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Knox County Republicans host town hall

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Republican Party invited its voters to West Knoxville to express their concerns to their state legislators last week.

The town hall meeting took place at the Bearden Banquet Hall Wednesday night and was emceed by new Knox County Republican Party Chairman Martin Daniel.

Two state senators, Richard Briggs (District 7) and Becky Duncan Massey (District 6), attended and fielded questions.

Five members of the Tennessee House of Representatives, including

Michele Carringer (District 16), Elaine Davis (District 18), Justin Lafferty (District 89), Dave Wright (District 19) and Jason Zachary (District 14).

The panel of leaders discussed and entertained questions on many issues of the day, including immigration, crime and taxes. The issue of closing primaries was also discussed, and that issue was heated because voters want primaries closed, and some leaders, including Wright, prefer that the current system remain in place.

Wright said that closed primaries would cause the house Republicans

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Knox County Republican Party Chairman Martin Daniel and Vice Chair Kyle Nahrebne welcome party members to a Republican town hall meeting in Bearden last week. Photo by Ken Lay.

NICJR hired for one year to head violence reduction

By Mike Steely

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It took several hours, but the Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday to continue the city's relationship with an outside firm to deal with local violence. The split 6-3 vote passed and adds \$519,750 to the agreement with the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) and bringing a new annual agreement to \$828,800.

The firm will continue to manage the ongoing violence reduction effort with a local director and four local employees. Who

those local violence prevention people will be is a matter of debate, while NICJR invites locals to apply from any organization, two of those groups spoke in opposition saying that one of their members would not want to return to the group following the contract because they would no longer receive a \$40,000 plus salary.

Councilwomen Seema Singh and Amelia Parker tried unsuccessfully to turn down the proposed contract and then, again unsuccessfully, to delay a

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The ribbon has been cut! Cheers were contagious at the opening of the 10th Morning Pointe memory care community. On May 15, Morning Pointe Senior Living hosted the Grand Opening of The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, Hardin Valley, marking a major milestone for families in the greater Knoxville area. The event brought together local leaders, healthcare advocates, volunteers, and families—many of whom shared moving stories about how the new community is already making a difference.

New memory care community opens in Hardin Valley

Public forum on city budget draws one

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Four people had signed up to speak at the public input session on Tuesday, following a long day of budget hearings held by the Knoxville City Council. Three of them, who had signed up prior to the meeting, didn't appear, and only a spokesperson for Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment addressed the council.

Adam Hughes spoke mostly about efforts to prevent evictions from apartments and homes. He applauded the city for

including some support of the effort in the new budget and noted that in recent years, evictions of families had increased by about 50%. He added that on the day he spoke, 238 families were before the local eviction court and that funding for legal aid to those families had decreased due to cutbacks in support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The more people in eviction court the more stress there is," he said, adding that evictions are never expunged from records in Tennessee.



Greg A. Vital, Morning Pointe Senior Living co-founder and president.

By Jamie Schnell

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The grand opening ceremony for The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, Hardin Valley, took place on May 15 at 2433 Reagan Road on the serene grounds of what was once a horse farm in the picturesque Hardin Valley area. This newly established senior living campus is thoughtfully designed to cater to the unique needs of residents experiencing memory loss, including those living with Alzheimer's and dementia, boasting 60 beautifully appointed apartments tailored for comfort and functionality.

The ceremony commenced with the melodies of harpist Deborah Cole, whose music set a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The talented HVA Chamber Choir from Hardin Valley Academy captivated attendees with their poignant performance, singing "Set Me as a Seal," and concluded the program on a reflective note with "The Road Home." Hardin Valley Church Pastor Rodney Holloman led the invocation and opening prayer.

Greg Vital, president of Morning Pointe Senior Living, graciously welcomed the gathered guests, providing insightful introductions and an overview of the promising project that is The Lantern. Esteemed speakers included Jane Jolley, the community engagement director from the office of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs; Amanda O'Dell, vice president of Investor

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Merit board discusses military discharges for KCSO applicants

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Should a note on an honorable discharge of military service disqualify an applicant for employment by the Knox County Sheriff's Office?

That's the question that came before the KCSO Employees' Merit System Board of Directors last week. Two applicants with honorable discharges have applied, but their discharge

papers have a note indicating "serious misconduct."

The sheriff's department asked the board for an opinion, especially if the discharge was because the person refused a vaccine during the COVID crisis. Several of the board members indicated that if refusal of the vaccine was the reason, then the person should qualify for employment.

Board attorney Mike Moyers told the group the

sheriff's office was asking for direction on the issue.

Chairman Christopher Manning said the request was like a "spaghetti sandwich" and a "curve ball." Other members commented on not "moving the goal posts" but wanted to consider the reason behind the footnote on the discharges.

Board member Lindsey Willis commented that if the only reason for the footnote was "based on Covid, that's fine."

The resolution was that an applicant must have documentation, beyond the DD214 discharge papers, to prove the reason for the notation on a military discharge. Manning concluded the discussion by saying the sheriff's department may contact the board or him to make the right decision on employment qualifications.

The board also approved the prior meeting's dismissal of a complaint filed by

former Officer Gabriel Loya on his firing, discussed the KCSO job descriptions and

appointed a subcommittee to look at the department's promotional process.

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KCS breaks ground for new school in Farragut

By Ken Lay

Threatening skies couldn't temper the excitement for Knox County Schools Wednesday morning when the district broke ground for a new elementary school.

The new campus, which is scheduled to open for the 2027-28 school year, will be the largest school in Knox County as it will have the capacity to serve up to 1,400 students. It will feature 68 classrooms and a storm shelter.

"You look at this and we're going," said KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Ryeswyk. "We try to think long-term of what this could look like for 50 years for this community, for future growth. That's why we take on an investment on this scale. We know we have to get it right."

"When you build a school like this, it's a once-in-a-generation thing, and that's what we look at when you make an investment like this. This is an exciting day for Farragut and an exciting



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Board of Education and community leaders break ground for a new elementary school in Farragut in a ceremony Wednesday morning.

day for Knox County."

The new school will help alleviate overcrowding at Farragut Primary and Farragut Intermediate schools. It will be located at 202 Village Commons Boulevard and will cost \$43.7 million. It will be built on land purchased from Doug Horne, a graduate of Farragut High School.

"This will be the Horne Family's lasting legacy," said Ron Williams, mayor of the Town of Farragut. "This is one of the last pieces of land that they had."

"Doug and his family are from Farragut, and he went to Farragut High School."

The campus will be 139,000 square feet, and Ryeswyk noted that the

district sought input from the community.

"It's kind of been a two-year process for us to engage the community and really look at what the best practices are, and see what programmatic needs were for the community," he said. "I think you'll see a lot of the things we see."

"I think what we've seen

more recently is a lot more small group instruction and a lot more different kinds of things for students who have language barriers or maybe some special needs."

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs attended the groundbreaking ceremony and commended community members for making the

new school a reality.

"I'm proud that Knox County is stepping up to support this vision," he said. "Together, we are laying foundation, not merely of concrete and steel, but of opportunity, learning and a strong future for every student entering these doors."

KCS board member Lauren Morgan, who represents District 5, was excited. She also expressed gratitude to Susan Horn, who held the seat before she did.

"I want to thank my predecessor, Susan Horn, for doing all the work to make this happen," Morgan said of Horn, who also attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Morgan is a parent of students in Farragut.

"I see my kids' classrooms being full, maxed out and running out of desks and room," she said. "As a parent, I'm excited, and as a board member, I'm pleased. This is an exciting day for Farragut."

County to face some slim years for budgets

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Despite some banner years, Knox County is facing some large bond repayments ahead, and with some questions about federal grants cutbacks, the future county budgets may be much smaller.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell warned the Knox County Commission last week of financial concerns already visible. He said the revenue is currently \$177 million below last year and expenditures are up. Revenue from real estate taxes are down but the commission's prior approval of appraisals changing to every two years will help because it would take the "tax ratio" off the discounts some property owners were getting.

"The budget surplus will flatten out if it exists at all," Caldwell told the county's

finance committee. However, he said the Hotel-Motel Tax revenue is up by 2.4% but noted that tax collections are lower after years of trending upward. The finance director said that next year's budget, for the 2025-26 year that begins in July, is mostly stagnant, but the next three years will be "a big spike in debt service."

"We've got reserves in our Rainy Day Funds," Caldwell replied when asked how those large balloon payments on the debt could be paid, adding, "We have 30 days set aside."

He also said the county is hoping and waiting for interest rates to come down and that the county plans to issue new bonds later this year.

Linda McGinnis of the Knox County Trustee's Office gave Justin Biggs' report on tax collections, telling the commission that revenue is down from last year and

that more and more residents are asking to join the tax relief program offered to seniors, and there is a slight increase in the number of mortgage bankruptcies.

She said she was speaking for the trustee's office because Biggs had a prior commitment.

Knox County Schools Finance Director Ron McPherson told the meeting the school finances are in "pretty good shape," but added there is uncertainty over federal funding, adding, "We're on the edge of our seats waiting."

District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox asked McPherson how many "illegal" students the school system has. The reply was that the answer isn't available. District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill, a former school board chairwoman, responded to Fox's question by saying, "We cannot ask that when a student enrolls."

City funds Broadway, Augusta greenways

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While the majority of the city council meeting dealt with a violence prevention contract, the council managed to vote on numerous issues, including approving \$1.07 million to purchase property for the Broadway Streetscapes Project from eight property owners for the greenway.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider noted fellow council member Charles Thomas's assistance in expanding the greenway along Broadway. Rider said the current plan is the third concept submitted, and it adds buffers along Broadway and I-640. The project includes pedestrian crossings and is partially funded with an 80% federal grant. The

final connection will be completed next spring.

An expanded gravel parking lot under the James White Bridge along Island Home Avenue was funded for \$49,100 in a contract with Cannon & Cannon Inc. Councilman Tommy Smith said the lot improvements were applauded by Sevier Avenue merchants.

The city's Augusta Quarry Phase II Project contract with Southern Constructors Inc. was amended to up the amount to more than \$3.7 million for final construction. The quarry may be ready for summer with safer family recreation features including a floating platform and buildings.

On first reading the council also voted to approve

revised design guidelines for the Edgewood-Park City Historic Overlay District, various rezonings on Eighth Avenue, Central Avenue Pike, Keck Road, Millertown Pike and Grand Avenue, \$1,500 to the Urban League for an event and the same amount to the S.O.U.L.S. Youth Choir to discourage bullying and discrimination.

It also approved Mayor Indya Kincannon's reappointment of Jonathan Haskell and appointment of Brian Brooks and Valuri Reid to the Police Advisory and Review Committee.

Council approved a \$921,721 contract with GCE Construction for renovations to the 6th floor of the City-County Building.

New memory care community opens in Hardin Valley

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Development and Experience at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; Gina Oster, District 3 chair of the Knox County Commission; Sage Kohler, founder and past president of the Hardin Valley Business and Community Alliance; and Janice Wade-Whitehead, president and CEO of Alzheimer's Tennessee.

"We're seeing more retirees move into this part of East Tennessee, and with them comes their family members who have been needing the services that Morning Pointe provides," Vital said. "Morning Pointe is honored to help family members become family members again rather than just caregivers. There is always a compassion and care in their hearts to help that loved one, but Morning

Pointe is there to provide those professional, compassionate services that can help the resident and their family enjoy quality of life."

A heartfelt testimonial was shared by Lantern family member Cissie King, who illuminated the impact of the memory care center on her family, specifically her mother, Carole Fields.

"I'm not the caregiver and the daughter - I'm the daughter again," King said during the celebration. "Once I came here, this felt like home. I could just tell from the staff, the facility itself. She is so happy. It's such a joy to come and visit with her and spend quality time. I know she's taken care of. I know she's well fed. She's with peers. We're so thankful she is so happy."

The introductions of the dedicated team behind The Lantern were made by Sandra Franklin, executive director.

New resident Carole Fields told The Knoxville Focus, "This is home." Former caregiver and friend of Carole's, Kathy Marlow, shared, "It was wonderful to come here, see the look on her face, and know she's okay."

Following a symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests were invited to explore the thoughtfully designed facility, enjoying guided tours and indulging in a delightful spread of heavy hors d'oeuvres, celebrating this significant addition to the community.

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Perceptions

“I feel the earth move under my feet...”
Carole King

Did you feel it? I did, and so did just about everyone else in K-Town. A boom rattled the building of my Saturday morning Bible study. My immediate thought was an explosion rather than the Spirit moving. Actually, I quickly surmised the boom was an earthquake, later reported as 4.1 on the Richter Scale, which grades earthquakes 1-10. Our quake was not an insubstantial tremor because for each integer increase ten times the amount of energy is released as bedrock plates shift. The quake, which was centered 13 miles southeast of Greenback, Tennessee, was also 15 miles deep in the earth. Ordinarily, our perception

is two dimensional, unless we are flying or boating. However, earthquakes demonstrate that the ground we stand on is part of the earth’s crust which literally floats upon molten magma deep in the earth. In 1912, German geologist Alfred Wegener first proposed the hypothesis of Continental Drift. He was ridiculed by experts of the time. But the next time you hear experts pontificating, consider the perspective of 19th-century philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer: “All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is self-evident.” By the 1950s, various discoveries proved Wegener’s hypothesis which is now the basis of plate tectonics, where even continents float upon seas of molten magma

beneath the Earth’s crust. As an exercise, look at how nicely the north western prominence of Africa dovetails with North and South America in the Caribbean. Now visualize a colossal slab of rock floating like an iceberg on the ocean. Then picture these continental “ships” bumping into each other, sometimes causing the edge of one to be pushed under (subduction) and the other edge pushed upward to produce, for instance, the Smoky Mountains 300 million years ago. If you drive north on Alcoa Highway, across from Loney Island, you can see 300-million-year-old rock pushed upward by plate tectonics and uncovered by TDOT’s roadworks. Fault lines are where plates abut each other. The New Madrid fault line lies beneath the Mississippi Valley. Stresses build up as the plates move and eventually something gives and an earthquake results. In the winter of 1811, an earthquake occurred in West Tennessee. Land on the eastern side of the Mississippi River was pushed under by the opposing plate and this actually caused the Mississippi River to run backwards and create Reelfoot Lake. I wrote about this in my Tennessee River essays of years past. Humans perceive the world through five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. As stress along a fault line shifted last Saturday morning, a massive amount of energy was released and stimulated my body to feel the tremor and my ears to hear the “boom!” Actually, specialized cells throughout my body and ears collected and transmitted information to my brain which perceived the signals as tremor and noise. A few weeks ago, I explained how we live amidst energy fields (Brownian Motion). As an example, we are bathed in an electromagnetic radiation field, yet only perceive the narrow spectrum of visible light that stimulates receptors in our eyes. There’s a fascinating story in the Bible (1 Kings 19) where the prophet Elijah was hiding in a cave from King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, who were trying to kill him. Outside the cave, a hurricane raged, then volcanic fire and an earthquake shook the cave. Yet God spoke to Elijah in a “still, small voice,” which I interpret as a spiritual force field resonating within Elijah’s integrated nervous system and perceived by his mind. Yes, Elijah perceived the violent wind, saw the fire and felt the

shaking of the Earth, but his non-anatomical soul/conscience/essence perceived the word of God. I believe perception is more than just tactile stimulation, hearing, sight, taste or smell. Is not joy a perceptual reality? Everyone should have a moment of joy as my 13-year-old grandson recently experienced. In the final seconds of his championship basketball game, Oakley made a great defensive play by stealing the ball only to be fouled. Pressure was on him, as he stepped up to the foul line and sank both free throws to win the game. His joy was obvious and likewise swelled the heart of his grandfather. It is written that we are created in God’s image. Our integrated nervous system and brain allow us to perceive joy, sorrow and the full panoply of emotions. Like God, we are also imbued with reason (Isaiah 1:18). Some believe the higher apes (gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos) and perhaps cetaceans (whales, dolphins) manifest behaviors that suggest reason, but we don’t know. Humans also perceive the passage of time, comprehend love and seek purpose in life. My dog and I love each other. It is demonstrable. However, I don’t consider her expectation of supper conceptually reflective of purpose or time. Nor is empathy a part of her essence. The Psalmist sang, “Truly, we are fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). Maybe this world, so full of life, is unique in the universe. Maybe thoughtfulness human life is unique in the universe. As a science fiction writer, I don’t believe that. But the Fermi Paradox confronts my belief. Enrico Fermi was a physicist important in the development of nuclear energy. Given the 300 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy and more than 100 billion galaxies, the probability of life, including intelligent life, in the universe is staggering. However, over lunch one day, Fermi asked his colleagues, “If the probability of life is so high, where are they?” Astrophysicist Carl Sagan’s book “Contact” was made into a thought-provoking movie. Perhaps the answer to Fermi’s question lies in the almost inconceivable distance between stars. Perhaps someday, when we are more technologically advanced and civilized, we may bridge those vast distances and greet our interstellar neighbors. Until then, I’ll just rely on faith. You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Getting Ready I Am A Stamp Collector



“Hey, Harry. You have convinced me to become a stamp collector. My spouse has made it very clear that

I need to find a wholesome activity to do and stop pestering her (him).” Ok, let’s get started. **PHASE 1 – Step 1:** Find some older stamps from a hoarder or possessor of antiquity. If you can, find envelopes from the mid-1900s, then tear off the corner of the envelope with the stamp. Leave a good border of paper around the stamp. If the envelope is from the early 1900s or earlier, allow a collector to see the envelope to evaluate it. Find a large soup bowl or cup or plastic container and place the ‘on

paper’ stamps in the container with room temperature water. Allow time for the stamp and paper to separate in the water. Remove the stamp from the water and place it on a clean white cotton cloth, such as an old t-shirt or bed sheet, making sure the glue on the back of the stamp has totally come off. Use tongs to handle the stamps when removing them from the water, preferably a six-inch-long set of tongs. Tongs such as these can be found on stamp supply websites such as Amos or Amazon.

Step 2: After stamps are on the white cloth, take another cloth of similar size or fold over part of the cloth and lay it on top of the stamps. Place on top of the cloth-covered stamps a heavy object such as a book or magazine. Allow a few hours for drying. **Step 3:** After the stamps are dry, remove them from the cloth using your tongs. Make sure the back of the stamp looks clean and is free of paper and old glue. You are now ready for the next phase, which is storing your stamps in either **Continue on page 2**

Nineteen file for Knoxville City Council

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The upcoming Knoxville city primary will be a full slate of candidates. The filing deadline was Wednesday at noon, and the withdrawal deadline is Thursday, May 22. There will be five new council members from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, and, new this year, only voters in those districts may vote in the primary and general elections. In prior elections, district voter chose their primary

candidates and then all registered voters in the city chose the final city council member from those districts. Voters in the election will be using the polling places within their district. Those locations and other information can be found at www.knoxcounty.org/election/. District 1 Councilman Tommy Smith chose not to seek re-election. Current city council members who are term-limited are District 2’s Andrew Roberto, District **Continue on page 2**

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Recent earthquake brings back memories of Reelfoot Lake

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Where were you during the recent earthquake? I was at home when the house shook, followed by a loud boom. I ran outside thinking there may have been a railroad or traffic accident, or a tree may have fallen in my yard. I was surprised to find out it was a 4.1 earthquake many miles away near Greenback.

That quake was felt for hundreds of miles away but apparently caused little to no damage. I heard the U. S. Park Service was inspecting the Foothills Parkway for possible damage.

Experts tell us that there are hundreds of small earthquakes that occur without most people knowing.

One earthquake rattled our region in early Tennessee history and you can see the results of that devastating event yet today. The New Madrid earthquake in 1812 was a

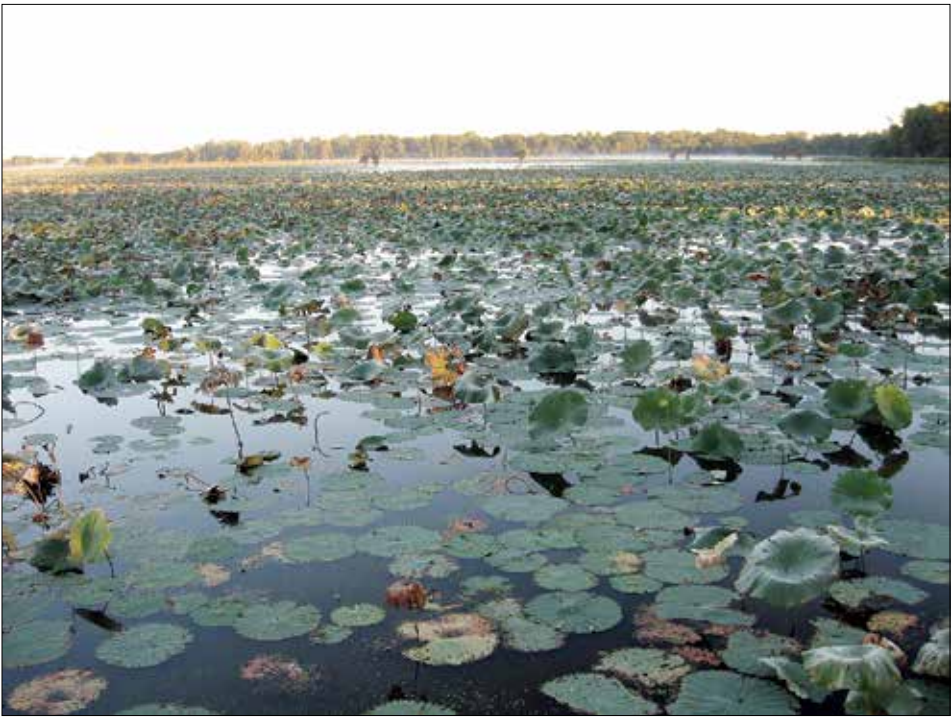


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Reelfoot Lake shallows as seen from from Samburg, Tennessee.

huge 7.2 magnitude shaker with a 7.4 aftershock. It, so far, is the largest earthquake recorded east of the Rocky Mountains.

The series of earthquakes happened near the current border of Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri. The huge quake rerouted a portion of the Mississippi River, caused the formation of West Tennessee's Reelfoot Lake, and created a small isolated part of extreme West Kentucky. The quakes at New Madrid began in late

December of 1811 and continued until November of 1812.

Most of the people living in the sparsely settled areas then were Native Americans and the quake had been predicted by Shawnee Chief Tecumseh's brother, Tenskwatawa, known as The Prophet. Prior to the quakes, Tecumseh had visited the Cherokee in our region to unsuccessfully bring them into his war against white settlers.

The Shawnee chief was

unhappy with the Cherokee declining to join the war. Legend says that Tecumseh told the Cherokee that when he got back to his tribe in Michigan, he would stamp his feet on the ground to let them know when he arrived.

"Tecumseh is home," was the talk of the Cherokee after the huge quake was felt in our area.

Reelfoot Lake is located in the far northeast corner of Tennessee and is very unusual, with large cypress trees growing up and out

of the water. The state park there has two campgrounds, cabins, picnic areas and trails along the lakeshore. The 15,000-acre lake also offers boating and fishing, but swimming is not permitted.

The park also has special events, the R.C. Donaldson Memorial Museum and Nature Center and is open year-round except for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays. Admission is free.

Nearby Tiptonville is the county seat of the aptly named Lake County and is the home of the Northwest Correctional Complex, a maximum-security prison. The town is also known as the hometown of country and rock legend Carl Perkins who created the "Rockabilly" style of music. He's best known as the singer of "Blue Suede Shoes." His birthplace home is located on Highway 78 on the south side of town and has been transformed into the city's visitors center along with an old caboose and replica of a train station.

While in the area, you may want to drive north from town to Kentucky Bend, also known as Madrid Bend, Bessie Bend or Bubbleland. It's legally a

part of Fulton County, Ky., but Kentucky residents can't get to the area and have to enter Tennessee and double back north. It was created during the Madrid Quake and separated from the rest of Kentucky by the rerouted waters of the Mississippi. The bubble-shaped piece of the Bluegrass State is a landlocked island.

You can get there by following TN Highway 22 to Tony Toehead Road.

Lake County was "Shaped by Water and Earth," has a Civil War monument to the Battle of Island Number Ten, and, at one time, had a large Confederate fort there. You can find out more about Reelfoot Lake on the internet, or you can get information by emailing visit@reelfoottourism.com or by calling (731) 253-2007.

The easiest way to visit Reelfoot Lake and Tiptonville is by taking I-40 west to Jackson and then going northwest on Highways 412 and 78. While in Jackson, you may want to visit the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum, where you can dine, shop and learn about the legendary railroad legend.

Old People Advice for Graduates

It's that time of year again: graduation. Knoxville businesses look forward to this event each year because grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts, and close friends invade the area to watch special

young people walk across the stage to receive high school or college diplomas.

The graduates are astir with the excitement that comes with completing an education or moving to the next level. Parties are thrown, plenty of alcohol is shared, and tears are shed. Most realize that the end of high school or college marks the end of many relationships that have existed for years. However, time marches on, and individuals heed the calls to begin careers or earn higher degrees. Those new adventures take young folks to different settings where they will make new friends; a few of the people with whom they shared education-filled years will become close friends. In fact, most of those classmates will never be seen again.



By Joe Rector
joerector@comcast.net

For those graduates, I want to share some truths. Many might have heard them before, but if I can shed light on the coming years for just one person, I will have succeeded. First, forget the thoughts you had about

making "big bucks" in your first new job. As a "newbie," you are at the bottom of the ladder. You'll receive a salary commiserate with your experience. Usually, the number is far less than the one you dreamed of.

You won't be the CEO or manager at work on the first day. You will have an entry-level position that is filled with hours of training and seemingly insignificant tasks. Here's a hint: all these things are what new workers must do until they can prove themselves worthy of more responsibilities. Work is a means to an end: you give your time and efforts and receive payment. No, it's not necessarily fun. That's why folks call it work.

Because you didn't start out making hundreds of thousands of dollars, your life will

need a budget. Bills will come in each month, and you must pay them. If you don't, your utilities will be turned off, your Internet will stop working, and your belongings will be removed from your residence and placed on the sidewalk. No longer can you blow through money because you just don't have enough to do so.

Don't trick yourself into thinking that a credit card will cure financial problems. Those companies love for you to add stuff to that total for which they bill you each month and on which they pile a huge interest payment. At this point in life, let life be guided by the thought, "If I can't pay cash for it, I won't buy it." Yes, denying yourself a treat is not nice, but it's what responsible adults do if they want to stay solvent.

Responsibility becomes a reality, and it sucks. You have them in your financial life; they are with you at work each day. Friends and family also become part of your grown-up lives. Plenty of days you'll find yourself wishing for just a little bit of free time with no one or nothing to satisfy.

Sometimes you might

have to work overtime. Don't refuse to do so because it's another test. The money from it might also help out your cash-strapped predicament. Realize that staying home and working or just sitting is sometimes the best choice to make.

From your graduation day onward, you're now an adult. Your success in life sits squarely in your hands. You can't blame anyone else for the mistakes or incorrect decisions you make. Own up to them. Put on your big-person panties and dive into adulthood. Learn to enjoy what is in front of you. Be thankful that you live in the greatest country in the world and work your hardest to make it an even better place. We old folks have the benefit of hindsight, which is always 20/20. However, we give you advice about life because we've lived it and made poor choices and mistakes already. Our goal is not to tell you what to do but to guide you around those things as much as possible. We are incredibly proud of your achievements, and we leave you a world of good and bad. Let's see how you handle it.

Nineteen file for Knoxville City Council

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3's Seema Singh, District 4's Lauren Rider and District 6's Gwen McKenzie.

With a total of nine members on the city council, the election of five new members may or may not affect the operation of the city. In one recent vote, Mayor Indya Kincannon exercised her right and cast the deciding vote on a resolution. Although non-partisan, the makeup of the Knoxville City Council, including the mayor, has been heavily Democratic in positions.

There are some familiar names among those who picked up and returned petitions.

District 6 has six candidates seeking McKenzie's seat: Sam Brown, Charles Frazier, Denzel Grant, Stan Johnson, George J. Raudenbush and Lawrence Williams.

District 1 candidates for Smith's seat are Karyn Adams, Lindsey Jaremko, Becky Jones and Charles Van Morgan.

Rider's District 4 council seat has three candidates: Matthew DeBardelaben, Jane George and Jeff Talman.

Four candidates are also in the race to replace Singh in District 3: Nick Ciparro, Ivan Harmon, Doug Lloyd and Frank Ramey.

The District 2 seat has two candidates wishing to replace Andrew Roberto, and they are Nathan Honeycutt and Melody Watts.

The primary is set for August 26, with early voting starting August 6. The two winners of the non-partisan district races face off in the November 4 city election.

I Am A Stamp Collector

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albums or cards.

PHASE 2 - Decide how you will arrange, display or store your collection. Stock cards of various sizes, both paper and clear plastic, may be the best method to begin arranging your collection. These stock cards are usually

8½" x 11" in size and can be purchased from dealers or online stamp supply houses for very little money. Each stock card (front and back) will hold a hundred or more stamps. The stock card will have several parallel pockets in which to place the stamps in a secure manner. These

pockets are about ½ inch deep and run the width of the stock card. Each stock card will have five or more rows of pockets. Above each stamp, you should write the Scott number identifying each stamp. Make sure these numbers are written in pencil. Scott catalogues have pictures of the stamps and each stamp has a number. You can use either a new or an inexpensive older catalogue.

PHASE 3 - After a period of time you will need to purchase stamp albums. I recommend that you acquire a new or used National album. These are available online from stamp product suppliers.

You might search on eBay. The album you purchase will be relative to the country of choice for your collection. When placing the stamps in your album, use a Showgard-type hingeless sleeve. These may also be purchased from online stamp supply outlets. The Showgard is size-specific to the size of the stamp.

If you have any questions or need advice, you can call me at (865)604-0164 or email me at hrbrooks68@gmail.com. Be sure to check out the Knoxville Philatelic Society at www.knoxstamps.com, or email the society at knoxvillestamps@yahoo.com.

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From Big Band Leader to Politician

Victor A. Meyers

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Victor Aloysius Meyers lived to be 93 years old, a fact which astonished some of those who knew him. Tacoma, Washington, attorney John J. O'Connell said, "You'd think a man who had that much fun tasting the good things in life would die at a younger age. He was one of the delightful people in politics." There was a time when tens of thousands of people in Washington State could remember being greeted by Vic Meyers' tradition booming, "Hiya, kiddo!" In 1932, Meyers showed up in Olympia intending to file to run for governor. When the clerk in the secretary of state's office told Meyers the filing fee was \$60, he replied, "What have you got for \$20?" The filing fee for lieutenant governor was \$12 and Meyers paid it and won the election. "I never wear a vest, because I don't want to be accused of standing for vested interests," Meyers once quipped.

A dapper man who sported a debonaire moustache like that of swashbuckling movie star Errol Flynn, he reputedly enjoyed the good life as did Flynn. There, the resemblance ended between the two. Meyers drove a Cadillac, smoked expensive cigars, played the horses, wore nice clothes, and was an "extravagant extrovert." For three decades, Vic Meyers was an institution in Washington state politics. Vic Meyers always enjoyed a good joke, even if it was on himself. When one political opponent, tired of Meyers's grandstanding, hired every sound truck in the city to roar through neighborhoods at 3 a.m., blaring the message, "Wake up and vote for Vic Meyers!" the candidate mused, "I wish I'd thought of that." When another opponent hurled the accusation at him that he was a Communist, Meyers replied, "Then I'm the only Communist named Aloysius."

When Vic Meyers died at the ripe old age of 93, Secretary of State Ralph Munro told a reporter, "It really is the end of an era. For all the jokes about him, everyone remembers him. How many Washingtonians can remember any governor of that era?"

There is an ever-growing list of those who move from the entertainment industry into politics; perhaps there is an even greater number of individuals who leave politics for the entertainment industry. Those ex-office-holders who populate every news channel on cable television can be considered as having entered the entertainment industry, as it could hardly be considered the realm of real journalism any longer.

One of sixteen children, nobody had to tell Vic

Meyers he had to make his own way in life. At various times, Meyers farmed, raising corn, ran a motel, managed a golf course, and laughed about having bought a chicken ranch only to see his entire flock of 3,500 chickens die.

Having run a campaign for mayor of Seattle as a joke in early 1932, Meyers campaigned with an eye toward publicity and showed up at one event dressed like Mahatma Gandhi, wearing a white sheet and pulling a goat on a rope while playing the flute. That event was a businessman's luncheon, and Meyers decades later recalled, "Times were tough. They stood for the rich, I was the poor man's candidate."

Discovering he actually enjoyed politics, Meyers entered the race for lieutenant governor. Much of one's success in politics can be attributed to timing, and that was certainly true for Vic Meyers. Running as a Democrat in 1932, the year of Franklin D. Roosevelt, was particularly good fortune. The Democrats swept everything before them in the Evergreen State that year. It was the first of Meyers' five terms as Washington's lieutenant governor. There were those who thought Meyers' background as a big bandleader, having performed in bars and speakeasies, made him especially well suited to presiding over the state Senate in Olympia. A true American original, a goodly number of people enjoyed Meyers' showmanship and antics, but the downside was that few took anything he said seriously. Vic Meyers proposed several projects that became highly successful and much appreciated, but at least initially, they were laughed at and scorned because they had been proposed by the fun-loving Meyers. When the Lieutenant Governor suggested building a park and golf course in Eastern Washington, the chortling could be heard all over the state, with some labeling the project as "Vic's folly." The end result was Sun Lakes Park near the massive Grand Coulee Dam. To this day, it remains one of the busiest parks in the state of Washington. The Washington State Legislature renamed the golf course a few years ago for Vic Meyers. So, too, did people laugh when Meyers suggested Seattle for the site of the World's Fair originally. Meyers would run twice more to become mayor of Seattle, losing to Republican Arthur Langlie in 1938 and incumbent William Devlin in 1946.

When Meyers had run his gag campaign for mayor of Seattle, he was one of the best-known figures in the city, as he owned his own nightclub where he and his



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Lieutenant Governor Victor A. Meyers in 1946.

band played. Meyers was frequently in hot water with local officials who enforced the prohibition laws. Meyers was nudged into the race by Doug Welch, the city editor of the Seattle Times, who gave the candidate huge publicity. Vic Meyers campaigned from behind the wheel of a beer wagon in a flagrant display of his contempt for the prohibition law, much to the amusement of thousands of residents.

While campaigning in 1932, Meyers adopted a more serious tone and discussed real issues like child labor laws, the need for pensions (there was no Social Security at the time) and some form of unemployment compensation, as there were millions of Americans out of work and unable to find work in the midst of the Great Depression. Meyers won the Democratic nomination and served alongside Governor Clarence D. Martin. Vic Meyers and his big band played at the inaugural ball of Governor Clarence Martin.

The newly elected governor was considered by some to be a moderate, while others, especially Democrats, thought him to be a conservative. Vic Meyers was more to the left of the governor, yet he remained popular with much of the electorate.

Vic Meyers put his beliefs into action and managed to enrage Governor Martin. Meyers was vacationing in California, so Martin thought it would be safe to make a rare trip to Washington, D.C. When the lieutenant governor heard the chief executive had left the state, he hurried back to Olympia, preparing to call a special session of the state legislature to consider pension legislation. Governor Martin had to charter an airplane back home to Washington state to stop Meyers. Arthur Langlie, a profoundly religious man, was said to have pledged never to leave the state during the eight years Vic Meyers was his lieutenant governor, for fear of what Meyers might attempt to do.

Meyers won the 1940 election while former U.S. Senator Clarence C. Dill, the Democratic nominee, lost the governorship to GOP

candidate Arthur Langlie. Meyers was easily reelected in 1944 and in 1948 won a narrow victory as Governor Mon Wallgren was losing to former Governor Langlie. Meyers was finally defeated after serving twenty years as Washington's Lieutenant Governor in 1952 while Dwight D. Eisenhower was carrying the state. The people of the Evergreen State were splitting their tickets down the ballot, choosing Democratic Congressman Henry Jackson over incumbent GOP Senator Harry Cain and reelecting Governor Arthur Langlie. Meyers was ousted by Republican Emmet Anderson.

Years later, members of both political parties would remember Vic Meyers as an effective presiding officer. Democrat A. L. Rasmussen remembered many of the rulings made by Lieutenant Governor Meyers still stood as precedents almost forty years after he had left office. Former Governor Albert Rosellini recalled that Meyer was adept at using his wit and humor to diffuse tensions.

When Secretary of State Earl Coe ran for governor in 1956, it left the way clear for Vic Meyers to once again run statewide. "The last time I talked to you people, I asked you to help old Vic out; now I'm asking you to help old Vic back in," Meyers said. Once again, Washingtonians split their tickets for Eisenhower, but reelected Senator Warren Magnuson over Governor Langley. Meyers won the secretary of state's office narrowly.

Halfway through his term of office, Meyers became a candidate for Congress, running in Washington's Third Congressional District. Meyers faced a formidable Republican opponent in Congressman Russell V. Mack. The congressman had been in office since a 1947 special election and had worked hard to entrench himself and had succeeded. While 1958 saw Democrats sweep the midterm elections, Russell Mack was well known for running well ahead of the GOP ticket and beat Meyer badly. It may well be that many of the voters in the Third District thought serving in the House of Representatives

was a serious responsibility and believed Vic Meyers did not measure up to that responsibility. In any event, they certainly decided Meyers didn't measure up to Russell Mack.

Meyers showed no compunction to retire, and the 61-year-old incumbent sought reelection to the secretary of state's office in 1960. Vic Meyers carried all but a handful of counties in the 1960 election, winning by a majority of more than 76,000 votes.

The end came for Victor A. Meyers when he was rocked by two events. One being a mishandled petition in the secretary of state's office having to do with placing a gambling initiative on the ballot. The second was an arrest for drunk driving. One additional factor injured Meyers' standing with the voters when newspapers revealed that the secretary of state's daughter, brother, sister and niece were all on his payroll. Meyers insisted on going to trial over the drunk driving charge, and while he had an entirely plausible story, the facts of the case caused the judge to find him guilty and fine him.

The mishandled petition on the gambling tolerance referendum produced reams of bad publicity for the secretary of state. A court ordered Victor Meyers to produce the missing documents after the secretary of state had certified the initiative as Referendum 34. The petitions, which had close to 83,000 signatures on them, had been stolen from inside a vault in the secretary of state's office a week before. A Seattle attorney had sued Meyers for having certified the referendum without having checked the signatures as being valid. It was the first time in 51 years of referenda in Washington state that petitions with signatures had been stolen from the secretary of state's office. "It was a ghastly experience,"

Meyers acknowledged. It certainly damaged his reputation and called into serious question his conduct in the office.

Washington state Republicans selected several attractive young candidates for statewide office in 1964 to compete with aging Democratic incumbents. Vic Meyers faced A. Ludlow Kramer, the scion of a wealthy New York family, who had been elected to the Seattle City Council as a stripling of 29 years of age.

The regular ticket splitting in Washington state occurred yet again in 1964. While Evergreen State voters rejected GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater overwhelmingly, they were electing Republican Dan Evans over incumbent Governor Albert Rosellini. Henry Jackson was reelected in a landslide while, at the same time, several highly popular Republican congressmen lost unexpectedly. Vic Meyers lost to Lud Kramer by more than 100,000 votes. In defeat, Meyers had yet another quip: "They finally caught up to me."

It was the end of Meyer's long political career. In 1976, Meyers pondered yet another comeback. At 78, Meyers filed to run for the secretary of state's office once again. The old warhorse's prospective candidacy fired up the imaginations of young reporters who had not even been born during his first bid for public office. It caused a rush of nostalgia. Vic Meyers thought better of it and withdrew his name. It was good to be remembered while still able to enjoy it.

Meyers died on May 28, 1991.

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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.

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

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR.

IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH E. MORSCH, DECEASED NO. 79037-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PROBATE DIVISION
NO. 79037-1

It appearing from the Motion for Confirmation of Sale filed herein that DAVID EUGENE MORSCH, JR., son of the Decedent, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary 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

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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.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON

IN RE: DALE RICHARD LAWSON, Plaintiff v. MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, Defendant

NO. 208144-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, 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 MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, it is ordered that said defendant, MICHELLE LEIGH LAWSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jake D. Ens, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 217, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ERIC ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90884-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of MICHAEL ERIC ANDERSON, who died March 15, 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 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ERIC ANDERSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA JOYCE BEELER
DOCKET NUMBER 90902-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BRENDA JOYCE BEELER, who died March 4, 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 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRENDA JOYCE BEELER

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA RUDDER BOWMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90741-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA RUDDER BOWMAN, who died Nov. 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 24 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LINDA RUDDER BOWMAN

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MARK GRAYSON, ATTORNEY
3204 REGAL DRIVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET J. BRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 90894-2

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 MARGARET J. BRIGHT, deceased, who died on the 3rd day of April, 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 such notice 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 or posting 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 MARGARET J. BRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM C. BRIGHT
5616 N. BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ROBERT W. GOWDIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TAMMY MICHELLE BRUMMITT
DOCKET NUMBER 90891-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of TAMMY MICHELLE BRUMMITT, who died on the 12th day of March, 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 TAMMY MICHELLE BRUMMITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRI LYNN EVANS
5428 SMOKY TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MELISSA ANNE BUCK
DOCKET NUMBER 90893-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MELISSA ANNE BUCK, who died February 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 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 6th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MELISSA ANNE BUCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JON A. BUCK
9601 BUCKHAVEN COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HURBERT GLENN BURRESS
DOCKET NUMBER 90871-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HURBERT GLENN BURRESS, who died Oct. 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 25 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF HURBERT GLENN BURRESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TINA FAY BURRESS, EXECUTRIX
2329 BAKERTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY DEVON CLEMONS
DOCKET NUMBER 90876-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JERRY DEVON CLEMONS, who died

Nov. 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JERRY DEVON CLEMONS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA SLIGER, ADMINISTRATRIX
3125 LAFAYETTE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES W. DAVENPORT, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90803-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES W. DAVENPORT, SR., who died Sept. 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES W. DAVENPORT, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAMMIE DAVENPORT
WOODLE, ADMINISTRATRIX
2765 WELSHCREST DRIVE
ANTIOCH, TN 37013

JAMES B. JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
1300 DIVISION STREET, SUITE 300
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARA KAYE GALLOWAY
DOCKET NUMBER 90898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of SHARA KAYE GALLOWAY, who died November 12, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHARA KAYE GALLOWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA CHERYL GALLOWAY,
ADMINISTRATRIX
604 BRAKEBILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES WALTER GENTRY, III
DOCKET NUMBER 90638-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES WALTER GENTRY, III, who died Dec. 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES WALTER GENTRY, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENJAMIN CLAYTON GENTRY, EXECUTOR
1802 MADISON STREET
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37408

JAMES A. HURST, JR., ATTORNEY
832 GEORGIA AVENUE, SUITE 510
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN GRUBB
DOCKET NUMBER 90870-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of

PUBLIC NOTICE

Release From Knox County Property Assessor Phil Ballard

It is your right to appeal the value of your property yearly.

If you wish to appeal the value of your property; instructions are as follows:

Pursuant to Section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Knox County will be available for public inspection at Room 204 of the City/County Building during normal business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Knox County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 2, 2025. THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2025 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY of its 2025 REGULAR SESSION WHICH WILL BE JUNE 30, 2025. The Board will meet each weekday by appointment from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, 6th Floor Conference Room. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. To schedule an appointment to appear before the Board, call (865-215-2006) beginning May 27th through June 27th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note the office will be closed on Monday 26th and Thursday June 19th to observe the Memorial Day and National Independence Holidays. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.

the Estate of BARBARA JEAN GRUBB, who died Feb. 24, 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

STATEMENT
OF NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY LEE MARSHALL
DOCKET NUMBER 90883-3

The undersigned, LARRY MARSHALL and BEYERL Y RATAJCZAK, as Administrators of the Estate of BOBBY LEE MARSHALL, do hereby state that pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 30-2-306, we have delivered copies of the notice to creditors to all known creditors for this Estate.

The foregoing is true and correct, and sworn to under penalty of perjury under Tenn. R. Civ. P. 72.

ESTATE OF BOBBY LEE MARSHALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARRY MARSHALL, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2818 CORNWALL LANE
GENEVA, IL 60134

BEVERLY RATAJCZAK, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2404 CEDARCREST PLACE
VALRICO, FL 33596

LINDSEY L. HOBBS, ATTORNEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

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

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

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 first publication as described in (1)(A); 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 90860-1

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 that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); 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 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 HERMAN F. WADDELL
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:

(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 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 the 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 ALEXANDRE AZARENOK
DOCKET NUMBER 90843-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ALEXANDRE AZARENOK, who died on September 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by 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(2) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 12th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALEXANDRE AZARENOK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SERGE AZARENOK
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY E. BELCHER
DOCKET NUMBER 90930-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NANCY E. BELCHER, who died April 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF NANCY E. BELCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN BRANDON
DOCKET NUMBER 90813-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN FRANKLIN BRANDON, who died Jan. 30, 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 7 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN BRANDON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MARYVILLE, TN 37801

ANNE WEIER, ATTORNEY

212 CATES STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCILE SMITH CALDWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 90931-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of LUCILE SMITH CALDWELL, who died March 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 12th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LUCILE SMITH CALDWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS GRIFFIN
DOCKET NUMBER 90896-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES DOUGLAS GRIFFIN, who died on September 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS GRIFFIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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9335 DEXTER LANE
OOLTWEAH, TN 37363

JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE HALL
DOCKET NUMBER 90892-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL WAYNE HALL, who died February 1, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and 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 publication of this notice, if The creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or

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

described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 1st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE HALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANTHONY FOSTER HARRIS, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90918-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY FOSTER HARRIS, SR., who died March 6, 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 8 day of MAY, 2025.

Relationships: An Untapped Remedy for Exhaustion

It was a busy Wednesday afternoon when Eli, a young professional, sat at his desk, feeling exhausted from a never-ending cycle of meetings, emails and deadlines. He had heard about the importance of taking breaks and prioritizing self-care, but nothing seemed to fill the void he felt. He had tried a weekend at the lake, a day on the golf course and even a good night's rest, but none of these brought him the peace he was seeking. One evening, after a particularly overwhelming day



**By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist
Church Senior Pastor**

about the importance of taking breaks and prioritizing self-care, but nothing seemed to fill the void he felt. He had tried a weekend at the lake, a day on the golf course and even a good night's rest, but none of these brought him the peace he was seeking.

One evening, after a particularly overwhelming day

explained that rest wasn't about retreating from the world, but rather about connecting with people whom God uses to restore the soul. In that moment, an overworked and exhausted Eli began to wonder if the rest he was seeking might not be found in the quiet refuge of his bedroom or on a vacation, but in the

at the office, Eli sat down with an old friend. As they talked about the challenges of life and work, his friend shared how he had been finding rest, not in isolation, but in the relationships around him. He

shared moments of joy, encouragement, refreshment and vulnerability with a friend.

This made-up story portrays a simple truth: relationships are often the rest we need. In a world that is always demanding more—more productivity, success, money and hours at work—we often hear within us the call for rest. Yet, in the rush for retreat, we often overlook something far more crucial: the need for meaningful human relationships.

Hidden within just a few verses of the New Testament (2 Timothy 1:16-18), the Apostle Paul writes, "The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me." We

don't hear much about Onesiphorus, but towards the end of Paul's life, he desires a special blessing for the times Onesiphorus provided him with emotional, physical, and spiritual support during difficult and exhausting times. The phrase "refreshed me" indicates that this support was deep and meaningful, highlighting the importance of human relationships and true friendship as sources of relief. These verses serve as a powerful reminder that in our busy lives, we often forget that our deepest needs aren't always met by mere rest; they are fulfilled by feeling seen, heard, and loved by others. True rest begins when we prioritize connection over

the constant pursuit of solitude and separation.

We all need to remember that finding rest does not always mean retreating into solitude. True refreshment often comes from the relationships that bring life to us. I am particularly grateful for the friends who nourish my spirit. As the Bible reminds us, "iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17), and "ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so does the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel" (Proverbs 27:9). Relationships are one of the essential components that make life meaningful.

In life, I have come to realize that the rest I often long for isn't found in the absence of activity; it's

found in the presence of people who bring me joy, friendship, and support. Sometimes, a night out to dinner, a few minutes conversing on a porch, or just laughing over ice cream is exactly what we need to quiet our souls. I recently read in a Vanderbloemen survey that, "the most powerful antidote to burnout wasn't more rest – it was more relationships." The need for rest is real, but the need for a relationship, a true, meaningful connection, is even more vital. And it's time we begin to embrace this truth. Relationships with the people God gives you are a great remedy for exhaustion.

What Does It Mean to be the Salamander Capital of the World?

UT Arboretum Society Zoom workshop is Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. EDT

Fun facts about salamanders: there are more kinds of salamanders in the southern Appalachians than anywhere else in the world. These humble little hunters of forests, streams, and ponds can tell us a lot about biodiversity and the hidden lives of Appalachian forests.

Join the UT Arboretum Society via Zoom on Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m. EDT as Dr. Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the

University of Tennessee teaches us more about these fascinating creatures. This program will review salamander basics, the reasons our region is a special place for them, and some of the challenges they face.

The class is free, but you must register to receive the Zoom link and recording.

Register at www.utarboretumsociety.org under Programs. Closed captions are available. Please contact Michelle at

mcampani@utk.edu for any questions or registration issues.

Benjamin Fitzpatrick has been studying the genetics and ecology of salamanders for over 25 years. Dr. Fitzpatrick teaches populations genetics, herpetology, and vertebrate natural history at the University of Tennessee. Most of his current research is directed at understanding the diversity of salamanders in the Great Smoky Mountains to seek general insights about the natural world.



The red salamander – endemic to eastern and southern U.S. The best place to observe is in small streams of Cumberland Plateau or lower elevation streams of Great Smoky Mountains.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF POLLY MILES MCLEOD DOCKET NUMBER 90834-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of POLLY MILES MCLEOD, who died Feb. 14, 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 7 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF POLLY MILES MCLEOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT LAWRENCE MCLEOD, III, EXECUTOR
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N. CRAIG STRAND, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PENNY KELLOGG MCMILLAN DOCKET NUMBER 90665-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PENNY KELLOGG MCMILLAN, who died Feb. 14, 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 7 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF PENNY KELLOGG MCMILLAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY MCMILLAN, EXECUTOR

GREGORY MCMILLAN, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID DEAN RUSSELL DOCKET NUMBER 90910-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of

MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID DEAN RUSSELL, who died March 4, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANTHONY RUSSELL, EXECUTOR
2115 MISSISSIPPI AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LYNN EARLY SEXTON DOCKET NUMBER 90845-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of MAY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LYNN EARLY SEXTON, who died January 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LYDA SHELTON DOCKET NUMBER 90889-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY LYDA SHELTON, who died March 4, 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 MARY LYDA SHELTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RANDY SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 90874-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RANDY SMITH, who died Jan. 24, 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 7 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RANDY SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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REBECCA KING, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
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ONEIDA, TN 37841

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD TALLENT DOCKET NUMBER 90922-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH EDWARD TALLENT, who died Feb. 16, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to

creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 2 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD TALLENT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STACI LEIGH CROSSWHITE, EXECUTRIX
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEONARD EUGENE VALENTINE DOCKET NUMBER 90628-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of APRIL, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LEONARD EUGENE VALENTINE, deceased, who died on the 17th day of January, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of such notice 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 or posting as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 4th day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF LEONARD EUGENE VALENTINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WINFIELD SANDERS WHALEY DOCKET NUMBER 90786-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WINFIELD SANDERS WHALEY, who died March 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four

(4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 22nd day of APRIL, 2025.

ESTATE OF WINFIELD SANDERS WHALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREW WILLIAM WHALEY

RYAN N. SHAMBLIN, ATTORNEY
205 MOHICAN STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES WEBB WINSTON DOCKET NUMBER 90802-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES WEBB WINSTON, who died on the 20th day of February, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; 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 12th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES WEBB WINSTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMIE TUDICO, CO-EXECUTOR
RACHAEL MASTER, CO-EXECUTOR
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(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

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

This the 7 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. WORTHAM

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TSSAA STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Webb falls 8-6 in state title game

By Mark Nagi

Boys' lacrosse is now a fully sanctioned sport in TSSAA and the Webb School Spartans wanted to go down in the history books as the first champions of Division II-A.

Everything went according to plan in the first half of their title game against Christ Presbyterian Academy. But the Lions from Nashville ruled the night, rallying for an 8-6 victory over the Spartans

on Friday, May 16, in Nolensville.

"We just got outplayed," said Webb head coach Steve Beville. "You have a five-to-one lead, and we always score one goal in the second half. You know some of the injuries, to (Adam) Weston and a couple of other guys were banged up, and Baxter (Johnson) didn't have his premier game. But I give them (CPA) all the credit in the world for, you know,

gutting it out and coming back and getting us."

The Spartans led 4-0 after the first quarter and scored the first five goals of the game. Junior midfielder Baxter Johnson, who entered the title contest with 49 goals on the season, scored twice. Junior attack Bryce Hooker had two goals as well, including his team's sixth and final tally midway through the third quarter.

But late in the first half,

the Lions began to turn things around. With just over 3 ½ minutes remaining, Harper Stanley scored to give CPA their first lead at 7-6. Isaac El Gammal's third goal, a game high, came a minute later, and the Spartans couldn't recover.

Beville knew the reason his team failed in accomplishing their goal. "Ground balls," Beville said. "I mean, I couldn't more clear. You know, we just got flat

dominated on ground balls. And they picked up a ton of ground balls, and it led to great possessions and time for them. They did what they had to do and put the ball in the goal and we didn't, so give them all the credit."

The Spartans had beaten the Lions earlier in the season, 9-7, in a game played on April 12. But the rematch went CPA's way, a rough finish to a season in which Webb

won 15 games, including their region championship. The good news for Webb School is that they have a lot of talent coming back, including Baxter Johnson, Bryce Hooker, Brody Taylor and Adam Weston. Those juniors combined for 188 goals this season.

It wouldn't be a surprise to see the Spartans right back in the Division II-A championship game in 2026.

HIGH SCHOOL
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Fulton, South-Doyle and HVA claim region soccer titles

By Ken Lay

Fulton High School's boys soccer team made a little history Thursday night. But it wasn't easy.

The Falcons had a wild celebration at the Emerald Lonsdale Soccer Complex as rain sprinkled on the pitch after they claimed the Region 2-2A Championship by edging District 3-2A rival Cocke County, 7-6, in a penalty kick shootout.

The game's outcome wasn't decided after 80 minutes of regulation play and 20 minutes of overtime.

Neither team found the back of the opposing net during regulation and the game was locked in a 1-1 tie after two 10-minute overtime periods.

The outcome wasn't decided until Fulton's Junior Mejia Cruz converted a penalty kick, netting the title for the Falcons, who had their two previous seasons come to an end on penalty kicks.

"Our kids know about this and how it feels," Fulton coach Austin Clow said. "The last two seasons,

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SPRING FLING 32

Beeler says there's 'a different feeling running state'



By Steve Williams

With his high school career nearing its end, Farragut middle distance runner Evan Beeler takes the baton for this preview of Spring Fling 32.

"There is definitely a different feeling running state," said Evan. "The first time I ran state was my sophomore year in the 4x800 and it just feels like all your hard work is coming to fruition. It's a little nerve racking but really it's not any different than any of the other races of the year. It is a privilege to get to race with some of the best guys in the state. It's a very cool experience and I'm definitely going in this year with a lot of confidence and excitement."

Beeler said "some highlights from this season have been going undefeated in the 800, training with my friends, all the amazing races I've had with my teammates, watching them succeed, and being on the 4x400 team has been awesome."

Last but not least, Evan shared



his last time running in the Knoxville Interscholastic League and includes his race against Keegan Smith of Knoxville Catholic, a University of Colorado signee, and their close race in the 800-meter run on the Hardin Valley track.

"The KIL 800 was a blast, and a race I was looking forward to for the whole season," said Beeler. "Keegan has always been a phenomenal runner, and I've always been leagues behind him, but coming into this season I knew I could beat him. I don't know if he really expected me to put up a fight, I think a lot of people that watched that race were surprised, knowing Keegan and his reputation."

"We went out a lot slower than I

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-Evan Beeler

With the Spring Fling just ahead, Farragut's Evan Beeler talks about former trips to TSSAA state meets, this year's highlights and a race against Keegan Smith in the KIL 800 earlier this month.

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SPRING FLING 32

Foster is No. 1 in TSSAA decathlon

By Steve Williams

Brody Foster won the TSSAA decathlon state championship last week.

The Halls junior totaled 7,229 points in Class 3A at Kirkwood High School in Clarksville, where the two-day competition in 10 events was held.

Halls Athletic Director Scott Cummings said Foster “blew away the field and will now be the number one ranked high school decathlete in the country.”

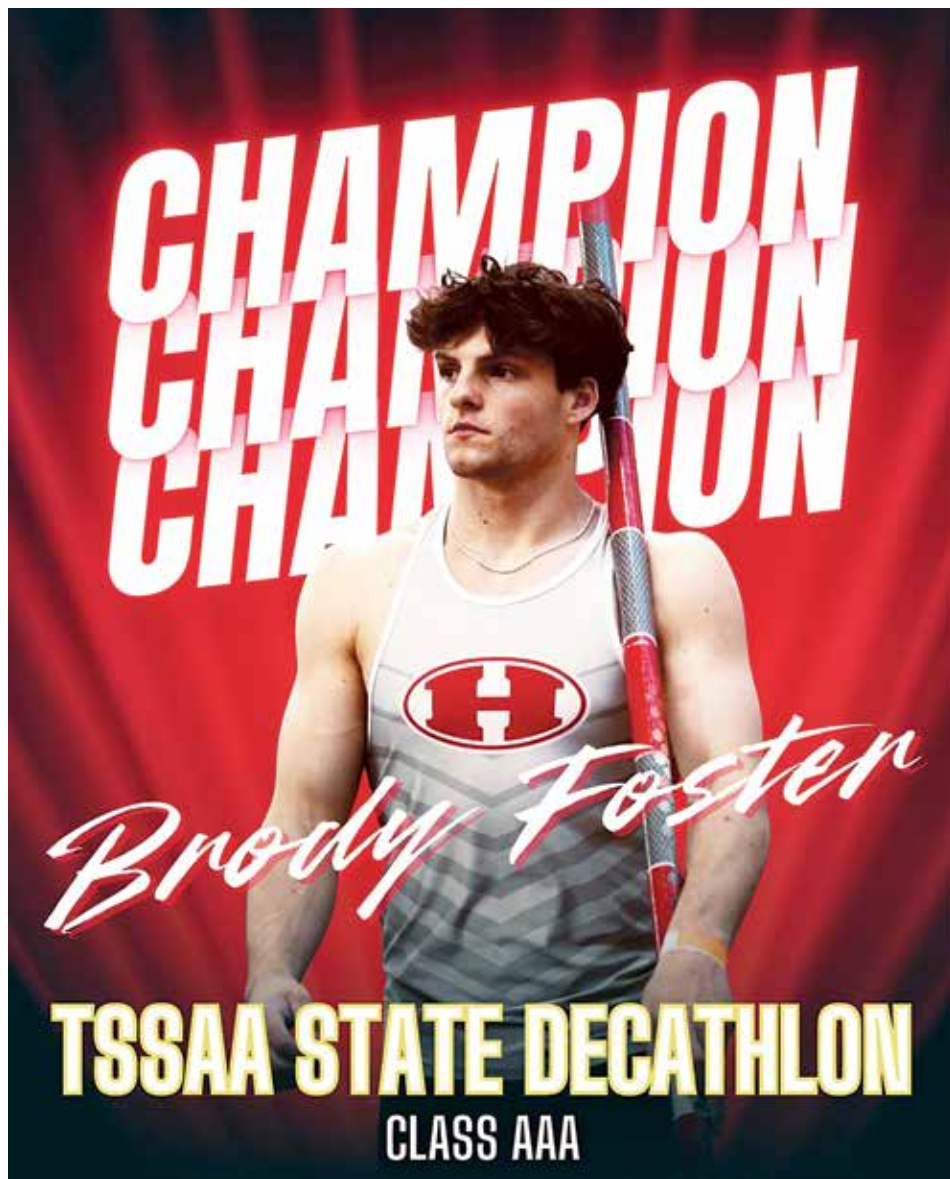
Farragut junior Chase McAvoy totaled 6,262 points for second place.

Out of the 10 events, Foster finished first in three – the shot put (45 feet, 7¼ inches), the long jump (22 feet, 5¼ inches) and the triple jump (46 feet, 7¾ inches).

Brody earned second place points in the 400-meter dash (50.86 seconds), the high jump (6 feet), the pole vault (14 feet) and the discus (137-6).

In the other three events, Foster was fourth in the 110 hurdles (15.1), fifth in the 100 (11.4) and sixth in the 1,500 run (4:59.36).

Khari Webb, a Collierville junior, took top honors in the five-event Pentathlon and totaled 3,806 points. West sophomore Elle Etheridge came in fifth (2,860 points).



A lot of physical work and good nutrition went into Brody Foster's award.

Parks and Recreation seeking feedback on Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan is a 10-month community planning process, designed to identify parks and recreation needs in the city, anticipate future demand, and build a shared vision for improvements to the parks and recreation system.

There will be a public meeting Tuesday, May 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church Fountain City Family Life Center (enter off Lynnwood Dr.), 5364 N. Broadway St.

The plan is designed to:

- Identify parks and recreation needs in the city
- Anticipate future demand
- Build a shared vision for improvements to the parks and recreation system

Knoxville is experiencing population growth, with an estimated increase of close to 10,000 residents in the last five years. This growth requires understanding how all residents, both new and old, can be equitably served by the parks and recreation system, particularly as the city continues to grow.

Parks and Recreation would love to hear your thoughts on improving Knoxville's parks and recreation programs. Community feedback is a primary goal of the plan, and this feedback will ensure that the plan's recommendations are citizen-driven.

You can share input in-person, at a public meeting, or a community event, or online at the Knoxville Parks Plan website knoxvilleparksplan.mysocialpinpoint.com.

Fulton, South-Doyle and HVA claim region soccer titles

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Our season has ended on PKs. Last year, we lost to Austin-East on penalties (in the district tournament, and the year before, we made it to the region and we lost to Seymour in the semifinals on penalty kicks.

“Our kids have been here before, and now, they’ve seen both sides of this, and we just have great leadership from our seniors. This is our first region championship in school history, and this is really big for us, and this really means a lot

to us.”

The win was the Falcons’ third victory over the Fighting Cocks this season. Fulton defeated Cocke County during the regular season before winning the district tournament championship.

“I knew this would be close,” Clow said. “We’ve played them three times, and all three times, the games have been close. Fortunately for us, we were able to win all three of them. With God’s grace, we were able to pull through.”

After the two District 3-2A rivals slugged through a scoreless match in regulation, the game remained knotted, 0-0, through the first half of overtime.

Fulton took a 1-0 lead in the 92nd minute on a goal by Steven Lopez Rivera. The marker was assisted by Emanuel Mosquera Gonzalez.

The Fighting Cocks got the equalizer less than two minutes later when Cornelio Campos converted a free kick.

Fulton had a chance to

make more program history Saturday as it hosted Tennessee High in a state sectional.

South-Doyle wins Region 3-2A Title: The Cherokees took another step towards defending their 2024 Class 2A state championship as they shut out Loudon, 2-0, Thursday night at Billy K. Nicely Field.

Roger Cruz scored a goal and dished out an assist against the Redskins in a match between two District 5-2A rivals that was abbreviated by inclement weather. Karl Henkenjohann also rallied for South-Doyle, which hosted Murfreesboro Central Saturday.

Hawks win second consecutive Region 2-3A Championship:

Hardin Valley Academy coach Ray Dover made no bones about the fact that his side was embarrassed in the District 4-3A championship 5-1 loss to defending Class 3A State Champion Bearden on May 9.

“We haven’t played like this since I’ve been here,” Dover said after the district title game. “Now, it’s about what we do with it.”

HVA responded by shutting out Oak Ridge, 3-0, on Tuesday in the regional semifinals. That, coupled with the Bulldogs’ 4-1 victory over Halls Tuesday, set up a rematch on Wednesday night.

The Hawks exacted some revenge with a 2-1 win at Bearden as Ben Brophy scored twice to lead HVA to its second consecutive region championship.

Logan Nelson converted a penalty kick for Bearden. Hardin Valley hosted Jefferson County on Saturday in a state sectional, while Bearden traveled to Sevier County.

In Division II-A: Grace Christian Academy, after a first-round bye in the state tournament, hosted a state quarterfinal match Saturday. The Rams (14-1) played Grace Christian Academy-Franklin.

Results for Saturday games were not available at press time.

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'Dominant recollections from across the years'

Here follows a perspective of a lifetime of watching and commenting about sports and assessing its impact on otherwise sane and sensible people.



By Tom Mattingly

Now is the time to assess what it all means. A dominant recollection from across the years was the Friday afternoon walk-through at an opposing stadium. On that day, everything was quiet at the game site, but the storm was building as kickoff approached the next day. If you listened carefully, the echoes of Saturday afternoons and evenings past could be carefully discerned. There was enough history in the air to satisfy the most hardened observer. Here are some examples, gleaned from those exciting days away from Neyland Stadium. If you happened to be standing on Legion Field in Birmingham, there was always a visit to the west side, north end, 31-yard line. That was the spot Albert Dorsey picked off a Ken Stabler pass, one of three he grabbed in the fourth quarter. Albert has said he had had a terrible

game to that point. Three picks on one afternoon at Legion Field... against Alabama... on his birthday... helped balance the accounts. You could also go to the east side, south end, 34-yard line, and see Alan Cockrell checking off and sending Johnnie Jones around left end on a play called "The Run," also known as "49 Option." The play covered 66 yards and was the winning score. The memory is fresh of Jones emerging from the press box shadows, into the bright sunshine at the northeast corner where Tennessee fans were sitting. At Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, you could likewise go to the near corner at the northwest end and see where Jason Allen, an Alabamian playing for Tennessee, knocked down a final toss that would have brought the Tide to 51-49. That would have set up a two-point conversion attempt that would have brought about another overtime. If you were at LSU, you could go to the southeast end of Tiger Stadium and see where Steve DeLong and pals made the stop in the 1964 game that ended 3-3. That was also the end zone where LSU ran two pass plays in four seconds

to beat Ole Miss 17-16 in 1972. Billy Cannon started his famous Halloween night punt return from that end, 89 yards up the east side and in front of Ole Miss head coach Johnny Vaught. That run helped LSU defeat Ole Miss 7-3 in 1959. If the game were at Notre Dame, you could hear John Majors talk about games when he was head coach at Pittsburgh in the mid-1970s. "This reminds me of a Kansas wheat field," said Majors of the field at Notre Dame Stadium in the 1976 contest. It was fascinating to be in the dressing room tunnel in which Miami and Notre Dame once slugged it out in the famous 1988 "Catholics versus Convicts" game. That was also the dressing room that had a television monitor on one wall. The memories are still fresh of the 1991 game, the contest in which the Vols rallied from 31-7 down to win 35-34. No Tennessee fan could forget the last frantic seconds when Jeremy Lincoln blocked the final Notre Dame field goal attempt. Then there was the 2001 game, when the Vols won 28-18. With the game on the line at 21-18, Casey Clausen led the way, scoring the clinching

touchdown at the end of the field where the shadow of "Touchdown Jesus" loomed over the scene. If the game were being played at Florida Field, you could stand on either 1-yard line and visualize a 99-yard touchdown drive, one that happened quickly from south to north in 1977. Kelsey Finch broke the line of scrimmage and somehow ended up scoring from 99 yards away. The other was a more workmanlike drive in 1971, north to south, capped by a TD pass from Phil Pierce to Stan Trott. You could also go to the northeast corner, where officials adjudged a Florida punt going out of bounds inside the Tennessee 1. Bill Battle earned one of the shortest penalties in the history of the Vol program by debating the spot with the SEC officials on the scene. The officials assessed the resulting unsportsmanlike conduct foul by picking the ball up and setting it down. The ball didn't move. Not an inch. It was that close to the goal. If you were at Auburn, you could go to the south 33-yard line and imagine a 67-yard TD run by Jamal Lewis that was a thing of beauty, happening shortly before he banged up a knee and was lost for the



Vol quarterback Casey Clausen (7) celebrates the 2001 win at Gainesville: Tennessee 34, Florida 32.

season. You could also go to the north 1-yard line, the spot at which Vol defenders stopped Auburn four consecutive times after a turnover had put Vol fortunes in serious jeopardy. Auburn had four cracks at the end zone, but all the Tigers earned was grass stain. Raynoch Thompson led the Vol defensive charge in one of the most memorable moments of that national championship season. Mention any game and a flood of remembrances of the good times following players wearing orange and white comes quickly. That's the beauty of it all, that the memory banks really don't have to work overtime. That's the power of history, the power of watching and listening intently.

Beeler says there's 'a different feeling running state'

Cont. from page 1 thought we would, so it was a really aggressive sprint for the end, definitely a fun race, one I'll remember for a long time." Evan said he has plans to serve a mission for the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the fall. "After my mission I plan to keep training and run in college." Now let's take a look at some of the other sports events that have become

a part of TSSAA's Spring Fling or close to it. Girls Flag Football held its first TSSAA State Invitational Meet May 7-8 in Murfreesboro, but there is still a question if this sport will be played in the fall of the year or the spring. New sports boys' and girls' lacrosse also have had state competition this past weekend. Boys' and girls' tennis will be getting underway this week, along with boys' and

girls' track and field and Unified track and field. And the team sports this week will be baseball, girls' softball and soccer. Lillie Murphy will represent Catholic in singles and the Lady Irish girls' team will be in the semifinals on Tuesday. Hardin Valley Academy junior Madison Huffman is 23-0 and state bound. West High's girls doubles team includes junior Gray Feaster and freshman

Callie Schroeffer. Maryville juniors Spencer Christen and Tate Stokes will be in the doubles

competition. Reese Russell, Anderson County junior singles player, has the distinction of being

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Farragut takes long road back to the state tournament

By Ken Lay

It's the second week of May and the Farragut High School baseball team is preparing to make its traditional trip to the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro. The Admirals have a new coach in Garrett Copeland and they were supposed to be in a rebuilding mode as their team is one of the youngest in the Volunteer State. Farragut, which has dominated its way to three consecutive Class 4A State Championships, will play for a fourth. While the

Admirals' path has been full of road blocks this season, there's a reason that Farragut is the only team in history to win a Class 4A State Championship since the classification was created four years ago. The Admirals are battlers and this season is a testament to that. Farragut is headed back to the Midstate, but only after having to play five post-season elimination games. Obviously Farragut has won them all, including the biggest one Thursday night on the road. Farragut found itself in

a must-win game on the road and came up with a 7-3 victory over Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett. "We're 5-0 in elimination games in the postseason this year," Copeland said. "And that's pretty special. You don't want to be in elimination games, but if you're in them, you obviously want to win them. "This team has to have their backs against the wall. Apparently, we don't want to do things the easy way." The Admirals (28-11) punched their latest ticket to the 'Boro with a 7-3

win over the host Indians in the decisive game of a best-of-3 series as they got a solid pitching performance by senior and ace Cole Draper. Draper, a Wofford signee, started and hurled 4.1 innings. He yielded two runs, five hits and four walks. "Cole shows up when the lights are the brightest," Copeland said. "He shows up in the big games." Draper gave way to Benny Miller, who went 2.2 innings, surrendering one run and two hits. He fanned four Indians during

his relief outing. "Benny did a good job coming in and getting the multi-inning save," said Copeland. Offensively, Owen Stelzer clubbed a three-run home run in the decisive game, while Braxton Tye went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. One of his hits went for extra bases as he recorded a double. Aidan Flagg also doubled and scored for the Admirals, who never trailed in Game 3. Farragut had a long day at the ballpark Thursday, probably longer than they

expected after run-ruled the Indians with a 10-0 win in Game 1 Wednesday. The Admirals, the designated home team in Game 2, fell behind, 10-0, in the fifth inning before scoring multiple runs in the bottom of the frame, Stelzer homered in that game and Copeland said his late round-tripper provided some momentum for the series. "Owen hit a home run in that game and I think that really flipped the switch for us," Copeland said.

Young Grace baseball team earns trip to Murfreesboro behind two sophomore pitchers

By Ken Lay

Grace Christian Academy will be heading to Murfreesboro for the semifinals of the Division II-A State Tournament. The Rams (23-12) punched their ticket to Murfreesboro and the Spring Fling with a 4-1 victory over Lausanne Collegiate School Thursday night as they got a solid pitching performance from sophomore left-hander Treyson Derry. Derry threw a complete game, going seven innings against the Lynx. He surrendered one run, eight hits and four walks. He struck out eight Lausanne

hitters. Offensively, it was junior Dylan Channel that had the big bat for Grace as he went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. The Rams opened the series with a 6-1 victory over Lausanne on Wednesday as sophomore pitcher Chase Collin tossed a complete game. He gave up one run and four hits over seven innings. He finished with one strikeout. The sophomore also provided an offensive spark as he had two hits, including a double, and scored a run. Leadoff hitter and senior

shortstop Makai Derry went 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. He also stole a base. Eighth grader Easton Housewright was 2-for-4 with a double, a run scored and an RBI, while junior catcher Artur Brito came up with two hits, including a double. He knocked in three runs. The Lynx forced a decisive third game with a 4-1 victory in Game 2 Thursday afternoon. It was Grace's young pitchers that were the difference in the state quarterfinal series in West Tennessee.

"In Game 1, we won and we had a sophomore pitch a complete game," GCA coach Brent Walsh said. "And in Game 3, we won, and we had a sophomore pitch a complete game." The Rams entered the 2025 season with multiple underclassmen, including eighth graders looking to start or make significant contributions. But Walsh knew they had to compete with a young roster. "We only have one senior (Makai Derry), but we prepared our young guys by playing a tough schedule against teams like Farragut, Hardin Valley and


Catholic," he said. "We started competing against those teams and beating them. "So I won't say that I'm surprised. We're playing really well right now." This season, the Rams have wins over the Irish, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Bearden, so Walsh had to like their chances after they finished third in the Division II-A East Region Tournament. "These guys have played tough and they've been relentless," Walsh said. "This could really be the beginning of something special."



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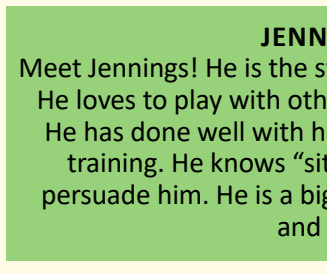


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Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell talks with her pitcher and catcher in the top of the seventh inning last week in the Region 2-3A tournament finals. There was a 3-0 count and bases were empty when Mitchell went to the circle with her Eagles leading 4-0.

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Baker powers Gibbs to Region 2-3A title

Eagles play state opener Tuesday

By Steve Williams

Pitching is probably considered the most important part of high school softball, but don't dismiss the hitting. A team has to score to win.

With Gibbs ahead of Cocke County by only one run in the Region 2-3A championship game last week in Corryton, Briana Baker, who bats in the clean-up spot, smacked a two-run double down the third base line and into the left field corner in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Eagles some breathing room.

Baker was asked what she was thinking when she went to the plate in that situation.

"I was just thinking that I have to move these runners," answered the sophomore. "I got to do my job."

With that kind of determination, it's no wonder Baker was batting in the No. 4 hole. Veteran Coach Carol Mitchell, who was standing close enough to hear Briana's answer, had to be pleased.

Skylynne Luttrell singled up the middle to bring Baker in from third base to cap the three-run eruption.

Coach Mitchell felt there were two keys to the 4-0 win.

"On offense, as the game went along, we got better at

being patient and waiting for a good pitch to hit," she said. "Early we were anxious and swung at some pitches we shouldn't have."

"Defensively, I felt like Lacey (Keck) put the ball in a spot where they couldn't hit it real hard. So they were hitting ground balls basically to the infield."

Baker also began the fifth inning with a hard hit off the third baseman's glove and Savanna Milo brought her in with a single and finished 2 for 2 at the plate.

Hayley Keck, Lacey Keck and Malyiah Smith each went 1 for 3.

Pitching-wise, Lacey Keck threw a two-hitter, struck out two and did not walk any. Hailee Hartsell took the loss in the circle.

Cocke County made some great defensive plays during the game to keep close.

Trying to steal second after getting a single in her first at-bat in the opening inning, Smith was thrown out by the Big Red's catcher, Addison McNeely, who had a quick release and threw a dart.

Cocke County also ended Gibbs' third time at-bat with a double play.

A diving catch by the left fielder robbed Smith of a hit in the fourth inning.

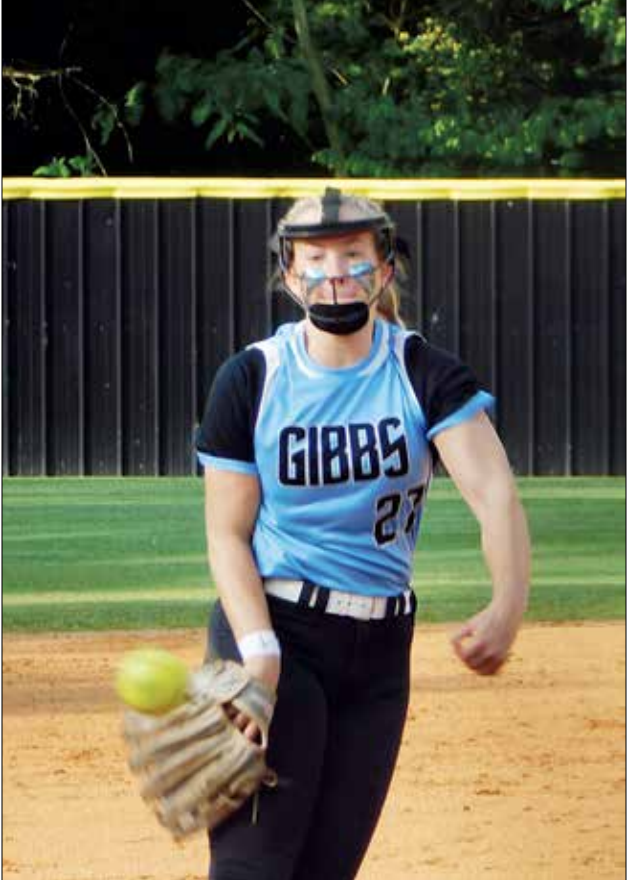


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Lacey Keck, Gibbs' workhorse senior pitcher, lets go of a pitch against Cocke County last week. Keck blanked the Big Red 4-0 Wednesday in the Region 2-3A title game and followed that with a 2-1 win in nine innings over David Crockett Thursday in the Sectionals.

Gibbs earns state berth in 9 inning sectional win

It took nine innings for perennial power Gibbs to earn its TSSAA state softball berth this season.

The Lady Eagles (37-3) edged David Crockett 2-1 in the Class 3A Sectionals Thursday at Gibbs when Savanna Melo singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

Winning pitcher Lacey Keck went the distance, striking out three batters and giving up only one base on balls.

Gibbs is scheduled to play Covington Tuesday in its state opener.

Unicoi County eliminated Cocke County 7-4 in Class 3A Sectional play.

Lady Admirals bounce back to earn state berth

Halls falls 3-0 to D-B in Sectionals

By Steve Williams

What a difference a day makes, right?

Halls put an '8' on the scoreboard in the top of the sixth inning to end a scoreless Region 2-4A championship game Thursday at Bellamy Field in Farragut and rode home with an 8-1 victory.

A little over 24 hours later, the Red Devils were blanked 3-0 on their home field by defending state champion Dobyns-Bennett in their Sectional showdown, while Farragut bounced back with a 10-3 Sectional victory at Science Hill.

Halls' season had ended with a 32-7-1 record. The Lady Admirals (30-11-1) would soon be preparing for their first-round state tournament game against Dickson County Tuesday in Murfreesboro.

"I told our girls before our game on Thursday with Halls that regardless of the outcome, we would be playing Friday for a trip to the state tournament," said Farragut Coach Nick

Green. "After the game, the main point was not to let this game beat us twice."

"We knew what was at stake and several of the players remember losing to Dobyns-Bennett in last year's Sectional game. We didn't want that feeling again. We had a solid offensive approach Friday night and we hit the ball with power. Defensively, we have been much better in the postseason."

Dobyns-Bennett (23-17) jolted Halls early, taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

D-B's winning pitcher Allie McConnelee went on to hit two home runs.

At Johnson City, Hallie Grace Johnson hit a two-run homer and UT signee Elsa Morrison had a sacrifice fly that gave Farragut a 3-0 lead. Morrison would later contribute two home runs - her 15th and 16th homers this season. Teammates Ava Barnes and Rylee Raby also contributed to the team's five home runs.

Gibbs' chant shows love for school and community

"I think the enthusiasm that the girls had especially right at the end of the game with them chanting 'It's great to be a Lady Eagle' shows they love playing for this school and they love playing for this community," said Coach Carol Mitchell after Gibbs' region title win over Cocke County last Wednesday.

"We hope that in our performances on the field that the community appreciates that, because I mean they love it and they are very focused. They are very team-oriented, a close-knit group and so they all cheer for each other to do well. It's just been really fun to coach them this year."

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Legacy Parks Foundation and Knox County joined in cutting the ribbon on the new Cruze Landing adaptive boat launch earlier this month alongside sponsors and key project partners.

Legacy Parks purchased Cruze Landing property in 2020 in order to create better access to the river for recreational opportunities.

Through partnerships with Knox County, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), accessible launches for both motorized and non-motorized boats were constructed, connected by an accessible fishing pier. Additionally, the parking area was expanded and enhanced to better accommodate visitors.

"This launch is the first of a series of accessible access points to our rivers that Legacy Parks, TWRA, TVA, and Knox County are committed to," said Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks Foundation. "We all believe that our incredible natural assets should be accessible to all."

"Attractions like this help showcase the variety of recreational opportunities available to residents and visitors alike," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "However, it wouldn't happen without this partnership. Together we can work to improve water quality, mitigate flooding and enhance the health of those who use it."

The improvements to Cruze Landing are part of Legacy Parks' Head of the Tennessee Initiative – an effort to improve and increase public access to the French Broad and Holston Rivers from the dams to downtown Knoxville. Cruze Landing is a key public access, approximately five miles downriver from Seven Islands State Birding Park (SISBP). A similar adaptive dock system has been installed at the birding park and was officially opened with a ceremony May 10.

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