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Rusty Wallace Celebrates Two Grand Openings



Rusty Wallace, Con Hunley, Ray Huffaker and Gene Cougar Morris celebrate the new Rusty Wallace Hyundai grand opening on Wed., April 23rd.

Rusty Wallace Family of Dealerships opens doors at new Clinton Highway, Callahan Drive locations

The Rusty Wallace Family of Dealerships celebrated the Grand Openings of two new locations last week. On Monday, April 21, Rusty Wallace Nissan celebrated the opening of their new location at 4500 Clinton Highway. And on Wednesday, April 23, the celebration continued at the all new Rusty Wallace Hyundai at 505 Callahan Drive.

The festivities included activities for the kids, food, ice cream and the Austin-East Marching Band, NASCAR fan-favorite Rusty

Wallace himself was on hand to meet and greet folks dropping by to check out the new facilities. Each night was capped off with a set of great music performed by country music star Con Hunley and his band.

Owner Ray Huffaker along with Chad Campbell, Mark Troutt, Gene Cougar Morris, and others invite everyone to check out the new facilities, take a test drive and take advantage of the Grand Opening deals going on now.

Knox Co. Finance to report on potential loss of federal funds

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The last item on the proposed agenda for the Knox County Commission meeting today is a discussion on federal grants suggested by 4th District Commissioner Shane Jackson.

Jackson explained the

request during the agenda review meeting last Monday.

He is asking the Knox County Finance Department to take a look at all the federal grants the county receives and report back on what might be lost as federal policies are

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Affordable housing, new annual budget before city council

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Aside from the first readings of the budget proposal and the property tax rate, the Knoxville City Council's meeting Tuesday will see numerous resolutions to provide more affordable housing, including more than \$1.7 million from Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant funds to support eight projects. The proposal is from the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department.

In another proposal, Lumen Flats Knoxville could

see \$1 million from the HOME American Rescue Plan program for the development of 18 affordable housing units at 1585 Coleman Road.

Edgewood Apartments LLC may get \$360,000 for affordable rental development at 2501 Edgewood Avenue and the development may also get a tax break for the project. The Affordable Rental Development Program may be approved to accept \$570,000 from United Way of Knoxville.

Parkview Apartments LLC may get \$210,000

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Biggs kicks off re-election campaign

By Ken Lay

When Justin Biggs announced his intention to seek re-election, he did so in style.

Biggs, Knox County's Trustee, had a gathering for family and friends at Knoxville's newest sports and entertainment venue, Covenant Health Park, the new home for the Knoxville Smokies baseball team and the One Knox Sporting Club's men's professional soccer team and women's pre-professional soccer team.

Biggs officially kicked off his campaign for re-election in 2026 on Tuesday, just two days after the Smokies concluded their inaugural homestand at the facility.

It was a gathering with a baseball theme as Biggs and his

daughter wore black and Tennessee orange pinstriped baseball jerseys. Many of Biggs' supporters were clad in white pinstriped baseball gear.

He spoke briefly and his remarks were about anything but baseball. He spoke of his success of bringing the Knox County Trustee's office to the people.

"I brought the trustee's office to the people," Biggs said, "It has been my honor to serve you. No hour was too early and no hour was too late.

"When I ran for office three years ago, I wanted to bring the office to the people of Knox County and I will continue to do that. I'm not one who writes long speeches, so I'm going to speak

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HORNBACK

Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs welcomes supporters to his campaign kick off Tuesday evening.

Mayor Kincannon delivers State of the City, unveils proposed budget

By Ken Lay

For the sixth time in her tenure, Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon delivered her State of the City Address Friday.

This time, she spoke to city voters from the recently opened Covenant Health Park in the Old City.

And that wasn't by accident.

She chose the new venue, which is the new home of the Knoxville Smokies Minor League Baseball Team and the

One Knox Sporting Club's soccer teams, because the theme of her address was teamwork.

"I still have to pinch myself that we're here," Kincannon said in her opening remarks from the concourse of the new stadium. "This is more than a stadium.

"This stadium is about creating a great community space and revitalizing a forgotten part of town."

She spoke of teamwork as she declared that violent

crime in the city has gone down for three consecutive years.

She also unveiled her

budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

"As the captain of this

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City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon delivered the annual State of the City address last Friday at the newly opened Covenant Health Park in the Old City.

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Trade War – You Can Root For Trump Or For China

From a distance



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When I was a batboy for the Knoxville Smokies in the late 1950s and early 1960s, I did it for free the first and second seasons and then for \$1.50 a game after that.

In return for working so cheaply, I usually got to go on two road trips each summer. This meant I got to go on long bus rides to several mid-sized cities in the south and through many small towns since these were days before the interstates.

Almost every small town seemed to have a factory

or two or three. Now it is estimated that we have lost somewhere around 90,000 factories to other countries.

This did not mean we just lost factory jobs. It also led to the loss of many thousands of business management jobs, accounting, personnel, secretarial, etc.

When I graduated from U.T. in 1969, people could get a good job in business or helping run a factory with just a bachelor's degree. Then, as those jobs slowly went away, young people felt they had to go to some type of graduate school.

A great many, possibly too many, went to law school. Others worked to get MBAs or doctorates. I once had a young man in my Knoxville office who had a PhD from Vanderbilt. He was working as a cook at Calhoun's On The River.

We have ended up with the best-educated waiters and waitresses in the world.

The U.S. had a trade deficit of more than \$900 billion last year, with over a third of that coming from China. This has meant the loss of millions of jobs.

This is what President Trump is trying to do something about. He is trying to bring thousands of jobs back to this country.

On October 10, 2017, President Reagan gave a five-minute speech from Camp David a few days in advance of a visit to Washington by the Japanese prime minister.

Reagan said he was imposing a tariff on Japanese semiconductors because Japan was engaging in unfair trade practices. He said he was "loath" to take this action because free trade was best for both workers and

consumers.

However, Reagan said, "Our commitment to free trade is also a commitment to fair trade."

Years ago, I said and wrote several times that we should tell the Chinese: "We want to trade with you. We want to do business with you. But you would never accept a trade deficit as large as we have with you. You need to start finding things you can buy from us."

I voted against the U.S. going into the World Trade Organization and against another bill giving China 'Most Favored' trading status. I knew many years ago that China would use both of those laws to gain unfair advantage over us.

In the last few days, I have heard replays of speeches by Nancy Pelosi on the floor of the House in 1997 and Chuck Schumer on the floor of the Senate

in 2007 urging that we get tougher on China about trade.

Most economists today seem to be against what Trump is doing on tariffs, but I think it may have more to do with their social status as college and university professors and their unpopularity on campus if they support anything Trump does.

I am not an economist, but if economists were as smart as they imply, they would all be very wealthy. Economists are all over the board. Some are even socialists.

For many years, most U.S. economists were taught theories advocated by a Big Government British economist, John Maynard Keynes.

Trump's main economic advisor is Peter Navarro, who has a PhD in economics from Harvard.

President Truman once

said what he wished he could find was a "one-armed economist." He thought they all would say on the one hand, then on the other.

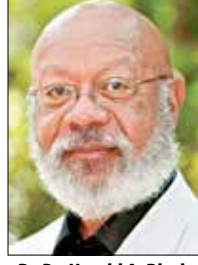
Republicans are divided to some extent between economic nationalists and free traders. Most are like me with opinions or thoughts a little in both camps.

Free trade has given us lower prices on many things. But this has come at a tremendous social cost. Many small towns and rural areas have more drug addiction and many more broken homes because there are no jobs except in fast food restaurants.

I know that many people hate Trump. But in this high stakes battle over trade, to a large extent, you can root for Trump or you can root for China.

Fire Jay Powell?

President Trump has been itching to fire Federal Reserve Chair Jerome (Jay) Powell. Although he appointed Powell to the post in 2018, Trump has found that he cannot publicly



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shame Powell into bending to his will. Right now, Trump wants Powell to lower the Fed funds rate, much like the European Central Bank lowered rates in response to Trump's tariffs. Trump tweeted: "Powell's termination cannot come fast enough!" Powell "should have lowered Interest Rates, like the ECB, long ago, but he should certainly lower them now." Mind you, the ECB lowered rates because Trump imposed high tariffs on them. Presumably, Trump wants

Powell to lower rates to lessen any recessionary impact of his tariffs on the U.S. However, some surmise that Trump wants lower rates to reduce the cost to the government of financing its maturing \$9 trillion debt.

Regardless, Powell is resisting Trump. Lowering rates in an inflationary environment could lead to the dreaded stagflation, where increasing tariffs would lead to decreased demand, increased unemployment, along with increased prices. To quote the Bank of Canada, "Monetary policy cannot resolve trade uncertainty or offset the impacts of a trade war." But Trump is unrepentant and is not pleased.

Can the president fire the chairman of the Fed? That issue is only going to be resolved by the Supreme Court. Powell is insistent that he cannot be fired. The law says that persons appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate to serve fixed terms can only be removed for cause (and the cause isn't "I don't like him"). Powell reasserts the Fed's independence and says, "We're never going to be influenced by any political pressure. People can say whatever they want. That's fine. That's not a problem. But we will do what we do strictly without consideration of political or any other extraneous factors." I wonder how Trump feels being called an "extraneous factor"?

However, Trump has fired several appointees who were confirmed by

the Senate for fixed terms. Several are suing. The latest firings just occurred at the National Credit Union Administration, where President Carter appointed me to its first board in 1978. Trump fired the two Democrat board members, leaving only the Republican in place. NCUA has three board members and must be bipartisan. When Trump was inaugurated, the NCUA chair, Todd Harper, a Democrat, resigned as chair but not as a board member. Trump fired him, although it was Trump who had nominated him to the NCUA board in 2018. Trump also fired the other Democrat, Tanya Otsuka. Harper's term expires in 2027, while Otsuka's expires in 2029. Harper said, "This ill-conceived and politically motivated decision to fire me before the end of my

term upsets that important regulatory balance and will harm consumers." Otsuka called it "yet another attempt to undermine the rule of law and blatantly ignore Congress and our democratic values." Both were notified of their firing via email. Neither has indicated if they will contest the firings.

White House spokesperson Karoline Leavitt said, "President Trump is the chief executive of the executive branch and reserves the right to fire anyone he wants." But the question is can he? In 1935, the Supreme Court barred Franklin Roosevelt from firing a Republican member of the Federal Trade Commission without cause. However, the Roberts court has supported Trump's firing of an appointee who is the single administrator of an agency rather

than one on a multiperson board. Since the case now before the Supreme Court was brought by a person fired from the National Labor Relations Board, we will soon see if the firings of Harper and Otsuka, along with all the others, are legal.

If the court so rules that Trump can indeed fire Jay Powell, the firing will cause severe ramifications in financial markets worldwide. What would the reaction be to a new Fed chairman whose every move would be interpreted as being dictated by the White House? What happens to the other Fed governors? Will Trump fire them, too, and replace them with his own people?

The question is, if Trump can fire Powell, would he?



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Publisher's Positions



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Anthony, who allegedly stabbed Austin Metcalf in cold blood at a high school track meet. We didn't see David Hogg screaming his little head off about that. Anthony has raised at least \$447,000 for his defense, although the money seems to have been spent on renting a \$900,000 home in a gated community for his family and purchasing a new car.

having to define men and women. This is how I discovered a new term that was unknown to me. Many of the readers of this newspaper are quite likely TERFs. A TERF is a "trans-exclusionary radical feminist." That means anyone who does not believe a transgender woman is an actual biological woman is a TERF. Just think, five years ago, could you have possibly imagined being considered a "radical feminist" for believing that your wife, sister, or daughters are females and that the boy with a bow in his hair and a beard, checking you out at the grocery store, who has a name tag saying "Tiffany" is really a girl?

Considering the mix of the rainbow stew served by the Left in this country is about ¾ of hypocrisy and a ¼ of hysteria with a spicy dash of delusion, we must all worship before the idol of gender ideology. Does anyone really care if someone says he is a girl or she is a boy? Not really. But as to sharing bathrooms, locker rooms, and even jail cells is an entirely different thing.

Playing in women's sports. Nope. Start a trans softball league.

Federal Judges Who Side With Criminals Should Be Ashamed

Oddly, the Leftists seem to think the only victims are whoever they declare to be "oppressed." Actual victims of crime can't even be mentioned, especially if they were raped or murdered by an illegal alien or some other self-appointed "oppressed" tribe member. For people who push the narrative that words are "violence," they are pretty callous when it comes to victims of horrendous crimes against people or even mass murder, as in the case of the October 7 massacre of dancing young people in Israel. Not since Hitler has it been just fine to kill Jews with such evil, yet these same people fling that accusation at anyone who opposes their leftist agenda.

Don't expect to read about a twice-deported illegal alien who was

released early from jail, who killed two teenagers while driving drunk. The illegal alien had a rap sheet and had several felony convictions on his record, but he was somehow tooling around drunk and high and driving at 100 miles per hour, much to the eternal sorrow of two families who will never again see their loved ones in this world. Just to be very clear, the young couple who were killed are the victims in this instance, not the drunk illegal alien.

I'd like to know where all the federal judges with their injunctions were when Joe Biden's administration was letting millions of illegal aliens cross the border illegally and without being vetted - transporting them here and there at the taxpayer's expense. None of it was legal under American law. Every federal judge in America ought to be ashamed for not forcing the Biden administration to obey the law.

Go Away, Al

Al Gore just recently said

that the Trump administration is trying to create its own version of reality.

Here is where hypocrisy comes into play. Al, it was the Biden administration that insisted for 3 ½ years that there was no crisis at our Southern border. Al, it was the Biden administration which told us inflation was "transitory" before telling us later it didn't exist at all. Al, it was the Biden administration and the corporate media who all hollered we had the best version of Joe Biden and that he was running circles around people one third his age at the White House when we all had seen the poor old thing couldn't walk up a flight of steps.

We were told he had the mental acuity of Stephen Hawking and Albert Einstein combined, when in truth the contents of his head were better labeled as "Jell-O."

Al, it's your crowd that is denying biology and science to push your own version of reality. And here you go again!

Leftists Support Criminals Instead Of Victims

The Leftists pick some mighty strange characters as their heroes today. Literally picturing Luigi Mangione as a saint, fawning over him, and some empty-headed little ex-reporter for the Washington Post and New York Times talking about his being a "morally good man" for swooning female fans. U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen traveling to El Salvador on the taxpayers' dollar to meet with someone accused of human trafficking and wife-beating. They've rallied around Karmelo

Great Britain's Supreme Court Gets It Right

The trans lobby has experienced their collective heads exploding due to the ruling of the Supreme Court of Great Britain that a woman is actually a biological female human being. The court unanimously agreed that gender reassignment or the possession of a gender recognition certificate stating they are female does not make transgender women actual females. It is astonishing to me that we are having Supreme Courts anywhere on the planet

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tonight but I'm going to keep it short."

Under Biggs' leadership, programs have been established to help military veterans and people with mobility issues.

"We have a program for people with mobility issues and I will continue to support our veterans," Biggs said. "Residents of Knox County tend not to lean on government, but we want the people to know that we're here for them," Biggs said. "We want the people to know that we're here to give them a hand up."

"We've established our C-PACER program to help bring growth and jobs to Knox County."

Last year, Biggs oversaw the biggest tax auction in Knox County history, a source of pride for

him.

"We had the biggest tax sale in county history. We got that property off the tax rolls," he said.

Biggs also noted that while pleased with his accomplishments, he's not finished working for the citizens of Knox County.

"I'm here to ask you for your vote and your partnership," he said. "We have a lot of work left to do."

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changing.

"It's a good tool to look at the risks that we could lose with everything that is going on now," Jackson told the meeting. Commission Chairwoman Gina Oster said the report by Finance will be added to the presentation section of today's meeting.

In a related matter, District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox is asking the commission to change the county code to require all applications from any department for federal grants to go through the full commission before being forwarded for approval. Fox told the commission's agenda session that he ran his

proposal through the law department.

During the brief agenda meeting, District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill moved to postpone for 30 days the closure of part of Ball Camp Pike.

District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell questioned an agenda item dealing with the hiring of Orion Planning and Design, LLC, to create a Unified Development Ordinance. She asked what happened to another firm that was previously contracted to do the same work and was told the

company contract was terminated because it wasn't working out.

Other agenda items for today's meeting include honoring Eddie Mannis and HonorAir Knoxville; honoring the West Valley Middle School girls basketball state champions; and honoring Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, Ijams Nature Center and Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful for their efforts to remove trash from Knox County and bring litter control awareness to East

Tennessee.

The second and final readings of amending the county codes dealing with the Internal Audit Department and repealing the code dealing with the Technology Development Authority are on the agenda.

Also before the commission is a routine vote on the education calendar and one item there is authorizing the construction of a new Farragut-area elementary school for about \$43.7 million on a contract with Merit Construction, Inc.

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More county agricultural land becomes residential

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In a brief zoning meeting Monday, the Knox County Commission moved five more areas from agricultural zoning to residential. In some cases, the requests were to subdivide a property to build a separate home for a relative.

A proposal to rezone three West Gallaher Ferry Road properties from agricultural to planned residential, with up to 3.5 units per acre, was moved to May at the request of Ball Homes LLC. The property is located at Hickory Creek Road and West Gallaher.

The five approved rezonings, all recommended by

the planning commission, included requests from Bryan Andrew Byrd for 4912 East Emory Road; William Zayets for 7000 Ball Road; Daniel Humphreys for 1137 Granville Conner Road; Elizabeth D. Raines for 7639 Gibbs Road; and Sierra Kirby for 1562 Saylor Ford Road. All of the requests were for low-density residential zoning.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to approve the changes in the zoning regulations permitting a more open way to have childcare facilities in the county. The public hearing following the zoning requests saw no speakers and no discussion.

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for the development of 10 affordable multifamily units at 2226 Parkview Avenue.

Zoning change requests before the council include a change to reduce setback requirements for Neighborhood Commercial zoned areas for the interior side, corner and rear area of a property.

Other zoning requests include changing the South City Sector Plan along Atchley and Carmichael Streets from general industrial to industrial mixed use. One residential

zoning request is on the agenda seeking to change the property at 413 Inskip Drive from RN-1 to Office.

The contract with the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform may be extended to provide assistance to the city and provide training about Group Violence.

Repairs to the Seventeenth Street Bridge and the Boyd's Bridge Pike Bridge are also on the agenda.

Rogers Group may get over \$4.9 million for street paving in the city's 2025 Resurfacing Phase II Project.

Farragut Museum re-opens following renovations

The Farragut Museum is now open after being closed for a year and a half during the Town of Farragut Town Hall renovations. The Farragut Museum hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Docents volunteer to give tours of the museum and offer additional information on the exhibits.

Currently, the museum has a gallery on the historic settlement of the area beginning with the native Americans to the early communities of Campbell's

Station and Concord. Highlights include the importance of the marble industry and the railroads through the area. There is a display on the Founding of Farragut, and the early years of Farragut High School.

An additional gallery houses the Admiral David Farragut collection. This collection includes his personal china, swords, bayonet, and parts of his Civil War uniform. Also, items from the USS Hartford include his desk, his cash

box, and his cabin panels. Admiral Farragut commanded the USS Hartford during the Battle of Mobile Bay, a key Union victory during the Civil War.

The third gallery will be used as rotating exhibit space. Currently, there is a tribute to Veterans serving in the Civil War, World War I and II, Korean War, and Vietnam War.

"We are excited to be able to offer the museum to the Farragut community for our residents and our visitors. It is a great place to

learn more about the area, its people, and its founding. The Admiral Farragut collection is really extraordinary. I think everyone will be impressed with the artifacts we have of his," said Kristi Vining, Historic Resources Coordinator.

A ribbon cutting for the museum is planned for Saturday, May 31 from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. to celebrate the re-opening. The museum is housed inside Town Hall at 11408 Municipal Center Drive.

Mayor Kincannon delivers State of the City

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team of the City of Knoxville, I want to win for the whole city," she said. "This budget reflects a commitment to responsible, compassionate and strategic local government."

The proposed budget for the city is \$477.3 million, an increase of nearly \$16 million over last year's budget. Property taxes will, however, remain the same, at \$2.1566 per \$100 of assessed value.

It reflects the priorities of Kincannon's administration, which include public safety, enhancing healthy and connected communities, realizing a clean and resilient future, creating thriving businesses and good jobs, and continuing to provide high-quality and efficient city services.

"Public safety is Job No. 1," she said.

Her proposed budget includes \$101.2 million earmarked for first responders,

including police and firefighters. That includes \$225,000 in pay increases to bring Knoxville's firefighters up to market value. It also contains stipends for firefighters obtaining advanced EMT and paramedic training and funds for a new state-of-the-art fire station in the Burlington Community.

The budget allots funds to improve road safety and for improvements for the Knoxville Convention Center, the Knoxville Civic Coliseum and city parks, as well as monies for more affordable housing.

The proposed budget must be approved by the Knoxville City Council before taking effect July 1.



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The 80/20 Conundrum

People elected me to do the job. President Donald Trump

How can a group be on the wrong side of every issue important to the American people? I'm not referring to the radicalized TDS types you see marching in the streets, chanting, screaming F-bombs and attempting to sing (I use that term liberally because I've heard cats with more melodious voices). Those with Trump Derangement Syndrome are lost to reason.

Of course, I'm referring to the Democrat Party leadership. (By the way, it is not the "Democratic" Party because they have proven themselves as anything but democratic by canning Biden and replacing him with a faux black woman who never won a single primary).

A rational group would look at the results of the

last election, reassess their positions rejected by the American people and present a plan to win back voters. Instead, Democrat leaders claim their problem is "messaging," and even blame their own media for their sojourn in the political wilderness.

But this has been a pattern. The Democrats sided with Antifa, BLM, Hamas and Biden's illegal invasion which they euphemistically labeled as "migration." And most recently Democrats are championing the illegal alien from El Salvador who they euphemistically described as a "Maryland man." Kilmar Garcia is arguably a member of MS-13, a human trafficker and wife beater. I don't know the truth about Garcia, but two judges, witnesses, ICE and Tennessee highway patrol officers have certified the allegations about Garcia. It appears to me that this illegal alien has received

more attention and judicial review than most J6 citizens.

Democrat Maryland Senator Van Hollen even went to El Salvador to, as we Southerners say, "visit" with Garcia. American taxpayers footed the bill for Van Hollen's trip to "Margaritaville" which has inspired other Democrat Congressmen to travel to El Salvador and search for Garcia who is now back in his country.

Why do the Democrats choose the 20% side of issues rather than the side which 80% of Americans favor? You wonder about a party that champions open borders, illegals, trans rights in women's sports and bathrooms and even gender reassignment medications and surgery for children. None of these positions are supported by the majority of American citizens. In fact, 74% support removing illegal aliens who commit crimes and 56% support removing all undocumented immigrants who are by definition illegal aliens.

Perhaps these Democrat representatives don't understand their responsibilities or American history. In 1787 the leaders of the newly liberated Colonies met in Philadelphia to write The Constitution. After a long summer of debate and political "sausage making," a woman on the

street asked Ben Franklin, "What type of government have you fashioned for us?" His terse and poignant reply was, "A republic Madam, if you can keep it."

A republic is a system of government predicated on the rule of law. We elect representatives who are supposed to literally "represent" the interests of citizens. Was Van Hollen representing American citizens or the illegal alien Garcia? Or was he just promoting himself and the Democrat party of "resistance"?

History is a great teacher. During the Revolutionary War about a third of the Colonists (patriots) fought the British, a third sided with King George and a third tended their own interests. I thought about the latter as I watched interviews of people on the street over the Easter weekend who were so oblivious that they didn't even know what Easter represented.

And just when I thought it couldn't get any worse or perverse, the politically motivated SCOTUS called a halt to the deportation of illegal aliens. If you thought that the so-called justice system operates on the rule of law, you'd be wrong. In his descent of the SCOTUS ruling, Justice Samuel Alito wrote, "In the middle of the night, the Court issued unprecedented and legally questionable

relief without hearing from the opposing party, within eight hours of receiving the application, with dubious factual support for its order ... Both the Executive and the Judicial have an obligation to follow the law." University of Tennessee law professor Glen Reynolds echoed Alito's scathing descent of SCOTUS in his April 24, 2025, New York Post op-ed. You should read it.

A judicial coup d'etat is underway in America and we are in deep doo-doo. The duly elected President of the United States is being prevented from doing his duty by unelected District Judges and now the Supremes. We are on the cusp of a Constitutional crisis where the judiciary is thwarting the will of the American people who elected President Trump to stop the invasion and deport illegals. Obama deported 3 million illegals. Where were the Democrats and the judges?

Is it possible to avoid corruption if you live and work in Washington DC? I think it is possible, but not probable. My parents taught me, and I later found it true, that if you hang out with the "wrong crowd," you will come to accept and embrace that group-think. I wonder what would have happened to Frank Capra's Mr. Smith if he had stayed in Washington. Glen

Reynolds wonders about Chief Justice John Roberts who seems detached from John Q. Public and more concerned about what the Washington Post and Ivy League law professors think of him and SCOTUS.

Frankly, I don't see how President Trump does it. They tried to lock him up and keep him off the ballot. He has survived impeachments and assassination attempts. And he continues to battle the Washington establishment, Democrats and their corrupt media. And now he fights the Judicial system in its turf war with the Executive branch. President Trump does not need the favor of the Washington Post, Ivy League professors, Hollywood, the Washington establishment or its entrenched unelected bureaucracy. He fights for the American people and his grandkids.

Too often I get caught up in the world. But as I look out my study window I see hope in the magical, almost chartreuse, green of spring, and I thank God for another day of life.

So, I'll end on a high note with recommendations of two short poems. Google Robert Frost's "Nature's First Green," then William Wordsworth's "My Heart Leaps Up." And so will yours.

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Historic Hancock County Jail and Museum burns

The history of East Tennessee's Hancock County is different than any other county. Sneedville is the only incorporated town in the very rural county and, until recently, was proud of its very old jail, which has been repurposed by the Hancock County Historical and Genealogical Society.

The brick jail and the museum were totally destroyed by a 3 a.m. fire on Monday, April 14, that was considered "suspicious" by Sheriff Brad Brewer.

"I am heartbroken," HCHGS Vice President Katherine Wallen Cantwell told The Focus. "That was like my second home, and as I watched some of it burning, I felt like a part

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

of me went up in those flames, too."

The old jail, at 120 Jail Street in Sneedville, was built in the 1860s and housed prisoners until the 1990s. The building was on the National Register of Historic Places and was one of the oldest buildings

in the town.

I remember visiting the old jail back in the 1970s and interviewing Hancock County's first and only female sheriff, Ora Seal, who was appointed to finish the term of her husband, Sheriff Kyle Seal, following his death. Other stories led me to Hancock County during that decade, and I've always been fascinated by its people and history. It is a storied, rural, and somewhat isolated area wedged between Hawkins County and the Virginia state line.

The area is the homeland of the Melungeons, a mixed-race people who were apparently descendants of early Spanish soldiers of

various bloodlines, Native Americans and runaway African American slaves. Settlers of Tennessee and Kentucky puzzled over this population already living in the upper East Tennessee counties before settlement.

The loss of the museum and its inventory is very sad. It stored genealogy, local records, old letters and postcards, newspaper articles, recorded oral history and local church records. The jail was made of handmade bricks and back in the day, the sheriff and his family would live in the jail and the wife cooked meals for the prisoners.

"Our county mayor, Thomas Harrison, has **Continue on page 4**



This historic jail, which served as the headquarters of the Hancock County Historic Society, burned recently, destroying the building and the artifacts and records housed there. The members of the Historical Society are considering selling bricks from the old jail as a fundraiser. A note on its website noted that the jail is gone, but not the group, which plans to continue its efforts to collect and share Hancock County's history.

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A Crisis of Trust

It all began with an unexpected package from Amazon—there was no note, just my name and the package from a kind, mystery sender. Inside the plain white bubble-wrapped package was a



**By Justin Pratt,
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book titled “Who Believed in You?” I had never heard of it before, but something about the title intrigued me. As I flipped through the pages, one chapter, in particular, reached into my chest and gripped my heart. It discussed a hidden superpower we all possess but rarely acknowledge: Trustworthiness. Not fame, charisma or talent, but rather the quiet, steady strength of being someone others can depend on.

To be the kind of person or leader that people can count on is a powerful thing. Trust is the invisible thread that weaves hearts together—it’s the glue that holds families close, unites communities, and strengthens the foundation of every healthy church. Without trust, relationships crumble; with it, even the most broken bonds can be rebuilt.

There is a growing crisis of trust in our nation, affecting our institutions, our leaders and, unfortunately, our churches. It seems that every few days or so we hear about another scandal that fosters skepticism and undermines confidence in everything from the media

to religious organizations. People are asking, “Who can I really trust?” This issue is not only political; it is personal as well. Marriages and families are strained, governments and communities are fractured, and many churches and their leadership are facing significant challenges. In a culture that is vocal about opinions but often silent on integrity, trustworthiness has become a rare and endangered virtue.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus trains His followers by sharing a series of parables, which are simple stories that carry profound theological significance and spiritual meanings. In the sixteenth chapter, He addresses the parable of the unjust steward and emphasizes a powerful lesson about trustworthiness. Luke 16:10 states,

“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.” This lesson from the Master Teacher highlights the importance of faithfulness, integrity, and trust.

God desires each of us to be trustworthy, and He observes how we manage small responsibilities. Our approach to these minor tasks largely determines whether we are qualified for greater responsibilities. How are we handling finances? Are we responsible and confidential when providing counsel to those in need? Do we understand the reliability that’s required when making commitments? Do we exercise honesty and integrity and is it coupled with a dose of humility? Trustworthiness is not merely a professional

attribute; it is a vital aspect of our spiritual testimony.

When I read that chapter from the mysterious book that appeared, it made me reflect on the crisis of trust we are experiencing. How do we reverse this curse? How can we regain the superpower that has often been stolen, forfeited, destroyed, or underutilized? I wrote down an equation on a yellow legal pad: RELIABILITY + INTEGRITY = TRUSTWORTHINESS. This is not just mathematics; it represents a ministry to the people God has entrusted to us.

A pastor should provide their church with someone they can rely on and trust. A father needs to cultivate a culture in his home that his family can believe in and count on. A mentor must instill confidence in their mentee and be someone

who can be depended on. When we are trustworthy, we create a foundation of peace and stability in our churches, homes and communities.

Ministry leaders, business owners, politicians and anyone who claims the title of Christian should commit to the quiet, unseen, yet profoundly impactful work of being trustworthy in all that we do. David and Dina McCormick said it best: “Trustworthiness becomes the defining value of a deep and mutually beneficial relationship.” This principle holds in all human relationships and institutions.

May we all commit—in order to benefit society, nurture our relationships, and glorify God—to the vital task of being trustworthy in a world facing a crisis of trust.

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Depression

In the U.S., approximately 21 million individuals have experienced depression at least once. To no one’s surprise, young adults are the most susceptible to depression.

That means that a large chunk of our population has lived through at least one major depressive episode. Experts agree that the number of individuals who have suffered or still suffer from depression is most likely higher.



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Too often, people who are stricken with depression hide the fact. They are embarrassed for a variety of reasons. Society has tagged depressed persons as weak. “They just need

to get up and go on, in spite of their feelings,” some say. Suddenly, a person who feels terrible is ashamed that he or she isn’t strong enough to handle life’s difficulties. If a person admits to his depression, he’s labeled as a “sicky” or a “crazy.” Such cruel comments steer persons even deeper into a pit in which they find themselves.

In today’s world, many people are depressed over the financial conditions they find themselves. Younger adults are saddled with student loans; they realize that the dream of owning a home is just that. Prices for places to live are astronomical; the thought of paying a thousand dollars in rent overwhelms many people. Even the costs of groceries are so out of line that individuals must make hard choices about what to buy for food. The gloomy outlook leaves so many swirling the bowl on the way to depression.

Loss of loved ones can crush the toughest people. The emptiness in a life without the person who has died is something all of us dread but are likely to face.

Parents, brothers, sisters, spouses and children are among those whom people fear losing. A faith in a presence ‘greater than we’ can soothe the sting of death, but the absence of a loved one during special times or even when watching a shared favorite movie sets a match to the burning pain of depression.

I freely admit to having suffered from depression. Think of me what you will. I’m a worrier, and when I don’t have something about which to worry, well, that worries me. The most I ever made during my years as a teacher was under \$50,000. If not for Amy and her work, we’d have struggled to provide for our children. My parents and my older brother have passed. My twin brother and I are creeping toward the final years of our lives, and we fret over each other’s health. The thoughts of all these things depress me sometimes. I avoid thoughts of such a situation as much as possible.

The loss of a child brings a hurt beyond all explanation. Amy and I lost our son last year, and the recovery from that is ongoing. Some days are so fraught with depression that I would rather just cover my head with a blanket and stay in bed. I do know that action is a cautionary signal of depression, and I won’t give in to it. The loss and the memories and the things left unsaid and undone eat at my heart. I’m not alone in

my depression. A whopping 15% of people who are age 70 have lost a child. That equals more than 18 million Americans. More than likely, those parents are filled with similar grief and depression.

So, the odds of being depressed seem to be high for many people. The action to take when it comes knocking is to find the right person with whom to talk. A spouse might be the right one for some, as it is in my case. A trusted friend can also become a confidant for others. In some cases, a psychologist is the answer to handling depression. I would caution folks about choosing a minister as a helper. Those who serve congregations can aid us in our spiritual journey. However, unless a minister is a psychologist, he or she is best suited for the spiritual difficulties. In too many cases, well-meaning pastors have injected religion into dealings with depression, and the outcomes can be negative for both areas.

Are you one of 21 million who has suffered depression? If not, you might find yourself its victim tomorrow. Should you be stricken with depression, remember that you are not alone. Take the steps necessary to ease the pain that it brings. Most of all, don’t be ashamed of your feelings. Only one perfect human ever walked the face of this earth, and he was killed by others.

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The Gentleman From Washington State

Russell V. Mack

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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By trade, Russell Vernon Mack was a newspaperman, owning and publishing the Hoquiam Daily Washingtonian before getting elected to Congress. Educated at Stanford University and the University of Washington, Mack was born in Michigan, but moved to the Evergreen State in 1895 when he was four years old. Mack learned the newspaper business through his time at the Aberdeen Daily World, beginning as a cub reporter. Eventually, Mack became business manager for the Daily World and worked in that capacity until 1934, when he bought the Hoquiam Daily Journal.

A man of medium height with dark hair and a moustache, Russell Mack was pleasant, intelligent and friendly, all excellent attributes for any individual in virtually any field, but particularly good for one interested in politics.

Like many future congressmen, Russell Mack was a joiner, being a member of the American Legion, as he had served during the First World War, as well as the Elks, and the Northwest Rivers and Harbors Congress. Through his journalistic experience, Mack became thoroughly familiar with the issues and the attitudes of the people of Washington State. The congressman from Washington's Third Congressional District was Fred B. Norman, a successful businessman who had held numerous local and state offices. Norman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1942 and lost his reelection bid in 1944 to Charles Savage. Norman came back two years later to wage a determined effort to win back his seat in the House from Savage. 1946 was a banner year for Republicans and Fred Norman won, but it was a pyrrhic victory, as the effort taxed the 67-year-old congressman's strength, and he died just three and a half months into his new term. Norman's death necessitated a special election to fill the vacancy.

Russell Mack had long been an active Republican and had twice before been the GOP nominee for the House of Representatives in Washington's Third Congressional District. Mack had faced Congressman Martin Smith in the 1934 election and lost badly. Mack tried again six years later and made a respectable showing, but lost to Smith once again. Those losing campaigns gave Mack a base amongst fellow Republicans in the Third District, as well as a wide acquaintanceship, which proved to be a big advantage in the special election.

Russell Mack became

the first Republican to file to run in the special election. Republicans had won both houses of Congress in the 1946 election, and Mack stressed the need to elect a Republican. The congressional contender told folks it was "smart politics, good business and common sense that the voters of southwest Washington should elect a Republican who can get along with and get the best results for our state from the huge Republican majority." Mack pointed out that a freshman Democrat would have no influence in the House of Representatives. By the time of the filing deadline, there were four Republicans and three Democrats running in the special election. All of the Democrats were formidable contenders, one being former Congressman Charles Savage; the other two were state Senator Clyde Tisdale and state Attorney General Smith Troy.

At a time when the only mass media available to candidates for public office were newspapers and radio, Russell Mack used clever ads which began, "Hey Mac!", followed by a sign with an arrow directing the reader to "Go Right" by electing Russell V. Mack to Congress.

The special election drew the attention of national newspaper columnist Marquis Childs, who thought the race would "provide a significant test on at least two of the issues troubling most Americans in this time of unrest." Childs noted the primary contest between the three ambitious Democrats was as hot as the general election was expected to be; the columnist thought the favorite for the Democratic primary nod was state Attorney General Smith Troy. General Troy had been reelected to his post in 1944 while he was fighting in France during World War II and was a strong supporter of the Truman Administration. Childs wrote that as a congressman, Charles Savage had been closely associated with his colleague from Washington State, Hugh DeLacy, who was accused of being a Communist, or at the very least a fellow-traveler. DeLacy had recently announced that Savage was a supporter of former Vice President Henry Wallace, who appeared to be preparing a third-party run for the presidency in 1948. DeLacy had also stated that Savage was opposed to President Truman's Greek-Turkish program. Charles Savage quickly made his own statement that somewhat altered DeLacy's announcement, but the fact remained that he was well to the left of the Truman

Administration. The Vancouver, Washington, Columbian published an editorial shortly before the special primary election, noting that while former Congressman Savage and General Troy were both Democrats, "there is no resemblance in their political philosophies." The Columbian identified Smith Troy as a "conservative democrat who has no use for Commies or the doctrine they preach." The newspaper then sarcastically opined, "There is about as much resemblance between Savage and a 'regular' democrat as between a dickie bird and a kangaroo." The Columbian stated former congressman Charles Savage was "a radical who practices the doctrines of infiltration." Should Savage be the Democratic nominee, the newspaper warned the general election would become "a slambang, knock-down-drag-out brawl" where "no punches will be spared by the adherents of the two political ideologies which will be represented."



Congressman Russell Mack posing in front of the bust of President Abraham Lincoln in the Capitol in 1955.

Russell Mack easily led the Republican primary while former Congressman Charles Savage outdistanced Smith Troy. Mack lost no time in portraying Charles Savage as a left-wing radical. "I say that if I am elected, I will go to Washington not to uphold the hand of Henry Wallace, but to uphold the hand of Uncle Sam," Russell Mack promised.

The turnout for the special election was low, and the congressional race was close. Russell V. Mack won by less than 2,000 votes. Mack went to Washington, D.C., while Savage was encouraged by the results. The two candidates would face one another once again in the 1948 election. Charles Savage ran his third congressional campaign in as many years, but Mack was an incumbent, albeit in a year that was not a good one for GOP incumbents. Russell Mack had used his incumbency wisely, concentrating on

constituent services matters, which helped him to entrench himself. In a banner year for Democrats, Mack was reelected with just over 52% of the vote. Mack had demonstrated a personal popularity that allowed him to run ahead of the regular Republican ticket for the remainder of his congressional career.

Evergreen State Democrats engaged in an exercise in frustration biannually when they attempted to dislodge Russell V. Mack from his seat in the House of Representatives. Considering the fact that Washington, D.C., and Washington State were so distant, Russell Mack was a constant presence inside the Third Congressional District. While in the Capitol, Congressman Mack was quick to answer the inquiries of his constituents and intervene on their behalf with any organization or agency.

Mack's attention to the people of the Third District was rewarded at the ballot box and his majorities began to grow. Those congressmen who are unceasingly attentive to their people usually become political institutions inside their districts, and that was true of Russell Mack. The congressman and Mrs. Charles Savage as a left-wing radical. "I say that if I am elected, I will go to Washington not to uphold the hand of Henry Wallace, but to uphold the hand of Uncle Sam," Russell Mack promised.

State back to the Capitol, while driving from El Paso toward Tyler. Mrs. Mack insisted that her husband go to the hospital, which he did. As the congressman entered the hospital, one Washington State newspaper wrote Russell Mack was "still pretty weak but looking good." Riley Zumwalt, the congressman's secretary (chief of staff), said the heart attack had occurred due to the discovery of an "inflammation of the lining around the heart which has now entirely dissipated." That same inflammation, according to Zumwalt, had been brought about because of the strain on the congressman's heart by the pneumonia.

Eventually, the congressman was moved to Walter Reed Army Hospital, where he rested after the New Year. Mack made five predictions for 1956: President Eisenhower would be reelected "in a landslide"; the budget would be balanced and a tax reduction bill would be passed by Congress; the Social Security law would be amended to make women eligible for pensions at age 62 rather than 65; businesses would continue to prosper and high employment would remain that way throughout 1956; lastly, Mack predicted the United States would not become involved in any war for the New Year.

By the end of January 1956, Russell Mack had returned to his Washington office. Within days of his return to his office, newspapers in the Third District printed a photograph of the beaming congressman who had been honored by the Boy Scouts of America and given a special lapel pin on behalf of the National Council.

By the time the campaign began, Congressman Russell V. Mack was his usual energetic self. The congressman was easily reelected. Mack had a talent for breaking down complicated issues and putting issues in terms the average voter could understand and relate to.

Congressman Mack also had a thorough knowledge of every industry and business inside his district and state, and the effect on each through tariffs or the lack thereof. Mack explained Japan and a few other nations had shipped 900 million square feet of plywood into the United States, which was valued at \$60 million. "That much foreign plywood," Mack explained, "is the equivalent of the production of 12 Northwest plywood mills employing 5,000 workers."

In 1958, Washington State Democrats made a big effort to recapture as many seats in Congress as possible from Republicans. Highly popular U.S. Senator Henry Jackson was heading their ticket, and former Congressman Charles Savage was making another attempt at a political comeback against Russell Mack. A more potent vote-getter entered the Democratic primary in Victor Meyers, a band leader who had served 20 years as the Evergreen State's lieutenant governor. In 1954, Meyers had been elected secretary of state and was running hard to dislodge Russell Mack from his seat in the House.

The election amply demonstrated that Russell Mack was too well entrenched to be beaten. In a year when Democrats won big majorities in both the House and the Senate, Congressman Mack was reelected with better than 65% of the vote.

On March 28, 1960, Congressman Russell V. Mack went about his usual business. As members gathered on the floor for the beginning of the day's business, Mack was standing in the well of the House, making small talk with Congressman Henry A. Dixon of Utah. "It's a nice day, isn't it?" Dixon asked. "Not for me," Mack replied. Dixon, surprised by his friend's reply, noticed Mack wasn't looking very well. Henry Dixon was stunned when Mack collapsed moments later. Three members of the House who were also medical doctors, Walter Judt, Thomas E. Morgan, and Dale Alford, hurried over to Mack, who was carried into a cloakroom. A call went to the office of Dr. George W. Calver, the official physician to the Congress. Dr. Calver hurried to the scene only to pronounce Congressman Russell V. Mack dead from a heart attack. Mack was 68 years old.

Russell Mack remained the only Republican to hold Washington's Third Congressional district until 1994, when Linda Smith was elected.

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graciously worked with our society and already has a place in mind for us to use and call our home," Cantwell shared.
"A few artifacts were saved along with some

books, and we will rebuild and start over with what we have. We have an outpouring of Hancock people who are willing to help us in various ways, including providing us with their genealogy. We are certainly blessed

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

What to watch for at KIL Meet

By Steve Williams

Farragut's Evan Beeler versus Catholic's Keegan Smith in the 800 meter run could be a dandy to watch in this year's Knoxville Interscholastic League track meet.

Beeler has posted a 1:52.99 this season and Smith a 1:55.60. Both are seniors.

The field events will be tonight (April 28) and the track events Tuesday, starting at 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 with children 5-and-under free.

Other top attractions will be Hardin Valley senior Garrett Hawkins, who has the state's top time in the 3200-meter run (9:08.23).

Central's 4x100 boys **Cont. on page 2**



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The start of the 800-meter run at the 57th Volunteer Track Classic at UT's Tom Black Track on April 19. Knoxville Catholic's Keegan Smith (far right) won the race with a time of 1:55.6.

Caldwell will try to break KIL record set in 1977

By Steve Williams

An interesting note on Monday's field events in the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet will be the boys' high jump event.

Gibbs High senior John Caldwell not only wants to win, but he hopes to better the KIL meet record of 6 feet and 7 inches - the oldest KIL meet record by far. It was set by Larry Clapp in 1977 (48 years ago) when he was on the Gibbs team.

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Far left: Carter freshman Elizabeth Anderson splashes through the steeplechase event at the Volunteer Track Classic on April 19. She came in seventh place with a time of 9:12.59.

Left: The Webb School girls' distance medley relay team came in first place with a time 12:04.05 at the Volunteer Track Classic on April 19. Their margin of victory was 36 seconds and ranked No. 2 all-time in the 57th VTC meet. Left to right: Ariana Vargas, Carolina Areheart, Calysta Garmer and Jazzlyn Garmer. Photos by Barry Houchin.

Crayton trying to figure out what's best for him

By Steve Williams

Austin-East High School's Myles Crayton is a young man who cares about academics and athletics.

For a long time this spring he owned the fastest time in the state in the 400-meter dash, a 48.67 that he ran in the Hardin Valley Invitational on March 29. Malik Truitt of Evangelical Christian School bettered Crayton's time with a 48.32

just a little over a week ago.

With the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet set for tonight (April 28) and Tuesday at HVA, the Roadrunner sprinter may have a chance to reclaim the top time. But he doesn't appear to be worried about it.

"Honestly, I'd say this is the best season I've had so far," said Myles, now in his senior year.

Thanks to the coaches, Crayton said he has been working outside everyday to get better. "It's intense training, but it's never been too much. We always strive to be our best. We come out ready to work and know that we got records to break and PRs (to set). We come out with a good mentality and I feel like our coaches do a good job at instilling that in us."

Sam Anderson, Ariyane Carrington and Blake Blakemore are the track coaches at A-E.

"Coach Anderson, of course, is the one who has been pushing me, getting me to just trust the process," said Crayton, after competing in the 57th Volunteer Track Classic at UT April 19. "It's really

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Senior Myles Crayton watches as the Volunteer Track Classic finishes up at UT's Tom Black Track on April 19. He says this has been his best season ever in track and thanks his coaches at Austin-East for that. Crayton also was honored as A-E's Johnny Mauer Scholar-Athlete of the Year and will continue his education at UT.

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SPHL PLAYOFFS

Ice Bears' hope to win 'Cup' melts

Knoxville goalie stands out in defeat

By Steve Williams

On back to back nights last week, the Knoxville Ice Bears were one goal away from reaching the championship game in the Southern Professional Hockey League.

But overtime losses of 4-3 and 2-1 to Evansville in the 'Best of three Series' let the Thunderbolts take the President's Cup this year in the SPHL.

It certainly didn't happen without a battle. The Ice Bears and Thunderbolts collided first at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum on Wednesday night in a 4-hour, two OT contest. Not long after that game, the Ice Bears made the 5-hour trip to Indiana for Game 2 on Thursday night.

The Knoxville team looked like it was going to win the first game of the series with its toughness. The Ice Bears even held on to a 3-2 lead much of the second period despite being short-handed.

Head Coach John Gurskis, in his first season in Knoxville, was pleased with his team's effort. He agreed both teams played their hearts out.

"It's playoff hockey and it showed," said Gurskis. "Both teams showed a lot of desperation. It's a team that we're familiar with. Truthfully, every time we played those guys throughout the season, it was a hard, close battle just like the one we just experienced."

Evansville jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 13:33 in the opening period, but it didn't take Knoxville's Dawson McKinney long to tie the score with his goal at 10:45. Mitch Atkins and Anthony Cinato assisted on the play.

The Thunderbolts tallied again at 6:43 to make it 2-1, but the Ice Bears' Derek Raposa evened the score at 2-2 with 4:58 to go in the first period as he was assisted by Cam Tobey and Atkins.



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Above: Stephen Munding, the Knoxville Ice Bears' 6-foot-8, 250-pound goalie, had 56 saves in the first-round SPHL playoff game, which was only four short of a team record. **Right:** The Ice Bears' mascot Chilly likes what he sees as he gets around in the crowd during the opening game of the SPHL championship series. Chilly wears No. 00. **Below:** The referee prepares to drop the puck in the face-off between Knoxville Ice Bears' Eric Olson (29) and Evansville's Tyson Gilmour (18) at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum on April 23. The Thunderbolts won the SPHL playoff opener 4-3 in two overtimes.



McKinney, assisted by Liam McCanney and Kyle Soper, scored his second goal five minutes into the second period to put Knoxville back on top 3-2.

"Six of the last 10 minutes of the second period we were shorthanded," said Coach Gurskis. "And credit to the guys. We saw a lot of desperation, a lot of shot-blocking. Obviously, our goalie made some good saves, too. I have no complaints for my guys in the effort. Obviously, it stinks that we lost. But that's just how hockey is sometimes. It's not a case where you play bad, it's just the other team scored the last goal."

A physical Jimmy Soper displaced the entire Evansville goal early in the third period, which caused a slight delay.

The Ice Bears' Eric Olson was sent to the penalty box for two minutes at 6:14, leaving Knoxville outnumbered five to four. It proved costly too as Evansville tied the score at 3-all with 5:06 remaining.

There was no scoring in the first overtime, but the Thunderbolts' Derek Contessa put the puck in the goal from about eight feet away for the win with 12:53 left in the second OT.



Not only did Evansville prevail, but a near record-breaking performance by Knoxville goalie Stephen Munding was halted. The 6-foot-8, 250-pound Munding's night ended with 56 saves - just four short of the team record 60.

"He gave us the opportunity to win and that's what

he has been doing," said Coach Gurskis. "Really all season he's been doing it. He's been our backbone, but lately over the last month especially in the playoffs. Every time we put him out there he gives us an opportunity to win and he definitely did that tonight. It's not his fault by any means. He made some

great saves."

Game 2 on the road also was a heart-breaker for the Ice Bears. Trailing 1-0, Knoxville's Brendan Dowler's shot with 2:25 remaining in the third period finally knotted the score and sent the game into overtime. Dowler was assisted by Ryan Leonard and Atkins.

But Evansville's Aidan Litke scored from right in front of the goal only 90 seconds into the overtime period to take the President's Cup. Munding had made two or three saves right before the title-clinching shot.



What to watch for at KIL Meet

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relay team is a good one. The Bobcats were clocked in 42.22 in their recent victory at the Volunteer Track Classic.

Halls senior Domarian Noe and Bearden's Joel Bishop should have a close battle in the long jump. Bishop won the event at the VTC with a mark of 22-1½. Noe reportedly sailed 22-3½ earlier this season.

Another battle in the field events will match Farragut senior Bryce Thompson and Catholic sophomore JR Fowler in the shot put

and discus. Thompson has the season's best mark in the shot with a 64-5. Fowler is the local leader in the discus at 186-1.

Webb freshman Lacy Young will be a new face to see in the KIL girls meet. Lacy sprinted to a 12.03 in the 100 dash at the VTC. She and Catholic junior Chloe Truss could have a photo finish in the 200. Truss ran a 24.85 at the Oak Ridge Legends Invitational this season. Young has been clocked in 24.99.

Webb junior Calysta Garmer has had a good

spring with times of 4:50.3 in the 1600 and 10:08.89 in the 3200.

The Lady Spartans' 4x800 relay ran a 9:09.15 at the Spartan Challenge last week.

Webb senior Lennox Langham should pile up points in the long jump (18-8¼) and triple jump (40-4¾).

Catholic senior Maggie Frana has been the new leader this season in the

discus (129-2) and shot put (37-9).

The Webb and Catholic girls are expected to battle for the KIL meet's team championship, with the Lady Spartans expected to have the edge. On the boys' side, Farragut is the defending champion, but the Admirals along with Hardin Valley and Catholic are expected to be pretty close. Gibbs is a dark horse.

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Central took first place in the 4x100 relay with a time of 42.22 at the Volunteer Track Classic on April 19 at UT. Photo by Barry Houchin.

'The most difficult decision I've had to make in my life'

Sometimes, the best coaching search is no search at all.

Consider Dec. 4, 1976, a day all of Big Orange Country had breathlessly awaited. A Tennessee legend was coming home, nearly 20 years after he had played his last game in an orange and white uniform.

Chancellor Jack Reese's remarks that day at Stokely Athletics Center were vintage, perhaps even brilliant: "After an extensive nationwide search, I am pleased to welcome Coach Majors here." Those 13 words presaged a new era in Tennessee football.

"Coach Majors" was John Terrill Majors, a 1956 All-American and Heisman Trophy runner-up, two-time SEC "Player of the Year," and the first of three Majors brothers to play at Tennessee. This coaching search really wasn't one, not even close, but for Vol fans, it didn't matter. He was overwhelmingly the "people's choice."

For his part, Majors had actually experienced this drill before. In 1954, after



By Tom Mattingly

a 26-0 loss at Vanderbilt, Bob Neyland had dismissed his successor, Harvey Robinson, 10-1-1 in his two seasons. He called it the "hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Majors was on campus in those days in late 1954 and early 1955, having finished his sophomore season, when another Tennessee legend came home to jubilant fans and the thought Tennessee was "back," right where they should be, among the elite of college football. There was no one else Vol fans wanted this time, either.

Bowden Wyatt, the Kingston native with the movie star good looks, was the "people's choice" of that earlier era. He was captain of the 11-0 1938 team and one of the most popular players of his or any other time. He came on board Jan. 8, 1955, saying, "I'm going back to the job I've always wanted."

No one knows what George Cafego might have said if Wyatt had gone to Vandy, but it wouldn't have been pretty, given Cafego's pronounced distaste for the Commodores. After leaving Tennessee in 1962, Wyatt coached for a couple of years at Oklahoma State, a move facilitated by Bear Bryant.

The coaching search in 1963, after Jim McDonald was let go, was intriguing. Numerous names were mentioned — Murray Warmath (Minnesota), Paul Davis (Mississippi State), Jim Owens (Washington), and Clay Stapleton (Iowa State). Warmath and Stapleton were former Vols, Davis was from Knoxville, and Owens had no apparent Tennessee connections.

Bob Woodruff wanted Arkansas assistant coach Doug Dickey, his quarterback at Florida, who had been barely mentioned as a contender by media types. Tabbing Dickey as steward of the Vol program was a surprise to most observers. Afterwards, athletics board members Breezy Wynn and Jerome Taylor resigned, and there was a compromise that made McDonald an assistant athletic director.

"I knew a long time ago that I was going to lose Dickey to Tennessee," said Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles. "Every time I saw Woodruff, he would ask me about Doug's progress."

In early 1970, there was another "search" after Dickey took the Florida job. Woodruff let it be known that assistants Doug Knotts, Jimmy Dunn,

and Bill Battle were in the running, with Battle considered the "sleeper."

There were those, including trustee Col. Tom Elam and president Andy Holt, who wanted Majors, then in his second year at Iowa State. Elam, a firm believer in the chain of command, did reluctantly convince Holt to support Woodruff's decision. Holt had told Elam that, "your vote is my vote," but relented when Elam cited the organizational pitfalls of overriding their athletic director on such an important issue.

Thus, Battle got the job. As Battle's star faded in the mid-1970s, the public outcry was for Majors, who had the Pittsburgh program in full gear, headed toward a national championship in 1976. It was also a time history began coming full circle.

When his alma mater beckoned, Majors accepted, not without significant thought.

"It was one of the most difficult decisions I ever had to make," Majors recalled. "It took me three or four days to reach the decision. Looked at from a practical point of view, it didn't make much sense for me to leave Pittsburgh."

At that point in time, Tennessee and Majors were



One of John Majors' great moments at Tennessee, the 35-28 win over Alabama on Oct. 16, 1982.

a match made in heaven. There was talk about selling out the Orange and White game. Excitement engulfed the community. When the Vols ran through the "T" before the California game, Neyland Stadium had never been louder.

When Jimmy Streater broke the line of scrimmage early in the game and ended up with an 80-yard touchdown run, the noise level increased. Analyst Bill Anderson's voice could be heard over John Ward's play-by-play on the Vol Network urging Streater on.

Majors led Tennessee to three SEC titles and 12 bowl appearances during

his time on the west side of Shields-Watkins Field.

A final word.

Sometimes these "searches" are what they are advertised to be, sometimes not. No one remembers what was said at the other media conferences, but Jack Reese, an able and affable administrator, set a memorable standard for all who would follow.

The peasants would have literally stormed the castle had any name other than John Majors been uttered on that early December day in 1976.

Caldwell will try to break KIL record set in 1977

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Clapp should be around 65 years old now, if he is still living. Whether he is or not living hasn't been confirmed yet.

"Yes, John is aware of Larry Clapp," said Gibbs Coach Todd Atkins Friday. "A lot of the Gibbs' kids have heard of him due to John getting closer (to his record) in the high jump. He's kind of like a folk hero."

"It (the record) motivates John, but he realizes he's got a lot of work to do before he jumps up there."

Coach Atkins added: "As far as I know Clapp is still alive. I've never met him. He went on to jump at UT. I was told he cleared 7-2 while there."

Caldwell set his personal record (PR) of 6-6 at Austin-East's Roadrunner Invitational on April 1.

"John has had a great regular season," said Atkins. "He's looking forward to sectionals and trying to qualify for the state meet. There is a lot of quality competition in the East section, so he will have to be ready to perform that day."

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decided to come run track. He's a good athlete, so it didn't take long for him to figure out the high jump."

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Titans Start Over with Ward

By Mark Nagi

The National Football League is infallible.

I've come to that realization in my 52+ years on this planet. Be it the PR nightmares of head trauma suffered by its players and ignored by the league for decades, the players found guilty of domestic violence, the protests of players over social issues or a sitting President criticizing those players for protesting, television ratings remain high and ticket sales solid.

In fact, the television contracts are so substantial that the billionaire owners make a profit before a single ticket, T-shirt, or box of popcorn is sold.

There are no longer any television programs that people must make sure they watch the moment they air. In a world of DVRs and streaming, we can wait to watch our favorite shows at a more ideal time.

But live NFL games are the last appointment viewing. Well, both the NFL and College football, but guess what... college football is the NFL's farm system.

While the NFL only has games that matter for about six months, they are in the public consciousness 12 months a year. There are preseason workouts, mini-camps, free agency... and last week, it was time for the NFL Draft.

Trying to explain the appeal of the draft to a non-sports fan is impossible. "So, you aren't playing any games, and you want us to watch people saying other people's names?"

Approximately 200,000 fans showed up in Green Bay to watch this year's draft... hanging around for 3 days of glorified paperwork.

For Tennessee Titans fans, this draft probably

mattered the most. The Titans were the worst team in the National Football League in 2024, and that meant they had the top pick. In 2023, the Titans talked themselves into drafting Kentucky QB Will Levis as their signal caller of the future. He wowed scouts at the combine and pro day in Lexington, but there's a big difference between throwing in t-shirts and shorts and throwing with big, angry men trying to knock you into next week.

Levis struggled mightily against the best competition in the SEC and struggled mightily against pro defenses. To be fair to Levis, he didn't have very much help in Nashville. The Titans need help everywhere.

But Levis isn't the answer, and Tennessee hopes that

former Washington State and Miami quarterback Cam Ward can restore the Titans to respectability.

The Titans did entertain offers for the top pick. The New York Giants reportedly offered the #3 overall pick in exchange for the right to draft Ward. They were also willing to part with a third-round pick in this draft, their number one pick in 2026, and multiple other draft picks. For a team like the Titans, which needs assistance at pretty much every position, that's a significant haul to turn down.

But the Titans believe Ward will lead them for the next decade.

Last season, Ward threw for over 4300 yards and a University of Miami record 39 TD passes and was named ACC Player of the Year.

"There's a lot to like

about him," said Titan head coach Brian Callahan. "You can tell he came from a really good family. He's been raised right. He has a really good personality. He's fun to talk to. He's fun to be around. But he has a serious side. He's focused. He's determined. It's important to him. He wants to be a really good player."

"I got a chance to learn more about (the Titans) personally over the last couple of months, and I am excited to hopefully hear my name called first, to go to a good organization like that," said Ward. "They have a pretty elite team, in my opinion. They don't get enough credit on paper for what they really are."

On the Vols' side, edge rusher James Pearce, Jr., was selected 26th overall by the Atlanta Falcons.

Crayton

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worked out for me. It's been a journey and I've loved every step of the way so far."

At the VTC, Myles ran the 400 and 200-meter sprints. He had a 49.8 in the 400 and a 21.9 in the 200, placing third in both events.

Crayton said he probably could have done better in the 400. "There was a lot of wind in my face and I built up lactic acid in my legs and couldn't finish as strong as I wanted."

"In the 200 I gave it my

best effort," said Myles. "It just showed me that there's still some work that needs to be done."

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Things looking up for the Lady Rebels on the softball diamond

By Ken Lay

For years, West High School's softball team has struggled on the diamond.

The Lady Rebels have had seasons when they struggled to even field a team as interest in the program waned. They had some years where they were able to compete.

One of the program's players, Caitlin Ryan, played for the Lady Vols. Ryan played for Tennessee from 2005-07, and following her collegiate career, Ryan returned to serve as an assistant coach for the Lady Rebels under Wayne Mayes.

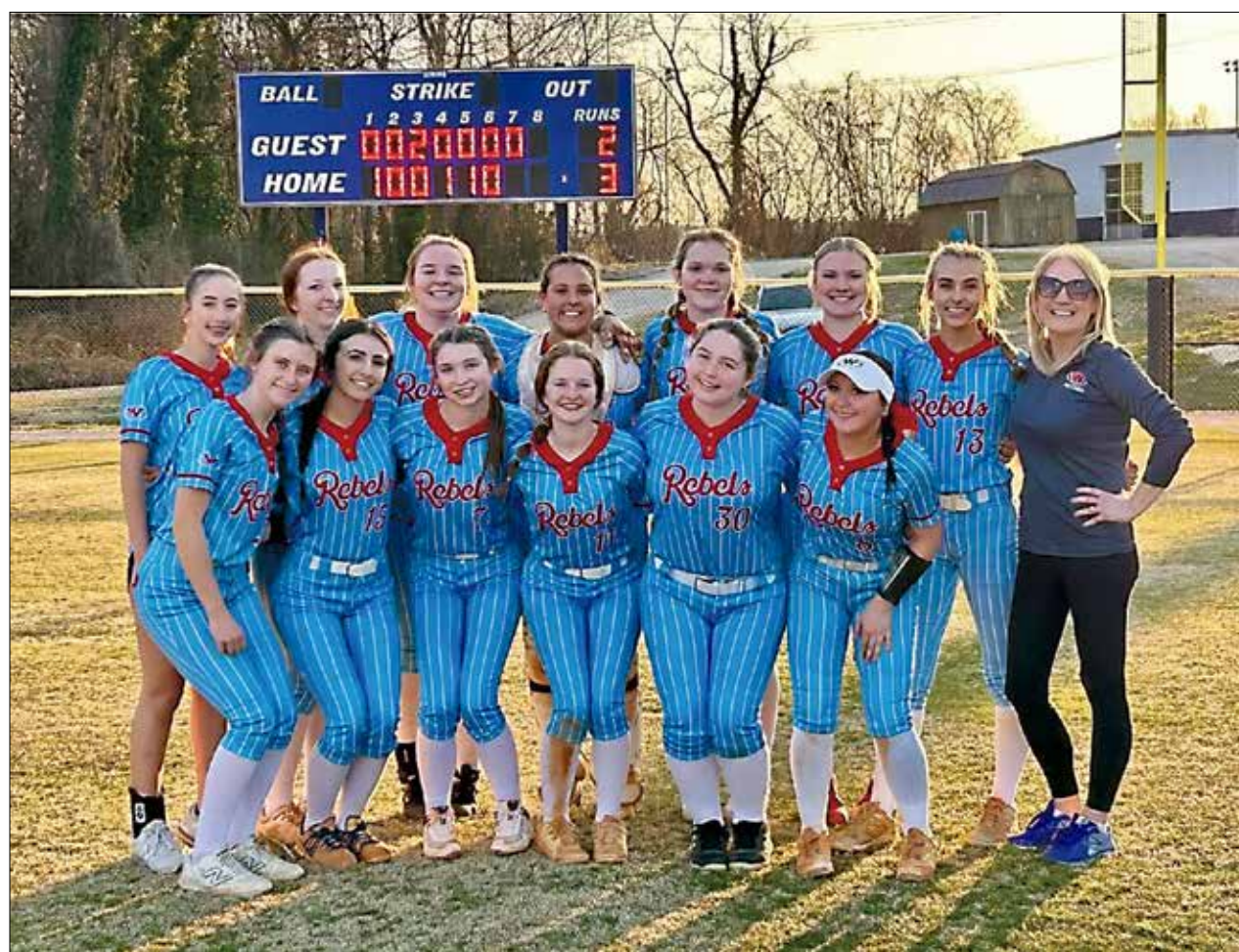
West had periods of success under Mayes. After he left the program, the Lady Rebels had a revolving door of coaches and became the doormats.

But now, under head coach Brandy Weaver, the Rebels are enjoying their best season since the late 2000s.

Success has been modest in 2025 as the Lady Rebels had an 8-9 overall record at press time. West, however, is no longer mired in the cellar in the District 4-3A standings. The Lady Rebels have four league wins as they've swept both Hardin Valley Academy and rival Bearden.

"I think this is probably the best season that we've ever had," Weaver said.

"I don't think we've ever swept Bearden and Hardin Valley," said Weaver, who was named head coach midway through the 2024



The Lady Rebels following their win over Bearden on March 11. Row 1: (Left to Right) Joli Bush, Evone Darraj, Brooke Weaver, Ava Humphreys, Rayley Marcantel and Kayln Stirone. Back Row: Bella Ilagan, Claire Davenport, Ella Jenkins, Emily Ciancone, McKenzie Jacobs, Brooklyn Burnett, Ella Blaire Bibee and Coach Brandy Weaver.

campaign after Casey Humphreys left the program. "When I took over, we were getting run-ruled all over the place.

"Casey tried to turn things around, but you can't keep everybody happy and he'd had enough."

When Weaver took over as head coach last season, the Lady Rebels won her first game which was against Oak Ridge.

Still, the struggles continued in league play.

This season, things started to change early as West opened the 2025 campaign with a 4-0 victory over the Lady Hawks as junior pitcher Brooke Weaver hurled a six-hit shutout. She had four strikeouts and walked one over seven innings.

Weaver, Brandy's daughter, has been key to West High's success.

"When Brooke came in, she struggled. Then, she started going toe-to-toe against some of the best

pitchers," Brandy said. "Our keys to success have been our pitching and our defense.

Offense and depth have been obstacles, but the Lady Rebels can no longer be overlooked as they have

played competitive games against William Blount, Farragut and others.

"We have 13 people on our roster and one is a student manager," Coach Weaver said. "And if I could just get our hitting going,

we could be a little better.

"Our girls are working hard and I want to brag on them. We have one senior and that's our first baseman. She's our power hitter and she doesn't make a lot of errors. She's a very solid first baseman.

West has a pair of top outfielders in left fielder Joli Bush and center fielder E.B. Bibee.

"We have two solid outfielders and they don't let things get by them deep," Coach Weaver said. "I'm very pleased with our outfielders."

Offensively, Jenkins carries a powerful bat but the Lady Rebels have one of the area's top contact hitters in freshman designated player Claire Davenport.

"Claire is a solid and great contact hitter," Coach Weaver said. "She leads us in batting average."

As Brandy Weaver continues to build the program, she remains upbeat even during the tough times. She was a pitcher for Bearden during her high school career and she played for the legendary Mark Blevins.

"Like these girls, I've played the game and I know what it's like to struggle and get frustrated," Brandy said.

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 Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Terwin Mortgage Trust 2006-8, Asset-backed Securities, Series 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

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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 Bhothalingom, 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 Bhothalingom on May 24, 2008, in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, and a minor female child born to Sanyia Sodhi Booth a/k/a Sanyian Sodhi Bhothalingom 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 Jeffrey Ray Carroll v. Douglas Johnson, Jr., Docket No. 7CHI-2025-CV-46, in the Campbell County Chancery Court, at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee, and answer the Petition filed by Megan Ashley Sharp Carroll and Jeffrey Ray Carroll, and thereby serve your answer on the Petitioners. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition which has been filed with the Clerk of the Campbell County Chancery Court located at the 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee.

Jennifer L. Chadwell
Attorney for Petitioners
P. O. Box 4038
Oak Ridge, TN 37831





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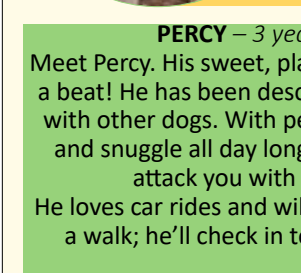
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Young-Williams Animal Center



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www.young-williams.org 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily
Closed 1-2 p.m. for animal quiet time

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

4/28/25; 5/5/25; 5/12/25 & 5/19/25
J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF NOLA MANON-ROUGE CLARK

BY: MAURICE L. CLARK, SR. AND WIFE JRUMEAIA RIDDLE-CLARK, PETITIONERS V. TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, MOTHER, RESPONDENT NO. 210830-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, 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 TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, it is ordered that said defendant, TYNISA MUNTAZ PALMER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue, 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 F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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 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 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 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, aka 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 (aka 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 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 MARY KATHLEEN CHRISTIAN, aka 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 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 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 (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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY UNDER DECREE OF THE KNOX COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

TAX SALE # 23b and 24b

STATE OF TENNESSEE EX REL., vs. DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, DOCKET NO.s 201957-2 AND 206416-3 AND CONSOLIDATED CASES:

The above styled judicial proceeding was filed by Knox County and City of Knoxville for the purpose of collecting delinquent real property taxes and enforcement of the first lien securing such taxes. Pursuant to the two DECREES CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CLERK AND MASTER AND ORDERING SALES entered in the above cause on the 29th of November, 2022, and on June 17, 2024, respectively, in the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, the parcels listed in this notice will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in the Large Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee on **30th day of May 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** The property to be offered for sale at auction is described as follows:

TAX ID: 070IC-048	TAX SALE: 23B	TAX ID: 092CB-028	TAX SALE: 24B
TRUSTEE FILE: 114 OWNER(S) & ADDRESS(ES): Mark Anthony Burros 2623 Avondale Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917	COMMON DESCRIPTION: 2623 Avondale Ave. L. 45, Whittle Hgts Add. 50 x 150 TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTY FEES AND COSTS DUE TO KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE THRU THE YEAR 2024 AS OF MAY 2025: \$ 5,224.44 TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTY FEES AND COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE THRU THE YEAR 2024 AS OF MAY 2025: \$ 5,095.10	TRUSTEE FILE: 388 OWNER(S) & ADDRESS(ES): Franklin D. Jeffries and wife, Charlotte D. Jeffries (listed in public records) 6135 Cougar Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921	COMMON DESCRIPTION: 6135 Cougar Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921 TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTY FEES AND COSTS DUE TO KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE THRU THE YEAR 2024 AS OF MAY 2025: \$ 10,959.40 TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTY FEES AND COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE THRU THE YEAR 2024 AS OF MAY 2025: \$ 13,587.80

THIS SALE WILL BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE DECREE CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CLERK AND MASTER AND ORDERING SALE ENTERED THE 21st DAY OF APRIL 2025 AND WILL BE MADE FOR CASH, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FOR ONE YEAR.

CLERK AND MASTER FEES AND OTHER COSTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE ABOVE TOTALS BETWEEN THE ENTRY OF THE REPORTS OF THE CLERK AND MASTER AND THE DATE OF THE SALE OR ANY RESCHEDULED SALE. THE PROPERTIES MENTIONED IN THE PLEADINGS AND AS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE SOLD SUBJECT TO:

- (1) ALL ENCUMBRANCES, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD; AND
- (2) THE INTEREST OF PARTIES NOT LISTED ABOVE.

THIS THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL 2025.
JUSTIN BIGGS, TRUSTEE
KNOX COUNTY DEPUTY LAW DIRECTOR, DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY
SCOTT GRISWOLD, CLERK & MASTER
END OF CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY – TAX SALE 23b & 24b

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORA MAE GASS DOCKET NUMBER 90810-2

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 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.

ESTATE OF DORA MAE GASS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREG GASS
305 BASILFIELD DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

FELICIA F. COALSON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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)
MICHAEL KEEGAN JUDD
6013 OAK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY
PAUL F. HANNAN, ATTORNEY
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REUBEN W. HOLLAND, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90761-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect

to the Estate of REUBEN W. HOLLAND JR., who died on February 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN H. HOLLAND

SARAH R. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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 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 MCCORMILLAN
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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, DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, it is ordered that said 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, 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 The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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. 208749-2
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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GASPAS GASPAS JUAN
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF SEBASTIAN GASPAS JUAN NO. 210746-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GASPAS GASPAS JUAN, 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 GASPAS GASPAS JUAN, it is ordered that said defendant, GASPAS GASPAS JUAN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Scott B. Hahn, an Attorney whose address is 5344 N Broadway, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN 37918 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 24th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR.
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH E. MORSCH, DECEASED NO. 79037-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PROBATE DIVISION
NO. 79037-1
It appearing from the Motion for Confirmation of Sale filed herein that DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR., son of the Decedent, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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 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 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 the 16th day of APRIL, 2025

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL PHELPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
H. BRUCE JUSTICE
4708 TAZEWELL 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 (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 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 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 JAMES EDWARD SENTELL

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

GLEN A. KYLE, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBURG 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 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 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 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 28, 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 the 11th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JEFFERY LEE WILKERSON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 the 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACK E. WILLIAMS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 the 3 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF TERESA GAIL YOUNG

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID H. DUPREE
DOCKET NUMBER 90838-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID H. DUPREE, who died March 2, 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 22 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID H. DUPREE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CANDY LOVELY GOODLING
DOCKET NUMBER 90144-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CANDY LOVELY GOODLING, who died on August 12, 2024, 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 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 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CANDY LOVELY GOODLING

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL LYNN HATCH
DOCKET NUMBER 90800-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL LYNN HATCH, who died March 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 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 21st day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL LYNN HATCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY W. HILL
DOCKET NUMBER 90788-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LARRY W. HILL, who died February 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 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 21st day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY W. HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90732-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025 letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON, who died March 10, 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 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALLEN EUGENE JOHNSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE C. MUSGRAVES
DOCKET NUMBER 90804-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE C. MUSGRAVES, who died February 22, 2025, were issued to all 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 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 21th day of APRIL,