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Council to review local option sales tax increase

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The Knoxville City Council will consider Mayor Indya Kincannon's one-half of one percent sales tax when it meets Tuesday evening. Exempted from the tax, in a separate motion, is the retail sale of food and food ingredients. If a second reading passes council this month, the local option sales tax referendum

will appear on the November ballot for city voters to decide.

Knox County has an option of also placing the proposed increase on the November ballot and, if so, a "No" vote by county residents would kill the city's increase.

Also on the agenda is an agreement for automated enforcement camera systems to regulate speeding

in school zones and detection devices for excessive motor vehicle noise. The new devices would come to the city at no cost and fines would be shared with the city.

The late 3rd District Councilwoman Brenda Palmer will be honored by the city in a resolution sponsored by the entire council.

A property at 412 Ocala Drive may be sold for

\$40,250 to Gary Chesney under the Homemakers Program and a lot on Moody Avenue may be sold to Michael Seemer for \$4,444.

A state Victims of Crime Act grant of \$150,546 may be extended in a request from the Knoxville Police Department. KPD is also requesting approval of \$25,000 from the Helen Ross McNabb Center for

services at the Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee.

The conversion of a building to a two-family duplex is before the council and would change the city codes to conform with existing building codes.

Zoning changes before the council include 4301 and 4311 Kingston Pike to go from RN-1 to RN-3 residential neighborhood. Other

residential zoning changes before the body include 1203 Murray Drive, 700 Gertude Avenue, and 4423 Ball Camp Pike.

A property at 1501 North Cherry Street may change from General Industrial to Highway Commercial in a request from Bhajan Singh.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will reappoint Marite Perez and appoint Margaret Butler to the planning commission.

GAME ON!



PHOTOS BY KEN LAY

Shannon Treece and Sara Greene were among the first to play pickleball on the newly renovated Powell Courts, which were reopened Thursday morning.

Powell Courts re-open after renovations

By Ken Lay

Some outdoor courts recently received a much-needed facelift, and late last week the Knox County Parks and Recreation reopened those courts, which are located behind Powell Middle School.

Powell Courts, located at 3204 Shropshire Boulevard, were re-opened Thursday morning and area residents took to the courts to shoot basketball and compete in some friendly pickleball matches after county leaders officially celebrated the grand re-opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and County



Knox County leaders, including Mayor Glenn Jacobs and County Commissioners Rhonda Lee and Larsen Jay, are joined by Joe Mack and other members of the parks and recreation to cut the ribbon, officially reopening Powell Courts in Northwest Knox County.

Commissioners Larsen Jay and Rhonda Lee were in attendance and cut the ribbon, along with Knox

County Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack and other employees from the parks and recreation

department.

"I have a lot of people to thank, including our mayor

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Committee reviews state legislative issues

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For several years, the Knox County Commission Legislative Committee has watched the Tennessee Legislature for bills that apply to the county. In last week's brief Legislative Committee meeting, Chairwoman Courtney Durrett used the Stones River Group consulting firm's report as a guide to review

current and upcoming legislative bills.

The report indicated that school buildings abandoned as places of county education might need to be first offered to charter schools. That possibility goes to the Knox County Law Department for clarification and to answer whether or not Knox County may be exempt.

Three schools are scheduled for closure soon:

Beaumont, Maynard and Sam Hill.

Durrett also mentioned that action on the Real Estate Transfer Tax is under legislative consideration and may be before the governor next year for a signature.

The state's open meetings law may be amended to permit commission members, when necessary, to take part digitally in meetings. Former Commissioner

Carson Dailey's knee surgery caused him to miss meetings during his term and the county may, in a two-thirds vote of the commission, opt into the new legislation to permit a hospitalized member to appear via phone or computer at meetings.

The committee also discussed upcoming changes in the Mineral Severance Tax, which would increase

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KCS to eliminate valedictorian and salutatorian designations in 2030

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools will eliminate the recognition of valedictorians and salutatorians.

The change takes effect beginning with the Class of 2030 as the board voted 7-1-1 to pass the measure. John Butler cast the lone dissenting vote, while Katherine Bike passed.

"I won't belabor it, but I think we've gone halfway," Butler said. "I think we either have competition or we don't."

"I'm not going to vote for it because I think we've only gone halfway. My understanding of the collegiate process is that you're counted and classified by your GPA and not where you stand in your class, the top five percent or top 10 percent. I think we've gone part of the way and not all of the way, so that's why I'm not going to vote for this."

Butler also voiced his concerns at the board's work session meeting on Monday, June 2.

"When we're looking at percentages, we're still looking at leaving some students out who have done very well," he said. "If you do it by percentage, somebody is going to get left out, and if you do it by GPA, you are what you score."

Proponents of the new policy say that it would eliminate transferring to other schools and provide students with the opportunity for better family dynamics as well as the chance to maximize their high school experience.

"As early as middle school, students begin

thinking about how they can get the highest GPA possible instead of what's best for me as a student," said KCS Assistant Superintendent of Academics Keith Wilson. "It may also prevent students from disrupting friendships and family dynamics."

Under the new policy, Knox County Schools is following the nationwide trend of eliminating valedictorian and salutatorian designation. The district uses the Knox County equalization formula to determine the top students in each graduating class.

The plan also has its detractors.

In her final work session meeting, student board representative Sophia Elkins said that she opposed the new policy.

"I do kind of have an issue with no longer recognizing valedictorians and salutatorians. I don't know if you guys know, but some schools offer tuition if you're one of those," Elkins said. "When I started looking at colleges early in my junior year, some schools will give you tuition if you're one of those."

"Liberty University, just as an example, will give you full tuition if you're designated as one of those. So you're potentially giving up money for some students. And just to brag on Halls, our cutoff was 4.32 and some of my friends who worked really hard missed it by a hundredth of a point but couldn't get recognized. They had over 30 on the ACT and couldn't get recognized and that was crushing."

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House Passes Bill To Add Trillions To National Debt

From a distance



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Several years ago I was sitting on the floor of the U.S. House when there was a vote on whether to increase the national debt limit by another trillion dollars.

I heard a friend of mine, a congressman from the northwest, say to someone else, "I wouldn't vote for this bill, but I have to because I am a chairman."

I remember thinking to myself at the time, there is no chairmanship worth forcing me to vote for a bill I don't think is right.

I had a framed quote on the wall of my Knoxville office. The quote is from a

1930 novel by Janet Ayer Fairbank called "The Lion's Den" about a fictional congressman named Zimmer.

These words from that novel were very moving to me: "No matter how the espousal of a lost cause might hurt his prestige in the House, Zimmer had never hesitated to identify himself with it if it seemed to him to be right. He knew only two ways: the right one and the wrong, and if he made a mistake, it was never one of honor. He voted as he believed he should, and although sometimes his voice was raised alone on one side of a question, it was never stilled."

Those words were given to me by a great libertarian author and columnist, Bill Kauffman, who lives in a small town in upstate New York. He had admired some of the votes I had cast and some of the things I had said and written while I was in the House.

I was one of the first members of Congress to

endorse Donald Trump for president in 2016. I was a Trump delegate to the Republican Convention in 2024. I don't like some of the things he has said and done, but even husbands and wives or best friends disagree sometimes.

I have voted for him all three times he has run. He has been very nice to me, and I like him personally. On most of the big issues, I agree with him, and even where I disagree, I understand why he has had to take the position that he has.

But I am very disappointed that he has forced almost all the Republicans in the House to vote for a bill that will raise the national debt by at least four trillion dollars. I don't believe I could honestly feel I was a fiscal conservative if I had voted for a bill that did that.

From what I have heard and read, many Republicans did not want to vote for the bill. Many of them are good friends of mine,

and I still hope they each get re-elected. All are better and more conservative than anyone the Democrats would nominate.

Believe me, I understand the pressure that can be applied, especially when the president is from your own party. That is why I have such great respect for the two Republicans who voted no on this bill – Thomas Massie (KY), and Warren Davidson (OH).

And I am pleased that several solid conservatives in the Senate are opposing certain provisions and trying to make the bill better. I understand that the administration has put members in a 'damned if you do, damned if you don't' situation.

There are some good parts, and those who were forced to vote for it are trying to emphasize those parts. But this is trying to put lipstick on a pig. All the good parts could have been passed in separate bills that also had matching cuts

in spending.

David Stockman, President Reagan's budget director, wrote a lengthy analysis and said the bill actually will add over \$5 trillion to the debt "because the so-called conservative party has lost its mind on the fiscal front."

Elon Musk was even more outspoken. He shocked Washington last week by putting out this statement: "This massive, outrageous, pork-filled bill is a disgusting abomination. Shame on those who voted for it: You know you did wrong."

The Congressional Budget Office said this bill, under a best-case scenario, will move our national debt from almost \$37 trillion where it is now to \$59 trillion in 10 years. But this is only if the Trump tax cuts are eliminated.

Well, I and every Republican I know want the tax cuts to stay in effect. There simply should have been more spending cuts instead of adding more to

the debt. This astounding amount of deficit spending over the last 25 or 30 years has been the primary cause of all the inflation that has seen some cars and trucks now cost as much as houses used to, and houses that now cost three or four times what they did just 10 years ago and are so unaffordable to most young families.

Hallerin Hill said on one of his programs that he doubted there was an member who read all 1,116 pages of this so-called "big beautiful bill." Gigantic bills always have little things in them that could not pass on their own. Raising the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction to \$40,000 per person means people in Tennessee and other low tax states will be subsidizing the high blue state taxes. Thankfully, some conservative senators are fighting to make this bill better.

What happened to U.S. manufacturing?

The president says that he wants to bring manufacturing back into the country. Of course, he will fail. He is a short timer and highly erratic. Companies must have a longer-term perspective. Building plants takes time and



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lots of money. Restructuring supply chains also takes time and money. Why go through the expense of moving to the U.S. when, in three years, Trump will be gone, as will many of his policies.

Anyway, even if companies wanted to move manufacturing back to the country, they would face the gauntlet of regulations that

delay construction and make building a plant in the U.S. more expensive, and causing it to take more time than one built elsewhere. There is also the issue of labor. The avocado industry moved from California to Mexico because it could not get enough labor in the U.S. to grow and harvest the crop. So if manufacturing were to come back into the U.S., could they bring labor with them? Currently, the Department of Labor reports there are 7.2 million job openings. Over 500,000 of those are in manufacturing and most are openings at small businesses. Why would

companies want to come into that environment? When Trump talked about bringing manufacturing back to the U.S., the Chinese mocked him with pictures of overweight Americans trying to work in factories.

In reality, factory work is passé in today's service-dominated American labor market. Yes, there will always be manufacturing, but it will occupy less and less of the labor force. Such was not always the case. Recall Rosie the Riveter? During World War II, one Ford plant turned out a B-24 bomber an hour. In 1939, the U.S. had fewer than 2,000 military aircraft. By war's end, U.S. factories had produced 300,000 planes. What about ships? The U.S. built more than

3,600 cargo ships, 700 tankers, 1,300 naval vessels, including eight battle-ships, 128 aircraft carriers and 352 destroyers. It also produced over 100,000 tanks and armored vehicles, 2,382,311 other vehicles, and 2,679,849 machine guns. By 1945, more steel was produced in Pennsylvania alone than in Germany and Japan combined.

We still have the personnel to build stuff. I read Michael Fabey's book, "Heavy Metal," the story of the people who build aircraft carriers at the Newport News shipbuilding yard in Virginia with its 30,000 employees and shipyard workers. They are riggers, fitters, welders, electricians, machinists and steelworkers who come

from shipbuilding families. Putting together all the miles of wiring, thousands of rivets, computers, and the rest makes for a great story.

There is still a demand for these skills. I read a story about one high school's welding class, where one graduate has been offered a job starting at \$70,000. Also, the demographics show that fewer and fewer young men are going to college, and that certain professions with only a high school degree pay more than those for a college graduate. So perhaps those jobs, coupled with A.I. will usher in a new era in manufacturing to make manufacturing great again – albeit with fewer workers.

However, the question remains as to whether

American manufacturing will ever be on a par with that of the Chinese. That I doubt. The loss of manufacturing jobs in the U.S. was mainly on the low end, with low-skilled jobs being eliminated. Those jobs are abundant in low-wage countries. China is now building a mega port in Santos, Brazil, to ship agricultural produce to China. Brazilian soybeans and grains will not replace American ones. Such is the reality in the world of Trump and his high tariffs. Look at what the Chinese are building and wonder if America will ever get back to that place. The answer is no. Low wages and hard physical labor go where that factor of production is most plentiful and cheap. It is no longer America.



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Powell Courts

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and the people of the community who told us what they wanted to see," Mack said. "Sometimes it's easy for us to sit in our offices and decide what people want and then we find out that it wasn't what they wanted.

"I want to see the people of Powell come out and play, play tennis, pickleball and outdoor basketball. I want to see people form

and play in leagues."

Jacobs, an advocate for recreation and physical fitness, said that the renovated facility was more than outdoor courts.

"I want to see people have fun, and play is important," Jacobs said. "But this is about more than just play. Play is very important but places like this are about gathering and coming together."

The courts had been

temporarily closed for renovations and Lee, who represents District 7, which includes Powell and Halls, said that she received a late-night message announcing that the courts were going to re-open and couldn't contain her excitement.

"Everybody kept asking me when this was going to re-open, and I got a late-night message," Lee said. "I was calling and texting people at 11:30 at night and letting them know. I told them that I was giving them the news hot off the presses."

"We're excited because we were able to pay for this entirely out of our operations budget," Mack said. "We didn't use any grant money."



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Publisher's Positions



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Rep. Burchett Supports Big, Beautiful Bill

Congressman Tim Burchett has put the “Big, Beautiful Bill” into prospective for working families in East Tennessee and his own Second District. That same bill gives tax breaks to seniors on Social Security, gives consumer breaks on buying made-in-America vehicles, and fulfills President Trump’s promise to remove the tax on tips. It also renews the Trump Tax Cuts, and Burchett has illustrated just what that means to working families.

“Without these important tax cuts, a family of four in Tennessee making \$67,000 would see their taxes increase by \$1,300 in 2026,” Burchett said. “That is unacceptable, and I will always fight to keep more money in the pockets of hard-working Tennesseans.”

There isn’t a single person in this country whose brain is still working who believes the federal budget doesn’t contain fat, waste and abuse. In the past 250 years, there’s never been an audit of the government’s spending. Hard to believe, but true and every program deserves some scrutiny. The “Big, Beautiful Bill” does not harm those on Medicare, but it does close loopholes that currently allow illegal aliens to receive benefits paid for by American taxpayers. It also ensures those on the Medicare program have better access to the resources they need and removes dead people from the rolls. Yes, unfortunately, there are some folks out there still milking Mamaw and Papaw’s benefits well after both of them are gone.

“Illegals, able-bodied adults choosing not to work, and people who weren’t eligible for Medicaid in the first place are going to destroy Medicaid for vulnerable and deserving Americans,” Burchett stated. “This bill protects and preserves Medicaid to ensure it better serves the least of us.”

Rep. Burchett Wants To Make Permanent Trump’s Executive Orders

Congressman Burchett has also announced he’s introduced legislation to

codify three executive orders signed by President Trump. “Congress took the first step in implementing President Trump’s agenda in May when we passed the One Big Beautiful Bill,” Burchett wrote in a statement released Tuesday. “Now it’s time for us to codify the President’s Executive Orders into law.”

The three executive orders being sponsored as laws by Burchett include Executive Order #14293, which provides regulatory relief to promote the production of critical medicines in the United States. This is a vitally important bill as we are presently far too reliant on medications taken by hundreds of thousands, if not millions of Americans from foreign countries, including China. Those countries not friendly to the United States can cut off the flow of life-giving medications at any time they want. Keep in mind, two Chinese nationals have been caught carrying into the country a fungus that apparently could kill off American crops and has been described in the news media as a possible source of agro-terrorism.

Executive Order #14292 improves the safety and security of biological research. Congressman Burchett is rightly worried about the all-too-dangerous gain-of-function research on biological agents and

pathogens, which endanger the lives of Americans.

Burchett is also sponsoring a bill to codify Executive Order #14290 to end American taxpayers paying to subsidize biased media. It would have the effect of having the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board to cease funding National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). That change in the law has been long overdue and let’s face it, when there is not a single conservative or Republican amongst the staff it’s abundantly clear that the news is more than a little slanted. Katherine Maher’s appearance before Congress spoke volumes, and she failed to make even a rudimentary case why the American taxpayers should keep funding an elitist group of people who clearly look down upon the majority of the people paying for it.

If PBS and NPR are all that, then private businesses will be more than happy to buy advertising. State-run media was a tool used by totalitarian governments like Hitler’s Germany, Mao’s China and Josef Stalin’s Soviet Union. Maher is suing presently under the delusion that taxpayers are obligated to pay her and the NPR and PBS folks for all eternity. The taxpayers are under no such obligation.

Governing by executive order has no lasting effect and can be rolled back by

the next administration, irrespective of what a handful of Obama-appointed district judges say.

Congressman Burchett is doing a terrific job, and we urge all other congressmen to work to codify the important and critical changes made by President Trump’s executive orders.

Legacy Media, Former Biden Officials Change Their Tune

The rush is on to change the narrative, and the tactic appears to be switch and bait. Karine Jean-Pierre, perhaps the worst White House Press Secretary in history, has announced she’s left the Democratic Party to become an Independent. That comes along with the announcement that she has written a new book, coincidentally titled “Independent: A Look Inside a Broken White House.” Along with Jake Tapper, this has to be one of the most egregious attempts to rewrite history amongst the most shameless people I’ve ever seen. In this instance, the rats have left the sinking ship and are swimming as fast as they can to the distant shores where the cheese factory sits.

Leftist Liars And Hypocrites

Every time Leftists, like

AOC, who travels first-class, or her “papa” Bernie Sanders, who flies on a private jet, tell you tax cuts are for the rich, keep in mind it’s the Democrats who scoop up barrels full of money. Kamala Harris raised a billion and a half dollars in a month, vastly outspending Donald Trump. There are FAR more billionaires who are Democrats than Republicans. They talk about “oligarchs” all while having their picture taken with the weird little guy who is the son of the King of the Oligarchs, ultra-leftist George Soros.

They’ve lied to our faces for years, as when Obama promised “you can keep your own doctor,” the New York Times won a Pulitzer Prize for repeating (they haven’t reported anything in years) the Russia hoax, and told us there was no crisis at the border and that Joe Biden was “sharp as a tack” and running circles around his much younger aides while all of us saw and heard the poor old thing could barely speak a sentence and couldn’t walk up a flight of steps. These are the same people who celebrate, or won’t even issue a perfunctory attempt to denounce the murder of a young Jewish couple, while calling others “Nazis.” Trump Derangement Syndrome is rapidly becoming simply derangement, period.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Yager to crack down on AI-generated child pornography signed into law

On Tuesday, legislation sponsored by Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) to combat the rise of AI-generated child pornography in Tennessee was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee. Senate Bill 741 takes a firm stance against the abuse of artificial intelligence technology to exploit children.

“This law is about keeping pace with rapidly evolving technology to protect our children from unthinkable exploitation,” said Sen. Yager. “Bad actors are using AI to create disturbing and abusive content, and Tennessee is taking a strong stand to stop it. By criminalizing the tools used to generate AI child pornography, we’re giving

law enforcement what they need to pursue offenders and protect victims.”

The law makes it a criminal offense to knowingly possess, distribute, or produce any software or technology specifically designed to create or facilitate the creation of AI-generated child sexual abuse material. The legislation addresses growing concerns over the misuse of advanced AI tools to generate realistic but entirely synthetic images of minors in pornographic contexts.

“When in the wrong hands, artificial intelligence has the ability to make exploitive crimes even worse,” said Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Director David Rausch. “I applaud the General Assembly and Governor Lee for seeing the value in strengthening our state’s laws to better protect Tennesseans, and I’m proud our state is leading the way on common sense measures to ensure this emerging technology doesn’t become a dangerous tool for bad actors.”

Director Rausch added “I also want to specifically thank Senator Ken Yager for his active engagement with the TBI team to craft this legislation and assure it struck a critical balance of protection and appropriate use of the technology.”

Under the new law possession of such tools is

classified as a Class E felony; distribution is a Class C felony; and production of AI-generated child sexual abuse material is a Class B felony.

Importantly, the legislation does not ban AI technology or software broadly. It narrowly targets tools built or used with the intent to generate child sexual abuse material, preserving legitimate applications of AI.

With Governor Lee’s signature, the law will take effect July 1, 2025, marking a significant step in Tennessee’s ongoing efforts to protect children and hold predators accountable in the digital age.

Juvenile detention center on commission agenda

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The Knox County Juvenile Detention Center may get lots of attention during the June meeting of the Knox County Commission. With the questions surrounding the center and the departure of Richard Bean, Mayor Glenn Jacobs is asking the commission

to repeal the county code and put the center under the control of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office.

The center is under a state investigation concerning the firing of employees who reported problems there to the state.

The first reading of the change is set for the **Continue on page 4**

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Presuppositions

You can't handle the truth!
Marine Col. Jessup from A Few Good Men

You often hear it said that "The movie is not as good as the book." While that may sometimes be true, I believe it's more often an unfair comparison. Books have the space (and time) to elaborately develop characters and paint pictures in the imagination with prose. In cinema, dialogue is there to tell the story, but movies also use visual imagery colored by music and background sound effects to augment the storytelling.

Have you ever read a play and compared it to the stage production where the actors make the prose come alive? An even more dramatic example is opera, where storytelling is set to beautiful music and voice, by actors in costume with elaborate staging. The modern proverb advises, "be careful comparing

apples and oranges."

One of the great Shakespearean soliloquies is from Hamlet, where the Prince of Denmark begins with, "To be, or not to be, that is the question." Actually, I'm not a fan of Shakespeare's plays because Elizabethan English is tough to translate into "Southern." However, I highly recommend the movie adaptation with Mel Gibson as Hamlet. It is sublime.

A more contemporary movie adaptation of a play is "A Few Good Men." If you have never seen the movie starring Jack Nicholson as Marine Col. Jessup, you should. Jessup's courtroom soliloquy challenging JAG prosecutor Lt. Daniel Kaffee (Tom Cruise) is Shakespearean and defines the notion of presupposition.

Presupposition is an assumption or a belief. Jack Nicholson's character made the arrogant

assumption that he was right and unassailable. His bias so colored his worldview that he could not accept factual reality, and he was destroyed in cross examination. It is powerful, cinematic drama where special effects are unnecessary.

Similarly, the presuppositions of the legacy media with TDS makes them incapable of seeing or reporting the facts that personal income has increased steadily since January and inflation has declined. GDP has risen, crude oil prices are down and egg prices have declined 62% since inauguration day. The trade deficit has shrunk, tariff revenue has tripled and investments in American industries continue to pour in.

It's hard to get Americans to agree about anything, but 53% approve of how President Trump is handling things. We now have a functioning president. The open border has been closed, yet the Washington Post, representative of the useless media, reports that it is mysterious that fentanyl seizures are down 30%. I would be insulted if you called me a journalist, but I'll report the obvious: the cartels are having a tougher time smuggling drugs because the border is no longer wide open.

The people who were wrong about inflation, Hunter's laptop, Covid

vaccines, Russian and Ukraine collusion, law and order, Biden's senility and corruption now ask us to trust them that President Trump is a monster and wrong about everything including deporting criminal illegals. The Democrats just spent \$20 million trying to find out why people don't trust them. It's not rocket science. The majority of Americans are not stupid. They can compare a demented president to an active, purposeful one with a plan to Make America Great Again. What stands in the way are activist judges, Democrats with no message or plans and a cadre of sycophantic journalists lost to reason and facts.

I follow the science blog of Robert Malone MD, MS and researcher. I'm a science trained guy and I am sometimes challenged by the perspectives of those who have a non science educational background.

Recently, Dr. Malone wrote an article entitled "Confirmational Bias," using as an example the Harvard behavioral researcher who was fired from her tenured, million dollar a year position for "academic fraud." Basically, the disgraced researcher manipulated her studies to arrive at conclusions which conformed to commonly held beliefs, in other words, the woke groupthink. This is not the way science is done.

When done honestly and carefully science can be helpful and render explanations by testing a hypothesis (a thought). But some things can't be measured or tested. An example might be the intelligent designer of the Universe. Similarly, humans perceive we have an essence which science might identify as our integrated nervous system. My non science persona conceptualizes my essence as the non anatomic soul. But can this essence be objectively measured? In the Middle Ages crude testing attempted to measure the departure of a soul by weighing someone before and after they were executed. Sounds more like an old SNL skit.

Suffice it to say, some things cannot currently be measured, but that does not mean they don't exist. You can see, touch and weigh a human brain, but not its mindful thoughts. Furthermore, science may be able to tell you what can be done, but whether something should be done is within the realm of ethicists and theologians.

In a more practical sense, what if the arbiters of the law are themselves lawless? Like most, I am frustrated with activist judges as well as the dysfunction and complexity of our government exemplified by the "big beautiful bill" and the reconciliation process. It is obvious that We The People

are no longer in control of our government. Lord Acton famously said, "Power corrupts; and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Elon Musk seems disgusted with the government. Mr. Musk went to Washington and learned how bad the situation has become. You might imagine the government as some autonomously functioning AI apparatus analogous to The Terminator.

Like Elon I get tired of fighting evil and would like to just wash my hands of the entire mess. I'm sure President Trump also gets tired. People have been trying to escape to monasteries, communes and even the New World throughout history. But I can't run away because Jesus said, "To whom much is given much is required (Luke)."

Jesus also said of his followers that they were in the world but not of the world (John). Recently, I wrote that I exist in both a physical and spiritual world. I can deny neither reality. Admittedly, the struggle against evil weighs me down, but I take comfort in the old hymn, "This is my Father's world. O let me ne're forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet."

Yes, in God I trust. In my wife, Becky, I trust. And in our warrior, President Trump, I trust.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Bald River Falls Bridge reopens

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Where else can you drive your car past a roaring waterfall and then safely park and walk back up the road to see it up close?

The Bald River Falls Bridge has been closed for a couple of years, and the entire span in Monroe County was replaced and opened in a ceremony

recently. The bridge is wider, safer, and has a viewing platform overlooking the falls that's just a few yards away.

The waterfall, south of Tellico Plains and a few miles off the Cherohala Skyway, is wild and beautiful. It's one of my wife's and my favorite places to visit, and there are lots of things to do and see on the way to and from there. It's only a couple of hours south of Knoxville.

Just beyond the bridge is a parking area with restrooms and picnic tables. A short walk back up toward the main falls is a "Baby Falls" on the right, where kayakers often take the

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There's no more standing in traffic to see Bald River Falls. The new bridge has a viewing platform and additional parking across the bridge.

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Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee hosts 44th Annual Quilt Show

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display on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 in the Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway (at Merchant Drive) in Knoxville, TN 37912.

Recently, the chair

of that first show some four decades ago, visited with a group of guild members and reminisced about how it all started. "No one on our show committee had ever attended a quilt show or even entered one," said Judy Elwood, who led the show committee of Suzanne Streagle, Glenys Nappo and Janice Sanders. "I think I convinced everyone that we knew what we were doing."

The first show was held at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge.

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Barbara Mayo displays her award-winning quilt.

Both the guild and the annual show and competition have grown over the decades. The show is known for drawing high quality entries, and this year the guild is offering \$7,800 in prize money.

The show will take place from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$10; for a 2-day pass, \$15, and free for children under age 12. The Expo Center has free parking and is accessible to the disabled.

The guild has developed several traditions over the years. In 2008, the first

antique quilt turning took place, and it has become a very popular part of the show, with standing room only for the sessions. It will take place this year at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, with Merikay Waldvogel, a nationally known quilt researcher, and Cindy Stuart, a certified quilt appraiser, presenting.

Show attendees are encouraged to bring a quilt - whether historic or contemporary - to the show and record a brief story during a free video recording session that will be archived in the Quilt Alliance "Go Tell It!" project. Other

special attractions include a scavenger hunt for the young ones and great shopping opportunities, with lots of vendors and a boutique of unique items handcrafted by guild members. Cindy Stuart will offer quilt appraisals by appointment. Contact her at (865) 386-0940 to schedule an appraisal.

For more information about the show and the guild, please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com, email info@smokymtnquilters.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee.

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The Senator From Michigan

Philip A. Hart

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
rayhill865@gmail.com

Senator Philip A. Hart was part of “the Greatest Generation,” those Americans born between 1900 and 1925, most of whom fought in the Second World War. Many of them were old enough to recall the First World War, and all of them lived through the Great Depression. My grandfather on my mother’s side exemplified that to me, having served in the Navy during World War II. John Swainson, a former governor of Michigan, summed up the life of the senator, saying, “That is the mystery of Phil Hart. His gentleness and his perseverance made him a great man.”

Hart was one of the thousands of Americans who stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and was wounded by shrapnel on Utah Beach. Phil Hart was sent to Percy Jones Army hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. There he met two other wounded veterans whom he would later serve with in the United States Senate: Bob Dole and Daniel Inouye. Rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, Philip Hart was awarded the Purple Heart, the French Croix de Guerre and the Bronze Star medals.

Philip Hart served eighteen years in the United States Senate and was well-loved and admired by many of his colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans. Hart became known in the press as “The Conscience of the Senate.” A devout liberal, Hart was also a gentle man, possessing a gentle and warm sense of humor, completely free of any pretensions. When Hart announced his retirement from the Senate due to failing health, the senator added it was time for new ideas and new faces in Washington. There are three Senate Office Buildings housing the senators, their staff, committee and hearing rooms. The oldest Senate Office Building was named for Georgia Democrat Richard Russell and the “new” building completed in 1958 was later named for Republican Everett Dirksen of Illinois. To honor Philip Hart, his colleagues voted to name the third building, then under construction, after the Michigan senator. Mike Mansfield, who was also retiring from the Senate in 1976, once said of Hart in a meeting of the Democratic caucus, “In my opinion, Phil Hart is the best senator of us all.”

That occurred after Hart had defied convention and tradition when he cast the only vote in the caucus against elevating Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi to the position of President Pro Tempore

of the Senate, putting the Mississippian in line for the presidency. Hart strongly disapproved of Eastland’s views on civil rights and told his fellow Democrats the senator from Mississippi would make an “outrageous” chief executive. “For me to put him in line for the presidency is something I can’t do,” Hart told his colleagues.

It was Senator Philip A. Hart who sponsored legislation to scatter the largest and most influential corporations in the country, including General Motors. For a Michigan senator to defy General Motors was almost unthinkable, as it was a behemoth in the economic life of the Wolverine State.

Senator Hart hoped to win hearts and minds with gentle persuasion rather than arm-twisting in a city where arms were routinely pulled out of their sockets.

Hart married wisely and well, tying the knot with Jane Briggs, daughter of multi-millionaire businessman and philanthropist Walter Briggs, who owned the Detroit Tigers at the time. “Janey” Briggs Hart was an individualist in her own right, as well as quite an accomplished woman, becoming the first woman to pilot a helicopter in Michigan, and she flew her own airplane. It was Janey Hart who flew her husband to campaign stops all over Michigan when he ran for the United States Senate in 1958.

Phil Hart had met Jane Briggs through her brother, who was his college roommate. The Harts were a prolific couple, and their union produced nine children, although Philip Jr. tragically died while a toddler. Jane Briggs Hart was a plain-spoken and highly opinionated woman who was a proud member of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and did not in any way resemble the traditional political helpmate of most officeholders. When Jane announced she would not pay income taxes, explaining, “I cannot contribute one more dollar toward the purchase of more bombs and bullets.” Senator Hart told newsmen he was supportive of his wife’s anti-war position, although he couldn’t agree with her subverting the “rational structure of government.” Jane Hart was also arrested at a Catholic mass held inside the Pentagon, protesting the Vietnam War. While perhaps not as virulent as his spouse, Senator Hart was a strong opponent of the war in Vietnam. During his last six years in office, Philip Hart wore a beard. The senator had promised two of his teenage sons that were he reelected to

the Senate in 1970, he would grow a beard, which he kept until the end of his life.

After the war, Hart practiced law and lived the life of a family man and developed an interest in Democratic politics. Phil Hart was mentored in politics by his one-time law school classmate G. Mennen Williams, heir to the Mennen Company, which first produced talcum powder, then new to the market in 1878. Later, Mennen became known for products like “Speed Stick” and its skin bracer aftershave. Williams was the grandson of Gerhard Heinrich Mennen and was named for his grandfather. The company’s products also gave Williams the nickname of “Soapy,” and he was elected governor of Michigan in 1948. Once in office, Governor Williams tapped Hart to serve as the Corporation Securities Commissioner for Michigan. President Truman appointed Phil Hart to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1952 and served for a year until Dwight Eisenhower was elected and he was replaced by a Republican appointee. Once again, Governor Williams appointed Hart as his legal counsel. In 1954, Williams backed Philip Hart for lieutenant governor, an elected post in the Wolverine State. As governor, “Soapy” Williams controlled the levers of power in Michigan and had extended a tight grip on the Wolverine State’s Democratic Party. Williams’ political alliance with Walter Reuther and the CIO was distasteful to many old-time Democrats. Hart’s opponent inside the Democratic primary was George S. Fitzgerald, who had been the attorney for Jimmy Hoffa’s AFL Union, which had no use for Governor Williams. Philip Hart won by better than two-to-one.

Both Williams and Hart

were elected and reelected in the 1956 general elections.

When “Soapy” Williams showed no inclination to run for the U.S. Senate in 1958, having opted to seek yet another two-year term as governor, Phil Hart became a candidate for the Democratic nomination. Hart was the beneficiary of a united party and won the nomination with more than 80% of the ballots cast for the right to face the GOP incumbent, Senator Charles E. Potter.

Charlie Potter was a meek-looking fellow, only forty-two years old, but he was also part of that “Greatest Generation” and had lost both legs during the Second World War and walked with crutches for the remainder of his life. Potter had won a special election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives when the incumbent congressman suddenly died. Potter had moved up swiftly and had beaten Senator Blair Moody in the 1952 election. Republicans had done very well in Michigan for the better part of two decades and the pendulum was beginning to swing back in the other direction. Senator Homer Ferguson had lost his reelection bid in 1954 in an upset, and by 1958, Charlie Potter was the lone Republican holding statewide office. Potter’s reelection campaign suffered from defections on the far right by those who idolized the late Joe McCarthy and a perceived lack of support from President Eisenhower. 1958 was a catastrophic year for GOP incumbents, and Hart won a relatively close victory, beating Potter by 170,000 votes out of 2.25 million cast. Never again would Philip A. Hart ever dip below 60% of the vote when running statewide. In his 1970 reelection campaign, Senator Hart defeated Lenore Romney, former First Lady of Michigan, the wife of Governor George

Romney and the mother of Mitt Romney.

A genuinely modest person, Hart drove his press secretary to distraction, who complained that it was nigh to impossible to craft a biography for the senator and relate his accomplishments in the Senate due to Hart’s dislike for what he regarded as “self-congratulatory political documents.” Hart himself penned a portion of a biography noting his reelection to the Senate in 1964 “was not unrelated to the national candidacies that year of Lyndon B. Johnson and Barry Goldwater.”

When “Soapy” Williams finally decided to make a bid for the U.S. Senate in 1966 following the retirement and death of Senator Pat McNamara, he lost to conservative GOP Congressman Robert Griffin. Senator Griffin would be almost inevitably on the other side of any question of his Michigan colleague. Phil Hart never bowed to political pressure and busing became a heated issue in the Wolverine State (George Wallace confounded just about everyone when he won the 1972 presidential primary in Michigan), Hart opposed curbs on school busing to achieve racial balance even when it became a flash point for tens of thousands of Michigan voters. While political opposites, Phil Hart and Bob Griffin personally remained good friends.

Senator Hart was a thorn in the side of the presidential administration of Richard Nixon and was a leader in the fights to deny confirmation of both Clement Haynsworth and Harold Carswell to the Supreme Court of the United States. Hart was supposedly offered a seat on the high court himself by President Johnson when Abe Fortas resigned due to the controversy surrounding his nomination to serve as chief justice. Senator Hart was said to have

politely turned down the tentative offer, saying he didn’t wish to be the beneficiary of Fortas’ misfortune. Hart was a stalwart in the Senate in support of Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society and was the floor manager for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Senator Hart was a champion of the consumer and sponsored the Truth in Lending legislation.

Philip Hart opted not to seek reelection in 1976, and only a month after his June 1975 announcement did he learn from doctors that he had cancer, which had already spread throughout his body. Senator Hart wasted no time on self-pity and worked hard at his job until he could no longer do it. Speaking to the members of Michigan’s congressional delegation in September 1976, Hart said simply, “I close as I began, by thanking all of you for trusting me.”

Hart died days before he would have retired from the United States Senate. The Detroit Free Press declared Hart had become a legend during his own lifetime. In the editorial published by the Free Press following the senator’s death, the newspaper stated, “There are few people who are almost universally respected. Respect, after all, must be earned. But Philip Hart was such a person.” The Free Press readily acknowledged, “And saying goodbye is not easy at all.”

Senator Philip A. Hart’s funeral was held in Washington, D.C., at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. A reporter observed the number of black suits and mink coats going inside, along with “faded blue jeans stuffed into heavy boots” at a time when casual dress was not an option for funerals. It was not Hart’s usual place to worship, but when the failing senator was told his own church could only hold 350 people and his staff suggested mourners would need tickets to get inside, he demurred.

The last thing Philip Hart was aware of was his daughter Ann and three friends singing carols in his bedroom on Christmas night.

Philip Hart died the day after Christmas 1976, with Jane, all eight of his children, his son-in-law and two grandchildren at his bedside when he passed. Only sixty-four years old when he died, Senator Philip A. Hart’s earthly remains were taken to lie near his namesake and toddler son in Michigan.

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Autographed photo of Senator Philip Hart of Michigan, circa 1959.

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Grief: An Uninvited Guest That Can't Be Ignored

Grief is a really weird thing. It doesn't always make sense. It doesn't follow the rules. It never asks for permission to invade. It shows up in the strangest times and the weirdest ways.

I am currently reading and studying the early days of David, the shepherd from Bethlehem, and his rise to become the king of Israel. I was particularly struck by the message in 2 Samuel 1, which offers one of the most unexpected responses to loss found in the Bible. David, a warrior and the future king, is devastated upon hearing of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. He breaks down, weeps, and experiences deep pain.



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist
Church Senior Pastor

David's heart is laid bare, revealing the intense and genuine emotion of grief. What's surprising is that Saul was his enemy; he had hunted David, slandered him, and even attempted to kill him for over a decade.

Yet, in Saul's death, David weeps, tears his clothes, and mourns deeply.

This is the mystery of grief—it doesn't always make sense. At all.

Sometimes, we grieve what we've lost. This grieving can happen immediately, or it may come later. One of the more difficult aspects of grief happens when we mourn not just those who have died but also those who are still alive but have become absent, changed, distant, or no longer the

person they once were. I believe that David mourned for Saul and Jonathan even while they were still alive, before they drew their final breaths on earth. He missed the connection they once shared, which often serves as a starting point for grief.

Grief doesn't always follow death. Sometimes it follows distance. We can mourn people who are still alive because relationships change, and connections break. It is possible to grieve the living, the ones we loved, lost, or had to let go, even though they're still breathing. This emotion spiritually suffocates more people than you could ever imagine.

Why grief? David grieved Saul! And it's strange. Yet it's in this passage that I think we have a connection point of why we grieve: His

grief was not because Saul was perfect, but because David had loved him, cared for him, honored him, and hoped for something different. That's the strange thing about grief—it touches places in the soul we didn't even know existed.

David didn't hide his tears or try to explain them away. Grief is not a sign of weakness; it is a human and sacred emotion. It is a God-given feeling that reveals what truly matters to us, and it shows the price we must pay for the people we deeply love.

Grief is complicated. It is a genuine emotion that everyone experiences at some point in life. You may be grieving someone who has passed away or someone who is still alive but no longer present in your life. Regardless of the situation, your feelings are valid, and you are not alone

in your experience. In our grief, God stands with us. He doesn't rush us through the process or shame us for feeling this way. He shares in our sorrow, just as He did with Martha and Mary at the tomb of their brother, comforting them in their time of loss.

Here are a few ways to carry grief effectively, even when it feels overwhelming:

Acknowledge Your Feelings: Instead of minimizing or ignoring your grief, confront it head-on. Like David, express your feelings out loud and be honest about what you're experiencing. By doing so, you begin to unlock the path toward healing.

Don't Grieve Alone: While community may not eliminate your pain, it can help you bear it. Seek out a group that truly cares about you and allow them to join you on this journey.

Sometimes, just knowing that someone else recognizes your tears can be a source of healing.

Look for Signs of Joy: Although it can break your heart and affect your happiness, it does not have to take away your joy. Allow yourself to laugh, breathe, and hope again.

Invite God into Your Grief: Seek God's presence rather than just answers. Remember that He is near to the brokenhearted.

If you're grieving today, find comfort in this: even David, a giant killer, a future king, and someone chosen by God, wept bitterly over a man who once tried to destroy him. Grief is strange, but it's sacred. You are not unusual for experiencing it. Even amidst confusion and heartbreak, remember that God is close to the brokenhearted.

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Kid A' Riffic Fun In The Park Summer 2025 line up

Kid A' Riffic Fun in the Park kicked off another season of summer fun for families last week at Chilhowee Park.

Hosted by the City's Office of Special Events, Parks and Recreation, and other community partners, Kid A' Riffic offers free games, crafts and other activities designed for children ages 2-12. Participation is free, and no registration is required.

Events will be held Wednesdays in June and July from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the following locations:

- June 11 - Safety City of Knoxville, 165 S. Concord St.
- June 18 - Rock City Ballfield and Fire Station No. 10, 1350 East Moody Ave.

- June 25 - Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Park

- July 19 - West Hills Park, John Bynon Park, 7624 Sheffield Dr.

- July 16 - Adair Park, 1807 Adair Dr.

- July 23 - World's Fair Park, 1060 World's Fair Park Dr.

Kid A' Riffic began in 2019 as a weekly way to connect youngsters and their families with summertime activities in Market Square. In 2023, Kid A' Riffic was awarded Best Children's Event in the Southeast by the Southeast Festivals & Events Association

For more information about City parks' amenities, visit KnoxvilleTN.gov/parks

Bald River Falls Bridge

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plunge into the pool below. Visitors often sit on the rocks above and watch the daredevils.

The replacement of the bridge meant long trips in and out for those residents living or camping on the south side of the falls. The improvements are drawing a crowd on weekends, so if you'd like to visit, any weekday is better.

On your way to or from Bald River Falls, you might want to take in the Charles Hall Museum in Tellico Plains or venture across

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IN RE: CASS MICHAEL SMITH VS. 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.

This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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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This 20th day of May, 2025.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY HUDSON ANFINSON DOCKET NUMBER 90966-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY HUDSON ANFINSON, who died March 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF NANCY HUDSON ANFINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID MELVIN BENNETT DOCKET NUMBER 90936-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of MAY, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID MELVIN BENNETT, who died April 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID MELVIN BENNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 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 KERMIT C. DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARLENE N. ELROD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHERYLL LYNN KITTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES FRANKLIN LUSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 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

(2) Twelve (12) 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 19 day of MAY, 2025.

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PETER LEE PAINE, EXECUTOR

PETER LEE PAINE ATTORNEY
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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 or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

(2) Twelve (12) 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 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONNIE L. THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 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 first publication; or

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

This 28th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANITA GAYLE TOWLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 in respect 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 19 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THEDFORD ANDREW ROY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 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 28th day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ANNE WATSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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

(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

(2) Twelve (12) 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 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE ANN WEIGEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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PEYTON MADDOUX STANTON
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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 j60) 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 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF SUE BRACEWELL WHITTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEVIN RANDALL BOOTH DOCKET NUMBER 90978-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KEVIN RANDALL BOOTH, who died February 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KEVIN RANDALL BOOTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DENNIS MITCHELL BRADBURN, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 90391-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DENNIS MITCHELL BRADBURN, SR., who died August 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF DENNIS MITCHELL BRADBURN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN JEANETTE CLINE
DOCKET NUMBER 90984-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN JEANETTE CLINE, who died April 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF EVELYN JEANETTE CLINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN CONATSER
DOCKET NUMBER 90981-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS ANN CONATSER, who died April 1, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN CONATSER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF E. BRUCE FOSTER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 90980-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of E. BRUCE FOSTER, JR., who died March 7, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF E. BRUCE FOSTER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY E. G. FOSTER
5509 GLEN COVE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ANDREW M. HALE, ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHRYN ODOM HOWARD
DOCKET NUMBER 90983-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHRYN ODOM HOWARD, who died testate on April 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN ODOM HOWARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MARIETTA, GA 30067

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS H. HUTCHINSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90957-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOUGLAS H. HUTCHINSON, who died March 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 22 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS H. HUTCHINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN W. MARTIN
DOCKET NUMBER 90846-2

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 JOHN W. MARTIN, who died March 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 JOHN W. MARTIN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEWART S. OAKES
DOCKET NUMBER 90989-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of STEWART S. OAKES, deceased, who died April 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) 12 months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEWART S. OAKES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. QUALLS
DOCKET NUMBER 90907-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ERNEST E. QUALLS, who died March 7, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 5th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. QUALLS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ANN SIEBERT
DOCKET NUMBER 90988-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN SIEBERT, who died April 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MACK ROBERT WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 90908-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MAY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MACK ROBERT WALKER, who died March 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 23 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MACK ROBERT WALKER

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23. '12 CHEVY CRUZE 1G1PD5SH9C7181865 NATALIE RODRIGUEZ
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5) '17 KIA SOUL KNDJP3A58H7478598
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
BID 3671, Halls Middle School Partial Renovation and Additions, due 07/10/2025
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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid - Drywall
Knox Housing Partnership, Inc., dba HomeSource east tennessee, 109 Winona Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 is soliciting bids for drywall work for new construction of three (3) buildings, containing thirty (30) residential dwelling units located at 6010 Clayberry Drive in Knoxville Tennessee.
Qualified firms interested should submit their "Intent to Bid" in email format to bharris@homesourcenet.org with "Willow Place 3 - Drywall, New Construction" in the subject line of the email, by June 23, 2025.
The "Intent to Bid" response should include a succinct narrative describing:
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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25

Student-Athletes of the Year from six more schools in this week's Focus

The Knoxville Focus is at the halfway mark of recognizing the 2024-25 Student-Athletes of the Year from the 25 high schools in our circulation area. The high schools we are focusing on this week are Austin-East, Farragut, Grace Christian Academy, Halls, L&N STEM Academy and Seymour.

We plan to have six more schools in the June 16 issue. Athletic Directors, coaches, teachers and others help with the process of submitting information and pictures of the female and male honorees. And we really appreciate it.

We hope you will join us this week in learning about the honorees' accomplishments and applauding each one!

Ellie was a four-time All-State wrestler

Mize is SHS male honoree
By Steve Williams

Ellie Underwood brought special achievements to Seymour High and the Sevier County School system during her high school career. Her talent was in girls wrestling, the fastest growing sport on the prep level nationwide. Since 2022, boys' participation in wrestling is up 25 percent. But girls' wrestling has gone further, having quintupled since 2013. Underwood, the SHS female Student-Athlete of the Year, is the school's first four-year All-State athlete and first four-time state medalist.

Ellie also was the first TSSAA female wrestling champion in Sevier County. In February, she brought home the state title at the 107-pound weight class



Seymour High School's talented Student-Athletes of the Year are wrestler Ellie Underwood and runner Sam Mize.

and her career record ended with 136 wins and 15 losses. "So many young athletes are so afraid of failure they set easily attained goals

- Not Ellie," said Coach Darrell Lauderdale. "She never let adversity or failures break her. She simply is one of the most dedicated and hard working

athletes I have ever had the honor to coach!" Sam Mize, cross country and track runner, is Seymour's male honoree. He set three individual

school records (the 800 and 1,500-meter runs and the 2k steeplechase) plus ran on the record-setting Distance Medley Relay team. "Sam is a rare athlete who comes around perhaps once in a coaching career," said Jordan Donaldson. "Coaching Sam has been a privilege, and getting to know him has been even more rewarding. We will miss his constant positivity and leadership." Seymour Athletic Director Joel Hall also commended the two honorees. "Ellie Underwood and Sam Mize should give everyone a true look at Seymour High School Athletics - Great kids who work hard, represent their school, and achieve greatness! Seymour High has been blessed to have Ellie and Sam represent us! GO EAGLES!"

L&N honorees were leaders on and off the tennis courts

By Steve Williams

L&N STEM Academy tennis coach Stephen Blythe will miss not having Jacob Anderson and Kaitlyn Harper on the courts next spring. They will be hard to replace. Both were four-year lettermen, team captains and talented players. They excelled off the court too - Jacob as Class Salutatorian and Kaitlyn as Student Body President.

Needless to say, they were L&N's Student-Athletes of the Year. Anderson was the District 2A Player of the Year, on the All-District team and the singles champion in the district tournament. He also was a singles finalist in the Region 1A tournament. "Jacob exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete," said Coach Blythe. "This year he led the tennis team as the top player and earned All-District honors while also finishing number two in his graduating class and earning recognition as the Salutatorian. "As captain of our tennis team, Jacob has led with exceptional dedication, sportsmanship, and

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Jacob Anderson (above) and Kaitlyn Harper (right) are Student-Athletes of the Year from L&N STEM Academy.



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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25

Edmondson was GCA's 'Peyton Manning'

Burns: All-State in girls' basketball

By Steve Williams

Matt Mercer, the Head of School at GCA, called Weston Edmondson "the Peyton Manning of Grace Christian Academy."

The 6-5, 210-pound senior quarterback for the Rams last fall "carries himself with class both on and off the field, is exceptionally intelligent, and flat-out knows how to win," said Mercer. "With a 4.15 GPA and an ACT score north of 30, he exemplifies what it truly means to 'Rep the G' and be a Grace Ram."

Edmondson was selected the male Student-Athlete of the Year at Grace Christian for 2024-25.

In football he was voted The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Player of the Year and also played basketball.

"God built him to play quarterback," said Mercer. "He took his lumps early in high school, but

those experiences shaped him into the leader he became in his final seasons. Weston capped off his football career with an incredible run and was also a key contributor on our basketball team that reached the Elite Eight. His impact goes far beyond statistics – he's been a foundational piece of our athletic culture."

An ETSU signee, Mercer said Weston's parents, Travis and Kristin, "have done an outstanding job raising a young man of character, work ethic, and humility. As Head of School, I'm sincerely grateful for Weston and the entire Edmondson family's positive and lasting influence on our Grace community."

Nya Burns, Class of 2026, is GCA's female honoree.

An All-State point guard with a 4.4 grade point average, "she transferred to Grace last summer and made an immediate impact – on and off the court," said Mercer. "She has a tireless work

ethic and an uncommon level of discipline."

Mercer recalled an incident that backed up her work ethic, too.

"I'll never forget walking into the gym at 6 a.m. with my son Cam last fall to get some shots up, and there was Nya already in the gym with her teammate Abby Roberts, getting up shots before most of the world had even started their day."

That work is "paying off" too, added Mercer, noting Burns has earned approximately 20 Division I basketball offers, including UT-Chattanooga and UAB.

Nya helped Grace Christian to a 20-win season, averaging 16 points, 4.2 assists and 3.1 steals. She also led the Lady Rams to their first-ever appearance in the TSSAA State Tournament.

Both Nya and Weston were named "Athletes of the Year" at Grace Christian's annual Awards Night.



Weston Edmondson (left) and Nya Burns (right) are Grace Christian Academy's Student-Athletes of the Year.



Brody Foster is the male Student-Athlete of the Year from Halls High.

Foster strives to achieve in any of life's challenges

Hutchison a leader for Lady Red Devils

By Steve Williams

Brody Foster ranked among the top high school decathletes in the nation this season, if not at the top.

The Halls junior totaled 7,229 points in Class 3A to win the TSSAA state title.

Foster also is the Halls High male Student-Athlete of the Year, as he has a 3.8 GPA.

"His accolades are abundant," said Halls Athletic Director Scott Cummings. "He is a two-time All-American in the event. As a sophomore, he finished third in the state of Tennessee."

Halls' track and field coach Tony Tampas said: "Brody is an outstanding athlete with the passion and the drive to do better

each time he participates in an event or any of life's challenges.

"Good parents are where it starts," added Tampas. "They give him the capabilities to get better each day by getting him the best training. I'm just one of the many tools in the toolbox that's had a hand in his training."

"Brody has worked hard this year on and off the track. He also strives to achieve in the classroom. He wants to be a business major and he knows what it is going to take in the classroom to get to the next level."

Makaylie Hutchison, a senior with a 3.2 GPA, is Halls' female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Makaylie, the center-fielder who batted in the No. 3 position, helped lead the Lady Red Devils to a 32-7-1 record this



Makaylie Hutchison is the female Student-Athlete of the Year from Halls High.

season. They lost to Dobyns-Bennett 3-0 in the Sectional – one victory shy of a return trip to the state tournament.

Hutchison helped lead Halls to a third place finish in the state tournament in 2024 and was named the district MVP.

She was a senior leader on this year's team and had six home runs and a .350 batting average before the season ended.



Congratulations to Myles Crayton (left) and Tymirrianna "ReRe" Brown (right), Student-Athletes of the Year from Austin-East.



Crayton is on the right track in game of life

Talented sophomore is A-E's female honoree

By Steve Williams

In track, Myles Crayton of Austin-East was a two-time TSSAA state champion.

In life, he's that and much more.

Longtime A-E Coach Sam Anderson said it best.

"Myles is one of the finest young men that I have had the pleasure of knowing in all of my years coaching," said Anderson. "The scripture 'to whom much is given much is required,' applies to his life. While he is an excellent student-athlete, he is an even better young man."

Crayton, Austin-East's male Student-Athlete of the Year, plans to attend UTK in the fall on a Flagship Scholarship and major in Journalism with a minor in Business.

He was in the Top 10 percent of his class. Athletically, the Roadrunner led the state much of the year with a 400-meter time of 48.6. He topped that with a winning time of 48.44 in the Division I Class 2A state finals.

Myles also won the 200 dash, crossing the finish line at 22.33.

Other big wins during the season for

Crayton included the Division I Class AA East Sectional race and the KIL meet and Hardin Valley Invitational in the 200 and 400.

Tymirrianna "ReRe" Brown was Austin-East's female honoree as a sophomore standout in basketball. She also was a member of the National Honors Society in 2024-25 and an "A and B" honor roll student.

Brown's top scoring game this past season was 30 points against Eagleton. She also had nine rebounds, eight steals and two assists and blocks in that game.

Tymirrianna's season point total was 497, which included 14 games of 20 points or more. Her averages per game were 17.5 points, 6.7 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 1.7 blocks.

The 10th grader made the All-District second team and earned a spot on the District All-Tournament team.

"ReRe" also received the Careacter Star Award on her team.

Coach Ayanna Armstead said Brown "was electrifying, often quiet, and a hard-working athlete, with a bright future ahead of her."

During her sophomore season, Tymirrianna was close to scoring her 1,000th point. With two years still to go, she may reach 2,000 before she's done.

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Hush Your Mouth

I had my idea for this week's column all sorted out in my head. I would enjoy writing about the subject and could do it with a minimum amount of effort. Well, that idea went down the tubes when I read just a few minutes ago a sports column in another paper. My juices began flowing, and the heat from my increasing anger felt uncomfortable. So, I've scrapped my original idea until next week.

The article I read was written by Adam Sparks. The subject was about why football fans are dissatisfied with Coach Heupel's tenure. I didn't know fans were unhappy. After what seemed like decades of losing at the hands of what proved to be incompetent coaches, UT has had a sweet run with Heupel. Tennessee has won at a high level, coaches have recruited

some of the best players in the country, and the transfer portal has proven to be a big plus for fans. Those who complain must have suffered an injury, possibly from a brick that was being used to build Tennessee football. Some might have disliked the way the offense performed under the leadership of quarterbacks not named Hooker. Of course, every fan base has a few chronic complainers who always have problems with a coach, an approach to the game, or the recruiting of athletes.

I'm tired of all the negativity that surrounds whatever sport is in season. Coach Heupel is a successful coach who has brought winning ways back to the campus downtown. He evidently is a wonderful recruiter who wins over players and parents. At the same time, he's reintroduced the element of "fun" to games for both players and fans. Heupel appears to be a bit shy, but I've never met the man and can't declare that to be a fact. I know this much is true: UT football was

in the bottom of the garbage can, and it had begun to smell from rotting. Our present coach retrieved it, washed it, and returned it to its rightful status as a top-tier program. Those who must find something wrong just can't help themselves, but I do wish they would confine the griping to their own homes.

The fact is that UT, under the direction of Danny White and Donde Plowman, has experienced a rejuvenation in its sports programs. In fact, the university has the best core group of head coaches. Rick Barnes is the basketball coach with whom serious athletes want to work. Barnes prepares players for becoming solid college and, in some cases, professional athletes. Thompson-Boiling Arena is filled and overflowing whenever the Barnes Bunch step on the floor to play.

The same can be said about second-year women's basketball coach Kim Caldwell who has led a revival of the Lady Vols. Here, high-energy offense and oppressive defense are

fun to watch, and rooting for a team that is going all out all the time invigorates fans. Caldwell recruits with dogged determination, and her aggressive style is bringing in better players. To me, Caldwell might be the second coming of Pat Summitt.

Coach Karen Weekly just finished up a season of success with the softball team. An appearance in the World Series is special. Coach Weekly demands perfection, and the players strive to meet those demands every time they step on the field.

Tony Vitello is a masterful coach who knows how to condition players and how to make each year a success. The baseball team won the World Series last year, and they are determined to reach that goal again this year. Watching players makes it obvious that they are dedicated to Vitello and Tennessee baseball. Like other UT teams, the Vol baseball players are well conditioned both physically and mentally. They seem willing to follow their coach wherever he chooses to

lead.

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