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## Dogwood Arts Festival returns to World's Fair Park

### Celebrate 64 Years of Art, Music & Community April 25-27th

Spring in East Tennessee means blooming dogwoods and the return of one of Knoxville's most beloved traditions: the Dogwood Arts Festival. Now in its

64th year, the festival will take place April 25-27 at World's Fair Park, filling the performance lawn, amphitheatre, and surrounding greenways with fine art, live

music, hands-on activities, and family fun.

This year's event will showcase 100 juried artists, 38 live performances, a local Maker Market, and interactive workshops—all surrounded by the scenic beauty of Downtown Knoxville.

*Don't Miss the Maker Experience:* In partnership with The Maker City and KnoxMakers, the festival will include an expanded hands-on area featuring free live demonstrations and a variety of \$10 workshops, including woodworking, **Continue on page 2**

## Commission may loosen child care facility zoning regulations

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The Knox County Commission is hosting a public hearing today, Monday, April 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the City-County Building's main assembly room to align zoning regulations with Department of Human Services licensure rules for child care agencies and to streamline the provision of child care services.

Recommended changes in the zoning regulations, including where and how child care facilities may operate, have been approved by Knoxville-Knox County Planning and are now before the county legislators for a decision. The public hearing gives advocates and opponents a chance to make suggestions and comments.

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### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. BOOKER



PHOTOS BY JAMIE SCHNELL

*Reverend Harold Middlebrook captivated the crowd with a powerful speech, having the audience shout, "I am SOMEBODY!"*

## Late local leader, historian remembered on his birthday

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The auditorium at Vine Magnet Middle School was filled on Monday night as community members and students gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Robert Booker, who passed away in February 2024. Dr. Booker was a historian, a writer, a politician, an Austin High School graduate and a leader of Knoxville's Civil Rights Movement, where he was pivotal in integrating the historic Tennessee Theatre in 1963.

April 14 was Dr. Booker's birthday and the celebration focused on Booker's journey, emphasizing his rise from humble beginnings.

The evening began with "The Bottom," a gallery walk that showcased newspaper articles highlighting significant moments in Dr. Booker's life, along with various memorabilia such as his desk from the state House, his graduation gown, and attire from his time in Phi Beta Sigma.

Additional displays included a mirror that encouraged guests to reflect on the legacy they would want to see in their own lives. There was also a board where attendees could write affirming messages and express their gratitude for the impact Dr. Booker had on the community.

VMMS Principal Robin Curry spoke about how Dr. Booker established the legacy of who we are and who we are meant to become. "The strength lies in the people; we are all connected through history and purpose," she stated. Following her introduction, Curry and a student read the poem, "The Hill We Climb."

Reverend Renee Kesler, president of the Beck Cultural Exchange, delivered a tribute to Dr. Booker. She spoke about the history of the Booker Bridge and the timeline of the changing schools, and Dr. Booker's



*A portrait of Dr. Robert Booker looks over a display of his legacy showcasing his Phi Beta Sigma attire and his book "Two Hundred Years of Black Culture in Knoxville, Tennessee: 1791 To 1991."*

advocacy efforts to fight for students' rights to education. Reverend Kesler also shared Dr. Booker's final words: "I dare you to go be great," encouraging everyone to "go and leave this world better than you found it and write your story for generations to come."

Knoxville Community Media, led by Ian Henderson, screened a documentary titled "From the Bottom Up." This project was developed with assistance from students and includes reflections on Booker's legacy, such as his role in the Knox County Legislature, his Calvin McClung interview series, and his meeting his "sweet heart."

Reverend Harold Middlebrook delivered an impactful call-to-action speech. Rev. Middlebrook remembered his own roots in Memphis:

"Your place was at the bottom, segregated in schools." He reflected on the people who built his confidence, including his grandmother, who would say, "Boy, you are somebody." He also recalled how a preacher once told him, "Your feet may be in the mud, but your head is in the stars." He concluded with, "We've come a long way, but we have a long way to go." As he pointed at the students in the auditorium, he emphasized, "You are SOMEBODY."

Kyle Pickell, the community coordinator who envisioned coordinating this event since Dr. Booker's passing last year, presented the Booker Legacy Awards with Principal Curry. The event concluded with birthday cake and a unique rendition of "Happy Birthday" performed by students from the VMMS Band.

## Knox 911 employees will get a 10 percent bonus

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All employees of the Knox County Emergency Communications District or Knox 911 will get a 10% bonus from excess interest funds in that independent body.

Executive Director Brad Anders requested the one-time bonus for all employees during the Knox 911 Board of Directors meeting Wednesday morning. He reported that the interest income was about \$701,000 more than expected and said the bonus will go as a "Thank You" to the employees.

An employee who qualifies with a \$50,000 salary, for example, can expect a bonus of \$5,000. Employees get a 3-4 % salary increase annually.

The bonus is also a part of the effort to help reduce turnover in the organization, which is supported by both the city and the county. It was also reported that Knox 911 has an undesignated fund balance of \$18 million.

Anders also reported progress on proposed state legislation that would increase the current \$1.50 charge on telephone bills that support emergency services to \$1.86.

The Knox 911 board also learned that the backup center in the city's Safety Building is in its final stages and that the main dispatching center on Bernard Street will soon be renovated, and during the renovation, the call center will temporarily move to the Safety Center location.

The board also learned that new transcription services are being explored and heard a report that AT&T will be discontinuing its texting services for emergency organizations. Anders said there are alternatives to that service.

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon chaired the meeting with Dwight Van De Vate sitting in for Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Other members of the board include the county sheriff, the Knoxville fire and police chiefs, and citizen representatives.

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# Israel – Killing Ambulance Workers, Starving Little Children

From a distance



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On Palm Sunday (April 13), Israeli bombs destroyed the surgery and intensive care sections of the “last fully functional hospital in Gaza City,” according to a report by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The hospital was run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, part of the Anglican Church. The bombs also struck surrounding buildings, including St. Philip’s Church.

The Diocese said it was

“appalled” at the bombing of the hospital and church “on the morning of Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.”

The Israeli government’s continued cruelty and hatred never cease to amaze, especially its starvation of little children.

Three days before the hospital bombing, the Reuters News Service told the story of Rehab Akhras, 64, who “used cardboard to light a fire and boil a can of beans. It is all they have left.”

“We’re a family of 13 people, what will one can of fava beans do for us?” she asked.

She added: “We have survived the war and we have survived the airstrikes as we wake up and go to sleep. But we can’t survive the hunger, neither us nor our children.”

The Reuters report said the last food was running out since Israel imposed a total blockade of food, water and medicine on Gaza following the end of the ceasefire six weeks earlier. The international organization, Human Rights Watch, has said Israel has been using starvation as a weapon of war, which is an international war crime.

Israel has expanded its killing to between 4,000 and 5,000 in Lebanon, and the U.S. is conducting “large scale naval and airstrikes” in Yemen on behalf of Israel, including bombing civilian residential areas.

The U.S. bombing and shelling is called Operation Rough Rider. Yemen had observed a ceasefire of its own, but when Israel ended its ceasefire in Gaza, Yemen began attacking some Israeli shipping.

As of this writing, Yemen had defended against the U.S. strikes by shooting down 19 drones valued at \$30 million, or \$570 million in total.

Now, finally, even many people in Israel are getting fed up. On April 4, 1,000 current and former Israeli Air Force Reservists signed a letter demanding an end to the war in Gaza.

The letter said, “The continuation of the war doesn’t advance any of the declared goals of the war and will bring about the deaths of the hostages, IDF Army soldiers, and innocent civilians.”

The letter also said the war is going on for “political and personal interests.” Signers included the former head of the Army, Dan Halutz.

In addition, 150 officers of the Israeli Navy signed a

separate petition calling on Netanyahu to stop the war, according to a report in the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper.

Israel’s Channel 12 reported that “hundreds of fighters who served in the past and are still serving” in the Army and Navy “joined the Air Force protest and sent two additional letters calling for an end to the Gaza War...”

These protests occurred just days after Israeli soldiers killed 15 unarmed medics and ambulance workers in southern Gaza. The military first falsely claimed these were terrorists, but then a phone of one of the victims was found, which had recorded the horrific scene.

The Red Cross Secretary General said, “I am heartbroken. These dedicated ambulance

workers were responding to wounded people. They were humanitarians. They wore emblems that should have protected them; their ambulances were clearly marked.”

One of the victims had these last words on his phone: “Forgive me, Mother. This is the path I chose to help people – to save lives.”

CNN reported that another victim, a young man of 21 who was filling in for a sick friend, called his father pleading for help. “Come to me, Dad, help me. We were targeted by the Israelis, and they are now shooting at us directly.”

Now, Netanyahu is pressuring us to go to war against Iran. America First or Israel First? We cannot do both.



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A sidewalk artist shows off his skills at the 2023 festival.

## Dogwood Arts Festival returns to World’s Fair Park

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printmaking, tea-making, and many more. Activities are available for all ages.

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## What Would Adam Smith Do?

I read Adam Smith’s “An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations” in my junior year at Georgia – yes, we actually had to read books when I was in college. It changed my life



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by reinforcing my decision to major in economics. The brilliance of explaining the benefits of trade, the woes of mercantilism, wealth building, free markets, the division of labor, comparative advantage and productivity made perfectly good sense to me. I was astounded to find all of this in a book published in 1776.

Smith was the father of laissez-faire. Smith said that individuals acting in their own self-interest created a greater benefit to the economy than actions taken by the government. This is Smith’s “invisible hand.” In that the government did

not have a profit motive, it had no incentive to minimize costs, which necessarily led to waste. He was not opposed to the government but argued that markets were more efficient and less wasteful. But the government had a role. For Smith, government was responsible for national defense, the administration of justice, enforcing private property rights and the provision of public goods. A public good is one where there is market failure, which is a precise term meaning that markets will misprice a public good.

Consider the following. You could have toll roads throughout your city and toll booths at the entrance to each neighborhood. But it would be frightfully inefficient. So collect tax revenues and let the government build and maintain them. In the same vein, Smith advocates for the role of the government in education. Here, it is the investment in human capital that benefits future generations, but is paid for by the current one. Although I have the feeling that Smith might favor publicly funded private education, his view is that education is a public

good.

As to the administration of justice, Smith says that the duty of the government is to protect “as far as possible, every member of the society from the injustice or oppression of every other member of it, or the duty of establishing an exact administration of justice.”

Lastly, individual private property and property rights are essential to Smith. Here again, the individual acting in their own self-interest furthers the welfare of the society. Smith is against constraining trade, both domestically by individuals and by businesses, as well as the constraint of trade by one country toward another. Hear that, Donald Trump?

Thus, given the state of the government today, one would ask, “What would Adam Smith do?” Smith would say that if the government is outside its prescribed roles, then its actions are necessarily wasteful and harmful to the economy. Spending financed by issuing government debt raises market interest rates and makes borrowing more expensive in the private sector. The harmful impact is that there is less capital accumulation and lower levels of economic growth. There will also be higher levels of inflation lowering the real income of residents. Thus, Smith would pooh pooh the

budget slashing and federal employment rollbacks coming from Trump and DOGE unless the cuts were permanent.

But Trump’s and Musk’s efforts are only transitory and short-term in nature. Adam Smith would call for the complete elimination of much of today’s government. Trump, while trying to restrain the growth of the government by downsizing its current components, is doomed to fail. The real task is to limit the scope of government. This would mean eliminating most of the cabinet-level agencies completely. No more departments of education, energy, transportation, commerce, interior, agriculture and labor. No more HHS. No more HUD. No more Veterans Affairs. It would mean preventing the agencies from expanding their mission and reach. How many undersecretaries do we really need? Do you know that there are over 4,000 presidentially appointed positions in the federal government? Adam Smith would be appalled at a government spending \$7 trillion a year. The fact that we are not appalled is a sad commentary on how we have allowed the government to grow like Topsy with politicians handing out billions for purposes related more to their own welfare rather than the public good.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Divided Democrats?

James Carville, a one-time Democrat strategist, on his "Politicon" podcast has suggested the Democrats go their separate ways, only coming back together when running against Republicans. What Carville proposed was an "amicable split" when discussing David Hogg, the 25-year-old vice chairman of the Democratic Party, who is saying his political action committee will primary elderly Democrats in safe districts. Hogg has made a career for himself as a survivor of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida and is proposing to back radical

younger candidates inside primaries to beat incumbents. Carville was critical of those Democrats who believe "the most important thing that we have is our identity."

"It is more important than our nationality. It's even maybe more important than our humanity for all I know," Carville said.

Carville stated those people "believe the highest title you can have is your pronoun." The Democratic strategist said he and others like him believe the highest title a person can have is that of "citizen." Carville complained, "The American people told us in no uncertain terms that they don't really like identity politics."

Yet Carville's internal compass veers off course occasionally. He also said getting Kilmar Abrego Garcia back in the United States should be a priority for the Democrats.

Apparently, the Democrats are worse than slow learners. Well, James, you just can't fix stupid.

## Senator Chris Van Hollen Just Completely Wrong

Senator Chris Van Hollen

of Maryland skipped down to El Salvador in a showy effort to speak to Kilmar Abrego Garcia while in the country. Patty Morin, the mother of Rachel Morin, a Maryland mom raped and murdered by an illegal alien, held a press conference. "To have a senator from Maryland who barely acknowledged my daughter and the brutal death that she endured ... used my taxpayer money to fly to El Salvador to bring back someone who's not even an American citizen. Why does that person have more rights than I do for my daughter and my grandchildren?" Patty Morin asked.

The answer, unfortunately, is that Democrats believe illegals have more rights than American citizens. Congressional Democrats literally would not stand up for "angel moms" who had lost their children to violence from illegals, nor a young man who had lost his father and had received an appointment to West Point, nor a thirteen-year-old boy who had beaten brain cancer. Democrats refused to utter Laken Riley's name.

Patty Morin scolded the corporate media for not having provided the details

of her daughter's murder, which she acknowledged were so horribly gruesome that the pictures were sealed. Ms. Morin told the press that Van Hollen never called her or her family to express any kind of sorrow or condolences. "There was no action from the Democratic Party in any way," Morin said. "Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Mayorkas, anyone here in Maryland, none of the senators did anything to help search for the murderer of my daughter."

A jury has found illegal alien Victor Antonio Martinez Hernandez guilty of murdering Rachel Morin in August of 2023.

While Senator Chris Van Hollen was in El Salvador seeking the release of Abrego Garcia, both shoes dropped. According to the Tennessee Star, Abrego Garcia was stopped by the Tennessee Highway Patrol and suspected of human trafficking on December 6, 2022. The Tennessee Star cites sources who say that there were eight people in Garcia's car, including seven passengers. The Tennessee Highway Patrol contacted the FBI and asked for instructions. At the time, the FBI

was headed by Christopher Wray and the federal government by Joe Biden. The FBI told the THP to let Abrego Garcia and his passengers go. The Tennessee Star's sources indicated there was a report filed by a Tennessee Highway Patrol officer stating Abrego Garcia was driving a van from Texas with the occupants to Maryland. Naturally, Kilmar Abrego Garcia had no valid driver's license, which is against the law, and quite likely had no insurance either.

FOX News has also reported the discovery of a report handwritten by Abrego Garcia's wife in which she stated that he repeatedly beat her. "At this point, I am afraid to be close to him," the wife wrote.

## Private Jets And Democrat Hypocrites

Bernie Sanders, the millionaire socialist who owns three houses, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, are back on their self-proclaimed "Fighting Oligarchy" tour. The two were spotted boarding a private jet and AOC was photographed traveling to meet

Sanders in Las Vegas recently in first class. This is from the same empty-headed former barmaid who wore a multi-thousand-dollar gown with "Tax the Rich" painted on it.

Clearly there are more oligarchs inside the Democrat party than the GOP, like George Soros. In what world is George Soros not an oligarch? The Democrats raised more than a billion dollars in a hurry for Kamala Harris and vastly outspent Donald Trump. The Democrats outspent now Congressman Randy Fine by something like ten to one. Jaime Harris in South Carolina raised and spent \$130 million to \$109 million for Lindsey Graham. Clearly, all the money raised by the Democrats doesn't come out of the pockets of working people who don't agree with very much of what the party stands for these days.

Just like the others who travel by private jet yet fuss at others over cow farts and various emissions, they ignore their own carbon print. They dine on filet mignon at Davos while discussing the rest of us eating bugs. They sure don't live like they want everyone else to live.

# By Rooting Out Waste, Republicans Are Strengthening Social Security

Since Inauguration Day, President Trump has been hard at work addressing one of the biggest threats our nation faces: our \$36 trillion debt. Unlike the last administration, the Trump administration wants to save taxpayer dollars. And so far, they have had a lot of success. To date, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has found \$155 billion in potential savings for the American people by working with cabinet secretaries to review unused federal leases, wasteful contracts, and much more. Every American should be celebrating this effort to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse because every single dollar in the treasury belongs to the American people. By being good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we can ensure that our country remains free, solvent, and sovereign for our children and grandchildren. Yet, for weeks, Democrats and their allies in the media have baselessly attacked President Trump's efforts to rein in spending and make government accountable to the people. Among their lies, Democrats have repeated the claim that Republicans and the Trump administration are using DOGE to cut Social Security benefits for our nation's seniors. Recently on the Senate floor, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer even claimed that the "goal of Trump and [Elon] Musk is to destroy Social Security from within."

Nothing could be further from the truth. In reality, it is Democrats who are undermining these programs by providing benefits to individuals who should have never received them. Just last year, California extended Medicaid coverage to illegal aliens, diverting care from Americans in need and contributing to the state's near \$3.5 billion shortfall on Medicaid. They are among 11 blue states, as well as Washington, D.C., that provide Medicaid to more than 1 million aliens, most of whom are in our country illegally. To set the record straight, I've pulled together a fact sheet that makes one thing clear: By eliminating waste and fraud, Republicans are protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This should come as no surprise. President Trump has repeatedly committed to protecting seniors' benefits, saying just last month: "I'm not going to touch Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid. Now, we're going to get fraud out of there... Everybody wants us to get the fraud out, and therefore you'll make it better."

That is exactly what he has done. By eliminating waste and fraud, the administration is strengthening these essential programs and making certain the benefits go to the people who deserve them. For example, DOGE confirmed that 1.3 million individuals who secured a fraudulent Social Security number also received Medicare benefits, stealing funds from hard working Americans who played by the rules. DOGE also sifted out 10 million cases where Social Security number holders were over the age of 120, raising serious alarm that there are fraudulent payments that are robbing American taxpayers. While strengthening these programs, President Trump and Senate Republicans are working to deliver relief to senior citizens by cutting taxes on Social Security benefits. Today, nearly 56 percent of retirees pay taxes on their Social Security benefits as inflation pushes seniors' benefits into higher and higher income brackets. This is inexcusable. Social Security is funded by workers' earnings that have already been taxed, and so many rely on the program as their primary source of income. My RETIREES FIRST Act would address this problem by lowering the tax burden on Social Security benefits for seniors by raising the provisional income threshold from \$25,000 to \$34,000 for single filers and \$32,000 to \$68,000 for married filers. In effect, this legislation would eliminate income taxes for many of our nation's retirees, leaving them with more money. Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are essential programs for millions of Tennesseans and Americans across the country. And as this fact sheet shows, it is Republicans—not Democrats—who are committed to protecting them.



By Marsha Blackburn  
U.S. Senator for Tennessee

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# Knox County Schools hosts community budget meeting

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools hosted its community budget meeting late Tuesday afternoon at the Summer Place.

There, KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk outlined the proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year. The board will consider the budget at a special called meeting on Tuesday, April 29.

The board will consider the budget on April 29, and once approved, it will be submitted to the Knox

County Commission.

"We take the budget really seriously," Rysewyk said. "I'm really excited about this budget."

"We've aligned the budget with our mission and our four priorities, and the budget gives us the chance to do that. Our four priorities are excellence in foundational skills, great educators in every building, career empowerment and preparation, and success for every student."

Rysewyk said that what excites him most about last

year's budget is that KCS is now paying its teachers market value.

"What excites me most about this budget is that it brings a lot of stability and predictability," he said. "If you don't work hard to maintain stability and predictability to these models, then they quickly go away."

"Last year, with the help of our board, we made a huge shift in how we make salary advancements."

KCS is now paying at market value after years of attempting to catch up.

The fiscal year 2026 budget is unique as the district now deals with declining student enrollment. Year One implementation of a new salary schedule and the Teacher Paycheck Protection Act, which is a state-mandated measure to have all teachers making at least \$50,000 per year by the 2027 fiscal year.

Under the proposed budget, the district is preparing to serve approximately 58,000 students, and each staff member is eligible for a step increase.

In 2025, the district achieved market value, and KCS has invested \$119 million in its staff since 2022.

Rysewyk added that the district's budgeting philosophy is to protect the classroom and funding what works.

Protecting the classroom, he said, involves aligning staff to meet school needs, while funding what works requires changes along the way.

"This is a philosophy we began two years ago. This is a process of predictability

and a process of stability," Rysewyk said. "There are two things that we look at, protecting the classroom and funding what works."

"I know it sounds like common sense to fund what works, but sometimes, it's easy to have legacy stuff, and when that's not yielding results, we need to look at that annually."

The proposed budget also includes funds for facilities upgrades, security and technology, expansion planning and contingency planning.

## Eight interested in McKenzie's District 6 city council seat so far

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Potential candidates for five Knoxville City Council seats have been picking up petitions to run on the August primary ballot. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 will see new faces this year because of term limits or incumbents choosing not to seek re-election.

Leaving the current council will be Tommy Smith, Andrew Roberto, Seema Singh, Lauren Rider and Gwen McKenzie. The two top vote-getters in each primary race will face off in November. City council elections are by district

now and no longer city-wide.

District 1 Councilman Smith was appointed to complete the retired former Councilwoman Stephanie Welch's term and was elected to the position in 2021. He serves as vice chairman and has chosen not to seek the office again. Karyn Adams has filed a petition for Smith's seat.

Gwen McKenzie's 6th District seat has, so far, drawn eight candidates. They are Sam Brown, Charles Frazier, Tibor Gaal, Deidra Harper, Stan Johnson, Jordan Walley, Lawrence "Man" Williams and

George Raudenbush III.

The District 2 seat now held by Andrew Roberto has two candidates, Jeremy Coffee and Nathan Honeycutt.

Four people have petitions to replace Singh in District 3: Nick Ciparro, Ivan Harmon, Doug Lloyd and Frank Ramey.

Hoping to replace Lauren Rider in District 4 are Matthew DeBardelaben and Jeff Talman.

Knox County Election Commission shows the candidate names, addresses and telephone numbers at [www.knoxcounty.org/election](http://www.knoxcounty.org/election) (click the Petitions

Issued & Returned button). The site lists each potential candidate's petition status and is updated as the race entries change.

Some of these candidates may choose not to turn in petitions, and other people may still pick up petitions and join the races. May 15 is the deadline for returning petitions to the election commission. May 22 is the deadline to withdraw.

Early voting starts on August 6, and the city primary is August 26.

## County beer board to meet next Monday

By Mike Steely

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When the Knox County Beer Board meets next Monday prior to the full commission meeting, Chairwoman Kim Frazier and the board will vote on three suspensions or revocations and five applicants, some with familiar business names.

Two of the businesses could lose their beer permits or be suspended. The Four Corner Market at 7512 Sevierville Pike and Ian's Market at 10711 Rutledge Pike are both charged with two offenses over the past four years. Price Less Foods on Andrew Johnson Highway has one offense from March 2025.

Applicants for a new beer permit often come before

the beer board due to a change in ownership. Bel Air Market and Grill at 3820 Neal Drive in Halls has an application.

Other applicants include Corryton Food Mart on Tazewell Pike, Whiskey Alley Tavern on Maynardville Pike, and Hard Knox Pizza on Hardin Valley Road for on-premise sales.

Ian's Market on Norris

Freeway in Powell is requesting the off-premise sale of beer.

Beer board meetings begin with a Knox County Law Department official asking applicants to swear in, and a representative from each business speaks with the board. The board then discusses the request and votes. Fines could be charged, or the

permit could be revoked or suspended.

The beer board consists of At-large Chairwoman Frazier, ViceChairman At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay, and Commissioners Damon Rawls, Gina Oster, Shane Jackson and Adam Thompson. The board meets at 4 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.

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## All4Knox hosting Recovery Housing and Resource Fair this week

Are you looking for more information on substance use recovery resources?

All4Knox will host a FREE Recovery Housing and Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 30, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the CAC LT Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

This event will feature recovery support services, substance use treatment programs, background-friendly employers and more. No registration is required for the event.





### Brownian Motion

Science without religion is lame.  
Religion without science is blind.  
Albert Einstein

Some may find it odd, but lately I've been thinking about Brownian motion. And because I believe the best writing is about things that interest the writer, this science essay is the result. I ran my thoughts by a friend and he said, "Go for it." So, this topic may be a stretch for The Doctor Is In column. But, like a Forrest Gump box of chocolates, "You never know what you'll get."

I was first introduced to Brownian motion 50 years ago in medical school as I peered through a microscope and saw nonliving particles moving randomly on a microscope slide. This phenomenon was first described by Scottish botanist Robert Brown in 1827. I was puzzled but focused on medicine and

did not have much time for idle reflection. And that was long before I learned of the quantum reality which undergirds everything that is.

Albert Einstein once said, "I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious." I am certainly not the stature of the professor, but I feel similarly. As an internist, I always sought to understand why something happened. Yet when Einstein, the great theorist of classical physics, was confronted with the revolutionary non-classical physics of the quantum world, he was perplexed, and understandably so. His theory of relativity elegantly describes the macro universe of space and time. Classical physics describes the world we perceive, where we work and play. But there is more...

I was taught to think of atoms as miniature solar systems with electrons whirling around the

nucleus, just as the Earth and planets circle our sun. The word atom is derived from the thoughts of an ancient Greek who imagined a fundamental building block of matter. Atomus is the Greek word meaning indivisible or cannot be cut. But we now know atoms have a nucleus with protons and neutrons, swarmed by a cloud of electrons. But there is more...

Protons and neutrons are composed of six types of building blocks known as quarks, aka "flavors." Physicist Gell-Mann discovered quarks 60 years ago. He had a keen interest in linguistics and coined the term from a poem by James Joyce. Maybe his colleagues were honoring Gell-Mann for his discovery by using the term flavors when describing the six quarks. Or maybe some had culinary side interests. Humans perceive taste as five components: sweet, sour, bitter, salty and savory (umami). But there is more...

As we look outward into deep space with Hubble, James Webb and other telescopes we see more stars than grains of sand on the beaches of the world. Our Milky Way galaxy has more than 100 billion stars and we can see more than 100 billion galaxies. Interestingly, the human brain has about 100 billion neurons.

But the farther we look

inward, to the subatomic world of atoms and quarks, we see the same majesty and mystery of the Creator. And this brings us back to Brownian motion. It turns out that our world, our reality, is built upon a roiling cauldron of energy manifested as force fields.

Most have seen iron filings sprinkled near a magnet. The particles line up to outline the electromagnetic force field of the magnet. We exist within the electromagnetic force field of the earth. And we see the world around us within the visible spectrum of electromagnetism, which we call light. In fact, electromagnetism is but one of the four fundamental forces of the universe. (Perhaps I'll digress some other time into the other three: the strong and weak nuclear forces and gravity.)

The point is we exist within fields of force whether we're aware of them or not. When looking into the microscope fifty years ago, I now understand that the particles were being agitated and moved by the invisible force fields of the subatomic quantum reality.

If you go to Wikipedia and look up Brownian motion, there is a wonderful simulation of a particle being jostled by molecules moving with random velocities and direction by quantum forces. (Spoiler alert: Avoid Wikipedia for any contemporary person.

If you want to research Socrates, Wikipedia is fine because no one would dishonor "So-Crates" lauded in the movie "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure"! But don't use Wikipedia for President Trump.)

And to further amaze those who are still reading, those vibrating forces which move molecules were built into the Creation 13.8 billion years ago. And to challenge your mind further, atoms and molecules are envisioned as coalescing forces in quantum field theory.

My practical wife loves a cartoon from the New Yorker of a scientist walking around with his head in a cloud of thoughts. She sometimes pictures me with a cartoonish swirling cloud of Mesopotamian history or notions of quantum reality. In my defense, I can be both practical and theoretical, just as Einstein juxtaposed religion and science. Einstein scoffed at the quantum reality where particles can pop in or out of space or that these evanescent particles are "entangled" with their counterparts across space, even across the universe. He said, "God does not play dice," but apparently God does because there is incontrovertible proof of the strangeness of non-classical physics and the quantum world.

Isaac Newton once said, "If I have seen further than

some, it's because I've stood on the shoulders of giants" (his predecessors). Today, we see further than we once did, but still incompletely as Paul would eloquently write in 1 Corinthians 13:12. To the ancient Greeks, the greatest sin was hubris (arrogant pride). The discipline of science intrigues me, but it must be tempered by ethical concerns which are only possible when there is a framework for right and wrong. Otherwise, everything is relative.

The universe was formed 13.8 billion years ago by the Creator's hand. Aristotle reasoned that something does not come from nothing. Since there is a creation, there must be a Creator. God imparted energy into his creation which became matter over time. We can perceive that original energy in the vibrating engines of creation which move molecules under a microscope and power our world. Similarly, we can perceive the Creator's majestic hand in human thought, love, curiosity and conscience.

The universe is truly wondrous and vast, extending from quarks to quasars and beyond, even to the human heart which seeks its purpose in communion with the Creator.

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## Friends of Cavett Station celebrate history with luncheon, speakers

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Several dozen people, including descendants of the Cavett family and other early settlers, assembled at the Bearden Banquet Hall for the Friends of Cavett Station luncheon on April 12. Amy Mays Emert, president of the Friends of Cavett Station, spoke of the biography of Alexander Cavett. Dr. Christopher Magra, professor of history at UT, spoke about the destruction of the station and the rise of Tennessee. Carol Zimmerman, vice president, spoke about reflection on the Mars Hill Cemetery. The Friends of Cavett Station is a non-profit group and takes care of the cemetery where the original frontier station stood.



Amy Mays Emert and Cindy Johnson chat with Duane Grieve during the first annual Mars Hill Cemetery and Friends of Cavett Station luncheon earlier this month.

Former Knoxville City Councilman Duane Grieve was among those invited to dine and hear the special program.

The historic cemetery is

located at 481 Broome Road. The Friends of Cavett Station hold an annual gathering there each September.

## Remembering Bob Booker

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One of the first people I met after I moved to Knoxville about 30 years ago was Bob Booker. I got to know him somewhat from his history within the community and as the first African American from Knoxville to be elected as a state representative.

I found it fitting that last week's memorial for Bob was Monday, April 14, which would have been his birthday, and the afternoon event was held at Vine Middle School, which used to be Austin High School, where he graduated.

Bob and I were both military veterans, and that was a starting point for conversation. Beyond that, we became friends, talking now and then at events about the

civil rights movement, each of us sharing stories. He had taken part in sit-ins at restaurants, integrating the Tennessee Theater, etc., and I shared with him stories of when my school opened its doors to all students.

I found him to be a strong voice, literally and figuratively, and he once sent me a CD of the songs he loved to sing. We also shared a love of history, and he was a walking encyclopedia of knowledge of the "Bottom" area of East Knoxville and detailed that information in his book.

Bob's experience stretched from time in the Army, his days at Knoxville College, and his service as an administrative assistant to Mayor Kyle Testerman. He

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# Halls Alumni Association to host Hall of Fame induction dinner

By Ken Lay

The Halls High School Alumni Association will host its annual Hall of Fame induction dinner Saturday.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the buffet line begins at 6 p.m.

All alumni are invited, and there is no charge. Attendees, however, are encouraged to make a donation to the association's scholarship fund. In 2024, the association awarded two \$2,000 scholarships to deserving Halls High School seniors.

Attendees are asked to bring any type of food or dessert. Drinks

will be provided by Parkview Senior Living.

This year's inductees are John Meredith and Marcia Glidewell Slough.

Meredith is a 1955 graduate, and he served in the US Army for 21 years and worked for a masonry construction company. He began his military career in the National Guard medical unit as an ambulance driver while still in high school.

He rose from the position of night watchman and lube man at Highway Transport Company to become a paratrooper and serve in artillery and military

intelligence with top security clearance.

Some of his assignments included a 1957 stint in Dachau, Germany, at Hitler's Crematory. He worked in Fort Rucker, Alabama, at the training school for helicopter pilots in 1958.

He also had multiple assignments during the Vietnam Era.

After his military service, Meredith worked as a purchasing agent for a masonry subcontractor. He purchased material for the UT Indoor Football Facility, Salem Baptist Church, the Gatlinburg Convention Center and the original Halls Mall.

Slough graduated from Halls High in 1971.

After high school, she continued her studies at the University of Tennessee. She graduated with a nursing degree in 1976, as part of the third nursing class at the school. During her career, she worked in pediatrics at UT Medical Center,

She began her career specializing in play therapy for hospitalized children. She earned a master's degree in child development, focusing on the stress of illness on the family. She conducted a field study at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

In the mid-1980s, Slough relocated to South Florida, where she continued her career at Martin Medical Center.

She later remarried and returned to East Tennessee Children's Hospital. There, she served as a staff nurse and nursing educator.

She later earned a second master's degree from UT in education. She was a nursing educator at Roane State Community College and Walters State Community College. She was a lead nursing instructor at Roane State for many years. In 2022, she retired as an associate professor.



# Take Good Care of Her

Congratulations to Gage and Ashley Sharp on the birth of their daughter Olivia Grace on April 15. A family with the child's arrival, and while I'm thrilled for my friends, I wouldn't trade places with them for a billion bucks. I have loved my children, but I don't want any more.

As worn out as I am after all these years, who I really feel sorry for is my dear wife Amy. In fact, I feel for women as a whole group.

Their lives are so much more different from their spouses. The simple fact is that women are much stronger than men. They have the ability to perform "miracles" in their families' lives. I will prove this by talking about Amy and what she's been able to do over our years together.

When we married, I was in my first year of teaching at Doyle High School. Amy was still in school. Both of us struggled in our adjustment to life with a partner. My salary was sad, a mere \$7,200 a year. Amy came to the rescue. She picked up a part-time job. Additionally, she joined the Army reserves because it paid \$75 a month. Thanks to her, we had enough cash

to pay the rent on a UT married students' apartment, groceries and gas.

I pushed until we bought our first house, one constructed by the building trades classes at the high school. Once again, Amy pulled us through by graduating and then going to work at a bank.

Over our 50-year marriage, my wife has lived a rough life. She was 19 when we married and worked every year until she retired a couple of years ago. Most of the time, her work site was 20 or more miles from home. That called for early arrivals at work and late ones at home. Then she had to switch jobs to become super mom. She quickly changed clothes

and began cooking supper for the family. Afterwards, she cleaned the kitchen, washed a couple of loads of clothes, and herded two children to the bathtub and then to bed. By the time she laid her head on the pillow, she was beyond tired. The entire day, she'd had no downtime.

"We" were never pregnant. Amy was pregnant. I was along for the ride through her morning sickness, increasing belly size, and contractions. All I did was offer kind words that were of little value and the things we'd learned in breathing exercises class. It was my wonderful wife who gave life to two children. My job was to change an occasional dirty diaper,

maybe feed a baby a late-night bottle, and clean up messes from illnesses. In short, I was a janitor.

So, these days, Amy feels guilty when she doesn't feel like cooking or cleaning or grocery shopping. I realized too late in this life the many demands on her. I suppose I just expected them to be done by her. For the rest of my life, I'll be more supportive and will kick in by cooking one of the meals on my short list of recipes. I did clean the house over the years; it's one thing I can do better and quicker than Amy. Now, we do the job together and cut a lot of time.

Gage and Ashley, congratulations again on having brought such a special

little soul into this world. Seeing Olivia Grace gives hope that perhaps we can straighten out things and make our world a better place. Gage, make sure to recognize all the things that tear away at Ashley's time. Look for ways that you can lighten her load. She is your wife, the mother of your child, and your best friend. Take good care of her. That's sound advice for all of us married guys. Last of all, thank you, Amy, for all you've done for our family over the years. You are the true leader of this clan, and I will always love you and will try to ease your burdens for the rest of our days together.

## Congrats!

Congratulations are in order for Luke Hunley, a senior at Carson-Newman University. On April 15, Hunley received the Spring 2025 Lauren Brumit Award for Outstanding Student Teacher. Luke, the son of Kenny and Michelle Hunley of Corryton, majored in Art Education, and after graduating with honors is looking forward to starting his teaching career in Knox County. Congratulations, Luke – The Knoxville Focus is wishing you all the best as you help to spark the imagination and artistic skills of the youth in our area!



## Background Checks of Child Care Workers

If you are a new parent, or maybe even an experienced parent, and you have concerns about whether your children are safe with the workers in their daycare, you may want to review Tennessee Code Annotated section 37-5-511. This law specifically details the kind of background checks required to be performed on all child care workers.

The law makes sure only qualified and trustworthy individuals may work with children by mandating criminal background checks, fingerprinting, and other

screenings. Applicants must undergo a thorough vetting process, including fingerprint-based checks through state and federal databases, to identify any past offenses that could disqualify them. Certain crimes, such as child abuse, sexual offenses, violent crimes, and drug-related felonies, automatically bar individuals from employment in childcare settings. Employers are responsible for verifying that all staff members have cleared these checks before they begin work, and failure to

comply can result in fines or revocation of a facility's license. The law has improved childcare safety by preventing individuals with disqualifying histories from working with children. However, some child care providers have complained about delays in processing background checks, which can slow down hiring and contribute to staffing shortages. This is definitely a challenge for small child care facilities that simply do not have the manpower or resources to wait for these processes to run their course when an employee unexpectedly quits, and they are scrambling not to lose clients. The idea behind the law

is one that everyone can get behind, allowing us to do everything we can to make sure our children are safe. There is never any opposition to that goal. However, while the law strengthens safety measures, trying to practically make it work can be a challenge and we can all agree that the wheels of the governmental administrative process never turn quickly enough. Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including family law, criminal, and personal injury. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.



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## Who is on the planning commission?

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Knoxville-Knox County Planning is made up of 15 members, seven appointed by the Knoxville Mayor and eight named by the Knoxville County Mayor. The planning commissioners are assisted by Executive Director Amy Brooks and the planning staff who make recommendations on zoning matters. Tim Hill is the current chairman and John Huber is the vice chairman. Three commissioners make up the executive committee: Karyn Adams, Lou Browning III and Richard Levenson. Other current members include Matthew Anderson, Nancy Barger, Miles Biggs, Tamara Boyer, Kara Daley, Nick Gill, Logan Higgins, Amy Midis, Katie Overton and Marite Perez. The members work in marketing, law, real estate, mortgage firms, small business, education, architecture, development and finance. Decisions made by the planning commission go to the Knox County Commission zoning meeting each month. When the

commission meets today at 5 p.m. it will take up seven matters that the planners voted to approve. The commission will look at an amendment to the county code regarding aligning zoning regulations for child care facilities to those of the state. The zoning change requests on today's agenda include changing properties at 7000 Ball Road, 4912 East Emory Road, 7639 Gibbs Road and 1137 Granville Conner Road from agricultural to low-density residential. Property at Zero Hickory Creek Road and O, 2300 and 2304 West Gallaher Ferry Road is before the commission to change from agricultural to planned residential. An industrial-zoned property at 1562 Saylor's Ford Road is before the commission from the planning commission for a change to Low Density Residential. All of the recommendations sent by the planners for today's commission zoning agenda were passed with no opposition from its members.

## Remembering Bob Booker

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served on the city council and the Tennessee Civil

Service Commission and was director of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center. He and I often chatted

and shared stories before and during various meetings, often moving off by ourselves to talk. Sometimes Bob would seek me out at events, and we'd talk "off the record" about things. Bob and I were never close friends, but more like allies on topics, events, East Tennessee racial history, and occasionally about music. He was a friendly face to see at any event or when running into one another on the streets downtown. I always knew that if I had a question about Knoxville history, Bob probably had the answers or knew where I should look. I'll miss Bob Booker, but not as much as Knoxville will. He provided guidance for the community without any hatred or regrets.

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# 'The Uncrowned King of the Senate'

## Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Robert Samuel Kerr once, as a very young man, stated his life ambitions: "A family, to make a million dollars and to be Governor of Oklahoma - - - in that order." And he accomplished his goals and more besides.

Robert S. Kerr really was born in a log cabin, an exact replica of which still exists. Kerr became immensely wealthy through hard work and oil. Tall and portly, Kerr once proclaimed his wife was nagging him about his waistline and he promised he would do anything in the world she wished to lose weight except for diet and exercise. A man of abiding faith, Kerr tithed at least 30% of his income to the Baptist church. Bob Kerr did not look like either an oil millionaire or a United States senator, preferring "baggy blue suits" that one writer for TIME magazine thought "looked as if they had been ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalogue." Kerr was unabashed in promoting and fighting for those tax laws that would increase his own wealth. Senator Kerr pointed out that those same tax laws helped the people he represented and the state he represented. Everything Bob Kerr had invested in throughout his life was centered in Oklahoma. Kerr swatted away conflict of interest charges as if they were less troublesome than gnats. Oklahoma's interests were his own interests. The only opinion that mattered was that of the people of Oklahoma, and they clearly agreed with Kerr. In reply to one newsman, Kerr once snapped, "You say I'm an Oklahoma Senator more than a national Senator? Yes, that's what I'm here for."

Bob Kerr was human. When his Black houseman was dying, Kerr sat for long hours at the bedside, holding his employee and friend's hand with a sense of profound grief and love. Bob Kerr also regularly fought hard and neither expected quarter, nor gave any.

A man of formidable intellect and driving ambition, Bob Kerr seemed like a force of nature. When Kerr died, a writer for TIME thought Senator Kerr "defied description either as a liberal or a conservative." The premier news magazine of the age thought the best political description that could be applied to Robert S. Kerr was "Oklahoman-- and an oilman."

Robert S. Kerr grew up in very modest circumstances, the son of a public schoolteacher. When Kerr was born on September 11, 1896, Oklahoma was not yet a state and was known as "the Indian

Territory." The log cabin in which he was born was located in Pontotoc County, near Ada. Growing up as a Baptist, Bob Kerr never drank alcohol, and his religion had a big impact on his life, as well as his politics. Kerr was still in high school when he enrolled in Oklahoma Baptist University. Kerr studied law at the University of Oklahoma until lack of funds ended his formal education. Bob Kerr was commissioned as a second lieutenant during the First World War, and he joined both the Oklahoma National Guard and the American Legion. Those same organizations widened his acquaintanceships throughout the Sooner State.

Bob Kerr's young life combined hardship, hard work, grief and failure. Kerr managed to pass the bar exam after having "read law" in the office of a judge. Kerr married Reba Shelton, and the couple was happy for four years until Kerr watched helplessly as his wife and twin daughters died in childbirth. Kerr was also deeply in debt due to a business failure. Kerr never gave up, nor did he ever give in; he married again after Reba's untimely passing to Grayce Breen. Together, Bob and Grayce Kerr had four children. Kerr started a new business, drilling for oil with a brother-in-law as his partner. In a few short years, the Anderson-Kerr Company became so successful that Bob Kerr closed his law office to concentrate on the oil business. The company was doing so well that Kerr's brother-in-law opted to retire in 1936. That same year, Dean McGee joined the company. McGee was a geologist who had once worked for the massive Phillips Petroleum. By 1946, the company's name had been changed to Kerr-McGee, and it became a behemoth of industry, drilling for oil across the globe and becoming interested in other minerals and fuels such as uranium.

Bob Kerr was becoming better known in Oklahoma, where he contributed heavily to the Baptist church and the Democratic Party. Kerr gave money to E. W. Marland and Leon Phillips during their successful gubernatorial campaigns. By 1940, Kerr was well enough known that he was able to get himself elected as Oklahoma's Democratic National Committeeman. In 1942, Kerr began his campaign to become the chief executive of the Sooner State. A heavily Democratic state at the time, Kerr entered the crowded primary, facing six opponents for the nomination. Kerr's most



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Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma in his Senate office circa 1961.

significant opponent was Gomer Smith, who had served a term in Congress, a brilliant speaker and one of the most successful attorneys in Oklahoma. Smith had become something of a perennial candidate for public office, but unlike most candidates running every two years, the lawyer had a big following in the state. Bob Kerr won the primary, besting Smith by a little more than 10,000 votes. Smith and Kerr would become deadly political enemies. Gomer Smith did damage himself politically by endorsing the candidacy of oilman Edward H. Moore, who was running as a Republican for the United States Senate in 1942. Moore, whose fortune in today's dollars would equal roughly \$1.5 billion dollars, spent freely from his own personal fortune and upset incumbent U. S. Senator Josh Lee in the general election. Bob Kerr only barely outdistanced his own GOP opponent in the general election, winning by just over 16,000 votes.

As governor, Bob Kerr ushered in a new era of cooperation between the executive and legislative branches. Kerr became a vocal advocate for his state and its products, traveling more than 400,000 miles to herald the Sooner State and its goods. It was a sign of Kerr's rising prominence in the Democratic Party that he was chosen as the keynote speaker for the 1944 Democratic National Convention that nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the fourth time. That same convention stripped Vice President Henry A. Wallace of the vice-presidential nomination and nominated Senator Harry Truman instead. Governor Kerr worked quietly to help secure the vice-presidential nomination for Truman.

Kerr completed his term as governor and spent two years preparing himself for a campaign for the United States Senate for the seat held by Republican

E. H. Moore. Moore had been 71 years old when first elected and few were surprised when the senator announced he would not seek a second term. Oklahoma Republicans moved behind the candidacy of Congressman Ross Rizley, who had served three terms in the House of Representatives.

Although he had been a successful chief executive and had made no real political mistakes, a host of ambitious Democrats entered the primary to compete for the senatorial nomination, men who had or held numerous state offices, including attorney general, secretary of state, and lieutenant governor, and two former congressmen. After a hiatus of six years, Gomer Smith also entered the Democratic primary. Oklahoma had enacted a run-off election provision stating a candidate had to win the nomination with a majority. In the first primary, the former governor only garnered 37% of the vote, although Gomer Smith trailed a very distant second. "Old Gomer," as the attorney was known by tens of thousands of Sooners, put up a game fight, winning 42% of the vote in the run-off election.

At the time, the GOP presidential nominee, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, was widely considered the heavy favorite to win the presidency from Harry Truman. Dewey was even expected by some to have a good chance to carry border states like Tennessee and Oklahoma. Some prognosticators believed Dewey had a chance to carry the Sooner State because Mrs. Dewey was an Oklahoman by birth. Kerr campaigned hard and took nothing for granted. Ross Rizley ran a full-fledged and well-funded campaign, but it was a Democratic year, polls and pollsters notwithstanding. Kerr won the general election with better than 62% of the vote.

Bob Kerr entered the Senate with a freshman class that included Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Paul Douglas of Illinois, Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, and Russell Long of Louisiana. The freshman class also included two former U.S. senators who made it back to Capitol Hill, Guy Gillette of Iowa and Matthew Neely of West Virginia. Many of those freshmen senators would have a major impact upon American politics for decades to come.

Although a freshman senator, Kerr buckled down to work hard on his committee assignments and assembled a staff designed to communicate well with and serve the people of Oklahoma. The Oklahoman's colleagues soon learned Kerr was a masterful and skilled debater with a brilliant mind, who thought fast on his feet, and had a sharp tongue that could easily pierce the pride of an opponent. Kerr was especially close to his fellow freshman colleague Lyndon Johnson, and both men built valuable relationships with Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, who was the informal leader of perhaps the most powerful bloc inside the U.S. Senate: the Southern Democrats.

Almost from the beginning of his time in the United States Senate, Bob Kerr pushed for federal funding for a project which, at least initially, boggled the minds of many. Kerr wanted to open up the landlocked State of Oklahoma to the sea. Senator John

L. McClellan had the same ambition for his own state of Arkansas. The project and Kerr's vision outlived the senator but eventually, and \$1.2 billion later, it became known as the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System and brought billions of dollars' worth of development to Oklahoma. What had once been a rather stagnant section of the Sooner State became an economic oasis due to Kerr's efforts.

So, too, was Bob Kerr a thorough conservationist, never forgetting his father's admonition that, "To raise a family, you have to have three things - - - land, wood and water." Kerr was the author of a book of the same name and became the Senate's most vocal conservationist of natural resources while also its' foremost capitalist.

After a brief flirtation with a quixotic bid for the 1952 Democratic presidential nomination, Kerr gave up whatever national ambitions he might have had to double down on his efforts on behalf of Oklahoma and Oklahomans. Kerr's growing influence inside the Senate was not enough to deter a serious opponent in his 1954 reelection campaign. Governor Roy Turner fought a bitter primary with the senator in a nine-candidate free-for-all. Senator Kerr won with a plurality and won the general election handily.

Bob Kerr's last campaign was in 1960, and his stature in the Senate and political prominence in Oklahoma were enough to allow him to sail through the primary with little opposition. Kerr campaigned less for himself in the general election than for Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy. Oklahoma was an overwhelmingly Protestant state and had voted for Republican Herbert Hoover rather than Catholic Al Smith. Bob Kerr was the most prominent Baptist layman in the Sooner State, and he worked hard on behalf of Kennedy, but it was Richard Nixon who carried Oklahoma.

Senator Kerr was one of the most important members of the United States Senate during the brief administration of John F. Kennedy. Kerr also had the power to upset the Kennedy Administration's plans, as he did with Medicare. The Oklahoman's influence, according to one reporter, made him the "Uncrowned King of the Senate."

Kerr experienced a mild heart attack which sent him to the hospital. On January 1, 1963, the senator suffered another heart attack, which cut short his life. Robert S. Kerr was a man who was larger than life. His legacy still lives on in the land, wood and water of his beloved Oklahoma.

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# Stamp Collecting: My Greatest Finds

## OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE



By Harry Brooks  
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On occasion stamp collectors have a great day. We will find a stamp that we will long remember and even write about. One such occasion was when I purchased three banker boxes full of various stamps. Some of the stamps were of little value and I already had several of them, so I gave some of the duplicates away. However, in this group of stamps, I did find over one hundred items which I needed. Some were valued at just 20 cents, while some were valued in excess of \$20.00.

For me, this was a very

good day or better yet a great day. I filled in several empty spaces in my stamp album.

Another great day was when I had patiently analyzed several common 2-cent Washington stamps. I found one that was verified at a value of \$2,200! My first thought was that I had made a mistake, but I had not. It is very unusual to make a find like this from a ten dollar box of 2-cent Washingtons.

Every collector has examples of stamps that are almost impossible to find. I had looked for a long time for a 1940s coil stamp from a roll of air mail stamps. The stamp itself had minimum value, but I needed this one to complete my air mail set.

Many collectors and dealers had most of the set, but they did not have the specific stamp I needed to complete the air mail set. Finally, a new stamp dealer at the Knoxville Stamp Show had this item available for purchase. Later I found another collector who had

a few of this infamous air mail stamp. He sold me all of his extras. I think eventually this stamp will increase in value due to lack of supply.

All collectors tend to brag about significant finds or acquisitions. I had purchased an 1800s vintage stamp that was printed with three of similar appearance. The value ranged from \$150

to \$1,400. I had paid only \$100 for the stamp assuming the item was the least expensive of all possibilities.

My custom is to use the phrase "trust, but verify" in reviewing all of my purchases. After multiple checks, I concluded I had been sent the more valuable stamp.

I called the wholesale dealer and reported my

stamp I.D. research. I owed the company more money. The dealer told me to "just keep the stamp." He had bought the stamp based on the least valuable price. For me that was a great stamp day. If folks will keep looking and studying all their acquisitions, they will occasionally have a "great stamp day."

Remember, if you want to know more about

stamp collecting, you are welcome to attend the Knoxville Philatelic Society meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the Universalist Church on Kingston Pike. Come join us you will enjoy the meetings and programs.

Until next month, happy collecting!

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## SOUTHERN LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Smokies have a blast in first home game

By Steve Williams

A one-run victory topped off the Knoxville Smokies' 2025 home debut in their new stadium at Covenant Health Park last week.

The rival Chattanooga Lookouts came close to spoiling the Smokies' opening night, but Knoxville catcher Casey Opitz blasted a two-run homer over the right field fence to break a tie in the seventh inning and it led to a 5-4 win in the Southern League game.

Designated hitter Jordan Nwogu had singled to lead off the inning.

Chattanooga's Jay Allen II tried to steal home from third base to tie the game in the eighth inning but was tagged out at the plate. The Smokies' catcher celebrated his play by throwing the baseball up in the stands so a lucky Knoxville fan could get a souvenir.

Grant Kipp, Knoxville's starting pitcher, worked the first five innings and gave up only one run. Frankie Scalzo Jr. got the mound win in relief and A. J. Puckett earned the save with a perfect ninth inning.

The Smokies took a 1-0 lead in the first inning and BJ Murray belted a two-run homer in the third to put Knoxville ahead 3-0.

**KHS GRAD SHINES:** Emily Ann Roberts, country singer and songwriter, sang our National Anthem and 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' at the Smokies' baseball



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

*As the shade creeps over the field early in the first game ever played at Covenant Health Park, the sunlight splashes on fans standing above the outfield fence and also those watching from apartment balconies. Eight innings later, the Knoxville Smokies swapped high-fives after a 5-4 win and fireworks went off.*

opener Tuesday. The 26-year-old Karns High graduate said she is "into music full time."

**NEW MASCOTS:** Knox is one of the Smokies' three new mascots this season. He gave a 'double

thumbs-up' when asked if making little kids happy was his favorite thing to do as a mascot. Jackson and Smokie Joe are the other two new mascots.

**ATTENDANCE:** The first ever

game at Covenant Health Park drew 6,451 fans.

**OUT OF TOWN:** Knoxville will play at Pensacola this week and return home April 29 to play a six-game series against Rocket City.

## New Covenant Health Park may bridge communities

By Steve Williams

The site where the Knoxville Smokies' Bill Meyer Stadium once stood long ago is less than a mile from where the Smokies' brand new Covenant Health Park now stands.

The two homes of the Smokies' baseball teams may have turned out to be closer as far as their locations, but because of technology and modernization over the years, the two ball parks weren't close at all in comparison.

Like the sign near Covenant Health Park's First Base Gate states, 'It's a Whole New Ball Game.'

A grand opening celebration for business and community leaders and elected officials was held Monday, April 14 inside the new stadium in Knoxville's Old City the day before the very first home opener.

Knoxville Smokies owner Randy Boyd headed up the special occasion.

"Literally thousands of people – from the people that voted for it, the people that helped us construct this, the

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Whited sparkles in return to mound for Bulldogs

By Ken Lay

After a long absence due to injury, Isaiah Whited made a triumphant return to the mound for the Bearden High School Bulldogs Thursday night.

Whited, a senior, hadn't pitched in two months. He was injured, suffering a broken bone in his non-pitching hand.

He took the mound against the Beavers (14-15) just hours after being medically cleared.

"I was just cleared this morning and I called and told (pitching coach Chris Hatfield) that I was cleared and I was taking the ball," Whited said.

When he got the ball, he pitched four innings and gave up one run, one hit and one walk. He also hit a batter and struck out six on the Bulldogs' senior night.

He threw 56 pitches (including 38 strikes) in the game, which was called after five innings due to the TSSAA mercy rule.

"This felt really good, to get the chance to come out here and pitch on senior night, especially since this is my senior year."

After walking Carter Benson with one out in the top of the first inning, Whited retired five straight hitters.

He gave up a run in the top of the third when Benson's RBI single plated Tucker Fowlkes, who was hit by a pitch, stole second and took third on a passed ball.

Bearden coach Dave Prichard was pleased with Whited's performance against the Beavers.

"He looked really good, considering that he hadn't pitched in two months," Prichard said. "It's

good to have him back.

"He'll get one more start before the district tournament and he'll give us some depth on the mound."

The Bulldogs (24-5) played Grace Christian Academy in a two-game series on Friday and Saturday (results were not available at press time). Bearden returns to the diamond tonight (April 21) as it hosts Hardin Valley Academy at 6:30 p.m.

The winner of tonight's game will win the District 4-4A regular-season championship and the No. 1 seed in the upcoming district tournament. The Hawks won the first game, 11-3, on April 2, at HVA.

And Whited couldn't help but wonder if he was going to start

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*Bearden pitcher Isaiah Whited made his return from injury and posted a stellar performance against Karns as he threw four innings in an 11-1 victory. He had six strikeouts and yielded just one hit.*

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# Sixteen receive Mauer Scholar-Athlete awards

By Steve Williams

The Optimist Club of Knoxville hosted the annual Johnny Mauer Awards at the Bearden Banquet Hall on Friday, April 11.

The award is bestowed upon one outstanding senior student from each local high school.

The Johnny Mauer Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes students who have made a positive contribution to their school by excelling in both academics and varsity sports. They are recommended by the high school principals, teachers, coaches, and athletic directors.

The award honors Johnny W. Mauer, a former Optimist Club member, who was the head coach of the University of Tennessee men's baseball team in 1938-1942 and the head coach of the UT men's

basketball team in 1938-1947. He was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

"The Optimist Club of Knoxville is proud to recognize seniors in area high schools for their academic and athletic achievements with the Johnny Mauer Award," said Ernie Brooks, Chair of the event. "At this year's Awards Luncheon we were able to present the award to 16 very deserving students. The accomplishments of these students are very impressive.

"The Optimist Club of Knoxville was founded in 1920," added Brooks, "and encourages their members to positively impact the youth of our community through a variety of service projects and fundraisers."

For more information about the awards, contact [ebrooks6185@gmail.com](mailto:ebrooks6185@gmail.com).



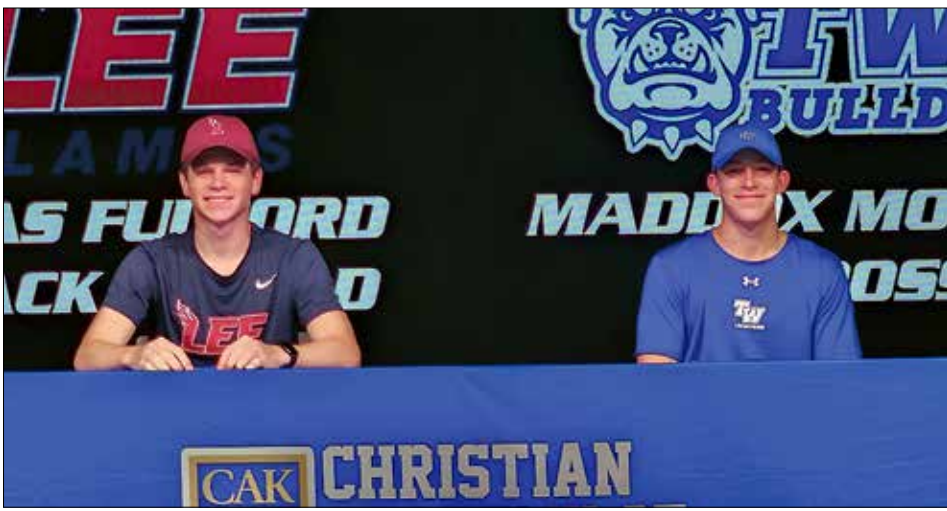
*The Johnny Maurer Scholar-Athletes for the 2024-25 school year. Front row (left to right): Myles Crayton, Austin-East; Abigail Thompson, Bearden; Solomon Deleese, CMA; Keegan Smith, Catholic; Miguel Kirby, Central; Karlie Whited, CAK; Bryce Thompson, Farragut; Maddox Myers, Fulton. Back row (left to right): Lane Patterson, Gibbs; Emery Bales, Halls; Kaitlyn Keim, Hardin Valley; Owen Burnette, Karns; Shataya Crowley, Powell; Jonah Mitchell, South-Doyle; Alaina Norris, Webb; Emma Capps, West.*

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



*Above: Webb's signees last week (from left to right) Avery Hanggi, Jaylen Pompey, Hal Niendorff and Alaina Norris show off their college banners.*

*Right: CAK's Silas Fulford (left) and Maddox Mozingo at National Signing Day on April 16. Fulford was a TSSAA pole vault state champion in 2023. Mozingo was a four-time All-State honoree in lacrosse.*



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

### LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to athletic directors at high schools in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, here's a list of student-athletes who signed on National Signing Day (April 16) or this past week and later will be enrolling in college for the 2025-26 school year.

#### AUSTIN-EAST

Juwaan Troutman, Maryville College, football

#### CAK

Silas Fulford, Lee University, track and field  
Maddox Mozingo, Tennessee Wesleyan, lacrosse

#### GIBBS

John Caldwell, ETSU, track and field

#### KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

TJ Tipton, Carson-Newman, football  
Tyler Dorn, Murray State, football  
Maggie Frana, Wofford College, track and field  
Ensley Perry, William Peace University, basketball  
Will Matthews, Tusculum, volleyball  
Aliyah Whaley, Midway University, women's wrestling  
Jayden Neal, Maryville College, football

#### WEBB

Avery Hanggi, Colorado State, rodeo  
Hal Niendorff, Colgate, football  
Alaina Norris, Memphis, dance  
Jaylen Pompey, Maryville College, basketball

Compiled by STEVE WILLIAMS



### Gibbs High coach proud of players' assistance to school and community

"This group of guys is willing to go above and beyond to help their school and their community. They spent time working with our youth during camps, they volunteered to help teachers, and they spent time working in our community on service projects for businesses and churches. These young men are going to be successful not only in athletics but in life."

Aaron Large  
Gibbs High School  
Physical Education

<b>AUSTIN-EAST</b> Justin Pruitt David Weaver LeeKori Curry Reggie Jones Jaiden Turner	<b>CATHOLIC</b> Javian Eleam Cade Murphy Carson Asbeaty Jason Gainey TJ Tipton	<b>FARRAGUT</b> Ethan Kern Bryce Howard Luke Finnegan Kent Carbaugh Brody Appling	<b>GCA</b> Cam Mercer Weston Edmondson Christian Vela Caden McAfee Briggs Peterson	<b>POWELL</b> Neyland Dugger Bray Hansen Dalvin Farmer Mason Powell Darrion McClanahan	<b>TKA</b> Luka Horvatic Kenneth Hall Dominic Muobike Camden Tucker Landon Tucker
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# 'Do something about the terrible series standing'

Despite what you might have thought or heard, the early years of the Tennessee football program were not without their share of controversy.

The Vol football program was lucky to have survived the 1893 season.

The team lost 56-0 to Kentucky A&M (later Kentucky State, then Kentucky), 64-0 to Wake Forest, 70-0 to Trinity College (now Duke), and 60-0 to North Carolina, all games played between Oct. 21 and Nov. 7. The latter three games were played away from Knoxville.

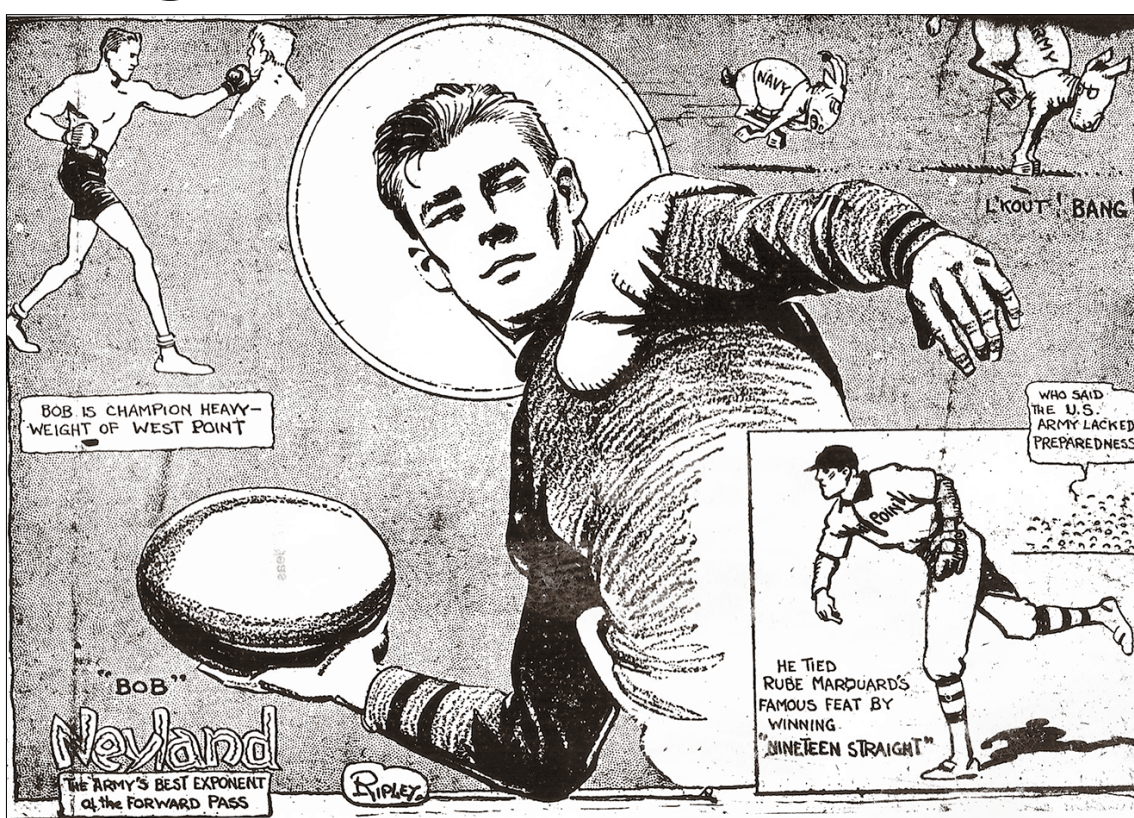
There were 256 points allowed in a 2-4 season. By contrast, Tennessee teams coached by Bob Neyland between 1926 and 1933 gave up 259 points, and that happened over 78 games.

When it came time for the 1894 season, only two players admitted they had been part of the 1893 squad. As a result, there were no teams in 1894 and 1895, with club teams being formed to help keep football alive on campus.

The leader of those club teams was Newport's William B. Stokely, whose family would have a profound leadership role and influence on the campus through much of the 20th century and beyond.

"He learned his football at Wake Forest," grandson Bill Stokely III has said. "He came back to Tennessee and was disappointed there wasn't a team. He held things together in that gap. He always jokingly said he was named captain because he had the only football. He was proud of that and had fond memories."

Nathan Washington Dougherty was captain of the 1909 team



Bob Neyland was a multi-sport athlete at the United States Military Academy and was Nathan Dougherty's choice to lead the Vol football program in 1925.

and spent a good part of his life involved with the Vol athletic program. His influence on campus and on the Vol athletic program resulted in the naming of the Dougherty Engineering Building on the Hill.

Dougherty also captained the track and basketball teams in 1909 and organized the hoops program that season, serving as coach and captain.

That 1909 team finished 1-6-2, not scoring a point until the Transylvania game on Nov. 21. The hype surrounding the 1909 season may have done the Vols in. Before that season, the Vols made a major commitment to be successful on the gridiron.

"I do solemnly promise upon my word as a gentleman to go into strict training from September 11, 1909, till the evening of November 25, 1909," the pledge

read. "It shall be my aim to aid or assist in any way as will help to make the University of Tennessee Football team of 1909 the best in the South."

Upon graduating, Dougherty earned his master's degree and taught classes at Cornell before returning to Knoxville in 1916 as an associate engineering professor.

He later became dean of the College of Engineering (1940-1956) and was chairman of the UT Athletics Board, a position he held for 40 years. Dougherty was influential in the design of Shields-Watkins Field and also helped build Tennessee football into a national program with his hiring of Neyland in 1925 as an assistant coach. The following year, Neyland was promoted to head coach, and history was made.

He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1967.

Vol football was in such straits in those days that head coach John R. Bender left U.T. to go to Knoxville High School, while M.B. Banks moved on to Knoxville's Central High School, both apparently considering the moves a promotion.

Tennessee teams have brought Vol fans many great moments and have continued to engender great passion for the program since that time. That's why Neyland's name ended up on the façade of the big stadium by the river, and his game maxims are recited in the dressing room before kickoff.

Those early, often tentative years were paramount in Dougherty's thinking the day in late 1925 he named Neyland head coach, then two months or

so short of his 34th birthday.

"Even the score with Vanderbilt. Do something about the terrible series standing," Dougherty is supposed to have told Neyland, maybe in the form of a demand. From that point on, Neyland did "something" about the series and the Vol program overall. Vol football was never the same since.

It is evident from all accounts that Neyland had a towering, dominating, and even intimidating presence. Taciturn in demeanor and seeking excellence on all fronts, Neyland's impact was felt across the South, all across the nation.

For his part, Dougherty later called Neyland's hiring of Captain Robert Reese Neyland the "best decision I ever made."

Dougherty and Neyland were among the visionaries of that time.

Decatur County's Roy (Pap) Striegel convinced Banks to outfit the Vols in their unique orange jerseys in 1922. "I get a thrill every time I see the orange and white on the football field," he said in his later years.

As a member of the Athletics Board, he broke an impasse when the Vols were looking for a new head coach in late 1963 and seemed deadlocked about their choice.

U.T. trustee Col. William Simpson Shields provided much of the capital and land to build the first version of a stadium that would welcome crowds of more than 100,000 fans in the years to come. His contribution was estimated in the \$40,000 range, equivalent to \$761,426.19 today.

Visionaries come in all shapes and sizes, and their impact on those early days is still being felt more than 100 years later.

## The Nico Chronicles

By Mark Nagi

This whole mess could have been avoided so easily... in so many ways.

Nico Iamaleava could have gone to Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel after the Orange & White Game, told him his intentions to transfer, and both sides could have parted amicably. Sure, the fans would have been upset, but if both sides acted in good faith, life would have gone on pretty seamlessly.

Nico Iamaleava could have announced his intentions to transfer before Spring practice, giving Tennessee's backup QBs all the Spring practice snaps, better preparing them for the Fall.

Sure, the fans would have been upset, but they would eventually appreciate Iamaleava's efforts in 2024, which culminated in a 10-2 regular season, wins over rivals Florida and Alabama, and a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoff. Nico Iamaleava could have lived up to his NIL contract obligations, finishing up the 2025 season and then turning pro. Sure, the fans would have wanted Iamaleava to stick around for the 2026 season, but they would have wished him well in the NFL.

But now? The bridges have all been burned.

Iamaleava will join the ranks of linebacker Henry To'o To'o, baseball pitcher Chase Burns, and basketball center Jonas Aidoo on the Mt. Rushmore of players Tennessee fans at one point beloved and now

despise.

The now former Vols quarterback reportedly received \$2.4 million in 2024 from his NIL deal with Tennessee. Not bad money for a player who completed 64% of his passes and had a QBR (ESPN's Total Quarterback Rating) of 70.5, tied for 36th nationally in 2024.

But even with those fairly pedestrian stats, "Team Nico" wasn't satisfied with their financial arrangement. ESPN's Chris Low reported that right before the winter transfer portal closed, Iamaleava's representatives wanted to see his NIL deal reach the \$4 million a year level. They were pressing again right before the spring transfer portal opened.

Iamaleava's team was shopping his services around the country, especially on the West Coast. Remember, Iamaleava is from California. Reports began to leak that Oregon was one of his preferred landing spots ... and that Ducks head coach Dan Lanning (or someone on his staff) contacted Heupel to let him know that he was approached by the Iamaleava camp.

"It's Nico's father that screwed this whole thing up," said ESPN's Paul Finebaum, a Tennessee grad. "Anybody who knows the University of Tennessee knows that he's been a problem since day one. I've seen this with other parents who have always been in the way. There's one person to blame here, and that's this young man's father. Let's quit sugar coating it."

College football programs like Notre Dame, Southern Cal and North Carolina reportedly turned down the chance to bring in a former 5-star recruit, balking at the \$4 million price tag, and wanting no part of what had turned into a toxic situation. Team Iamaleava tried to stop the bleeding. On Wednesday, April 16, the same day Iamaleava officially entered the transfer portal, Front Office Sports posted an article with comments from someone they described as a "close family friend," denying many of the claims that had been lobbied against Nico Iamaleava and his family/representatives.

Once again, Tennessee was at the front and center of a massive shift in the

college athletics landscape. In 2022, Tennessee was at the forefront of NIL, as their collective signed Nico Iamaleava to a reported \$8 million deal. In 2024, Tennessee was at the forefront, as their attorneys general (along with Virginia's AG) aggressively protected the recruitment of Nico Iamaleava, suing the NCAA and getting them to tap out. And now, in 2025, Tennessee was at the forefront of telling student-athletes "enough is enough," refusing to give in to contract demands, even for their 5-star quarterback.

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# HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

## Central, South-Doyle and Bearden aiming for league titles

By Ken Lay

As the 2025 high school boys soccer team enters its home stretch, three area teams have their eyes on regular-season district championships.

Two of those titles will likely be claimed this week as Bearden (District 4-3A) and South-Doyle (District 5-2A) conclude league play this week, while Central will have to wait a bit longer to see if it can win the District 3-3A crown.

The Bobcats (5-5-2, 2-0 in the district) kept their title chances alive with a 3-2 victory over Powell last week. Central scored the winning goal when Devon Cole found the back of the net with just over two minutes to play in regulation. The Bobcats won the game despite playing with just 10 players.

"It was just a great game," Central coach Chris Quinn said. "We scored the winning goal with 2:26 left, and we were playing with 10 men."

"It was a melee and it was a great goal."

With the game-winning marker, Cole completed a hat trick against the Panthers.

Central has three district matches remaining, all within the friendly confines of Dan Y. Boring Stadium. The Bobcats will host Black Oak Ridge rival Halls on Tuesday. They'll also entertain Karns.

Kickoff for both matches is slated for 7 p.m.

"If we win those (district) games, we'll win the district but it will be a big ask," Quinn said. "The Halls game will be massive."

"We're right where we want to be and I told my boys that I'm proud of them, but we have accomplished nothing. We ain't where we want to go. We ain't even halfway to where we want to go."

Central is tentatively scheduled to conclude the district portion of its schedule on April 28 against Campbell County.

**Cherokees face title showdown in Lenoir City Tuesday:** South-Doyle, the defending Class 2A state champion, improved to 10-1-2 overall, 3-0 in District 5-2A, as it shut out Alcoa, 6-0, Thursday night. They will travel to Lenoir City Tuesday

night. A victory over Loudon County's Panthers will help the Cherokees complete a perfect league run.

Against the Tornadoes, South-Doyle found the back of the net early and often.

Karl Henkenjohann tallied in the fifth minute. Roger Cruz and Cameron Harp added goals before half-time, giving the Cherokees a 3-0 lead.

After the break, Landon Walker scored in the 45th minute and Harp found the back of the net again in the 66th minute. The Cherokees also got a goal just before the final whistle as Taylor Wilson found the back of the Alcoa net in the 80th minute.

South-Doyle suffered its lone loss of the season against Halls.

"We had a tough loss against Halls, but it made us work that much harder. We're just rolling with the punches," South-Doyle coach Sam Mitchell said. "It seems like they're getting everybody's best game, but they just keep rising to the challenge."

"These guys work their tails off."

**Bearden wins two, looks to complete perfect district run Friday:** The Bulldogs have won three consecutive games since losing to Catholic, 1-0, on April 5. Bearden posted back-to-back 4-0 wins over West High on Tuesday and Maryville on Thursday.

The Bulldogs (12-1 overall, 4-0 in District 4-3A) can wrap up a perfect district campaign with a win at rival Farragut later this week. They head west to play rival Farragut Friday at 7 p.m.

Bearden, the defending Class 3A state champion, is always the hunted according to longtime coach Ryan Radcliffe.

Bearden, which won its sixth state championship in 2024, always gets every opponent's best effort.

"For good or for bad, Bearden always has a target," Radcliffe said. "Winning a state championship or not, we have a target and we know that."

"We know the target is big. Nobody wants to see us win back-to-back state championships, but it's also a little bit of encouragement for the boys to see if we can do it."



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Knoxville Smokies owner Randy Boyd talks at the celebration ceremony of the new Covenant Health Park on April 14, the eve of the first game, as Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon looks on and listens.

## New Covenant Health Park may bridge communities

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people that had envisioned it – so just a blanket 'thank you' to everybody," he said.

"And a quick word about the stadium. Many of you have already been through it, but for those that haven't; this is the best baseball stadium in America!"

That statement from Boyd triggered a loud cheer.

"I can say that with some authority, because I have been to 45 baseball stadiums," pointed out Boyd. "I'm kind of a baseball stadium junkie. I've been to every baseball stadium that's active today plus a bunch of the older ones – the old Yankees stadium and the two old Braves stadiums and so on."

Randy said ever time he goes to a stadium he walks all around it and looks at it from different points of view.

After having walked around Covenant Health Park, he summed up: "We've got some of the most amazing views of any stadium I've ever seen."

Like the water tower behind right field and a bandbox with all kinds of games.

There's even a bridge that runs behind the outfield. Randy and his wife Jenny disagree about what runs under the bridge. He



Karns product Emily Ann Roberts sings the Star-Spangled Banner prior to the start of the Knoxville Smokies' first game in the new Covenant Health Park on April 15.

says it's a river. She says it's a creek. No big deal, but the context of the word bridge will mean much more near the end of Randy's talk.

"It's more than just a baseball stadium," said Boyd. "It's an athletic field with all kinds of sports."

It will have high school baseball and football, and soccer games for men and women, he said.

"But it's more than an athletic venue," continued Boyd. "It's an entertainment venue."

Concerts. A light show at Christmas time. Farmers' markets. Weddings.

"But it's even more than that," said Boyd. "Most importantly, it's a



The majestic bald eagle Lincoln was a sight to behold as he flew around Covenant Health Park in pre-game activity Tuesday. The American Eagle Foundation handlers guided him in for a nice landing near home plate.

bridge. This is a bridge for our community to bring people together. People from downtown to East Knoxville. People from North Knoxville to South Knoxville.

"All across our community we will come together to enjoy not just baseball but each other and build a community. That's what this is about."

Then Boyd flipped the page to thank the people who helped make it

happen. "Our two mayors were the heroes in the story," he said, referring to Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Boyd also thanked the city council and county commission, particularly East Knoxville representatives Gwen McKenzie and Damon Rawls, and many more that supported the project, which took over 10 years from start to finish.

## Whited sparkles in return

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against the Hawks.

"I wonder if I'll start Monday," he said.

Whited's return gave the Bulldogs another reason to celebrate on senior night, but the Bulldogs flexed their offensive muscle early and often as they scored six runs in the bottom of the first frame. Bearden sent 10 hitters to the plate and chased Karns starter Owen Burnette from the mound with one out in the inning.

In the frame, Matt Schroeffler came up with a two run single and Logan Benko had an RBI double. Connor Sipe delivered the big blow as he hit a three-run triple to make the score 6-0.

In the second, Bearden added two more runs as a double by Schroeffler



PHOTO BY TAMMY KREGEL

Bearden's Cooper Cameron (9) awaits a pitch in the Bulldogs' 11-1 victory over Karns Thursday night. Cameron, Bearden's leadoff hitter, doubled and scored against the Beavers.

plated Grayson Wright and Evan Cope.

Bearden scored two more runs in the fourth as Isaiah Allen came home on a wild pitch and Sipe had a two-run single.

Whited threw one pitch in the seventh before Sipe took over on the hill and pitched around a pair of walks and kept the Beavers off the scoreboard.

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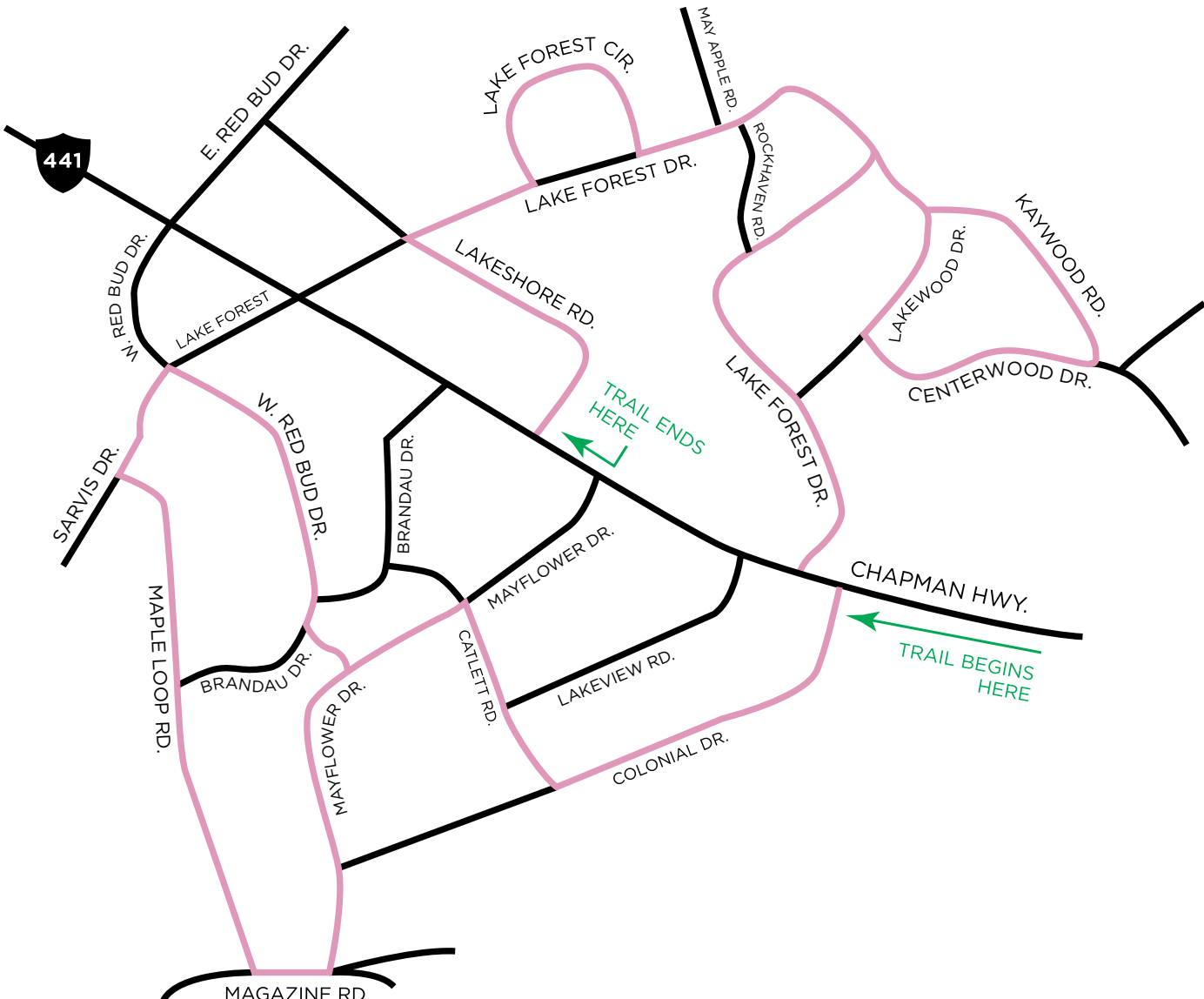
This trail is a two-part story made up of Colonial Village on the West side of Chapman Hwy and Lake Forest on the east.

Colonial Village is a Dogwood Trail community that was once a part of the 200 acre McCall family farm. First listed in the city deed books in 1940, Colonial Village is a post-WWII neighborhood development. Most of the homes here were built during the 1940s and 1950s, so ranchers and cottages abounded with their modest sizes and larger yards making them perfect for young families. Today, this quaint community is a diverse mix of many age groups, and its large mature flowering trees and shrubs offer a beautiful springtime display. Colonial Village is about four miles south of Downtown, just off Chapman Highway across from Lake Forest.

Today, the neighborhood is home to four churches, one elementary school, one city park, and a pretty nifty duck pond, which is also known as McCall’s Pond or Butterfly Lake. Colonial Village residents don’t have to go far to enjoy the great outdoors. They can take a stroll on the 0.8 mile Gary Underwood Greenway, located within the neighborhood, or they can settle in for an afternoon of fun at Gary Underwood Park, which has a football field and soccer field in addition to picnic areas and shelters.

Throughout the Lake Forest and Colonial Village neighborhoods, are examples of Tennessee Pink Marble used as building materials in the homes. These modest cottage-style houses, reminiscent of the picturesque Neo-Tudor construction in the popular Cotswold style, offer the convenience of easy access to downtown and are a favorite with those who like the feeling of privacy and seclusion. Of special note, on Centerwood Drive, there is a small fenced in graveyard where relatives of Sam Houston are buried. Sam Houston lived near here in his youth and became Governor of Tennessee in 1827 before moving to Texas to "Remember the Alamo" in 1836.

Across Chapman Highway, the trail continues into the Lake Forest community where examples of Tennessee Pink Marble are found in the architecture of its homes. Once mined by over 35 quarries in the Knoxville area, larger blocks of marble were used in buildings all over the U.S., including Washington D.C., and carved into monuments, such as the famous lion statues in front of the New York Public Library. Local builders used the smaller left over pieces to construct retaining walls, arched doorways, chimneys, patios, and whole houses. To celebrate the heritage and architecture of the neighborhood, a five-ton pink marble entry sign was added in 2014. East Lake Forest Drive leads to an entrance to The Urban Wilderness Loop, a popular outdoor recreation spot, which connects to the William Hastie Natural Area (3.5 miles of trails) with Ijams Nature Center where you can enjoy early spring wildflower hikes.



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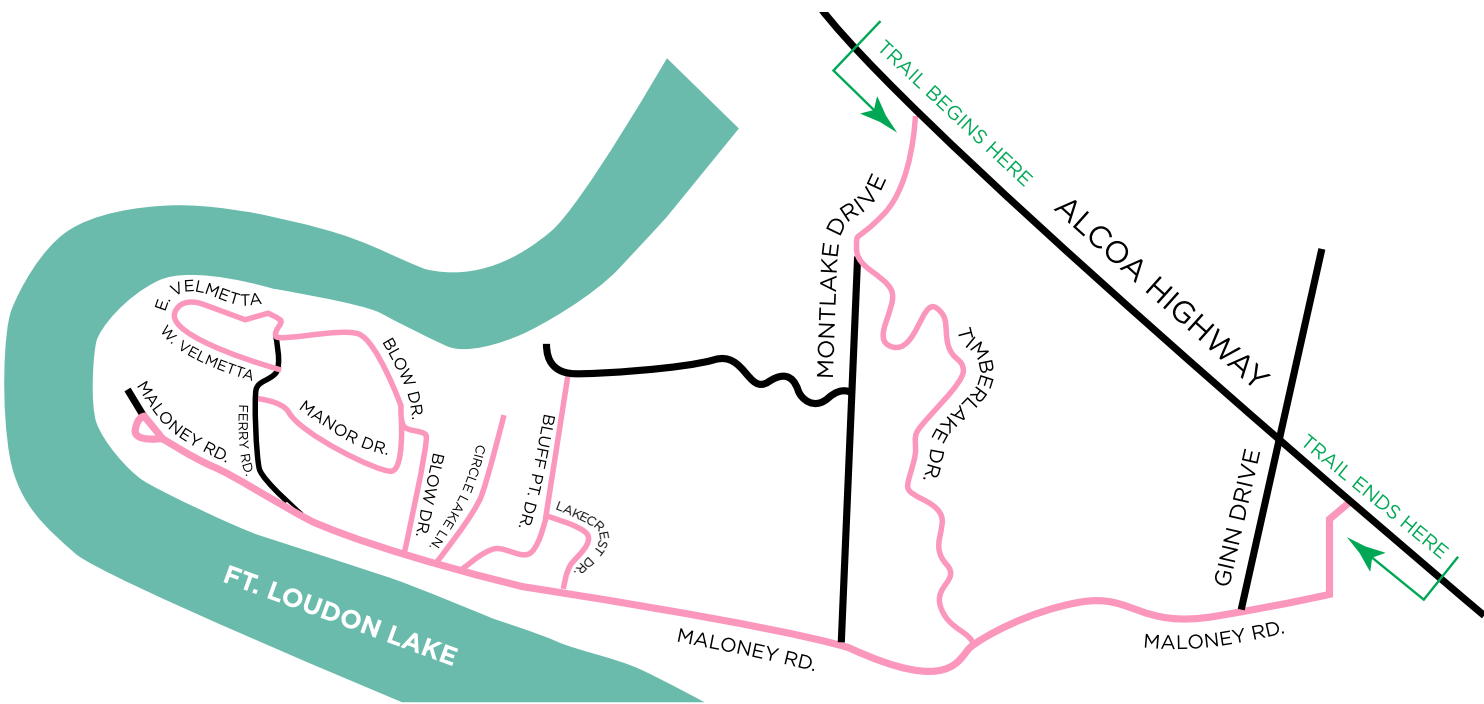
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Due to the wonderful, heavily-treed areas, the temperature drops several degrees in the summer when entering this neighborhood. The nearby Lake Hills Presbyterian Church offers a walking trail with basketball and tennis courts available to anyone in the neighborhood. Maloney Park, a wonderful neighborhood amenity, is located on the lake and has a boat ramp, playground, picnic pavilion, and a walking trail.

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Ticketed races require registration to participate. The free events will fill up fast—registration is encouraged (but not required).

Extreme Spectacles & Festival Vibes

In addition to hands-on adventure, spectators can enjoy thrilling performances and festival energy throughout the weekend:

- Watch high slacklining over the quarry, bike whip-off stunts, kayak flat-water freestyle, and fire dancing that lights up the night.
- Enjoy live music from local artists and headliner FERD, with performances across the property.
- Wander through interactive tents featuring local makers, outdoor gear brands, nature-based artists, and community sport groups.

Whether you're climbing rocks, paddling waters, or just soaking in the scene, the Outlandish Adventure Festival is your chance to celebrate Knoxville's wild side in unforgettable style.

**TALK RADIO** **FM 92.3** **AM 760**

**TODD STARNES**  
**SHOW**

**NEW WEEKEND SHOW**

**FOX NEWS** **radio**

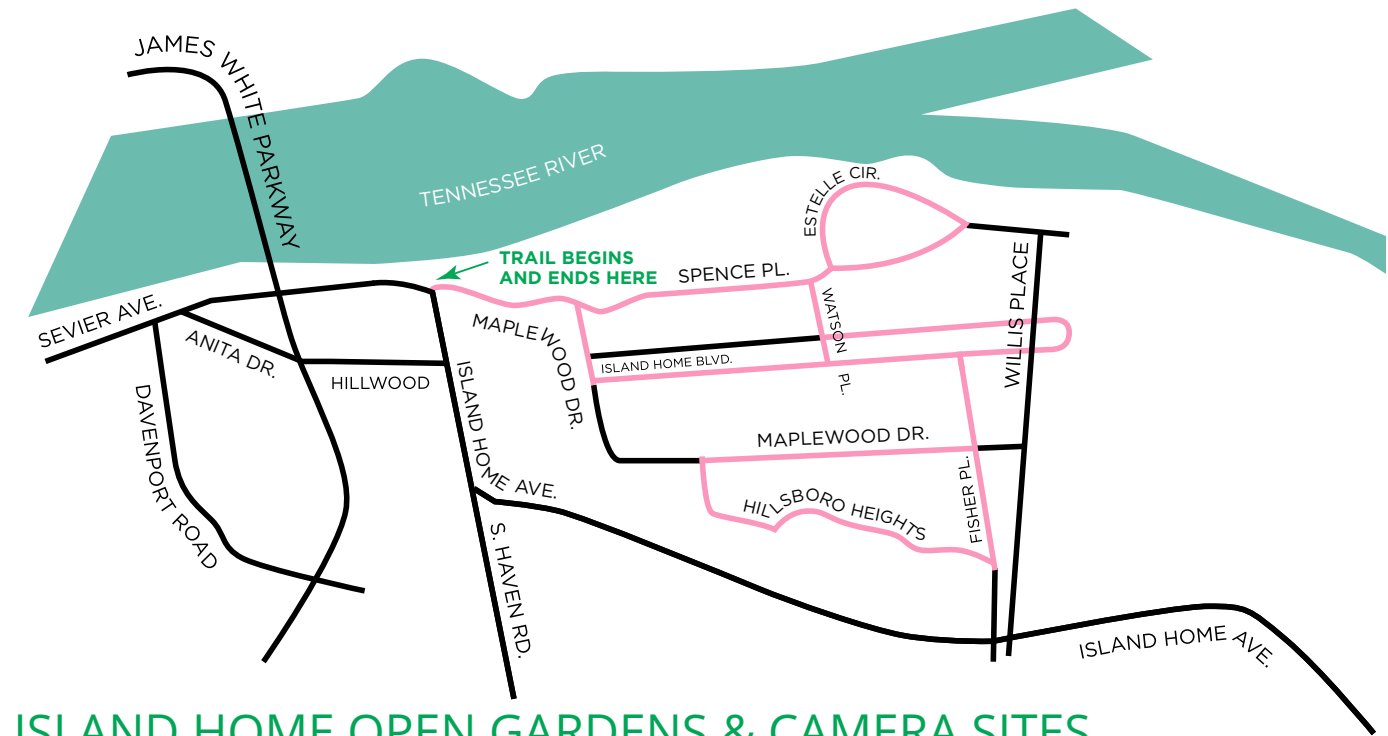
**SATURDAYS**  
1 pm to 4 pm

**THE TODD STARNES SHOW**



# Island Home

2.5 Miles | Established in the 1980s | Trail Begins at 1906 Maplewood Drive (37920)



## ISLAND HOME OPEN GARDENS & CAMERA SITES

- Monte & Ann Whitney Stanley**  
Open Garden  
3029 Davenport Road, 37920  
Driveway north of Stanley's Greenhouse  
*Spring blooming shrubs, trees, and flowers. Nature trail surrounds the large pond.*
- Rocky Stanley**  
Camera Site  
2100 Spence Place, 37920
- Lisa's Garden & Island Home Park Entry**  
Open Garden  
1900 Block of Maplewood Drive, 37920

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

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## FORECLOSURE NOTICES

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 06/07/2006, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 07/14/2006, in Instr. :200507140003929, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by William M. Hale and Patricia P. Hale, conveying certain property therein described to First American Title as Trustee for Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as nominee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, The Sayer Law Group, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee to First American Title, as trustee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8, NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of The Sayer Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee to First American Title, as trustee for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 2006-8, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, will, on 05/21/2025 at or about 12:00 PM, at the North side of the City County Building, Knoxville, TN, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK A, OF THE J. E. ALEXANDER ADDITION AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 26, PAGE 10, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF BRANCH LANE SAID IRON PIN BEING DISTANT 929 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF BRAND LANE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF RUGGLES FERRY PIKE; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT ALONG BRANCH LANE NORTH 4 DEGREES SOUTH 82 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 243.02 FEET TO A PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST 95.41 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 2, 1984. ALSO KNOWN AS: 308 Branch Lane, Knoxville, TN 37924 Parcel ID: 061-NA-031 This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: PATRICIA HALE AND WILLIAM M. HALE 308 BRANCH LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924 CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF HSBC BANK NEVADA, N.A. 250 HIGH STREET, P.O. BOX 5059, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37802 THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE BANK OF AMERICA CENTER 550 MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37901 Y-12 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION P.O. BOX 2512, OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-2512 CURRENT OCCUPANTS 308 BRANCH LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924 The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at

any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. TRUSTEE IS SELLING THE PROPERTY AS IS. BUYER BEWARE. TRUSTEE MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, THE STATUS OF TITLE, OR ANY LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES ON THE PROPERTY. DATED - April 10, 2025 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for three consecutive weeks: 4/21, 4/28, & 5/5/2025. THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

## COURT NOTICES

### 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 appears 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 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 a/k/a Sanyian Sodhi Bhoothalingom, 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 a/k/a Sanyian Sodhi Bhoothalingom on May 24, 2008, in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, and a minor female child born to Sanyia Sodhi Booth a/k/a Sanyian

Sodhi Bhoothalingom 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

## 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 Jeffery 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 Jeffery 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 37831

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC)  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)  
Davy Crockett Tower  
500 James Robertson Pkwy, 9th Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOPH25-001

April 15, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to TN Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) on the issuance of the Tennessee Storm Water Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit for Industrial Activities (TMSP).

Date:	May 21, 2025
Time:	1:00-2:00 PM CDT, Informal Question and Answer time 2:00-3:00 PM CDT, Public Hearing
Meeting Location:	Davy Crockett Tower 500 James Robertson Pkwy Boardroom 1-A Nashville, TN 37243
Ways to Participate:	In person (see above for the meeting location) Log in online (see login info below) Call in by phone (see call-in info below)
Virtual Login Info:	To access the meeting or join anytime during the Q&A session or the formal public hearing, click on the link or copy the URL to your web browser.
Microsoft Teams Need help?	Join the meeting: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTYzZjkxOTAtMjA4Yi00YmQwLTg2MzAtYTJkYjg2Y2VhZDFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Id%22%3a%22f345bebf-0d71-4337-9281-24b9416161c36%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226b767f63-4ff6-42d9-9094-0c305ff9acce%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTYzZjkxOTAtMjA4Yi00YmQwLTg2MzAtYTJkYjg2Y2VhZDFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Id%22%3a%22f345bebf-0d71-4337-9281-24b9416161c36%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226b767f63-4ff6-42d9-9094-0c305ff9acce%22%7d</a> Meeting ID: 212 040 571 531 Passcode: vv6V7hP9
Dial in by phone	+1 629-209-4396 144597507# United States, Triune Find a local number Phone conference ID: 144 597 507#
Join on a video conferencing device	Tenant key: stateoftn@m.webex.com Video ID: 119 695 642 1 More info

TDEC will receive public comments concerning the proposed permit action described below:

Permit Name:	Tennessee Storm Water Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit for Industrial Activities
Permit Number:	TNR050000
Permit Writer:	Vojin Janjic
Permit Rating:	General Permit
County:	Statewide
Description of Activity:	Industrial facilities defined under EPA storm water regulations with point source discharges into waters of the state requiring coverage under Tennessee Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit (TMSP).
Receiving Stream:	Various waters of the state

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments to allow all parties an opportunity to speak and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through May 31, 2025, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to Vojin Janjic at [vojin.janjic@tn.gov](mailto:vojin.janjic@tn.gov).

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit by contacting Vojin Janjic at [vojin.janjic@tn.gov](mailto:vojin.janjic@tn.gov). These documents may also be found on

[TDEC's DataViewer](#)

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no later than Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-532-0660 or [brian.canada@tn.gov](mailto:brian.canada@tn.gov).

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada al 615-532-0660 o [brian.canada@tn.gov](mailto:brian.canada@tn.gov).

For further information, you may reach Vojin Janjic, the permit writer, at 615-728-2049 or [vojin.janjic@tn.gov](mailto:vojin.janjic@tn.gov).



## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER

IN RE: SOUTH CASTLE LLC VS. HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER

NO. 202490-1  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER, SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER, 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 HEATH J. HARPER, NANCY A. HARPER, ASHLEY E. HARPER, SHAROLYNN RENEE HARPER, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JULIOUS B. HARPER, SR., AND ANNA E. HARPER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917 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 Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.  
This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100  
IN RE: CRYSTAL FLACK, Petitioner V. JUDY ISABELLE FLACK, VICKY LAROYCE FULTON, CHERYL JEWEL MCNEIL, ZOE GILLMORE, GLORIA WILLIAMS RODGERS, TRUMAN RODGERS, SABRINA HILL, DORRIS WILLIAMS RODGERS, ZACK FLACK, AND JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, Respondents

NO. 2028749-2  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, 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 JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, it is ordered that said defendant, JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-100, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Bennett Hirschhorn, an Attorney whose address is 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 700, Knoxville, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.  
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 16th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALLEN BUFORD BALDWIN  
DOCKET NUMBER 90685-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ALLEN BUFORD BALDWIN, who died February 7, 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) 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALLEN BUFORD BALDWIN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY FAITH SCOTT  
229 VILLA DRIVE  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK R. BUTTURINI  
DOCKET NUMBER 90507-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JACK R. BUTTURINI, who died December 24, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALLEN BUFORD BALDWIN

described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 2nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACK R. BUTTURINI  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM ROBERT BUTTURINI  
356 FARRAGUT CROSSING  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934  
STEPHEN K. BUTTURINI  
2932 MYNATT ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918  
P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBRA FOWLER CHADWICK  
DOCKET NUMBER 90532-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of DEBRA FOWLER CHADWICK, who died on November 20, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
(1)(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 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEBRA FOWLER CHADWICK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LANCE FREDRICK CHADWICK  
536 SCHROEDER DR.  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37918  
JOHN B. DUPREE, ATTORNEY  
616 W. HILL AVE., 2nd FLOOR  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. COPELAND  
DOCKET NUMBER 90747-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CATHERINE A. COPELAND, who died March 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 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. COPELAND  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CYNTHIA C. HUGHS  
STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY  
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES P. CORLEW  
DOCKET NUMBER 90696-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of March, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES P. CORLEW, who died Jan. 9, 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 31 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF FRANCES P. CORLEW  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN P. RODEN, CO-EXECUTRIX  
820 BENNETT PLACE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909  
FRANCES PRINCE-DELOZIER, CO-EXECUTRIX  
1732 RUDDER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919  
STANLEY F. RODEN, ATTORNEY  
10269 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN DAVIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90312-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN DAVIS, who died were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN DAVIS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR  
900 S. GAY ST., #800  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902  
MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL  
DIVISION OF TENNACRE  
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD, 3 WEST  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA K. DEAN, A/K/A SANDRA FAYE DEAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 90730-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA K. DEAN, A/K/A SANDRA FAYE DEAN, who died on 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 creditors 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 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF SANDRA K. DEAN, A/K/A SANDRA FAYE DEAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY WHITAKER AILOR  
11614 VISTA TERRACE WAY, APT. # 3101  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934  
DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY  
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICTOR ROBERT DEFENDERFER, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 90727-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VICTOR ROBERT DEFENDERFER, JR., who died February 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 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF VICTOR ROBERT DEFENDERFER, JR.  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VICTOR ROBERT DEFENDERFER, III  
4152 GRAVELLY HILLS ROAD  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777  
ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY  
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 4415  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE ELMER ELLIOTT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90792-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CONNIE ELMER ELLIOTT, who died on the 22nd day of February, 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 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CONNIE ELMER ELLIOTT  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EMILY MICHELLE CORUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
7664 DUNSMORE LANE  
CORRYTON, TN 37721  
S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY  
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA SUE FERGUSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90765-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters administration in respect of the

Estate of BRENDA SUE FERGUSON, who died on January 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRENDA SUE FERGUSON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES MICHAEL FERGUSON  
7244 DEVILLE WAY  
POWELL, TN 37849  
PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY  
125 N. MAIN STREET  
CLINTON, TN 37716

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARION L. FOSTER, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 90753-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of MARION L. FOSTER, JR., deceased, who died on March 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.  
This the 3 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARION L. FOSTER JR.  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHY MARTIN  
6617 CARINA LANE  
CORRYTON, TN 37721  
SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY  
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAN SCOTT HALE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90723-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAN SCOTT HALE, who died on January 1, 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 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAN SCOTT HALE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PATRICIA E. CROTWELL, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 3804  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD HAMPTON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90726-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of PAUL EDWARD HAMPTON, who died February 5, 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 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD HAMPTON  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JONATHAN HAMPTON, EXECUTOR  
6917 WRIGHT RD., APT. 31  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931  
JENNIFER L. CHADWELL, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 4038  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL WILLIAM HEIFNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90711-2  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of April, 2025, letters administration in respect of the

the Estate of CARL WILLIAM HEIFNER, who died Jan. 31, 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 3 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARL WILLIAM HEIFNER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVE ANDREW HEIFNER, ADMINISTRATOR  
607 KINGFISHER AVENUE  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS JEAN RAYDER KIRK  
DOCKET NUMBER 90688-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS JEAN RAYDER KIRK, who died on the 13th day of December, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS JEAN RAYDER KIRK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROLINE KIRK ELIAS  
3090 ENCLAVE BAY DRIVE  
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37405  
PATRICK G. NOEL, ATTORNEY  
1001 E. BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE M. LANE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90658-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOE M. LANE, who died on the 20th day of January, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOE M. LANE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VALERIE L. GENTZ  
53 W. LEWIS AVENUE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85003  
NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY  
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE Q. MCNUTT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90655-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE Q. MCNUTT, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE Q. MCNUTT  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL MCNUTT, CO-REPRESENTATIVE  
2355 BEAVER CREEK LANE  
AIKEN, SC 29803  
ANGELA MCNUTT, CO-REPRESENTATIVE  
7873 MORRIS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938  
REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY  
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN KAYE MERRITT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90316-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of EVELYN KAYE MERRITT, who died August 31, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF EVELYN KAYE MERRITT  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROL GRAHAM CALDWELL  
4540 COBBLESTONE CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938  
STEPHEN M. BOYETTE, JR., ATTORNEY  
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE STROBLE MILLER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90724-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANE STROBLE MILLER, who died September 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANE STROBLE MILLER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS MARTIN MILLER  
277 SADDLE RIDGE DRIVE  
FARRAGUT, TN 37934  
LAUREN E. JONES, ATTORNEY  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH ALLEN MILLS, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 90662-1  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH ALLEN MILLS, SR., who died January 11, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH ALLEN MILLS, SR.  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA LYNN LINDSEY  
213 HUSKEY VALLEY ROAD  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUNE P. NICKLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90742-3  
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JUNE P. NICKLE, who died January 12, 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



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK OGAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 90739-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of April, 2025, Letters of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **CHARLES PATRICK OGAN**, deceased, 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 Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court within the earlier of:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claim will be forever barred;

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the Undersigned at once.

This the 2nd day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK OGAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**PATRICK SHANE OGAN, CO-ADMINISTRATOR**  
145 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD  
HEISKELL, TN

**MARSHALL COLE OGAN, CO-ADMINISTRATOR**  
5214 VILLAGE CREST WAY, APT. 324  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

**K. DAVID MYERS, ATTORNEY**  
P. O. BOX 13  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONNIE K. PERKEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90729-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **RONNIE K. PERKEY**, who died February 9, 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 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF RONNIE K. PERKEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**DERRICK S. PROSE**

**ELLE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY**  
900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 300  
P. O. BOX 2425  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLEN ROMINES  
DOCKET NUMBER 90734-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **GEORGE ALLEN ROMINES**, who died Feb. 3, 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 3 day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF GEORGE ALLEN ROMINES**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**KELLY JEANINE WHITE, EXECUTRIX**  
2655 BOSTON CHASE ROAD  
KODAK, TN 37764

**JEFFREY MURRELL, ATTORNEY**  
150 COURT AVENUE  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD ROY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90760-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of **JOHN EDWARD ROY**, who died March 1, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD ROY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**DANIEL EDWARD RULE**  
1809 SOUTHCLIFF DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

**AMY E. BURROUGHS, ATTORNEY**  
315 HIGH STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY RUTH SELLERS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90745-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **SHIRLEY RUTH SELLERS**, who died on August 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 2nd day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY RUTH SELLERS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**MABLE ANN LANE**  
8316 THORN GROVE PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

**M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY**  
216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NELLE IRWIN STRANGE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90771-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of **NELLE IRWIN STRANGE**, who died September 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF NELLE IRWIN STRANGE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**JOY MARIE STRANGE**  
4800 MERRILL LANE  
NASHVILLE, TN 37211

**MACK A. GENTRY, ATTORNEY**  
P. O. BOX 1990  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEI TANG  
DOCKET NUMBER 90642-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **LEI TANG**, who died November 18, 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 the four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF LEI TANG**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**XIMIN ZENG**  
821 LOURDE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

**BEN T. NORRIS, ATTORNEY**  
P. O. BOX 397  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARIA SAKENOVNA VINCENT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90735-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of March, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of **MARIA SAKENOVNA VINCENT**, who died Dec. 26, 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 31 day of MARCH, 2025.

**ESTATE OF MARIA SAKENOVNA VINCENT**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**BENJAMIN HODGES, ADMINISTRATOR**  
1404 DARBEE DRIVE  
MORRISTOWN, TN 37814

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DANIEL WARNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90699-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of **DANIEL WARNER**, who died on February 1, 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 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF DANIEL WARNER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**SCOTT GEPHART**  
166 DOWNE LANE  
CARYVILLE, TN 37714

**ELIZABETH M. BURRELL, ATTORNEY**  
P. O. BOX 398  
CLINTON, TN 37177

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL DUANE WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90403-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of April, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of **MICHAEL DUANE WHITE**, who died October 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL DUANE WHITE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**CHAD CHRISTIAN WHITE, EXECUTOR**  
220 LEE DRIVE  
CORAOPOULIS, PA 15108

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JANE MARGARET WILBANKS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90508-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **JANE MARGARET WILBANKS**, who died August 8, 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 paragraph (1)(A); or

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

This the 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF JANE MARGARET WILBANKS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**SHERRY L. DUNHAM**

**W. ALLEN MCDONALD, ATTORNEY**  
249 N. PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KIM FATT YAP  
DOCKET NUMBER 90721-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of **KIM FATT YAP**, who died on the 5th day of February, 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 first publication (or posting as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less

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

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

This the 3rd day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF KIM FATT YAP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**ANGIE ENCHI YAP**  
13032 SANDERLING LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

**MICHAEL H. MEARES, ATTORNEY**  
307 COLLEGE STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUANITA DAVIS BRASWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 90755-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of **JUANITA DAVIS BRASWELL**, who died testate on March 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 form the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or

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

This the 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF JUANITA DAVIS BRASWELL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**HOLLIE RENFRO**  
1625 RUDDER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

**TRACY RIEDL**  
7433 HUNTLAND DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

**DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY**  
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SUSAN ELIZABETH BURKE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90698-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of **SUSAN ELIZABETH BURKE**, who died October 18, 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 10th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF SUSAN ELIZABETH BURKE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**WILLIAM PATTON BURKE**  
1081 INDIAN LANE  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

**TED A. BURKHALTER, JR., ATTORNEY**  
1500 WEST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY THOMPSON CHRISTIAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 90689-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of **BETTY THOMPSON CHRISTIAN**, who died October 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 8th day of APRIL, 2025

**ESTATE OF BETTY THOMPSON CHRISTIAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**LAURA NICOLE CHRISTIAN**  
419 WINNERS CIRCLE  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

**MADELINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY**  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY KATHLEEN CHRISTIAN, a/k/a KATHLEEN A. CHRISTIAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 90775-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **MARY KATHLEEN CHRISTIAN (a/k/a KATHLEEN A. CHRISTIAN)** who died January 7, 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 the 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 15th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF MARY KATHLEEN CHRISTIAN, a/k/a KATHLEEN A. CHRISTIAN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**J. E. ALBRIGHT**  
766 S. WHITE STATION  
MEMPHIS, TN 38117

**WILLIAM A. MYNATT, JR., ATTORNEY**  
P. O. BOX 2425  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SUSAN LYNN CUMMINS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90772-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **SUSAN LYNN CUMMINS**, who died on the 19th day of February, 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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 15th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF SUSAN LYNN CUMMINS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**ROBERT LOGAN CUMMINS, ADMINISTRATOR**  
4518 VICTORY BELL AVENUE  
POWELL, TN 37849

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN E. DAVIDSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90778-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate **JOHN E. DAVIDSON**, who died March 3, 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 11th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF JOHN E. DAVIDSON**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**ANGELICA ADAMS**  
5407 MORNING DOVE CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

**BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY**  
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA GAYLE EDMONDS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90737-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of April, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **PATRICIA GAYLE EDMONDS**, who died on January 18, 2025, issued by the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF PATRICIA GAYLE EDMONDS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**VANESSA EDMONDS**  
5604 MADONA CIR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

**HARRISON C. DUSEK, ATTORNEY**  
310 N. MAIN ST.  
CLINTON. TN 37716

of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **DORA MAE GASS**, who died August 9, 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 16th day of APRIL, 2025.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARK BURTON GODSEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90740-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of **MARK BURTON GODSEY**, who died January 5, 2025, were issued to Robert Lynn Godsey by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, TN. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF MARK BURTON GODSEY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S):  
**ROBERT LYNN GODSEY**  
1138 DUNLAP ROAD  
KINGSPORT, TN 37663

**DUSTIN S. CROUSE, ATTORNEY**  
9111 CROSS PARK DR., SUITE D-200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BEULAH MAE HALL  
DOCKET NUMBER 90776-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **BEULAH MAE HALL**, who died on November 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10th day of APRIL, 2025.

**ESTATE OF BEULAH MAE HALL**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
**MICHA**



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARGARET JEWEL ISON DOCKET NUMBER 90782-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARGARET JEWEL ISON, who died February 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 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 is the 10th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MARGARET JEWEL ISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DAVID BRYAN MCMILLAN  
314 BURRIS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

### M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY 2908 TAZEVELL PIKE, SUITE G KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JUDITH W. JAMES DOCKET NUMBER 90758-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDITH W. JAMES, who died March 3, 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 is the 10th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JUDITH W. JAMES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LAURA JAMES HIGDON  
1805 STRATHMORE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

### M. CATHERINE WARBROD, ATTORNEY 10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. JONES DOCKET NUMBER 90770-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration, as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. JONES, who died February 19, 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 paragraphs (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors 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 to Creditors 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 is the 10th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GREGG A. JONES, CO-REPRESENTATIVE  
CARLA LEE SMITH, CO-REPRESENTATIVE

J. ERIC BUTLER, ATTORNEY  
900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 300  
P. O. BOX 2425  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES WESLEY NEAL DOCKET NUMBER 90182-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES WESLEY NEAL, who died intestate on July 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident or non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the date prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise the 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 a 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 is the 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF CHARLES WESLEY NEAL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBIN MCMAHAN  
3245 MOUNTAIN SPRING WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

DANIEL KIDD, ATTORNEY  
1308 WILSON ROAD, STE. 102  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL PHELPS DOCKET NUMBER 90816-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PAUL PHELPS, who died 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 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 is the 16th day of APRIL, 2025

### ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL PHELPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
H. BRUCE JUSTICE  
4708 TAZEVELL PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES D. PHILLIPS DOCKET NUMBER 90774-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of JAMES D. PHILLIPS, deceased, who died February 21, 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 estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This is the 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JAMES D. PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANNY L. PHILLIPS, EXECUTOR  
1408 KENZI ROSE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

K. DAVID MYERS, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 13  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD SENTELL DOCKET NUMBER 90495-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES EDWARD SENTELL, who died November 6, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This is the 15th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD SENTELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CONNIE G. RUSSELL  
11205 SNYDER RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

GLEN A. KYLE, ATTORNEY  
4931 HOMBERG DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BARBARA M. SWEENEY DOCKET NUMBER 90722-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA M. SWEENEY, who died on January 22, 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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This is the 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF BARBARA M. SWEENEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MAUREEN HANSEN  
2536 KINGS MOUNTAIN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DAVID O. TIPTON DOCKET NUMBER 90764-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID O. TIPTON, who died February 11, 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 is the 7th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF DAVID O. TIPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STACEY TIPTON BURCHFIELD

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF VICKIE ROZENIA WHITAKER DOCKET NUMBER 90785-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of VICKIE ROZENIA WHITAKER, deceased, who died on 02/12/2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This is the 28th day of March, 2025.

### ESTATE OF VICKIE ROZENIA WHITAKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHELLE WHITAKER  
WOODS, ADMINISTRATOR  
7703 COOPER MEADOWS LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JEFFERY LEE WILKERSON, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90781-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of JEFFERY LEE WILKERSON, JR., who died on December 26, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This is the 11th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JEFFERY LEE WILKERSON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFFERY LEE WILKERSON, SR.  
117 GADSONTOWN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

TROY B. JONES, ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 2308  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JACK E. WILLIAMS, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 90686-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of April, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JACK E. WILLIAMS, SR., whodied September 28, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This is the 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JACK E. WILLIAMS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACK E. WILLIAMS, JR.  
421 CLOVER FORK RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JENNIFER W. MEREDITH  
1857 CHAMPIONS CIRCLE  
EVANS, GA 30809

ERIN WHITE, ATTORNEY  
300 MONTVUE RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF TERESA GAIL YOUNG DOCKET NUMBER 90617-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERESA GAIL YOUNG, who died Jan. 9, 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 is the 3 day of APRIL, 2025.

### ESTATE OF TERESA GAIL YOUNG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALICIA YOUNG, ADMINISTRATRIX  
2068 CEDAR CIRCLE  
CLIO, MI 48420

## MISC. NOTICES

## LEGAL SECTION

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

BID 3659, Hot Mix Hauling and Placement Services FY2026, due 5/21/25;

BID 3660, Narrow Road Hot Mix Hauling and Placement Services FY2026, due 5/21/25;

RFP 3661, Armed Security Guard Services, due 5/20/25

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Investment Committee shall meet on Monday, April 28, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. on the 6th Floor Commission Conference Room in the City-County Building.

### AGENDA

1.) Call to Order.

2.) Approval of Minutes from January 2025 Meeting.

3.) Justin Biggs, Trustee's Report.

4.) Review of investment portfolio performance of bond proceeds and other funds invested with Raymond James.

5.) Discussion.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG;  
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES;  
4. PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at [commission.knoxcounty.org](http://commission.knoxcounty.org), by emailing [Kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org](mailto:Kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org) or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

5. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:

6. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

6a. Four Corner Market, 7512 Sevierville Pike, District 9, Ms. Dhera Patel, owner

1st offense – January 27, 2025

2nd offense – March 24, 2025

Beer Permit issued May 24, 2024

6b. Ian's #87, 10711 Rutledge Pike, District 8, Mr. Karim Boghani, owner

1st offense – August 12, 2024

2nd offense – March 24, 2025

Beer Permit issued February 16, 2021

### 6c. Price Less Foods, 522 Andrew Johnson Hwy., District 8, Mr. Todd Childress, owner

1st offense – March 24, 2025

Beer Permit issued October 6, 2014

### 7. APPLICATIONS:

#### 7a. NRENTERPRISE .....

Corrorton Food Mart  
8824 Tazewell Pike  
Corrorton, TN 37721  
Off Premises  
(District 8)

#### 7b. Halls Crossroads Investments .....

Whiskey Alley Tavern  
6600 Maynardville Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37918  
On Premises  
(District 7)

#### 7c. HKP Ventures, LLC .....