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4th District council candidates take questions from NKBPA

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Three candidates vying for Knoxville's Fourth District were featured at Friday's North Knoxville Business and Professional Association meeting at St John's Church on Broadway. President Tyler Pavlis moderated the well-attended meeting, which included breakfast and served as a meet-and-greet with the candidates.

Each candidate, Jane George, Matthew DeBardelaben and Jeff Talman, spoke for a few minutes and then answered questions from the audience of NKBPA members and guests. The candidates were asked their opinions on the difficulties in getting building permits, the city's alternative response teams, and the reuse and development of underused real estate.

In his brief opening

statement, DeBardelaben says he favors positive growth in the city, housing, transportation and quality of life.

George said she wants "smart growth," more frequent bus service, help for evicted persons, and a better policy on mental illness.

Talman said he favors homeownership, a no-nonsense tax base, no

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North Knoxville Business and Professional Association President Tyler Pavlis hosted a meeting with three 4th District City Council candidates Friday. The questions were as varied as the answers. Photo by Mike Steely.

2025 Knoxville Gran Fondo to benefit Pedal for Alzheimer's



Topping the hill at last year's inaugural Knoxville Gran Fondo are (from left) a Nashville Local Cycling professional team member, Pedal for Alzheimer's Ambassador Sean Rand and Knoxville cyclist Carli Loss.

The 2nd annual charity cycling and running event, Knoxville Gran Fondo and Trail Run 2025, will be held Saturday at Baker Creek Preserve in South Knoxville. Funds from this event will support Pedal for Alzheimer's and its efforts towards Alzheimer's research, education, support and care.

Alzheimer's disease affects 1 in 9 people age 65 and older. Knoxville Gran Fondo and Trail Run is an opportunity for the community to unite, raise awareness, and contribute to the fight against this devastating disease while cycling, running or visiting the festival being hosted by the businesses of Baker Creek.

There is no cutoff date for registration for the event. "People can register all the way up to onsite, day of the event!" Amy McNally of Pedal for Alzheimer's Ltd told The Focus.

Event Details

Date: June 21, 2025

Time: Cyclists' race starts at 7:30 a.m. and the runners' race starts at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Baker Creek Preserve
3700 Lancaster Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920

Register: <https://pedalforalzheimers.org/>

Website: <https://pedalforalzheimers.org/2025-knoxville-gran-fondo/>

Festival: Live DJ Sterl the Pearl with vendors, food and beverages from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Open to the public.

The University of Tennessee Press announces the publication of 'Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee' by Ray Hill

The University of Tennessee Press is thrilled to announce the publication of "Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee" by Ray Hill, is now available in paperback and ebook formats.

Kenneth McKellar was a Democratic politician from Memphis, Tennessee who represented the state in both the U.S. House of Representatives and in the U.S. Senate. Though not a Tennessean by birth, this Alabama-born and -educated lawyer remains Tennessee's longest-serving congressman at 42 years of service, one of a short list of congresspeople in American history who has served as long.

"Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee" by Ray Hill is the first full-length biography on McKellar to date. In it, Hill chronicles McKellar's life and legacy in Tennessee and beyond, touching on his relationships to both

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One-half cent sales tax passes first reading

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The Knoxville City Council passed, on the first of two readings, a local option sales tax increase of one-half cent to be added to November's city ballot.

The 7-1-1 vote saw citizens speaking for and against the proposed ballot referendum, with Mayor Indya Kincannon pledging the increase would bring in a new \$47 million each year to be used for sidewalks, park amenities, roads and affordable family housing.

Kincannon called the

ballot initiative a "neighborhood investment" to fund projects that have long been needed and quoted President Kennedy.

"The time to repair our roof is when the sun is shining," she said, adding, "It's time to let the voters decide." She said the sales tax increase would permit 20 years of needed city projects in the next five years.

Several council members spoke on the issue including Councilwoman Seema Singh, who noted the increase is a "regressive tax" and hesitated to

support the issue. Council members Tommy Smith and Debbie Helsley asked for a more detailed list of projects that could be funded during the five-year period.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie asked the mayor if the referendum is approved in November, would the money created be used to increase the city staff. Kincannon said there are no plans to do that.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider supported the idea, saying that needed projects around the city face "few options" for funding.

Councilwoman Amelia

Parker said that the increase hurts people living paycheck to paycheck. She opposed the motion to approve, saying that some people are "treading water" now to survive.

If the resolution is approved when the council meets on Tuesday, June 24, the referendum will be added to the November city election ballot. Voters in five districts will vote for their council representatives, and all city voters will cast votes on the sales tax.

If approved by city voters in November, the additional sales tax would add a

projected \$47 million to the city coffers each year. Exempted from the tax are all food items, gas, rent, utilities, prescription medicine, health care, bus fares and property taxes. The tax

would also end after the first \$1,600 of any other purchase.

The first vote on approval saw Amelia Parker voting "No" and Singh abstaining.

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From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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Everyone should now feel sorry for Harvard (wink-wink). At least the elitist Democrats and their allies in the national media seem to think so.

They have been blasting the Trump administration for withholding about \$2.2 billion in federal funds scheduled to go to Harvard. After all, the college has only \$53 billion in its endowment, and usually makes only about 5 to 5.5 percent on that money each year.

Then, of course, Harvard in 2024 took in only \$528

million in “current use gifts” and surpassed only a little over one billion in total fundraising for the year.

So, Harvard filed suit against the administration to make sure it gets the \$2.2 billion from the taxpayers, much of which comes from low- and middle-income people.

Even people who don’t pay much in federal income taxes pay all kinds of other taxes. For instance, everyone who drives pays 18.4 cents a gallon on a federal gas tax. Truckers pay a fuel surcharge that is 46 cents a mile for independent truckers, and varying amounts for large corporations.

Businesses have to pass their taxes on to consumers on everything that is produced, delivered or sold in this country. Many state and local taxes are higher because of federal mandates, and all taxes – federal, state, and local

– obviously hit poor and lower-income people the hardest.

Unfortunately, most major universities have become leftist brainwashing factories. Several years ago, the Washington Post reported that only five percent of college professors were conservative.

In 2012, George Will wrote a column for the Post entitled “Colleges have free speech on the run.” He quoted Greg Lukianoff, president of The Foundation for Individual Rights, a liberal: “Those with the highest levels of education have the lowest exposure to people with conflicting points of view.” This encourages “the human tendency to live within our own echo chambers.”

George Will and many others have said that there is less free speech on college and university campuses than anywhere else in the U.S. Law Professor

Jonathan Turley said one of his colleagues was leading a movement to amend the First Amendment and quoted her as saying, it is “aggressively individualistic and needs to be curtailed.”

People like to be around people like themselves, and liberal professors almost always hire other liberals. Many retiring or defeated liberal or left-wing public officials become college professors. This never happens to former conservative Republican officials, unless they are ones who have attacked their party, and/or more importantly, have attacked President Trump.

Harvard hired former Chicago mayor Lori Lightfoot, who had been called “America’s worst Mayor”, after she ran a poor third in the Democratic Primary when she ran for re-election. Harvard also hired former New York Mayor Bill

de Blasio after his left-wing race for president got less than one percent of the vote.

The latest example is Jacinda Ardern, the former prime minister of New Zealand, who now teaches at Harvard.

Because elitist liberals don’t like things like freedom and choices for others, they love to have power and control and run the lives of everybody else. Thus, the blue state mayors and governors were the quickest to impose draconian restrictions during the Covid fraud.

Ms. Ardern became a hero to the Left when she imposed the most severe restrictions in New Zealand. Now, she claims, without evidence, that this saved 80,000 lives. But she became so unpopular in New Zealand that she had to resign in 2023 before her party was destroyed at the polls.

Antisemitism is racism by another name

Don’t ask me why, but the murder of the two young Israelis outside the Jewish Museum in D.C. has left me as shaken as the killing of George Floyd. The killings are the latest manifestation of the antisemitism so prevalent in today’s left-wing radicalism. Why I never thought I would see this killing in this country speaks to my naivete. The irony is that the radical left is attacking Jews who are among the most loyal Democratic voters. The far left, which is fond of labelling virtually anything that moves as being racist, is itself practicing racism toward the Jews.

Yet I have heard no high-ranking Jewish politician express support for what the Trump administration

is doing to confront antisemitism on our college campuses. Chuck Schumer’s silence is deafening, as is that of every Jew in Congress. Despite Harvard’s long history of antisemitism, over 100 Jewish students at Harvard signed a letter opposing the cutting of over \$9 billion in federal funding at Harvard. The students acknowledge that antisemitism is real and a serious problem at Harvard, but that the cutting of funding hurts those Jews actively engaged in research and internships on campus. Some of the students said that the Trump administration’s charge of antisemitism is just a cover for its war on DEI and the corresponding “litany of absurd

demands.”

Harvard’s president, who is Jewish, has said that fighting antisemitism on campus “will not be achieved by assertions of power, unmoored from the law, to control teaching and learning at Harvard and to dictate how we operate. The work of addressing our shortcomings, fulfilling our commitments, and embodying our values is ours to define and undertake as a community.”

A coalition of Jewish groups has also chimed in by stating, “Universities have an obligation to protect Jewish students, and the federal government has an important role to play in that effort; however, sweeping draconian funding cuts will weaken the free academic inquiry that strengthens democracy and society, rather than productively counter antisemitism

on campus. These actions do not make Jews – or any community – safer. Rather, they only make us less safe.”

Harvard’s president and its students have a valid point. However, what was Harvard doing to confront antisemitism prior to Trump? What were the Jewish students doing? Harvard is an example of academic freedom run amok. There are parts of the curricula and members of the faculty who are openly antisemitic. There is an intolerance on campus toward conservative speakers and anything that questions the orthodoxy of the left. Harvard, as well as other universities, have tacitly endorsed all this under the guise of academic freedom. Yet it has failed to fulfill the basic academic mission of demanding excellence and encouraging the exchange

of diverse ideas and viewpoints.

It may well be that the Trump people are using federal funding as the sword of Damocles to advance their own agenda of eradicating DEI and CRT at our universities. I, though troubled by the antisemitism on campus, am equally troubled by the federal government dictating what is taught and who teaches it. If that is the price of federal funding, then perhaps we should emulate Hillsdale College and reject all federal funding. I have read nothing that would contend that Hillsdale is antisemitic. Quite to the contrary, in its student paper, it condemned the campus protests, college administrators and faculty who supported it and coddled unruly students. Consider the following statement:

“The only proper response to this month’s attack on Israel was a condemnation of terrorism and antisemitism. But that was too much to ask of students and faculty at what used to be our finest academic institutions. That the West’s elite colleges and universities have become morally and intellectually corrupt is old news to Hillsdale folk. A lack of trust in our country’s esteemed universities is what drove many of us to this college.”

The fact that this statement did not come from the students at Harvard bespeaks of their tacit acceptance of the antisemitism on campus and their not aggressively fighting it. I can’t imagine any other minority group putting up with such nonsense. Again, where were the Jewish voices opposing Harvard’s antisemitism before Trump, and where are they now?



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Publisher's Position California Dreamin' Nightmare



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For anyone who entertained for a moment that the corporate media in this country learned even a smidgen of a speck from the 2024 election, sorry to say so, but your bubble got busted. The rioting in Los Angeles sure as shooting popped that bubble where a plainly incompetent mayor allowed much of the city to burn because there was no water in the fire hydrants. Of course, she was off attending a cocktail party in Africa at the time after having promised the voters she would do no foreign traveling.

Poor Karen Bass is so far over her head as mayor of Los Angeles that she might as well be in a bottomless pit. The same is true for Gavin Newsom, California's equally incompetent governor, who helped to bury the California Dream in a hole and burn what was left of it to ashes. A state chock-full of natural wonders and some of the most wonderful weather on the planet, the Leftists in charge of California didn't just run it into the ground, they just plain killed it. People have been fleeing California like their houses were on fire and, unfortunately, some of them were. Many of those refugees have settled here in Knox County and throughout Tennessee. Open borders, along with an open health care and welfare state, eventually bankrupt a country, and if anyone is so stupid as to doubt that, California is a perfect example. California has a \$58 billion deficit and growing. California has offered free health care to illegal aliens, something American

taxpayers don't enjoy. California is robbing Peter to pay Paul and before long, the entire state is going to fall in on itself. Likely, Gavin Newsom hopes that happens after he runs for president in 2028. The establishment media is back to its well-worn tricks of telling us about the "mostly peaceful" rioting in Los Angeles, where cars are burning in the background as "protestors" against allowing ICE to do its job, wave Mexican and Palestinian flags. The rioters have entertained themselves by burning American flags, slashing tires, throwing rocks at guardsmen, setting cars on fire, defacing buildings and destroying property owned by the taxpayers. All the rioting and burning of other people's property has a price tag, which we all pay. The insurance costs to replace or rebuild homes, buildings, cars, and everything else either destroyed or looted comes directly out of your pockets. Next time you sign a check for your

mortgage or car insurance, say a little prayer of thanks to the "mostly peaceful" rioters who caused your rates to go up. Think about the politicians like Tim Walz, who sat on his hands while letting rioters burn down parts of Minneapolis, just as Gavin Newsom and Karen Bass did before President Trump called out the National Guard. Those on the Left never allow law enforcement to do its job and order them to stand down until things have usually gotten way out of hand. The Left likes any old riot and insurrection except that of January 6. And, once again, the corporate media goes right along with the Leftist narrative, telling us not to believe our lying eyes. Gavin Newsom sounds utterly ridiculous when he starts talking about what is lawful. Crossing our border illegally is a federal crime. ICE removing dangerous criminals, child molesters, rapists, murderers and gang members are doing their job under American

law. We've seen one Leftist judge ask for immunity for violating the law while at the same time parroting that no one is above it. That is a lie; they think they are above it. They think the deplorables and Donald Trump should be beneath their own boot heels. The next time you hear them squall about the law, remember they ignored the law about the border; the next time you hear them shriek our democracy is in danger, remember they celebrated Biden deliberately refusing to enforce our border laws. The next time they holler we have a constitutional crisis, keep in mind the cost to house, feed, clothe and provide for 20 million illegal aliens. And never forget why the Leftists want them here; Congresswoman Becca Balint of Vermont blurted out the reason when she said, "We aren't going to have anyone around to wipe our a---s." Congresswoman Norma Torres is following the Democratic narrative by trying to accuse President Trump

of having created the mess in Los Angeles. No, lady, that was the doing of you and your fellow Democrats. Torres called for ICE to "retreat." It began with the utterly incompetent Karen Bass calling for an end to ICE raids detaining illegal aliens. Is it just hunky dory for someone who doesn't agree with your politics to set your car on fire? Is it okay for someone who is mad because of what he or she saw on the TV news to throw rocks through your window? Calling violence "peaceful" will always be a lie, and the American people have demonstrated they can make their own decisions based on what they see with their own eyes. Violence unleashed and unchecked always escalates. It cannot be tolerated in a civilized society for any reason. Thank God we have a president who takes his duty seriously enough to ensure the welfare and safety of our country's citizens.

Election commission: Talman can run for council

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After hearing from State of Tennessee Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, the Knox County Election Commission on Tuesday voted 3-2 to permit Jeff Talman to seek the 4th District city council seat. Talman listed his home address as 616 Luttrell Street, but he hasn't lived there in a few years and has been staying in Dandridge while the Knoxville lot is under construction. The Knoxville address had been zoned for a business, which would have disqualified Talman. Knox County Election Coordinator Chris Davis presented some complaints and information on the address to the commission members and went over several facts that might have disqualified Talman from seeking election. Talman ran for city mayor in the last election using the same address. Goins, who witnessed the meeting via the internet, was asked by Chairwoman Hannah Hopper for any comment, and Goins said Talman should qualify as a candidate because he has paid his taxes using the Luttrell Street address. The former business building has been demolished, and construction



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Jeff Talman presents his case before the Knox County Election Commission's special called meeting last week. The commission decided he can run for city council this year.

is currently underway for a permanent home in the Fourth and Gill neighborhood. "I think the law is on your side," Hopper said, adding, "Your neighbors will decide." Commission member Eddie Smith quizzed Talman about deeds to the property, about records in the property assessor's office and noted the property may still be listed in the city as a business location and not a residence. Following the statement from Goins, Smith changed his position. Smith joined Hopper

and Bob Bowman to vote to permit Talman to run, with Adronicus Thomas and Julie Gautreau voting to deny the candidacy. Asked prior to the hearing what he might do if denied the chance to run for the office, Talman told The Focus that he could take that decision to court but added, "That's expensive." He was optimistic going into the hearing. Talman will face Matthew DeBardelaben and Jane George in the August city primary, all three hoping to win in November and replace Lauren Rider on the city council.

'Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee' by Ray Hill

Cont. from page 1 Franklin D. Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson as well as his unwavering support for the Tennessee Valley Authority when it was first introduced in 1933. This meticulously researched title closes a gap in the scholarship written on one of Tennessee's most prominent political figures in its history, tracing his career through historic

milestones while painting a colorful, nuanced portrait of the senator's character and convictions. Hill, who is well known for his long-running history column in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper, has been involved in state politics as a deputy clerk for over 22 years. Hill pored over scores of newspaper articles both on McKellar's political career and politics in Tennessee,

making this book an exceptional choice for both students of political science or those who wish to learn more about Tennessee's place in U.S. politics in the early twentieth century. "Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee" is available for purchase at utpress.org and wherever books are sold.

Tennessee Tobacco Growers Are Being Swindled By Foreign Competitors

Congress Should Fix The Loophole Allowing It

Tennessee is one of the top three states in the US for tobacco farming, yet the industry has declined nearly 65 percent in the last 20 years. Unfortunately, accelerating this trend is a little-known tax loophole offering refunds to foreign tobacco companies that never paid their federal excise taxes in the first place, putting domestic companies purchasing American tobacco at a disadvantage. While President Trump tried to close this loophole during his first term, the courts stepped in and stifled those efforts. Now, Congress has the opportunity to step up and do what's right for American growers and the American taxpayer by closing the loophole.

The double duty drawback loophole is a byproduct of the "substitution drawback," a tax refund granted to companies who export and import equal amounts of a certain product. However, companies can claim refunds on all federal taxes under the substitution drawback, including the federal excise tax. Foreign companies who hold their goods in bond warehouses – where goods are stored before the excise tax is paid – have discovered they can claim a refund for excise taxes under the substitution drawback, even if the excise tax was never paid. While this policy was

established by an accidental series of amendments and new regulations, there's no doubt harm is being done to American tobacco farmers and taxpayer money is being wasted. Foreign tobacco companies and cigarette manufacturers have taken advantage of the double duty drawback with relish, avoiding paying the taxes they owe to the federal government while domestic manufacturers operate on a different footing as they maintain contracts with American farmers and pay their taxes in full.

It's bad enough this oversight has been in place allowing these foreign companies to profit. But looking forward, it is estimated that the loophole will cost American taxpayers over one billion per year for the next decade. We're seeing a \$12 billion windfall directly into the pockets of foreign companies. What's worse is that if the status quo continues, Tennessee farmers could lose contracts as businesses seek to leverage the same loophole with American

taxpayers continuing this subsidy of foreign companies. Congress has an urgent mandate to close the loophole before this crisis continues. Both parties in Washington have recognized the need, and fortunately a chance has presented itself. President Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" includes a provision that will close the double duty drawback loophole and put an end to our government and taxpayers being swindled by tobacco companies overseas. It will ensure those companies pay their fair share in excise taxes, putting them back on a level playing field with the American companies who have continued to stand behind Tennessee farmers. The House already passed the bill, and as the Senate deliberates a final version of the bill, it's imperative that this provision remains.. Tennessee agriculture is a critical industry for the state, including the 241 independent tobacco farmers who continue growing a crop that was crucial to the success of this nation in its earliest days. Tennessee's lawmakers should stand up for them and ensure the double duty drawback loophole is closed, permanently.

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School zone speeding enforcement, vehicle noise detectors approved

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Aside from ICE protesters and the ½ cent increase on sales taxes, the Knoxville City Council's four-hour meeting Tuesday did get some other things done.

In an 8-1 vote, the council approved automated enforcement systems to regulate speeding in school zones and measure motor vehicle noise downtown. The council also approved a five-year capital improvement plan.

An appeal from Everett Hirche for the Board of Zoning Appeals to increase the front setback at 137 West Anderson Avenue was denied, and surplus property along Moody Avenue was sold to Michael Seemer for \$4,444.

Another property, at 412 Ocala Drive, was approved in an 8-1 vote to be sold to



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Immigrant supporters filled the main assembly room of the City-County building Tuesday evening, as Enoch Colvin and other speakers expressed their concerns for their neighbors living here and the policies to apprehend them.

Gary Chesney for \$40,250 as part of the Homemakers Program.

The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum was allocated \$50,000 for operational budget support

and the Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee was allotted \$25,000 for essential services. A Victims of Crime Act grant from the state of \$150,546 was approved, and several

streets and alleys were closed after requests from the Engineering Department to list items by street names and not block numbers.

The council also

approved amendments to the city code concerning conversion of buildings to two-family dwellings, and zoning changes were approved for 4301 and 4311 Kingston Pike, 1501

North Cherry Street and 1203 Murray Drive.

Mayor Indya Kincannon reappointed Marite Perez and appointed Margaret Butler to the Knox County Planning Commission.

Town Hall East to host candidate forum

Town Hall East will host a Candidate Forum on Monday, June 23, for the candidates running for Knoxville City Council in the two districts included in the Town Hall East boundaries: District 4 and District 6. The location will be Rust Fellowship Hall behind Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Highway.

Since voting in the August 26 election will be strictly by district, they have separated the forum

into two sessions. The session for District 4 will begin at 7 p.m., and the session for District 6 will begin at 8 p.m.

All three candidates from District 4 and four of the five candidates from District 6 have indicated they will participate.

They hope that residents in these districts will attend and learn more about the candidates to make an informed decision.

4th District council candidates take questions

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increased sales tax, a plan to deal with more housing and developing the corridors.

The Knoxville Focus asked about their opinions on city policies dealing with undocumented residents. Audience members asked other questions.

George said that people who are here legally are "being taken away" and urged residents to make a video and get names of those being apprehended so their families will know. She said that immigrants

committing crimes should be removed.

DeBardelaben said, "My heart aches" for them and the city needs a more robust office to deal with the problem and should work with groups to help.

Talman said the problem is an "uncontrolled, disorderly system" and referred to a man who lost his son to an undocumented alien.

The question of obtaining building permits saw George talk about Historic Overlays and DeBardelaben speak of needing a balance between local and

box businesses, and a process for more affordable housing. Talman said it is "crazy that a local process can take months and that process adds [to the] cost of doing business."

The alternative response policy saw George compliment Knoxville's "HART" organization and said the response policy of sending a mental health worker to domestic disturbances is seen as "nothing but good."

Talman said there is "no such thing as a routine traffic stop or domestic dispute."

Asked about the problem of unused real estate, George said that some unused properties are not owned by the city and the city cannot impose restrictions. DeBardelaben said the city is going to struggle with state and federal funding and that workforce housing is needed close to workplaces.

Talman said the nation has a huge debt, and the cost of help may be passed on to people "not born yet." He added he favors incentives and wants Knoxville to be an ideal workplace.

KAUL's annual Shoes for School moves to Covenant Health Park

The Knoxville Area Urban League (KAUL) will host its 23rd annual Shoes for School on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. until noon at a new location in Covenant Health Park.

Since 2003, Shoes for School has helped thousands of local children start the school year with confidence by providing new shoes and school supplies. This year, KAUL continues its mission of empowering youth while calling on the community for support through sponsorships, donations and volunteers.

"All children deserve to feel equipped and proud — never othered," said Carly Hammonds, director of education and youth services for KAUL. "They

should know they are part of a community that walks alongside them, and we encourage everyone to be a part of that journey. By giving time, resources and support, community members can help ensure the success of this impactful event and the continued development of our youth."

Partner agencies have begun distributing shoe registration forms to families they serve. Not all children are eligible, and families must attend the event in person with the registered child to receive shoes. This process ensures that families impacted by barriers will receive the support they need, especially as back-to-school costs continue to rise.

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Posse Comitatus

The people that are causing the problem are professional agitators. They're insurrectionists. They're bad people.

President, Donald Trump

As I begin this essay, Los Angeles is on fire for the second time in six months. And the progressive "Karen," Los Angeles Mayor Bass, is again demonstrably incompetent to manage her city. The same goes for California Governor "Newscum" who can't clear brush to prevent fires or fill reservoirs to fight fires. Until Angelenos and California voters wise up, problems will be mismanaged, lawlessness will continue, tax dollars will be wasted and communities will suffer under Democrat progressive socialist leadership. Sadly, it's the same in virtually every Democrat run sanctuary city and state. Wise up, Knoxville!

Becky and I are big fans of the old Andy Griffith Show. Nostalgia for a

different time and place, small town values and memorable characters repeatedly brings us back to our DVD collection. The Los Angeles insurrection made me think of an episode where Andy was away and Barney Fife was temporary sheriff. Barney decided he needed help with some imagined problem, so he deputized Gomer Pyle, Floyd the Barber and Otis, the town drunk. Barney's posse was comical, but comes from the legal concept of posse comitatus.

Deputizing citizens or forming a posse to go after criminals is a common motif in western drama. In colonial times civilian militias were used. Not surprisingly, The Founders were fearful of a standing army and Constitutionally limited the number and scope of the military. These days we sometimes call upon National Guard troops in emergencies to support law officers. The armed forces are also available in certain

situations.

After the Civil War the former Confederate States chafed at Federal dictates and the United States Army, which was in charge in the South during the Reconstruction era. This was especially true regarding the citizenship and rights of black people (Constitutional Amendments 13, 14 and 15). Some states and local sheriffs refused to protect black citizens from bands of paramilitary groups and the KKK, so the military was necessary to enforce the law.

As Reconstruction was coming to an end, Congress passed the Posse Comitatus law in 1878 that "limits the powers of the federal government in the use of federal military personnel to enforce domestic policies in the United States." This law has been modified several times to include all branches of the military, including the Space Force. The only exception is the Coast Guard.

Two weeks ago mobs/rioters in Los Angeles attacked federal law enforcement officers who were in the city to arrest people as part of an investigation of money laundering, drug smuggling, and human trafficking. The agents were accosted and when LA police arrived officers were pelted with bricks and fireworks. The unauthorized insurrectionist mob, egged

on by Democrat politicians, blocked roads, looted, burned cars, and refused to disperse while waving Mexican flags. At least one illegal Mexican was arrested and charged with attempted murder when he threw a Molotov cocktail at officers.

The 1992 Rodney King protest in LA started slowly, but soon escalated and spread, ultimately "leading to 63 dead, nearly 2400 injured, 12,000 arrested and \$2.3 billion in inflation-adjusted property damage."

Because the governor and mayor refused to recognize the gravity of the situation in this recent riot, President Trump ordered 2000 members of the National Guard and finally 900 marines to protect federal agents and federal property, and to support the overwhelmed ICE agents and LA police. Sadly, but not surprisingly, Democrat leaders and their media shills have sided with the insurrectionists rather than officers and the citizens of Los Angeles.

However, the National Guard and Marines are prevented from making arrests unless The Insurrection Act is invoked. This law was passed in 1792 and expanded in 1807 giving the president power to call up state militias and to use active federal troops without consent or approval of local or state authorities. It has been used by George

Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant and by George H W Bush during the 1992 Rodney King riot. The Insurrection Act is the one exception to the Posse Comitatus Act.

As protests/riots arise in other cities I don't know why President Trump does not invoke the Insurrection Act and stop the anarchists. I am not an attorney, but perhaps the Supremacy Clause in the Constitution is sufficient to justify the National Guard and Marines when state and local officials are unable or unwilling to protect officers, citizens or property.

I've lived long enough to understand there are a lot of things I don't understand, but I continue to learn through study. Numerous scientific studies have shown that unhappy people have more health and psychological problems. A recent study in the Journal of Depression and Anxiety caught my eye. This retrospective analysis of brain scans and cognitive data/tests in 20,000 patients with anxiety disorders including depression, emotional instability and memory problems showed reduced blood flow to the brain. The author notes that the findings may be merely associative rather than causal, but he believes that a "bad attitude" may indicate a brain disorder.

As I watch the insurrectionists in LA I can't help but note the contrast between

these angry people and the joyful, orderly people I've seen at Trump rallies. I'm reading Philip Yancey's latest book about forgiveness. In one story Yancey metaphorically describes hatred as rat poison which a victim consumes expecting the victimizer to die of the poison.

The rage that has erupted in LA is just another iteration of the left's poisonous hatred of America, Jews, MAGA, the "patriarchy," etc. Hatred is the "rat poison" of TDS. It is what happens when people embrace the mantle of victimhood, demanding retribution.

Despite the media and Democrat dishonesty, Federal ICE agents are arresting those who have broken the law. So I ask, why does the Democrat party continue to embrace the minority position of every issue? I believe the Democrat leadership's only focus is power.

Unfortunately, the leadership and their media loons have fomented such irrational hatred of Trump, Jews, America, etc., among their followers that they can't go back or change what they've become. As Greg Gutfeld puts it, "The Democrats have become the Party of toxic women and beta males." I think he's right; it's all they have left.

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Thinking of John Cullum, notable character actor from Knoxville

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From film's Grace Moore, Mary Costa, David Keith and Quentin Tarantino, to singers Dolly Parton, Kenny Chesney and Kelsea Ballerini, and comedians Henry Cho and Johnny Knoxville, there are dozens and dozens of talented folks who hail from Knoxville and East Tennessee.

And then there's one actor and singer I keep running across who is from Knoxville, went to UT, and started his career here. I

keep seeing him playing an attorney or judge on one of my favorite TV shows, "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." It seems there's no part that the 95-year-old actor couldn't play and make the character very believable.

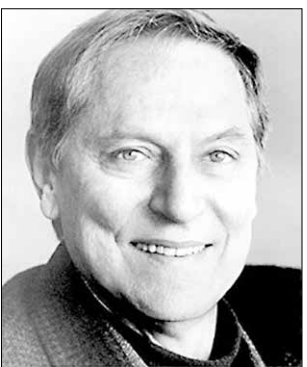
I've written about him before and he continues to act, not only on television but on Broadway and in films. His face may be familiar to you and you might search your brain for his name.

John Cullum was born in 1930 in Knoxville and was

a very good tennis player. His acting began at UT, where he appeared in a dozen plays, was an ROTC officer, and a president of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Most of his family remains in our community. As a youth, Cullum attended old Knoxville High School and he graduated UT with a bachelor's degree in speech.

Following college, Cullum appeared in TV's "Shenandoah," "The Scottsboro Boys," "Northern Exposure," "ER,"

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Bet you recognize this face. He's John Cullum, the award-winning stage, screen and television actor. Did you know he's a native Knoxville and UT graduate?

What is a Subpoena?

Let's say you are sitting at home and a stranger knocks on your door and hands you a piece of paper that says "Subpoena" on it. You might think, "Do I need a lawyer? Am I in trouble?" While it may seem intimidating, a subpoena is simply a legal document that means you are being asked—more



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accurately, required—to do something related to a court case.

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They were my first

As much as I hate to admit it, I do check Facebook several times a day. Other platforms I avoid because I just don't want to know too much about people or events. I don't like Facebook,



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but I can keep up with birthdays and important events of friends and family. Not long ago, I saw a callout post from a former student. It is reunion time, and this one is doubly special. First, the class of '75 will celebrate its 50th anniversary of graduation. For me, this group is special because they were the first class in my teaching career.

It was August 1974. I'd completed my classes and earned a degree. During the summer, I painted dorm rooms for the university as

I waited for interviews for teaching positions. Back then, securing a teaching job was much harder than today. Thus far, contacts had been nonexistent, and I was beginning to feel the panic set in.

Amy and I had begun dating in December 1973, and we were planning on marrying in December 1974. She would transfer from Tennessee Tech to UT to finish up her degree. However, the job prospects weren't materializing, and I wasn't so sure the wedding would take place, something that could bring joy to my future mother-in-law.

Ideally, staying in Cookeville and teaching would have been a perfect scenario, and Amy's mom had connections with

some folks who might help. As things turned out, the connections didn't happen, and I never received an offer for the job.

At home, my mother, who had begun a teaching career when Jim and I entered first grade, decided to speak to Superintendent Mildred Doyle about a possible job for me. Both women were known for being straight shooters, and they admired that quality in each other. In late August, with little more than a week left of summer vacation, I was called about an interview to teach at Doyle High School. The principal was my high school principal, and I was hired. Thank you, God.

The first day of class, I walked into class wearing my new suit. My hair was fuller and darker back then. I would be teaching senior

and freshman classes. My nerves frayed as the first class of seniors entered my classroom. Whispers and laughs only added to my nervous state. I wondered what I could teach these people. I didn't know if they would listen to me or behave during class. It was the biggest craps shoot of my life.

I started out as a tough guy, and the bluff worked. At that time, corporal punishment was in use and teachers could administer it. I did so. The first person I ever paddled chose the swat over writing sentences for being late. They all laughed as I walked him to the office. The boy was a hulking man-child who could have crushed me. Instead, he complied with officials and assumed the position for his one "lick."

He was startled by the swat, and his eyes watered

just a bit. Upon entering the room, he shook his head when others began teasing. I suppose that was my lucky day. From then on, I developed as a teacher. Working with those folks was a bright spot in my career. I made friends with many of those students. The oldest student I had in the class was the same age as Amy. I was only 22 and was in charge of educating humans who were only a few years younger than I was.

The last day of classes before I was to leave for our wedding, those seniors threw me a party. Cake and drinks were passed out, and then the boy whom I had disciplined began handing me presents from the class. Among the items were protection, two bottles of PGA (pure grain alcohol), and a carton of cigarettes. I was never

more surprised or touched. Our wedding took place in a small Methodist church where Amy and I had met. At the designated time, I took my place in front with the minister and Jim, my best man. Nervously, I panned the audience. Most of the guests were folks whom I knew little or not at all. Then I spied the back row and shook my head. Seated there were Mike, Randy and Cindy, three students in my first period class.

I contacted Pam Ketron after seeing the reunion news to ask if I might be able to join their celebration. Yes, it was a pushy act on my behalf, but this class is special because they were my first, and all of us remember our first. Here's hoping someone lets me know about the event.

UT Gardens' June Plant of the Month

Hardy Geraniums Stand Out Under Trees and Shrubs, Trouble Areas and Partial Shade Gardens

Submitted by Jennifer Northam, Collections manager and horticulturist, UT Gardens, Knoxville.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Hardy geraniums, also known as cranesbills, are loved in the garden because of their versatility and durability.

They are commonly known as cranesbills because their fruit is

shaped like a crane's bill. The Greek word geranium translates to crane in English. There are around 300 species of hardy geraniums. They can be found in several countries and oceanic islands across the world. Species range in height from only a few inches to species like Geranium arboreum that can grow 12-foot-tall.

Several species of hardy geraniums are very easy to grow and drought-tolerant once established. They can be used in understory plantings, under trees and shrubs, popped into bare spots and trouble areas where other plants will not grow. Include them in rock gardens, woodland settings, as ground covers, in containers, in

partial shade gardens and in mixed perennial borders and beds.

Several species and cultivars will bloom in spring and then again in the fall, and some will bloom all season long from about April to September. They attract bees and butterflies and are deer and rabbit resistant. Many of the hardy geranium species growing in Knoxville send out their first buds around mid-April.

Flowers come in shades of white, pink, lavender, magenta and blue. Some varieties have darker veins on the petals, which

is very unique and attractive. Another great quality of these perennials is that the foliage alone is beautiful for most of the year. Leaves can be green, burgundy, gray-green and yellow and come in all kinds of different shapes and textures. Many varieties will turn colors of purple, yellow, orange and red in the fall.

Most of the hardy geraniums we grow in Knoxville prefer partial shade and good drainage. They will need more shade in the heat of West Tennessee and most of the South and will not tolerate wet spots.

After the first flush of flowers in the spring, plants can be sheared back to basal foliage and will have a good chance of blooming again. Geranium hybrid 'Rozanne' is a powerhouse, blooming strongly in the fall as well as spring with no need to cut back. The cultivar is a favorite for its strong vigor, large blue blooms, long bloom times, resilience and functionality in the garden. Geranium 'Rozanne' can be found in the Post Wild Perennial Garden, as well as G. macrorrhizum 'Bevan's Variety', G. pratense 'Boom

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Thinking of John Cullum

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"Mad Men" and many other plays and television shows.

In 2004, he returned to the Clarence Brown Theatre to star in its production of "The Dresser" along with his son, J. D. Cullum, who is also an actor. Cullum has received several awards, including two Tonys, and a theater at 54th Street in New York City was renamed in 2015 in his honor.

Unlike some actors who don't watch their appearances, Cullum said he watches his past character roles to see how he could improve. He has fond memories of Knoxville and has often visited here over the years. He lives in New York City and may be one of the most noteworthy of the many media stars from our area. You'll know him when you see him.

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Old Time Democrat Senator Pat McNamara of Michigan

Pages from the Past



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Patrick Vincent McNamara was the kind of Democrat that is almost entirely extinct in today's world. A traditional, working-class Irish Catholic and local labor leader.

The child of a laborer, McNamara recalled his childhood fondly. "We always had plenty to eat," McNamara told a reporter years later. "I don't recall feeling poor. We lived simply. We had lots of fish from the ocean, chickens from the yard, eggs, plenty of milk." McNamara was proud of his heritage. "I am a first generation American. I've always been lucky," he said.

While the elder McNamara was a good provider and hard worker, McNamara's father drank, and his drinking made him slur his speech, something the boy loathed. Once spying a bottle of whisky on a table that was two-thirds full, the seven-year-old Pat McNamara astonishingly drank it all. His mother found him lying on the floor and thought he was dead. Still, Mrs. McNamara summoned a doctor who arrived by horse and buggy and looked over what everyone thought was Pat McNamara's lifeless body. The doctor placed young Pat over a child's cradle and rocked the boy until he threw up and miraculously came back to life. The future senator never was much of a drinker, according to friends, limiting himself to a cocktail before dinner.

The youngest of eight children, Pat McNamara grew up as a tradesman after dropping out of high school and working as a pipe fitter. At one time, McNamara was employed as the maintenance foreman at the Chrysler plant in Detroit. McNamara became the president of Local 636 of the Pipe Fitters Union in 1937 and retained the post until 1955, when he resigned after having been elected to the United States Senate.

McNamara never lost his labor roots even after becoming vice president and superintendent of construction for the Stanley-Carter Company. McNamara's first campaign for political office began on the local level when he ran for and was elected to the Detroit City Council. Pat McNamara made the astonishing leap from the Detroit Board of Education to the United States Senate. Former Congressman Neil Staebler of Michigan remembered McNamara as being "almost unique in politics in that nobody ever changed his mind once he had made it up." Membership in the United States Senate did not change Pat McNamara; he remained blunt and

honest to the end of his days. McNamara's colleague Paul Douglas of Illinois thought there was "no guile" in his friend from Michigan. The Detroit Free Press remembered Pat McNamara as "blunt," "candid," and "independent."

As might be expected from a U.S. senator who rose from the working class, Pat McNamara, throughout his twelve years in the Senate, worked on those issues he thought would improve the lives of the people he represented: better health care for seniors, expanding Social Security, and education. And, of course, coming from labor, McNamara remained one of organized labor's chief spokesmen in Congress.

When Pat McNamara first announced his candidacy for the Senate, virtually nobody gave him a chance of winning the Democratic primary, much less winning the general election. Blair Moody had been appointed to the U.S. Senate on April 22, 1951, when veteran Senator Arthur Vandenberg died of cancer. Moody was a candidate to succeed himself in the 1952 election, but it was a Republican year, and he lost to Congressman Charles E. Potter. Moody, a prominent journalist, had been appointed by Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams and never stopped campaigning, aiming to unseat Michigan's other senator, Homer Ferguson, who was one of the more recognizable members of the Senate.

Moody hosted a television show, "Meet Your Congress," during the interim of his anticipated political comeback. Blair Moody was campaigning hard and had the support of the Williams administration and seemed like a sure winner until he fell ill. The former senator was sent to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a form of viral pneumonia. Moody, 52, was thought to be recovering when he died from a heart attack.

With their prospective nominee dead, the Williams organization swung fully behind McNamara's candidacy, quickly quashing any effort to replace Blair Moody with another candidate. Such was the devotion of many Michigan Democrats to the memory of Blair Moody that more than 126,000 Michigan voters voted for him in the primary. Pat McNamara was nominated easily and won the right to face Senator Homer Ferguson. The Detroit Free Press noted McNamara was a "maverick" inside his own party, and one reason 126,000 voters chose to vote for a dead man



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Congressman (and future President) Gerald Ford of Michigan (center) and U.S. Senator Pat McNamara (right) with Ms. Lulu Cuddly, the oldest practicing nurse in Michigan, 1959.

was because they found the alternative "too hard to accept." Eventually, McNamara won over most of those who were skeptical through his "likeable Irish outspokenness."

Ferguson was in a strong position for reelection, having first been elected to the U.S. Senate in 1942, defeating incumbent Prentiss Brown, who had won during the 1936 Roosevelt landslide. Homer Ferguson first came to notice as a crime-busting judge and retained his ability to attract headlines during his Senate career. The whitehaired Ferguson looked every bit the part of a U.S. senator.

Homer Ferguson had run ahead of his party's ticket to win a narrow reelection in 1948 while much of the GOP ticket was going down to defeat. Republican presidential nominee Governor Thomas E. Dewey carried Michigan largely because Henry Wallace's third-party candidacy took enough votes away from Harry Truman to tip the state into the GOP column. Senator Ferguson ran ahead of Dewey to beat former Congressman Frank Hook.

During the 1954 election, Senator Ferguson carried an additional burden in the form of Charlie Wilson, President Eisenhower's secretary of defense. Wilson had been the president of General Electric when Eisenhower made him defense secretary. Charles Wilson is largely remembered for his statement, "What is good for General Motors is good for America."

As plainspoken as Pat McNamara, Wilson made a highly unfortunate remark, which was allegedly, "While I have sympathy for the jobless and surplus labor areas, I also like bird dogs better than kennel-fed dogs. Bird dogs hunt around for food while kennel-fed dogs sit upon their haunches and yell." Wilson, who was notoriously anti-union, made the comment during a season of high unemployment in Detroit and must have caused Senator Ferguson to wince. "Mr. Wilson's remarks are typical of the Dark Age thinking of the Republican Administration," Pat McNamara said. "Mr. Wilson's attitude can be compared with Marie

Antoinette, the queen of France, who was told the starving people had no bread and said, 'Let them eat cake.'"

Pat McNamara hammered Senator Ferguson for running on Eisenhower's coattails yet enjoyed ticking off those instances when the incumbent had not backed the administration. McNamara charged that Ferguson was a slave to the big corporate interests, as evidenced by the senator's financial backers. Naturally, the Ferguson campaign touted the senator as a nationally recognized legislator of experience while Pat McNamara was a mere local official.

The race was a dead heat until the very last. In the end, Pat McNamara had upset Senator Ferguson, winning by just over 39,000 votes. At the same time, Governor Williams was handily beating the GOP nominee for governor by more than 250,000 votes. Pat McNamara was helped by a huge majority in Wayne County (Detroit) and the big win by Governor Williams, which helped to carry much of the Democratic ticket to victory with him. There were those who believed Charlie Wilson's kennel-fed dog remark cost Senator Homer Ferguson reelection.

Hard to miss at 6'2 and weighing more than 200 pounds, gray-haired and gravel-voiced from his heavy smoking habit, the 60-year-old senator-elect went to Washington, D.C. One reporter observed that McNamara was "outwardly calm" as he walked down the aisle of the Senate chamber and raised his right hand as Vice President Richard Nixon administered the oath of office. A group of supporters who had been labeled "McNamara's Band" during the campaign descended upon the Capitol to celebrate the senator's swearing-in. The group and other well-wishers joined Senator McNamara and his wife in his office. Amongst the visitors were George Meany, head of the American Federation of Labor, and Martin Durkin, the head of the AFL's plumbers' union and former secretary of labor under President Eisenhower. Durkin's tenure in office was one

of the shortest in history as he resigned after eight months because the president refused to consider revisions to the Taft-Hartley Act. The visitors going to and from Senator McNamara's office were a parade of union officials, big and small. The night before taking the oath of office, McNamara and his wife were hosted by the Building Trades Council at a steak dinner at Washington's elegant Sheraton-Carlton Hotel, attended by approximately 50 persons. McNamara toasted his friends, saying, "There is not a group anywhere in the country less selfish."

McNamara had been surprised when he first visited his suite in the Senate Office Building, only to discover there was not a single stick of furniture, merely telephones resting on the floor. One enterprising photojournalist took a photograph of the senator-elect talking on the telephone, kneeling on one leg in his still barren office.

The newly sworn-in senator said gruffly he would support President Eisenhower "when I think his policies are right," but added the president was "minus one with me." Senator McNamara had not forgotten Eisenhower's appearance on behalf of Homer Ferguson during the campaign. "He took potshots in three other states, Ohio, Kentucky and Delaware," McNamara growled, "But he came right to the City Hall steps in Detroit to try to beat me. He failed, so I'm not really happy about it."

McNamara's opinion of the president seemed unchanged for the next six years. Loyal Democrat that he was, Senator McNamara campaigned alongside Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson, Senate colleague and vice-presidential nominee Estes Kefauver, and Governor Soapy Williams in Michigan. Senator McNamara joined four of his liberal colleagues from the West and the North in supporting a "Democratic Declaration of 1957." The declaration could be summarized as an attempt to bring an end to filibusters inside the Senate and pass a civil rights bill. Hubert Humphrey, McNamara and

their colleagues wanted to change the rule requiring a two-thirds vote to end a filibuster and make it a simple majority. That same year, Senator McNamara showed his independence when he privately circulated a letter critical of powerful Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas. It was part of a minor uprising amongst the most liberal members of the Senate who demanded a modification of the Democratic policy in the Senate. LBJ privately denounced them derisively as the "red hots," but he did alter his course. Senator McNamara was one of the first in Congress to highlight fraud against elderly people through congressional hearings. McNamara also helped to lead the fight for hospital insurance for the elderly through Social Security.

Senator Pat McNamara began his 1960 reelection campaign as a heavy favorite, but an energetic and well-financed campaign by Congressman Alvin Bentley made it a race. A determined millionaire businessman, Bentley learned Polish and Hungarian and managed to charm many ethnic audiences in ordinarily Democratic wards. The House member most seriously wounded when Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire on a defenseless House Chamber, Alvin Bentley, liked to show his bullet-riddled wallet from that day to audiences as he campaigned. McNamara was also having trouble with the mercurial Jimmy Hoffa, who marked the senator for political oblivion, despite McNamara having been what TIME magazine noted was a "shameless apologist" for the Teamsters Union during the congressional investigation into Hoffa and his organization. McNamara won a close contest by 120,000 votes out of approximately 3.2 million cast.

Seventy-one years old in 1966, Senator Pat McNamara was ailing. The senator had previously announced he would not be a candidate for a third term and entered Bethesda Naval Hospital on March 11, 1966, for treatment of a blood clot in his lung. McNamara never left the hospital, dying of a stroke on April 30.

Hardy Geraniums Stand Out

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Chocolatta', and G. sanguineum 'Max Frei'.

We are trialing a new geranium hybrid 'Huggy Bear' in Knoxville from Intrinsic Perennial Gardens, Inc. This variety has unique chocolatey bronze foliage and lavender-purple flowers. They grew well over the summer in full sun and doubled in size last fall, thriving in milder temperatures. Vigorous growth followed this spring that contrasted perfectly with several blooms. In Crossville, you'll find 'Johnson's Blue' and 'Biokovo' cultivars planted in the entrance gardens and 'Karmina' in the perennial beds.

There are so many cultivars to choose from, one could spend decades collecting different ones and trying them all over a garden area. Consider species and cultivars that will do well for your hardiness zone. Hardy geraniums do not thrive in warmer parts of Tennessee and the South, so make sure these are in the shade from midday on. From full sun to part shade, difficult to grow garden spots, multiple season



Geranium hybrid 'Rozanne' is a powerhouse, blooming strongly in the fall as well as spring with no need to cut back. Photo by J. Northam, courtesy UTIA.

interest, and overall charm, hardy geraniums are a real winner to use in the garden.

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What is a Subpoena?

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information that might be helpful to the case. The other is a subpoena duces tecum, which is Latin for "bring with you," and that one tells you to bring documents, records, photos, or some other type of evidence with you to court or to a lawyer's office.

Now you might be thinking, "Can't I just ignore this?" The answer is: not a good idea. Subpoenas are issued by a court or by an attorney acting on behalf of the court. If you fail to comply—meaning you don't show up or don't bring what you were told to bring—you could be held in contempt of court. That could result in fines, and in extreme cases, even jail time. So yes, take it seriously.

What if going to court or providing documents is a huge inconvenience for you? You can reach out to the lawyer who issued the subpoena and explain your concerns. Sometimes there's room to reschedule or find a compromise. But don't just throw the

subpoena in a drawer and hope it goes away. It won't.

Subpoenas can even show up in cases you're not directly involved in. For example, if you're a school administrator, you might be subpoenaed for student records. If you work at a hospital, you might have to provide medical records. You might be a witness in a car wreck that happened outside your house. Just because you aren't being sued doesn't mean you won't be asked to participate in the process.

So if you receive a subpoena, don't panic. Read it carefully. See what it asks you to do. If you're unsure what to do next, you can always reach out to a lawyer for advice. Most importantly, don't ignore it.

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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25

Derrick and Dee: full of talent and fun to watch

By Steve Williams

Was Derrick Smith Jr. a better football player or basketball player in high school? That's a tough question, because he was a tough player in both sports.

Small but quick, the 5-foot-10 Smith was a wide receiver and cornerback for Fulton in the fall and a shooting guard who could also take charges defensively in the winter months.

Athletic Director Rob Black announced Smith as the FHS male Student-Athlete of the Year for 2024-25 and Damieona "Dee" Williams the female honoree.

Derrick was a senior starter on the Falcons' third straight trip to the TSSAA state basketball tournament in March. He and sophomore teammate Nick Steen were the key players and named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's All-State team.

Smith signed a football scholarship with Tusculum University as an "athlete" on Feb. 5.

"Derrick Smith was everything you want in a player," said Jody Wright, Assistant Principal and



Derrick Smith Jr (2) speeds through the Seymour defense in a game last season. Smith is Fulton's male Student-Athlete of the Year for 2025.

Head Boys' Basketball Coach. "He was tough, a great teammate, hardworking and a great competitor. He showed up every day to compete, get better and make everyone around him better.

"Derrick has a burning desire to be great and that is one of the many things that I loved about him," added Wright. "When

things got hard and difficult, we knew we could always count on Derrick to show up in a big way, and he usually did."

Williams, athletic and 5-11, stood out on Fulton's first girls' flag football team, which captured the district championship last fall. The Lady Falcons also played in the first TSSAA State

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Dee Williams (right) and Asia Hill celebrate a touchdown during the Falcons' first season of flag football. Williams is the female Student-Athlete of the Year for Fulton High.

Week 3 honorees are ready for you!

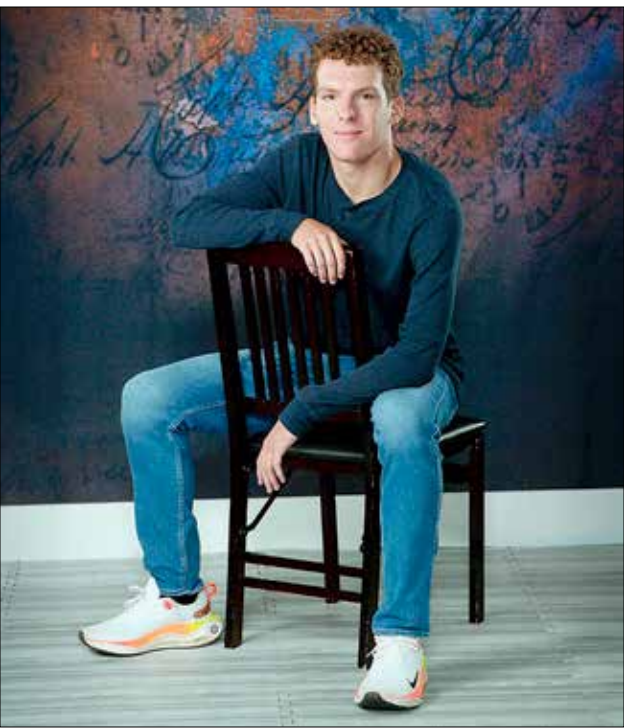
Student-Athletes of the Year from Berean Christian, Central, First Baptist Academy, Fulton, Karns and Knoxville Catholic are in this week's Knoxville Focus.

This is Week 3 of the annual series and includes information and pictures of each school's female and male honorees.

As always, we like to thank the athletic directors at the 25 schools in our coverage area for starting the process plus the coaches, teachers and others who help.

We'll finish up with the final week of recognition on June 23.

But until then, we hope you will join us this week in learning about the honorees' accomplishments and applauding each one!



Rowen Moser-Bryan is this year's Student-Athlete at Karns High School.



Karns' Rowen Moser-Bryan earns All-State honors, sets school records

Martin a leader on 'hardwood and dirt'

By Steve Williams

Rowen Moser-Bryan capped off his high school athletic career at Karns with All-State honors in Cross Country and Track in 2024-25.

His productive senior year began with a 13th place finish in November at the TSSAA Class AAA State Championships in Hendersonville (the Top 15 finishers earn All-State honors). He also broke the Karns school record with his time of 16:07.33.

In May at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro, Moser-Bryan finished eighth in the Class AAA 3200-meter run (9:44.39). While competing at the state level, he also set three new Karns school records in the 3200, 1600 and 4x800 relay.

"Rowen has exemplified what it means to stay committed to your



craft and when it gets tough you have to push through," said new Karns Athletic Director Hunter Fendley. "Extraordinary performance isn't always about where you finish against the best; it's how much better you've



Lauren Martin is the female Student-Athlete of the Year for Karns.

made yourself in the process."

In addition to his athletic performances, Rowen played in the Karns High Marching Band.

He will continue his academic and athletic career at Milligan University this fall.

Rowen and Lauren Martin also are Karns' male and female Student-Athletes of the Year.

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Josh Myers is the male Student-Athlete of the Year for Berean Christian.

Berean Christian had a 'Josh of all sports!'

Female honoree went 'above and beyond' for VB

By Steve Williams

To call Berean Christian School's Josh Myers versatile is not quite enough. He's more like a Josh of all sports!

BCS Athletic Director Eric Palmer said: "I often joke that he is likely the only student-athlete in the state that had multiple 20-point basketball games, shot below 90 on the golf course, scored a goal in soccer, and won a tennis match this year!"

It's no surprise Myers is Berean Christian's male Student-Athlete of the Year. He lettered in basketball, golf, soccer, and tennis during his senior year. He was also awarded the "Eagle Award" – the Athletics Department's highest award – following his junior year and he was the class of 2025 Valedictorian.

"Josh played four sports

his junior and senior years and he was without a doubt a leader on all four teams," said Palmer. "Josh is always steady on the field, the court, and in the classroom."

The Berean female Student-Athlete of the Year is senior Abbie Defoe.

Abbie lettered in volleyball and fishing this year. She was the team captain for volleyball and she and her fishing partner (Landon Dyer, a Johnson University golf commit) qualified for the championship on their fishing team, Palmer noted.

Defoe also is a lifelong Berean Eagle and has led in the classroom and in mentoring younger students on campus.

"As captain of the 2024 volleyball team, Abbie set the standard for leadership, determination, and team spirit," said Coach Lauren Williams. "Known for her tireless work ethic and commitment to excellence, she consistently went above and beyond to help her teammates and elevate the entire program."



Abbie Defoe is the Berean female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Sackie and Woods leave CHS better off

By Steve Williams

Central's Student-Athletes of the Year – Daniel Sackie and Saylor Woods – played on the same home field, but in different sports.

They'll have some of the same memories too years from now when they think about their playing days in high school. The big stadium, the Red and Black school colors, the many steps coming down the hill to the field; things like that never go away.

But Sackie is not looking back these days. He's looking ahead with a full football scholarship to the University of Charleston in West Virginia. He had a 3.3 GPA at Central.



Central's Student-Athletes of the Year are Daniel Sackie (left) and Saylor Woods (above).

"He'll be leaving the end of July," said Head Coach Kevin Lane, "and will be playing a slot wide receiver position."

Daniel was the Region 2-5A Athlete of the Year for the Bobcats last season and was a starter in the Rivalry Showcase All-Star Game.

"He is an outstanding young man and will be greatly missed, and we know he will be successful in everything he chooses to do in the future," said Coach Lane. "The true

definition of a Bobcat!"

Woods was a standout in girls' soccer, earning All-District honors in District 3-3A and All-Region honors in Region 2-3A. She also made the All-State team in Class 3A.

Academically, Saylor had a 4.05 grade point average.

Woods' coach complimented her by saying: "Saylor's ability to channel her intensity and drive into athletics and academics has served her well on the field and in the classroom."

Volunteer community service work puts Keegan over the top

Catholic's Frana is female honoree

By Steve Williams

Many high school cross country and track runners across the state of Tennessee, throughout the Southeast and even some out West have heard of Knoxville Catholic's Keegan Smith.

But there is a lot about Keegan that most right here in Knoxville doesn't know. His bio is full of volunteer community service work he has done throughout his high school career. And it is that part about him that may have solidified his selection as Catholic's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Here's one item that pretty much says it all: During the spring, summer and fall, Smith volunteered his time two to three times a month to provide yard work (mowing and weed-eating, etc.) for an elderly woman who lives 45 minutes from his home.

Another example of his care for others is for over seven years Smith has been involved with the Knoxville Bridge Ministry, which serves meals to about 200 people in downtown Knoxville who are homeless. That includes the Knox Area Rescue Ministries' outdoor courtyard on the fourth Sunday morning of every month.

One more example of Keegan's giving ways is he has been instrumental in raising and securing \$5,000, which was earmarked and used for



For seven years Keegan Smith (left) passed out cookies to the homeless at the Knoxville Bridge Ministry.

inner-city track & field and cross country athletes, who could not afford entry fees and travel costs associated with national competitions.

Smith will be leaving soon to begin his collegiate career at the University of Colorado. Not only does he stand out on the athletic side of the Student-Athlete award, but his performance in the classroom has been outstanding. The Johnny Mauer Scholar-Athlete has a 4.46 GPA.

A sampling of his athletic success includes: fastest 5K time recorded in the USA; only male in USA to be named first team All American at both National Championship meets (NXN and Foot Locker); and he was named the Gatorade

Player of the Year three times.

Smith includes being a four-time KIL cross-country champion on his list, too.



Congratulations to Maggie Frana, Catholic's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Maggie Frana is Catholic's female Student-Athlete of the Year. She was a starter on this

season's basketball team and a key contributor on the Lady Irish's state title team in 2023-24.

Frana also received the Sedes Sapientiae Award and earned All-State honors in the shot put and discus events this year. The Sedes Sapientiae Award is the highest honor KCHS confers on its graduating seniors.

"Whether it's a good day or bad day, she shows up and does the work. We used to not let her dribble the ball and now rely on her as our point guard," said coaches Travis and Missey Mains in regard to this past season.

Frana will be going to Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina and competing in the field events.



Catholic's Keegan Smith has been named Gatorade Player of the Year three times.



A subtle, but telling, testimony to Tim Kerin's life and example.

'R-E-S-P-E-C-T'

There is respect, and then there's respect. "R-E-S-P-E-C-T," as Aretha Franklin sang so many times over the years. Here's an example.

The Tennessee football team was flying home one Saturday night after a game in the late 1980s or early 1990s. From start to finish, game weekends were always exhausting, particularly when contested in another time zone. This one was no exception. Everyone seemed anxious to be off the plane and doing something else.

That was evident before the plane landed, long after the two sandwiches, a bag of chips, an apple, a large Snickers bar, and two Powerade drinks had been consumed. That was also before John Majors made his usual remarks about how proud he was of the team's performance that afternoon or evening and, please, don't get into any trouble tonight or over the rest of the weekend.

The pilot announced the final approach into



By Tom Mattingly

Knoxville, and the plane landed without incident, maybe with one big bounce. It turned out there was some delay getting the plane to the gate, but there were already play-

ers and staff in the aisle getting their stuff out of the overhead compartments.

In a very nice way, the pilot said that everyone had to sit down before the plane could taxi to the gate.

No one moved a muscle. The pilot made the announcement again. No one moved.

Finally head trainer Tim Kerin had the last word, really the last two words. "SIT DOWN!"

It was a command of Biblical proportions.

Everybody who was standing up sat down. Immediately. The plane arrived at the gate, with everybody disembarking and heading to the buses for the trip to campus.

That incident brought to mind the morning of Aug. 3, 1992, when there were hushed conversations and ashen faces all across the UTAD offices in Stokely

Center. Tim had died earlier that morning, with doctors later calling the cause of death a "dissecting aortic aneurysm." That was a blow to the Vol program in more than one way.

Tim was a prime Majors confidant since the days at Pittsburgh. Not only was he head trainer, but he also understood the dynamics involved in a big-time college football program. His was a voice of reason and integrity. His was also a significant voice in the community, particularly on the Metropolitan Drug Commission.

The University of Tennessee later named the training room in the Neyland-Thompson Center in his honor and memory.

Thinking back, the 366 days of 1992 were not among the most glorious in the program's history.

In the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1, Penn State took a 42-17 decision, after the Vols had led 17-7 halfway into the third quarter. A spate of turnovers killed Tennessee's chances. The coaching staff and fan base were not a happy group.

During the spring, Majors had chest pains while in

Milan and was rushed to Memphis. Things never did get in sync on the Big Orange Caravan, with raised voices at a stop in Nashville and the foreshadowing of internal problems that would later surface.

Two weeks after Tim had died, Majors left practice early, with the media being told it was for a doctor's appointment. That was correct as far as it went. The next morning, a local radio station announced Majors was undergoing quintuple-bypass surgery. He missed the first three games of the season, with Phillip Fulmer being appointed interim head coach.

It probably didn't help that Majors came back before anyone expected, just a day after a 31-14 win over Florida, the second win over the Gators in three years.

It also didn't help at all that the schedule-maker had made things significantly worse. There were successive losses to Arkansas and Alabama and open dates before and after a one-point loss at South Carolina.

Then came a trip to

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HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN 2024-25



Fulton S-A Derrick Smith "has a burning desire to be great."

Derrick and Dee: full of talent and fun to watch

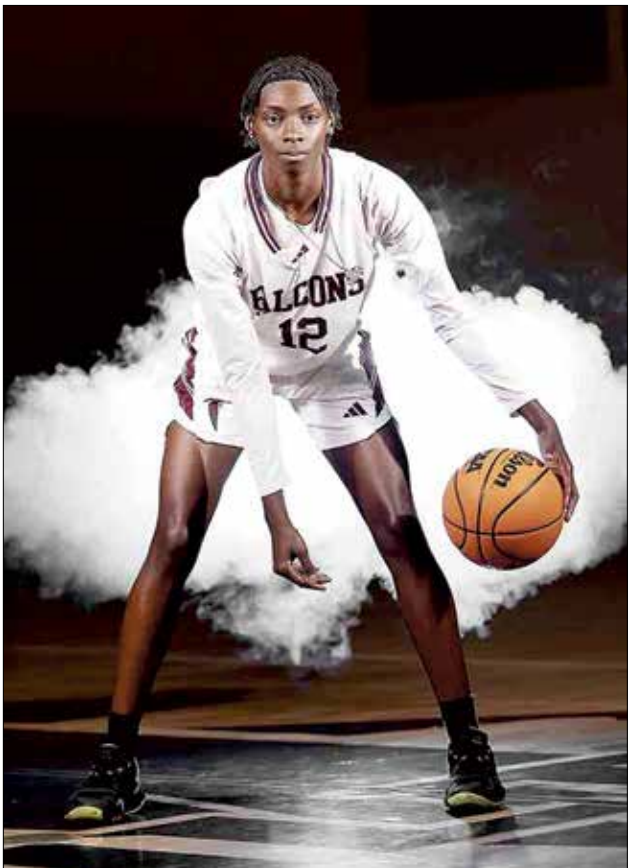
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Invitational tournament in early May in Murfreesboro. Dee played basketball throughout high school. A shooting forward, she earned All-District honors and was on The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County second team that included all classifications. She was approaching 1,000 rebounds late in her senior season.

Williams is going to play basketball at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois.

"Dee Williams is maybe the best raw athlete I have seen in my time at Fulton," said Coach Wright. "There was nothing that she did not excel at. She has all the tools that great athletes have. She can run like the wind, jump out of the gym, and make all of it seem so easy.

"She has been such a joy to watch compete these last four years," added Jody. "She is a humble



Fulton S-A Dee Williams can "make all of it seem so easy."

young lady, always respectful and just plain fun to be around. I'm excited for her

as she moves on to play at the college level."

Kudos to FBA's Farris and Whitaker

By Steve Williams

Seniors Laynee Farris and Jack Whitaker are First Baptist Academy's Student-Athletes of the Year for 2024-25, announced Athletic Director Darin Mercer last week.

Both Farris and Whitaker have been attending FBA since the 5th grade.

Laynee is a part of the worship arts team and has performed in two musicals. She also is in the National Honor Society and the FBA National Honor Society and has a 4.1 grade point average.

In athletics, Farris played soccer and volleyball and has been a cheerleader.

Whitaker is a part of the worship arts team and is in the National



FBA's Student-Athletes of the Year are Jack Whitaker (top) and Laynee Farris.

Honor Society. He has a 3.48 GPA.

Jack has been a five-sport athlete for the Lions, playing soccer, tennis and basketball and also competing in track & field and cross country.

Karns' Moser-Bryan earns All-State honors, sets school records

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Martin played on the Lady Beavers' basketball and softball teams.

"Lauren was a leader on both the hardwood and the dirt," said Fendley. "She understands the games and helps her teammates get the most out of themselves. She has excellent maturity for a high school senior."

Martin earned All-District honors in basketball for the 2024-2025 season. In addition, she was a 3-year starter on both the Lady Beavers' basketball team and softball team, said Fendley.

"She batted well over .300 in softball and was extremely consistent during basketball season helping her teammates excel," added Fendley.

"Lauren was a peer tutor for our students at Karns High also."

Martin will continue her career at Bryan College.

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What a Year for Tennessee Athletics

By Mark Nagi

Well, it's summertime. Maybe not officially, but when there is very little going on in terms of sports, summer has arrived.

We have now hit the official end of Tennessee athletics for the 2024-2025 school year. And when you look back, you realize that things continue to be trending in the right direction.

Let's start with the team that drives the athletic department engine. Tennessee's football team won 10 games, including all six contests played at Neyland Stadium. In fact, the Vols have only lost one home game since the start of the 2022 season.

In 2024, the Vols beat two of their three biggest rivals. Considering their futility against Florida and Alabama over the last couple of decades, those wins should never be understated.

The Vols also earned a spot in the College Football Playoff, making this arguably

Tennessee's best football season since 1998. Granted, they got their doors blown off by Ohio State, the eventual National Champions. But they now have a 30-9 record over the past three seasons, which proves that they are no longer an afterthought in the SEC.

On the basketball front, Tennessee's men's and women's teams are making a case for being one of the best duos in the nation. Rick Barnes might be an old dog, but he's learned new tricks. His use of the transfer portal and NIL has allowed him to reload, keeping the Vols in the mix for SEC titles and that elusive trip to the Final Four.

This past season, the Vols went 30-8, including a memorable buzzer-beating win over rival Alabama, and a Sweet 16 shellacking of rival Kentucky in the biggest game ever played between the Vols and the Wildcats. They made it to the Elite 8 for the second straight year.

As for the Lady Vols basketball team, Kim Caldwell's

first season was a success. Tennessee went 24-10, including a win over rival UConn for the first time in four tries. Their upset win over Ohio State in Columbus moved UT into the Sweet 16 for the 37th time in program history. The future looks bright for the Lady Vols, who brought in the No. 2 signing class in the country.

The stick and ball sports also had their share of big moments. Tennessee's baseball team didn't reach the heights of 2024's national championship squad, but still went 46-19. They were the rare team that followed up a Men's College World Series victory with a Super Regional appearance, the Vols' fifth in a row.

The Lady Vols softball team made it all the way to the Women's College World Series semifinals, shaking off an all-time bad break to beat UCLA in an elimination game (look up "Appendix G" if you don't know what I'm talking about). Record-setting pitcher Karlyn Pickens will be back for her

senior season, so Tennessee should be in the mix for SEC titles and a return trip to Oklahoma City.

Those are the big five sports, but Tennessee has also had a lot to write home about in the sports that don't get as much attention. The women's rowing team finished fifth in the country. The men's tennis team got to the Super Regionals while the women's tennis team advanced to the national quarterfinals. Tennessee's men's swimming and diving team earned its best finish at the NCAA championships since 2001 as it placed fifth. The women's swimming and diving squad finished fifth nationally as well.

All twenty Vols and Lady Vols teams advanced to the postseason.

When people talk about the golden age of Tennessee athletics, they often refer to the 1990s.

The golden age is right now.

'R-E-S-P-E-C-T'

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Memphis, when Majors stepped down as head coach on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Wilson World Hotel. Vol fans lined the hotel's hallways, many fighting back tears, hoping to catch a glimpse of a Tennessee legend's history-making announcement. This was an emotional moment, not soon to be forgotten.

"The death of Tim Kerin had a devastating effect on the coach," wrote Marvin West.

Thoughtful people close to the Vol program believe had Tim been alive, things might have transpired much differently, considering the influence he had on Majors. No one could speculate how much the history of the program might have changed.

Here's the bottom line, a subtle, but telling, testimony to Tim Kerin's life and example.

You want to know about influence and respect?

When no one else could make a group of Tennessee football players and UTAD staff members sit down at the end of a long, tiring charter flight, all it took was Tim Kerin making the request. When he did so, they sat down.

That was respect.

That was Tim Kerin.

A man whose influence and integrity live on in the history of Tennessee football.

Two Knox players sign to play lacrosse at TWC



CAK's Alexander Glass (left) and Knoxville Catholic's Stephen Bertucci (right) have signed with the Tennessee Wesleyan's lacrosse program.

By Steve Williams

Tennessee Wesleyan University's pipe line to lacrosse players in Knoxville continues.

Stephen Bertucci, a defenseman from Knoxville Catholic High and Alexander Glass, an attackman from Christian Academy of Knoxville, have both signed their NAIA National letters of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at TWC in Athens, said Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator Rico Silvera.

Bertucci and Glass will join Reece Ringer (West High) and Maddox Mazingo (CAK) in this year's current



class of 11 commitments.

"At Tennessee Wesleyan we recruit nationally," said Silvera.

"Our current class includes players from California to Florida. But it is special when we can sign outstanding players from East Tennessee. It is a tribute to the growth and improvement in boys' lacrosse in Tennessee in general and in the Knoxville area specifically."

Simpson, Farragut grad, in U.S. Open

Lance Simpson, UT golfer and former Farragut High standout, was scheduled to play in the 125th edition of the U.S. Open this past weekend (June 12-15).

Girls' Flag Football to have a state tourney

The TSSAA Board voted to remove Girls' Flag Football from "emerging sport" status and for a state championship to be held for the sport. In turn, the Legislative Council approved the sport to be played in the spring.

United Flag Football to have state championship

Unified Flag Football was approved by the Board of Control for a state championship. This allows for one Unified Championship per sport season (Fall - Unified Flag Football, Winter - Unified Bowling, Spring - Unified Track and Field).

TSSAA Dead Period starts June 23

All athletic facilities will be closed from June 23 to July 6 for the TSSAA Dead Period.

Knoxville Focus 2025 All-County Tennis Teams exploding with talent

By Ken Lay

The 2025 high school boys tennis season recently concluded, and some area teams and players had a successful campaign, full of championships and career milestones.

The Knoxville Focus recognizes some of the top area players on its 2025 All-County Team.

Tate Campbell, Christian Academy of Knoxville: Campbell helped the Warriors reach the Division II-A team state championship match. He also reached the state quarterfinals of the boys individual tournament.

Quinn Campbell, Christian Academy of Knoxville: Quinn Campbell picked up a victory in the state team championship match. He had the only victory for the Warriors in their 4-1 loss to Lausanne Collegiate School.

Lincoln Shine, Concord Christian School: Shine and doubles partner Oliver Houston combined to reach the state quarterfinals of the Division II-A state tournament.

Oliver Houston, Concord Christian School: Houston teamed with Shine to reach the doubles state championship tournament at Spring Fling in Murfreesboro. The Lions' duo was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Nitin Deshpande, Bearden High School: Deshpande won a singles match in the District 4-2A Tournament championship match against Maryville in the Bulldogs' 5-3 loss to the Rebels. He also

won a doubles match, paired with Crayer Dunagan.

Crayer Dunagan, Bearden High School: Dunagan won at singles and doubles in the District 4-2A championship match.

Lucas Wilson, Hardin Valley Academy: Wilson became the first HVA player to win 100 career matches. He also teamed up with doubles partner Ryan Leckrone to reach the Region 2-2A Championship match.

Ryan Leckrone, Hardin Valley Academy: Leckrone and doubles partner Lucas Wilson reached the Region 2-2A Championship match.

Jacob Anderson, L&N STEM Academy: The school's Male Athlete of the Year, Anderson won District 2-A Player of the Year honors. He also won the district title and the regional championship.

Ian Anderson, West High School: Anderson and Harlan Dill made the district championship doubles match. The duo played teammates Joseph Acker and Krishna Shankar for the league's doubles championship.

Krishna Shankar, West High School: Shankar and Joseph Acker played against teammates Ian Anderson and Harlan Dill in the district doubles championship match.

Harlan Dill, West High School: Dill and Ian Anderson played for the district doubles championship.

Joseph Acker, West High School: Acker partnered with Krishna

Shankar to form one of the area's top doubles teams.

Skyler Meade, Farragut High School: A freshman for the Admirals, Meade went undefeated during the 2025 regular season.

Parker Fitzgerald, Farragut High School: Admirals' first-year head coach Joan Swanson said that Fitzgerald was a solid player for Farragut.

Leyton Lu, Farragut High School: A team leader, Lu was a steady contributor for the Admirals in 2025.

Murphy leads 2025 All-County Girls Tennis Team

The 2025 high school girls tennis season recently concluded with several local teams and athletes making a trip to the Spring Fling in May in Murfreesboro. Catholic High School, the three-time defending team champion, reached the state title match again and posted a runner-up finish, falling to region rival Baylor 4-1.

The Knoxville Focus recognizes some of the top players on its all-county team.

Lillie Murphy, Catholic High School: During her senior season with the Lady Irish, Murphy won the Division II-AA state singles championship for the second consecutive season. The Furman signee leaves Catholic as one of

the most decorated players in Tennessee.

She won her most recent state championship by defeating Baylor's Margarette Berdy 6-1, 6-2. She also defeated Berdy in the team state championship match.

During her career with the Lady Irish, she helped her team win three consecutive state team championships (2022-24). She also won a pair of back-to-back state doubles championships in 2022-23.

Madison Huffman, Hardin Valley Academy: A junior for the Lady Hawks, Huffman went 25-1 in singles play and reached the Class 2A state championship match after returning from injury. She also won district and region championships in 2025.

Macy McInturff, Hardin Valley Academy: A team captain for the Lady Hawks, McInturff won her 50th career match in 2025.

Callie Schroeffel, West High School: Schroeffel teamed up with Gray Feaster to win the Class 2A doubles state championship.

Gray Feaster, West High School: Feaster combined with Callie Schroeffel to bring home the Class 2A state doubles championship.

Larkin Bristow, Christian Academy of Knoxville: Bristow reached the Division II-A quarterfinals in 2025 before having to retire due to injury.

Lauren Murphy, Catholic High School: Murphy combined with

her sister, Lillie, to notch a key doubles win in a state semifinal match that propelled the Lady Irish a spot in the finals of the tournament.

Nalla Webb, Catholic High School: In the state semifinals, Webb notched a key singles victory to give the Lady Irish a chance to play for a fourth consecutive state team championship.

Kaitlyn Harper, L&N STEM Academy: Harper was named the Lady Gryphons' Female Athlete of the Year after reaching the Region 2-A championship match.

Isha Patel, Farragut High School: Patel, a junior, helped the Lady Admirals qualify for the state sectional after they won both the district and region championships.

Anika Patel, Farragut High School: A junior for the Lady Admirals, she helped her team win the district and regional championships and qualify for the state sectional.

Ella Ye, Farragut High School: Ye was a stellar performer for the Lady Admirals in both singles and doubles. She and doubles partner Olivia Wu received high praise from first-year head coach Joan Swanson.

"They were a big reason why we got as far as we did," Swanson said of Ye and Wu.

Olivia Wu, Farragut High School: Wu was a steady in both singles and doubles for the Lady Admirals, who won both the district team championship and the region team title.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RUTH SUZANNE WORLEY SMITH

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.

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: TRACY K. ALLEN and CHRISTIE W. KIRKLEN

IN RE: DANIEL CROWE V. TRACY K. ALLEN and CHRISTIE W. KIRKLEN

NO. 210811-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants TRACY K. ALLEN and CHRISTIE W. KIRKLEN, non-resident(s) 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 TRACY K. ALLEN and CHRISTIE W. KIRKLEN, it is ordered that said defendants, TRACY K. ALLEN and CHRISTIE W. KIRKLEN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daniel Crowe, whose address is 1556 Tsuga Drive, Alcoa, TN 37701 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 12th day of June, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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 to creditors received an actual copy of the notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication;

(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

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 KEVIN RANDALL BOOTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 the 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF DENNIS MITCHELL
BRADBURN, SR.

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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

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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

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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 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 E. BRUCE FOSTER, JR.

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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 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

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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

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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; or

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

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

This the 22nd day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF 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:

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEWART S. OAKES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. QUALLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TEKKA K. CRAWFORD
201 HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF 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:

(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 4th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN SIEBERT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELLE WILLIAMS
4530 ANNALEE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

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:

(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 23 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MACK ROBERT WALKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANINE MARIE LANE, EXECUTRIX
2850 PERSIAN LANE
NEW MARKET, TN 37820

JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER, ATTORNEY
1522 HIGHLAND AVE.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 90962-1

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

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

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

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

This the 10th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH WILLIAMS
2815 NEWBURG ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

STACIE D. MILLER, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 300
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES BALLOCH, III
DOCKET NUMBER 90990-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES BALLOCH, III, who died on the 27th day of October 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES BALLOCH, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LOLA ALAPO

R. SETH OAKES, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRADLEY BLAZER BULL
DOCKET NUMBER 91060-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of BRADLEY BLAZER BULL, who died May 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 5th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRADLEY BLAZER BULL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY BULL
6145 MCGINNIS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VAUGHN BURRESS
DOCKET NUMBER 90986-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of VAUGHN BURRESS, who died April 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 12th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF VAUGHN BURRESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACEY RENEE SMITH
8201 GREENWELL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN CHUMNEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90997-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN CHUMNEY, who died March 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN CHUMNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANET LEE CHUMNEY, ADMINISTRATRIX
859 LAKESHORE DRIVE
DANDRIDGE, TN 37725

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT T. CLAIBORNE
DOCKET NUMBER 90853-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of JUNE, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT T. CLAIBORNE, who died on February 14, 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 6th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT T. CLAIBORNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RALPH CLAIBORNE
7704 SEVEN ISLANDS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY
109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE M. CRUZE
DOCKET NUMBER 90937-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters of Administration CTA respect of the Estate of WAYNE M. CRUZE, who died March 11, 2025, were issued to MELODY N. CRUZE by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Knox County, TN. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLY JAY YOUNT
DOCKET NUMBER 90998-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MAY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KELLY JAY YOUNT, who died March 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and 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 30 day of MAY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KELLY JAY YOUNT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LEIGH YOUNT, ADMINISTRATRIX
209 E. MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD
CORYYTON, TN 37721

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

1. ROLL CALL:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)
- NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at commission.knoxcounty.org, by emailing Kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
5. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:
APPLICATIONS:

6a. Essential Stop Inc.....
Essential Stop Inc.
7100 Tazewell Pike
Corryton, TN 37721
Off Premises
(District 8)

6b. Prime Spot Inc.....
Prime Spot Inc.
8920 Maynardville Pike
Knoxville, TN 37938
Off Premises
(District 8)

6c. EZ Stop Food Marts, Inc.....
EZ Stop Food Mart #21
7503 Tazewell Pike
Corryton, TN 37721
Off Premises
(District 8)

6d. EZ Stop Food Marts Inc.....
EZ Stop Food Mart #30
7323 Clinton Hwy.
Powell, TN 37849
Off Premises
(District 6)

6e. Food Country of Tennessee Inc...
Midway IGA
7345 Tazewell Pike
Corryton, TN 37721
Off Premises
(District 8)

7. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:
- 7a. Four Corner Market, 7512 Sevierville Pike, District 9, Ms. Dhera

Patel, owner
1st offense - January 27, 2025
2nd offense - March 24, 2025
3rd offense - May 12, 2025
Beer Permit issued May 24, 2024

7b. Weigel's #27, 7449 Maynardville Pike, District 7, Mr. William B. and William K. Weigel, owners
1st offense - May 12, 2025
Beer Permit issued April 19, 2016

8. ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids

Empire Construction is seeking a qualified post-tension and poured wall concrete subcontractor for a new multi-family construction project on Hardin Valley Road.

If interested, please reach out to: Isaac.Sutherland@empireinctn.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid – HVAC

Knox Housing Partnership, Inc., dba HomeSource east tennessee, 109 Winona Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 is soliciting bids for HVAC 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@homesourcetrn.org with "Willow Place 3 – HVAC, New Construction" in the subject line of the email, by July 7, 2025. The "Intent to Bid" response should include a succinct narrative describing:

1. Delivery of Multifamily HVAC, New Construction experience, including:

a. License through the State of Tennessee, as applicable, and the ability to pull permits in Knox County, TN

b. Thorough knowledge of HVAC and related mechanical code

c. Experience with multi-family HVAC, including installation of all HVAC systems per approved building plans. Bidders should be prepared to price plans for labor, material and daily cleaning of the site.

2. List of projects completed
3. Relevant References
- WBE, MBE, DBE or 8a Business Certification are encouraged.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid – Sprinkler System

Knox Housing Partnership, Inc., dba HomeSource east tennessee, 109 Winona Street, Knoxville, TN 37917, is soliciting bids for Sprinkler System 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@homesourcetrn.org with "Willow Place 3 – Sprinkler System, New Construction" in the subject line of the email, by July 7, 2025.

- The "Intent to Bid" response should include a succinct narrative describing:
1. Delivery of Multifamily Sprinkler System, New Construction experience, including:
- a. License through the State of Tennessee, as applicable, and the ability to pull permits in Knox County, TN
- b. Thorough knowledge of sprinkler system installation and related code
- c. Experience with multi-family sprinkler system, including installation of sprinkler systems for all 3 buildings per approved building plans. Bidders should be prepared to price plans for labor, material and daily cleaning of the site.
2. List of projects completed
3. Relevant References
- WBE, MBE, DBE or 8a Business Certification are encouraged.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay

all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Cedar Bluff Towing. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on July 21, 2025, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

1988 Ford F-150 1FTDF15Y8JNA61671
(Lois Horne / First Family Financial Services)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on June 23, 2025 at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

1. '11 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
KM1HDH4AE6BU133185 PABLO DIAZ/RIDE AUTO SALES
2. '21 CHEVY COLORADO 1GCHSCAE8M1255284 SAWYER CASHATT/SANTANDER
3. '00 BUICK CENTURY 2G4WS52JOY1195424 JOHNEY GREEN
4. '07 JEEP COMPASS 1J8FT47W87D107134 JOSIAH PEARSON
5. '05 PONTIAC GRAND AM
1G2NE52E15M229059 JASPER BROWN/WALLACE AUTO SALES
6. '99 GMC SIERRA 1GTEC14WXXE512041 JERROD KISER/ WALLACE AUTO SALES
7. '08 MAZDA MAZDA6 1YVHP80C585M47973 RONNIE OR SHIRLEY OAKES
8. '10 HYUNDAI SONATA
5NPET4AC1AH585172 BRIDGETTE LUCAS
9. '01 SATURN I 1G8JU84F91Y504193 DAVID SETTLES/WALLACE AUTO SALES
10. '09 MERCEDES C30 WDDGF54X59R041952

- EVAN BLAKE
11. '23 DODGE RAM 1C6RR7ST4PS537618 ENTERPRISE TRUST/EIU ELECTRIC
12. '15 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCR2F30FA180651 MIGUEL MIGUEL/ UNITED AUTO SALES
13. '10 SAAB 9.3 YS3FC4CY4A1616590 REBECCA CESARE
14. '10 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL2AP1AC139885 JAMES GLENN/ELITE MOTORS
15. '90 TOYOTA PUJT4VN13G1L5026443 DONNIE NEELY
16. '24 KIA FORTE 3KPF54AD6RE737857 ELLE KITTS/SANTANDER
17. '16 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP6GC242587 SUPPORT SOLUTIONS OF MID SOUTH
18. '06 VOLVO XC90YV4CN592X612721661 REECE HUTCHINSON
19. '12 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGM4A72CG049564 CHYANNA DEMPSEY
20. '11 CHEVY EQUINOX 2CNALDEC3B6404213 TIFFANY FORD
21. '05 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BE32KX5U069073 BRITTANY CARRIER
22. '08 TOYOTA PRIUS JTDKB20U98770623 LINDA MOORE
23. '12 CHEVY CRUZE 1G1PD5SH9C7181865 NATALIE RODRIGUEZ
24. '18 TOYOTA 4RUNNER
JTEBU5JR7J5536533 MATTHEW RODGERS/Y12FCU
25. '20 DODGE CHALLENGER
2C3CDZFJ8LH110675 CHERYL FLATT/JORDAN ALLEN/Y12 FCU
26. '04 LINCOLN TOWNCAR
1LNHM81W74Y602356 DEANDRE MITCHELL
27. '19 HYUNDAI ACCENT
3KPC24A35KE041175 MICHAEL HERRINGTON/ASHANDAY HAYLES/AUTOMOTIVE CREDIT CORPORATION

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC)

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Pkwy, 9th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 10, 2025

NOPH25-005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-10-.03 (2) on the reissuance of the General NPDES Permit for Discharge of Filter Backwash and Sedimentation Basin Washout from Water Treatment Plants.

Date:	July 23, 2025
Time:	1:00-2:00 PM CDT, Informal Question and Answer Session 2:00-3:00 PM CDT, Formal Public Hearing
Meeting Location:	
Davy Crockett Tower 500 James Robertson Pkwy Floor 1, Conference Room DCT 1-B Nashville, TN 37243	
Ways to Participate:	
In person (see above for the meeting location) Log in online (see login info below) Call in by phone (see call-in info below)	
Virtual Login Info:	
To access the meeting or join anytime during the Q&A session or the formal public hearing, click on the link or copy the URL to your web browser.	
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Download Teams Join on the web Join with a video conferencing device stateoftn@m.webex.com Video ID: 114 586 529 0	
Call-in Information	
+1 629-209-4396,667247214# United States, Triune Phone conference ID: 667 247 214#	

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

Permit Name:	General NPDES Permit for Discharge of Filter Backwash and Sedimentation Basin Washout from Water Treatment Plants
Permit Number:	TNG640000
Permit Writer:	Timothy Hunziker
Permit Rating:	N/A
County:	Statewide
Description of Activity:	General NPDES Permit for Discharge of Filter Backwash and Sedimentation Basin Washout from Water Treatment Plants to waters of the state.
Receiving Stream:	All surface streams in Tennessee

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments to allow all parties an opportunity to speak and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through August 4, 2025, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to Water.Permits@tn.gov or Timothy Hunziker at timothy.hunziker@tn.gov.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit by contacting Timothy Hunziker at timothy.hunziker@tn.gov. These documents may also be found on the Division of Water Resources (DWR) DataViewer: [TNG640000](#), beginning on or after June 17, 2025.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no later than Wednesday, July 9th, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-532-0660 or brian.canada@tn.gov.

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

For further information, you may reach Timothy Hunziker, the permit writer, at 615-981-7879 or timothy.hunziker@tn.gov or Ariel Wessel-Fuss at 615-532-0642 or Ariel.Wessel-Fuss@tn.gov.

Substantial Amendments Public Comment and Hearing
Knox County Grants & Community Development

Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCGCD) is proposing the following substantial amendments to its approved U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Plans.

2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment

The Substantial Amendment to the Program Year (PY) 2020 Annual Action Plan with-in Knox County's HUD-approved 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan address Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) projects. CDBG-CV funds are utilized to address public service needs that were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Knox County will re-allocate CDBG-CV funds from an existing project to Sacred Ground Hospice Care.

2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

The Substantial Amendment to Knox County's HUD-approved PY 2021 Annual Action Plan addresses the County's HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation. HOME-ARP provides funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. Knox County will amend its plan to establish the HOME-ARP project to provide support services in accordance with its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

The Substantial Amendment to Knox County's HUD-approved PY 2024 Annual Action Plan address improving the quality of existing housing stock in the County. Knox County will cancel the PY 2024 CDBG funded Infrastructure for Affordable Housing project due to the project receiving funding from another source. The funding will be reallocated to Knox County's Home Rehabilitation Program to improve the conditions of existing housing stock occupied by low-to-moderate-income households.

Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's proposed amendment. **The public comment period for the Substantial Amendment is June 18, 2025, through July 21, 2025.** Comments may be submitted by email at grants@knoxcounty.org, phone at 865-215-5253, or by mail to KCGCD, 400 Main Street, Suite 364 Knoxville, TN 37902.

KCGCD will have a Public Hearing on the amendments at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the Dante Office, 405 Dante Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. The hearing may be attended in person or online via Zoom. Persons requiring special assistance or accommodation should contact KCGCD at 865-215-5253 at least three days before the public hearing.

Full details of the amendments and information regarding the public hearing are available online at <https://knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment>.

The Substantial Amendments will be presented to the Knox County Commission for approval on July 28,2025. The finalized version of the amendment will be submitted to HUD for final approval by July 30,2025.

Background on the Consolidated Plan

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies housing and community development priorities that align and focus Knox County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community CDBG-CV, and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

“Si usted necesitara asistencia para este aviso en otro idioma, por favor llame al 865-694-8880 para mayor información y mención del Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Knox.”



17th Street Bridge Undergoing Minor Repairs

Starting Monday, June 16, Southern Constructors Inc. crews will be making minor repairs to the 17th Street Bridge that will safely extend the lifespan of the 87-year-old bridge.

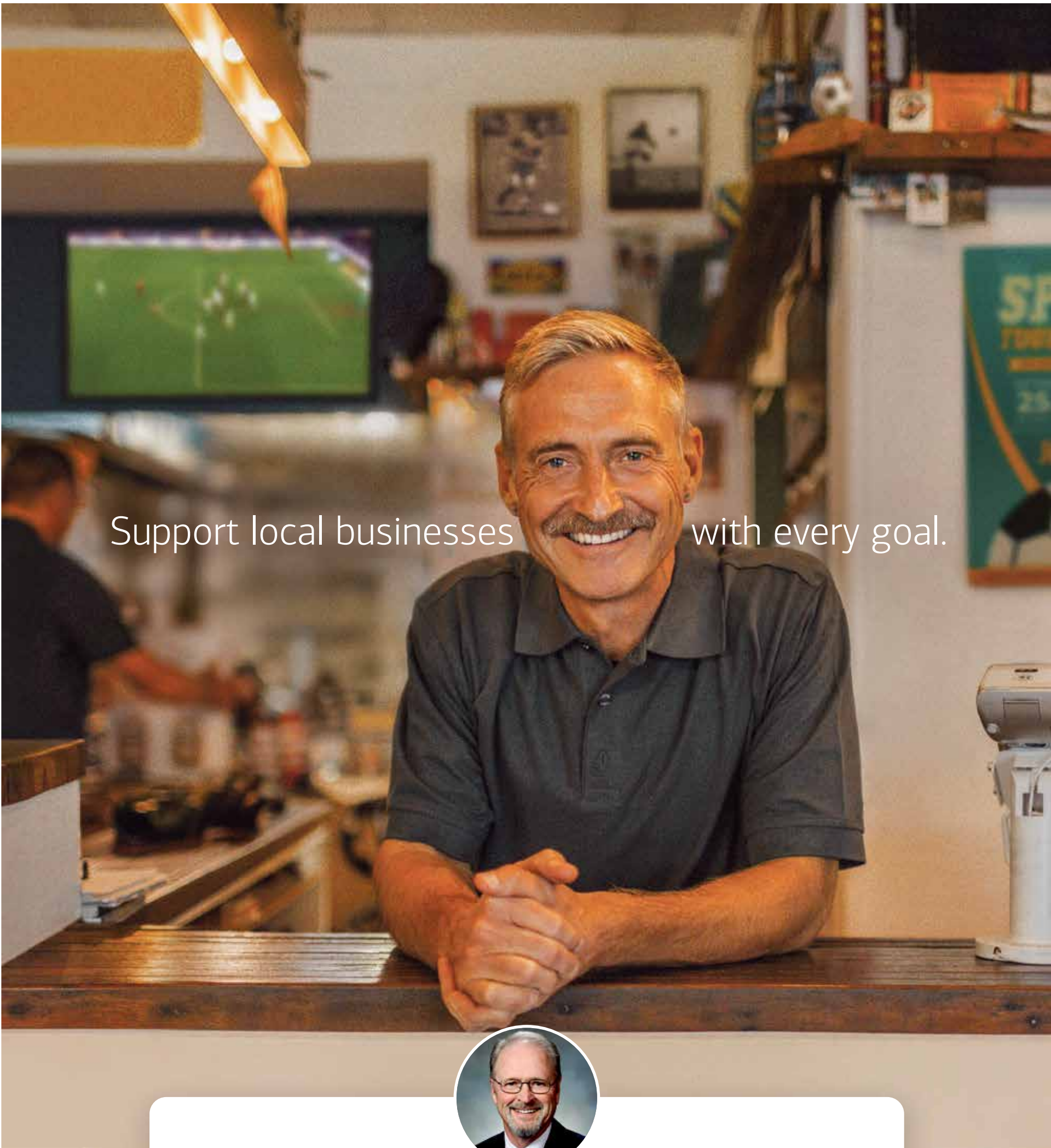
For two months, the repair work will temporarily reduce the number of lanes on the bridge available to commuters from four lanes to two – an unimpeded lane in each direction. The

repairs were scheduled for this summer, to limit the inconvenience to motorists; traffic is lighter in the Fort Sanders area this time of year because most University of Tennessee students and faculty aren't on campus.

The good news, following a routine but thorough inspection by CDM Smith, is that the bridge spanning Norfolk Southern rail lines

is structurally sound and can remain in service for years to come, requiring relatively small repairs to the top deck of the bridge, expected to total less than \$380,000.

Southern Constructors was the lowest and most responsive bidder that submitted a proposal to make the repairs. The project is expected to be completed by mid-August.



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