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## Tennessee Valley Fair may be moving

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Scott Suchomski, executive director of the Tennessee Valley Fair, spoke at last week's Knox County Commission meeting and confirmed that the fair may be leaving Chilhowee Park after 2026.

The director called the fair "everyone's favorite September tradition" and said he is in discussion to stay at the location. The city is planning a new development on part of the park grounds, and its current lease with the fair ends following the 2026 event. The fair started 105 years ago and the kickoff for this year's fair is June 8.

Gretchen Knode was selected as a member of the Community Health Council following her speaking at the commission's previous agenda work meeting. Jordan Buchanan had also applied for the position but did not appear.

The commission also adopted, on first reading, amendments to the internal audit office in a roll call vote and heard, in public forum, from Vivian Shipe and Jeff Tilman.

Members of the junior commission program spoke highly of the experience that paired the junior and senior high school students with their district commissioners.

A memorandum of understanding with Calton Development for a signal at Baker town and Schaad Road was passed as was a resolution asking the state legislature to establish recording fees for the Registrar's Office. Twenty new subdivision streets were accepted for county maintenance and former Commissioner Richie Beeler sat in with the commissioners.

From the consent calendar, Tim Hill and Joan Cronan were reappointed to the Sports Authority and improvements, including a roundabout, will go forward at the Tipton Station Road.

March was "National Ag Month," and the Knox County Farm Bureau Women were honored by the commission by District 8 Commissioner Adam Thompson. He noted the women support reading, education and cattle health care, and support legislation dealing with agriculture. He mentioned how the group teaches children how a seed turns into a product.



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY

Members of the Bearden High School Navy JROTC presented the colors during the March 29 Vietnam Veterans event.

## Vietnam veterans remembered in annual ceremony

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About 200 people turned out for the National Vietnam War Day ceremonies at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial in World's Fair Park recently. The event, sponsored by the Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, saw former Chapter President

Pat Polis host the program. Polis noted the war ended 50 years ago and it involved 8.2 million U.S. soldiers and sailors, 60% of whom saw combat. He also noted the 58,000 missing or killed in action and the 244 Medal of Honor designations for the troops, including eight nurses. Polis said that the names of 16 chaplains

appear on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Rev. John Justice gave the prayer in the touching ceremony and the color guard was provided by Bearden High School's Navy JROTC. Kevin Knowles, director of the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, spoke briefly and read a proclamation from Tennessee Governor Bill Lee.

The keynote speaker was Lt. General Larry Nicholson, a retired Marine leader, who told the crowd he spent 40 years in the service after what he thought would be a four-year enlistment. He explained that to qualify for the Medal of Honor a soldier or sailor had to have acted in a way that could cause a 90%

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## Duplex standards may be added to the city's One Year Plan

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The Knoxville City Council approved a revised One Year Plan from Knoxville-Knox County Planning, following a discussion focused on its duplex housing standards. Several residents appeared at the

meeting to speak on the plan which centered on design standards for new duplexes within all city zones and applied the same single-family design standards to homes converted to duplexes. Speakers addressing the issue included

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## The 5th Annual UTIA Smoking School Returns in June

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is excited to announce the return of the 5th annual UTIA Smoking School, scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Participants will gain hands-on experience in the art of smoking meats while learning from some of Tennessee's most accomplished pitmasters and several special guests. The UTIA Smoking School is designed for barbecue enthusiasts of all skill levels, offering a unique opportunity to refine techniques, enjoy live demonstrations, and, of course, feast on expertly prepared meats.

This year's featured menu includes whole hog, brisket, ribs, and chicken wings, with live cooking demonstrations led by Tennessee's top pitmasters. The 2025 Smoking School will welcome renowned



PHOTO BY D. MCINTOSH, COURTESY UTIA.

George Ewart, founder of Dead End BBQ in Knoxville, prepares meat for smoking. Ewart has been the pitmaster for the UTIA Smoking School since its beginning five years ago.

experts George Ewart of Dead End BBQ in Knoxville and Pat Martin of Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint in Nolensville.

George Ewart, a Knoxville native and founder of Dead End BBQ, returns for his fifth appearance at the smoking school. He is an established leader in the barbecue industry.

His journey from backyard cookouts to national competitions has made him a mentor for aspiring pitmasters. Ewart and his team have earned multiple championships, including the title of State Champions of Tennessee. He continues to share his expertise through workshops and classes, helping preserve

and promote the craft of barbecue.

Joining Ewart is Pat Martin, a pioneer in West Tennessee-style whole hog barbecue.

Registration for the 2025 UTIA Smoking School is \$200 per person, with a registration deadline of May 15, 2025. This full-day event will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT in the Agricultural and Natural Resources Building, located at 2431 Joe Johnson Drive, Room 101, in Knoxville.

The event is limited to 100 participants, and no refunds will be issued after the registration deadline. For more information and to register, visit [utbeefer.tennessee.edu/smoking-school](http://utbeefer.tennessee.edu/smoking-school). Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best and enhance your barbecue skills while enjoying a day of great food and fellowship.

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# Democrat Governor Says His Party Is Toxic

From a distance



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Many political observers think that Gavin Newsom, the governor of California, is the man most likely to be the Democrat candidate for president in 2028.

That is why what he said about his own party on a recent broadcast of the Bill Maher Show was so significant.

The New York Times reported on March 29 that Newsom said, "The Democratic brand is toxic right now," and that he pointed to "a recent NBC News poll that showed Democrats with a 27 percent favorability rating, the lowest in at least a generation."

The story said Newsom

"criticized Democrats for being judgmental" and for "resorting to a 'cancel culture' to ostracize people" with whom they disagreed.

"We talk down to people," Newsom added, confirming what one Democrat consultant said on MSNBC, that the party had become "too elitist."

In the same story, the Times reported that Sen. John Fetterman, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, had also criticized his party, saying they were in danger of becoming a "permanent minority."

Democrats in recent years have been dominated by wealthy liberals, college professors, black women, and those on the very far Left of the political spectrum.

John Judis and Ruy Teixeira, two longtime Democratic consultants, wrote a book published in 2023 called "Where Have All The Democrats Gone?"

They wrote that Democrats had allowed the things that people cared

about "to be overshadowed by more elitist topics like identity politics, gender ideology, defunding the police, climate change, etc."

They added that Democrats were turning people off by mistakenly following a "vaguely defined yet rigidly enforced ideology of anti-racism, which sees white supremacy as the force behind every institution in America."

Most Americans are not racists. Bad things happen to everyone, white or black. Yet too many black leaders have convinced too many of their followers that if something bad happens to them, it is because of racial discrimination.

Yet, while most people are not racists, most did believe it was wrong to limit the choices for the most recent appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court only to black women.

Republicans have their own problems. As I pointed out in last week's column, the party that has the White House almost always

loses seats in the House and Senate in the mid-term elections.

Also, it is a mistake for President Trump to start talking about running for a third term only two months into this term. And, while Elon Musk is trying to do many things that really need to be done, it was a mistake and helped the Democrats to make such an unappealing billionaire the face of the administration.

But the Republicans need to thank the Democrats for helping them on many issues.

They need to thank the Democrats for criticizing the deportation of Venezuelan gang members, because the overwhelming majority want them out.

They need to thank Democrats and their buddies in the ACLU for fighting for illegal immigrants and trying to keep our borders open when the overwhelming majority want the borders secured.

Rep. Tom Suozzi, a

Democrat from New York, said "When I first started talking about immigration, the need to secure the border - a lot of consultants were like, 'Well, that's a Republican issue. I don't know if you should talk about that'. But I said 'That's what the people are talking about in my district.'"

Suozzi won re-election but said, "I think the Democratic brand is really in trouble, and it's being portrayed as this crazy-left, you know, out-of-touch thing."

Republicans need to thank the Democrats for becoming a socialist party, because the overwhelming majority know socialism has destroyed the economy in most nations around the world.

Republicans need to thank the Democrats for wanting to force everyone into very expensive electric vehicles, because the overwhelming majority do not want them.

Republicans need to thank the Democrats

for being so hateful and demanding about the Covid vaccine, because the overwhelming majority know those vaccines were very ineffective and even harmful to many.

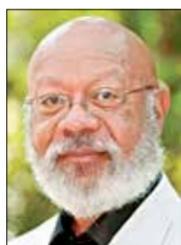
Republicans need to thank the Democrats for electing so many high-tax, soft-on-crime officials so that millions are now fleeing Democrat-run cities and states and moving to Republican states like Tennessee.

Republicans need to thank Democrats for wanting to send even more billions to Ukraine, because the overwhelming majority would rather keep that money here for their own families.

Democrats seem to believe in government and forcing people to do things and giving more power to bureaucrats. Republicans believe in freedom and choices and power to the people.

# The U.S. Military: Is there a DOGE in its future?

In arguing against the nomination of Pete Hegseth for secretary of defense, the Rev. Senator Honorable Doctor Raphael Warnock said, "As a voice for Georgia's nearly 100,000 active duty service members



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and reservists, and as the son of a veteran, I understand the tremendous sacrifice our service members and their families make to protect and serve our nation. Since coming to the Senate, I've always prioritized military readiness and protecting the safety of our men and women in uniform. That is why I voted against Pete Hegseth's nomination to lead the Department of Defense."

Hardly. Warnock is about as concerned about the welfare of the military as he is about the welfare of unborn babies in their mother's womb.

There are actually 120,000 service members stationed in Georgia. They certainly are doing a great job protecting us from whatever they are protecting us from. I know that the military is sacrosanct to most conservatives but the military's budget and status must be scrutinized by Trump and Elon Musk like any other federally funded group. You know if there is fraud and abuse at USAID with a budget of "only" \$40 billion, there must be

rampant fraud and abuse at an agency with a \$850 billion budget that is greater than the next eleven countries combined.

There are 2.9 million service members worldwide. There are over 750 military bases across 80 countries. There are over 4,760 military sites of which 2,600 are in the U.S. We have 65,000 troops in the Middle East, 100,000 in Europe, 55,000 in Japan and 26,000 in South Korea. Does that mean that Georgia needs defending more than these countries? There are 30 bases in Okinawa. Thirty? Hank Johnson (D-GA) is probably wondering why the island hasn't sunk. Remember at a hearing on the military buildup in Guam he said, "My fear is that the whole island will become so overly

populated that it will tip over and capsize." Maybe that is why the ocean around Okinawa is rising.

Why do we have so many military bases? The UK has 145 bases. The Russians have only a couple of dozen. China has 160, with 80 in their own territories. We are protecting Germany (where we have 30,000 troops) and Japan against the Russians and the Chinese. But can't they protect themselves? They did an awfully good job of doing so in World War II. Is it because we fear the Germans and the Japanese? The Japanese pay us over \$2 billion a year for our bases there. The Europeans pay us over \$3 billion annually, which covers about 22 percent of total costs. Trump has in the past asked those countries

to pay more. He has questioned the scale of the U.S. troop presence in Europe and has raised the possibility of relocating or reducing the U.S. footprint on the continent. He has even said that the military's budget might be slashed in half.

It is a discussion worth having. First, the Pentagon needs to pass its audit, for the first time in a decade. We need to know where every dollar goes. Second, there needs to be an assessment of troop strength with the possibility of decreasing the number of U.S. bases. Third, there needs to be a discussion as to whether we should continue to be the world's policeman. The mere fact that the U.S. presence is so ubiquitous around the world means that other countries can use their

resources in places other than on their militaries. Trump and Pete Hegseth are attacking vigorously the DEI and trans ideology that have infested the military. Hegseth says he wants to return the military to its primary mission of being a lethal force rather than a social laboratory. Do it! But he will also need to address the question as to whether such a large military force, such a large budget and such a surfeit of bases around the world are really necessary. My guess is that the military is bloated and should be treated as such. But politicians on the right and even those on the left, like Warnock, will resist mightily any effort to shut down bases in their states. But do we really need more troops protecting Georgia than protecting Germany?



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## City continues rules reforms

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Councilwoman Lynne Fugate continues to chair the Rules and Charter Review Task Force as the city moves to review and revise the guidelines for city council meetings.

The task force met last week with council members Fugate, Tommy Smith, Amelia Parker and Debbie

Helsley, along with former Vice Mayors Nick Pavlis and Finbar Saunders and former Chief Policy Officer Bill Lyons in attendance. The progress is slow but thorough, with the members reviewing each part of the multi-paged rules language.

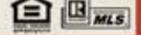
Guided by City Recorder Will Johnson, the task force discussed how to handle appeals and the possibility of setting up a council rules committee as a standing committee. An expense fund was also discussed with the idea of establishing a fund for each council member. Other topics brought to the table included the duties of the vice mayor; who and how someone becomes mayor, vice mayor or municipal judge in case of a vacancy; and what media should cover meetings. The group voted to change the word "deferred" on agenda items to "postponed."

The task force also discussed how and when the mayor could break a tie vote, noting that a sitting mayor may choose to break a tie or choose not to.

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# Publisher's Positions

biggest challenge.

## Great Job, Tom Homan

Border crossings were at a new low for the month, according to figures released by Border Czar Tom Homan. The total for March was 7,181. Homan, who began his career as a border agent 41 years ago, says he cannot recall a month where attempted border crossings were that low. The figures from March 2025 represent a 94% decrease from a year ago. There were record numbers of illegal aliens crossing our southern borders under the Biden administration with its open borders policy. The total number believed to have crossed our borders illegally, including the "got-aways," was estimated to be 12.5 million.

California governor Gavin Newsom is asking for a bailout for Medi-Cal of a whopping \$2.8 billion, along with a request for \$3.4 billion more to fund the program. California has spent \$9.5 billion on the health care of illegal aliens and acknowledged at a press conference that was at least partially the blame for the huge figures expended by taxpayers. California is currently spending approximately \$5,000 per illegal alien in health care costs.

Texas has jailed more than 451,000 criminal aliens over a fourteen-year period. At least 322,000 of that number are acknowledged

to be in the country illegally. That number includes 7,177 sexual assault charges, 73,025 assault charges, 1,043 homicide charges, 28,601 theft charges, 65,896 drug charges, 8,189 sexual offense charges, and 7,024 weapons charges. A total of 564,000 combined criminal charges have been brought against illegal aliens in Texas.

## Will Democrats Ever Learn?

Democrats don't understand the values of real Americans as evidenced by the Democrats in the Georgia state house, who staged a walkout over a bill that prohibits state taxpayers from paying for sex change operations of prison inmates. State Senator Randy Robinson's bill prohibits taxpayer dollars from paying for transgender medical treatments. The bill prohibits taxpayers from paying for inmate surgeries as well as hormonal treatments. One Democrat accused Georgia Republicans for having "manufactured culture wars." Really? Who started the woke agenda? It certainly wasn't Republicans. Who was it insisting that people be fired from their jobs for not using what they considered to be the proper pronouns? Who asserted that identifying as this gender or that gender made it so? It was not Republicans. Who voted almost solidly against a bill keeping women's sports for biological

women? It was not Republicans. The war on women isn't being waged by Republicans. We've just seen last week a biological woman refuse to fence with an opponent who was not. It was not the Republicans who injected the bacillus of gender ideology and turning science on its head with what are frankly stupid notions. There aren't as many as 72 genders. There are a total of two.

It wasn't the Republicans who wanted to censor free speech, nor is it the GOP who hail blatant antisemitism as free speech. That seems to be the only kind of free speech some Democrats like or approve of. It wasn't the Republicans who traded off manufacturing and union jobs to bolster foreign economies.

It isn't the Republicans who hate this country. The Democratic Party, once a great political party, either maintains silence about its past presidents or berates them. The only great president many of them will claim is Obama. The Democrats have become a party dominated by coastal elites whose distaste for average and working Americans is so palpable it reeks. The same is true for their media golems who parrot the narrative of the Democratic establishment. Joe Biden was sharp as a tack up until he faced Donald Trump on the debate stage. Then it was obvious to even a moron that poor old Joe had pudding for brains. The

mainstream media lied its collective heinie off time and again and they weren't the only ones. With Christopher Wray gone it is now an established fact that the FBI knew the laptop did indeed belong to Hunter Biden, yet it still tried to discourage anything coming to light through social media. As it happens, there was a gag order from up above.

The same people who denigrate Christianity are the same people who think it is fine to kill Jewish people. The Democratic Party used to be the party for millions of Jewish people.

The truth is they really are for "they" and "them" while Donald Trump and the Republicans are for US.

## New This Week: There Oughta Be a Law

Every week we will add "There Oughta Be a Law" to the Publisher's Position. We will make recommendations as to President Trump's executive orders and other proposals that should be codified by Congress and become permanent law.

There oughta be a law! There are 677 federal district judges all across the United States. For instance, there are federal judges for the districts of East, Middle and West Tennessee. Presently, we have district judges who are operating less on a judicial basis than a political basis. While both Republican and Democrat

presidents appoint federal judges, the Founding Fathers never intended for the third branch of the government, the judiciary, to be hyper partisan. There were a total of 15 injunctions issued by district judges during the entire four years of the Biden administration. There have already been 15 injunctions, all issued by Democrat appointed federal district judges, during the first sixty days of the Trump administration. While Democrats might try and argue that the Biden administration operated within the law, the record amply demonstrates that was hardly true. One example should suffice: the Biden administration literally ignored the US Supreme Court's ruling it could not forgive student loans.

Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa is sponsoring a bill which clearly defines the scope of federal district judges. For instance, if a student is picked up to be deported in Boston, the judge for that district would properly hear that case. It eliminates the "shopping" for friendly judges all across the country who might be sympathetic with the viewpoint of the petitioner. The entire country is NOT the purview or playground of every federal district judge in America.

There oughta be a law and hopefully Grassley's bill will be passed by Congress.

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## Martin Daniel Elected Knox Co. GOP Chairman

Congratulations to former state Representative Martin Daniel, who was elected chairman of Knox County's Republican Party. Daniel won a decisive victory over incumbent Buddy Burkhardt by waging a person-to-person campaign. Daniel campaigned hard, speaking personally to most of the delegates to the convention. The former state representative carried a fighting message and promised to make the Knox County Republican Party stronger and presented a comprehensive plan for his administration. It was a message that resounded with a large majority of the assembled delegates.

Daniel has never lost an election and is a fighting Republican and promises to carry the fight to the Democrats locally. Martin Daniel ran on a pledge to bring the Knox County Republican Party together in unity and harmony. That will be his

# Duplex standards may be added to the city's One Year Plan

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Carlene Malone, Drew Harper, Lee Hume, Danny Kirby and Joyce Feld.

Eventually the plan was approved in an 8-1 vote, with at-large Councilwoman Lynne Fugate the lone "No" vote. Fugate said that a home is most people's largest investment and she is concerned about the changes affecting where people live.

Roberto noted that the plan includes permitting duplex developments within RN-1 and RN-2 neighborhoods and there should be no difference in standards for new duplexes or homes converted to duplexes.

City attorney Charles Swanson told the council

it is passing the One Year Plan, but can wait until the planners return their suggestions and clarifications on the duplex standards.

In other action, the city council approved a zoning change for 413 East Inskip from RN-1 to Office; lowered the interior side, corner and rear setbacks for commercial neighborhood zones; rezoned several Atchley Street properties from low density to South Waterfront Mixed Use; and changed 107 Meadow View Road from RN-2 to RN-4 residential.

The council also voted to permit the sale of beer for special events around town and heard

from Kyndra Brewer, special events director, who explained how special events are approved and scheduled.

Contract agreements were approved for damage prevention to the street lights and to provide special event flagging and traffic control during special events.

The council also approved applying for \$965,012 in grant funds from the state and the federal government to cover debris removal during the August 7 storm last year.

An application was also approved to request \$724,611 from the state for the Knoxville Area Transit to improve

bus stops with a \$241,538 local match.

# Officer Banks offers tips to secure your vehicle



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Officer Lori Banks provides information on security when parking, including placing items in your trunk before going to your next destination.

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When Liaison City Police Officer Lori Banks spoke to the Inskip Neighborhood Organization recently, she not only updated the group on incidents in the neighborhood but spent several minutes giving tips on how to Look, Lock and Leave to secure property in private vehicles.

Banks said the number of incidents of parked cars being broken into and items being taken, even including guns, is increasing. She distributed a leaflet from the

police department with very helpful ways to secure a vehicle.

Among the tips were to always lock your doors, don't store a spare key in the vehicle, close the windows and sunroof, never leave a child or pet in an unattended vehicle and park in a well-lit, well-observed and well-traveled parking area.

Banks discussed other safety measures, such as anti-theft stickers on vehicles, installing a car alarm and a motion sensor light where you park the vehicle. It is also advised to never

leave your car or truck running or the keys in the ignition even when you're away for just a minute. If you plan to leave the garage door open, then take or secure your firearms when entering your home.

Other tips to secure a parked car include placing your property in the trunk before you get to your next destination, not leaving possessions on or under a passenger seat, don't hide items under a blanket or clothing, don't leave important documents in your car, never leave firearms in a vehicle overnight and if you

have to store your firearm, make it secure in the trunk in a lock box or car safe.

Banks said items stolen from vehicles include firearms, ammo, purses, laptops, briefcases, backpacks, sunglasses, car stereos, check books, credit and debit cards, GPS devices, loose change, cell phones, shopping bags, sports equipment and tools.

If a firearm is stolen from your vehicle, you should call the police department non-emergency number at (865) 215-7268.

## Annual Veterans Heritage Ridge Run seeks sponsors

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The Annual Veterans Heritage Ridge Run is coming up on Saturday, April 26, and you still have time to help.

Marylyn Childress, president of the Sharp's Ridge Veterans Heritage Site Foundation, told The Focus that 200 to 400 runners are expected, including teams from JROTC groups from area high schools. The Ridge Run offers a 5K trail run, a 10K rucksack race and a one-mile family fun walk along the trails of the Knoxville peak.

The purpose of this year's event, aside from being a fundraiser for the construction and upkeep of the park, is to draw attention to veterans suffering from PTSD. The 10K runners will carry 10 pounds of food to donate to the

Second Harvest Food Bank. The heavy rucksacks represent the burden carried by PTSD sufferers.

Childress told The Focus that April 16 is the deadline for sponsorships and there are 7 to 8 schools with JROTC teams in the event. The Foundation, a 501 3c non-profit, has partnered with the Vietnam Veterans of America's Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078.

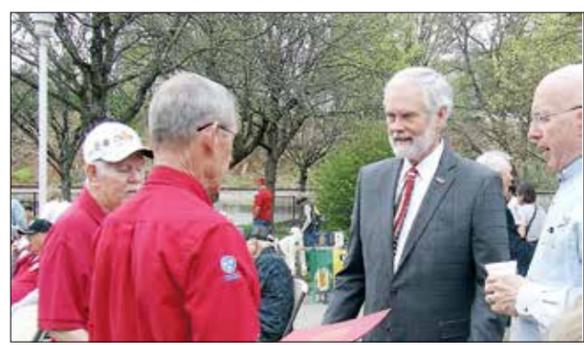
Sponsorships include a variety of categories, from a \$50 friends donation to a premium \$1,000 donation.

Trail runners can sign up at [www.veteransheritagesite.org/events/ridge-run/](http://www.veteransheritagesite.org/events/ridge-run/)

Contact Marilyn Childress at [president@veteransheritagesite.org](mailto:president@veteransheritagesite.org) or (678)920-1989 for more information about sponsorships.



Lt. General Larry Nicholson brought his military history and his compassion for every military veteran in an up-close way during the ceremonies.



19th District Tennessee State Representative Dave Wright chats with veterans prior to the Vietnam Veteran's ceremony at the World's Fair Park.

## Vietnam veterans

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chance of losing their life.

Nicholson also spoke of how badly Vietnam veterans were treated when they returned to the states and added, "The nation owes them a debt."

A wreath was laid during the March 29 event and a Soldier's Cross was assembled with a rifle, boots, helmet and dog tags to honor all the fallen veterans. The service ended with a 21-gun salute by

the Volunteer State Honor Guard and the playing of Taps.

Before and after the ceremonies, veterans of all military services visited with each other, spoke to elected officials including fellow veteran, state Rep. Dave Wright.

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## The Doctor is in

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### Definitions

Stupid is as stupid does  
Forrest Gump

Apparently, an expensive education at Columbia produces stupidity as evidenced by graduates tearing up their diplomas in an anti-Trump/Musk protest. Forrest would agree.

Sometimes the best definition is an example, a picture or a meme. However, most of the time we use words to express our thoughts, which are nuanced by vocal tone and inflection. Even body language conveys significant meaning. Examples are a scornful face or arms crossed over the chest. And every husband has observed the flush on his wife's cheeks to realize he's "misspoken."

As a writer, I reside in the world of words. But how can I convey my thoughts if we don't agree upon the meaning of words, terms or definitions? My grandchildren are learning vocabulary words and learning to read. Admittedly, I didn't appreciate weekly vocabulary

assignments in elementary school, nor did I appreciate mandatory English in grades one through twelve and two years into college. But then I was an "underachiever" until college and medical school.

Which brings me back to this week's tutorial from whom some might call the persnickety pedagogue (teacher). In my defense, doctors are teachers. The word doctor derives from Latin docere which means to teach. During my career, I taught patients, medical students, residents and colleagues. And now I get to enlighten each week in this opinion column.

In recent weeks, we've watched domestic terrorists attacking Tesla dealerships, cars and even threatening the drivers of Teslas. Who are these people who violate the law and civil society? They appear deranged, not connected with reality. Or perhaps their leftist ideology of anti-capitalist, anti-American, open borders and world citizenry drives

their insane behavior. These socialist radicals are intolerant of any perspective different from theirs.

But what is socialism, favored by AOC and Bernie Sanders? It is anti-capitalist and favors collective ownership of all means of production. Some private ownership, for instance industry, is allowed, but operates at the whim of the government. The Nazis were the National Socialist Party of Germany. Socialism has been tried repeatedly all over the world and has always failed, most recently in Venezuela.

Vladimir Lenin said that the "goal of socialism is communism." This most radical form of socialism is built on class and economic warfare. In communism, everything is owned and is subservient to the state, which is ruled by a small privileged class. Democrat apologist Van Jones is an avowed communist.

The term liberal derives from classical liberalism of the Founders' era, which advocated free markets, limited government, civil liberties, private property and equality under law. Classical liberalism may be closer to the modern libertarian philosophy, which abhors a welfare state.

The American progressive movement began in the late 19th century in opposition to radical socialism and abuses in the Industrial Revolution. However, unpopular progressive policies like increasing government,

prohibition, income tax and entry into WWI, led to progressives losing elections. As a result they rebranded themselves as "modern liberals." The word modern was later dropped. Liberals and Democrats are masters of euphemisms (politically correct terminology). Historically, progressives support income distribution, bigger government, and a "living wage," as well as universal healthcare. The modern Democrat party has very few traditional "Blue Dog" Democrats. The party is now composed of increasingly radical progressives if not leftists.

Conservatism derives from the word conserve or preserve and advocates traditions and social stability with slower, less radical changes.

Conservatives come in different stripes, including fiscal, social, Constitutional, etc. So, it's clear why Republicans in Congress are a fractious bunch compared to Democrats who often vote in lock-step to the party line.

Populism is a term we hear much about these days and derives from the Latin word populus or the "people." There were Roman leaders who advocated for the common man rather than the elite ruling class. Populist movements urge governmental, political and social changes through the collective concerns of citizens. This perspective cuts across many left-right politics of have and

have-not social specters. As an example, the TEA Party movement was populist.

The Founders studied history and were afraid of the historical abuses of democracy (people rule), where majorities abused minorities. This is why they fashioned a representative republic for us, predicated on the rule of law.

Definitions and civics are important and why I've recently discussed domestic terrorism, tariffs and mercantilism, DEI, ESG, USAID, the CR and last week, Civics 101. Citizens must be informed about the Ukrainian war, the rogue judiciary and the two most influential people of our time, President Trump and Elon Musk.

Last weekend, the Democrat-Progressive cabal attacked Tesla, proving how lost and dangerous the party and its minions have become. Importantly, there was essentially no push-back from the Democrat leadership. The only Democrat voice was the Senate rant of Spartacus, aka Corey Booker, about Trump and Musk. What a pathetic person ruled by evil's sickness of hatred. Obviously, Booker did not watch Bret Baier's interview with Musk and his DOGE team. It is available on YouTube (bret baier doge interview) and must be watched by citizens if you want to be educated and fair-minded.

President Trump labeled April 2nd as "liberation

day" when his "reciprocal tariffs" went into effect. I am no expert, but I have read extensively about the pros and cons of tariffs. And I have an opinion. One hundred-seventy countries have tariffs on United States products. It is unfortunate that reciprocal tariffs are necessary to level the playing field. I understand why other countries protect their own industries. But why should we not protect our farmers and industries?

I'm a big fan of Don Surber's news blog. Surber is insightful, witty and appropriately acerbic. Becky and I believe a morning without Surber is like a day without sunshine. Surber's blog of March 31, 2025, is the best analysis I've read about tariffs and should be read as you consider the long-term benefits of tariffs for our country. Policies that drove industry out of our country in search of cheap labor led to supply chain issues during and after the pandemic. Industry and jobs must return if we are to remain a free and prosperous people. It is common sense that national security products like antibiotics must be produced in the USA.

Hope and Change didn't work; nor has what we're currently doing. I trust Trump and the MAGA counter-revolution. Without these necessary reforms of government and the economy, we are finished.

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# Remembering Memphis visits

My wife and I have visited Memphis several times in the past. Sometimes it was on business and sometimes we were there on vacation. The drive from Knoxville to Memphis is almost 400 miles, but there's lots to see and do on the way, including having lunch in Nashville, visiting the Casey Jones Museum & Restaurant in Jackson, and much more. Now and then, we camp at the T.O. Fuller State Park on a hillside overlooking the city and the Mississippi River, where there is an interesting archeological

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

museum at the C.H. Nash section of the park.

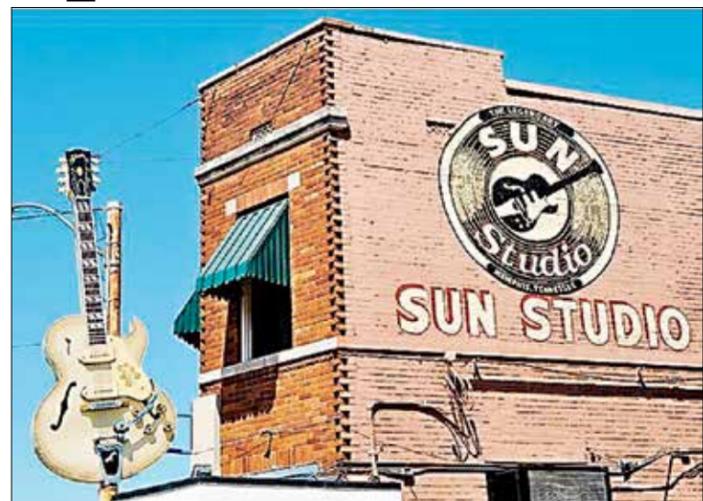
Memphis was Tennessee's largest city before Nashville overtook it in 2020 and there's so much to do and see there. Beale Street is a great place to lunch or just spend an evening listening to the blues.

Hotels and motels are plentiful in Memphis, including the historic and comical Peabody Hotel downtown that features a parade of ducks in the main lobby twice a day. The elevator opens and the ducks waddle into the lobby and

take a dip in the fountain there. It's a free event and kids often line the duck path in great fun and excitement.

Memphis has Graceland, the historic home of Elvis Presley and his family. There's an admission but you can visit the grave of the "King of Rock and Roll" without charge. The mansion is unique, kept as Elvis designed it, and complete with museum pieces. When we were there, we could not visit the upstairs where, back then, members of the Presley family still resided.

Elvis played a big part in Memphis, putting Rock and Roll on the charts in the Sun Studio there. That building continues to



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Sun Studio in Memphis is smaller than you might expect. The recording studio can be toured and you can see where Elvis and a lot of other early rock and roll stars started.

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# Say Thank You

Believe it or not, the next phase of the Schaad Road extension is in its last days. Paving has been completed on most of the road. After first deciding not to place a red light at Andes



By Joe Rector  
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Road, Knox County discovered what a dangerous intersection existed there, and as of today, the lights in operation. Residents who have lived through this three-year project are more than a little unhappy that a strip between Fitzgerald Road and the construction project and another strip on Byington Solway Road from Boss Road to the new lanes have been left

unpaved. After all that residents have put up with over the last few years, expecting those areas to be resurfaced is not such a big request. We'll have to see what the folks at the highway department have to say.

This project was a huge undertaking for the county. Two bridges were constructed to go over the railroad tracks, and a few miles of pastureland were converted to road. The work was slow and tedious as mountains of dirt were hauled to both places. The sound of beeping trucks backing up to dump their loads went on all day long. Good weather

prevailed most of the time, but some weeks turned the construction area into a soupy swamp. In the end, however, this new road has taken a flood of cars that often sat in place as trains passed or as turn lanes filled up.

All of us complain too much. I freely admit that my patience is short and that my ire arises when things don't seem to run efficiently. What I realized yesterday as I talked to Kyle, who works for West Knox Utilities, is that hundreds of employees from several companies have toiled in freezing cold and blistering heat to make this new road possible. When the county decides to take on a project like the Schaad Road Extension, several

things must occur first. Utilities have to be moved. West Knox Utilities had to move water and sewer lines so that they were aligned with the new pipes they installed. Digging those trenches and making things fit are laborious tasks. Telephone poles had to be removed and replaced so that the lines could be rerouted.

I was thankful that the paving on the new road occurred during the cool weather of early spring. The tar was still steaming, but at least the temperatures weren't as sweltering as they might soon become with summer. Such hard, hot, and sometimes boring work was completed rather quickly once it started. I am also thankful

that workers with stop signs stood at endpoints to direct traffic. How many accidents they prevented is anyone's guess. My entire body aches, especially my legs, when I think about having to stand in place for an entire workday to direct traffic. Boredom and an aching back would overcome me before much time had passed.

I'm sure I've left out other groups of workers who participated on this project. It began with the extension at Oak Ridge Highway in the early 2000s. In 2025, this phase will be finished. Then the next stage, either the widening of Schaad Road to Pleasant Ridge Road or Lovell Road to Shaffer Road, will be underway. I have no doubt that I'll be

long gone from this world before the projects are finished. So, I'll say thank you to all who work on them and the recently completed section. We know how hard you have worked and appreciate your efforts to make traveling the roads easier. If we could just convince MPC and other folks to quit turning every empty parcel of land into a subdivision, life would be peachy. Otherwise, in no time at all, the same traffic snarls will once again gridlock our communities.

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## Remembering Memphis visits

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 exist and you can tour the iconic recording studio for \$20. Elvis wasn't the only person to emerge from Sun Studio as a star. Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and many

others cut records there. Presley recorded there just one week after graduating high school.

The Lorraine Motel should never be missed while in Memphis, which also houses the National

Civil Rights Museum. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated there outside his second-floor room and that room has been preserved. When we were there, you could actually look into the room and visit the balcony where he was shot and killed.

The museum features lots of relics, information, tours, speakers and scheduled events.

While in Memphis, take the bridge across to Mud Island on the Mississippi River and the nearby Memphis Pyramid, now the Bass Pro Shop headquarters. Many events took

place there and it's worth a photo and a visit if nothing else than to ride what is claimed to be the world's largest free-standing elevator. The pyramid also has restaurants and lodging.

Occasionally, my wife and I have taken Highway 61 south of Memphis to Tunica, Mississippi, to visit the casinos there to contribute a few dollars and grab a lunch. Tunica is about 45 miles from Memphis and a good getaway from Tennessee's no gambling law except for the lottery, online sports wagering and scratch-off sheets.

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# George W. Malone of Nevada

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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With the defeat of U.S. Senator Tasker L. Oddie in 1932, Nevada became a solidly Democratic state during the Age of Roosevelt. Nevada was represented in the United States Senate by Key Pittman and Pat McCarran. The two were a contrast in just about every way. Pittman was tall and lean while McCarran was short and round. Both were Democrats and both supported Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Pittman was a hard-drinking veteran of the Senate while McCarran was a brash newcomer with a talent for legislating and accruing power. Pittman and McCarran were never close, and a sharp rivalry developed between the two. While Pittman presided over the Senate's prestigious Foreign Relations Committee, Pat McCarran was busy building a formidable political machine back home in Nevada. Key Pittman's death in 1940 helped to pave the way for a revival in GOP fortunes in the Silver State.

While George Malone was always identified by most of the national media at the time as being "ultra conservative," the Nevadan was more complicated than that. As a senator, Malone was always friendly to organized labor, a curious position for most Republicans. When it came to speech-making, George "Molly" Malone was no match for the florid orators of the South or those whose words flowed majestically. Malone spoke in a droning tone and was said to be able to empty the Senate Chamber instantly when he got to his feet to make a speech on a topic most of his colleagues considered did not even rise to the level of dreary and dull. There were many in Nevada who retorted affectionately, although usually in less polite terms, "Molly may be a son of a gun, but he's our son of a gun."

"Conservative almost to a fault, Senator Malone was not a reactionary." That was how the Reno Gazette-Journal summed up Malone's 12 years in the United States Senate. The newspaper readily acknowledged Malone had been "the target of criticism and ridicule from the liberal Congressmen who were in power at Washington, and from the so-called intellectual left whose views were broadcast by Eastern newspapers and columnists." The editorial gloated that none of it bothered Malone in the least "and it did not bother the voters of Nevada either."

An affable man, George Wilson Malone was sincere in his beliefs and firm in his convictions. Derided by much of the national media, Malone plodded along and worked hard on behalf of Nevada and Nevadans. Much of

Malone's political success had to do with his genial nature, and one newspaperman recalled, "One had just as good a chance of running into Senator Malone at a country dance in Churchill County as in the busy hotels of Las Vegas and Reno." "He was a familiar figure in Yerington and on the Las Vegas strip," the journalist recalled. "White Pine County miners were as comfortable in his presence as were the cowboys around Austin, or the gandy dancers at Hazen." It came down to the fact that "Molly" Malone loved Nevada, and in many cases, that was enough for most voters.

Howard W. Cannon, who defeated Malone in the 1958 election, remembered Malone as possessing "a rare exuberance of personality and a tenacious trait of character that made him devoted to these ideals for which he stood." Senator Cannon told a newsman Malone had provided the best description of himself. "He often said that he was a builder and not a destroyer. He prided himself upon those things in Nevada that he helped as an engineer and as a public servant to build for the benefit of the state."

George W. Malone was a persistent office-seeker for the better part of two decades. One of Malone's favorite subjects was Britain and the senator was something of an Anglophobe. In a speech to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, Malone said, "England is living on a 300-year-old reputation and building a population that can't be supported without an empire." Sir Robert Hadow, the British consul general, was sitting in the audience and snapped, "You sir, are a - - bloody liar." The 6-foot-2, 66-year-old Malone vaulted the table and threw a punch at the consul general but missed his target.

When Senator Malone visited the Soviet Union in 1954, he met Nikita Khrushchev for a two-hour conversation where the two discussed trade and foreign affairs. When the Soviet premier brought up American bases located in Europe and asked the senator what would happen if Russia were to build similar bases in Cuba, Malone retorted, "We'll bomb the hell out of you!"

Born in Kansas, George Malone's first visit to Nevada occurred when he was a member of a surveying party. Malone attended the University of Nevada, where he played football and was a champion boxer. George Malone enlisted in the Army during the First World War, fought overseas and came home where he was an active member of the American Legion.

Malone had first gained statewide notoriety when



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Senator George W. Malone of Nevada and his wife, Katie, represent the Silver State at a reception for governors in Washington, D.C., in 1957.

he had been appointed state engineer for Nevada in 1927, a post he held until 1934. It was 1934 when he first ran for the U.S. Senate, challenging Key Pittman. Nevada was still thoroughly Democratic and Malone was badly defeated. Malone tried again in 1944, facing the formidable Pat McCarran, whom he criticized roundly, something the incumbent never forgot. McCarran won decisively.

In 1945, Senator James Scrugham died in office and Governor Edward "Ted" Carville resigned to allow himself to be appointed to the senatorial vacancy by his lieutenant governor. That has almost always been unpopular with voters and Senator Carville faced Congressman Berkeley Bunker in the Democratic primary. The two fought a bitter primary, which Bunker won, but many Carville Democrats supported George Malone, who was the Republican candidate. 1946 was a big year for the GOP and Malone's persistence had paid off; he had won a seat in the United States Senate.

The Malones were off to Washington, D.C. Malone's wife, Katie, was very active in Washington's social life, and their daughter, naturally named Molly, later worked in her father's office. Mrs. Malone, whose given name was "Ruth," was as outspoken as her husband. The Malones became good friends of Richard and Pat Nixon. Katie Malone created a stir amongst the Senate ladies when she abruptly got up and stalked out of a talk being given by freshman Senator Richard Neuberger when he made a remark critical of then-Vice President Nixon. Press reports indicated Mrs. Malone had let go of a hearty "boo!" before departing, but she denied it. What everyone did agree about was that Katie Malone exchanged pointed and cross words with Perle Mesta, Washington's "hostess with the mostest."

Malone might very well have been confined to one six-year term had things gone as planned in 1952. Alan Bible,

Nevada's attorney general and the former law partner of Senator Pat McCarran, was the favorite for the Democratic nomination to oppose Malone in the general election. Bible was upset in the Democratic primary by Tom Mechling, a journalist who won the nomination by relentlessly knocking on doors. Mechling had little connection to the state and made the mistake of attacking the powerful McCarran. The senior senator took to the radio where he made a statewide broadcast denouncing and repudiating Mechling and endorsing his Republican colleague, whom he liked not at all. That gave Malone just enough of an edge to win by 2,700 votes.

George Malone had been remarkably lucky in 1946 and 1952, and the Democrats had been bitterly divided. Pat McCarran was dead, and Nevada Democrats were united. 1958 was a terrible year for GOP candidates across the country, and the Silver State was no exception. Governor Charles Russell and Senator George Malone were both easily defeated by their Democratic opponents.

Following his defeat for reelection in 1958, George Malone remained in Washington, D.C., where he opened a consulting office as an engineer. It soon became clear Malone had not given up hope of returning to high office. As neither of Nevada's seats in the United States Senate was up for election in 1960, Malone cast longing eyes on Nevada's congressional seat held by Democrat Walter Baring. As the

1960 election approached, Malone began quietly testing the waters for a run to take on Baring, Nevada's congressman-at-large. The Silver State's population gave it only one member in the House.

The former senator attended the Republican State Convention in May 1960, where he announced that he would seek the GOP nomination for Nevada's sole seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. "I think I can do it," the 70-year-old told the assembled delegates. "It will take a tough campaign by someone who has gone before." As to the two young men already running for the Republican nomination, Malone dismissed their candidacies, saying they "don't have a chance."

George Malone embarked upon his last campaign for public office with his usual gusto despite his advancing years. Having run five statewide races since 1934, George W. Malone had considerable name recognition, as well as a wide acquaintanceship throughout the Silver State. Malone had friends tucked away in the sparsely populated "cow counties" of Nevada, as well as the more urban areas of Las Vegas and Reno. Malone, wearing a white Stetson, trudged through the Nevada State Capitol Building in Carson City to file the necessary papers with the secretary of state's office to run for Congress. Malone stopped to shake hands with everyone he met and told a fellow on an elevator he was running for Congress and beamed when the man replied, "Attaboy, Molly!"

Malone told anyone who would listen he wasn't running simply to be a congressman. "I didn't run for the Senate just to be a senator," Malone said. "I want to go in there to put over my projects."

The veteran campaigner hit the trail, renewing his friendships and making new ones in his quest to become the Republican nominee for the U.S. House for Nevada. Malone's views hadn't changed in any discernible respect. Malone was still against sending "billions to Europe" and worried about a rising debt ceiling. Asked by one reporter if he didn't consider running for the House a step down from the Senate. "Not at all," Malone replied. "But, if I am, it's to upgrade the representation." "I don't know why people look down on Congress," Malone added after a moment. "Those fellows are important, too. If anything, it's a tougher job being a congressman." When asked about his chances for a comeback, Malone grinned and said, "I'm a natural optimist." When reminded of the heavy advantage Democrats enjoyed in registered voters in southern Nevada, Malone readily admitted it wouldn't be easy for a Republican to win. "I've never picked any easy ones," Malone shot back. "You know that."

"There are a lot of new people. The population of the state nearly doubled while I was away in the Senate," Malone pointed out. The former senator said he was going to get out and meet as many people as he could. "I intend to win," he said.

Eventually, George W. Malone faced three other candidates inside the GOP primary, including William S. Tyson, a millionaire dairyman and the son-in-law of famed hostess Pearle Mesta. Despite Tyson's free-spending, Malone easily won the Republican primary to face Congressman Baring in the general election.

The fall campaign was anti-climactic. Malone carried several of the cow counties, but Baring swamped the former senator in populous Clark County (Las Vegas), winning better than 65% of the vote. Outside of Clark County, Malone was only a couple of thousand votes behind the popular incumbent, but he lost the Las Vegas area by 13,000 votes.

Little more than six months after the election, Malone was seriously ailing and confined to a Washington, D.C., hospital, suffering from cancer. George "Molly" Malone died May 19, 1961.

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# Looking for Victory in the Valley (Part 4)

We often take things for granted until we experience them firsthand. We hear stories about love, loss, struggles and joy from others, but until we go through them ourselves, we do not fully understand their



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Church Senior Pastor

the meaning of this promise after enduring a hardship that makes it resonate in our own lives.

A breathtaking sunset might seem like just another pretty picture until we stand on a mountaintop watching the sky explode with vibrant colors. The exhaustion of working long hours to achieve a dream may sound complex, but it is only when we push through sleepless nights and moments of doubt that we truly appreciate the effort required for success. Simple comforts—like the warmth of home—are often overlooked until we spend time away and find ourselves missing them.

Experience has a unique way of revealing the true value of things we once overlooked. Valleys are a perfect example of this. We never truly learn to appreciate the significance of a valley until we can look back from the mountain. It is from that vantage point that we realize valleys teach

us lessons that mountains never could.

David was in Ziklag during a challenging time, as described in 1 Samuel 30. This passage teaches us that valleys in life are not meant to defeat us; rather, they are opportunities for learning. David found victory even when faced with overwhelming adversity: his family had been taken captive, his soldiers were disheartened and contemplated stoning him, and his entire city had been burned to the ground. Despite these circumstances, David achieved victory through four key actions:

**1. He found strength in the Lord.** Even on one of the darkest days of his life, David was able to draw upon his deep relationship with God. He recalled times when God had demonstrated His sovereignty, power and faithfulness. This understanding of the God he loved and served helped him navigate his struggles.

**2. David sought wisdom to determine his direction.** In life, we often encounter moments of uncertainty where we don't know what to do next. During such

times, it is wise to seek God for guidance regarding our next steps. Inquiring about God's perfect will is crucial for finding victory in challenging situations.

**3. After finding strength and seeking direction, he continued to serve others.** Despite his personal pain and hardship, David used his experience in the valley to empathize with others. He recognized the importance of serving those around him even when facing his own difficulties.

In one final attempt to escape the dark place he found himself in, David took a decisive step. He secured himself in the goodness of God. At that moment, his army, originally 600 strong, was reduced to 400, as 200 of his men were too exhausted—both mentally and physically—to continue. Despite the daunting size of the Amalekite army and the fact that a third of his men were unable to fight, David chose to move forward. He focused on the strength of his God rather than the overwhelming odds against him.

Sometimes in life, the most effective way to leave

your valley is to stop focusing on the size of your battle and start putting your faith in the greatness of your God. Stop being consumed by your weakness and see Jehovah's power. Don't be discouraged by your limited resources and remember the God who fights for you owns it all. Don't permit yourself to be stifled by your shortage when you can be encouraged by God's

sovereignty. Acknowledging God's power over focusing on our predicament, we are positioning ourselves to leave our current valley and know how to be prepared when the next one comes. It's my prayer that every person who has read this series will not only look for a way out of a valley but will find it and live in the victory that God has for those who trust in Him.

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Left: Seymour High senior Jackson Gratton carries the ball against Fulton last fall.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

### Diamond Notes: Hardin Valley, Powell and Carter stay hot, get big wins

By Ken Lay

The 2025 high school baseball season continues, and some area teams are off to hot starts as the calendar has now moved to April and the weather is heating up.

Hardin Valley Academy, which is playing for its third coach in as many seasons, is one of the hottest teams in town.

The Hawks, under the leadership of new coach Aaron Simmons, are off to a 14-4 start and sit alone atop the District 4-4A standings with a perfect 4-0 record.

HVA, however, lost to Nolensville 16-9 on Thursday night despite getting a three-run home run from University of Tennessee commitment Colton Denton and an RBI double from Jax Sparks, who collected two hits in the contest.

On Wednesday, the Hawks kept their perfect league record intact with an 11-5 victory over Bearden at home. Hardin Valley had a 7-0 lead against the Bulldogs after the second inning. Denton, Sparks and Mason Shelton collected multiple hits in the contest. Sparks had two doubles and a pair of RBIs, while Shelton drove in three runs.

**In District 3-4A:** Powell edged Karns, 3-2, Wednesday at Danny Maples Field in Powell.

Powell pitcher Tyler Early hurled a complete game, going seven innings on the mound against the Beavers (9-9 overall, 0-3 in the district). He surrendered two runs, three hits and three walks, while recording 10 strikeouts. At the plate for the Panthers, Paul Blankenship was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Powell (14-3, 3-1)

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## Gratton's character stood out even on the sideline

By Steve Williams

Jackson Gratton showed his character some 100 miles away from Seymour High School last fall.

The Eagles' quarterback and team captain didn't get to do it on the field during the game at Sullivan East. He did it a different way. He stood near his teammates on the sideline. They knew he was there for them.

That was the night Seymour ended its 24-game losing streak.

It also was the week Seymour's school was on Fall Break. Instead of

heading north like the football team, many of its students may have travelled south to soak up warmer weather and have fun.

Gratton had suffered a knee injury the week before in the Eagles' game against Fulton. It would have been easy for him to stay back and enjoy Fall Break.

But there was no way he was going to miss the game and not support his team.

"I'm always going to be here for my team," said Gratton that night, standing under a portable cover as rain fell. "And with or

without me, I'm still going to support them through thick and thin. And in losses always. Today we come out with a win, which I'm very proud of them for."

Joel Hall, Seymour's new athletic director, had seen Jackson come up through high school.

"Jackson Gratton is the ultimate teammate, the person that wants the team to succeed no matter what," said Hall.

"He has played a number of positions for Seymour, including H-back and quarterback. His whole goal was to see them succeed and he was willing to

help with whatever they needed, even following injuries. He did everything he could to press on and to be present; and again to be that leader even when he wasn't on the field.

"I've grown to know Jackson from when he was a scrawny freshman all the way up to just a leader on the team as a senior," added Hall.

"He's planning to go to Huntington College and play football for them. And with his work ethic, I know he will be a success for them in the future."

Huntington College is in Montgomery, Ala. The



Jackson Gratton

Hawks compete in NCAA Division III and are members of the Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS).

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

### West continues early success with win over Greeneville



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

West High's Gavin Jones pushes the ball up the field Thursday night as Greeneville's Justin Banegas defends in the Rebels' 7-1 win over the Greene Devils in the Bearden Invitational at Bill Young Field. Jones had a goal and an assist in the win.

By Ken Lay

As the 2025 high school boys soccer team heats up, West High is notching some big victories.

The Rebels (8-2-1) captured wins over a pair of powers last week, and had another opportunity for a signature win at press time.

On Thursday night, West looked impressive as it routed Class 2A juggernaut Greeneville, 7-1, at Bill Young Field on the

first day of the Bearden Invitational. The Rebels opened a 3-1 lead by halftime as they posted a dominant performance against the Greene Devils.

Nick Jackson, Musah Kromah and Gavin Jones all found the back of the net over the first 40 minutes of the match. Jackson scored the first goal of the match when he tallied in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute.

Kromah extended the Rebels' advantage to 2-0

when he scored approximately nine minutes later off an assist from Jones, a sophomore.

The Greene Devils (3-6-1) showed signs of life late in the first half when junior midfielder Samuel Gourley tallied in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute. But the Rebels would regain command of the match when Jones scored, making the score 3-1, in the waning seconds before halftime.

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# Student from Germany likes other football, too

By Steve Williams

Karl Henkenjohann has enjoyed being a foreign exchange student this school year at South-Doyle High and the Cherokees, particularly the football and soccer teams, have enjoyed him and his contributions.

The 17-year-old junior arrived to Knoxville last June from Germany. His host parents are Geni and Ron Nery.

Karl was introduced to the game of American football and turned into a varsity starter on the defensive line midway through the season. He also was "a dude" on the kicking team, said Larry Headrick, who was in his first season as a head coach.

"He started out as a kicker and the crazy thing is he had never kicked a football, but kicked a 55-yard field goal," said Headrick. "He also kicked in a JV game and hit a 50-yard field goal. So it was like, man this cat could be pretty good."

Coach Headrick already had a good place-kicker last season, but needed another body on the kickoff



Geni and Ron Nery, host parents of foreign exchange student Karl Henkenjohann, proudly reported Karl was the Knoxville Trophy and Awards' Defensive Player of the Week in South-Doyle's game against Halls on Oct. 18



South-Doyle foreign exchange student Karl Henkenjohann lines up as a defensive end for the Cherokees during the 2024 season.

his name called out after tackling the quarterback. "I never experienced anything like that with so many fans in the stands."

This spring Karl is currently leading South-Doyle with eight goals in soccer, his go-to sport.

"So far it's going pretty good," he said. "We won our first district game Thursday 5-0 (at Loudon). We function together good as a team. And yell we'll see where it goes."

Karl plays the forward striker position.

The next soccer match for the Cherokees (5-1-2 overall) will be at ECCA in Maryville Tuesday. They will have a home match Thursday against Sequoyah.

In addition to athletics, Henkenjohann said he has enjoyed his experiences at the high school. "The people are very nice. It's a very nice environment to be in."

Karl also said he has been a foreign exchange student in other countries, mainly in Europe.

team. He asked Karl if he would like to do that.

"Coach, I don't know what that is," answered Karl.

"I said buddy all you got to do is run down the field, hit somebody and make a tackle," recalled Headrick. "Well, that's exactly what he did. He ran down there and busted up the wedge, made a tackle and jumps

up and said, 'Coach, I like this!'

"Around Week 6, he ended up being a starting defensive tackle and actually played really well for us," said Headrick.

Henkenjohann (6-2, 205) also bounced back from a broken arm during the season. "He's a tough kid," said the S-D coach.

"The kids really embraced him. He was like one of the guys and they treated him

like he had been here four years."

Coach Headrick turned in Karl as an "Unsung Hero" to The Knoxville Focus. "He came to us and had never played football. He didn't even know what a football looked like. He wanted to just try it, because he's an athletic guy. And he really just loved it.

"He also had great character. Yes sir, no sir. Always doing the right thing.

It's kind of like you wish every one of our players had those same kind of characteristics."

Henkenjohann said he enjoyed the game of football. "It was very cool, a very unique experience for me. I had never played football before. I just got on the team and tried and they put me on defense and then I'm starting."

He said he liked hearing the crowd cheer and having

# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAREACTER STAR ATHLETES Niendorff was the total package among CSAs

By Steve Williams

When it came to being a Careacter Star Athlete, Hal Niendorff was the total package at Webb School.

"Hal Niendorff displayed excellent character," said Don Mahoney, the Spartans' head football coach in addition to being Assistant Athletic Director and Admissions Counselor.

Mahoney had a long list of Hal's accomplishments: 3-year starter, team captain, multiple seasons of earning All-Region and All-State awards, an honor student in the classroom and a leader among Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Niendorff is a member of Faith Promise Church and coached our Future's flag football team of youngsters, added Mahoney.

He also was versatile on the field in high school, playing defensive back, Wildcat quarterback, wide receiver, running back and kicker.



Webb standout and Colgate signee Hal Niendorff with future Spartans at youth camp.

"He displayed good sportsmanship last season and solid leadership," said Coach Mahoney.

Niendorff signed college scholarship papers with Colgate University, which is located in New

York. The Raiders compete in the NCAA Division I Championship Football Subdivision (CFS). Colgate

athletics boast a tradition of excellence in Division I that inspires our student-athletes to high

achievement on and off the playing fields.

"I believe he will play defensive back in college," said Mahoney.

"Hal is an outstanding young man with a bright future."

## Meredith's community service recognized

Karns High School's Aiden Meredith, a Careacter Star Athlete, went "above and beyond" at a community service event, said Head Coach Lee Warren.

Aiden participated in the ringing of the bell for Salvation Army. He was at this event offering and helping elderly individuals carry groceries to their car.

He demonstrated "incredible character" throughout high school while maintaining a 4.3 grade point average, added Coach Warren.

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## 2024-25 CAREACTER STAR FOOTBALL ATHLETES

# The Vols were 'back' and in a big way

Has there ever been a better fourth quarter rally than in the 1964 Georgia Tech game, played Nov. 7 at Grant Field in Atlanta? It was the seventh

**By Tom Mattingly**

game in Doug Dickey's first year as Tennessee head coach.

Probably so, but this one was pretty good, especially given the apparent disparity of talent between the two teams. A crowd of 50,763 watched intently as the two teams squared off at the legendary field at the corner of North Avenue and Techwood Drive.

The Vols were 1-5 against the Yellow Jackets since 1957, but there was a new sheriff in town who would make a major impact not only on the series with Tech but on the SEC as well.

Tech was undefeated and ranked No. 7. The Yellow Jackets were the fourth Top 10 team the Vols had played. The others

were No. 8 Auburn, No. 3 Alabama, and No. 3 LSU. The Vols also lined up that season with games against Chattanooga, Mississippi State, Boston College, Ole Miss, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt.

The game matched Doug Dickey, Tennessee's rookie head coach, and Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd, a legacy player for the Vols from 1929-31. He was the "Dodd" in the legendary "Hack, Mack, and Dodd" Vol backfield of those days. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1959 and as a head coach in 1993. For his part, Dickey was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003.

Steve DeLong, winner of the 1964 Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman and an All-SEC selection in 1963 and 1964, led the Vols. He was the anchor of a defense that gave up only 121 points over the course of the season.

DeLong had led a historic goal line stand that helped preserve a 3-3 tie at LSU,

another indication that the Vols were on their way back. Sophomore punter Ron Widby averaged 52 yards on three second half punts to help keep the Tigers at bay.

Tennessee was in its first season running the "T" formation after years of running the single-wing. The News-Sentinel's Tom Siler wrote that fans loved its "matchless precision," and historic role in Vol football, but time had passed the single-wing by.

Siler also wrote that, "The high school boy, by 1964 infected with the virus of pro football, saw stardom ahead. He was playing the "T" in high school, wanted to play the "T" in college, and further prepare himself for the golden years in pro football."

The fact that two East Tennessee quarterbacks—Steve Spurrier from Johnson City and Steve Sloan from Cleveland—ended up at Florida and Alabama didn't help matters, either.

Many fans approached the season stoically hoping for the best, but were not

sure what would happen.

The game was 7-3, Tech, in the third quarter, when Vol placekicker Fred Martin missed a field goal, and Tech's Gerry Bussell took an interception back 85 yards for a touchdown a series later.

That 14-3 fourth quarter lead looked like money in the bank for the undefeated Techsters, who had not given up more than eight points in each of the preceding seven games.

Then came the good part in the final 15 minutes, when the Vols rallied.

David Leake, whose brother, Don, played from the Vols from 1958-60, played his finest game under center for the Vols. He led two touchdown drives in the fourth quarter. He threw a 23-yard TD pass to Al Tanara for one score and handed off to fullback Jack Patterson for another.

Then came an interception that linebacker Doug Archibald returned for another score. Just like that, school was out at 22-14. Archibald's pick, covering 69 yards, was one



Doug Dickey (L) and Bear Bryant meet at midfield before the 1964 Tennessee-Alabama game.

of five on the day - one by Frank Emanuel, one by Tom Fisher, and two by Bobby Petrella were the other four.

That made the fourth quarter tally 19-0.

The turnaround in the Vol program continued with the 1965 season opener against Army and moved on to Dec. 29, 1969, with a loss to Florida in the Gator Bowl. There were records of 8-1-2, 8-3-0, 9-2-0, 8-2-1, and 9-2-0, two SEC titles (1967 and 1969), a Litkenhous national title (1967), and five bowl

games. There were 16 All-American selections and 22 All-SEC players during that time.

The news came out a week or so after the bowl game that Dickey was headed to Gainesville.

What about the role that the 1964 Georgia Tech game played in the pantheon of Vol history? The 1964 season finished 4-5-1, but there were enough significant moments that year that led to many greater successes. The Vols were "back" and in a big way.

## Hardin Valley, Powell and Carter stay hot, get big wins

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is the only district team to defeat defending champion Oak Ridge in 2025.

The first game of the Powell-Karns series was rained out and will be made up later this month.

**Halls and Central Split:** Black Oak Ridge rivals Halls and Central renewed their longstanding rivalry on the diamond. The Bobcats won 5-2 on Monday, March 31, at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Drew Shaver went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored for the Bobcats, while Nick Riordan doubled, scored and drove in a run.

On Tuesday, the Red Devils exacted a bit of revenge with a 4-3 victory. Halls salvaged a split in walk-off fashion when Amari Lethgo drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly.

**Gibbs wins over CAK Wednesday:** The Eagles toppled Christian Academy of Knoxville, 7-4,

Wednesday night as ace pitcher Will Price put up a solid performance on the mound. He allowed four runs, six hits and one walk over seven innings. He struck out 10.

At the plate, Westyn Fields was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Zaydin Ivey also had two hits and knocked in a run for the Eagles against the Warriors.

Gibbs (10-4) dropped an 8-5 decision to Mercer County Thursday despite getting three hits and three RBI's.

**Streaky Falcons struggle:** Fulton, which opened the 2025 campaign with 14 consecutive wins, has now lost five straight. The Falcons suffered their most recent setback Thursday night, losing to Lawrenceville (Kentucky), 11-5, at Halls in the ETCBA Tournament.

**Carter sweeps Fulton:** The Hornets are off to a 12-3 start in 2025 and have split a District 3-3A series with favorite Seymour. They continued their winning ways with a sweep over district rival Fulton.

Carter defeated the Falcons, 8-3, on the road Tuesday as Luke Burnett posted a solid performance on the mound and went 2-for-2 with two doubles at the plate.

Burnett had also had an RBI and a run scored. He pitched six innings and gave up one unearned run, scattering four hits. He walked three and struck out 10.

In Wednesday's game, the Hornets blanked the Falcons, 10-0, at home. Burnett went 4-for-4 as he clubbed a three-run homer, drove in four runs and scored twice.

## Final Four Eludes Vols, Again...

By Mark Nagi

Let's start by saying that two things can be accurate at the same time.

Tennessee's men's basketball team had another terrific season... and Tennessee's men's basketball team had a disappointing end to that same season.

For the Vols, this was a season with high expectations, and they met most of them, except for the biggie. They did not advance to their first Final 4 in program history.

Tennessee is arguably the best men's college basketball program to never make it to its sport's highest stage. They continue to get agonizingly close, playing in the Elite 8 two years in a row. But in a tournament sport like college hoops, 64 of the last 68 teams standing don't raise a Final 4 banner.

Should that overshadow everything else that happened this season?

The Vols won 30 games for only the third time in program history while playing in the Elite 8 for only the third time. They were ranked #1 for a few weeks during the regular season. They went 10-6 against nationally ranked opponents. They lost only one game at home while beating

rivals Florida and Alabama at Thompson-Boling Arena, with the win over the Crimson Tide coming on a memorable buzzer-beating 35-footer by fan-favorite Jahmai Mashack.

That home loss I mentioned came against Kentucky, a team they fell to twice. The Vols got their revenge with a 78-65 win in the Sweet 16, a game that wasn't as close as the final score suggested. The Vols dominated the biggest game in the history of the long Tennessee/Kentucky rivalry.

But their 69-50 defeat in the Elite 8 to top-seed Houston stings so much that it's hard to move past it right now. The Vols played very tight in the first half, shooting only 21.4% from the field, while making only 1 of their first 12 shots. Scoring 15 points in a half will not get the job done. Overall, they missed 17 of their first 18 shots from outside the 3-point arc.

Chaz Lanier scored 17 points but only made 4 of 18 field goal attempts. Zakai Zeigler scored only 5 points while turning the ball over 4 times.

To win big games, your best players must play at a high level. In the Elite 8, that didn't happen for Tennessee.

The Vols have won 31 NCAA tournament games over the

years, but an Elite 8 victory and a place in the Final 4 are rungs on the ladder they have yet to climb.

Look, I know that the Final 4 is well overdue, but I hope that Vols fans know what head coach Rick Barnes has achieved. When he arrived 10 years ago, Tennessee was an absolute mess. The Donnie Tyndall experiment was a disaster because the Dave Hart "vetting" was a joke. Since then, Tennessee has won two SEC regular-season titles and one SEC tournament title and has been consistently a postseason factor. Tennessee has now played in 7 straight NCAA tournaments, never with a seeding lower than 5th.

Would you rather be a program like South Carolina, which caught lightning in a bottle and made it to the Final 4 in 2017 but otherwise has been fairly pedestrian for 50 years? Or a program like Tennessee's, which keeps making serious runs in the postseason?

Those are questions for every basketball fan out there.

Next year's Tennessee basketball team will look a lot different. Can Barnes reload in this era of NIL yet again? He'll have to if the Vols are going to have a shot to play on the final weekend of the season for the first time.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

### Missed opportunities spells defeat for Bobcats against Maryville

By Ken Lay

In less than 48 hours, the Central High School boys soccer team experienced both the highs and lows of the game.

The Bobcats (2-5-2) entered their match against Maryville in the Bearden Invitational Thursday afternoon, coming off perhaps their best performance of the season. Central battled valiantly Tuesday night coming up on the short end of a 2-1 decision against defending Class 3A state champion Bearden at Turner-Allender Field.

The result left coach Chris Quinn confident that his team could put up a solid performance against the Rebels.

It didn't work out that way.

The Bobcats had their share of scoring opportunities in the first half of the match at Bill Young Field. They couldn't convert and the Rebels left the pitch with a 2-0 victory.

"We definitely had our chances," Quinn said. "And I know sometimes that the ball doesn't always fall right, doesn't fall your way, but if you get seven or eight chances and you score two goals, it's 2-0 at halftime."

As it was, Central controlled the possession

and dictated the tempo at times over the first 40 minutes of the game. The Bobcats and Rebels, however, were locked in a 0-0 tie at the break.

Quinn was obviously frustrated after the match, which represented the Bobcats' fourth consecutive loss, but all losses are not equal.

"I'm not concerned with wins or losses and I've never been concerned with wins and losses," Quinn said. "I'm concerned about substance and I know these kids and this team can be good,

"I don't mean potentially, they can be good and they can be good right now. I know this because I've seen them be good and I've seen them play well."

The Rebels (5-4-1) broke the scoreless deadlock when Mason Malone found the back of the net in the 46<sup>th</sup> minute. Maryville would tally once more in the match as Pete Clendenin scored in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute, sealing the victory.

## West continues early success with win over Greeneville

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After the break, the Rebels started fast as William Harriman found the back of the net in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute. Kyle Finchum was credited with an assist on Harriman's marker.

From there West dominated things with several players chipping in with offensive contributions. Kromah finished with two goals and two assists. Jones scored and dished out an assist. Harriman scored twice and was credited with an assist. Aidan Shuck-sparer scored a goal.

West closed out play in the Bearden Invitational on Friday against Beech, a solid program from Middle Tennessee. Results were not available at press time.

The win over the Greene Devils was the Rebels' second big victory of the week. West recorded a 5-1 triumph over Class A power Alcoa on the road Tuesday night.

Jones scored twice and had

an assist against the Tornadoes. Jackson, Oliver Bankston and Harriman also tallied in the match.

While West High coach Nick Kim is pleased with his team's fast start, he's hoping that the Rebels can continue their consistent play.

"We're just trying to find our stride and be playing our best at the end of the season," Kim said. "Sometimes when you play like this early, it's kind of a catch-22."

"We've gotten two big wins this week and we're playing well. Greeneville is a good team and we were able to come out and score early."

West has lost one-goal matches against Farragut and Sevier County. The Rebels played Science Hill to a 1-1 tie to open the season. They also have wins over Webb School of Knoxville, Powell, Centennial, Nolensville, Austin-East and Maryville.

# 2025 Featured Trails: North Knoxville

## North Hills

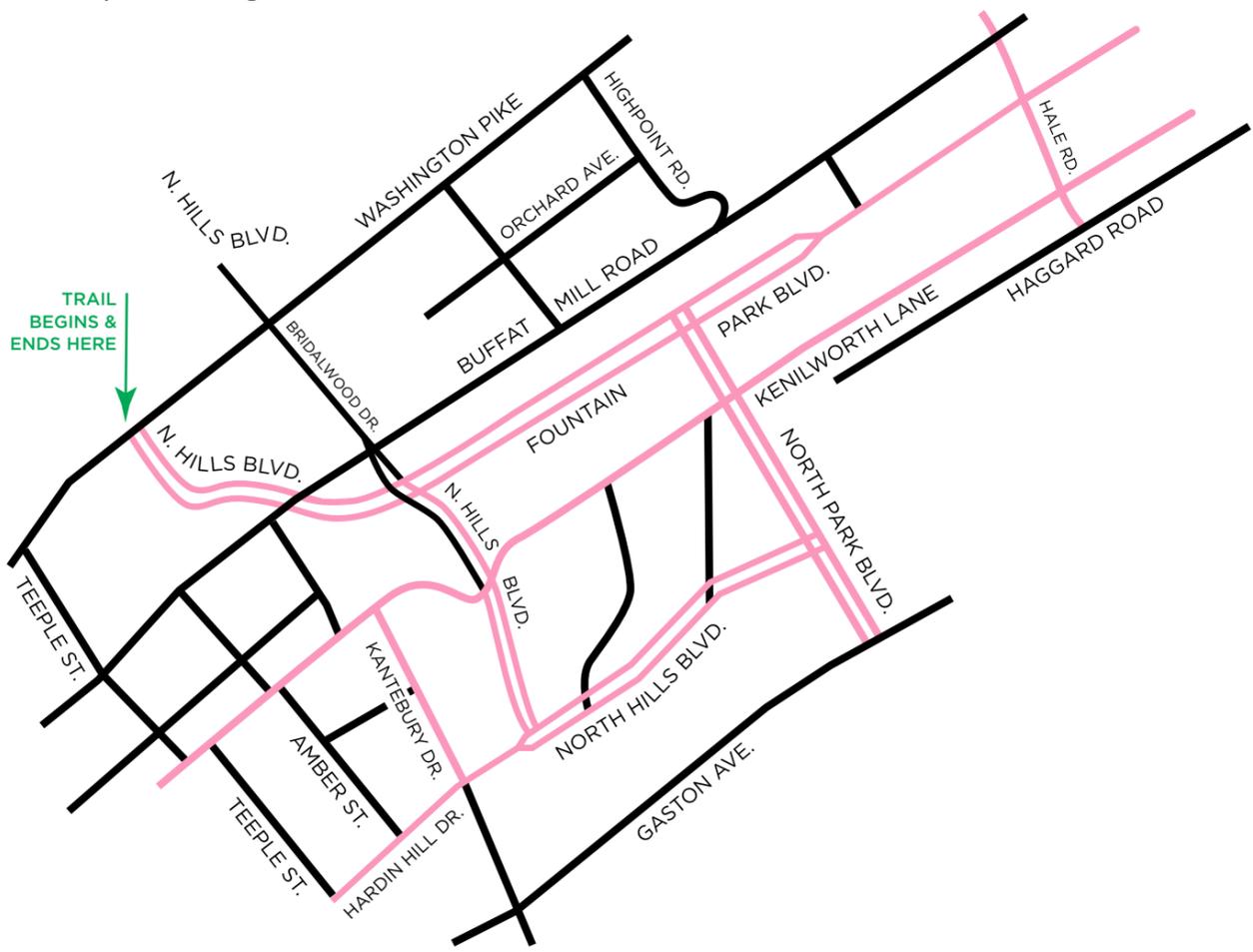
2.8 Miles | Trail begins at 1999 North Hills Blvd (37917)

From its beginning in 1927, North Hills has been a unique one-of-a-kind setting for classic homes. The original 185-acre tract was developed by George, Carl and Hugh Fielden into approximately 250 residential lots for custom-built homes. Since the neighborhood was approximately two miles from the streetcar line on 6th Avenue, the North Hills Corporation ran a private bus service for neighborhood families until the city provided a similar service. By 1928, 43 homes were built and restrictive covenants were established to protect the area characteristics. Under those restrictions, homes of Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Foursquare, Spanish Colonial Revival, Bungalow, Italian Renaissance, English Cottage, Neoclassical and Minimal Traditional were built. Most of the homes include brick, marble, stucco and other Tennessee native stone in their construction. The first home was the brick Colonial-Revival styled two-story at 1929 North Hills Blvd.

The North Hills Garden Club was established in 1932 and remains an active partner in the neighborhood today. The North Hills Dogwood Trail and neighborhood gardens attract much interest during the annual Dogwood Arts spring celebration.

In 2008, about 130 homes and 50 acres along the three boulevards were designated a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places.

As a Level 1 Arboretum, the neighborhood, boulevards, and park exhibit a great diversity of trees, with over 40 labeled species of trees and more than 400 individual trees in the arboretum. The Flowering Dogwoods (*Cornus florida*), a primary symbol of Knoxville and focus of a spring city-wide festival, lead the count with over 200 individuals. Other common tree species include oak, hickory, maple, redbud, elm, crape myrtle, and magnolia, and the arboretum also contains many labeled shrub species. The North Hills Garden Club and the city urban forestry program continue to add to the total number and diversity of trees. Also located in North Hills is a tree sanctuary recognized by the state with a collection of all the native magnolias.



### NORTH HILLS OPEN GARDENS & CAMERA SITES

- Lloyd Ronnie King**  
Camera Site  
1629 North Hills Boulevard, 37917  
*Gardens feature over 229 mature dogwoods, azaleas, hydrangeas, Japanese Maples and boxwoods along with wildflowers, perennials and tulips.*
- Robert Claytor**  
Open Garden  
3033 Fountain Park Boulevard, 37917
- Stephanie & Art Clancy, III**  
Camera Site  
1816 North Hills Boulevard, 37917
- Steve & Eleanor Kilpatrick**  
Camera Site  
1927 North Hills Boulevard, 37917
- Roy & Sally Wilcox**  
Camera Site  
3008 Fountain Park Boulevard, 37917  
*Property features a large grouping of dogwoods and abundant azaleas.*
- Michael Peters & Stuart Mitchell**  
Camera Site  
2969 Kenilworth Lane, 37917

While you visit, be on the lookout for homes with 'Open Garden' and 'Camera Site' yard signs (open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).  
Open Garden = get out of the car and enjoy a stroll through the garden  
Camera Site = photos only, please do not enter the property

#### Dogwood Trail Walk & Talk at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens

Apr 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Knoxville, 2743 Wimpole Ave, Knoxville, TN 37914

Mark your calendar for a springtime stroll along the Dogwood Walking Trail at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens. Learn more about the property's dogwood collection and history and stay for a one-of-a-kind discussion about dogwoods with Brian Campbell, the Garden's former Director of Horticulture.

5-6 p.m.: Dogwood Walking Trail will be open with docents providing information about the Garden's dogwood collection and other featured plants along the paths.

6-7 p.m.: Brian Campbell Lecture in the Dogwood Center

Register online at <https://www.knoxgarden.org/events> [This event is free to KBGA members and neighbors in the 37914/5 zip codes, and \$5 for the public.]

*This event is hosted by the Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum in conjunction with the Dogwood Arts Trails & Gardens Program.*

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# 2025 Featured Trails: North Knoxville

## Fountain City East

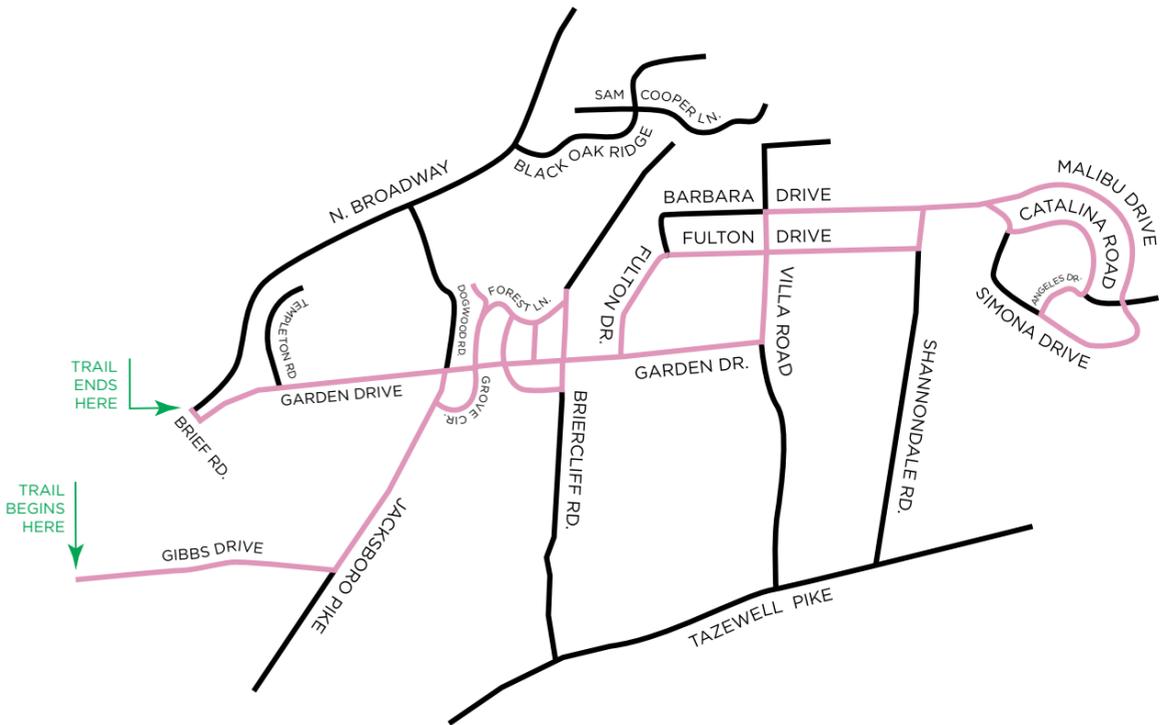
5.5 Miles | Established in 1957 | Trail begins at 2800 Gibbs Drive (37918)

The Garden Side of the Fountain City Trail begins on Historic Gibbs Drive, the definition of a story-book neighborhood, noted since the early 1920s for its double row of pink dogwoods. With its linear street pattern, broad sidewalks, and spacious façade lawns, this Historic Neighborhood District reflects the characteristics of an early streetcar and automobile suburb in Knoxville. The houses are mainly Craftsman in style but all are unique featuring bungalows, Minimal Traditional and four squares, an outstanding example of the early twentieth century tread away from elaborate Victorian-era styles to a more simplified appearance.

Stone columns mark the entrance to another historic neighborhood, Harrill Hills, which dates back to the early 1920s and is an interesting mix of architectural styles including everything from stone cottages to mid-century ranchers. This charming neighborhood enjoys lots of mature trees with beautiful gardens around every corner. Colorful plantings of mature azaleas, perennials and wildflowers are abundant along Garden Drive, Dogwood, Crestwood and Briarcliff roads.

The trail climbs halfway up the steep side of Black Oak Ridge to enter Beverly Acres, where handsome houses blend into their forest setting and acid-loving azaleas flourish in the rich woodland loam. You might catch a glimpse of a lovely “weeping dogwood” which is unique to the Knoxville area. Its slender, pliant branches sweep down from the top of the trunk. Wherever it chooses to grow, a weeping dogwood must be left undisturbed; it cannot be transplanted.

The route continues across Broadway at Hotel onto the panoramic side of the trail.



### FOUNTAIN CITY OPEN GARDENS & CAMERA SITES

**Todd & Betty Wiesenberg**  
Camera Site  
5101 Angeles Drive, 37918

**David and Elaine Womack**  
Camera Site  
4505 Simona Road, 37918

**Central Baptist Church Fountain City Prayer Garden**  
Open Garden  
5634 N. Broadway St., 37918

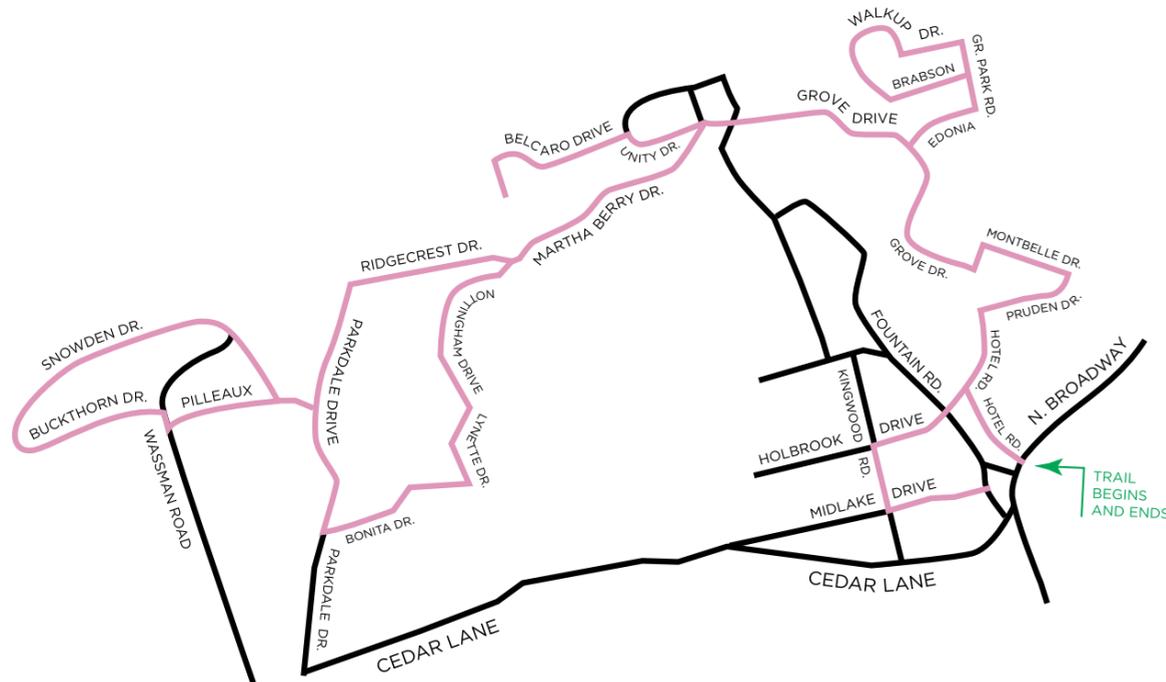
*The Central Baptist Prayer Garden offers a sacred space for respite and reflection, with stone benches facing a large wooden cross. The site provides ample parking, and visitors should enter from Lynnwood Drive.*

**Fountain City Elementary School**  
Camera Site  
2910 Montbelle Drive, 37918

*Dogwoods, redbuds, and kwanzan cherry trees, along with spring-blooming bulbs surround the school.*

## Fountain City West

8.9 Miles | Established in 1957 | Trail Begins at 100 Hotel Road (37918)



The Panoramic Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail begins and ends in an historic area. Fountain City Park located on the right is a community favorite. A clear spring, for which Fountain City is named, bubbles out of a steep cliff of solid rock behind the park. The trail is abundant with pink and white dogwoods as it meanders up the hillside to offer a first glimpse of a panoramic view from Black Oak Ridge across the city to the distant Smoky Mountains. The route skirts the western brow of Black Oak Ridge where charming homes framed by dogwoods continue into a heavily wooded valley, known as Sherwood Forest. Enjoy another look at those panoramic views of the mountains before winding down from the heights of the ridge to the early-day resort and popular Fountain Lake.

In the 1890s, the area around the spring for which the community was named, developed into a popular resort. Vacationers reached the resort from Knoxville on a dummy-line railroad with open side cars pulled by a miniature steam engine. Gresham Middle School, on Hotel Drive, occupies the site of a large hotel that was surrounded by cottages. By the time the hotel burned early in the 1900s, Fountain City had grown into a prosperous community connected to downtown Knoxville by an inter-urban trolley line. Atop the ridge stands “Belcaro,” an imposing Italianate villa once referred to as “The Crown Jewel of Black Oak Ridge” which was built in the 1920s by John Hugh L. McClung. The once-magnificent villa has been abandoned and fallen into disrepair.

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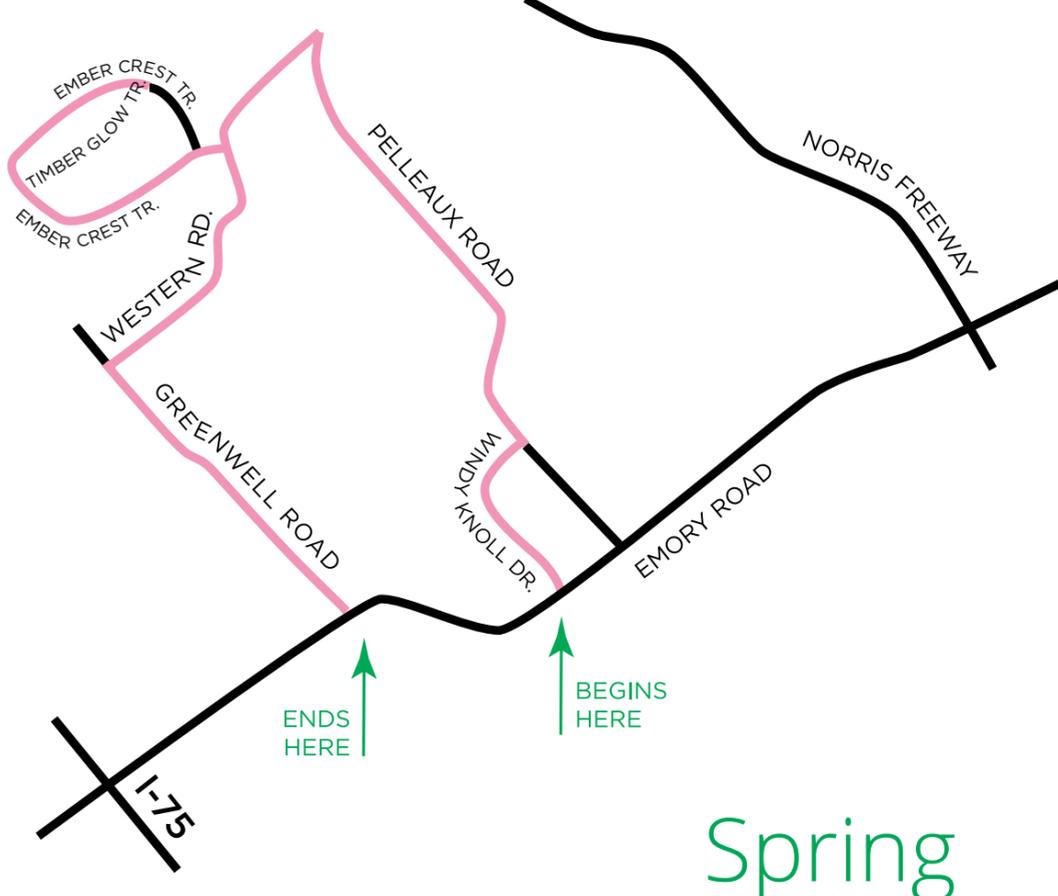
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# Halls/Timberline

3.6 Miles | Established in late 1970s | Trail Begins at 7400 Windy Knoll Drive (37938)

This trail begins on Windy Knoll Dr. in the Meadowcrest neighborhood just off busy Emory Road and then winds through the beautiful Halls countryside to Timberline Estates. Developed in 1979, this community was designed with the vision that every tree possible would be spared during the construction phase. Located north of Knoxville and in the foothills of the Clinch mountains, the beautiful site was abundant with native Tennessee flowering dogwood trees. Timberline, together with the access roads, Greenwell and Pelleaux, represented Dogwood Arts' first trail outside Knoxville's city limits. Due to its strong support of Bazillion Blooms, Dogwood Arts annual tree-planting campaign which began in 2009, this peaceful neighborhood has added hundreds of blooming trees to the trail.



## Tickets Now Available for Maker Experience Workshops at Dogwood Arts Festival

The Maker City is excited to announce that tickets for the Maker Experience workshops at the Dogwood Arts Festival are now on sale! This year's workshops provide festival-goers with a unique chance to tap into their creativity by learning from talented local makers and artists. For just \$10 per workshop, attendees can

enjoy hands-on experiences. Space is limited. The Maker Experience is a partnership between The Maker City, Knox Makers, and Dogwood Arts, designed to bring the spirit of hands-on creation to the heart of the festival. These interactive workshops and live demonstrations provide attendees with

an opportunity to engage directly with artisans, learn new skills, and discover the processes behind their favorite crafts. This area complements the full spectrum of the Dogwood Arts Festival, which also features over 100 fine art vendors. **Festival Hours:** Friday, April 25 & Saturday, April 26: 10:00

a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 27: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **How to Participate** Tickets for the hands-on workshops can be purchased at [TheMakerCity.org](http://TheMakerCity.org). Join us this April for a weekend of artistic exploration

Join us in celebrating East Tennessee's natural beauty at our Spring Featured Gardens event! Dogwood Arts is honored that these generous Knoxville residents have opened their private gardens to the public for this annual tradition. Each garden is uniquely designed, showcasing a diverse array of plant life, architectural elements, water features, and more!

- Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
  - Baxter Gardens (North Knoxville): 3901 Sam Cooper Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918
  - GATOP (East Knoxville): 2632 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914**Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
  - Baxter Gardens (North Knoxville): 3901 Sam Cooper Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918

## Spring Featured Gardens

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### FORECLOSURE NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust executed May 4, 2018 by Frank E. Beaty and Janell L. Beaty as same appears of record in the office of the Register of Knox County, Tennessee, in Register's Instrument No. 201805090066309, and conveyed in trust to Calvin L. Greene, as Trustee, certain real estate hereinafter described, to secure the payment of a promissory note dated May 4, 2018, in the principal sum of \$127,000.00, said instrument being incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the Deed of Trust and the owner and holder of the Note has declared the entire balance due and payable and has instructed the undersigned Successor Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms and provisions,

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Trustee under said Instrument, I will, on the 30th day of April, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., inside the main entrance of the City County Building located at 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, and in bar of the statutory right of redemption and equitable rights of redemption, and all other rights and exemptions of any kind, equitable or statutory, all of which were expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the property therein conveyed which is more particularly described as follows:

Being in the 8th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on an iron pin set in the northern right of way line of Norfolk Southern Railway and in the southeast corner of Whirlwind Way (as shown in Map Cabinet "K", Slide 268C), thence with the eastern boundary of Whirlwind Way three calls and distances, to wit: N 17 deg. 22 min. 00 sec. E 119.99' to an iron pin, N 75 deg. 02 min. 00 sec. E 209.17' to an iron pin, N 52 deg. 07 min. 00 sec. E 140.62' to an iron pin, thence leaving the boundary of Whirlwind Way, S 21 deg. 52 min. 24 sec. E 119.28' to an iron pin, thence N 73 deg. 44 min. 53 sec. E 234.66' to an iron pin, thence N 65 deg. 30 min. 00 sec. E 223.31' to an iron pin set in the boundary line of others, thence S 01 deg. 08 min. 06 sec. E 269.61', thence S 15 deg. 30 min. 27 sec. W 150.87', thence S 40 deg. 20 min. 14 sec. W 206.55' to a point in the northern right of way line of Norfolk Southern Railway, thence with said northern right of line of Norfolk Southern the following 4 calls, to wit: N 75 deg. 24 min. 00 sec. W 243.82', N 66 deg. 55 min. 00 sec. W 244.46', N 60 deg. 07 min. 00 sec. W 195.67', N 54 deg. 57 min. 00 sec. W 29.15' to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 6.4723 acres, more or less, according to the survey of William H. Shackley, License# 973, dated 9/25/2017.

Said property being that property conveyed to Frank E. Beaty and Janell L. Beaty Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, Instrument No. 201805090066308.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, and building setback lines, matters show on the map referenced above, and to any prior or superior liens, judgments or Deeds of Trust, including, but not limited to the following:

Taxes for the year 2025, a lien, but not yet due or payable, and all taxes for subsequent years.

This Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of any deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Calvin L. Greene, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust due to the failure of the maker to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Successor Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another date certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set forth above. The Trustee reserves the right to rescind the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the grantor, the grantee, or the trustee.

Notice provided for the foreclosure sale by:

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J. Scott Griswold  
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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: MELISSA STEWART  
IN RE: RONALD STEWART**  
-vs-  
**MELISSA STEWART**  
Docket # 180619

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MELISSA STEWART is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MELISSA STEWART.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by RONALD STEWART, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with MATTHEW MCCLANAHAN, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is PO BOX 51907, KNOXVILLE, TN 37950, (865)347-3921, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 10TH day of MARCH, 2025.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Michelle Henry  
Deputy Clerk

This notice will run in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks - 3/24, 3/31, 4/7 and 4/14/2025.

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: LACEY MICHELLE SMITH  
IN RE: AVERY ELIZABETH LOCKIE,  
FRANK JUDSON SMITH AND  
LORETTA PETRILLA SMITH**  
VS.  
**LACEY MICHELLE SMITH AND  
WILLIAM DOUGLASS REED**

NO. 209645-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant LACEY MICHELLE SMITH, 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 LACEY MICHELLE SMITH, DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, it is ordered that said defendant, LACEY MICHELLE SMITH, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daisey Lovin, an Attorney whose address is 607 W. Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 14th day of March, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 21st day of March, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF:**

**MINOR FEMALE CHILDREN.  
CASE NO.: 2024-DR-002147  
DIVISION: L  
NOTICE OF ACTION AND HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION**

**TO: Sanyia Sodhi Booth aka/ka Sanyian Sodhi Bhoonthalingom, biological mother of the female child born on May 24, 2008, and of the female child born on December 17, 2010,  
Current Residence Address: Unknown  
Last Known Residence Address: Unknown except for 3495 Caruso Place, Oviedo, Florida 32765; 4311 Bob Court, Apt. G, Fairfax, Virginia 22030; and 561 English Village Way, Apt 1217, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Stepparent Adoptions has been filed by Tate Healey Webster, 418 West Platt Street, Suite B, Tampa, Florida 33606, regarding a minor female child born to Sanyia Sodhi Booth aka/ka Sanyian Sodhi Bhoonthalingom on May 24, 2008, in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, and a minor female child born to Sanyia Sodhi Booth aka/ka Sanyian Sodhi Bhoonthalingom on December 17, 2010, in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. The birth mother is Indian, fifty-four (54) years old, approximately 5'7" tall, with curly black hair and brown eyes. All other physical characteristics and her residence address are unknown and cannot be reasonably ascertained.

There will be a hearing on the Petition for Stepparent Adoption on May 27, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. eastern time, before Judge Mark Herr at the Seminole County Courthouse, 301 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771. The Court has set aside fifteen minutes for the hearing. The grounds for termination of parental rights are those set forth in Fla. Stat. § 63.089.

You may object by appearing at the hearing and filing a written objection with the Court. If you desire counsel and believe you may be entitled to representation by a court-appointed attorney, you must contact the Office of the Clerk of Court and request that an "Affidavit of Indigent Status" be mailed to you for completion and return to the Office of the Clerk of Court.

\*\*\* FILED: GRANT MALOY, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT SEMINOLE COUNTY, FL 03/28/2025 03:01:40 PM \*\*\*

If you elect to file written defenses to said Petition, you are required to serve a copy

on Petitioner's attorney, Tate Healey Webster, 418 West Platt Street, Suite B, Tampa, Florida 33606-2244, (813) 258-3355, and file the original response or pleading in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida, 101 Eslinger Way, Sanford, Florida 32773, (407) 665-4300, on or before May 6, 2025, a date which is not less than 28 nor more than 60 days after the date of first publication of this Notice.

UNDER §63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MINOR CHILDREN.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Seminole County Courthouse, 301 North Park Avenue, Suite N301, Sanford, Florida 32771, 407-665-4227, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8711.

Dated at Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, on this 28th day of March 2025.

GRANT MALOY,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court And Comptroller  
By: Kory G. Bailey, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLICATION DATES:**  
Sanford Herald-Seminole County, Florida  
April 6, 2025; April 13, 2025; April 20, 2025; April 27, 2025  
The Knoxville Focus-Knox County, Tennessee  
April 7, 2025; April 14, 2025; April 21, 2025; April 28, 2025  
Fairfax County Times-Fairfax County, Virginia  
April 4, 2025; April 11, 2025; April 18, 2025; April 25, 2025

### COURT NOTICES

#### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: HOWINGTON, INC.  
IN RE: KINCER FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Vs.  
**HOWINGTON, INC., and ANN R. TIPTON**  
NO. 210296-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HOWINGTON, INC., 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 HOWINGTON, INC., it is ordered that said defendant, HOWINGTON, INC., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Cameron D. Bell, an Attorney whose address is 8913 Town and Country Circle, #1103 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 John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

### COURT NOTICES

#### ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**ANDERSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT  
100 N. MAIN STREET, CLINTON  
TENNESSEE 37716**

**TO: DOMINICA AUSTIN  
IN RE: JEFF HAZLEWOOD and wife,  
SANDY HAZLE WOOD, Plaintiffs**  
vs.  
**THE HEIRS OF WILLIAM FRITTS, et. al.**  
DOCKET NO.: 24CH6035

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT TO QUIET TITLE  
TO: DOMINICA AUSTIN  
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT TO QUIET TITLE  
176 STRUTT STREET, OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE 37840  
174 STRUTT STREET, OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE 37840  
172 STRUTT STREET, OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE 37840

DOMINICA AUSTIN MUST RESPOND TO THE ABOVE-NAMED COURT, OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S), ATTORNEY W. LUCAS ARNOLD OF THE CANTRELL LAW OFFICE, 362 S. CHARLES G. SEIVERS BLVD., CLINTON, TN 37717.

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ALEXANDRA MARIE BRIDGES and DYLAN HICKMAN**

**IN RE: NOVA RAYNE BRIDGES, By: CHARLESTON HUBERT BOLES and TAMMY DENISE BOLES, vs. ALEXANDRA MARIE BRIDGES, and DYLAN HICKMAN**

NO. 210319-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants ALEXANDRA MARIE BRIDGES and DYLAN HICKMAN, 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 ALEXANDRA MARIE BRIDGES and DYLAN HICKMAN, it is ordered that said defendants, ALEXANDRA MARIE BRIDGES and DYLAN HICKMAN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Allison H. Ankrom, an Attorney whose address is 117 Center Park Drive, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a

### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

**TO: DOUGLAS JOHNSON, JR.  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE CHILD, ASHLYNN ELIZABETH SHARP,  
DOB: 09/04/2012  
BY: MEGAN ASHLEY SHARP CARROLL and JEFFREY RAY CARROLL, Petitioners**  
VS.  
**DOUGLAS JOHNSON, JR., Respondent  
7CHI-2025-CV-46**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

TO RESPONDENT: DOUGLAS JOHNSON JR.  
Pursuant to T.C.A. §37-1-12, §21-1-103, and §21-1-204, you are hereby summoned to appear and defend the herein entitled action, Megan Ashley Sharp Carroll and Jeffrey Ray Carroll v. Douglas Johnson, Jr., Docket No. 7CHI-2025-CV-46, in the Campbell County Chancery Court, at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee, and answer the Petition filed by Megan Ashley Sharp Carroll and Jeffrey Ray Carroll, and thereby serve your answer on the Petitioners. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition which has been filed with the Clerk of the Campbell County Chancery Court located at the 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee.

Jennifer L. Chadwell  
Attorney for Petitioners  
P. O. Box 4038  
Oak Ridge, TN 37838



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES ALFRED RAGLE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90637-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES ALFRED RAGLE, who died January 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 20 day of MARCH, 2025.

217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

ROGER D. HYMAN, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 26072  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912-9672

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GARY ALAN SIMS, EXECUTOR  
531 SOUTH GAY STREET, UNIT 401  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

DOUGLAS R. WRIGHT  
7314 SHERWOOD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

5FNFY184058062392 (Barbara S. Gibson)  
2015 Hyundai Sonata  
5NPE24AF6FH067241 (Iliar Manuel Elizalde)

DALLIS H. HOWARD, ATTORNEY  
4820 OLD KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

2009 Toyota Sienna  
5TDZK23C89S260983 (Humberto A. Garcia Pineda)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LUCILLE H. STAFFORD**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90639-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LUCILLE H. STAFFORD, who died February 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF LUCILLE H. STAFFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CINTHIA DIANE STAFFORD

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEAN ANTHONY TREADWAY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90666-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of DEAN ANTHONY TREADWAY, who died January 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

This the 20 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEAN ANTHONY TREADWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANTHONY L. TREADWAY  
180 FINLEY DR.  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICK WILLIAM WHITE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90648-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICK WILLIAM WHITE, who died on December 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICK WILLIAM WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SANDRA GAIL WHITE  
12737 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MONA CARPENTER WYLIE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90669-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MONA CARPENTER WYLIE, who died on February 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF MONA CARPENTER WYLIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SARAH KLEPPER LEROY, EXECUTRIX  
108 N. ROGERS STREET  
ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

PHILLIP L. BOYD, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 298  
ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857

2008 Honda Ridgeline  
2HJYK16508H533202 (Miguel Francisco)

2004 Chrysler Town & Country  
2C8GP64L94R621796 (Trena Buckner or Juan Benigno)

2012 Hyundai Elantra  
5NPDH4AE8CH133849 (Michael Clark Williams Jr.)

2001 Acura CL  
19UYA42671A001426 (Teresa Lynn Wallis)

2008 Nissan Maxima  
1N4BA41E98C802246 (Christina Cohn)

2005 VW Touareg  
WVG6G7L55D015215 (Sara Torres)

2017 Kia Sportage  
KN0PM3AC2H7102531 (Shannon J. Crenshaw / Carmax Business)

2007 Mazda B2300  
4F4YR12D77PM06140 (Devin Baker)

2010 Chevy Silverado  
1GCSKPE31AZ151697 (William or David Burnett)

2010 Honda Accord  
1HGCP2F82AA033726 (David Simms)

2010 Ford Crown Vic  
2FABP78V7X144160 (S e l e n a Dickerson)

1992 Pontiac Bonneville  
1G2HX53L1N1233666 (Aaron Saunders)

1990 Ford Ranger  
1FTCR10A4LUC26301 (Teresa Ann McNeil)

2010 Honda Accord  
1HGCS2B86AA009868 (James Kuiper or Cynthia Anderson / West Michigan Credit Union)

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on May 19, 2025 at 2430 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2008 Honda Ridgeline  
2HJYK16508H533202 (Miguel Francisco)

2004 Chrysler Town & Country  
2C8GP64L94R621796 (Trena Buckner or Juan Benigno)

2012 Hyundai Elantra  
5NPDH4AE8CH133849 (Michael Clark Williams Jr.)

2001 Acura CL  
19UYA42671A001426 (Teresa Lynn Wallis)

2008 Nissan Maxima  
1N4BA41E98C802246 (Christina Cohn)

2005 VW Touareg  
WVG6G7L55D015215 (Sara Torres)

2017 Kia Sportage  
KN0PM3AC2H7102531 (Shannon J. Crenshaw / Carmax Business)

2007 Mazda B2300  
4F4YR12D77PM06140 (Devin Baker)

2010 Chevy Silverado  
1GCSKPE31AZ151697 (William or David Burnett)

2010 Honda Accord  
1HGCP2F82AA033726 (David Simms)

2010 Ford Crown Vic  
2FABP78V7X144160 (S e l e n a Dickerson)

1992 Pontiac Bonneville  
1G2HX53L1N1233666 (Aaron Saunders)

1990 Ford Ranger  
1FTCR10A4LUC26301 (Teresa Ann McNeil)

2010 Honda Accord  
1HGCS2B86AA009868 (James Kuiper or Cynthia Anderson / West Michigan Credit Union)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The required annual meeting of the Fort Sumter Community Cemetery Board of Directors and officers is scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 7 o'clock p.m. at the cemetery office located at 4828 Salem Church Road, Knoxville, TN 37938. The annual report and questions will be answered at this meeting.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title:  
 Jordan Haberer hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2008 Diamond Cargo Enclosed Trailer, Vehicle Identification Number 5U2B28268D005581. This trailer is white in color, and 28 feet long. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Jordan Haberer by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 4537 Ventura Drive, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Published in The Knoxville Focus Monday, APRIL 7, 2025.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation To Bid - Framing  
 Knox Housing Partnership, Inc., dba HomeSource east tennessee, 109 Winona Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 is soliciting bids for framing work for new construction of three (3) buildings, containing thirty (30) residential dwelling units located at 6010 Clayberry Drive in Knoxville Tennessee.

Qualified firms interested should submit their "Intent to Bid" in email format to bharis@homesourcetrn.org with "Willow Place 3 - Framing, New Construction" in the subject line of the email, by April 21, 2025.

The "Intent to Bid" response should include a succinct narrative describing:

- Delivery of Multifamily Framing, New Construction experience, including:
  - License through the State of Tennessee, as applicable, and the ability to pull permits in Knox County, TN
  - Thorough knowledge of building (specifically framing/carpentry) code
  - Experience with multi-family framing, including installation of a termite shield and sill sealer below sill plates. All walls, trusses, sheathing, porches, overhangs and deadwood needed according to the plans. Bids shall also include all windows and exterior doors installed. Finally, bids shall include all Structural fasteners installed and cleaning of the site. All materials will be furnished by the general contractor except for fasteners.
- List of projects completed
- Relevant References  
 WBE, MBE, DBE or 8a Business Certification are encouraged.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Western Avenue Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025, at 1404 N Central Avenue Knoxville TN 37917.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Western Avenue Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025, at 1404 N Central Avenue Knoxville TN 37917.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANTHONY GIBSON REAGAN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90716-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY GIBSON REAGAN, who died Oct. 29, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANTHONY GIBSON REAGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SAWYER REAGAN, ADMINISTRATOR  
305 OAK PARK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WARREN F. ROLLINS, III**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90701-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WARREN F. ROLLINS, III, who died on December 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF WARREN F. ROLLINS, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY R. DOMETROVICH  
8145 3RD AVENUE  
LEEDS, AL 35094

O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR  
P. O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MIMS FRANKLIN SELLERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90697-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MIMS FRANKLIN SELLERS, who died November 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF MIMS FRANKLIN SELLERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CRYSTAL A. OGLE  
1100 ARDMORE ALCOA WAY, APT. 309  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHRISTINE M. TEMPLAR**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90641-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE M. TEMPLAR, who died August 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) and (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE M. TEMPLAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TYSON S. CHASTAIN, EXECUTOR  
232 KATHRYN DR.  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

BARRY W. EUBANKS, ATTORNEY  
209 CHILHOWEE SCHOOL ROAD, STE. 16  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHY RENE TERRY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90659-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of KATHY RENE TERRY, who died February 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHY RENE TERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GREGORY SCOTT TERRY  
3412 INVERNESS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

ESTATE OF SYDNEY ANNE WATKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BENJAMIN LLOYD WITT, EXECUTOR  
5306 BRAZELTON ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANN R. WEIGEL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90703-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANN R. WEIGEL, who died December 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANN R. WEIGEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM B. WEIGEL  
7104 HICKORY HILLS DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY  
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR  
P. O. BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HENRY B. WHATLEY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90710-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HENRY B. WHATLEY, who died Feb. 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF HENRY B. WHATLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ESTATE OF CHARLES WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRYAN KEITH BOLING, EXECUTOR  
2120 MUDDY CREEK LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DALE WITMER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90702-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DALE WITMER, who died February 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF DALE WITMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EILEEN RAPIER  
1010 NETHERLAND DRIVE  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

SARAH E. C. MALLA, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 12395  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT R. WRIGHT**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 90668-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT R. WRIGHT, who died on February 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 20 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT R. WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

## AGENDA

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Public Forum and Discussion regarding Ordinance 0-25-3-101 amending the Knox County Code, Appendix A - Zoning, Articles 2.20, 4.91, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.22, 5.31, 5.32, 5.33, 5.34, 5.36, 5.37, 5.38, 5.40, 5.41, 5.42, 5.50, and 5.51 to align zoning regulations with Department of Human Services (DHS) licensure rules for child care agencies and to streamline the provision of child care services. (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.

## LEGAL SECTION 94

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