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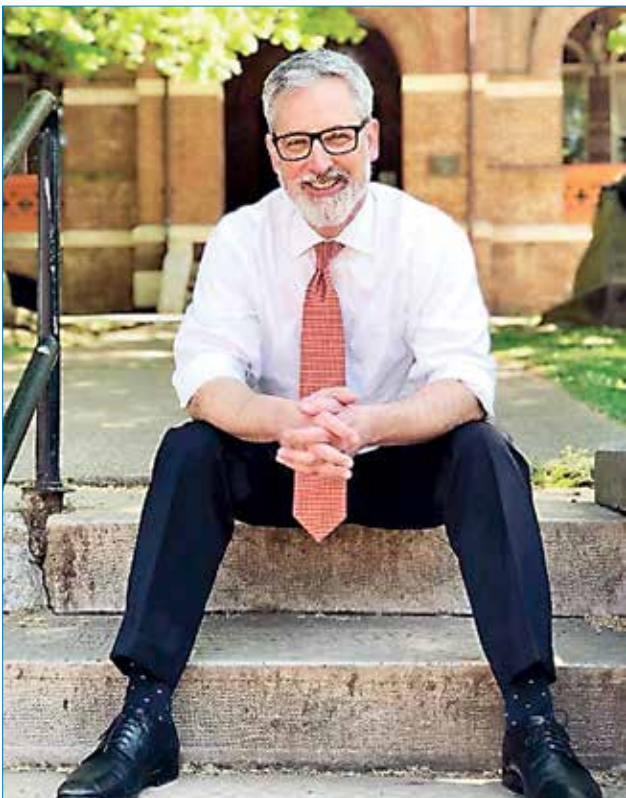
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Charlie Susano III, Knox County Circuit, Civil Sessions & Juvenile Courts Clerk.

Charlie Susano to run again

By Focus Staff

Charlie Susano III, Knox County Circuit, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Court Clerk, announced his candidacy for reelection without the fanfare of a large crowd, choosing instead to recognize his staff and their dedication to the people of Knox County. Instead, Susano issued a simple statement saying he will run again in 2026 without pomp or circumstance, the same way he runs the office entrusted to him by the people of Knox County.

"The people of Knox County have been very good to me and I have tried to the best of my abilities to be good to the people

and taxpayers of Knox County," Susano said with a smile. "Our office is a service office, serving the citizens and legal community in Knox County with professionalism, courtesy, efficiency and economy. We always strive to do more."

Susano cited several accomplishments during his tenure as clerk, pointing to the fact court systems throughout Tennessee cooperate with the Administrative Office of the Courts and a new system, Quest, has been implemented at the Juvenile Court to help with the considerable flow of paperwork and record keeping involved in one of the most important courts in Knox County. Charlie also

touted the records being available online, which has been a big boost to the community. Susano has also stressed hiring professionals to man all the court offices and has won a reputation for personal attention. "We really do make an effort to acknowledge every communication coming into the office," Susano told The Focus. "People deserve a reply when one can be given and we always keep in mind there are constraints imposed by both the law and the legal system."

Susano won very high favorable rankings from the members of the Knoxville Bar Association for his conduct and in running the various court offices. "That

was a great compliment," Susano acknowledged. "Considering the number of attorneys, paralegals and even runners and interns we deal with daily, we try and treat each person with respect and courtesy in trying to assist them."

The Knox County Civil Sessions and Circuit Court offices are fee offices, and Charlie Susano has worked to ensure each is operating at full capacity. The Knox County Juvenile Court's fee structure was altered by the State of Tennessee some years ago.

Susano was first elected clerk of the Knox County Circuit, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Courts in 2018 and

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Three Ridges to host Zane and Dirk Daniel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

By Ken Lay

Three Ridges Golf Course will host the Zane and Dirk Daniel Memorial Scholarship Tournament on Thursday, June 12.

The event runs from 11:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. and registration is \$500 per foursome, and proceeds will benefit scholarships for aspiring golfers through the Tennessee Golf Foundation and the Zane and Dirk Daniel Memorial Golf Scholarship.

The event is the brainchild of Creed Daniel and Carl Papa and was conceived as a tribute to Zane and Dirk Daniel, who, during their lifetimes, were prominent attorneys who dedicated their lives to serving the people of East Tennessee.

Zane and Dirk were also avid golfers and advocates for young golfers as they sought to grow the game that meant so much to them.

Creed Daniel is Zane's brother and Dirk's father.

"Carl and I had talked about this a few years ago, but then it kind of went on the back burner," said Creed Daniel, who was once captain of the Carson-Newman University basketball team.

Papa said that he hopes to make the tournament an annual event, and he said he chose to have the tournament at Three Ridges.

"We're going to make this an annual event, and we chose Three Ridges because Mark Brown is a great friend and he's put



Creed Daniel (left) and Carl Papa will host the Zane and Dirk Daniel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course on June 12. Proceeds from the event will provide assistance to young golfers. Photo submitted.

together some great tournaments," Papa said.

Papa noted that he reserved the June date back in January because the course hosts so many of the area's top tournaments.

Golfers can compete for various prizes, including closest to the pin.

"We'll have prizes and we'll have closest to the hole and we'll have other prizes," he said. "We're working on that."

The event will be more than just a golf tournament.

Registration fee includes a round of golf, a barbecue meal and live music.

"The Daniels were all

musicians," Papa said. "They're all multi-instrumentalists. We're going to have live music, and the musicians were all friends of Zane and Dirk. We'll have barbecue and beer."

One of the musicians slated to perform is local country music star Con Hunley.

Proud of those Kees!



Clacey Wade is the female Student-Athlete of the Year at South-Doyle High School for 2024-25 and The Knoxville Focus hopes you will check out Clacey's accomplishments and the 11 other "High School Leaders" in this week's Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Sales tax referendum's inclusion on Nov. ballot up to city council

By Mike Steely

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon took to the public forum podium Thursday to request support from city council on placing a referendum on an increase on sales taxes before voters in November.

Vice Mayor Tommy Smith chaired the workshop and all the council except Amelia Parker attended. Kincannon walked the council through a slide show detailing the proposed hike in sales tax

from 2.25% to 2.75%, the maximum allowed by Tennessee legislation.

The proposal's language will be finalized by the council and others and will see two council votes in June.

The mayor confirmed that, if approved, the final language would go on the ballot. The current November ballot has five district council races but the referendum's outcome would be decided by all city voters. Knox County Election Director Chris Davis told the meeting adding

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City budget passes council in a 7-1 vote

By Mike Steely

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The Knoxville City Council passed a \$477.3 million budget Tuesday that included pay raises for employees and a 4.2% bump for police and fire employees. The property tax remains the same at \$2.15 per \$100 in assessed value. The 2025-2026 budget

passed in a 7-1 vote, with Councilwoman Amelia Parker voting "No" and Seema Singh absent from the meeting. Several council members spoke on the budget proposal, including Tommy Smith, who applauded the funds for improvements in Burlington, bridge repairs, affordable housing and warming centers.

The 7-1 vote seemed to

capture the feelings of the council throughout the meeting.

Parker had lots to say about the budget and other matters on the agenda. Early in the meeting, Councilwoman Lauren Rider suggested bundling several items together on a consent list. The items, mostly zoning changes, had no opposition and could have passed with one vote had

Parker not objected. Mayor Indya Kincannon noted that in order to move items to consent, it took a full vote of those present, and Parker's objection killed Rider's motion.


A split vote of 7-1 also passed the hiring of Blue Line Solutions for traffic cameras with a focus on schools. Councilwoman Lynne Fugate suggested that

those cameras be installed at middle schools first, where more students walk or bike to school. Parker questioned how the data would be collected and stored, and was told each camera location will include a flashing light, sign and a speed indicator light prior to the camera's location.

"Our goal is not to issue

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From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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For years, Jake Tapper, the leading newsreader for CNN, has been very unfair to and very biased against Republicans in general, and to President Trump in particular.

Now, in an attempt to restore some of his lost credibility, he has written a new book with Alex Thompson of Axios about the Biden health cover-up.

He apparently is embarrassed and/or feels guilty about all he did in a very partisan way to try to keep a very unhealthy Joe Biden in office as president, but I

will give him credit for now admitting to some extent how wrong he was. Of course, he is putting most of the blame on the White House staff.

I will not try to help Tapper in this personal campaign of his by buying his book. However, I have read and heard many things he has said and I have read some of the reviews.

He said: “Alex and I are here to say that conservative media was right and conservative media was correct and that there should be a lot of soul-searching, not just among me, but among the legacy media.”

In an interview with Piers Morgan, Tapper said the cover-up of Biden’s health by the White House, aided by Tapper and most of the national media, was “maybe even worse” than the Watergate scandal. In fact, he used those words three times in the interview.

He added: “It is without question and maybe even worse than Watergate in some ways because Richard Nixon was in control of his faculties when he was not drinking.”

In its story about Tapper’s book, the U.S. edition of the Daily Mail (a British newspaper), led this way: “CNN star Jake Tapper has been branded a ‘fraud’ and a ‘phony’ over his self-righteous rants about former President Joe Biden’s health cover up.”

The story said “many believe the journalist was complicit in Biden’s cover up” and added that early reviews “were quickly overshadowed by allegations that Tapper himself was part of the cover up and is now seemingly trying to rewrite history.”

The national media hated Trump so much that reporters were eager to jump on and exaggerate anything unfavorable to him and to

emphasize anything favorable to Biden.

Tapper’s book apparently says that Biden’s inner circle “couldn’t believe how easily (the media) swallowed campaign lies” and how eager reporters were to say something Trump said was false.

Much of the mainstream media was doing everything it could to protect and promote Biden. They would never ask him tough questions or criticize him for not holding press conferences and for not having anything on his schedule.

In the summer of 2023, the New York Times reported that “people who deal with him regularly, including some of his adversaries, say he remains sharp and commanding in private meetings” and “he has at times exerted striking stamina.”

His two young press secretaries said at different times they were having

trouble keeping up with him and that videos shown by Fox News and other conservative media were “deep fake.”

Yet, several months before the election, the Biden campaign tried to film a town hall meeting to use on TV ads, but they couldn’t use it because, according to the Tapper book, Biden “couldn’t put together coherent thoughts.” The book also said Hunter Biden was “effectively chief of staff.”

In a survey released on Dec. 30, 2023, Syracuse University’s School of Public Communications said the number of journalists identifying themselves as Republicans fell from 18% in 2002 and 7.1% in 2013 to only 3.4% in 2022.

I received my journalism degree in 1969 and worked as a full-time reporter for the Knoxville Journal, our morning daily newspaper, during my senior year at

U.T. in 1968-69. I taught journalism for one year. In those years, newspapers felt it was important to have a separation between the news pages and the editorial pages.

They never would have allowed a reporter to use words like “obviously false” in what were supposed to be news stories unless some official made the accusation. Reporters were supposed to be reporters, not editorial writers, and especially not flunkies for one political party.

Finally, not only did they hide the truth about Biden’s health, but Tapper and the national media also pushed the story that Russia had aided the 2016 Trump campaign. After paying 18 very anti-Trump lawyers for two years and spending many millions of taxpayer dollars, they found no proof at all of this Russian hoax.

Is Donald Trump a RINO?

Yes, Trump is a RINO. No self-respecting Republican would impose these tariffs, order a cut to prescription drug prices, suggest a millionaire tax and threaten businesses for having to raise prices because of his tariffs. A Republican who imposes tariffs, wants to fix prices and increase taxes? Say it isn’t so.

I don’t understand the president’s executive order for drug pricing, saying that it will reduce drug prices “almost immediately, by 30% to 80%.” The order only affects drugs covered by Medicare Part B for doctor’s office visits. If his “cut” only covers those drugs covered by Medicare and given in an office but not at the pharmacy, then



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how will citizens see any savings? Would this mean fewer drugs for Medicare? There are 270 drug shortages in the U.S., and the tariffs coupled with the cut in prices may mean more.

The president keeps talking about increasing taxes for people making over \$2.5 million. This would raise only \$8.2 billion this year. Did we elect Bernie Sanders? The president is also considering ending a provision that allows hedge-fund and private-equity managers to pay lower tax rates. Hallelujah, I am 100 percent for this! Currently, hedge fund managers share in the profits of the fund, and those profits are taxed as carried interest at 20% rather than the 37% if it were considered as ordinary income.

Close that loophole, Mr. President. Of course, with Scott Bessent and Howard Lutnick in the Cabinet, don’t look for a lot of support from them.

The president has also warned the automobile companies and Walmart not to raise prices. I wonder if Trump would try to use an executive order to prevent prices from being increased to the consumer? As to Walmart, the president posted: “Walmart should STOP trying to blame Tariffs as the reason for raising prices throughout the chain. Walmart made BILLIONS OF DOLLARS last year, far more than expected. Between Walmart and China they should, as is said, ‘EAT THE TARIFFS,’ and not charge valued customers ANYTHING. I’ll be watching, and so will your customers!!!”

So, Big Brother Trump will be watching? Didn’t

the Democrats threaten to investigate the food industry for the high prices that their policies created? So, we now have Big Brother Trump on one side and Big Brother Democrat on the other without a dime’s worth of difference with regards to price controls. More evidence that this president is a RINO is his threat to impose a 25% tariff on iPhones if Apple doesn’t manufacture them in this country. Has a president ever picked on one product before? Certainly not a conservative president. Recall the words of G. K. Chesterton: “The business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of Conservatives is to prevent mistakes from being corrected.”

Trump is his own person and demands fealty to him and not to the party’s principles. Loyalty to Trump supersedes party loyalty. The Senate voted to take away his power to unilaterally enact tariffs. Naturally, all the Democrats voted for the bill, but although many Republican senators

criticized the tariffs, only four Republicans dared vote against the president. They were Rand Paul, Lisa Murkowski, Susan Collins and Mitch McConnell. Naturally, the president posted: “To the people of the Great States of Kentucky, Alaska, and Maine, please contact these Senators and get them to FINALLY adhere to Republican Values and Ideals. They have been extremely difficult to deal with and, unbelievably disloyal to hardworking Majority Leader John Thune, and the Republican Party itself.”

No, Mr. President, those four are the ones adhering to Republican values and ideals, not you. Although the president calls anyone who disagrees with him a RINO, he is making up his own definitions like the progressives do. The president’s values have been called “populist” because they are certainly not Republican values. So if the president persists in calling himself a Republican, then it is only fair to call him a RINO.

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was reelected in 2022. As the son of the late Judge Charles Susano Jr., Charlie laughs about being confused with his father. “Well, I never mind it and growing up with Dad, I always had a great respect for the law and the legal community. My father also taught me to always be mindful of the people we serve, and as clerks, we try and live up to that every day.”

Asked about his upcoming campaign, Susano replied, “I’ll do what I always do: get out and see the people. My staff and I work hard to be a part of the overall community and stress that we run a service office. The best campaign is to start by doing a good job and I think we’ve done that and we will always try to do better.”



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Will Talman qualify as a candidate?

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The Knox County Election Commission meets Tuesday, June 10, to review the list of candidates for five seats on the Knoxville City Council, set up the August 26 primary, and rule on the residential requirements of one council candidate.

According to meeting agendas released by Chris Davis, administrator of the Knox County Election Commission, the 8:30 a.m. special-called hearing concerns a qualifying petition submitted by Jeffrey Talman, a possible primary candidate for the Knoxville City Council District 4 seat. Also in that primary are Matthew DeBardeleben and Jane George.

The charge is that Talman listed a vacant lot, 616 Luttrell Street, as his 4th District

residence. Talman said he’s renovating the lot to build his new home and plans to reside there before the August election.

The public hearing will open with five minutes given to Talman and a “presentation of facts” by Davis. Election commission members may ask questions, Talman will speak again, and the commission will vote on whether or not he qualifies to seek the office. A decision will be made and the hearing will then be followed by the regular meeting of the election officials.

The regular meeting’s agenda includes considering the list of qualified candidates and early voting locations for the August 26 primary, appointing election officials and machine technicians, and hearing the administrator’s report. The hearing and meeting are open to the public.



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Publisher's Positions



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Too Little, Too Late, Jake

Jake Tapper is out making the rounds with his new book about Joe Biden's mental decline. Tapper describes the cover-up of Biden's seriously deteriorating mental state as a scandal bigger than that of the Watergate break-in, which caused Richard Nixon to resign the presidency. It certainly is one of the greatest scandals in our country's history, with the White House apparently being run by a regency of Jill and Hunter Biden and a handful of aides. Yet Jake Tapper's behavior is precisely the reason why the

media has so little credibility outside of the elites and others driven insane through Trump Derangement Syndrome.

Tapper has offered the slightest apologies for his having been a big cog in the wheel of the mainstream media doing all it could to cooperate with the White House regents in protecting the true condition of Joe Biden's mental state. Jake Tapper was yet another media elitist who damned us for what our eyes saw and our ears heard. According to Lara Trump, Tapper has apologized for his snarling and rude behavior towards her in an interview in 2020 when she questioned Biden's mental capabilities. Lara Trump graciously said she "appreciated" Tapper's apology but said it was a bit too late in coming.

At the same time, the legacy media roared, railed and dismissed the Hur Report, which mildly described Biden as a well-meaning elderly man with a poor memory. At the time, the White House was bitterly against releasing the audio tapes of Hur's

questioning of Biden. There isn't a soul in the United States who doesn't realize why the Biden White House fought tooth and nail against releasing the audio of the interview. Now that we've been hearing the tapes, it confirms exactly what tens of millions of Americans already knew.

During President Trump's first term the mainstream media frequently suggested he was mentally ill and allowed anyone and everyone the opportunity to state their belief based on nothing more than their opinion. Now, hearing Jake Tapper moan that the medical records of presidents should be publicly released and that we should pass a law requiring it rings hollow and partisan. Frankly, Jake Tapper fails to realize he isn't fooling anybody, nor has he gained any credibility by running to get in front of the parade after having done all he could while masquerading as a journalist and participating in the cover up scandal he describes now as perhaps the worst in American history. Tapper is fully culpable in his guilt and trying to

make a buck by peddling his book doesn't make him pure as the driven snow and only a fool would accept his opinion without a block of salt. By contrast, his co-author, Alex Thompson, DID do some reporting on Joe Biden's obvious mental slide while Tapper was still helping to cover it up. In this instance, Jake is one of the Watergate burglars telling the tale through his book.

Pathetic Pelly

Speaking of elitists pretending to be journalists, Scott Pelly is a prime example of the smugly self-frighteous know-it-alls who are as lost as a small ball in high weeds and gopher holes. Pelly, supposedly a reporter on SeetheBS network, was the speaker at the commencement ceremony at Wake Forest University, a pricey \$90,000+ per year private school. Pelly whined at length about President Trump, and Michael Goodwin has a crackerjack column about it in the New York Post. The most astonishing thing Pelly said in his commencement

speech was that he is a reporter. He surely meant it to sound appropriately humble, but he's no more a reporter than Joy Reid ever was. In fact, as Michael Goodwin suggested, Pelly's speech sounded more like an audition for MSNBC in the Rachel Maddow lineup than the towering oration he seemed to think it was.

What his speech did show was that he's no more objective than the rest of the herd of mainstream media elitists who lied to us during the last four and a half years on a daily basis. As Goodwin pointed out, SeetheBS and 60 Minutes did all it could to help Joe Biden, edited a conversation with Krazy Kamala so much that it was pieced together like a quilt simply to give her the appearance of being able to speak the English language. 60 Minutes was lying about Hunter Biden's laptop long after the fact, even after it had been verified by the politicized FBI.

Scott Pelly and his kind seem to not understand that they don't have a shred of credibility with any thinking American. Pelly and his

kind try to spoon-feed the American people their version of the current Leftist narrative. I am old enough to remember when anti-semitism was hated as much by the left as it was by the right. Now the Left slings the accusation of "Nazi" while wallowing in the same kind of hatred for Jewish people as the worst of the real Nazis. The idea of anyone celebrating the murder of a young Jewish couple should be repugnant to any human being. The people in this country whose hearts are full of hate seem to be the Leftists. They hate America, they hate Jews, they hate Christians, they hate anyone who disagrees with them about anything, and they hate Donald Trump.

Scott Pelly may not have meant to reveal himself, but he sure did. At the very least, he's a partisan Democrat. If SeetheBS weren't so full of it, they would take him off 60 Minutes and give him his own Sunday morning opinion show. There's even a chance it might last more than a week.

City task force reviews more disregarded council rules

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Changing the rules about how the Knoxville City Council operates may not be as easy as many members of the "Procedure and Charter Review Task Force" expected. The group of current and past council members met Tuesday to continue the effort and ended the meeting after much discussion and few actual changes.

The amount of time given to a councilmember to present a resolution was considered, and the task force went back and forth between the existing rule that is not followed, the current unofficial policy that violates the rule and a future policy to resolve the debate. If nothing is adopted, the council will continue to violate its original rule and allow a sponsor to speak unlimited times on an issue.

The council often allows speakers and debate on a resolution or zoning matter before it votes to consider a motion. Vice Mayor and District 1 Councilman Tommy Smith doesn't want a debate opened before the sponsor introduces the issue. Task Force Chairwoman Lynne Fugate, a former school board member, noted that's how the school board handles agenda items.

Smith said that if a matter can be debated before it is opened from the agenda, he could set up numerous public speakers and stall the meeting for a good length of time.

members also discussed how many times a sponsor of a resolution can speak on the issue and for how long. Current rules call for a sponsor to speak no more than two times but the rule is not currently followed. Smith suggested allowing a sponsor to speak three times. At-Large Councilwoman Amelia Parker said she liked the current policy that permits a sponsor to speak as many times as needed.

The speaker's time can currently be ended by any member "calling the question" for a vote or by a member motioning to "suspend the rules" on any matter to open or close discussion. Former Councilman Nick Pavlis said suspending the rules is the "800-pound gorilla in the room."

The members also discussed new state legislation permitting, if selected and adopted, council members to take part in meetings electronically in case of weather, military service or medical problems. Smith said the council should opt out of adopting it and Fugate referred to an incident in the past where a school board member was hospitalized and permitted to vote from the hospital bed.

All of the discussion now goes on to the task force's next meeting on June 24, as the effort to update the rules that the city council may or may not follow continues.

City budget passes council in a 7-1 vote

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citations but to get people to slow down," Mayor Kincannon said.

The contract costs the city nothing, and each violation will be reviewed by the police department before fines are issued. The new cameras should be in place at the schools by August and images will capture license plates.

The Magnolia Avenue and Chilhowee Park Redevelopment Plan was also authorized by the council, but Parker again opposed

it. The 7-1 vote came after Parker said the plan was developed without input from the community, except for businesses in the area. She also charged that the city "has plans to sell it off this summer," referring to Chilhowee Park.

Mayor Kincannon responded that the city has held numerous meetings in the community about the plan. Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie supported the plan and said the plan will lead to reinvestment along the route and could elevate

Magnolia Avenue "to what it could be."

Passed on the first of two readings was a vote to amend the city code to authorize traffic cameras in school zones, again with a 7-1 vote.

Other items passed in the council's final May meeting included design guidelines at the Edgewood-Park City's Historic Overlay. Zoning changes included properties at Meadow View Road, Eighth Avenue, Central Avenue Pike, Keck Road, Millertown Pike,

Grand Avenue and Randolph Street.

The council also approved a study to identify violent crime areas in a \$100,000 agreement with the UT Social Work Office of Research and Public Service, a contract for roof work at the L.T. Ross Building, engineering and inspection services for the Mary Vestal Park Streambank Stabilization and the Baum Drive Stormwater Improvements projects, and similar services for North Cherry Street.

Sales tax referendum's inclusion on November ballot up to city council

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the referendum to the ballot would cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Should Knox County choose to join the city's tax increase, all city and county residents would vote on the idea in November at a much higher cost for the election commission, which Davis estimated at "several hundreds of thousand dollars." However, if the city voters choose to increase the taxes and the county votes it down, both the city and county would lose the issue.


Kincannon said the tax increase would only apply to the first \$1,600 in items bought in the city and would not be added to the cost of groceries, prescriptions, rent, gasoline, bus fares, property taxes, utility bills, baby formula or health care visits.

Most of the council members commented or asked questions concerning the possible loss of federal funding and grants. Kincannon said the estimated revenue from the sales tax increase isn't a back up for those losses but part of a five-year plan to

help provide more local affordable housing, needed sidewalk and street upkeep, parks and greenways, etc.

Kincannon said that about half of the spending inside the city comes from people who don't live in Knoxville but come into town from outside the city. "I welcome your input," the mayor told the council.

Should the council approve the ballot referendum this month and the citizens support and vote for it in November, the increased sales tax would kick in on May 1, 2026.



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Grace

Perfection is the enemy of good.

Attributed to Shakespeare and Voltaire

I'm beginning to wonder whether summer will ever come. Memorial Day is the traditional start of summer, but rain and the chill of spring just keep hanging on in K-town. We label spring freezes as dogwood or blackberry winters. But as I pen this essay, it's late May and I'm still waiting for summer's warmth. If it were not for Al Gore and global warming, I might yet freeze to death.

I think highly of marriage, the institution created by God, as the best arrangement for a successful and happy life. Life as a couple is not the only way, but a rewarding arrangement. Almost every time I read or hear about an individual, I want to know if they are married and have a life partner. I feel for those not

so blessed or who have lost their beloved.

Nonetheless, marriage is an arrangement that requires "the art of the deal," to quote President Trump. I'm more cold-natured than my wife. Early in our marriage, Becky and I negotiated when the electric blanket would go on and off our bed. October through April was the compromise.

Perhaps Al Gore, Greta Thunberg, and the climate change loons are not aware that we are in an interglacial period known as the Holocene Epoch, which began about 10,000 years ago. Our planet has gone through several periods where the entire earth was frozen for millions of years. And there have been times when the Earth was much warmer with higher levels of CO2, which promotes plant growth.

Actually, I'd rather it be warmer than colder.

More people die of cold than during warmer periods. Enough said, but if you want to read more, I recommend a factual book called "Inconvenient Facts" by geologist Gregory Wrightstone. Needless to say, this scientist does not think much of Al's carbon hockey stick illusion.

As I was checking door locks and turning out lights the other night, Becky reminded me to leave the porch light on for the Amazon driver. We had just ordered a book for my "egghead" book club and received a text that it would be delivered to our door that night by 4 a.m. The same thing happened about a week ago with another order, so this was not an isolated occurrence. I don't know how brick and mortar stores can compete against such service.

Like old doctors, things become obsolete. In 1976, I was an intern at the John Gaston Hospital in Memphis. Becky and I lived in Midtown, and there was a Sears regional distribution center down the street from our house. Becky loved being able to place a phone order and then walk to the store to pick it up. Pretty soon, the FAA will be regulating deliveries with drones in our neighborhoods rather than just at airports, over military bases and New Jersey.

Like many, I'm impatient

for Trump to fix the mess Biden and the Progressive Democrat Socialists have created. Arguably, Americans are a demanding, drive-through culture and chafe when we have to wait. We want the best, to pay less and have it now.

Americans overwhelmingly voted for change last November because we've lived with the disastrous "hope and change" since Obama. The first Trump presidency stopped Hillary, but was shackled by the Deep State of non-elected bureaucrats, Covid, the corrupt media and impeachments.

Trump 2.0 is wiser, has surrounded himself with extremely qualified people and has learned how to think and act like a politician. It is sad that he has to get in the mud to persevere in the Washington pigsty. The old saw advises not to get in the mud with pigs because you'll get dirty and the pigs love the mud.

It's too bad that there are still anti-reform, unelected bureaucrats throughout the government, crooks in Congress and judicial activists aplenty who are obstructing the critical reforms of the duly elected president.

However, we should be relieved that President Trump loves his country and his wife and is dedicated to MAGA, Making America Great Again. Case

in point is his "big beautiful bill" which is not perfect, but is better than what Democrats and RINOs propose. Likewise, Abraham Lincoln's approach of limiting and ultimately abolishing slavery was less than perfect but was wise and pragmatic.

Trump has endured calumny (word of the week), lawsuits, attempts to destroy him and his family financially and has survived two assassination attempts by people incited to violence through the vitriol of Democrats. I am not a member of any political party. But with what we now know, I would be utterly ashamed to admit that I was a Democrat. And that goes for Harold Ford Jr. and Mayor Kincannon.

For weeks, Democrat media operatives have continued their pseudo-apology tour, which is actually a cover your booty tour. They were not duped by Biden's staff. Anyone who trusts them or their screed (second word of the week) is a fool. They are not ashamed of betraying their profession, the American people or even their honor. They're just sorry they got caught.

My Fellowship Group is reading the latest Phillip Yancey book, "The Scandal of Forgiveness." I've read a dozen Yancey books and most emphasize God's grace. Once, Yancey used

the metaphor of a circus performer on a tightrope, representative of mankind traversing life, above a safety net of Grace. It is scandalous (shocking) that we are forgiven despite our mistakes.

Even the murderous Apostle Paul is spared, writing in Romans 8:38-39 that "nothing can separate us from the love of God." But does that mean we are free to commit heinous crimes against children, lie and cheat others or defame presidents with the expectation that a price will not be paid?

Some weeks ago (5-12-25) I wrote about theodicy, the concept of divine justice. Ultimately, I believe an accounting will occur, justice will be done, and hopefully, Grace will be sufficient.

However, while on this earth, consequences must remain. I understand the ideal concept of forgiveness that we are to strive for and may actually be necessary to safeguard a victim's soul. I may rationally choose forgiveness, but I live in the real rather than the ideal. In this world I will demand justice and consequences, trusting God with ultimate Grace.

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Honor Fountain City Day in the Park draws a crowd

By Mike Steely
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Rainy weather did not harm the Honor Fountain City Day events last week, as hundreds of people attended the Memorial Day event. Vendors, displays, political candidates and families with children dotted the grounds of the park for Fountain City Town Hall's annual event.

Music came from the Fountain City Ramblers, Knoxville Pipes and Drums, and the Knoxville Wind Symphony Jazz Band.

That afternoon, attention turned to the ceremonies in the park shelter where Boy Scout Troop 55 presented the flag. The national anthem was sung, and

Mayor Indya Kincannon and local Councilwoman Lauren Rider spoke before turning the mic to FCTH Chair Joyce Lee, who presented awards to several worthy citizens for their contributions to the community.

Amelia and Scott Hodges were awarded the Residential Landscaping award. The Residential Restoration award went to Daniel and Dana Kembel, and the Commercial Restoration award went to Grace Mears of Skin Bar Medispa.

Gracie Alward, a music teacher at Gresham Middle School, was named Friend of Fountain City.

Andy LeGrand, director of the Fountain City

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Left, members of Boy Scout Troop 55 presented the flag before the Community Awards Ceremony at Honor Fountain City Day in the Park on Monday, May 26. Above, elected officials Lauren Rider, Kim Frazier, Lynne Fugate, Courtney Durrett and Michele Carringer are recognized at the awards ceremony.



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Shoplifting in Tennessee

Shoplifting may seem like a minor offense, but under Tennessee law, it can carry serious consequences, especially when the theft targets retail stores. A specific law, Tennessee Code Annotated



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within the last two years.

That means a misdemeanor could become a felony, and a low-level felony could jump to a more serious charge with longer prison time.

If multiple thefts occur within 72 hours, the law allows the values to be added together and charged as one crime — a key provision that targets repeat or organized offenders.

In addition to criminal charges, retailers have the right to seek civil damages under Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-14-144. They can recover the retail value of the goods, up to \$1,000 in damages, plus attorney's fees. This gives businesses a legal way to recoup losses even if prosecutors don't bring formal charges.

Shoplifting is no longer treated as a minor offense in Tennessee. Enhanced penalties, aggregation rules, and civil remedies all send a clear message: theft from merchants will be prosecuted aggressively. Anyone facing these charges should consult an attorney — the consequences can escalate quickly.

Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

Three Keys to Survival

Well, another birthday has come and gone, and life is back to normal. The rain has made the month of May a soppy time, and most of us are doing our best to stay ahead of the growing grass.

For the most part, I've had plenty of time to sit on the screened porch or in the basement, where I watch YouTube or take risks to make things without cutting off another finger.

If a person were to visit our country for the first time, he would be struck by how plentiful things are. He'd also detect an uneasiness among the population. For the last few years, the greatest country in the world has struggled to find its footing and determine its mission. Factions argue and battle others; most of the time, the disagreements occur in dialogue. Only a small fraction of folks has resorted to the use of weapons to settle arguments. For that, we can be thankful.



By Joe Rector
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Sometimes, actually, most of the time, I'm slow to pick up things. My study of modern American society had uncovered several truths. While they aren't earthshaking revelations, these things have cleared up many points for me.

We are a divided nation. The divisions include breaks between political parties, religious sects, and races. Other chasms exist, but they are for another day's discussion. Right here are enough to ponder for days.

The most obvious divide is the one between political parties. For years, elected representatives were able to hold different points of view. They battled for their respective sides of the argument, but when the day was over, members of both parties became friends once again. They were able to break bread and share amenable conversations.

These days, speaking to a member of the other

party leads to questions about loyalty to party and its agenda. The line can't be crossed; the other side is the enemy. Compromise is out of the question.

For years, religion has fueled a steady distrust. Conservatives don't associate with more liberal groups. One side declares that the other is bound for hell because its beliefs are so much against God. The fact is that those beliefs are against the group itself, not against the good lord. Most religious sects are intent on worshipping God, the entity that guides, guards, and directs us. We have different interpretations of what God's words say, but that should never cause us to break the very commandments that God has given. The heart is the place where a person's true connection with a Creator exists. We have no right to judge whether an individual's beliefs are right or wrong. Fighting among all faiths is the antithesis of God's plan.

As for race, it's become clear to me that our quarrels aren't about skin color.

Instead, our battles arise over disputes about cultures. We expect others to act like us, hold in esteem the same things, and abide by the same rules. When folks from other countries or races don't accept our rules for acceptable behavior, we get riled up. "How dare those people refuse to follow our lead," we complain.

I'm not sure if our great country can survive the changes that are coming in these areas. Yes, it is true that for the U.S.A. to remain a great country, those who come to our land need to learn the language and accept the rules of the culture. They can stir in bits of their former culture to make the lifeblood of this nation richer.

We must set aside the hateful thoughts and actions that exist today. Only through give and take can we possibly survive in this world. Loving and accepting hearts will give us the ingredients for continued success. Otherwise, we will be another great country that lies buried in the dust of history.

Honor Fountain City Day in the Park draws a crowd

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Art Center, was chosen as Person of the Year.

Drawing much attention

were two KPD horse patrols, which circled the park to the delight of the crowd, who came prepared with folding chairs, rain hats and umbrellas. A delegation of local elected officials was present and candidates for city council worked the event for votes.

The East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard completed the day with a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Honor Fountain City Day in the Park is sponsored by the Fountain City Town Hall organization and began in 1975. The yearly event has only been interrupted by the COVID pandemic.

Housing and Neighborhood Development seeks public input

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is seeking public input on its Draft Five-Year (2025-2029) Consolidated Plan and Year One (2025-2026) Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan sets funding priorities for an expected \$15M+ (over five years) of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant dollars for affordable housing, homelessness, economic development, and other community development activities.

The Year One Action Plan specifically describes funding priorities for the first year of the Consolidated

Plan period beginning July 1, 2025.

A dedicated web page was set up in August 2024 to keep people informed of how they can be involved in the planning process and to share information. Please see www.knoxvilletn.gov/consolidatedplan to review the draft plans and find more information on the following:

- June 7 – Draft plans are available for review for 30 days

- July 1, 6 p.m. – Public Hearing, Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue, (Teams link will be available June 30)

- July 7 – End of 30-day public comment period

- July 13 – Submission Deadline

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The Senator From Louisiana

John H. Overton

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Short and pudgy, John Holmes Overton served as United States senator from Louisiana from 1933 until his death in 1948. Throughout the first part of his senatorial career, Overton suffered from his affiliation with the notorious political machine of Huey Long. An excellent lawyer, Overton had been Long's attorney and was elevated to Congress in 1931 when incumbent James Aswell died. Overton won the special election to succeed Aswell and, in 1932, Huey anointed his friend as the Long machine's candidate to oust U.S. Senator Edwin S. Broussard.

Huey Long's clarion call to make "Every Man a King," and every woman a "Queen," as well as his constant orations against wealth and the wealthy gave Louisiana's "Kingfish" a national following that impressed even President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who thought Huey to be one of the most dangerous men in the country. Of course, Huey was a millionaire through his ownership of the "Win or Lose" oil company, which certainly seemed to win far more often than it lost.

Overton was the son and grandson of jurists and his great-grandfather had been a justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court. A cousin had been governor of Louisiana during the Civil War. Overton had been a founder of the Good Government League of Louisiana, which had been formed to defy the notorious machine in New Orleans.

The assassination of Huey Long in 1935 went a long way in rehabilitating Overton's image. Overton's association with the Long machine receded somewhat, at least as far as most newsmen were concerned, and his reputation changed as he worked hard on behalf of the people of Louisiana and was regarded as an able member of the United States Senate. Politically, Senator Overton had done his homework and was well-liked in his home state as evidenced by his repeated victories at the polls. Senator Overton became recognized as an expert in the field of what the Shreveport Journal referred to as "waterway improvements." Overton chaired a committee on rivers and harbors in the Senate and championed legislation and projects all of which did much to reduce the recurrent flooding all too prevalent in the South.

Senator Overton was also a champion of enlarging America's Navy. Overton realized the precarious position of the United States as war raged all

over the globe before the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire. "The voice of American diplomacy will be heard only as loudly as the guns of the American nation can roar," Overton declared in one speech on the floor of the Senate.

A member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, John Overton looked after the needs of the people of Louisiana, while working for money for the armed forces. While a partisan Democrat, Overton did not hesitate to dissent when he disagreed with President Roosevelt, who was enormously popular in the Pelican State. Senator Overton was horrified when FDR proposed to enlarge the U.S. Supreme Court and opposed it, saying he could not agree with Roosevelt because the proposal violated his own sense of "the spirit of our Constitution and ideal of our government as I understand them."

Despite Overton's political alliance with Huey Long, the senator was a strong-minded individual with strong likes and equally strong dislikes. One of the senator's pet hates was daylight saving time, and Overton refused to even acknowledge the existence of what many D.C. called "fast time." Senator Overton complained about the many inconveniences wrought by daylight saving time. Overton's Senate office operated on the regular Eastern Standard Time, which he referred to as "God's time." The senator's likes included a special coffee pot kept near his desk in the Senate Office Building, where his daughter Katharine brewed him French coffee at least four times daily, according to TIME magazine.

John H. Overton had held no elective offices prior to his candidacy in the 1931 election to succeed Congressman James B. Aswell. Overton had run for the United States Senate in 1918 in the Democratic primary, facing Congressman Edward Gay and former Governor Luther E. Hall. Overton ran third. Following the death of Congressman Aswell, Overton faced no opposition for the Democratic nomination in the special election, which in Louisiana at the time was tantamount to election.

After having represented Huey Long when the governor was being impeached, the grateful former governor chose Overton as the machine's candidate to run against Senator Broussard. Edwin Broussard was a strong opponent of Huey Long and outspoken about his distaste for the "Kingfish."



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Senator John H. Overton of Louisiana in 1944.

Broussard accused Long of having "bought the legislature," controlling every department and agency in Louisiana, and intimidating "the business people." "If you don't believe that the business people have been intimidated," Broussard cried, "ask your banker." Broussard insisted Huey Long had been "elected to the United States Senate by the greatest fraud, deceit and corruption in the history of the state." Senator Broussard pointed a finger at John Overton, saying his opponent was at the very least complicit in Long's political maneuvering. "In all these actions he has been advised by John Overton and everything I say about Long applies to Overton with equal force," Senator Broussard said.

John Overton was able to give as good as he got. An able and nimble public speaker, Overton had the full backing of the formidable Long machine. Unlike Huey, who cultivated a "man of the people" image and a frequently vulgar character, John Overton was more aristocratic and polished. Overton was more dignified than Long and some of those supporting Senator Broussard sought to make Huey the issue. Shreveport's Mayor George W. Hardy told one audience, "The issue is Huey P. Long. John Overton is the shadow, the puerile instrument used merely to further the purposes of Huey Plundering Long."

John Overton had been instrumental in helping Huey Long's rise to political prominence in Louisiana. Overton had been one of the original leaders of Long's successful gubernatorial campaign. John Overton had been chief counsel to the governor when the effort was made to impeach Huey Long. When Long ran to unseat Senator Joseph Ransdell, Overton was once again one of the governor's top political leaders. Long's backing of John Overton, first to succeed Congressman Aswell, and then for the United States Senate was the repayment of a political debt owed.

The 1932 senatorial

campaign had been rough, even by Louisiana standards. Senator Broussard had written an open letter to Overton demanding to know where the congressman stood on the question of prohibition.

The 57-year-old Overton won the Democratic primary easily, carrying every parish (county) in Louisiana and winning quite nearly 60% of the ballots cast. Senator Broussard, despite having lost badly, immediately claimed he had been the victim of voter fraud. Broussard filed a complaint with the Senate, which is the final arbiter of who may sit in that august chamber.

A special committee was formed to hear the complaint and investigate. The colorful Tom Connally of Texas was named chairman of the committee and went to Louisiana and conducted an investigation into Huey Long's political machine. The Texan issued a blistering report, labeling the Long organization as "vicious, deplorable, and damnable."

"I advise anyone who thinks he knows something about politics to go down in Louisiana and take a post-graduate course," Connally told his colleagues.

Overton immediately declared victory, saying the report "completely absolves me from any wrongdoing."

"I hope the senator won't conclude that we're giving him a complete bill of health," Tom Connally retorted.

With Huey Long felled by an assassin's bullet in 1935, John Overton became Louisiana's senior United States senator. It was a role Overton filled admirably as he enjoyed his work in the Senate. Senator John Overton faced the voters once again in 1938. Overton's political skills were ample enough to have helped entrench himself. The senator faced no opposition inside the Democratic primary and was reelected.

One reason for Overton's popularity with the people of Louisiana was his ability to ladle out the largesse of the New Deal on his state. The Roosevelt

Administration had rightly viewed Huey Long as a serious threat and had done what it could to undermine the Kingfish. John Overton was a more traditional Southern Democrat and not objectionable to FDR. Overton's dedication to eliminating "the menace of floods" in Louisiana and the country was also highly popular with his grateful constituents.

In 1944, John H. Overton was 68 years old and in questionable health. The senator abruptly announced he would not seek reelection. Overton's junior colleague from Louisiana, Allen J. Ellender, hurriedly drafted a letter urging that Overton run again; it was signed by 46 of Overton's Senate Democratic members. Senator Overton changed his mind and announced he would run for a third term. Overton easily dispatched three opponents for the Democratic nomination with better than 61% of the vote without waging a strenuous campaign.

When Earl K. Long, brother of the late Huey, sought the governorship, Senator Overton refused to support him inside the Democratic primary, saying to do so would have betrayed his original patron. Unfortunately, the 72-year-old senator was ailing. Three days after Long's inauguration, John Overton died in Bethesda Naval Hospital.

John Overton had been working at his office, but the following day remained at home, complaining of not feeling well. The senator's condition grew worse, and he was taken to Bethesda Naval Hospital, where doctors quickly diagnosed that Overton was suffering from an intestinal blockage. The senator underwent surgery, and the following day, a report was issued saying doctors assessed the senator's condition as "satisfactory." The operation was quite serious, and the next report was that the senator had rested comfortably during the night and his condition was "no better and no worse." Family and friends were encouraged by Overton's

reaction to the surgery, although his condition was still assessed as "critical." One Louisiana newspaper reported, "His general condition is slightly better this morning," according to the hospital. Unfortunately, it did not remain that way.

A day later, Louisiana newspapers began reporting the senator had pneumonia. That was followed by reports that Overton was gradually becoming weaker. On May 11, 1948, the Shreveport Times blared on its front page that the senator was worse and "his chances for recovery are now considered 'poor.'" The bulletin noted the senator was considered "critically ill" by Bethesda's physicians. Evidently, the senator's heart was having trouble enduring the trauma inflicted on his aging body, and the result caused a "circulatory failure." The senator had suffered several heart attacks over the preceding five years, and he began to fade. The end came at approximately 3:50 a.m. on May 14, 1948. John Overton's wife Ada and daughter Ruth were at his bedside when he slipped quietly away.

Senator Clyde Reed, a cantankerous man representing Kansas in the U.S. Senate, walked over to the Democratic side of the aisle in the Senate Chamber and placed a vase of red gladioli on John Overton's desk. His voice was "choked with emotion" as he told his colleagues "these flowers are so symbolic of the strength and character of John Overton."

Mrs. Overton chose not to have any service in Washington, D.C., preferring to return home to Louisiana. The senator's body was taken home to Alexandria, Louisiana, by train. A hearse bore the earthly remains of Senator John H. Overton in a copper casket into the two-story home he had lived in for more than a quarter of a century. It was common at the time for a body to be placed inside the parlor of one's home and Senator Overton lay in repose inside his home and most of the downstairs rooms were packed with floral tributes. At the head of the senator's coffin was a floral arrangement of pink peonies sent by President Harry Truman. At the senator's feet were white gardenias from his colleagues in the Senate.

The Shreveport Journal eulogized Senator Overton in an editorial published after his death. "John H. Overton proved his invaluable worth by his effort in every role he filled in a life of brilliant accomplishments."

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IN RE: CASS MICHAEL SMITH
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RUTH SUZANNE WORLEY SMITH

NO. 210879-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant RUTH SUZANNE WORLEY SMITH, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon RUTH SUZANNE WORLEY SMITH described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, RUTH SUZANNE WORLEY SMITH file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with David A. Lufkin, Sr., an Attorney whose address is 5329 Brown Gap Rd., 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 Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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This 20th day of May, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD,
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTATE
OF OSCAR M. COWARD,
AND MORTGAGE INVESTOR'S GROUP
IN RE: AVERY WOODS HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION INC.
VS.

ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, UNKNOWN
HEIRS OF ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD,
AND MORTGAGE INVESTOR'S GROUP

NO. 209736-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, AND MORTGAGE INVESTOR'S GROUP, 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 ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, AND MORTGAGE INVESTOR'S GROUP described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTATE OF OSCAR M. COWARD, AND MORTGAGE INVESTOR'S GROUP file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorney whose address is 550 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES RAY AILOR, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90880-3

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 JAMES RAY AILOR, JR., who died July 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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ESTATE OF CAROLYN E. AMBRISTER
DOCKET NUMBER 90947-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN E. AMBRISTER, who died March 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 1st day of MAY, 2025.

described in (1)(A); or

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

This 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN E. AMBRISTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANK H. AMBRISTER
9246 ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

CAROLYN A. GRAVES
10212 CASTLEBRIDGE COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LYNN TARPY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LELAND BOSHEARS
DOCKET NUMBER 90938-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of LELAND BOSHEARS, who died on the 5th 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 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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LELAND BOSHEARS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEWELL STELMO BOSHEARS
7805 CAMBERLEY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT LOUIS BRINEGAR
DOCKET NUMBER 90844-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALBERT LOUIS BRINEGAR, who died March 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 9 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALBERT LOUIS BRINEGAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALLYSHA LINDSAY, ADMINISTRATRIX
231 SADDLEBROOK DRIVE
MOORE, SC 29369

W. ALLEN McDONALD, ATTORNEY
249 NORTH PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON MORGAN BURRIS
DOCKET NUMBER 90913-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON MORGAN BURRIS, who died May 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 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 9 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHARON MORGAN BURRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALYSHIA MCDUFFEY, ADMINISTRATRIX
235 CARTA ROAD, APT M4
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY C. CATE
DOCKET NUMBER 90944-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY C. CATE, who died April 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 16th day of MAY, 2025.

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 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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY C. CATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JIMMY C. CATE, JR.
1322 KENSINGTON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN SALVATORE CUTAJAR
DOCKET NUMBER 90879-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN SALVATORE CUTAJAR, who died Oct. 7, 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 9 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEVEN SALVATORE CUTAJAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANELLE H. CUTAJAR, ADMINISTRATRIX
6209 BABELAY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY SHANNON DEBUSK
DOCKET NUMBER 90941-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY SHANNON DEBUSK, who died on April 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY SHANNON DEBUSK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH DEBUSK LAY
12018 WILLINGHAM DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

RICHARD T. SCROGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUNE DIANE GORSKI
DOCKET NUMBER 90943-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JUNE DIANE GORSKI, who died March 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 19th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JUNE DIANE GORSKI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANITA FIELD
5020 KEY LARGO LANE
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33955

COURTNEY L. COX, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICK R. HALEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90905-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICK R. HALEY, who died February 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 19th day of MAY, 2025.

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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICK R. HALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA F. STAFFORD
9734 CLEARWATER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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 LARRY WAYNE HURST
DOCKET NUMBER 90795-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LARRY WAYNE HURST, who died on December 2, 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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY WAYNE HURST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANN MARIE HURST

JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
8517 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT LE SAGE
DOCKET NUMBER 90923-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LE SAGE, who died on February 28, 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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT LE SAGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHANTAL ELLIOTT, CO-REPRESENTATIVE
7520 PARSONAGE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ANDRE LE SAGE, CO-REPRESENTATIVE
4040 CHANCERY CT. NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

AMANDA M. BUSBY, ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER LOWE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90815-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WALTER LOWE, JR., who died January 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates described 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 19th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF WALTER LOWE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA MICHELLE HARBIN
3310 WHISPERING OAKS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY
5344 NORTH BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN M. POARCH
DOCKET NUMBER 90863-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of

the Estate of STEVEN M. POARCH, who died on January 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 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 (6) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 19th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEVEN M. POARCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA WALKER
368 PIONEER RIDGE WAY
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

MICHAEL J. KING, ATTORNEY
MATTHEW P. HUBBS, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY BEVERLY SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 90956-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY BEVERLY SMITH, who died on March 23, 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 16th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY BEVERLY SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID WILLIAM SMITH

MATTHEW T. McDONALD, ATTORNEY
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN SUTTON
DOCKET NUMBER 90958-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CAROL JEAN SUTTON, 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 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 19th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN SUTTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAULINE ROMINES
205 N. RIVERVIEW CIRCLE
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE WHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 90919-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY KATHERINE WHITE, who died Feb. 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY WAYNE BROYLES, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 90841-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERRY WAYNE BROYLES, JR., who died Dec. 31, 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 20 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF TERRY WAYNE BROYLES, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DALE CLIFTON, ADMINISTRATOR
9401 SARASOTA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHERRI LYNN CLINE DOCKET NUMBER 90972-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of SHERRI LYNN CLINE, who died on March 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21st day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHERRI LYNN CLINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL K. HARRIS
7813 ASHLEY ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KERMIT C. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 90865-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KERMIT C. DAVIS who died January 12, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the 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 19th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KERMIT C. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REID MARSHALL DAVIS, EXECUTOR
2620 WALDAVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

BRENDEN S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARLENE N. ELROD DOCKET NUMBER 90750-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARLENE N. ELROD, who died on February 28, 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 MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARLENE N. ELROD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REBECCA D. ABBOTT ATTORNEY
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHERYLL LYNN KITTS DOCKET NUMBER 90865-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHERYLL LYNN KITTS, who died March 27, 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 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHERYLL LYNN KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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900 S. GAY STREET, 14th FLOOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES FRANKLIN LUSTER DOCKET NUMBER 90749-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of JAMES FRANKLIN LUSTER, deceased, who died on December 15, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES FRANKLIN LUSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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7908 HALLSDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAYMOND LEE PAINE, AKA RAYMOND L. PAINE, MD DOCKET NUMBER 90950-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAYMOND LEE PAINE, AKA RAYMOND L. PAINE, MD, who died April 17, 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 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RAYMOND LEE PAINE, AKA RAYMOND L. PAINE, MD

PETER LEE PAINE ATTORNEY
148 DOUBLETREE LANE
FLORENCE, AL 35634

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EMIL R. RAMIREZ DOCKET NUMBER 90954-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EMIL R. RAMIREZ, who died Feb. 22, 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 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF EMIL R. RAMIREZ

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA MARIE PISO, EXECUTRIX

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VONORE, TN 37885

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THEDFORD ANDREW ROY DOCKET NUMBER 90866-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of the Estate of THEDFORD ANDREW ROY, who died March 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THEDFORD ANDREW ROY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SCOTT ANDREW ROY, EXECUTOR
5 PENNSYLVANIA STREET
BEVERLY HILLS, FL 34465

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MONICA LEE STERNLIEB DOCKET NUMBER 90945-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MONICA LEE STERNLIEB, who died Feb. 27, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MONICA LEE STERNLIEB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN NOLAN SHARBEL

JOHN NOLAN SHARBEL, ATTORNEY
911 CROSS PARK DR.. BLDG. D, STE. 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37823

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNIE L. THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 90948-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DONNIE L. THOMAS, who died April 6, 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 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONNIE L. THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CRYSTAL DENISE THOMAS
4813 E. GOVERNOR JOHN SEVIER HWY.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

RYAN S. WORTLEY, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANITA GAYLE TOWLE DOCKET NUMBER 90904-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of MAY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ANITA GAYLE TOWLE, who died March 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANITA GAYLE TOWLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS E. WAINNER DOCKET NUMBER 90974-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS E. WAINNER, who died February 17, 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 MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THOMAS E. WAINNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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FRANKLIN, TN 37064

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ANNE WATSON DOCKET NUMBER 90955-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case maybe) in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN ANNE WATSON, 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 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 28th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ANNE WATSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE ANN WEIGEL DOCKET NUMBER 90837-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE ANN WEIGEL, who died on March 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE ANN WEIGEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUE BRACEWELL WHITTLE DOCKET NUMBER 90965-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUE BRACEWELL WHITTLE, who died April 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF SUE BRACEWELL WHITTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Parkway, 9th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 27, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) on the issuance of the Animal Feeding Operation General Permit.

Date: July 8, 2025

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM CST, Informal Question and Answer time
11:00-12:00 PM CST, Formal Public Hearing

Meeting Location:
Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Parkway, 1st Floor
Conference Room 1-A
Nashville, TN 37243

Ways to Participate:
In person (see above for the meeting location)
Log in online (see login info below)
Call in by phone (see call-in info below)

Virtual Login Info:
To access the meeting or join anytime during the Q&A session or the formal public hearing, click on the link or copy the URL to your web browser.

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

Permit Name:	Animal Feeding Operation General State Operating Permit
Permit Number:	SOPC00000
Permit Writer:	John Newberry
Permit Rating:	General Permit
County:	Statewide
Description of Activity:	The operation of an animal feeding operation (AFO) that stables or confines as many as, or more than, the numbers specified by federal law defining a large concentrated animal feeding operation and the construction, installation, or operation of the supporting liquid waste management system is authorized by this permit
Receiving Stream:	N/A

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments to allow all parties an opportunity to speak and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through July 18, 2025, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to John Newberry at John.Newberry@tn.gov.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit by contacting John Newberry at John.Newberry@tn.gov. These documents may also be found on the TDEC Dataviewer at the following link: [Permit Details \(tn.gov\)](#).

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-532-0660 or brian.canada@tn.gov.

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

For further information, you may reach John Newberry, the permit writer, at 615-532-7743 or John.Newberry@tn.gov.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

William Gannaway 'Parson' Brownlow

By Jadon Gibson

The controversial politician William Gannaway "Parson" Brownlow led Tennessee's successful re-admission into the Union. It was the first state of the Confederacy to do so.

During this rough and ready period of American politics words, mud, fists and even bullets flew. The most contentious battles were over the course of American democracy and the question of slavery and its expansion. One of the most unusual political figures was Tennessee Governor William G. Brownlow, "the Fighting Parson." How did he become one of the most divisive figures in Tennessee history?

William G. Brownlow's advice on how to deal with an opponent was controversial: "Lather him with aqua fortis (nitric acid) and shave him with a handsaw." Wow!

Seldom was Brownlow neutral on any issue. In the fevered run-up to the Civil War, Brownlow supported slavery but opposed secession. During the war he supported emancipation. After the war he was Reconstruction governor of Tennessee and attempted to extend civil rights to Black Americans, but proved ineffectual in combatting the rise of the Ku Klux Klan.

Brownlow began his career as a carpenter and following a conversion experience became a Methodist minister. The paucity of settlements on the Appalachian frontier led him to proselytize on horseback. Brownlow rode and preached hard, going after those he thought insufficiently pure.

The Fighting Parson was sued for libel more than once. That was before he became a newspaper editor. After he fired up the

Tennessee Whig in 1839 in Elizabethton, Tennessee, the assassination attempts began. The motto of the Whig was "Unawed by power, unbribed by gain, the people shall be heard and their rights vindicated." The editor's preliminary address to readers warned of the threat of "national despotism."

Brownlow became a prominent figure in the Whig party which had coalesced in 1834 to oppose Andrew Jackson. They took their name from the Whigs (or patriots) of the American Revolution who in turn took their name from British Whigs who favored reform of colonial policies. The new party brought together members of the older National Republican and Anti-Masonic parties. It was middle-class entrepreneurial and modernizing but strongly against the mass democracy of Jackson's Democrats. A

Protestant component of the Whigs also condemned Jackson's Indian policies. In 1845, Brownlow ran for Congress only to be defeated by Andrew Johnson.

The combative Brownlow campaigned fiercely against secession because it threatened the Union and the Constitution. He argued that slavery could survive within the Union. Tennessee did secede in June of 1861 and Confederate troops occupied the eastern part of the state and arrested leading Unionists. Brownlow managed to keep his paper going until October, defending those arrested. Then he went into hiding, was arrested for treason, released and went into exile in the North.

In the North, Brownlow lectured and excoriated the Confederacy finally coming around to an anti-slavery position. When Union troops occupied Tennessee

in September of 1863, Brownlow followed and started a new paper, The Knoxville Whig and Rebel Ventilator, as fiery as ever.

As President Lincoln's successor, President Andrew Johnson backtracked on Reconstruction. Brownlow's enmity for his old political foe was reawakened.

He supported Johnson's impeachment. He also shepherded Tennessee's re-admission to the Union, the first state of the former Confederacy to do so. Otherwise, he doesn't have such high marks as a politician amongst historians. Author Steve Humphrey called Brownlow's enfranchisement of former slaves "born of political expediency rather than from noble motivation."

When the war ended, Brownlow replaced Andrew Johnson as governor of Tennessee. He was re-elected to that position in

1867 — an election in which all men who had fought for the Confederacy were not allowed to vote. Largely because of this, Brownlow was hated in many parts of the state.

Never not controversial, he died in 1877. Some cursed his name in Tennessee for years afterwards. One who remembered Brownlow more fondly was Adolph S. Ochs, who liked him as a person but wrote that he "was a harsh man; a reliable hater; not particular to be politically consistent."

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Editor's note: Jadon Gibson is a widely read Appalachian writer from Harrogate, Tennessee. His writings are both historic and nostalgic in nature. Thanksto Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

'Cool Fathers in the Bird World'

Zoom Program on Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m.

Join the UT Arboretum Society via Zoom on Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m. EDT as Michelle Campanis, education coordinator at

the University of Tennessee Arboretum, and naturalist/author Stephen Lyn Bales present an overview of parenting habits in the bird world. The First Thursday Nature Supper Club presentation is hosted by the UT Arboretum Society each month. The class is free, but you must register to receive the Zoom link and recording. Register at www.utarboretumsociety.org under Programs.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

RFP 3670, After School Care Program Services, due 7/1/25

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Merit System for Employees of KCSO Board of Directors Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in the Merit System Office

Old Court House Room 103
300 W. Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

NOTE: Those wishing to sign up to speak on any agenda item can do so via the Merit System website at www.knoxcounty.org/meritsystem, emailing meritsystems@knoxcounty.org or calling the office at 865-215-4446. The deadline to sign up to speak is Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

- 1) '99 CHEVY S 10 1GTC514XG8517965
- 2) '05 CHEVY P.U. 1GCCS196458185294
- 3) '00 BUICK REGAL 2G4WF5515Y1127099
- 4) '09 BMW 535i WBANW13559C285485
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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25



Concord Christian School's Lion Award this year was presented to Christopher Rector and Esther Pattison.

Concord Christian's honorees reflect 'Portrait of an Athlete'

By Steve Williams

This year's Lion Award at Concord Christian School was presented to Christopher Rector and Esther Pattison as they both best exemplified

the athletic department's "Portrait of an Athlete" during their time at CCS. The characteristics of a Portrait of an Athlete consist of commitment, discipline, enthusiasm, humility, integrity, perseverance,

respect, service, and teamwork. Concord Athletics believes these characteristics are universal for success and rooted in biblical truth. Pattison played four years of golf and three

years of basketball at Concord Christian and is attending Watkins College of Art at Belmont University to study Graphic Design. She also was a member of the Student Government

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Recognition of Student-Athletes starts this week

Student-Athletes of the Year from six local high schools are recognized in The Knoxville Focus this week and kick off the 14th annual series. This week's schools are Bearden, Concord Christian, Hardin Valley, South-Doyle, Tennessee School for the Deaf and West. More schools will have their high school leaders recognized in the June 9 issue and throughout the month. The Focus requested athletic directors from the 25 high schools in our circulation area to start the process of submitting their female and male honorees. Teachers, coaches and administrators contribute to the selections and send in information and pictures of the student-athletes. We hope you will join us this week in learning about the honorees' accomplishments and applauding each one!



West's career at HVA serves as an 'inspiration'

Cutcher a leader in football and lacrosse

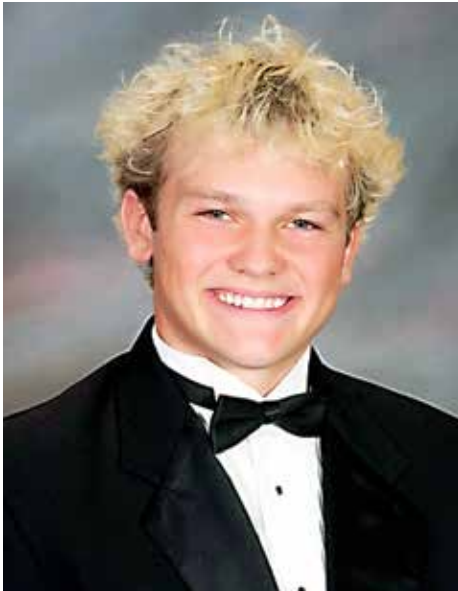
By Steve Williams

Kyndra West had a "remarkable basketball career" at Hardin Valley Academy, said Head Coach Jennifer Galloway. A three-year varsity starter with over 1,000 points and 500 assists in her career, the Lady Hawks' 5-6

point guard established herself as a standout player in the program. As a senior this past season, West averaged 14 points, five assists and six rebounds per game, "demonstrating her versatility and leadership on the court," said Galloway. Kyndra's stellar performance led to All-District and All-Region honors, along with several Player of the Week awards.

West also was a first-team honoree on The Knoxville Focus' All-Knox County team, which included players from all classifications. Beyond her athletic achievements, HVA's female Student-Athlete of the Year maintained a 4.1 GPA. "Kyndra was actively engaged in numerous school organizations, balancing her academic and

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Hardin Valley Academy's Kyndra West (above) and Kaden Cutcher (left) had stellar years and are Student-Athletes of the Year.



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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25



Student-athlete Mason Little of Tennessee School for the Deaf.

Little is Valedictorian and a versatile Viking

TSD's Morris is female honoree

By Steve Williams

Tennessee School for the Deaf Athletic Director Eddie King had plenty of good things to say about TSD's Student-Athletes of the Year.

"Mason Little has distinguished himself both academically and athletically," said King.

A multi-sport athlete, Little earned varsity letters in football and basketball. His accolades include the Academic-Athletic Award, the Bob Matthews Defensive Football Award, and recognition as a National Deaf football First Team All-American. He also was selected for a spot on the Mason-Dixon Football All-Conference Team.

Little was a versatile Viking at Chambers Field on the TSD campus and throughout conference play. He played tight end

and defensive end or was an offensive lineman and defensive lineman in the trenches.

"Mason has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership on and off the field and has been a strong, vocal presence for the football team," added King.

Beyond athletics, Little was selected the Valedictorian in the TSD Class of 2025 and was a member of the Chess Club.

TSD's female honoree also stood out as a student and athlete.

"Shequita Morris is a dedicated and accomplished senior with a 3.48 GPA," pointed out King. "She has been an active member of the school community, participating in both volleyball and basketball."

In addition to her athletic achievements, Morris also competed on the Academic Bowl team, showcasing her academic strengths.



Student-athlete Shequita Morris of Tennessee School for the Deaf.

Cope and Murphy excelled at Bearden

Now they're headed to the college level

By Steve Williams

Both of Bearden High School's Student-Athletes of the Year were seniors and will continue to play their sport in college.

Male honoree Evan Cope will be headed to Cleveland State Community College in baseball, while female standout Kendall Anne Murphy will be going to Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC for more basketball.

By the way, a notable alumnus of Lenoir-Rhyne is UT basketball coach Rick Barnes.

Cope has been a pitcher/outfielder for the Bulldogs the past two seasons. His pitching stats his junior year included a 5-4 record in 41.1 innings pitched, along with 38 strikeouts and a 3.3 ERA. You can see his improvement in his senior stats: a 7-2 record in 42.2 innings, with 56 strikeouts and a 2.2 ERA.

Offensively, this past season Evan also had a .313 batting average, with 18 RBI and 23 stolen bases.

"Evan is a fierce competitor that has been a great example for the



Evan Cope and Kendall Anne Murphy are Bearden High School's Student-Athletes of the Year.



younger guys in our baseball program in modeling what hard work over a four-year period can accomplish," said BHS Head Coach Dave Prichard.

Murphy, a guard, played on strong high school teams in her prep career and was the 2024-25 team captain. She was an All-District 4-4A honoree in one of the toughest districts in the state, played in the BCAT Senior

All-Star Game and was on the TSSAA Class 4A State Tournament Team.

Her stats alone show how good she was: She reached the 1,000 point plateau and averaged 12.9 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 1.8 assists per game.

"Kendall Anne is an excellent example of a high achieving student-athlete and team player," said Justin Underwood, her high school coach.

Martin's best days in basketball may still be ahead of him

West female golfers ended state drought

By Steve Williams

For much of the 2024-25 boys basketball season, West High School had one of the teams in the state that was considered a state title contender, thanks to Devyn Martin.

The 6-7 power forward had led the Rebels to a 21-4 overall record as post-season play was underway.

But a three-game skid – with losses to Maryville, Farragut and Oak Ridge – left first-year Head Coach Tommy Eggleston's team on the outside looking in.

The last game in Martin's prep career was a 62-60 loss at Oak Ridge, which ended up being the Class 4A state runner-up.

Martin had been voted The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Player of the Year based on regular season play.

It's no wonder West High named him its male Student-Athlete of the Year.

A four-year varsity player and a three-year starter for the Rebels, he was a huge part of the team's success, averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Devyn also earned Player of the Year honors in District 4-4A, as selected by the coaches in that district. He too earned



Devyn Martin is West High School's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

All-Region honors in Region 2-4A.

Another fact that revealed his talent and will sustain his name in West High lore is he's the eighth player in the history of the school to score over 1,200 career points.

With his size, strength and character, Martin's best basketball may still be ahead of him. He will begin his collegiate career at Lipscomb University in

Nashville.

This year's female Student-Athlete of the Year award will go to two young women, Anna Claire Gibson and Calley Holbert, who have excelled in golf as a "team" in their prep careers.

They were 2022 Regional Runners-Up and 2023 Regional Champions, qualifying them for the TSSAA State Golf tournament in Sevierville, where they

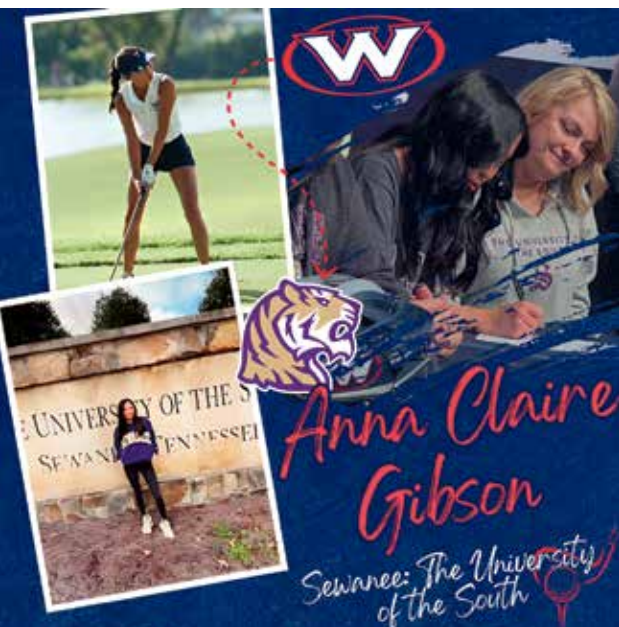
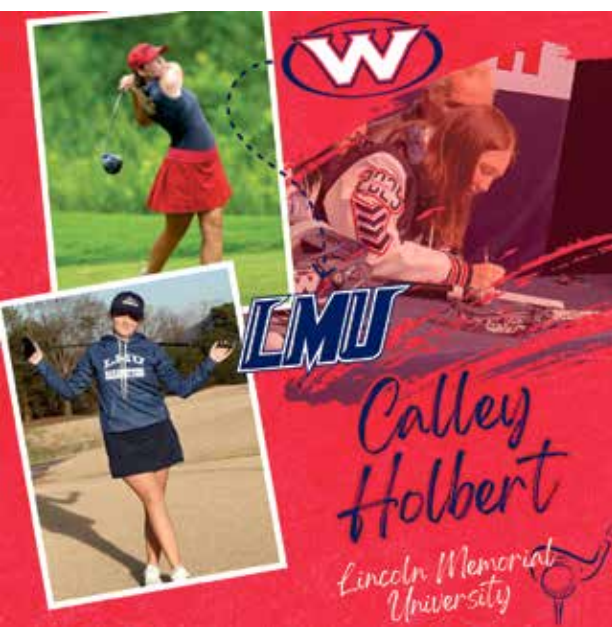
finished in fourth place. This was the first time in the history of West High golf to have female student-athletes qualify for the state event.

Gibson and Holbert will be continuing their golf careers in college as Anna Claire will be going to the University of the South at Seawanee and Calley will be going to Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate.

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Congratulations to Calley Holbert and Anna Claire Gibson, West High's female Student-Athletes of the Year.

Fulton soccer concludes magical season with first-ever state tournament appearance

By Ken Lay

Fulton High School's boys soccer team completed its best season in school history recently.

The 2025 campaign saw the Falcons win the District 3-3A regular-season title. Fulton followed that up with a district tournament championship and a Region 2-3A crown. Their Cinderella Story continued with a state sectional victory over Tennessee High, netting them a trip to the state tournament in Murfreesboro.

Once Fulton (17-3-3) made it to Spring Fling, it claimed its state quarterfinal match with a 4-3 win over Crockett

County. In that match, Mosquera Gonzalez found the back of the net four times, setting up a semifinal match against defending state champion South-Doyle. The Cherokees and Falcons have a history, as one-time district rivals.

"We used to be in the same district with South-Doyle and we have a history with them," Fulton coach Austin Clow said. "We also saw what they did last year when they won the state."

The Falcons darted out to a 1-0 lead when Yefri Banegas Sosa scored off an assist from Shadrack Kayumba in the 10th minute. Fulton led the

match at halftime before the Cherokees tallied the equalizer on a marker by Karl Henkenjohann in the 48th minute.

South-Doyle took the lead in the 64th minute of the match when Finn Straussfogel tallied. The Cherokees also benefitted by an own goal a short

time later to close out the scoring.

"I'm really proud of these kids," Clow said. "They've worked so hard and they've come a long way."

"This was my fourth year at Fulton and in my first year, we didn't win a game. We went 0-12-2 and I think we had 16 players

on our roster, and at times, I played with 10 men for various reasons.

"The next year, we won the district and then we lost in a (penalty kicks shootout) to Austin-East in the district tournament semifinals and then last year, we lost to Seymour on penalty kicks in the

region semis."

In 2025, the third time was the charm for the Falcons as they were able to win a region championship on penalty kicks against district rival Cocke County, which also made it to the Class 2A state tournament, which was contested last month.

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