped Bearden win another state championship. A defensive midfielder, she starred for the Lady Bulldogs record 21 shutouts in 2022.

Nadia Johnson: Defender: West High School: Johnson, who will play for Kentucky next season, was an all-district and all-region player for West, which made its first-ever state quarterfinals appearance.

Sam Schroeffer: Defender: West High School: An anchor for the Lady Rebels' backline, Schroeffer, will continue her soccer career at Tennessee Tech next season.

Liv Stott: Defender: Bearden High School: Stott, an all-district and all-region standout, helped the Lady Bulldogs post 21 shutouts in 24 games on their way to a second straight state title.

Abigail Davis: Defender: Hardin Valley Academy: A senior for the Lady Hawks, Davis helped the Lady Hawks reach the region semifinals where they played West to a draw before falling in a penalty kicks shootout.

Reese Wilson: Defender: Hardin Valley Academy: An all-district and all-region performer, Wilson helped the Lady Hawks make a run to the Region 2-3A Tournament.

Peyton Huber: Goalkeeper: Bearden High School: The senior, who will continue her career at Liberty University, had 53 career clean sheets, including 21 in 2022 as Bearden has won the last two Class 3A State Championships.

Beverly Park

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reimburses the course through funds in his foundation."

A large barn is on the course and Brown said that the Par-3 will soon utilize that building.

"We're turning the barn into a training facility where the kids can play (when weather is

incentment)," Brown said.

The county also sought help from a pair of University of Tennessee professors, Jim Brosnan and Brad Horbath.

The university will also allow interns to maintain the county's two Par-3 courses as part of their education experience.

Bishop ends up at Tennessee after all

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a solid black T-shirt, but Tennessee orange could be seen poking out at the end of the short sleeves. The mystery was pretty much over then and to the delight of many in attendance.

Bishop finalized it by removing the black T-shirt. That left him wearing an orange Tennessee Volunteer T-shirt and he put on a Tennessee cap.

"We're very proud of you De'Sean," said Coach Taylor.

"We're excited for him," he told the turnout. "It's a big day."

Bishop again kept his announcement a secret. And as before when he committed last spring to Coastal Carolina, he even kept his mom in the dark.

"Oh yeah for sure, I had to," he said. "A lot of people were just chipping at me to see where I was going to go. It had to be a big surprise for everybody."

"I did not know," said his mom, Sherika Huff. "He kept me in the dark again. But I'm very proud of him and I'm proud of his decision."

"His future holds so many blessings and he's

going to be great at the Vols. I'm very happy; my family is happy and we're just proud of him."

De'Sean said deciding on the Vols developed "as the bond got closer and tighter and going to their games." He was at Neyland Stadium the day UT beat Alabama this season too - one of the greatest wins in the program's history.

Bishop, who will be an early enrollee, said he told the Tennessee staff his decision the day before his announcement. "They were pumped up" after hearing about it.

When De'Sean was asked what he looked forward to the most about playing for Tennessee, he said "the environment" right off the bat.

What if Chadwell hadn't left Coastal Carolina? Would Bishop have signed with Coastal he was asked.

"I don't know," he said. "I probably couldn't answer that. I mean a lot of stuff has happened since he left and I decommitted. Who knows?"

Bishop ended up circling back to answer the question.

"I guess it's God's

process," he said. "God talking to me and guiding me to whichever way He wanted me to go. I guess this is where He wants me to be at."

Randall Scott, a veteran assistant offensive line coach at Karns the past four seasons, was asked after the ceremony what stuck out to him about Bishop as a player.

"De'Sean always played hard whether it was a practice or a game," he said. "I've coached over 30 years and he's the best running back I've ever seen. Never one to come out. Always

wanted the football and was always ready to compete at the highest level.

"The offensive linemen wanted to run block for him," Coach Scott added. "They wanted the ball in his hands because they knew if they got the front blocked, he's probably gone for a touchdown."

Coach Taylor summed up by saying, "UT Coach Josh Hupel has always been a big fan of De'Sean's and really likes what he can do. He really thinks De'Sean has a good opportunity of being successful at Tennessee."

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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This 5th day of December, 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: STEPHANIE BOND

IN RE: THE WALTER D. BOND AND MARTHA R. BOND LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2015 AND JEFFREY BOND, TRUSTEE v STEPHANIE BOND

NO. 205662-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant STEPHANIE BOND, 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 STEPHANIE BOND, it is ordered that said defendant, STEPHANIE BOND, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kaitlyn A. Sell, an Attorney whose address is 900 South Gay Street, Suite 1400, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard Bud Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13 of December, 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANTHONY MAPLES

IN RE: PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD ARLO MAKHI MAPLES AND ROSE MARIE ATTEA V. ANTHONY MAPLES

NO. 205443-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANTHONY MAPLES, 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 ANTHONY MAPLES, it is ordered that said defendant, ANTHONY MAPLES, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Heidi Wegrzyn, an Attorney whose address is 404 Ebenezer Road, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard Bud Armstrong, Jr at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13 day of December, 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DOUGLAS ERIC DOCKINS

IN RE: TAMMY NELL DOCKINS v. DOUGLAS ERIC DOCKINS

NO. 195326-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DOUGLAS ERIC DOCKINS, 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 DOUGLAS ERIC DOCKINS, it is ordered that said defendant, DOUGLAS ERIC DOCKINS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with DAVID B. HAMILTON, an Attorney whose address is 1810 Merchant Drive Knoxville, Tennessee 37912 (865) 219-9250 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of December, 2022.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN E BASS DOCKET NUMBER 86533-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN E BASS who died Jun 13, 2022, were issued 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 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 7th day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF STEVEN E BASS,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALEXANDRIA BASS KELLEY;
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER D BOND DOCKET NUMBER 87049-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER D BOND who died May 17, 2021, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF WALTER D BOND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA SUE DAY DOCKET NUMBER 86989-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WANDA SUE DAY who died Sep 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF WANDA SUE DAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOLEEN STILES DECKER DOCKET NUMBER 87038-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOLEEN STILES DECKER who died Aug 7, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 7 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOLEEN STILES DECKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MILTON PERRY ROBERTS; ADMINISTRATOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES A DUTCHER, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 86993-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES A DUTCHER, JR. who died Sep 14, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 13 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JAMES. A DUTCHER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVA RULE FAIN DOCKET NUMBER 87051-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVA RULE FAIN who died Sep 16, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF EVA RULE FAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTINE HUNDEMER; ADMINISTRATRIX
12326 BUTTERMILK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS BENJAMIN FOSTER DOCKET NUMBER 87034-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS BENJAMIN FOSTER who died Sep 21, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 7 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF THOMAS BENJAMIN FOSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKY A GARDNER AKA VIOLET ALLEN GARDNER DOCKET NUMBER 87055-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VICKY A GARDNER AKA VIOLET ALLEN GARDNER who died Sep 29, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 13 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF VICKY A GARDNER AKA VIOLET ALLEN GARDNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHERINE GARDNER; EXECUTRIX
1524 AGAWELA AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN LOUIS HONDULAS DOCKET NUMBER 87040-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN LOUIS HONDULAS who died Nov 4, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 8 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF JOHN LOUIS HONDULAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
REX A NORMAN; EXECUTOR
3520 PLUMWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE R KILLEFER AKA ANNE ROGERS KILLEFER DOCKET NUMBER 87044-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNE R KILLEFER AKA ANNE ROGERS KILLEFER who died Oct 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 8 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ANNE R KILLEFER AKA ANNE ROGERS KILLEFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT KILLEFER, III; EXECUTOR
7300 ROTHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLINTON R KING DOCKET NUMBER 86695-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLINTON R KING who died Apr 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 13 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

MARGO WARWICK LEA; EXECUTRIX
851 KANUGA ROAD
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LOU OTTINGER DOCKET NUMBER 87047-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LOU OTTINGER who died Aug 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 9 day of DECEMBER, 2022

ESTATE OF MARY LOU OTTINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARRY OTTINGER; CO-EXECUTOR
7716 SEVILLA ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF R J ROSE DOCKET NUMBER 87027-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of R J ROSE who died Sep 11, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 7 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF R J ROSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATSY ROSE; EXECUTRIX
4916 SPRING VALLEY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARRETT ALAN SCHAEFER DOCKET NUMBER 87042-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARRETT ALAN SCHAEFER who died Jun 15, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF BARRETT ALAN SCHAEFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
EMILY SCHAEFER WILLIAMS; CO-EXECUTRIX
1700 VANDER RIDGE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HERBERT LEE SCOTT DOCKET NUMBER 87032-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary, in respect of the Estate of HERBERT LEE SCOTT who died Jun 10, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 13 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF HERBERT LEE SCOTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
GLENDA K WOOLMS; EXECUTRIX
554 CHRISTIAN SPRINGS ROAD
AMHERST, VA 25421

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERROL FREDRICK SHERROD DOCKET NUMBER 87052-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ERROL FREDRICK SHERROD who died Nov 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF ERROL FREDRICK SHERROD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM; ADMINISTRATRIX
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

Mitchell Panter elected to Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors

Mitchell Panter, a shareholder in Lewis Thomason's Knoxville office, has been elected to the Knoxville Bar Association's Board of Governors. The Knoxville Bar Association serves more than 2000 members with an eighteen-member Board of Governors. All policies and programs are either developed or overseen by the Board of Governors.

centers on representing health care providers in professional liability matters and disciplinary investigations with Tennessee's various health-related boards. He also assists providers with licensing and regulatory issues. He also represents businesses in complex commercial disputes involving trade secrets, restrictive covenants, and other breach of contract matters.

Panter was also appointed to Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Commission on Continuing Legal Education monitors CLE requirements and administers the specialization program for attorneys.

Before entering the practice of law, Panter clerked for Justice Janice M. Holder and is the Immediate Past President of the Knoxville Barristers. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law where he teaches Civil Pretrial Litigation.

Darrius Dixon joins Lewis Thomason

Darrius Dixon joins Lewis Thomason as an associate attorney in the firm's Knoxville office. Dixon was a member of the Wills and Estate planning clinic while attending the University of Tennessee College of Law. He was also a member of the Black Law Student Association and Health Law Society.

for two years in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Dixon is a member of the Knoxville Bar Association and Hamilton S. Burnette American Inn of court. Among his professional honors and activities, he was the former treasurer and squad leader of the Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Class #106 and serves on the Board of Directors for Clarksville Youth Performing Arts Association.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SALLY JOSEPHINE THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 87048-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SALLY JOSEPHINE THOMAS who died Jun 3, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 9 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF SALLY JOSEPHINE THOMAS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 CURT L THOMAS; ADMINISTRATOR
 1216 W WALNUT GROVE ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918
 HOAI ROBINETTE ATTORNEY AT LAW
 800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2031
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL REECE THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 87054-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL REECE THOMAS who died Aug 27, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 13 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL REECE THOMAS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 HALEY GILLIAM; EXECUTRIX
 224 DRUID DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920
 CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN WATSON DOCKET NUMBER 87053-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMA JEAN WATSON who died Sep 28, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN WATSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 HAROLD DOUGLAS KITTS; EXECUTOR
 2819 SURFSIDE SHORES LANE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS P WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 87050-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of DECEMBER 2022, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLADYS P WILLIAMS who died Feb 24, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 12 day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ESTATE OF GLADYS P WILLIAMS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 REBECCA PORTERFIELD; CO-EXECUTRIX
 827 GALLOPING LANE
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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Merit System for Employees of KCSO
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
 Main Assembly Room/City/County Building
 400 W. Main Street

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL MEET FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

AGENDA

- Call to Order.
- Public Forum.
- Discussion of Ordinance 0-22-12-101 of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Appendix A - Zoning, Article 3, by adding Section 3.100, Temporary Uses, which includes use standards for Temporary Occupations of a recreational vehicle, camper or other non-permanent habitation, and Article 6, by adding Section 5.12, pertaining to Temporary Use Permit. (Ord. No. 0-90-9-130, adopted 9-10-90, as amended). A complete copy of the proposed amendment is available and may be obtained at the Knox County Commission Office, Suite 603, in the City-County Building.
- Adjournment.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on January 20, 2023 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Rd Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.
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 2001 Chevy Blazer 1GNDT13W012169785 (Mark Weaver/Walter Sims)
 2001 Mercury G. Marquis 2MEFM75W41X700772 (Kabura Emmanuel)
 2009 VW Jetta 3VWRM71KX9M080662 (Gerardo Mondragon/Infinity Indemnity Ins)
 2007 Chrysler Sebring 1C3LC46K87N510831 (David Bousquet/Lendmark Financial)
 2003 Ford F150 1FTRW07323KB93881 (Christensen Travis)
 2010 Chevy Malibu 1G1ZB5E77AF171683 (Bredaisha Walden/American Credit Acceptance)
 2010 Chevy Equinox 2CNALDEW4A6318739 (Ryan Chester/American Credit Acceptance)
 2003 Chevy Venture 1GNDX03E93D208578 (Robert or Leona Blue/Titlemax of TN)
 2009 Audi 07 WA1AM74L49D035808 (Dawn Ogilvie)
 2005 Chevy Equinox 2CNLD63FX56060244 (William Waller)
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 2005 Kawasaki NinjaJKAZXCX175A026566 (Alyssa Moore)
 Motorcycle FLR05C73A000297
 2012 Mini Cooper WMW5U3C50CT368670 (Brian Christian/Ally Financial)
 1993 Dodge Dakota 1B7FL26X6P240637 (Michael Robinson)
 2003 Toyota MR2 JTDFR320430056865 (Jennifer Mccauley)
 2005 Buick Century 2G4WS52J951156973 (Marjorie Lusk)

2007 Chrysler Sebring 1C3LC56K97N562619 (Roderick Jackson)
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 2001 Kia Sephia KNAFB121615038155 (Angelena Heilpap)
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 2004 Ford Focus 1FAPP34304W169777 (Melissa Smith)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on January 20, 2023 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.
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 1998 Chevy Cavalier 1G1JC1246W7126129 (Aaron Ward)
 2007 Toyota 4Runner JTEUJ14R170092347 (Cameron Harper/ Fishtail Financial)
 2007 Chevy Silverado 1GCEC19X9Z7130481 (Shelby Turner/Nicholas Galetka/1 Auto Finance)
 2006 Ford 500 1FAFP23146G114921 (Samuel Broome)
 2008 Chevy Aveo KL1TD56678B212301 (Rita Carter)
 2006 Nissan Sentra 3N1CB51D46L469273 (Asaph Newton/TN Title Loans)
 2004 Chevy Avalanche 3GNEK12T46G116324 (Eric Rose/Codie Burnett)
 2004 Chevy Suburban 3GNEC16Z24G118004 (Jeff Wolf/TN Auto Sales)
 2007 Suzuki XL7 2SD3A417076116271 (Rachel Kelley/TMX Finance of TN)
 2017 Kia Forte 3KPFK4A76HE118936 (Lyrin Thomas/Exeter Finance)
 2009 Chevy HHR 3GNCA13B49S631750 (Melissa Kline)
 2006 Chevy Silverado 3GCEC14XK66194065 (Ronald Smith/Smith Terite Pest)
 2004 Saturn Ion 1G8AF52F742209779 (Amy Welch)
 2010 Hyundai Elantra KMHU4AD6AU957043 (Joan or Steven Cunningham/Onemina Financial Group)
 2004 Dodge Dakota 1D7FL46K64S701417 (Arthur Cogdill)
 2002 Dodge Ram 3B7HA18Z92G104901 (Bill Sexton)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, January 11, 2023 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE
 254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923:
 M09 Charles Davis, F60 Marvin Morris, M03 Stephen R Poole, F57 Katherine Reyes, G43 Yolanda Rodriguez, F06 Alyssa. 7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: C28 Ray Heiser, G07 Deborah Waddel, G03 Lisa Martin, D01 Wayne Sinhwic, D25 Tiffany Davis, D53 Laura Mullins, 4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: D01 John Becker, F55 Tiffany Cremeans, G44 Emily Kerr, H21 John Lee, H05 April Pollock, D34 Kathryn Weir.
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