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## Rusty Wallace Charity Ride set for Saturday

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Saturday is going to be a very special day. Rusty Wallace Family of Dealerships' Charity Ride benefiting Isaiah 117 House begins at 9 a.m. with possibly 200 motorcycles preparing for a ride from Knoxville to Morristown and back. The ride is to raise funds for the East Tennessee Isaiah 117 House, an organization that provides physical and emotional support in a safe, loving home for children waiting for foster placement.

General manager Chad Campbell said the May 17 event is the third charity ride for the Rusty Wallace Dealerships;

similar events have benefited the East Tennessee Children's Hospital and the Boys and Girls Club of Anderson and Claiborne Counties. Campbell said that the first ride featured Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and award-winning NASCAR driver and multi-dealership owner Rusty Wallace.

Wallace will be on hand Saturday and take part in the event. Wallace also owns Southern Country Customs, which builds custom motorcycles, and marketing director Drake Meredith said Wallace is a long-time motorcycle enthusiast.

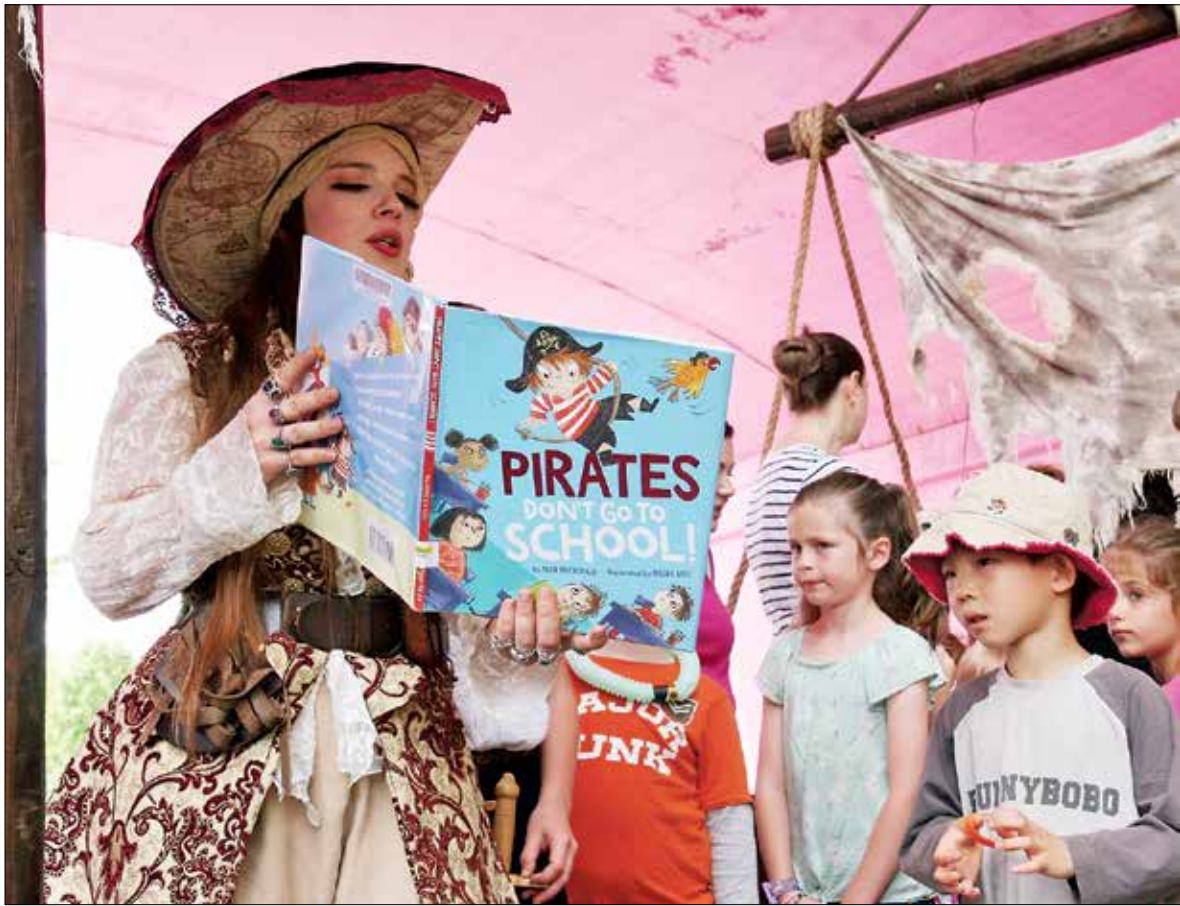
This year's benefit is especially important to sales manager

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Rusty Wallace Honda General Manager Chad Campbell (center), Sales Manager Mark Troutt (left), and Marketing Manager Drake Meredith (right) invite you to Saturday's Charity Run for Isaiah 117 House. The event starts at the Callahan-I-75 dealership, goes to Rusty Wallace Toyota in Morristown, and returns to the Honda dealership. Photo by Mike Steely.

## Knox County Public Library's Children's Festival of Reading Returns Saturday



A pirate narrator reads "Pirates Don't Go To School!" by Alan MacDonald to a captive audience at last year's Festival of Reading.

### Award-winning authors including One Book Read City author Elliot Smith to be on hand to sign books

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Knox County Public Library will host its 19th annual Children's Festival of Reading at World's Fair Park. Recently honored with the 2025 Kaleidoscope Award for Best Children's Event by the Southeast Festivals and Events Association, the festival promises a day filled with literary adventures, live performances, and interactive activities for

families and children of all ages. The event is free and open to the public.

This year's theme, Curious Minds: The Sky Above Us, launches the Library's Read City Challenge and features an exciting lineup of world-class authors and illustrators, including:

- Kevin Lewis: Acclaimed author of "Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo," "My Truck is Stuck!" and "The Runaway Pumpkin," and literary agent

advocating for underrepresented voices.

- Kate Messner: New York Times bestselling author of "The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.," "Capture the Flag" and "Over and Under the Snow," known for inspiring curiosity through storytelling.

- Jennifer Nielsen: Renowned for gripping novels such as "The False Prince" and "The Traitor's Game," her works span fantasy and historical fiction, earning numerous accolades.

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## Greenheck Group breaks ground at the Midway Business Park

Roughly one year after announcing its plans to locate operations in Knox County, Greenheck Group broke ground on its \$300 million project Friday, which upon completion, will generate 440 jobs as part of the company's phase 1 campus expansion.

Greenheck plans to build a huge manufacturing facility in the Midway Business Park. The corporation, which manufactures air-moving systems, including fans, will take up the remaining space in the East Knox County industrial area with seven buildings.

Several federal, state and local partners were on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking Friday morning.

"The Midway business park was an important project and priority of my administration when I was Knox County Mayor," said Congressman Tim Burchett.

"But we knew it wouldn't be possible without an open and transparent approach that included input from all concerned parties, including

members of the community. What we learned is that we all wanted to recruit modern manufacturers – not smokestacks – and good paying jobs for the folks in East Knox County. And I'm proud that plan has become a reality."

"The Greenheck Group is a terrific corporate citizen and another proud example of our commitment to retaining and attracting a wide variety of jobs and businesses to Knox County," Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said.

"I want to thank Mike Odom and his team at the Knoxville Chamber for helping to recruit such an amazing company that has even more room for growth. When all is said and done, Greenheck may very well be one of the biggest economic development projects in Knox County history."

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, the celebration continued at Carter High School as Greenheck Group announced its partnership with Engineering Tomorrow to enhance STEM education for Knox County students.

## Proposed county budget increases 3%

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs announced his proposal for the Knox County Budget last week with a pledge of no property tax increase and a three-percent increase in proposed spending. The proposal now goes to the Knox County Commission which must pass a spending plan before the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

Jacobs spoke of

"responsible budgeting" and working together in partnerships with county departments, local organizations, businesses and other government groups, including the state of Tennessee. He applauded the efforts of the Knoxville Chamber and Visit Knoxville and spoke of a basically flat budget fueled with growth. He applauded efforts to lure a younger demographic to the county.

Jacobs proposed a budget of \$1.1 billion, with

about two-thirds of the funds going to the Knox County Schools System. He noted the number of new schools and his support of school projects in Farragut and South Knoxville, plus the redevelopment of a K-8 school at the old Rule High School location.

Much of his address in the main assembly room of the City-County Building related to the Knox County Sheriff's Office. The mayor pledged a \$5 million increase for the KCSO for

raises, operational cost increases and funding of the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan. Within that plan are increases for more body cameras, tasers, storage and new vehicles.

Jacobs proposed an additional 1% raise, combined with a one-step raise for a total 2% pay increase for county employees starting in January 2026.

"Our finances are tight," Jacobs said.

"All of us must live within our means and that

includes government. My formal duty as your mayor is (to ensure) the best use of your tax dollars.

"This year's budget isn't going to have a lot of shiny objects. It's a tight year,"

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# A Joke That I Felt For Completely

From a distance



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When I was in Congress, one of my committees was the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

This was good for East Tennessee because, as the chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee, I was able to obtain funds to totally rebuild our airport, and later, as chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee, I was able to get almost more money than any other district to expand our highways.

This work needed to be done because the Knoxville area has been one of

the most popular places to move to in this country for about the last 40 years or so.

Among many other things, the Transportation Committee had primary jurisdiction over the Coast Guard.

Some time in the early 2000s, I was asked by the commandant of the Coast Guard to fly to Miami and Key West one weekend to see what they were doing to fight drug smuggling and illegal immigration into South Florida.

Also on that trip were the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Rep. Hal Rogers of Kentucky, and another member of that committee, Rep. Sonny Callahan of Alabama, and our wives.

We flew on the commandant's small jet. Hal and Sonny were senior to and more powerful than I, so they and their wives sat in the front section with the

commandant.

There was a very small area with soft drinks and snacks, and my late wife, Lynn, and I sat with the second-ranking admiral in the second section of the jet.

We had to leave very early from Key West because I was supposed to host President George W. Bush in Knoxville around noon and then fly back to Washington with him on Air Force One.

About halfway back to Knoxville, a flight attendant brought me a phone and said, "Sir, the White House is on the phone."

When I got the phone, a staticky voice said, "Sir, this is Jack Williams with the White House Travel Office. The president has requested that Chairman Rogers accompany him back to Washington, and there will not be room for any other members. I'm sorry."

I thanked him and then told Lynn and the admiral

that I had been bumped. I was not surprised or hurt because Rep. Rogers was one of my best friends, had been in Congress eight years longer, and was chairman of one of the most powerful committees.

About twenty minutes later, the attendant brought the phone to me again, and the same voice said he was Jack Williams and that Chairman Rogers had declined the invitation, and, "There will be room for you after all."

I turned to the admiral beside us and said, "You see how good Chairman Rogers is to me. He has declined an invitation to fly on Air Force One because he didn't want to bump me." The admiral replied, "He is a very nice man."

Then Rep. Callahan said, "After they've bumped you?" and then very emphatically said, "I wouldn't take that kind of s\_ \_ \_."

Lynn, who was hearing all of this, and who had been fooled like me, said: "That's why you're never going to get anyplace. You're always letting people run over you."

I always felt proud and very grateful to be in the U.S. House, but Lynn was more ambitious than me, and I think she was always disappointed that I never ran for senator or governor.

Finally, still not realizing it was all a big joke, I was given the phone a third time just as we started to go down to land.

This time it was Rep. Callahan on the phone, and I recognized his voice. He said, "Duncan, this is the president. Are you going to fly with me or not?"

I then realized I had been completely fooled by this joke. I got back in time to host President Bush and flew back to Washington with him on Air Force One.

Hal Rogers and Sonny

Callahan were my two most frequent dinner partners in Washington. Despite this joke, they were very serious legislators, and I was lucky to have them and several others as good friends who were very helpful to me in my work for our district.

During my first term, a Capitol Hill newspaper had a roving photographer who tried to ask unusual questions. One day, he stopped me and said, "If there were a statue of you in the Capitol, where would it be and what would it say?"

I said, "Well, it would probably be in the basement, and it would say 'Lucky to be here.'"

I never ran for any higher office (even though I was often encouraged to do so) in large part because during my 30 years in Congress, I never lost the feeling that I was lucky to be there.

## Trump saves the Canadian Liberals while throwing stones

Canada just asserted its sovereignty. Before Trump's tariffs, the Canadian Liberals were on the run. A sluggish economy and the boorish tactics of Justin Trudeau had propelled the Conservatives



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Canada. All of a sudden, the Liberals were up by two points as their new leader, Mark Carney, made Trump the focus of his campaign. Never mind the slow-growing economy. Never mind

the dire economics and budget excesses of Liberal governments past and present – Trump, not the economy, became the issue. Although the Conservatives tried their best to pivot from attacking the failures of the Liberals to attacking the president, they lost. Now, instead of reform, Carney will double down on the failed Liberal agenda. He is Al Gore with a Canadian accent. But Carney is a smart man, having been head of both the Bank of Canada and the Bank of England. He is talking

about decoupling Canada from the U.S. and cultivating trade deals with China, India and Japan. Trump is forcing this upon Canada, and the Canadians, at least for the moment, seem willing to suffer more economically in order to assert their national pride. Carney probably sent Trump a thank-you note.

I wonder if the president was surprised to find that Canadians are a people with a backbone and national pride? I believe that only they and the Chinese have countered his tariffs with tariffs of their own on American goods. Sixty percent of Canadians have canceled American vacations. Many are selling their American vacation homes. Eighty percent are boycotting American products and turning hostile toward their neighbors to the south. Ninety percent reject the ridiculous idea of

an American statehood. Seventy percent consider America as the enemy. Only Trump could transform our closest friend into our closest enemy. I guess my Canadian bear hunting days are over.

Closer to home, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt blasted the Biden Administration for its lack of transparency, "I can tell you there was certainly a lack of transparency from the former president, from the entire former administration." Well, those in glass houses should not throw stones, especially if the glass house is the White House. Then Leavitt excoriated Amazon over its decision to show the costs that Trump's tariffs add to consumer purchases on its website, calling it a hostile

and political act. Huh? Had she no shame for telling the world that Trump's White House is also less than transparent?

Why is this different from separating the sales tax from the merchandise price on a receipt? For years, gas pumps broke down the cost of the gas and showed how much went to federal and state taxes. Wasn't Amazon just trying to show the consumer that the seller is not responsible for the increase in prices? If Trump's tariffs stay in place, the American consumer will see a rise in prices. Is Trump going to blame "greedy" corporations? Is he going to blame the Fed? Is he going to blame Joe Biden? You can bet he will try to shift the blame. Shutting down the disclosure from Amazon

shows that he is trying to hide that he is responsible for the price increases. He obviously threatened Amazon like he threatened the automobile makers, not to raise prices but to eat the increased costs. They may be able to do that for a little while, but not so for all the small businesses whose viability will be threatened by the increase in their costs. Again, like during covid, Trump is anti-small business. I hope they all will put a Trump tariff increase on their merchandise and in their advertising. I hope they put it on their sales tickets, too. Trump bullied Amazon into backing down. But he won't be able to bully all businesses to hide the impact of his tariffs on consumer prices.

## Five Points Up Coalition Hosts Annual East Knoxville Community Cleanup

The Five Points Up coalition, in partnership with the Knox County Health Department, will host its annual community cleanup in East Knoxville on May 17. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon with participants gathering at Eternal Life Harvest Center (2410 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue).

"The purpose of the event aligns with the mission of Five Points Up

to beautify and unify East Knoxville," said Tanisha Baker, Chair of Five Points Up. "Not only does this annual event help to improve our neighborhoods, but it also promotes a sense of fellowship among our community."

The event is free and open to the public. All cleaning supplies, including pickers, vests, and garbage bags will be provided. There will also

be food and music.

Five Points Up is a community-led group, in partnership with the Knox County Health Department, and is supported by the City of Knoxville, East Knox Lions Club, CAC, and other community partners. The group's mission is to reduce health inequities in the Five Points neighborhood through community-building events and projects.

## Correction

In the May 5th Knoxville Focus story about Emerald Youth Foundation's prayer breakfast, we incorrectly described and misquoted a portion of Emerald Youth Foundation President and CEO Steve Diggs' comments. Emerald Youth Foundation's federally-funded AmeriCorps program was recently terminated, a loss of about 70 part-time workers who served throughout the year in Emerald Youth Foundation's after-school program. The cut in AmeriCorps funding did not impact Emerald Academy, the K-8 public charter school operated by Emerald Charter Schools (a separate, non-sectarian, non-profit organization).



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# Publisher's Positions



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## PBS Has Become Biased

President Trump's executive order cutting the funding received by PBS is long overdue. "Government funding of news media in this environment is not only outdated and unnecessary but corrosive to the appearance of journalistic independence," the order stated.

Margaret Brennan of

CBS, perhaps the dumbest person masquerading as a journalist on the air since Joy Reid got cancelled, interviewed NPR CEO Katherine Maher. It was like Tweedle Dumb interviewing Tweedle Dee. Maher told a whopper of a lie in saying, "And our people report straight down the line." Nobody believes that, not even Katherine Maher. In a newsroom without a single Republican, it is impossible for PBS to report news straight down the line. Nor is there any rational thinking person who believes Margaret Brennan is unbiased.

There is no reason for the American taxpayers to subsidize the Public Broadcasting System. In this day and time, it is outmoded and unnecessary. Nor is there any reason why taxpayers should be paying million-dollar salaries at PBS.

The truth is the audience

for NPR has been seriously eroded over the years by its own bias. PBS is the darling of an audience that is overwhelmingly white, well-to-do, and leftist politically, yet it is paid for by mostly working people who don't watch or listen to it.

## Leftists Need To Be Held Accountable

Democrats and Leftists circled the wagons when John Fetterman had a stroke while running for the U.S. Senate. Now they have circled the wagons once again and are shooting at him from those wagons surrounding him for having stood up for Israel. Fetterman made the mistake of having a mind of his own and showing concern for the 30 babies and children under 18 who were held hostage by Hamas. Were that not bad enough, John Fetterman has been

equally blunt in his support for securing our country's border. It is mighty strange that the Democrats want to die on the hill of support for illegal aliens, whom they believe have greater rights than taxpaying American citizens and terrorists.

For the last four years, while they ruthlessly pursued Donald Trump, we were told "No one is above the law" time and again. Of course, these were the same people who mercilessly used every government entity in their grasp to punish their enemies, and now accuse Trump of the same thing they did for years. Many people have forgotten that every Democratic candidate for president who paraded across the stage in 2020 raised their hand when asked if they would support an open border. Joe Biden deliberately opened our border, and the results have been

disastrous in terms of both blood and treasure. It was against our own law and they ignored it, but nobody is above the law. Crossing our borders illegally is illegal, meaning against the law. Unvetted, the Biden administration ferried them all across the country, gave them "free" health care, provided "free" education for their children, put them up in first-class hotels, and gave them money to spend.

We've had Soros-elected district attorneys who have perverted or refused to follow the law, endangering the lives and welfare of the people they supposedly represent. Racial, gender and sexual identity are not the basis of determining whether someone should be prosecuted or not. The question is, did someone break the law or harm or injure or kill another human being? Racial, gender or sexual identity should not

make one immune from prosecution for having committed a crime. One prime example is Mary Moriarty, the Hennepin County, Minnesota, county attorney who wrote a memo saying "racial identity ... should be part of the overall analysis" as she instructed prosecutors that they "should be identifying and addressing racial disparities at decision points, as appropriate." What that means is Asians and Whites get the pointy end of the stick, and there is no justice for all, nor is it dispensed blindly. Far from it. Moriarty let the Tesla terrorist walk away after he inflicted \$20,000 worth of damage to other people's property. DAs who pursue the Soros policy of allowing law-abiding people to be preyed upon by the criminal class because they can get away with it need to be run out of their jobs and out of town.

# Proposed county budget increases 3%

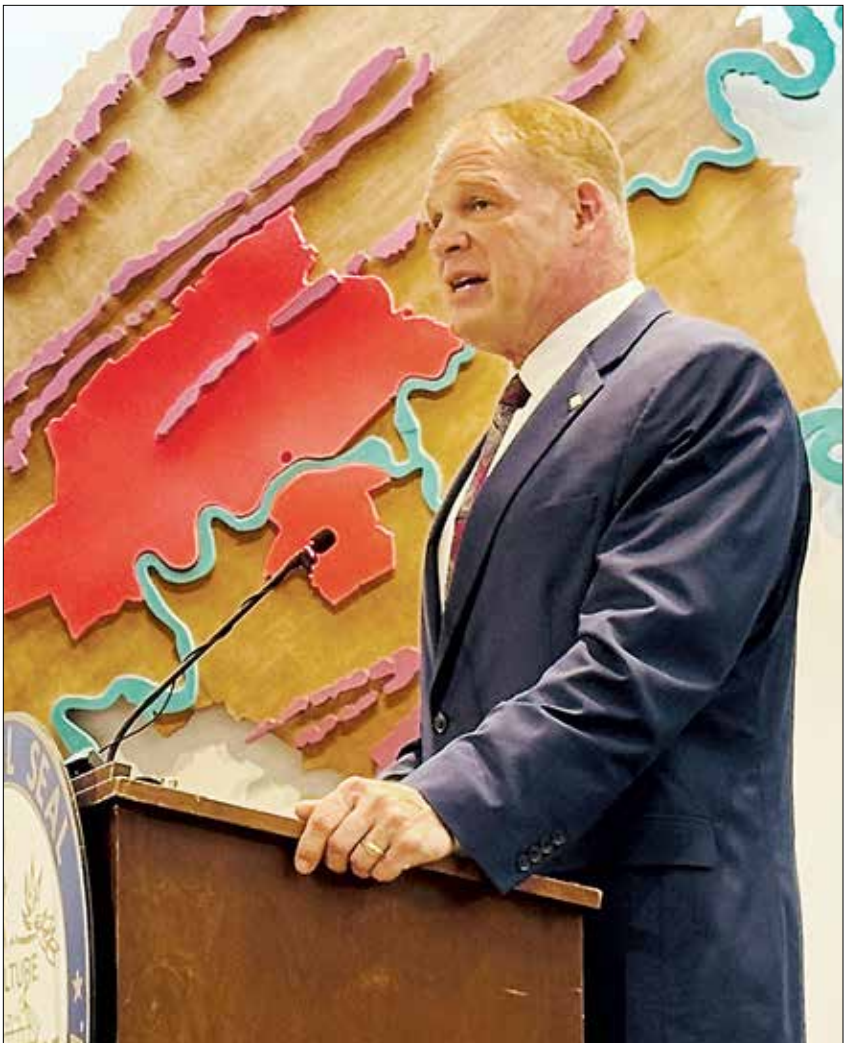
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revenues are flat, and the cost of doing business is up," he continued. During the address, Jacobs applauded efforts between the Knox County Health Department Senior Director Kevin Parton for partnering with Knox Area Rescue Ministries and Summit Medical Group to open a medical clinic to serve the homeless, which would help ease the stress on emergency rooms and the ambulance system.

Mayor Jacobs also noted an effort to create a community, including tiny homes, for homeless veterans. The project would allow high school students to practice building skills during construction. The project should be unveiled next spring.

Jacobs also spoke of the achievements during his seven years as mayor and the ongoing projects now underway, including the eventual completion of the Schaad Road connection linking Oak Ridge Highway with Pleasant Ridge Road, improvements to Canton Hollow Road, completion next year of the Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss Bridge and the future Powell Pedestrian Bridge.

He applauded the Knoxville Chamber's partnership that led to the recruitment of Greenheck Group's new corporate campus, bringing 440 future jobs and a \$300 million capital investment.



In his "State of the County" address last week, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs promised a responsible budget with no property tax increase. The \$1.1 billion budget is 3% higher than last year, with two-thirds of it going to the school system.



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# City contract with outside violence reduction firm may be disputed

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday in an all-day budget work review, followed by numerous zoning changes at their 6 p.m. session. Most of the attention during the evening meeting may be on the proposed funding contract with a national violence prevention company. The Office of Safety and Empowerment is asking that \$519,750 in additional funding be awarded to the National

Institute of Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) to provide training on group violence reduction. That would extend the current contract to \$826,800. Opposition is coming from some council members and members of local social organizations already involved in the effort. One idea to placate the groups would be to require NICJR to hire some of the group members to work under the company in the local efforts. The council may also increase the contract with Southern

Constructors Inc. for Phase II of the Augusta Quarry project, bringing that total to over \$3.7 million. Property at 107 Meadow View Road may be approved to change from RN-2 single-family to RN-4 general residential neighborhood. Another request would amend the East City Sector Plan and rezone 4602 Millertown Pike from office to RN-4 residential. Non-residential zoning requests include three properties on Eighth Avenue from RN-4 residential to industrial mixed-use, a Central Avenue Pike property

from general commercial to highway commercial, and a Keck Road site from highway commercial to general commercial. A Grand Avenue site is up for a change from neighborhood commercial to industrial mixed-use, and a Randolph Street site from industrial mixed-use to downtown Knoxville warehouse. The council will also vote on acquiring eight properties for the Broadway Streetscapes Project for an estimated \$1.07 million and contracting with Cannon & Cannon Inc. to design

and improve a gravel parking lot under the James White Parkway along Island Home Avenue. The funding for improvements of the 6th floor of the City-County Building may be increased to \$921,721 for renovations by GCE Construction. Mayor Indya Kincannon plans to reappoint Jonathan Haskell to the Police Advisory and Review Committee and name Brian Brooks and Valuri Reid to that group.

## Rusty Wallace Charity Ride

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Mark Troutt, a father of adopted children. Troutt said Isaiah 117 House has 33 locations and the ride will pass through three of the communities the charity serves, Knox, Jefferson and Hamblen counties. Entry in the ride is \$20, and each rider will receive a charity ride T-shirt. The assembly starts at 9 a.m. at Rusty Wallace Honda on Callahan Road with “Kickstands Up” at 11 a.m. The ride will then proceed down I-75 to I-40 and east until Andrew Johnson Highway 11E. Escorts include the Knox County Sheriff’s Office’s Tango unit and police departments along the way. “The Tango unit has been nothing but helpful,”

Campbell told The Focus. The ride proceeds to Rusty Wallace Toyota in West Morristown, where there’s a 30-minute break for refreshments before the ride back to Callahan Drive. Campbell said he expects the ride to take about 2.5 hours, and when the procession returns, there will be live music and free food. Sponsors for the charity ride include Thor Reigns, Vaughn Pharmacy, First Century Bank, Lindsey’s Carpet and Flooring, Grosam EZ Town, IPS Agency, Enrichment Federal Credit Union and the Garza Law Firm. More information on the Isaiah 117 Home organization can be found at <https://Isaiah117house.com/knox-county-tn>.

## Knox County School Board approves changes for teacher retirement accounts, clothing resource center

By Ken Lay

Things were addressed in rapid fashion at the Knox County Board of Education’s regular session meeting late Thursday afternoon at the Summer Place. The board’s meeting lasted just 26 minutes, but an issue that had been prevalent at recent meetings was resolved Wednesday as the board voted to approve a transition to USI Consulting as the sole outlet for employees’ retirement accounts. USI was selected by the board. Knox County Schools employees previously had retirement

accounts set up through Valuteachers Consulting. The proposed change left some employees concerned until USI agreed to compromise and allowed KCS employees with existing accounts to continue making contributions to their existing accounts. More questions arose last week as some employees stopped making contributions for various reasons, including uncertainty, returning from medical leave or being re-hired after leaving the district. “This brings up more questions that I hadn’t even thought about,” said board member Katherine Bike, who voiced her intention to pass on the vote. “I’m grateful that USI made a compromise, it wasn’t the compromise I was hoping for, so I’m passing on this.” Board member Kristi Kristy, despite admitting some lingering questions needed to be answered, said that the issue needed to be resolved. “While I think these questions needed to be answered, I’m ready to move on,” Kristy said. “I think we’ve talked about this a lot.” The measure passed. Bike and board member Anne Templeton abstained, while Patricia Fontenot-Ridley cast the

lone dissenting vote. The board also voted unanimously to approve a measure to shift control of its student clothing program. The KCS Clothing and Resource Center was previously run by the district’s Parent Teachers Association and will now be administered by the school system’s social workers. The board also introduced its new student representative, rising senior Albert Liu. His term begins July 1 and ends on June 30, 2026.

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## Knox County Public Library’s Children’s Festival of Reading Returns Saturday

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- Aisha Saeed: New York Times bestselling author of “Amal Unbound,” “Yes No Maybe So,” and “Once Upon Eid,” and a founding member of We Need Diverse Books™. - Elliott Smith: Author of over 80 children’s books, including “Baseball Blowup” (this year’s One Book Read City title), “Jackie Robinson Takes the Field” and “Fighting for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.” - Vivian Vande Velde: Celebrated author of speculative fiction for young readers, with award-winning books like “Heir Apparent,” “Never Trust a Dead Man” and “Cloaked in Red.”

Festival highlights include the Parade of Books led by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and ten-year-old Xander, an avid reader from Carter Branch Library. Attendees can also

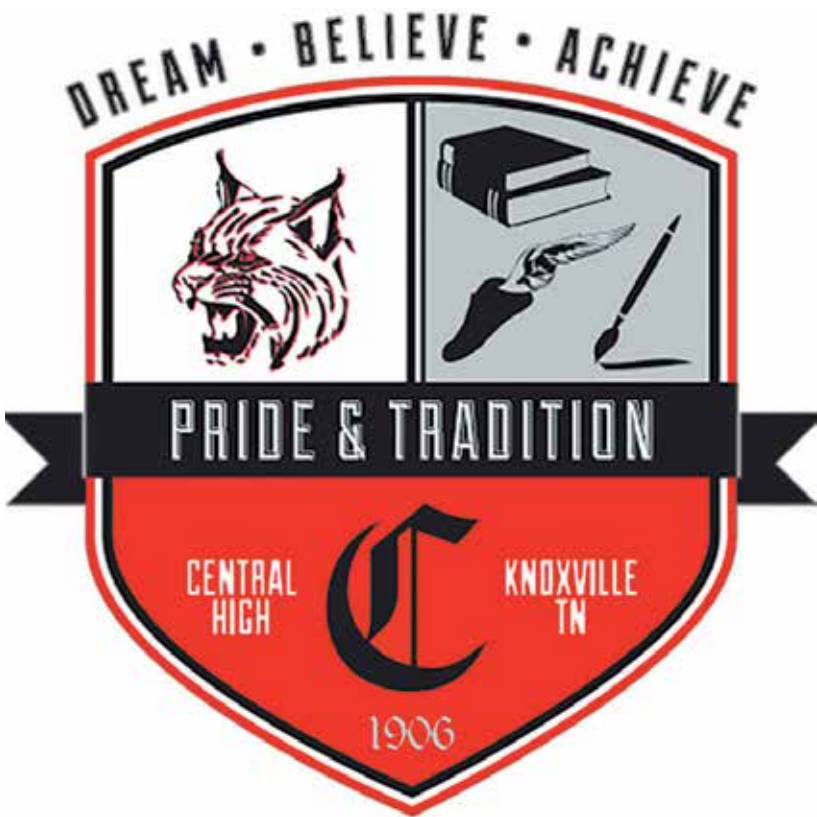
enjoy meet-and-greets with beloved storybook characters such as Elephant and Piggie, the Very Hungry Caterpillar, and If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. New this year is the Sky Lounge, offering a serene space with clouds, rainbows, and a floaty vibe. Returning favorites include the Science and Discovery Tent, Music Stage, Storyteller’s Theatre, One World Circus, Toddler Town, Arts and Crafts, over 50 community vendors, and the Friends of the Library’s Used Book Sale. “This event is the perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year and launch our summer reading challenges,” commented Mayor Jacobs. “The great thing about reading over the summer is you get to choose the books that excite you, and that’s when you fall in love with reading.”

The Children’s Festival of Reading is presented by Comcast and supported by the Thompson Charitable Foundation, the Margaret Dickson Bequest, the Friends of the Knox County Public Library, Tennessee Arts Commission, ORNL Federal Credit Union, Downtown Knoxville Alliance, East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, United Way of Greater Knoxville, TVA, TVA/KUB Community Care Fund, Nora Roberts Foundation, Members of City Council, Pilot Company, Sparkgood Walmart #1320 and #3959 / Sam’s Club #6572, East Tennessee Pediatric Dentistry, WDVX, East Tennessee PBS, East Tennessee Portables, B97.5, and All Occasions Party Rentals. For more information, visit the Children’s Festival of Reading page at [www.knoxcountylibrary.org](http://www.knoxcountylibrary.org).



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## The Theodicy Question

What is essential is invisible to the eyes.  
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Any compassionate person struggles with injustice, the antipode of fairness. Many moons ago, my children would occasionally complain that I wasn't being fair. But we all know that life is not always fair.

Is justice or fairness a situational or relative concept? It would seem that fairness implies a comparison, but to what? Philosopher Emmanuel Kant argued that we should seek "universal" truths where a concept like justice would be accepted by everyone everywhere as the standard.

The ancient Greeks built their civilization around what we now refer to as the "cardinal virtues." These are courage, common sense, moderation and justice. Five hundred years later, the Apostle Paul eloquently described what we

now call the "theological virtues" of faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Metaphorically, I envision my ship built with cardinal virtues, but steered by the theological rudders of faith, hope and love.

History teaches us what happens when a culture replaces God, the quintessential standard of justice, with secular humanism, the belief that morality and self-fulfillment are capable without belief in God.

The French Revolution occurred just after our American Revolution, but the outcomes were vastly different. Experts have written extensively about the reasons, but it seems most likely that the difference is due to sovereignty.

Our Declaration of Independence held that men have "unalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness endowed by their Creator." Thomas Jefferson and the Founders held that God

was sovereign.

In France, Robespierre and the Jacobins led their revolution, promising "Liberté (liberty), égalité (equality), fraternité (brotherhood)." Instead, French citizens got the "Reign of Terror" with kangaroo courts, regicide and the guillotine's murderous chaos. Robespierre even had the chutzpah to erect an obelisk to reason, before the bloodthirsty mob turned on him and cut off his head.

Philosophy aside, the tragedy of a kid in our neighborhood underscores the concept of injustice. Without a father and returned to his impaired mother by the court system, he became "lost" to the tenuous anchors of stability in his life. Is it any wonder that he was a troubled kid? He may survive and rise above what seems to be cosmic injustice. JD Vance made it, but I fear the neighborhood kid will not.

The kid next door made the border tragedy of the Biden Administration real. More than 300,000 migrant children were lost by the government. Undoubtedly, many are subject to the horrors of human trafficking. Some end up in gangs like those attacking cops on the streets of New York or preying on others. It breaks my heart and provokes in me a rage of guillotine intensity.

The 300,000 number made me think of the estimated 300,000 American children who now identify as transgender. I find it perverse that children who can't buy cigarettes, drive or vote are allowed to choose life-altering hormone blockers, brutal irreversible surgery and a lifetime of drug treatment for their psychiatric condition. Yes, gender dysphoria is codified by the DSM-5 as a psychiatric illness. The reason "trans people" are problematic in the military is because they have a psychiatric condition that precludes them from being in a combat zone.

I don't doubt that some are born different from the majority. Ten percent of humans are born left-handed and were once stigmatized. Undoubtedly, some people are born with gender confusion, just as some are born homosexual. But even the British have figured out that an XY chromosome produces male characteristics and a genotypic XX produces a woman. Someone should demand that Ketanji Brown Jackson "follow the science."

Childhood and adolescence are times of dramatic changes in brain development, bodily function and personality. In my internal medicine and geriatric practice, I used to ask people if they would go back and be a kid again if

they had to learn all the lessons over. The answer was always, "No!"

In the scope of the human condition, some undoubtedly have gender dysphoria (confusion). I also believe some may find this orientation as unique or edgy. In times past, youthful breaking away from convention has been referred to as bohemian. Puccini's opera "La Bohème" is about avant-garde lovers making their way in 19th-century Paris and trying to find themselves. At least these rebellious characters were young adults, not children.

I am a science-trained guy who also recognizes the Divine. Materialism or naturalism holds that we are free of any external force. At the other end of the spectrum, determinism implies that everything is under the direction of an omnipresent God. Instead of either/or, I see myself as part of God's creation and subject to the physics He created and the Universe He sustains.

The biggest stumbling block to a spiritual perspective is the concept of theodicy or divine justice. If God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, why do bad things happen to good people? (from the book by Rabbi Harold Kushner).

The classical explanations of the divine justice/theodicy question are:

- The no God
- There is a cosmic battle

between God and evil

We are all sinners and get what we deserve

We may not get justice now, but we will in the next life

(Karma is a last non-classical explanation for divine justice.)

I certainly don't know the answer, but I see the Creator as infinitely more probable than the Universe just popping into existence eons ago. And I gravitate to the personal struggle of good/bad in me like the cartoon angel on one shoulder and a devilish one on the other whispering in my ear to influence my conscience, soul/essence.

And I take comfort in #4 that Grace is and will be sufficient for me and the neighborhood kid. In the meantime, I must do my best and my duty to God and country and those I love. (If this sounds familiar, it is my modification of the Boy Scout Pledge, when Boy Scouts were boy scouts).

In our journey, we are seekers and arbiters of justice. And most are parents in some manner. So, I recommend a practical sermon series entitled "Real and Ideal" at my church. It is a focus on parenting available on YouTube at Sevier Heights Church. It costs you nothing, but thirty minutes of your consideration.

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## Honor Fountain City Day returns Memorial Day

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If you've never attended the annual Honor Fountain City Day in the Park, then you've missed a fun and interesting day. On Memorial Day, May 26, the Fountain City Town Hall organization invites the community with open arms to Fountain City Park.

Each year, hundreds of residents, former residents, local officials, political candidates and vendors attend the family-friendly, free

event that celebrates the once-unincorporated town.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with live entertainment from the Knoxville Pipe and Drums, the Fountain City Ramblers and the Tennessee Wood Symphony Jazz Band. There are also children's games with prizes and exhibits provided by the American Red Cross and the Knoxville Police and Fire Departments. Food trucks from April's Grill, Sweet n Sassy Catering and SnoBiz will be there.

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## New French Broad Veterans Memorial Park to open



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High above the French Broad River and overlooking the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery is a knoll next to a quarry. The 8.5 acres of land were donated in 2018 to Legacy Parks by Blue Water Industries.

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During the construction of the French Broad Veterans Park, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and other officials visited and took in the view of the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery far below. A ceremony to open the park is set for Friday, May 16.

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Parking in downtown Knoxville may be the second biggest problem the city has, beyond not having enough housing. For years, it was pretty simple to find a parking space, pay the meter, do your shopping and come back to your car and leave.

Not so anymore. Now the city has gone to Park Mobile meters that require a cell phone, a special app, and a credit card. Can you imagine what problems that causes for people who are unfamiliar with the new system or who don't have a cell phone or credit card? And what about game day when the Smokies or One Knoxville SC teams have a home game at the new stadium?

For those tech-savvy people, the new system might work out well, but what about us older folks or the non-savvy population?

"The new parking system requiring a smart phone, online payment account, and parking app, has adversely affected citizens' use of the downtown library. As you know, the library once had its own parking lot adjacent to its building. This lot was given to the federal government as parking for the John Duncan office building next door. The city has provided one 30-minute free parking spot in front of the library, but all the other spots on the block require use of the new app. Those spots used to have meters that accepted payment by coins or credit cards. Anyone without a smart phone or online payment account can no longer access the library unless they use one of the city garages blocks away," Michael Kaplan emailed to city and county leaders and posted on Facebook last week.

"Thank you for your email regarding parking at Lawson McGhee Library," replied Chip Barry, Knoxville's Chief Deputy of Operations. He continued, "Library patrons may choose to access the downtown library by various means of transportation: by foot, bus, bike, or scooter. These options do not require paid parking. If a library patron chooses to drive, they may park on the street and use the mobile payment system or they may park one block away at the Locust Street garage and pay by cash or with credit card. Anyone with a valid ADA placard or plate may park in a legal on-street parking space or in a City garage for free up to the maximum time allowed in that parking location."

But parking downtown with the new system doesn't just affect library visitors.

The Knoxville Focus asked other people who park downtown what they think of the new system and here are some replies:

**David Brace:** Zero issues. Took a few minutes to download the app, but once that's done, super easy.

**Hubert Smith:** It's quite possible and very likely, that everyone doesn't have a iPhone or Android. We (society) assume that everyone does. We act as though cash is dirty. There was a time in America when cash was king.

**Lynne Ralph Siglin:** Regret they won't accept credit cards for the parking system ... am not using our ck card ... too risky. With ck cards money can be stolen immediately but with credit card there is a delay and you have time to protest a wrong charge.

**Mark Cawood:** I haven't had any problems, but have only used it one time.

**Mark Campen:** I've parked a couple times with no issues. Takes a couple minutes, but smooth and reasonably priced.

**William Padoll:** Went downtown once. Used my phone and followed the instructions. System worked for me. Same system exists in Nashville.

**Michelle Ivester:** Haven't tried it and have no plans to.

**Will Skelton:** No problem, a good system.

**Jeff Johnson:** No problems at all, makes (sense) to me to have it.

**Danny Lyons:** Saw it Tuesday for the 1st time, I don't know how to use that, I had already started parking in the garage, yeah it costs me 3x, but whatever!


**Mary Isaac:** I have not had significant trouble, but don't like the price or software requirement. What if you don't have cell service? I did not have the issue here, but got hacked immediately from a parking app in Atlanta last year.

**Paige M. Travis:** Be sure you visit the city's website, which has a lot of information about the new parking app. Knoxville.gov/parking

# Complaining

Well, I'm wondering if the rain will ever stop. I know that in a couple of months, my concern will be over too little rain for plants and lawns to survive. So it goes with the human condition; we are never happy unless we have something about which to complain.

I wonder exactly from where complaining came. Surely it wasn't in the Garden of Eden. We're told



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that everything was perfect there until temptation overtook our species. The joke is that woman is the downfall in our relationship with the Creator, but the truth is that man is a willing accomplice.

Together, both of us broke the bond with the Lord and led us to a world in which we now live.

When mankind was banished from the garden and sent into a new and scary world, was one of the sins that he encountered complaining? Nothing ever again would be perfect. Is that when whines first were uttered? Did Adam and Eve carp about how unlike their new existence was to the perfection they had?

I've read the stories of distress of such biblical giants as Moses and David and John the Baptist and Jesus. I am not so sure I remember any of them complaining. Oh, they did pray to God that the paths set before them be different ones, but I don't remember

any of those men complaining about their situations.

I'm more inclined to think that complaining is something from the modern era. For generations, people looked at their plights in two ways. Some accepted them with shakes of their heads and put their shoulders to the grindstone. Others refused to take what was and what must be and set about to change things. They worked and thought and theorized until circumstances improved.

Too often these days, humans almost enjoy complaining. As I wrote in the first paragraph, we all complain about the weather, although controlling it is beyond our powers. We whine about our jobs, we gripe about our living conditions, and we throw fits about the way others treat us. Some folks make a big to-do about the food they

are served at restaurants. Others pout about the price of the cable they use or the apps that they choose.

"Bellyaching" about one's conditions in life is not a positive attitude, and believe it or not, few, if any, other humans much care about your sad situation. They are much too consumed with their own reasons to complain. Try telling a friend or acquaintance about your miserable existence, and see how quickly they change the subject, offer a quick "I'm sorry" to get you to hush, or find someone else with whom to talk.

The simple truth is that no one cares to hear you complain. I've learned that, although I still do. A better way of approaching a negative situation is to attack it with the intent of changing it. If the topic of a complaint is out of a person's control,

he needs to understand that condition and make the best of what exists.

Life is not meant to be a time filled with only good things. We all have those occasions when we don't get our way. Complaining won't change that. I'm not saying that anyone should ever just give up. Instead, I'm saying that all of us would be much better off in this life that we are given if we showed appreciation for what has been given and understand that some bad comes along with an incredible amount of good with which we are blessed.

A happier disposition always makes life easier to take. Complaining only injects one's disposition with a poisonous substance. No, all complaining won't end, but try to control it and see how much better you feel and approach each day.

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New Veterans Park

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A great deal of work has gone into the site to create something very special to honor veterans and offer a wonderful view of the cemetery far below. On Friday, May 16, a ceremony to officially open the French Broad Veterans Park will be held.

Legacy Parks raised funds for the new park, located just off the Governor John Sevier Highway, from veteran groups, the county, the state, businesses and private donors. About \$2 million went into clearing and developing the site atop the bluff that will feature a pavilion to hold 75 people, an overlook, an ADA memorial walk, a reflective garden, natural service trails and a memorial wall honoring individual veterans.

The Legacy Parks' effort now becomes a Knox County Park honoring all men and women who served. Those veterans, their families, and the public will soon be able to visit and remember the military service all veterans provided.

RSVP requests to attend the 11 a.m. ceremony should be emailed to Legacy Parks at rhartsell@legacyparks.org.



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# The Senator From Washington State

## Hugh B. Mitchell

### Pages from the Past



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Hugh Burnton Mitchell was a scholarly man with an earthy streak who had made his way through life as a sports reporter when he found the Great Depression had left him unable to finish his courses at Dartmouth College. Mitchell was a native of Montana, having been born in Great Falls, the son of Harry Mitchell, who later served as chairman of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Harry Mitchell had spent the majority of his life working as a newspaperman.

Hugh Mitchell moved to Puget Sound in 1931 and became the political reporter for the Everett News and watched as the politics of the Evergreen State changed. Mitchell believed Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Democratic ticket would sweep out the Republicans, which it did, including United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, who had spent more than three decades in Congress. Hugh Mitchell was one of the first journalists to predict the coming Democratic wave.

One of the winners of the Democratic landslide was Monrad Wallgren, a jovial, backslapping optometrist and jeweler of Swedish descent who had won election to the House of Representatives. The 25-year-old Mitchell went to Washington with Congressman Wallgren, where he performed the role of chief of staff throughout twelve years of service. When Wallgren ran for and won a seat in the United States Senate in 1940, Mitchell assumed the same role in Wallgren's Senate office.

Mon Wallgren was thought to be one of the most popular politicians in the state and was the choice of Democrats to challenge GOP Governor Arthur Langlie in the 1944 election. Wallgren won and had the right as governor to appoint his successor in the U.S. Senate. Rumors began floating around Olympia that Governor Wallgren intended to appoint Mitchell to the senatorial vacancy. Congressman John M. Coffee, who badly wanted the appointment himself, said he was thoroughly surprised when Wallgren appointed Mitchell on January 11, 1945.

Wallgren was the national amateur billiards champion in the United States, and when he ran his first race for Congress, Hugh Mitchell covered the campaign for his newspaper. Soft-spoken and bespectacled, Hugh Mitchell radiated the image of a young man of crisp professionalism. A big sports fan, Mitchell could tick off statistics and liked fly fishing, which was popular in Washington state. Following his taking the oath of office, the first official

act of Mon Wallgren's governorship was to appoint Hugh B. Mitchell to the U.S. Senate. The appointment gave Mitchell virtually two full years as a member of the United States Senate.

When appointing Hugh B. Mitchell to the Senate, Governor Wallgren said, "Mr. Mitchell can step into my office, using my files and all the facilities we have for carrying on the work that I have been doing in Congress. He knows the state of Washington through close coordination of federal and state post-war legislation that will provide jobs for the returning veteran and displaced war worker."

In his first newspaper interview after having been appointed as Washington state's junior United States senator, Hugh Mitchell immediately announced he would be a candidate in the 1946 election. Mitchell's appointment meant that both of the Evergreen State's U.S. senators were freshmen members of that body. Congressman Warren Magnuson had been elected in 1944 to succeed the retiring Homer Bone, who had been appointed to a federal judgeship. Magnuson took office on December 14, 1944, and was senior to Mitchell by less than a month's service. Washington boasted the youngest duo in the Senate; Magnuson was 39, and Hugh Mitchell was 37 when he was first appointed. Magnuson had described Hugh Mitchell as "probably the hardest working and best informed man on Capitol Hill." The two expected to work in tandem on behalf of their state, and Hugh Mitchell described it in a sports analogy, saying, "The play will be: Wallgren to Magnuson to Mitchell."

Hugh Mitchell proved to be a studious and hardworking member of the Senate and assumed Wallgren's place on the Mead Committee, the successor to the famed Truman Committee, which was investigating wartime contracts. Senator Mitchell almost immediately ran into trouble when Congressman John Coffee was hauled before the Mead Committee to explain a check for \$2500 (about \$52,000 today) from a contractor. Coffee explained it had been a campaign contribution, although it had been written in 1941 when there was no campaign. Coffee explained he had used the money to reimburse himself for expenses incurred during his 1938 and 1940 campaigns. Congressman Coffee, who had wanted the senatorial appointment, never recovered from the bad publicity generated by the revelation and his lame explanation. The American people were chafing under wartime



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Former U.S. Senator and Congressman Hugh B. Mitchell in 1954.

regulations and deprivations that had continued after the Second World War had ended. Veterans were coming home and becoming candidates for public office. One of those candidates was Harry P. Cain, the mayor of Tacoma, who had fought at the bloody Battle of the Bulge. Cain had been the GOP senatorial candidate in 1944, even though he was in Europe. Cain ran a good race in absentia and proved to be a better candidate in person. Democrats were shocked when the totals for the primaries were tallied and showed a strong vote for the Republican candidates. Republican candidates ran under the slogan, "Had Enough?" which emphasized the fatigue of the people with wartime restrictions and regulations.

Harry Cain was a good speaker and waged an aggressive campaign and kept Senator Mitchell on the defensive. Mitchell had the all-out support of Governor Wallgren's organization, as well as that of organized labor. Governor Wallgren praised his appointee and said there was "no excuse" for electing anyone else to the U.S. Senate. "Mitchell is too well qualified and too well informed about what is going on to be set aside," Wallgren argued. "If the election is decided on a question of politics he will be defeated. If the decision is for the best interests of the state, he will be elected."

The voters in Washington didn't agree and elected Harry Cain instead. Cain won a comfortable victory. At the same time, Congressmen Hugh DeLacy, John M. Coffee and Charles Savage were beaten by Republican candidates.

Mitchell left the Senate and immediately formed a consulting firm specializing in western industry and business, which incorporated the vast knowledge he had accumulated while working in Washington, D.C. Mitchell returned to Washington state following his loss in the U.S. Senate race. Mitchell was determined to make a comeback and lowered his

sights to consider a campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives from Washington's First District. Congressman Hugh DeLacy had been a member of the Seattle City Council before running for and winning a seat in Congress. DeLacy was far to the left of most Democrats and had actually voted against the renomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940, calling the president a "warmonger." DeLacy changed his tune when Hitler broke his pact with dictator Josef Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union. The Spokane Spokesman-Review flatly charged DeLacy of being a Communist. Harvey Klehr, a noted professor of history and politics at Emory University and the leading scholar on the Communist movement in the United States, indicated DeLacy was secretly a member of the Communist Party when he was first elected to the Seattle City Council in 1937. DeLacy had lost the 1946 election to Republican Homer Jones, a former mayor of Bremerton.

Mitchell entered the race to represent Washington's First Congressional District, which he calculated was ordinarily Democratic since the advent of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Mitchell did nothing to endear himself to Harry Truman when he sent the president a telegram urging him to step aside and draft General Dwight D. Eisenhower at the 1948 Democratic National Convention.

Hugh Mitchell campaigned in the general election against the record of the 80th Congress, which had been controlled by the Republicans. Mitchell demanded repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and compared Congressman Homer Jones with Tom Dewey in his determination not to discuss the issues. "This is the Republican formula," Mitchell charged. "Be evasive, talk around the subject, ignore the record of the 80th Republican Congress." Clearly still nettled by his loss two years earlier to Harry Cain, he

challenged the GOP senator to come into Washington's First District to defend his own record as well as that of Congressman Jones.

Voter interest was at its peak, not only because of the presidential race between Harry Truman and Tom Dewey, but also because of the red-hot grudge match between Governor Mon Wallgren and his predecessor, Arthur Langlie, who was waging a determined bid to recapture the statehouse.

Hugh Mitchell edged past Congressman Jones, winning by 7,800 votes. Following his election to the House of Representatives, Hugh Mitchell was feted at a dinner in his honor by the Women's Democratic Club of Kitsap County. Mitchell's speech was carried over the radio, and he told the audience he believed the Democrats had won such a sweeping victory because the people wanted the new Congress to correct the failures and mistakes of the previous Republican House and Senate.

Mitchell went back to Washington, D.C., having won a seat in the House of Representatives on his own and despite his long-time patron Mon Wallgren having been beaten by Langlie, who was the best Republican vote-getter in Washington state in a quarter century.

When Mitchell sought reelection to a second term in 1950, he faced Mrs. F. F. Powell in the general election. Mrs. Powell was not only the GOP nominee but also a member of the Seattle City Council who looked like a well-to-do matron with rimless glasses and lacquered hair piled atop her head. Mrs. Powell was vocal and energetic despite being well into her sixties at the time. Mrs.

Powell knew how to campaign and had served on the city council for a number of years. The councilwoman deftly deflected specific questions throughout the campaign, noting, "Should candidates be chosen on the basis of how much they know about the job, an incumbent would never be replaced."

The feisty Mrs. Powell made a race of it, and Mitchell won by little more than 6,000 in a district which encompassed Seattle and Kitsap County; it was one of the most populous congressional districts in the country.

In 1952, Mitchell chose not to run for reelection, but rather to compete against Arthur Langlie, who was running for a third term as governor. Mitchell was hampered by a bitter Democratic primary where his opponent suggested the former congressman was soft on communism. Mitchell won the primary but never gained the momentum needed for the general election, especially against a shrewd campaigner like Arthur Langlie. In a hard-fought campaign, Langlie won a decisive victory.

Mitchell tried to reclaim his seat in the House in 1954, but he lost to the Republican incumbent. Hugh Mitchell made his final bid for Congress in 1958, seeking a seat from a neighboring district, but lost the general election to Congressman Jack Westland.

After his final defeat in 1958, Mitchell settled into the business world and continued to be active both politically and civically. In 1980, the former senator was campaigning for Ted Kennedy, who was challenging President Jimmy Carter inside the Democratic primaries. Mitchell complained to fellow Democrats that Carter "doesn't know how to get things done." Mitchell noted Carter had "made a great many promises" during his 1976 campaign and "less than 20 percent have been enacted."

Despite Mitchell's support for Ted Kennedy, President Carter appointed the former senator to a special commission on the Presidential Commission on Japanese Internment during World War II. It was the last public service performed by Hugh Mitchell.

Advancing years saw Mitchell admitted to a nursing home, where he died on June 10, 1996, at age 89. Hugh Mitchell was remembered by friend and foe alike as a kind and caring man who fervently believed the government was meant to help people.

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# You Steer Where You Stare

"You steer where you stare." I recently heard this statement from Jimmy Dykes, an ESPN and SEC basketball analyst, while speaking to a group of seniors from Gibbs High School. It conveys a powerful



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truth: the things we regularly focus on ultimately shape the direction of our lives. In other words, where we direct our attention often captures our hearts. What we choose to look at or allow to dominate our mental and spiritual vision will inevitably influence who we become and where we go in life.

The biblical concept of "steering where you stare" is rooted in Proverbs 23:7, which states, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." This suggests that a person's thoughts, particularly what they perceive through their eyes and allow into their hearts, will shape their character and behavior. Our internal focus—what we believe, our attitudes, and our thought patterns—eventually manifests in our external lives. If we believe in a positive and faith-filled way, our lives will reflect those thought patterns. Conversely, if we allow our minds to become consumed by fear, bitterness, selfishness, or pride, our actions will eventually reflect that too. We must realize that our internal world becomes the blueprint for our external reality.

I believe that God wants each of us to live with purposeful direction rather than aimlessly drifting through life. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to focus on Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." This means we should fix our eyes on the Lord so that our lives align with what pleases Him. This practice

is not merely a mental exercise; it is a spiritual discipline. By recognizing God's promises and truths, we can continuously realign ourselves with His will. Remember, "We steer where we stare."

Here are a few ways we can guard our gaze and, in doing so, find clear direction in our lives:

First, we should start each day by recalibrating our thoughts with God's Word before the world has a chance to shape our perceptions. Allowing our eyes to see His truth from the very beginning of each new day is essential.

Second, practice daily gratitude. For a devoted follower of God, worship should never be limited to Sundays; it should be a daily practice that helps us re-center our lives. Thankfulness acts as a compass for the soul—it not only acknowledges where we are but also helps steer us toward where we are meant to go.

Third, always keep Jesus in your line of sight. In every circumstance and situation, make Christ your reference point for handling temptation, stress, decisions, and direction.

Lastly, stay focused by surrounding yourself with people who encourage you to align with God's will and direction for your life. Remember that "evil communications corrupt good manners." The people you spend time with will often influence your path. Godly friendships can make the difference between doing God's will or compromising your destiny. By applying these daily practices, you don't just change what you focus on; you transform who you are becoming.

In today's world, distractions are everywhere.

Whether it's the constant buzz of notifications on our phones, endless scrolling on social media or the pressure of daily responsibilities, our focus is constantly being pulled in many directions. Recently, I appreciated the insights of a sports analyst who emphasized the importance of protecting our future by guiding our focus. As a man in my mid-40s involved in ministry, I needed that reminder, too! The saying, "You steer where you stare," holds profound truth and prompts us to make a conscious choice about what we choose to focus on. Ultimately, what we concentrate on will either fuel our faith or feed our fears. If we become what we behold, we must consider today: What are we staring at?



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That's followed by the Town Hall's awards presentation. Town Hall Chair Joyce Lee will announce the selected winners of the awards, including Commercial Restoration, Residential Restoration, Residential Landscaping,

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Memorial Day ceremonies honoring veterans begin at 4 p.m. with John Becker of WBIR TV speaking on "Service and Sacrifice." Patriotic songs will be sung and the Central High School ROTC Color Guard and the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard will present Taps. Food, drinks and crafts are available to purchase, and you may have a chance to visit with folks you haven't seen for a while or chat with new friends.

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## GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL STATE INVITATIONAL

# Fulton couldn't overcome early close losses

By Steve Williams

"Pretty tough, but we made some mistakes that we usually wouldn't make. Just rusty from not playing for six months."

That was Fulton Coach Trey Sewell's first comments after the Lady Falcons went 0-4 in the inaugural Tennessee State Invitational Girls Flag Football Tournament last week in Murfreesboro where they competed against a field of 16 district champions from across the state.

Fulton lost to Blackman 19-18 in its opening game in Pool B at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.

"After scoring a touchdown with only five seconds left, we opted for a two-point conversion rather than a tie," said Sewell.

"We drew up a play and ran it right. We got the ball to Dee Williams and from where I stood I thought she got the ball over the



PHOTO BY CHRISTY BROWN

*Fulton's Leeyauna Stewart races for a touchdown after catching a pass against Stone Memorial in Thursday's first round bracket play in the Girls Flag Football State Invitational Tournament in Murfreesboro.*

goal line, but the official called it no good and so we lost that one and that

was tough."

In their second game, the Lady Falcons led Pearl

Cohn 21-19 with 50 seconds remaining.

"They made three long

plays and scored with seven seconds left and won 25-21," said Sewell.

"Losing back to back close games, I felt like that just killed our spirit a little bit going into that third game (against Montgomery Central). We just came out flat and it ended up being 39-0 at halftime."

The Lady Falcons scored twice in the second half to make the final score 39-12.

Winless in pool play, Fulton had to go against Stone Memorial (19-1) in Thursday's first round of bracket play. The Panthers from Crossville eliminated Fulton 39-7.

"Despite the tough competition, our team showed incredible resilience, especially considering we hadn't played a game in over six months, as our district's season ended in December, while other teams had just finished their spring seasons," said

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

### Diamond Notes: South-Doyle, Seymour win region tournament openers

By Ken Lay

Two local high school baseball teams were slated to play for region championships Saturday.

Seymour (Region 2-3A) and South-Doyle (Region 3-3A) each earned their way into their respective region title tilts with opening-round victories Friday.

The Eagles opened region tournament play with a 10-2 victory at home over Union County.

Leadoff hitter Elijah Miller swung a big bat for Seymour as he went 3-for-4. He had three RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Braylon Williams was 3-for-4. He doubled, scored twice and drove in a run.

Coby Jonson tossed a complete game, going seven innings and yielding one hit and three walks. He finished with 10 strikeouts against the Patriots.

Seymour was slated to play Anderson County in the region title tilt Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Meanwhile, in South Knoxville, the Cherokees continued their Cinderella postseason run in thrilling fashion as they bumped Soddy-Daisy into the loser's bracket with a 1-0 victory over the Trojans.

The Cherokees scored the lone run of the contest in the bottom of the sixth inning when Chase Swaggerty delivered an RBI single that plated Grayson Harrell.

The Trojans and Cherokees each only managed three hits in the game as Soddy-Daisy's Cooper Poe and South-Doyle's Tyler Ansell spent the afternoon locked in a classic pitcher's duel.

Ansell walked one and struck out five, while Poe

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## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Bearden, Gibbs and South-Doyle win district crowns

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School won district boys soccer championship in front of spirited crowd at Turner-Allender Field giving the team a reason to celebrate.

But the celebration was tempered because it was only the first step in the Bulldogs accomplishing their ultimate goal --- successful defense of their 2024 Class 4A State Championship.

"This may sound bad but this game doesn't mean anything as far as getting us to the state (tournament)," Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe said after top-seeded Bearden dismantled No. 2 Hardin Valley Academy, 5-1, at Bearden to claim the District 4-3A crown. "Tuesday's game is the one we need to get to state."

Like the Hawks (13-4-2), the Bulldogs will face elimination the next time they hit the pitch on Tuesday night in Tuesday night in a Region 2-3A semifinal. Bearden will host Halls, while the Hawks will play at Oak Ridge.

The Bulldogs (16-1-1) got off to

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PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY.

*Bearden freshman Timothy Styles (29) pushes the ball upfield as Hardin Valley's Josh Colmac attempts to defend in the District 4-3A Championship match in West Knoxville. The Bulldogs defeated the Hawks, 5-1, to win the title.*

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## HS INTRASQUAD FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE

# Admirals make the best of stormy conditions

By Steve Williams

Farragut High's Blue and Gray football game had more gray in it than blue, weather-wise.

But it was an enjoyable event for players and fans of the Admirals until Mother Nature got involved Thursday.

Safety precautions won out, of course.

"It was an abbreviated night," said second-year Head Coach Geoff Courtney. "We only got out there for about 45 minutes. We scrimmaged about a quarter and 30 plays, but we got a chance to recognize some rising freshmen and upcoming youth players."

Before the intrasquad game started, Courtney said: "We had a great event for about an hour for our community where we just had food and merchandise, and people coming together with our youth program, our middle school program, our high school program, the band, cheerleaders. It was a good night for while



PHOTO BY JACK TATE

*Carter Collier runs off a block by Cole McDonald for the only touchdown in Farragut's Blue and Gray intrasquad football game Thursday. Stormy conditions shortened the game to about 30 plays.*

we were there until the storms came."

The smell of barbecue was in the air, too.

"Parents Wendy and Scott Washburn brought

their smoker and offered to cook barbecue plates and burgers and dogs, so that went over pretty well with everybody that showed up," said Courtney.

With 200 band members, the cheer and dance teams plus 400 fans, the Farragut coach thought it was a good turnout.

Former head coach Eddie

Courtney, Geoff's dad, who stepped down after the 2023 season, also was busy on the scene.

"He's doing well, like he was helping make sure we

had somebody running the clock in the press box and we had concessions open for people," said Geoff.

Carter Collier, a young running back who ran the ball well, had the only touchdown in the short contest.

Others singled out by Courtney were defensive end Owen Petoskey, middle linebacker Connor Parrish and RB/OLB Noah Haag.

"We've had a good spring," said Courtney. "The guys are competing hard and they are energetic. We've probably got about 72 players out right now for spring practice and we'll have another 12 or 15 varsity players when spring sports finish up in a couple of weeks."

Halls is scheduled to come and scrimmage Farragut this Thursday to end the Admirals' spring practice.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

# Lady Eagles cruise to District 4-3A Tournament Championship

By Ken Lay

For the second consecutive season, Gibbs High School has won the District 4-3A Championship.

The defending Class 4A State Champion Lady Eagles polished off another district title as they shut out Anderson County, 11-0, in the district tournament championship game at Clinton Friday night.

In the title tilt, Gibbs (34-3) pounded out 10 hits

in five innings.

Kennedy Hawkins went 2-for-2 and came up with two RBIs, while Brianna Baker was 2-for-3. She drove in two runs and scored another.

Maddi Whaley singled, drove in two runs, scored another and recorded a stolen base. Savanna Melo had a double, two RBIs and a run scored.

Lady Eagles' pitcher Lacey Keck pitched a

one-hit shutout. She had five strikeouts.

The win culminated a perfect run through the District 4-3A Tournament for Gibbs, which also posted a 10-0 regular-season record.

The Lady Eagles, who outscored their opponents 33-0 in tournament play, opened postseason play with a 12-0 victory over Union County Tuesday at Clinton. In the second round, the Lady Eagles shut

out the Lady Mavericks 10-0 in the semifinals.

Keck was dominant in the pitcher's circle for the Lady Eagles as she pitched three complete games and

allowed just six hits. She didn't walk a batter and amassed 16 strikeouts against the Lady Patriots and Lady Mavericks.

Gibbs will host Seymour

in a battle of Lady Eagles today (Monday) in the Region 2-3A elimination semifinal.

First pitch is slated for 6 p.m. in Corryton.

## Lady Rebels end magical, historical season

By Ken Lay

All good things must come to an end, and that includes the magical 2025 season for West High School softball team.

The Lady Rebels, under the guidance of head coach Brandy Weaver, had their best campaign in recent memory. But it came to an end with an 8-2 loss to Maryville in the loser's bracket final of the District 4-4A Tournament Wednesday night at William Blount High School.

"I'm a little disappointed," said Weaver, who recently completed her first season as head coach after taking the reins of the program midway through the 2024 season. "We were ahead of Maryville in the third inning and then, we had an error and things just fell apart."

"After we had the error, they just jumped all over us."

West (11-13) scored both of its runs in the top of the second inning as Emily Ciancone and Kalyn Sirone drove runs after Blount County's Lady Rebels committed a defensive miscue.

Ava Humphreys, Joli Bush, Brooke Weaver and Claire Davenport each had singles in the contest. Brooke Weaver and Ella Jenkins scored for Knoxville's Lady Rebels, who were one step away from qualifying for the Region 2-4A Tournament, which is slated to get underway today (May 12).

"If we would've won, we would've made it to the

region," coach Weaver said. "We have one senior and I was talking to her. She said that there were years when they didn't even play in the district tournament."

The Lady Rebels may have missed that chance, but things are definitely looking up. West won four regular-season league games, sweeping both Bearden and Hardin Valley Academy, and went toe-to-toe with some of the state's top teams, including Maryville, district champion Farragut, and William Blount during the regular season.

The Lady Rebels had some momentum and confidence heading into the postseason. They opened tournament play against the Lady Hawks on Wednesday, April 30, with a comeback victory. After trailing 3-0, the Lady Rebels scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh to notch the walk-off win.

The win netted the Lady Rebels a matchup against top seed Farragut. West battled valiantly by dropped a 2-0 decision as they mustered only two hits, both singles by Davenport off Lady Admirals' ace Hallie Grace Johnson. Johnson who outduelled Brooke Weaver, who allowed just six hits against one of the area's most potent lineups.

"We lost to Farragut, 2-0, and I was really proud of our pitching and our defense," coach Weaver said. "We just couldn't hit them."

The Lady Rebels returned

to the diamond on Tuesday and won a pair of elimination games. They opened the night with a 4-3 win over the Lady Bulldogs.

West scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning when Stirone drew a walk with the bases loaded.

Davenport went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a triple, while Brooklyn Burnett was 2-for-4. She scored two runs and drove in another.

In the circle, Brooke Weaver pitched a complete game. She gave up nine hits and two walks while striking out one.

The Lady Rebels' win over Bearden kept their season alive and set up a showdown against No. 2 seed and tournament host William Blount.

West ousted the Lady Governors, 7-5, earning perhaps the biggest win in program history — a true road victory.

"We were the visiting team and we came in and we got our bats going," coach Weaver said.

Davenport was 4-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Burnett went 2-for-4, with a triple. She scored two runs.

"I knew that we would have a chance against them because we only lost to them by one run," coach Weaver said. "The biggest thing for our girls is to play with confidence, to have confidence and trust me, trust yourself and trust your teammates."

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# 'Herculean Herman Hickman'

When Tennessee squared off in the Charity Bowl against New York University on Dec. 5, 1931, at Yankee Stadium, it may not have been an officially recognized bowl game (the NCAA doesn't count this and other Depression-era bowl games in its all-time records). It was, however, a coming out party for the Vol football program and senior lineman Herman Michael Hickman, Jr.

The Vols were 9-0 heading to Kentucky for the season finale on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, with a Rose Bowl bid in hand, but the Wildcats spoiled Tennessee's plans with a 6-6 tie. That deadlock sent Tulane to Pasadena instead.

The consolation prize was a trip to New York. New York City Mayor Jimmy Walker had hurriedly set up the game to raise money for the relief of the unemployed. The Vols had only played outside the South twice before then, losing at Dartmouth 14-3 in 1921 and 41-0 against Army at West Point in 1923.

The New York trip was better by far, as TIME Magazine's Dec. 14 issue reported.

"It was a triumphant trip. Small town citizens—especially firemen in full uniform—cheered the team at station after station. Liveliest demonstration occurred at Bristol, whose main street is the State line between Virginia and Tennessee. Citizens escorted Tennessee's most famed back, Eugene Tucker ("Wild Bull," "Bristol Blizzard," "Black

Knight") McEver across the platform so he could exchange a word with his parents, then carried him back to the train. When the team arrived in Manhattan, two stowaways were found in the baggage car."

The Vols won 13-0, as Beattie Feathers had a 65-yard run for a score, while Deke Brackett had a 75-yard punt return for another, both in the second period. The Violets outgained the Vols 248 to 122, but 90 yards in penalties (against Tennessee's 5) helped the Vol defense make the plays when needed.

"The Tennessee defense—headed by Herculean Herman Hickman—held N. Y. U., once at two inches, later at five yards, from the Tennessee goal line," the TIME story also noted.

That day, Hickman's performance earned him a last-second spot on Grantland Rice's All-American team, making him the team's third Vol All-American selection (after McEver and Bobby Dodd).

Hickman, born in Johnson City, was an intriguing story. He came to the Vols weighing 203 pounds, but was 225 as a senior, heavy for a Vol lineman in those days.

Tennessee historians James Riley Montgomery, Stanley J. Folmsbee, and Lee Seifert Greene wrote about the other significant impact of the game: "The precision playing and the devastating line work of the Volunteers attracted attention of northern sports writers as the press outside Tennessee began to pay closer attention to events in the state."

As an added benefit, the city of Knoxville received \$18,583 from game proceeds, while New York

City earned \$43,359. No reason was given for the disparity, but the more than \$18,000 given to the Vols had to have been an impressive sum.

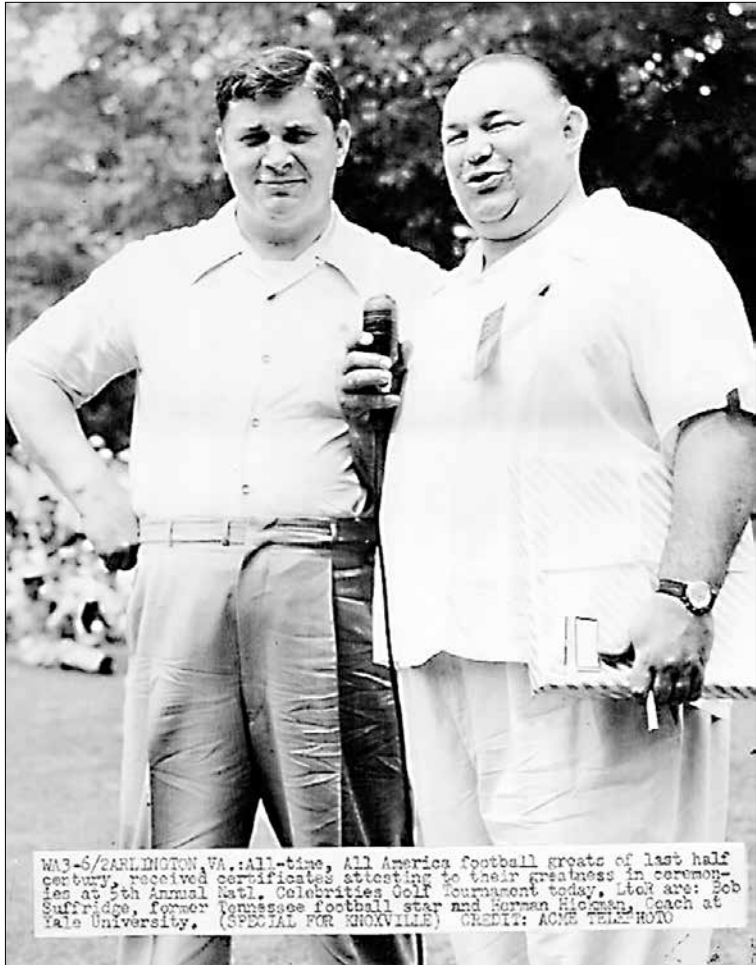
Hickman, who died at age 46 on April 25, 1958, had quite a career after college. He was a true "Renaissance Man." He played for the NFL Brooklyn Dodgers from 1932-34. He wrestled professionally as the "Tennessee Terror," competing in more than 500 matches. He was an assistant coach at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Army.

He was the head coach at Yale from 1948-51 before becoming a member of the first staff of a new publication called Sports Illustrated. Shortly after he died, the University of Tennessee established a scholarship fund in his memory. In 1959, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

He was the first chairman of Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary Awards committee, charged with honoring former players 25 years after their collegiate careers had ended. That caused Hickman a problem, according to a Dec. 24, 1956, SI story announcing that year's Silver Anniversary Award winners.

"One judge faced—and neatly solved—the problem of his own possible election to the Silver All-American team. He was Herman Hickman, All-American from Tennessee in 1931, now Sports Illustrated's own football commentator and the man who proposed the Silver Anniversary awards.

"The University of Tennessee nominated him in a citation emphatically concluding: 'He



Herman Hickman (R) is shown with fellow U.T. College Football Hall of Fame selection Bob Suffridge (L).

has consistently reflected great credit on the University of Tennessee, on the State of Tennessee, and on football in general."

The result? "Herman Hickman struck his name from the lists sent to the other judges. More than one of his fellow judges tried to write him in anyway." Here's the clincher.

While missing out on the Rose Bowl was likely a great disappointment, there were other events that have mitigated the

situation. The Vols missed out on a trip to the Rose Bowl, but found a number of positives from a trip to New York City.

Had the Vols not played at Yankee Stadium, Grantland Rice might not have seen Herman Hickman play. Sportswriters from outside the South got a chance to see Bob Neyland and the Vols up close and personal. A great deal of money made its way from New York City to Knoxville. There were many great moments for Hickman and for the University of Tennessee.

## A 'thank you' from Lizzi to her dad

I had been saving comments from a special interview for the right time.

Today I believe is the right time.

Lizzi Lowe, daughter of Matt

Lowe, a well-known Powell High head football coach in these parts, played her last high school softball game Friday night in an 8-7 loss to Karns in the losers' bracket finals at Halls.

Last December, Lizzi had signed scholarship papers to play softball at Roane State Community College. Her proud dad was among those at the signing ceremony in the school library.

I told Lizzi I didn't often get to interview a son or daughter of a head coach who is well known.

What is that like?



By Steve Williams

Lizzi: "I think I owe my dad everything in my athletic career. I think from the get-go he has always been my biggest supporter. He's always been the person I

can call anytime I want to go work. He's gotten me all the help I've ever needed to make sure that I can perform to the best of my abilities. He's never missed a game. He can always come for me after practice. He's always made me a priority even when he is coaching. That's just something that I can always be grateful for because he has 70 other guys that he considers sons that he's trying to help. He always makes sure that I have help as well."

Lizzi continued: "I

definitely think it's been hard for me. He coaches me like I'm a guy, not like a girl and sometimes I definitely maybe got a little sad about that, but I think that I would not be the person I am and not be the worker I am without him."

Maybe the above comments explain why Coach Lowe watched Friday night's game at the "Outfield fence 3rd base side." From there, he was close to his daughter, who plays left field.

After the interview with Lizzi that day, we also talked about her sisters.

Lizzi has two sisters. She is the middle child. The older sister is Erica and the younger sister is Linni.

I remember times when I would cover a game at Powell and the girls would come down after



the game to be with their dad. I always thought that was neat. And I would ask Coach Lowe, "Where are your girls?" if I didn't see them at the game.

"Linni is now 9," said Lizzi. "She started going down to the field when she was 1 year old. I remember going down to games when I was like 3 or 4. It's always been a thing for her (Linni). She still does that."

Is Linni going to be a ball player, I asked.



Left: Linni Lowe, Matt's youngest daughter, takes a victory ride on dad's shoulders in 2018. It's a tradition in the Lowe family. Above: Lizzi Lowe (left) and Sifa Morgan signed together at Powell High on Dec. 2. Starting in the 2025-26 school year, Lowe will play softball at Roane State, while Morgan will play soccer at Carson-Newman.

"I don't know. I hope so. She has a lot of athleticism. She's just not involved in anything right now. She's about to go into sixth grade

at Powell Elementary." Lizzi, Anything else you want to add? "Go Panthers!"

## Fulton couldn't overcome early close losses

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Sewell. Carter, which lost to Fulton 42-19 in the district, also got a state berth. In Pool A, the Hornets lost to Stone Memorial 42-0, Liberty Creek 40-12 and East Robertson 36-12. Ravenwood walloped Carter 62-0 in bracket play.

In the championship game, Ravenwood defeated Stone Memorial 34-14. Both teams ended with a record of 22-2.

"I'm excited for the future," said Coach Sewell.

"We have good players coming back."

Sophomores Leeyauna Stewart and Zion Thompson are good athletes, said Sewell. Thompson had an interception return for a TD in the Montgomery Central game.

Senior snapper Haddison Daugherty is going to play softball at Bryan College and Williams is going to play basketball at John A. Logan Junior College in Carterville, Illinois, said Sewell.



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New Central High boys basketball coach JP Payne with wife Alysha and Brynlee (3), Myles (4) and Berkley (1).

## New coach sees potential in Central basketball program

**'We want to play fast,' says Payne**

By Steve Williams

When one hears about JP Payne's background and plans for the future, it sounds like he has a blueprint to build Knoxville Central's boys basketball program.

"I'm originally from Williamsburg, Kentucky and basketball is big in the state of Kentucky," said Payne, who recently was named the new Bobcats coach in Fountain City. "I grew up around the game and was fortunate to play both football and basketball at the University of the Columbians, which really shaped me as a competitor and a coach."

Payne's first head coaching position in high school boys' basketball was at Grace Christian Academy in Knoxville. "I had a great three-year run there and learned a lot about building a program and leadership," he said.

"What really attracted me to the Knoxville Central position was the tradition, community support, and the potential I see in the program. I'm excited to help bring a new level of consistency and culture to the basketball program. My goal is to build something sustainable and focused on

player development, team identity, and competing at a high level both on and off the court."

JP was asked what style of play the fans might see from his Bobcats.

"As far as style goes, we want to play fast," he answered. "Offensively, we'll focus on a pace-and-space approach, looking to get out and run, creating early opportunities, and keeping the floor spread to maximize movement and spacing.

"Defensively, we'll be aggressive and look to make teams uncomfortable. Our goal is to turn defense into offense by applying pressure, forcing turnovers, and creating transition opportunities."

Payne said he will not be teaching at Central, but is excited to be fully involved in the basketball program and the broader school community in every way he can.

While Central hasn't had a lot of success on the basketball scoreboard in recent seasons, the Bobcats hoisted two state championship trophies in football within the past eight years under former head coach Bryson Rosser.

Payne replaces Marcus Huie, who resigned after coaching Central the past two seasons.

# Pharr joins Gibbs coach in reaching 1,000 win plateau

By Steve Williams

Tommy Pharr, Christian Academy of Knoxville baseball coach, notched his 1,000th career win last week with the Warriors' 14-1 victory over Lakeway Christian.

The milestone win came in the Division II-A East Region semifinals Tuesday at White Pine. Pharr also joined Gibbs' Carol Mitchell as the only two coaches in baseball and softball in Knox County who have that distinction.

Mitchell got her 1,000th victory on April 4, 2023 in a 5-4 win in nine innings at Carter.

Pharr was hoping for another 'W' in the finals against Providence Academy Wednesday that could have put his team in the Round of Eight. But the Knights defeated CAK 4-1 and short of win No. 1,001.

**Tough Tenbrook is not a quitter**

Trent Tenbrook, a Carter junior, fell down twice in the second heat of the boys' 300-meter hurdles and finished last in the recent KIL track meet. A large red sore on his left shoulder caused by hitting the track could be seen as he walked away. But he was not a quitter.

"He's brand new to hurdles," added Carter Coach Chris Meadows later that night.



**TSSAA's Menees retiring after 34 years**

Gene Menees, Assistant Executive Director of the TSSAA, has announced his retirement, effective Aug. 31, after serving in that role for 34 years.

He was hired in 1991 and was the association's administrator for baseball and basketball.

"It's truly hard to put into words what Gene has meant to this organization – because, honestly, you just can't," stated TSSAA Executive Director Mark Reeves. "While he's mostly known for his contributions to basketball, baseball, and all things officiating, his impact stretches far beyond that. Gene has faithfully served our membership in countless ways and has been a tremendous mentor to me personally. His presence in this office and across the state will be deeply missed."

**Farragut names new coaches in CC and Track**

Garrett Jones (cross country) and Charles Bell (track and field) will begin as Farragut's new head

coaches in 2025-26. Both are currently assistant coaches for Head Coach Chelsea Osborne, who is retiring at the end of the month from coaching at FHS.

Both Jones and Bell have multiple years of experience as cross country and track and field assistants at Farragut and have been key parts of two boys' cross country state championships and multiple Top 10 state finishes in both sports.

For 2025-26, Jones will also serve as an assistant coach for Bell in track and field, and Bell will serve as an assistant coach for Jones in cross country.

Jones ran both track and cross country while attending Millikan University in Illinois. Bell, who currently teaches Physical Education at West Hills Elementary School, was a track and field athlete while attending Mount Olive College in North Carolina.

**Happy Birthday Swamp Rat!**

Dewey "Swamp Rat" Warren, who turned 80 on May 8, was the sophomore quarterback who scored the winning touchdown in Tennessee's 37-34 win over UCLA in 1965. The game was played in Memphis and was dubbed the "Rose Bonnet Bowl" because the Bruins would play in the Rose Bowl that season and

the Vols would play in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

**Knoxville Smokies on radio AM 1180**

Knoxville Smokies' baseball games, home and away, can be heard on radio AM 1180.

**KFOA Media Day set for July 11**

The Knoxville Football Officials Association will have its 19th annual Media Day and 42nd Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday, July 11 at the Three Ridges Golf Course.

**Getting back into drag racing**

Chester Lay, the drag racer and Dylan Kiser's grandfather, contacted The Focus recently.

"We are back at it (drag racing) 10 years later," said Chester. "Dylan's second year back was in 2024. He won the Knoxville Dragway no box championship and I won Division 8 IHRA sportsman championship. We both got the opportunity to race in the IHRA World Championship in Holly Springs, Miss., last year. Looking for a big 2025."

They were going to run at the London, KY Dragway the May 2-4 weekend, but that event was cancelled due to the weather.

## Waugh returns to coach boys basketball at Halls Middle

By Ken Lay

One of Knox County's most successful middle school coaches is returning to the game.

Former Powell Middle School boys and girls basketball coach Steve Waugh is moving east on Emory Road as he has accepted the head coaching job for Halls Middle School.

Waugh left the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference coaching fraternity following the 2023 season to accept an administration

position at Clinton Middle School. He was a vice principal and athletic director, an experience that he said will make him a better coach for the Red Devils.

"As an athletic director, I got the chance to see some of the best coaches in the state," Waugh said. "I got the opportunity to see those coaches and the way we did things, and I learned a lot."

Waugh decided to return to Knoxville to coach because he missed basketball.

"The biggest reason that I came back to coaching is because I missed the game," he said. "I missed working with the kids, and I missed practices with them."

"My wife talked about it and we prayed about it and now, we're going to represent Halls and the Halls Community."

A lifelong resident of Powell, Waugh is looking

forward to being on the other side of North Knox County's Emory Road rivalry.

"I've been in Powell my whole life," he said Wednesday. "But I'm looking forward to being in Halls."

"I had basketball meetings, and I just met with my players today, and I just got finished. As far as the rivalry, I'm looking forward to representing Halls, and I have the one distinction that no other coach in Knox County has."

During his final years with Powell Middle School, Waugh pulled double duty as he served as head coach for both the Panthers and Lady Panthers. And he guided both teams to the state sectionals in the same season.

He wants to guide the Red Devils to sectionals, a place they've never been.

"I'm the only coach to take both my boys and girls

teams to the sectionals," Waugh said. "And that's where we're going."

Despite yearning to coach again, Waugh said he'll miss being an athletic director.

"I enjoyed my time in Clinton, and I'll miss the relationships that I've had with those coaches," he said. "But I missed the game."

"I'll be 54 years old, and this was about family. This will give me more time to spend with my family. This fit was perfect for us."

In Halls, Waugh will have the support of Halls High boys coach Brian Stewart, who immediately welcomed him to the community.

"Brian was one of the first people to reach out to me," Waugh said. "He sent me a text and told me that he'd help me with anything that I needed."

"It was humbling that he got with me so quick."

## Workout in West Hills

Participate in free health classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at West Hills Park at the gazebo in front of the tennis courts, 410 N. Winston Rd. These classes will continue indefinitely as long as the weather permits.

Sweat for Success was started by Izzy Villegas to promote health and

wellness in Tennessee by providing free fitness classes in the park as well as showcasing other groups and organizations who also encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. The class instructor, Izzy, says, "Fitness doesn't have to be costly or intimidating. It can be accessible regardless of your fitness level, background,

or financial situation." Izzy aims to create a space where people feel connected, strong, and empowered.

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For more information about the classes, please contact Izzy Villegas at izzyvillegas11@yahoo.com.

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Rising Kindergarten - 5th graders are invited to attend our 3-day camp. The camp will take place in the Farragut High School gym. All participants will learn cheers, chants, stunts, and a dance. We can't wait to see our sweet friends again this year!

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a fast start Friday night as they benefitted by an own goal just 54 seconds into the match to take a 1-0 lead. The marker was credited to Lucas Ford.

And that was only the beginning of the onslaught.

Aidan Ainsworth tallied the next two markers and the Bulldogs had a 3-0 lead less than 10 minutes into the match.

Ainsworth has tallied six times in the Bulldogs' last six matches.

“He’s a workhorse,” Radcliffe said of Ainsworth. “He came on last year and we weren’t expecting him to have a big role as a sophomore, but he came in and kept proving points. It eventually got to the point where you said we can’t not give this guy a chance.

“All he did last year is come in here and play a vital role in us winning a state championship.”

The Hawks would answer when Asher Stimson’s mid-range shot found its way past Bearden goalkeeper Logan Nelson and into the back of the Bulldogs’ net in the 12th minute.

But Hardin Valley couldn’t muster any more offense.

“They came out and jumped all over us,” Hawks’ coach Ray Dover said. “We got embarrassed. We haven’t played like this since I’ve been here.

“We got outplayed. We got out-competed and we got out-communicated. It was just too quiet



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

**The Bearden High School boys soccer team celebrates its 2025 district championship. The Bulldogs toppled Hardin Valley, 5-1, Friday night at Turner-Allender Field.**

out there. Now, it’s about what we do with it. The next thing we’re going to do is look at the film, and it’s going to hurt.”

Bearden, on the other hand did exactly what Radcliffe wanted to see --- finally.

“We didn’t take our foot off the gas pedal and this was fun,” Radcliffe said. “I told them that we wanted to keep having fun.

“The other night (in a district semifinal win over Maryville), we got up 2-0 and we let them get back into the game. When you get

to this point, everybody is good. You have to put these teams away when you get chances.”

Bearden extended its advantage to 4-1 on a goal by Joshua Garcia in the 29th minute. After halftime, Isaac Martinez closed out the scoring in the 29th minute.

**Wildcats outlast Halls for District 3-3A Title:** Oak Ridge notched a 3-1 win over the Red Devils in the District 3-3A Tournament championship match.

Halls will travel to Bearden on

Tuesday to tangle with the defending state champion Bulldogs. Oak Ridge will host the Hawks in the other elimination semifinal on Tuesday.

**Cherokees Claim District 5-3A Tournament Championship:** South-Doyle, the defending Class 3A State Champions, captured its district tournament championship with a 5-2 victory at Billy K. Nicely Field.

The Cherokees got a pair of goals from Karl Henkenjohann. Finn Straussfogel, Gideon Walker

and Taylor Wilson also found the back of the net against the Redskins.

Walker, Isaiah Mitchell and Elijah Riffe also dished out assists for South-Doyle, which will play host to District 6-3A runner-up East Ridge in a Region 3-3A elimination semifinal on Tuesday.

Kickoff time for that match was not set at press time.

**In District 3-2A:** Fulton claimed the tournament championship with a 5-2 victory over Cocke County Wednesday night at the Emerald Youth Lonsdale Soccer Complex.

The Falcons will play host to Scott on Tuesday in a regional elimination semifinal

**In District 4-2A:** Gibbs notched a 5-1 victory over Scott in the district championship match. The Eagles will host Cocke County on Tuesday at Ernest Whited Stadium in Corryton.

**In the Division II-A East Region Championship match,** Grace Christian Academy won the title thanks to three second-half goals. The Rams blanked Notre Dame 3-0, and three different players found the back of the net against the Irish.

Pedro Ungarello, Vitor Robazza and Diego Dourado all tallied for Grace. Robazza and Felipe Evans were credited with helpers for the Rams.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### 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: GASPAR GASPAR JUAN

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF SEBASTIAN GASPAR 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 GASPAR GASPAR 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 GASPAR GASPAR JUAN, it is ordered that said defendant, GASPAR GASPAR 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.

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### 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 process of law cannot be served upon DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. It is ordered that DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville, Tennessee and with John R. Foust, Esq., Movant’s Attorney, whose address is Foust & Foust, PLLC, 4641 Chambliss Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, Telephone (865) 203-4041, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR. and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to him.  
*This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks: 4/28/25; 5/5/25; 5/12/25 & 5/19/25*  
J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

### 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.

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAIR BAILEY

IN RE: PROGRESSIVE HAWAII INSURANCE CORP.  
VS.  
CATHERINE GREENE, et al.

NO. 208274-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JAIR BAILEY, 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 JAIR BAILEY described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, JAIR BAILEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with R. Brett Grimm, an Attorney whose address is 507 S. Gay St., Knoxville, TN 37901 (PO Box 2466, Knoxville, TN 37901) 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 28th day of APRIL, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2026			
	Actual 2023-2024	Adopted 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
<b>General Fund</b>			
<b>Revenues and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 169,845,369	\$ 172,649,900	\$ 176,947,300
State of Tennessee	14,928,979	13,010,964	15,153,664
Federal Government	1,995,125	1,546,500	1,921,500
Other Sources	46,698,083	43,907,191	45,501,725
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 233,467,556	\$ 231,114,555	\$ 239,524,189
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 105,632,900	\$ 111,692,727	\$ 115,976,017
Other Costs	124,187,027	119,421,828	123,548,172
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 229,819,927	\$ 231,114,555	\$ 239,524,189
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	84,984,625	88,997,241	85,497,241
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	88,997,241	85,497,241	80,693,070
Employee Positions (FTE)	1,725	1,735	1,731
<b>Engineering and Public Works Fund</b>			
<b>Revenues and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 13,214,801	\$ 13,140,500	\$ 14,740,350
State of Tennessee	8,013,660	7,937,250	8,042,250
Other Sources	5,377,578	4,181,500	3,353,597
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 26,606,039	\$ 25,259,250	\$ 26,136,197
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 8,604,906	\$ 8,434,993	\$ 8,845,666
Other Costs	15,409,022	16,824,257	17,290,531
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 24,013,928	\$ 25,259,250	\$ 26,136,197
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	10,197,977	12,790,088	12,390,088
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	12,790,088	12,390,088	12,140,491
Employee Positions (FTE)	159	149	147
<b>General Purpose School Fund</b>			
<b>Revenues and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 349,071,922	\$ 342,797,286	\$ 350,981,706
State of Tennessee	324,968,581	326,876,714	341,382,294
Federal Government	599,346	600,000	600,000
Other Sources	16,390,793	5,586,000	7,521,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 691,030,642	\$ 675,860,000	\$ 700,485,000
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 412,503,284	\$ 460,484,859	\$ 472,382,431
Other Costs	256,206,863	215,375,141	228,102,569
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 668,710,147	\$ 675,860,000	\$ 700,485,000
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	91,329,955	108,288,856	108,288,856
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	108,288,856	108,288,856	108,288,856
Employee Positions (FTE)			
The School Board determines the number of employees			
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>			
<b>Revenues and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 69,809,272	\$ 78,209,200	\$ 78,209,200
Other Sources	16,415,207	6,790,800	7,790,800
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 86,224,479	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 86,000,000
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Debt Service Costs	\$ 76,470,816	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 86,000,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 76,470,816	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 86,000,000
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	20,703,080	30,420,337	29,231,150
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	30,420,337	29,231,150	24,066,324
The Knox County Commission will vote on the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget on May 19, 2025, at 5PM at their regularly scheduled meeting in the Main Assembly Room. Public forum will be held on May 12, 2025 at 3PM in the Main Assembly Room. Anyone wanting to address Commission concerning the budget should contact the Commission Office at 215-2534 to sign up for public forum.			











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surrendered one unearned run, struck out seven and issued and issued one free pass.

South-Doyle (16-16-1) won the District 5-3A Tournament last week as the No. 3 seed and entered Saturday's region championship game against Red Bank on a five-game winning streak.

**In the Region 2-4A Tournament at Oak Ridge:** Both area teams lost their tournament openers.

District 4-4A runner-up Farragut, the three-time defending Class 4A State Champion, lost to the host Wildcats, 6-2, after squandering a 2-0 lead in the sixth inning as Oak Ridge came up with six runs in the bottom of that frame.

In the other regional semifinal, Maryville toppled Powell 7-2.

The Admirals and the Panthers were scheduled to play an elimination game Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

The Rebels and Wildcats played in the region championship Saturday morning.

**In the Division II-A East Region semifinals:** Christian Academy of Knoxville clinched a berth in the state tournament with a 14-1 victory over host Lakeway Christian School in White Pine Tuesday night.

The Warriors (26-10-1) put the Lions away early by scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the first inning as they were the designated home team due to seeding.

CAK sent 17 hitters to the plate in its half of the opening frame. Starting pitcher Brody Waller also did some damage with his bat as he hit a three-run home run in the first inning.

Joey Sulish had three hits, while Chip Shelton, Tyler Bennett, Wyatt Jones and Alex Trimble all found reached base safely three times.

The Warriors would fall in the region championship game on

Thursday, falling to Providence Academy, 4-1.

They hosted a game Saturday as their season continued, but the week belonged to legendary head coach and Hall-of-Famer Tommy Pharr, who notched his 1,000th career victory.

Pharr, who began coaching in 1984 in Alabama, is one of Tennessee's legendary coaches. He coached at Monterey, Farragut and with the Warriors in the Volunteer State, guiding the Admirals and Warriors to multiple state championships.

Never one to take all the credit, Pharr expressed gratitude to those around him.

"This just means that I've coached for a long time," Pharr said. "I've had great coaches, and you have to have great players and a great wife.

"It's been an honor to see my players become great men and good parents. That's what means

the most. I've coached a lot of good players, a lot of good kids, a lot of good people. I've got a lot of good memories and I've been doing it long enough where I get to see guys grow up and have families and that means more to me than anything."

One of Pharr's former players at Monterey became a Hall-of-Fame coach in his own right. Matt Buckner retired from coaching in 2024 after leading Farragut to three consecutive Class 4A State Championships.

Buckner, who won multiple state titles after replacing Pharr with the Admirals and led Bearden to a state tournament appearance before taking the reins at Farragut, where he coached for 15 seasons, said Pharr had a big impact on his life in and out of baseball.

"I was able to play for him and coach for him," Buckner said. "He's a great coach with the way

he studies the game. He gave me a lot of opportunities in baseball.

"He's a great man and he made me a better player and a better man. He'll be hard on you, but you know that he cares about you as a person and a player."

**GCA takes fourth in region tournament:** Grace Christian Academy advanced to state play despite losing to Lakeway, 7-3, in the third-place game Wednesday night.

The Rams (20-11) were scheduled to play at Davidson Academy Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Grace, which has one of the youngest teams in the state, won a tournament game over Boyd-Buchanan (3-2) on May 5 as Makai Derry had a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Derry went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI against the Buccaneers.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMELA R. HAHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90903-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of PAMELA R. HAHER, who died March 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PAMELA R. HAHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AMANDA HAHER SHIPLEY  
1425 WHITTOWER DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

EDWARD A. COX, JR., ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS HATFIELD  
DOCKET NUMBER 90818-1

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

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

This the 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LOIS HATFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY DEIGHTON, ADMINISTRATOR  
1028 VON CANNON LANE  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

CARIN C. BRIO, ATTORNEY  
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRUCE HUGHES  
DOCKET NUMBER 90864-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of MAY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BRUCE HUGHES, who died December 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:

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This the 2nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRUCE HUGHES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALAN L. HUGHES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY CLARENCE MAY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90868-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY CLARENCE MAY, who died Jan. 23, 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:

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY CLARENCE MAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS A. MAY, ADMINISTRATOR  
29529 DOVER STREET  
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA G. PITTS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90899-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA G. PITTS, who died April 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONNA G. PITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFFREY L. SMITH, EXECUTOR  
7317 JOYCE LANE  
POWELL, TN 37849

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90851-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS, who died March 21, 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:

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

This the 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JENNIFER SCRUGGS JOHNSON  
2425 CRAIG COVE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90809-1

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

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

This the 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL STEINLE  
3737 SOUTH VIEW CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

MATT E. MILLER, ATTORNEY  
859 EAST BROADWAY BLVD.  
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI  
DOCKET NUMBER 90928-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI, who died Feb 27, 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:

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

This the 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES DAVID SELEWSKI, JR., EXECUTOR  
1350 ROSA L. PARKS BLVD., UNIT 231  
NASHVILLE, TN 37208

BLAINE H. SMITH, ATTORNEY  
21 PLATFORM WAY SOUTH, SUITE 3500  
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90806-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER, who died March 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 7th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN S. HYLTON  
6514 WASHINGTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP  
DOCKET NUMBER 90880-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP, who died January 21, 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:

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

This the 1 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM A. WALDRIP  
9104 LYNNWOOD LANE  
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90886-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN C. WHITE, deceased, who died on December 26, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All personal, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk & Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEPHEN BRADLEY WHITE

DAVID A. LUFKIN, SR., ATTORNEY  
5329 BROWN GAP ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90911-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HERMAN F. WADDELL, who died Feb. 27, 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:

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This the 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HERMAN F. WADDELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILMA WADDELL, EXECUTRIX  
722 BANBURY ROAD  
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP  
DOCKET NUMBER 90880-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP, who died January 21, 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:

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ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM A. WALDRIP  
9104 LYNNWOOD LANE  
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90886-3

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

This the 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEPHEN BRADLEY WHITE

DAVID A. LUFKIN, SR., ATTORNEY  
5329 BROWN GAP ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY CLARENCE MAY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90868-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY CLARENCE MAY, who died Jan. 23, 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 24 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY CLARENCE MAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS A. MAY, ADMINISTRATOR  
29529 DOVER STREET  
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA G. PITTS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90899-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA G. PITTS, who died April 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 date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONNA G. PITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JEFFREY L. SMITH, EXECUTOR  
7317 JOYCE LANE  
POWELL, TN 37849

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90851-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS, who died March 21, 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 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FALKNER SCRUGGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JENNIFER SCRUGGS JOHNSON  
2425 CRAIG COVE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90809-1

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

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

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

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

This the 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL STEINLE  
3737 SOUTH VIEW CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

MATT E. MILLER, ATTORNEY  
859 EAST BROADWAY BLVD.  
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI  
DOCKET NUMBER 90928-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI, who died Feb 27, 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 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGARET ELIZABETH SELEWSKI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES DAVID SELEWSKI, JR., EXECUTOR  
1350 ROSA L. PARKS BLVD., UNIT 231  
NASHVILLE, TN 37208

BLAINE H. SMITH, ATTORNEY  
21 PLATFORM WAY SOUTH, SUITE 3500  
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90806-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER, who died March 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 this 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 MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA HARRELL SHAFFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KAREN S. HYLTON  
6514 WASHINGTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP  
DOCKET NUMBER 90880-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP, who died January 21, 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

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

This the 1 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM A. WALDRIP  
9104 LYNNWOOD LANE  
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90886-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN C. WHITE, deceased, who died on December 26, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All personal, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk & 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 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEPHEN BRADLEY WHITE

DAVID A. LUFKIN, SR., ATTORNEY  
5329 BROWN GAP ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANNE SELLER STEINLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90911-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HERMAN F. WADDELL, who died Feb. 27, 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 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF HERMAN F. WADDELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILMA WADDELL, EXECUTRIX  
722 BANBURY ROAD  
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP  
DOCKET NUMBER 90880-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP, who died January 21, 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:

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

This the 1 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DIANA JANE DEATHERAGE WALDRIP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM A. WALDRIP  
9104 LYNNWOOD LANE  
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217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
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ESTATE OF HELEN C. WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90886-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN C. WHITE, deceased, who died on December 26, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All personal, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk & Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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