



# County unveils replacement statue at Tank Strickland Park

**By Ken Lay**

2023 at age 70.

The statue was replaced nearly a year after it was stolen. Terry Strickland, Tank's widow, was present at last week's ceremony, along with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon and state Representatives Sam McKenzie and Dave Wright, who both served on the county commission with Strickland.

"It was my honor to serve with Tank on the county commission for two years and it was my honor to nominate him as the first Black chairman for the county commission," McKenzie said.

Jacobs said that the effort to replace the statue

exemplified the spirit of Knox County.

"This effort showed the heart and the vigor that make our community, Knox County, the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family," Jacobs said. "This is a testament to what happens when you have a community of beliefs and shared values.

"I just want to say 'thank you' to all the people who made this happen."

Terry Strickland said that her late husband loved the community and the park.

"When our grandkids were in town, we brought

them here," she said. "Tank loved this park and he loved this community. This is bittersweet, but I have some great memories."

Through a partnership with the Knox County Public Library, measures are being taken to make sure that the current statue won't be stolen as a security camera has been installed in the park.

Knox County CAC provided refreshments after the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was emceed by former Knox County Commissioner Dr. Dasha Lundy.



Top: Local and state leaders cut the ribbon celebrating the replacement of a statue at Tank Strickland Park in East Knoxville's Burlington Community. Inset: The beloved statue of two kids reading a book are once again sitting in the Tank Strickland Park at the Burlington Library.

# New merit board member, animal shelter on commission agenda

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The Knox County Commission will have a busy agenda review session next Monday before its regular meeting on July 28. Among the 60-plus agenda items, which will be selected for discussion during the review meeting, is the selection of a replacement for Christopher Manning on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors.

Manning has resigned as board chairman, and the agenda meeting will hear applicants for the position.

Ahead of the commission selection, the merit board is meeting today, July 14, at 12:30 p.m. to select new officers, including a new chair and vice chair. The meeting is in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.

Other agenda items the commission may discuss are designated by the chair or by members. Those items may include the various federally-funded programs, which Commissioner Andy Fox always pulls from consent so he can oppose them. Proposed resolutions involving federal money this month include funds for low-income housing, an amendment on the contribution to Sacred Ground Hospice House, and money for the air pollution control programs.

Other agenda items that may be discussed include a \$231,000

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# Happenin' in Karns this week

## 72nd Annual Karns Community Fair

The 72nd Annual Karns Community Fair will be held at Karns High School on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Karns Community Fair is Tennessee's longest running community fair.

Attractions will include music provided by Sterl The Pearl - DJ for the University of Tennessee football games, carnival rides for children, a merry-go-round, children's petting zoo, over 100 craft vendors, children's games, cotton candy, funnel cakes, caramel popcorn, local vegetables for purchase, a rib eating contest

sponsored by Texas Roadhouse and an antique muscle car show.

The Karns Community Fair promises to be a fun summer day. Come out and have a great time at Tennessee's Longest Running Community Fair!

## The Knox County Karns Senior Center Turns 10; Will Host Special Events

The Knox County Karns Senior Center celebrates its 10-year anniversary this month with three major events for those 50 and older.

"We are so excited to

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# City's housing plan sees debate

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Knoxville has a housing problem—not enough units to house everyone, and even fewer units for low-income residents. When the city council discussed sending its 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and the 2025-2026 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during Tuesday's meeting, the resolution prompted several comments.

While the resolution passed in an 8-1 vote, several council members pointed to a need for more units and efforts to house the homeless population.

Tommy Smith said the Office of Housing Stability needs to better coordinate efforts for the homeless. Amelia Parker said the resolution did not include the final report from that department.

Andrew Roberto noted that by 2029, Knoxville will need 6,000 to 8,000 new dwelling units.

Housing and Neighborhood Development Director Kevin Dubose responded that the city

## KAT employees appeal to council

Amalgamated Transit Union members employed by Knoxville Area Transit went before the Knoxville City Council last week to air their complaints about the yet-unresolved employment contract. The union members have been picketing along streets to draw attention to their cause.

Laura Parrot said that KAT was not bargaining in good faith. Melissa Stooksbury said the current contract is "being violated," and employees are being terminated, with others too afraid to speak up. Bart Givens said removing the free trolley and chaining the bus service, on top of extending the distances between stops, is hurting ridership. He was also critical of Director Isaac Thorne and a recent, very brief KAT meeting.

is "on phase" to achieve that goal with 1,489 new

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# School board implements 'bell-to-bell' cell phone policy

**By Ken Lay**

In order to comply with Tennessee's new state law banning the use of cell phones and personal communication devices, the Knox County Board of Education voted to restrict cell phone usage during the school day.

Under the new policy, all students will be forbidden from using their personal communication devices, including cell phones and smart watches, for the

entire school day.

"Students may use their phones before and after school," said KCS Board Chair Betsy Henderson. "Kids are addicted to their phones, and we're addicted to our phones."

Under the previous policy, high school students in the district could use their phones during lunch, while elementary and middle school students were banned from using their phones from

bell to bell. Those students could use their phones on campus before and after school.

The revised policy was passed after a lengthy discussion. Some board members said that they were in favor of keeping the status quo, while others preferred the policy that passed. Others were in favor of allowing high school students to have access to their phones during lunch and between

classes.

In his first regular session meeting as the board's student representative, Farragut High School senior Albert Liu noted that high school students may need to have access to their phones during breaks.

"My boss may need to call me in for a shift, or sometimes, practice may get canceled or a match may be moved," said Liu, who officially began his

year-long term as the board's student representative at the board's work session on Monday, July 7. "When we're 16, we can drive ourselves to school and you trust some of us to leave campus (to take dual enrollment courses), but you don't trust us to use our phones."

Board member Anne Templeton said parents in her district were concerned because they may need to get in touch with

students to pick up their siblings from another campus after school.

But it was board member Patricia Fontenot-Ridley who noted that cell phones weren't necessary in that case.


"When we were in school, our parents could call the office and that option was readily available," she said.

Proponents of the new policy noted that instruction time is learning time.



# Congress Is Spending Money We Do Not Have

From a distance



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One of the most popular things a member of Congress can do is bash Congress, saying or implying that it is filled with bad or crooked, or even evil people. Yet, this is not only very false, it is somewhat arrogant.

It is saying, "Look at me everyone else here is bad, but I'm good." Down deep inside, I believe any member who does this knows it is a lie or is a little bit delusional.

It reminds me of a joke my Dad told me many years ago. A minister was asked to give the eulogy at the funeral of a very bad man.

He racked his brain trying to think of something good to say about the deceased. Finally, just before he got up to speak, he thought of something. He said, "Well, we all know that Bill was a liar, a cheat, and a thief, but compared to his two brothers, he was an angel."

I had the privilege of spending slightly over 30 years in the U.S. House. I considered it an honor, and I am still very grateful to the people of East Tennessee for allowing me to do so.

I disagreed with most of what the Congress did during those years, yet I always felt I was serving with probably the finest group of 535 people you could have found in this country, on both sides of the aisle.

Sure, there were a few bad apples as there would be in any group this large, but there were very few. Almost all – Democrat and Republican – were honest, hard-working people who

were sincerely trying to help their constituents.

The Democrats controlled the House for 16 of my 30 years there. I felt I needed to get along with them if I wanted to get things for my district and get problems solved for the people I represented.

I had one of the most consistently conservative voting records in the House, and I did not hesitate to speak out, both in my committees and on the floor. But I never attacked or criticized any other member personally.

I know this disappointed some. One caller said I needed to forget being a judge, as I was before going to Congress. But I think I got a lot more done by trying to be fair and kind, even to those on the other side, than I ever would have gotten done if I had always been on the attack.

My parents were the kindest people I have ever known, and they

were always trying to help others. They taught me and my brother and sisters many things, but two of the most important things were to always work very hard and to never spend money we didn't have. I always thought it would be better to sleep on the floor than to sleep on a bed that's not paid for.

Now we are headed very fast toward a cashless society. I think this is very bad. Millions are going deeper and deeper into debt, buying things they really don't need. Those little credit cards make it way too easy to spend, and people would be much less likely to spend so fast if they were having to pull out cash to do it.

This is why I said above that I disagreed with most of what Congress did while I was in office. I watched the Congress every day spending whopping amounts of money – billions and billions – that we did not have. I have said

many times that the easiest thing in the world to do is to spend other people's money.

When I was first elected, the national debt was three trillion dollars. I thought that was terrible. Yet, today it is over \$36 trillion, and headed upward faster than ever. No one can humanly comprehend even one trillion dollars.

A few months ago, President Trump said we should cut defense spending in half, but a few days ago, he pushed hard to pass a bill that added \$150 billion to defense spending, raising it to one trillion dollars a year.

One of the biggest boondoggles in recent years was the Camp Lejeune Act, which should have been called the 'Billions for Lawyers Act.' This bill was passed because someone got a quack scientist to say the water at that camp was dirty from the '50s to the '80s and may have caused cancer

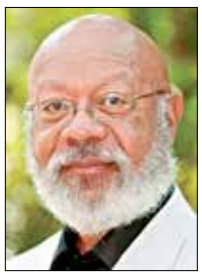
or other illnesses, and they knew very few in Congress would vote against any bill that has the word 'veterans' attached to it.

I am a veteran, and I respect anyone who served honorably. But 95% of those who served, while proud of their service, will admit they were not heroes. We use that word lightly sometimes.

Members of Congress are afraid someone will say they are unpatriotic if they don't vote for defense or veterans. However, we have reached the point that it is very unpatriotic to keep spending money we do not have. If we don't cut our spending on defense and veterans and everything else, inflation will get so bad, our veteran and social security pensions will buy very little. This year, we will spend a mind-boggling one trillion dollars just to pay the interest on our national debt.

## Trump vs Powell – and Bessent?

What do you think about Federal Reserve independence? Have you noticed that, for all Trump's gnashing of teeth, name-calling, threatening and cajoling, Congress has been mostly silent? Well, Powell has his regularly scheduled hearing on monetary policy on Tuesday. Trump is applying pressure on the Republicans on the committee to pressure Powell to lower rates. Trump is now emphasizing the need for lower rates to reduce the cost of financing the ever-increasing federal debt. Such is easier, it seems, than reducing the government's voracious appetite for spending. Trump wants



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the Fed funds rate to be around 1% down from the 4.3% where it is today.

Trump keeps arguing that there is little inflation, so prime the pump, Fed. However, inflation is still above the Fed's target rate of 2%. Again, many of us think that 2% is too high a target. An inflation rate of 2% means that prices will double in 36 years (Rule of 72). That means that nominal income would have to double in order for real income to stay the same.

The Fed is a creature of Congress. The Congress can enact new legislation regarding the Fed, its composition and its goals. Why hasn't Trump called for

new legislation? Congress would probably reject such a plea because Trump is a short timer. Do we really want a Republican Congress to give the president control over Fed decisions in order to give that power to the next socialist or Democrat, elected president? Can you imagine Joe Biden dictating monetary policy? That sobering thought should be enough to let Trump keep flailing away while Powell and the Open Market Committee continue to do what they do. However, whatever move the committee makes – and I am betting it will lower the rate in July – will be met with commentators saying that Powell finally gave in, if for no other reason than to shut Trump up.

But let us suppose that the Fed funds rate goes

down. Will this mean, as Trump keeps telling us, that we can save billions (or as Trump tweets BIL-LIONS!)? Not necessarily. It depends on what happens to Treasury rates. There are three categories of Treasury issues. Lowering Fed funds typically lowers Treasury bill rates. T-bills mature in less than one year and make up 21% of Treasury debt. So if Federal borrowing is \$30 trillion, about \$6.3 trillion will be in bills. Treasury notes mature in 1-10 years. They comprise 52% of the debt issuance, or \$15.6 trillion. Treasury bonds mature in more than 10 years and are mostly 20-year or 30-year bonds. They make up 17% or \$5.1 trillion. The other 10% consists of Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) of 8% (\$2.4

trillion) and Floating Rate Notes of 2% (\$1.5 trillion). So, what happens to the interest on the debt depends on what happens to the Treasury yield curve. As I write this, 3-month Treasury yields are 4.29%, the 2-year is 3.75%, the 10-year is 4.28% and the 30-year is 4.84%.

Lowering short-term rates may be accompanied by rising longer-term rates if the markets anticipate rising inflation, actually increasing the cost of financing the debt. The Treasury could try to move more financing to the rates that are now the lowest, the 2-year Treasury note. So why isn't Trump yelling at Scott Bessent to start issuing more of the 2-year notes and have the Fed start buying the longer-term Treasury issues to drive up

their prices and down their yields? So, Bessent should issue more Treasury notes and bonds and fewer Treasury bills. Right?

Bernanke's Fed did do this back in 2011, called Operation Twist (trying to twist the shape of the yield curve). His Fed kept short rates near zero while buying longer-term Treasuries. All this expanded the money supply and eventually led to increased inflation. Trump wants this Fed to do the same. There is the saying that, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In this case, it is repeating the same thing and expecting a different outcome.



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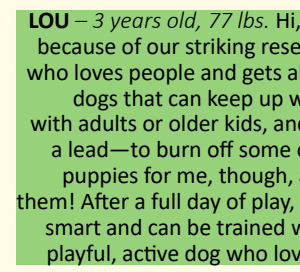


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# Publisher's Positions



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## Good Job, Senator Blackburn

Senator Marsha Blackburn and Congressman David Kustoff are sponsoring a bill that, if passed, will require 15-year mandatory sentences on those individuals who have three or more serious felonies and are subsequently found guilty of illegal firearm possession. The legislation has been christened the "Restoring the Armed Career Criminal Act" and reconfigures a "three strikes" law passed in 1984. That same act saw parts of it struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015. Senator Blackburn is cosponsoring the bill in the Senate with Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The bill has won a strong endorsement from Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti.

Senator Blackburn stated, "Violent, repeat offenders have no business being back on our streets."

That was seconded by Congressman Kustoff, who said, "Career criminals are a danger to our citizens and our communities."

Amen! For too long, the emphasis by Democrats in this country has been on a policy of "restoration" and conciliation with too many criminals who have been relabeled as victims because of their race or identification, while ignoring their crime. It is akin to condemning the Israeli government for bombing strikes in Gaza while ignoring the October 7 attack, which was premeditated and deliberate, against Israeli civilians. The Left in this country blatantly ignores laws it disagrees with and encourages others to do the same. Anyone the Left identifies as an "oppressor" evidently deserves any terrible thing and the perpetrator of the crime, irrespective of how brutal, is excused. Another example is the worshipful attitude of many on the Left for Luigi Mangione, the alleged killer of a health insurance executive who was a husband and a father.

Skrmetti praised the Blackburn-Kustoff Bill as a "common-sense approach" to removing "violent criminals off our streets."

It is a good bill, in the best interests of the law-abiding, hardworking people of this country, and we hope the Congress will pass it

quickly.

## City Loses Another Federal Grant

The daily newspaper, what's left of it, is upset the "Big Beautiful Bill" passed by Congress "just sunk" the nearly \$43 million federal grant requested by the City of Knoxville, which, according to city officials, would have helped to "rebuild the lost connection between Knoxville's east side and downtown." Mayor Indya Kincannon hurried to say that her proposed sales tax increase would not replace the lost federal dollars.

The City of Knoxville had already lost another federal grant to build the "pedestrian" bridge intended to span from South Knoxville across the river to Neyland Drive near the stadium. City of Knoxville officials have already created another pedestrian bridge unintentionally by closing the Gay Street Bridge, saying it cannot withstand automobile traffic. Only those walking, riding bicycles and driving emergency vehicles may use the Gay Street Bridge until it is repaired.

One wonders why those repairs aren't in place yet while the city continues to raise taxes repeatedly. The proposed hike in the sales tax follows a whopping 40% increase in property taxes inside the City of Knoxville. Mayor Kincannon and the

city council continue to spend money on anything and everything without any effort to live within their means. It simply taxes more to spend more, despite providing few real services aside from police and fire protection and garbage pick-up. The city did cut services immediately after hiking property taxes, with Kincannon's announcement that the Knoxville Police Department would no longer respond to traffic accidents unless there was injury involved.

The daily newspaper, quick to pounce whenever it notices a dollar out of place in the county government, never seems to find any fault in the city government. Of course, the Sentinel and its Gannet mothership are to the Left of the spectrum just as our own newspaper is right of center. The daily newspaper is appalled that the quotas, imagined racial diversity imperatives pursued by the Biden administration have been sunk by the Trump administration. As our Congressman Tim Burchett said, our country is nearing \$40 trillion in debt. We can't afford everything we need, much less everything we might want.

**People Behind The Russia Hoax Need To Be Held Accountable**  
What goes around comes

around. Cliches are cliches for a good reason. At the heart of them, they are true. And what went around is coming around for John Brennan, James Clapper and James Comey, all of whom were involved in the Trump-Russia hoax. The FBI is conducting a criminal investigation into perjury and conspiracy charges. Leftist heads continue to explode and blubber that they are martyrs who investigated Trump, which is a lie. They concocted and carried out a plot to frame Donald Trump so that he would be investigated. Marc Elias is already squawling about "misuse, abuse, [and] authoritarian takeover" as the investigation of Brennan, Comey and company is underway. Elias's whimpers would, ironically, perfectly describe what was done to President Trump by the corrupt CIA and FBI. When the Left charges Trump with pursuit of his enemies, it ignores the ruthless, unethical and largely fictitious pursuit of Donald Trump by both the Obama and Biden administrations, in particular, and agents of the Left like the immoral Fanni Willis, Letitia James and Alvin Bragg.

Contrary to the popular narrative of the mainstream news media, there was evidence that Vladimir Putin and Russia did NOT prefer Donald Trump in 2016 because

the Russians considered Trump too unpredictable. They preferred Hillary Clinton, who, after all, had pushed the reset button on relations with Putin and Russia. It was Hillary Clinton, whose campaign paid for the infamous Steele dossier which was used to get the FISA warrant, who publicly blamed her loss of the 2016 election on Putin's supposed "personal grudge" against her.

Christopher Steele had been fired as an informant by the FBI on November 1, 2016, according to journalist Matt Taibbi. Taibbi has reported "there would have been no pre-inauguration report saying 'Putin and the Russian government aspired to help President-elect Trump's election chances when possible by discrediting Secretary Clinton.'" As Taibbi has reported in his columns on Racket News, there were two actions that were both irreversible and critical, which were the decision to use the Steele dossier and its subsequent leak of "the report's classified contents to the public before Trump was sworn in."

It is an interesting and important story that is still developing, although here in Tennessee, we can sum it up aptly by repeating, "What goes around, comes around."

# New Juvenile Center Board to meet

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The members of the new Knox County Juvenile Service Center Board of Directors will meet on Thursday to elect officers and discuss how they will oversee the facility.

The meeting is planned for noon in the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center's courtroom at 3321 Division Street.

The board members, consisting of five Knox County Commissioners, will get a walkthrough of the center at 9:30 a.m. prior to the meeting. Other

commissioners may be present. The public and the media are not invited to the walkthrough, but the meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will also include a public forum and a discussion, plus scheduling of future meetings.

Four commissioners, Damon Rawls, Shane Jackson, Terry Hill and Larsen Jay, were named to the board by the full Knox County Commission, and Commissioner Rhonda Lee was selected by Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin.

# Commission agenda

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contract with Cannon & Cannon Inc. for the Powell High School Greenway Project. A contract for armed security guards for the health department may be discussed. The approval of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board bylaws is also on the agenda. Parks and Recreation is asking for a right-of-way easement for five tracts of land for the Halls Greenway in an agreement with the state.

The Young-Williams Animal Center may get a contract extension for sheltering animals and a purchase agreement for the surplus county vehicles and equipment it has been leasing from the county. The commission may also approve raising the mineral severance tax from 15 cents to 20 cents.

Various appointments are on the agenda, including naming Richard Mayberry as law clerk for the

chancellors of Chancery Court, LeeAnn Foster to the Lenoir City Utilities Board, and confirming Commissioner Rhonda Lee's appointment to the Juvenile Service Center Board by Judge Tim Irvin. Laura Johns may be named to the Air Pollution Control Board.

One notable item within the school board's agenda is the Morgan Wallen Foundation donation of \$1.2 million to Gibbs High School.

# City's housing plan sees debate

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units last year, including 444 affordable units. He also talked about keeping owner-occupied housing in place and protecting rental properties.

Asked about the quality of city-subsidized, new affordable housing, Dubose said the same standards of construction apply to those units and the "market rate" units being built.

Parker said the trend of affordable and other housing needs to shift to focus on affordable units, and buyers from outside the city are hurting low-income residents and creating "gentrification."

Lynne Fugate said the city's subsidies for new housing are prompted by the "but for" issue, where the units would not be built

had it not been for city tax breaks and funding.

In other action, the council approved two contracts for flagging and traffic control services for special events. The First Creek Greenway-Broadway Streetscape Project was approved for \$6.2 million, with the city share of \$1.2 million.

The Middlebrook Pike Advanced Traffic Management Project was allocated over \$2.5 million for an agreement with Stansell Electric, plus another \$591,529 for engineering and inspection services by Barge Design. Councilman Andrew Roberto noted that, when completed, traffic signals along the route could be synchronized at the main office rather than individually, easing the flow

of traffic.

The Loves Creek Hydrology Study-Phase 2 received \$357,716 in a contract with Geosyntec Consultants.

In zoning requests, 4423 Ball Camp Pike was changed from RN-1, single-family, to RN-3, general residential neighborhood. A property at 2727 Tecoma Drive reverted to its original zoning, Zero Keck Road went from agricultural to

RN-1, and 3309 Boyds Bridge went from RN-1 to RN-3, general residential neighborhood.

Mayor Indya Kincannon appointed Markus Chady to the Airport Authority, and Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie appointed Craig Pickett Jr. and Shante Southwood to the African American Equity Restoration Task Force.

# Happenin' in Karns

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be celebrating 10 years since we opened because it's been so well received by the community and a great addition to the county's other five senior centers," said April Tomlin, deputy director of Knox County Senior Services. "It's a great place to socialize and our attendance has grown steadily every year."

Tomlin said about 8,500 seniors initially visited the Karns Senior Center the first year when it opened a decade ago on July 24, 2015, at the Northwest Sports Complex (8042 Oak Ride Highway) with attendance exceeding 25,000 last year.

The center offers a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, field trips, games, computer classes, Spanish classes, music, and presentations with topics such as Medicare, nutrition, and how to avoid fraud and scams. In addition, the center has a fitness room for exercising and a competitive

ping-pong group. It also serves as an early voting location for the Karns community. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The three events, which will be held at the Karns Senior Center, are:

- July 14 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.): 10-Year Anniversary Celebration Picnic with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs
- July 16 ( 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.): Veterans Breakfast with Knox County commissioners Gina Oster, Terry Hill, Kim Frazier, and Larsen Jay.
- July 18 (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.): Ice Cream Social with Congressman Tim Burchett.

To attend, seniors must RSVP each event separately by calling 865-951-2653.

"I highly encourage anyone fifty and over to check it out," Tomlin said. "It's a great way to stay active and engaged. You will definitely make a friend."

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# District 1 candidates answer Focus questions

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First District Knoxville City Councilman and Vice Mayor Tommy Smith is not seeking a second term this year, and four South Knoxville residents are on the nonpartisan primary ballot to replace him.

The Knoxville Focus asked each candidate to respond to four questions, and their complete replies are provided below in the order they responded. The primary election is August 26 and the two top vote-getters will move on to the November 4 general election. The council has nine members, and this year's city elections will result in five new members.

## What qualifies you to seek the office?

**Becky Jones:** As a lifelong South Knoxville resident and a strong supporter of our frontline workers and police officers, I am running to restore common sense to the Knoxville City Council.

**Charles Van Morgan:** I'm a lifelong Vol fan, a proud Knoxville native, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee. I hold a Master of Arts in Criminology from UT, a Juris Doctor, and a Bachelor of Science in Business. I'm the most qualified candidate on the ballot when it comes to education that directly applies to solving real problems for Knoxville residents. I've also lived through government corruption firsthand—giving me a unique perspective and a deeper commitment to honest, accountable leadership.

**Lindsey Jaremko:** The legal qualifications for this office are living in the district, being of age, and not having a felony—and I meet all of them. Beyond that, I'm a licensed social worker, a public servant, and an active resident of District One. I'm also deeply committed to protecting this district's right to choose our own representation. I've consistently advocated for transparency, accountability, and fairness in government—through direct services, policy work, and grassroots organizing. I understand how systems work, where they fail people, and how to make them better.

**Karyn Adams:** The role of a City Council person requires experience working with

people, the ability to listen and understand diverse perspectives, engagement and knowledge of a community, the commitment to rise above "us vs. them" narratives and work for real solutions. My experience as a mother, business owner, non-profit leader, community advocate, and my active service on the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission have all prepared me to lead District 1 - South Knoxville and Fort Sanders. From grassroots work preserving green spaces and helping neighborhoods amplify their voices and concerns, to my experience with public-private partnerships and difficult land use decisions, my hands-on, community-oriented leadership approach is what prepares me for the job ahead. Our District is experiencing opportunities and challenges like never before. Finding the path forward for smart and sustainable growth is one that requires collaboration and productive working relationships with all stakeholders -- from individuals to neighborhoods, to the City and beyond. I'm ready to put my experience to work for all of South Knoxville and Fort Sanders.

## What is the district's largest problem?

**Jones:** Through conversations with voters in my district and my lifelong experience living here, I've identified the biggest issues as the growing homelessness crisis, concerns about public safety, the lack of quality shopping and dining options in South Knoxville, and high taxes.

**Van Morgan:** It's not just one issue—it's really three major problems, each one important to a large number of voters I've spoken with. First, the rising cost of living is pushing families and seniors to the edge. Second, our infrastructure is crumbling—our roads and sidewalks weren't built for today's traffic and growth. And third, homelessness is growing, with no real plan in place to address it in a way that protects both public safety and human dignity. These problems are connected, and District One deserves leadership that will take them seriously—not ignore them like the current city hall has done. I'm ready to bring real solutions to the table.

**Jaremko:** People in this district feel like decisions



Becky Jones



Charles Van Morgan



Lindsey Jaremko



Karyn Adams

are being made without them, and they're right. From how development is approved to how budgets are passed, there's a growing disconnect between the people who live here and the people in power. We're facing rising costs, worsening displacement, and shrinking public input. The biggest problem isn't one single issue—it's that working people don't have real power in how the city is run. That's what I'm running to change.

**Adams:** The 1st District is experiencing incredible growth and its associated pressures -- housing affordability, homelessness, infrastructure needs, and the risk of losing one of our greatest assets, greenspaces and natural resources. These are challenges that can be addressed productively, if we are intentional about our growth and if we ensure the community's voice is at the table. South Knoxville and Fort Sanders are some of our City's most impactful places, with the University, the Urban Wilderness, the River, historic neighborhoods, hospitals, airports, and yes, the Sunsphere. We also have some of our cities strongest neighborhoods -- Vestal, Lake Forest, Colonial Village, Island Home, South Woodlawn, South Haven, Lindbergh Forest, South Waterfront, and many more. With these assets and connected citizens, we can meet the challenges that we have and make our district ever stronger, ever more welcoming, and ever more the place that we are all proud to call home.

## Make a statement about the outgoing city council person.

**Jones:** The current city council member failed to prioritize South Knoxville residents by not serving as an independent voice focused on their needs over political agendas. During his tenure, homelessness has worsened, taxes have increased, businesses have closed, and illegal immigration has been ignored. District 1 needs a representative who puts residents first, not another rubber stamp for special interest agendas.

**Van Morgan:** The outgoing councilman acted more like a company man than a representative of the people. He didn't fight for District One, and our neighborhoods were often used as a testing ground for pet projects that didn't serve us well.

**Jaremko:** Vice Mayor Smith served during a difficult time, and I appreciate anyone willing to put themselves forward for public service. I think many residents are ready for a change in direction and leadership style—one that's more rooted in neighborhood accountability and everyday concerns.

**Adams:** Tommy Smith is District 1's current Council Member and is also Vice Mayor. He knows his constituents and works diligently to understand their concerns and be present for their needs. He is term-limited and cannot run again. But the model that he has set is one that shows what engaged leadership involves -- time,

community, and building consensus to get what our District needs and deserves

## Do you support the sales tax increase referendum on the November ballot?

**Jones:** I oppose the proposed sales tax increase. As a city council member, I will focus on cutting wasteful spending to enable a modest reduction in the property tax rate, providing relief to homeowners still burdened by the significant 2022 property tax hike.

**Van Morgan:** Not in its current form. However, I would support it if we could simultaneously lower the property tax rate and instead raise the local sales tax. That way, tourists and out-of-town visitors who benefit from our city services would help contribute to Knoxville's budget—easing the tax burden on working families and helping address our housing affordability crisis by reducing property-related costs.

**Jaremko:** No. I do not support the proposed sales tax increase—or any potential property tax increase that may follow if the sales tax fails in November. We can't keep asking working people

and retirees to shoulder the costs of bad decisions by the current leadership. I believe we need to re-evaluate how our city spends its current budget before asking for more from the people who already have the least.

**Adams:** It would be easy, and probably more satisfying, to say I am for or against the proposed local option sales tax. The harder position to hold is the one that requires more work -- genuinely listening to what voters are saying, engaging with the City to push for greater details on the proposal, and working to ensure that if it passes in November it is actually spent on its designated purposes. Here's what I know having worked and lived in the 1st District for 22 years -- people want infrastructure improvements (especially more affordable housing and sidewalks). But to date, the City has not provided enough detail on the sales tax expenditures in the 5-Year Plan for voters to feel confident in the proposal. It is July. The vote is in November. That's five months away. As more information is provided, and as I push for more definition from the City for how our District will (or will not) benefit, I will be able to define my position.

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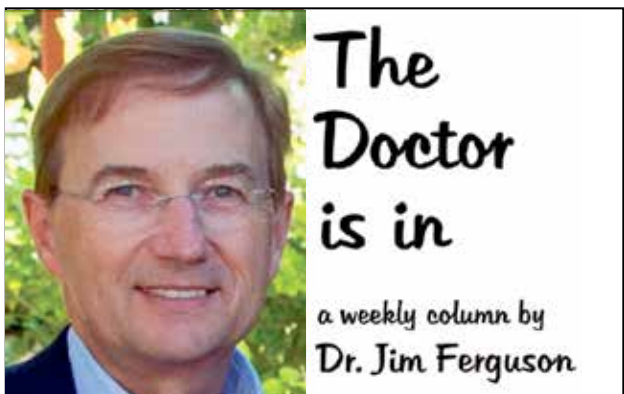


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### Innocents and Miscreants

In this world, you will always have trouble (John 16:33).  
Jesus Christ

Just when I thought it might be safe to go out again, tragedy struck. An atmospheric high-pressure dome trapped moist air from the Gulf of America over the hill country of Texas, producing a deluge of rain and catastrophic flooding of the Guadalupe River. We Southerners understand the concept of a gully washer, but the Texas rainstorm and flooding were described as a “generational” event. The death toll now tops 100 and includes many children who were at a church camp. Loss of life is tragic, but especially painful with the death of innocents. Disasters happen all the time. However, because we have the internet, we are

immediately aware of suffering and wars all over the planet. For once, I’m not being overtly critical of the media, because my analysis of events for this opinion column is dependent on factual reports.

Reporting the facts is one thing. But politicizing facts is another. Elon Musk’s AI creation, Grok, was recently caught parroting false reports collected from the New York Times, PBS, Reuters, etc. When confronted with the facts, Grok admitted its erroneous analysis. Actually, the AI’s original conclusions were reflective of the biases of Grok’s programmers.

There is a computer adage that goes junk in - junk out. Apparently, this is also true for the sophisticated computing of AI. Remember this the next time you use artificial (man-made) intelligence. Do you

recall the racialized Nazis created by Google’s AI (Gemini)? Perhaps a human brain filled with sketchy facts will then regurgitate the same. This certainly seems to be operative at Ivy League universities.

The Texas flood disaster was quickly politicized by the villainous left, but the salient facts prove otherwise: warnings were given regarding the weather, National Weather Service (NOAA) staffing was appropriate, and in fact more than usual, and the budgetary cuts that Grok and Democrats reported are not scheduled to go into effect until 2026.

I’ve often wondered why a liberal friend and a conservative like me can look at an issue and see something entirely different. Since we both seem rational and come from the same culture we should at least be able to agree upon facts. But actually, the difference extends beyond facts to the realm of truth, a more challenging concept requiring judgment.

The left-of-center digital news outlet Axios recently interviewed two dozen Congressional Democrats and reported July 7, 2025, that the party’s base is demanding their congressmen “fight dirty, break the rules and not be afraid to get hurt” in opposing

President Trump and ICE.

The radical base is the deranged people you saw lately at the “no kings” marches or at previous “rent-a-crowd” protests/riots. These are the delusional people screaming outside a NYC police station on July 4th instead of being with family and friends for barbecue and celebratory fireworks. These are the deranged, delusional and dangerous people who recently tried to ambush ICE agents or those who fired on officers at a border protection facility.

Understandably, elected Democrats are scared of their dysfunctional base. When I practiced medicine, disturbed people in the emergency room scared me as well.

Some years ago, Dan Brown wrote the book “Angels and Demons.” And the book “Saints and Villains” about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Nazis by Denise Giardina also captures the same contrast between good and evil which is the premise of this essay.

The Axios article reminded me of a report in Psychology Today where two-thirds of patients in therapy were liberal Democrats and 94% of therapists were liberal. Columbia University

has reported that “liberals indicate feelings of depression and anxiety more frequently than conservatives” and “report poorer mental health.” Pew Research reports similar findings where “white liberal women have twice the rate of mental illness as conservatives.”

Some have seen the hurricane flooding in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina, summertime heat waves or “wars and rumors of wars,” earthquakes in Iran and now a 25-foot high “wall of water” in Texas as evidence of apocalyptic end-times. I don’t.

However, Jesus alluded to the end times in his Olivet discourse (Matthew 24:14). He said only God knows of the end. You should read Jesus’ words and then ask yourself if the Internet has indeed “preached the gospel in the whole world” heralding end times.

Recently, a friend asked me how many essays I’ve written for The Knoxville Focus. Although my essays have a numerical order, I don’t pay a lot of attention to that detail, so I told him 800 or so. I was wrong. I looked it up, and this is essay number 922. It’s been a good run since I started writing for The Focus in 2008. I think I’ll

try to make it to 1000. That should be enough, since that will be approximately 1 million words.

Somehow, July 4th felt different this year. Maybe it was a sense that America was back on the right course after a series of victories.

The French have a phrase that perhaps captured my feelings on Independence Day. The French say, “Je ne sais quoi,” which is loosely translated as the feeling of a pleasing quality.

But my thoughts were more than just a feeling on July 4. President Trump has dealt the left and forces of evil multiple defeats over the last half year, culminating in the passage of the Big Beautiful Bill and decimation of Iran’s nuclear weapons program.

I told friends that we should celebrate these hard-won victories with family, friends and fireworks on our nation’s birthday. And then come Monday, we must reengage because the hate-filled anti-American miscreants are not yet defeated.

I say, ♪ Onward Christian Soldiers! We have a country to save for our children. And to paraphrase the Star Trek Borg, patriotic “resistance is [not] futile.” It is our duty.

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# Wallace Women ‘Gather and Go’

Gather and Go isn’t just a catchy phrase, it’s an opportunity to love, care and serve others. Wallace Women, the women’s ministry at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, gathered Sunday, June 8 for their annual summer outreach that invests in their homebound members.

Each Wallace Women Encourager built bundles with fresh flowers, pillows, cookies and a hand written card. Abby Buckner, owner of local online shop Willy Lou Boutique, assisted by putting the Wallace Women logo on each pillow. Three local bakeries: Goodness to Go, Ham n’ Goody’s and Courtney’s Cakes and Sweet Treats donated the delicious treats. Wallace

Women appreciates their eagerness and contributions to the baskets.

Chelsea Murphy, Love Community co-director with Wallace Women said, “Nowadays in our society everything gets bigger and better for many and oftentimes the elderly do not get the attention and respect they deserve. We always want to be a ministry that advocates for those who are limited by meeting each of them where they are and speaking life, truth and hope into their hearts and minds.”

Many of the women who received bundles were once active Wallace Memorial members. “What a privilege it was to have the opportunity to love and

serve those who have come before us,” said Chelsea.

After the bundles were assembled, Encouragers made deliveries to each designated homebound member in the Knoxville area. As you may guess, many of the homebound have family involved; however, there are also some who do not, so the visit from the Wallace encourager was certainly a bright spot in their day. Gather and Go provided women with an awesome opportunity to look in on and show love to what can be a forgotten community.

If you would like more information about Wallace Women and their community, please contact [wallace-women320@gmail.com](mailto:wallace-women320@gmail.com).



Last month, Wallace Women assembled to build special gift baskets for the area homebound. “Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16, NIV Version.

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# Artificial Intelligence

I've just sat through a few tutorial videos on the use of Microsoft CoPilot. Most of them appear to be geared toward the business world. I have no desire to create a social



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media campaign, training session or marketing plan. Instead, my goals are to write better columns. This thing doesn't seem to be at all what I need for that activity.

To someone with limited experience and little knowledge of the technical world, CoPilot looks more like an Artificial Intelligence

program that can integrate already existing pieces of information. I don't get it, and I sure don't like it. As an old English teacher, I spent a career teaching students ways to write compositions that would

help them pass college English or simply be proficient in correspondence with customers, companies and families. At the same time, I pounded correct grammatical usage into their heads, as well as correct spelling of words. When someone tried to chock full a paper with extraneous materials, I had

a red stamp with a bull's behind that covered the useless filler.

Writing is a personal act. Anyone who's ever attempted the task finds that putting words on a screen or a piece of paper can be difficult. I learned from Don Williams that writer's block didn't exist. The way to begin writing is to ask, "What is the truest thing I know today?" Immediately, a list of things comes to mind. The chore then becomes to put meat on the bones of that one thing and to develop it into a broader idea. It's that simple. Hey, if writing were that difficult, I'd never have been able to do it for even a day.

I know that somehow AI will make life better for folks, but I'm not sure how. I don't trust it when writing is concerned. It is easy to sit down and ask AI to write a paper on any subject. In just a couple of seconds, one will appear on the computer screen. The piece will be well written and correct in all ways. A student can submit it to a teacher or professor and possibly receive an excellent grade for such work.

I'm not impressed. Writing is a more personal thing. It demands that the writer invest a part of himself in the process. The ideas that are included often are examples that come with the emotions

that they caused. AI can make up the same stuff, but those feelings will be hollow without the human component.

If I were still teaching, all compositions written by students would be written on paper during class time. No one would be allowed to look at a computer or a phone during the process. Yes, that would cause a stir because so few students can write legibly; my handwriting has suffered from arthritis and my cut off finger that was sewn back on.

Artificial Intelligence has its place in our world. It is a "tool" for use in so many applications. However, it should never become

a substitute for thinking and creative humans. If AI becomes the go-to for tasks, we will become a dumber species with diminishing thought processes. Before long, those AI programs will be smarter than we are and could well become our masters and bosses. Yes, it might be far-fetched, but the possibility exists if folks stop thinking on their own and allow something else to do their thinking and creating. As for writing, everyone should do it often. It presents interesting insights into life and the possibilities that exist. Give it a try and see what you discover.

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# Michigan's Governor G. Mennen Williams

## Pages from the Past



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Gerhard Mennen Williams' name is a reminder of his good luck in having been born into a family fortune. His grandfather, Gerhard Mennen, a German immigrant, started a business selling talcum powder, which at the time was a novelty. That grew into a corporate giant that produced men's care products and was later sold to Colgate-Palmolive. Williams' mother, Elma, was Gerhard Mennen's daughter, and she named her son for her father. Williams was better known to his friends as "Soapy," a nickname derived from his family's business products. Williams' trademark was a green bowtie with white polka dots and was also well known that campaign buttons and tabs were distributed during his many campaigns with that emblem, and people immediately recognized its significance. Williams almost always signed his name in green ink.

G. Mennen Williams dominated Michigan's politics for more than a decade, elected governor six times when the term of office was two years. Williams used his governorship to take control of Michigan's Democratic Party and forged a mutually beneficial alliance with Walter Reuther, who built the United Auto Workers into a formidable force, especially in Michigan. At one time, Reuther was simultaneously president of the UAW and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). Suffice it to say, Walter Reuther was one of the most powerful individuals in organized labor, if not the most powerful.

When Williams began his first campaign for governor in 1948, he was a boyish-looking young man of 37 years. As a successful and popular chief executive of a pivotal state, Mennen Williams was floated as a presidential and vice-presidential possibility several times. That was certainly true in 1956, and the governor told the press he felt "no compelling reason to run for the vice presidency," but added, "I am not prepared to say I wouldn't accept." Williams had been featured on the cover of the most widely read news magazine in the world, TIME, in 1952, green polka-dotted bowtie, big grin and all.

Williams attended law school, graduated, and began the practice of law. He married Nancy Quirk, and the couple had three children. Like most of the "Greatest Generation," Soapy Williams served in the armed forces during the Second World War. Williams was an air combat intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy for four years,

rising to the rank of lieutenant commander.

In 1948, Williams launched his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor, facing two opponents in the primary. The strong support of organized labor helped the youthful contender to narrowly win the Democratic primary by just over 8,000 votes. Labor had been divided between Williams and Victor Bucknell, who enjoyed the support of the Teamsters' Union. Williams faced Governor Kim Sigler in the 1948 general election. Sigler had been elected in 1946, a great year for GOP candidates, and had been hailed for his role as a special prosecutor who cleaned up corruption in the state legislature.

Sigler was seeking reelection in what was widely thought to be a banner year for Republican candidates. As it turned out, it was quite the opposite. Soapy Williams upset the incumbent, winning by more than 160,000 votes. Williams' brother, Dick, gifted the governor-elect with a green and white polka-dotted bowtie, which he wore at his inauguration. That was how his trademark was born.

Throughout his tenure as Michigan's chief executive, Williams sought to work with state legislators, oftentimes comprised of a majority of Republicans. "The people of Michigan expect us to work together," Governor Williams told legislators. As governor, Williams never hesitated to veto bills he believed to be against the public interest.

Williams built a formidable political organization based in Detroit through organized labor and an upstate combine of grassroots supporters, which provided healthy majorities for the governor and many Democratic candidates.

Williams faced a tough reelection campaign in 1950 when Republicans called former Governor Harry F. Kelly out of political retirement. Kelly had been elected governor in 1942 and reelected two years later, serving throughout most of World War II. Unfortunately, the GOP was divided, and Kelly faced a crowded primary field consisting of the secretary of state, a former lieutenant governor, and a sitting congressman. Kelly proved to be a highly popular candidate in the general election, as many Michiganders remembered their wartime governor fondly. The result was a nail-biter of an election, which Soapy Williams won by 1,154 votes out of more than 1.8 million cast. Kelly ran for a seat on Michigan's State Supreme Court in 1954 and retired in 1971, the same year Soapy Williams was elected



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**Governor Mennen "Soapy" Williams (left) campaigning with Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson (center) and U. S. Senator Pat McNamara (far right) in Detroit in 1956.**

to the high court.

Governor Williams faced another difficult campaign two years later when Dwight D. Eisenhower headed the national GOP ticket. Williams beat his Republican opponent by 8,618 out of quite nearly 3 million votes cast. Williams managed to run well ahead of his ticket as Eisenhower won Michigan easily, and Senator Blair Moody lost to Republican Charles E. Potter.

Seeking a fourth term in 1954, Williams led a highly successful Democratic ticket. Patrick V. McNamara upset GOP Senator Homer Ferguson and Philip Hart, a law school classmate and close friend of the governor's, was elected lieutenant governor of Michigan. Williams beat his Republican opponent by more than 250,000 votes.

By the time Mennen Williams announced his candidacy for a fifth two-year term in 1956, he had been governor of Michigan longer than any other person. Williams' last administration was perhaps the most difficult of his career. The State of Michigan was experiencing serious financial difficulties, especially after the GOP majority in the state Senate refused to approve the governor's proposed \$50 million bond issue, which was intended to meet state payrolls and other "pressing expenses."

TIME magazine pinned much of the blame for Michigan's fiscal woes on Governor G. Mennen Williams, noting the increasing "welfare" programs passed by the governor over the preceding decade "gobbles up a lot of revenue." Michigan's budget woes were exacerbated by the fact that the country was in a recession; the state had been hit by unemployment, which was especially acute in the automotive capital of Detroit. The state budget was further deflated by the slowdown in the collection of the 3% sales tax. The State of Michigan's estimate of sales tax collections had proven to be \$43 million less than had been anticipated, leaving a serious hole in the budget.

The governor was barred by state law from borrowing more than \$150,000, and he sent personal

letters to the heads of 23 large corporations. That letter asked the corporate executives to pay some \$28 million (almost \$241 million today) in business taxes in advance. TIME acknowledged most of the corporate business leaders disapproved of Governor Williams' "big-spending habits," as well as his alliance with Walter Reuther and organized labor. Most of those asked for help by the governor came through for the people of Michigan; as TIME noted, "General Motors alone put up \$13 million," but the news magazine also acknowledged the obvious, stating, "But this bailout only postponed the crisis."

The governor and the Republican-led state Senate were at odds on how to make up the deficit. Williams supported "a progressive state income tax on middle and upper incomes and a new 5% levy on corporation profits." Opponents cried that the governor's proposed solution would worsen Michigan's already severe problem of attracting new businesses, much less keeping them. The Republicans in the state Senate preferred increasing the sales tax to 4%, a remedy "adamantly opposed" by the governor.

During Williams' time as governor, Democrats won both of Michigan's seats in the United States Senate, and he had his eye on the 1960 presidential nomination. Realizing he could not beat John F. Kennedy, Governor Williams fell in line behind the candidacy of the senator from Massachusetts. Retiring as governor, Williams accepted an appointment from President Kennedy as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. It was an important assignment, especially during a time when many African nations were emerging from colonial rule by various European countries.

After his service during the administrations of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, Williams itched to get back into the political limelight once again. Sporting his green and white polka-dotted bowtie, the former governor was spotted in the Lansing State Capitol, shaking hands with

everyone he met. One legislator, a Democrat, cried, "Boy! It's just like old times!" Williams was a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Pat McNamara, who was seriously ailing. The 71-year-old McNamara had just announced he would not run for a third term. Williams pounced on the opportunity to run and became the favorite for the Democratic nomination almost instantly, but the former governor encountered stiff opposition inside the primary. Jerome Cavanaugh was the mayor of Detroit and had just won a second term the previous year with quite nearly 70% of the vote and was blatantly eager for higher office. Cavanaugh was 38 years old when he entered the senatorial contest, just a year older than "Soapy" Williams had been when he ran his first statewide race. The Democratic primary was contentious, but Cavanaugh could not overcome Williams' advantage in statewide recognition nor the financial resources the former governor could command from organized labor and his network of supporters and friends. Williams in fact trounced Cavanaugh in Wayne County, where Detroit is located. The former governor won the primary election with 60% of the vote.

The 1966 senatorial race in Michigan was a reminder that success in politics oftentimes depends on timing and good luck. Senator McNamara was being treated at Bethesda Naval Hospital when he died of a stroke on April 30, 1966. Vacancies in the U.S. House of Representatives are filled by special election; senatorial vacancies are filled by governors. The governor of Michigan at the time was George Romney (father of Mitt), who was highly popular in the Wolverine State. Romney appointed Congressman Robert P. Griffin, who was already running for the Senate, to fill McNamara's seat. That appointment enabled Griffin to run as an incumbent. Having already served as a congressman since 1957, Griffin was an experienced and shrewd campaigner. Williams was also no longer the boy wonder of Michigan politics, and many voters still

remembered the fiscal distress during his last administration as governor. Many political observers thought Williams had left the governorship at precisely the right time, as his popularity was diminishing. Governor Williams had not led the ticket in 1958; in fact, he ran fifth amongst the Democratic candidates who won.

1966 was a good year for Republicans following the debacle of 1964. Bob Griffin won a decisive victory over former Governor G. Mennen Williams. Griffin ran far ahead of the usual GOP percentage in heavily Democratic Wayne County and won by almost 300,000 votes.

The loss of the 1966 election did not end "Soapy" Williams' public service, nor did it close his political career. Williams was appointed ambassador to the Philippines by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, a post he held until he was replaced the following year by Richard Nixon. Williams returned home to Michigan and mounted a campaign to serve on the state Supreme Court in 1970. Williams was elected and served until his retirement in 1987; Williams was the chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in 1983. Michigan's State Supreme Court became a final resting place for many former officeholders, including former Governor John Swainson, a Democrat, as well as former U.S. Senator Robert Griffin, who had lost a reelection bid in 1978. Interestingly, it was Bob Griffin who succeeded Williams on the Michigan State Supreme Court. Williams served two eight-year terms on Michigan's high court.

Justice Williams died at age 76 in Detroit on February 2, 1988, from a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Williams had been in excellent health prior to his death. Suddenly not feeling well, Williams went to bed, where he later suffered a stroke.

Williams' trademark bowtie was used by the Detroit Free Press in a moving cartoon tribute, which was a drawing of a large bowtie; the polka dots had been replaced by small hearts.



As I’ve traveled Knox County asking residents what they want to see from their local government, I’ve been inspired by the support and thoughtful encouragement I’ve received across the community. The list below represents over 650 donors who have expressed support for my campaign through their financial commitment. I’m honored by everyone’s support and look forward to working hard over the remainder of the campaign to ensure we are victorious in the Republican Primary in May.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Smokies take early lead in second half

By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Smokies have been on an upswing since they ended the season's first half on June 23 with a 32-36 won-loss record and a 14-16 showing in its new home at Covenant Health Park.

After Thursday's 4-3 win over the Montgomery Biscuits, the Smokies, a Double-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, had evened their home record at 21-21 overall for the year and were in first place in the Southern League North Division's second half standings with an 8-7 record.

Their 11-3 romp past the Rocket City Trash Pandas on Sunday (July 6) was the Smokies' best offensive performance of the season as they outhit the visitors 16-2 that day.

Starting pitcher Antonio Santos also was sharp, allowing just one run on one hit over five innings.

Despite the Smokies' below .500 record in the first half, Knoxville Manager Lance Rymel said he was impressed with the team's "resiliency – that's the biggest thing. Our guys are very resilient. They come in everyday ready to work,



Knoxville Smokies pitcher Zac Leigh eyes the target and pushes off the mound in a pitch against the Rocket City Trash Pandas on July 6 at Covenant Health Park. The Smokies won 11-3 and then got on a roll against the Montgomery Biscuits and moved into first place early in the second half of the season.

ready to play the game."

After their off day on Monday, Knoxville welcomed in Montgomery and handed the Biscuits a 5-4 loss. A bases-loaded rally pulled out the victory.

Montgomery made the six-game series interesting with a 7-5 win on Wednesday. The Biscuits

mounted a comeback after being down early in the game. Two runs in the eighth secured their win. Late errors and pitching woes led to the Smokies' loss.

A walk-off home run by Pedro Ramirez lifted Knoxville to its win Thursday. Tyler Schlaffer

gave up only one run over five innings. Reliever AJ Puckett got the win.

"We're improving every day," said Rymel. "Player development is our job and that's what we do with these guys. So every day they come in trying to get better."

Rymel, 35, is from Tulsa

and was a catcher at Rogers State University in Oklahoma, a NAIA school, from 2009-2012.

"I was drafted by the Cubs out of Rogers State in 2012 and then I played in the Cubs' organization from 2012 to 2015," he said. "I started my coaching career shortly after and I've kind of worked my way up to Double-A."

Lance was a rehab coach in 2016, the year the Cubs won the World Series, so he got a ring, too. He's been

managing since 2017.

The Southern League season runs from April 5 through September 15, with eight teams each playing a 138-game schedule.

The SL uses a split-season format, with the top team in each division at the end of each half qualifying for the playoffs.

The Chattanooga Lookouts finished atop the Southern League North Division standings in the first half, while Biloxi, MS won the South Division.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Smokies mascot named Knox and a Smokies worker pump up the crowd in Knoxville's 11-3 win over the Rocket City Trash Pandas at the new Covenant Health Park on July 6.

# Annual KFOA Media Day event ‘kicks off’ the season

By Steve Williams

Thirty-nine high school football teams, including 19 from The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, attended the 18th annual KFOA Media Day Friday. The event was held at the Three Ridges Golf Course pavilion from around 8 in the morning to noon.

Some consider it "the kick off" to the season.

Head coaches bring their top two to three players and are interviewed by local TV and radio stations, newspaper sports reporters and other digital media outlets.

Forty teams were on the list,

but The King's Academy did not attend as the Lions' head coach stepped down this summer and Phillip Troutman reportedly had just come on as an acting head coach in late June.

Two 2024 state champions though – Alcoa and Sevier County – were on the scene and the Smoky Bears' junior quarterback, Cooper Newman, was among those to meet the press.

On a dark note, new Seymour coach Caleb Olive said running back Ryan Gibson, who set a new single-season rushing record as a junior for Seymour in 2024, accumulating 1,554 yards in 10 games, would not be playing for

the Eagles this year.

**FOUR SCHOOLS** in the Focus' coverage area have new head coaches this season – Brad Taylor at Bearden, Barron Chandler at West, Olive at Seymour and currently Troutman as the acting head coach at TKA.

Former Carter Head Coach Heath Woods has returned to a head coaching position at Pigeon Forge, replacing Scott Meadows, who announced early in the 2024 season he would be stepping down.

**HAROLD DENTON**, the KFOA Media Day Chairman and TSSAA

Officials Supervisor in the Knox area, noted there always is a need for new officials and to contact him if you're interested at 865-256-1948 or at TNRef4e@icloud.com.

Denton also pointed out the association continues to raise funds for KFOA Scholarships with its Scholarship Golf tournament that was held Friday at the Three Ridges course. Thus far the KFOA has awarded 94 scholarships for \$203,000 to 28 of the schools the association serves.

Twenty-two teams competed in this year's golf tournament.

Dragons win 7 on 7 title

Twenty-two teams battled in the annual Knoxville Classic 7 on 7 tournament, but when all was said and done the Clinton Dragons defeated host Powell in double overtime to claim the championship Friday night.

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# Copeland, Walsh lead Knoxville Focus All-County Baseball Team

By Ken Lay

The more things change, the more they stay the same, at least on the Knox County high school baseball scene.

Farragut High School had a young team and a new coach as it said goodbye to perhaps the most talented senior class in TSSAA history in 2024.

The 2025 season was filled with struggles for the Admirals, but in the end, they were Class 4A State Champions for the fourth consecutive season, the only in TSSAA history.

Garrett Copeland took the reins as head coach as longtime head man Matt Buckner retired last year, bringing a halt to his Hall-of-Fame career.

In Division II-A, Grace Christian Academy, one of the area's youngest squads, finished third in the state tournament.

The Knoxville Focus honors some of the top local coaches and players on its 2025 All-County Team.

**Co-Coach of the Year: Garrett Copeland, Farragut High School:** Copeland guided the Admirals to a fourth consecutive state title in his first season at the helm in West Knox County after being a longtime assistant to Hall-of-Famer

Matt Buckner, who retired in 2024. Farragut swept through the Class 4A State Tournament but had a long road to the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro after facing multiple elimination games in the district and regional tournaments and winning the best-of-3 state sectional series at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett. The Admirals were the District 4-4A and Region 2-4A Tournament runners-up.

**Co-Coach of the Year: Brent Walsh, Grace Christian Academy:** When the 2025 campaign began, the Rams had plenty of questions as they had one of the area's youngest teams. But it was a season of success at Grace as the Rams finished third in Murfreesboro and had wins over Catholic, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Bearden.

**Player of the Year: Tyler Bennett, Christian Academy of Knoxville:** A two-way standout for the Warriors. Bennett batted .421, clubbing seven home runs. He also scored 50 runs and drove in 35 more. The senior and Mr. Baseball Finalist also had 14 doubles. On the mound, Bennett went 5-2, while posting a 1.92 ERA. Bennett walked 13 and struck out 48 in 32.2 innings pitched.

**Pitcher of the Year: Cole**

**Draper, Farragut High School:** Draper was a perfect 9-0 for the Admirals with a 1.78 ERA. The senior and Wofford signee also had one save and was the winning pitcher in the Class 4A State Championship game, tossing a complete game. He was also the winner of the 2023 and 2024 title games, pitching complete games in those contests.

Bennett and Draper are joined on the squad by:

**Luke Burnett, Carter High School:** A junior for the Hornets, Burnett had a 0.99 ERA. He pitched six shutouts during the 2025 campaign.

**Will Price, Gibbs High School:** Price, a left-handed pitcher for the Eagles, held opposing hitters to a .134 batting average. He had an ERA of 1.06 and recorded 134 strikeouts in 65 innings pitched.

**Austin Grant, Powell High School:** A senior left-hander for the Panthers, Grant was 6-3 with a 0.74 ERA. He had 59 strikeouts over 55 innings pitched.

**DJ Lowery, Catholic High School:** A sophomore infielder for the Irish, Lowery batted .339 and clubbed 10 home runs and drove in 40 runs. He also crossed the play 39 times.

**Nick Riordan, Central High School:** A junior for

the Bobcats, Riordan was another top two-way player last season as he batted a robust .385 and came up with 37 hits, including 20 that went for extra bases. He had nine home runs, six doubles and five triples. He also stole 14 bases and scored 31 runs. He had 33 RBIs. As a pitcher, he had 36 strikeouts over 22 innings.

**Noah Lyons, Fulton High School:** The Falcons had their most successful season on the diamond in recent memory, and Lyons was a big reason why. He batted .500 with 11 doubles, seven triples and two round-trippers. He went 5-2 as a pitcher.

**Makai Derry, Grace Christian Academy:** A senior and two-way standout, Derry helped the Rams finish third in the Division II-A State Tournament. He batted .382 with four home runs. On the mound, he amassed 61 strikeouts

**Treyson Derry, Grace Christian Academy:** The sophomore hit .336. He had seven wins as a pitcher, striking out 77 in 2025.

**Matt Schroeffel, Bearden High School:** Schroeffel batted .396 with four home runs and 36 RBIs. He was 4-0 as a pitcher with a 1.63 ERA.

**Brody Waller, Christian Academy of Knoxville:** Another top area two-way player, Waller drove in 53 runs. He clubbed eight home runs and had 10 doubles while batting .435. He had six wins on the mound and posted 55 strikeouts.

**Joey Sulish, Christian Academy of Knoxville:** Sulish, a junior for the Warriors, batted .408 and had six wins on the mound.

**Jaxon Jones, Hardin Valley Academy:** Jones was the

District 4-4A Offensive Player of the Year. He batted .470.

**Braxton Tye, Farragut High School:** Tye, a sophomore, had 19 extra-base hits for the Admirals, who won a fourth consecutive state championship.

**Colby Comparato, Halls High School:** Comparato batted .436 and had 13 doubles and four triples for the Red Devils.

**Alex Dittmore, Catholic High School:** Dittmore posted a .373 batting average for the Irish in 2025 and recorded 10 doubles.

**Jackson Zeller, Farragut High School:** Zeller, a catcher for the Admirals, batted .398, helping his team win a fourth consecutive state title.

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# 'It was tied when we started'

The tie game is no longer with us, despite some memorable occurrences in games involving the University of Tennessee.

You might not know that it's been nearly 30 years since tie games on the gridiron went out of fashion. That happened after the 1995 season and was the result of NCAA fiat. The Tennessee Football Record Book explains how that happened in a mere 23 words: "The NCAA established overtime period format, which abolished a tie as a viable conclusion to a game, beginning with the 1996 football season."

Historically, the Vols have played 53 tie games over the course of the school's recorded football history. In 1955, 70 years ago in Bowden Wyatt's first season, Tennessee and Georgia Tech fought to a 7-7 deadlock on Shields-Watkins Field. Wyatt was disappointed after the game. "It was tied when we started. We wanted to win," he said. Tennessee partisans saw the deadlock as a positive, a building block for future successes.

Early in Doug Dickey's Tennessee career, there were three ties that helped indicate that Dickey had the Vols on the right combination of vitamins and minerals. A fourth tie, a 17-17 result in the 1968 season opener against Georgia, avoided a killer loss early in the campaign.

In 1964, there was a 3-3 stalemate at LSU that came when the Vols were heavy underdogs on Homecoming Day on NBC, where the Vols somehow escaped without losing. Outland Trophy winner Steve DeLong led a critical goal line stand that is revered among Vol historians and other fans who remember seeing the game or even those who have only seen pictures or videotape.



Condredge Holloway led memorable comebacks in the 1974 UCLA and Vanderbilt games.

A year later, the Vols and Auburn tied in Knoxville, 13-13. A missed extra point by both teams and two interceptions by Auburn defensive tackle Jack Thornton helped seal the outcome.

Later that season, perhaps the most famous tie in Tennessee history took place on Legion Field in Birmingham, when the Vols squared off against defending national champion Alabama.

The Vols and Crimson Tide were locked into an intense defensive struggle going into the final seconds with the scoreboard reading 7-7. The Tide was in the shadow of the Vol goal, with Alabama needing only a field goal to win.

Sophomore signal-caller Ken "Snake" Stabler, who made a career of leading last-second drives for winning points, lost track of the downs. He tried to kill

the clock to set up place-kicker David Ray for the game-winning field goal. It was a good premise, but bad execution. It was fourth down, not third as he thought, and the ball went over to the Vols.

Tennessee captain Hal Wantland, always a competitive sort, said this about the deadlock: "Alabama tied us." That game proved to many Vol fans that Tennessee had its "swagger" back.

Alabama historians have recounted how Bear Bryant had one of his police escorts shoot the lock off the east side dressing room door, after Bear found the door locked. They also have told the tale of Alabama sending an emissary to the Vol dressing room requesting the game ball.

The 1968 Georgia game was equally memorable, with the Vols pulling out the tie by scoring eight points on a touchdown and two-point conversion after time had run out, much to the chagrin of many Georgia partisans. Bubba Wyche led the way, throwing a TD pass to wide receiver Gary Kreis as the final horn sounded, then hitting tight end Ken DeLong for the tying two-pointer.

There were two ties in

1974. One came in the season opener against UCLA, the day Condredge Holloway made a dramatic return from U.T. hospital to lead the game-tying touchdown drive. The other came in the regular season finale at Vanderbilt, when Holloway found Larry Seivers for a two-point conversion that saved the day for the Vols.

Tennessee and LSU tied 24-24 in 1982. That was the night LSU had vendors

selling T-shirts commemorating what would they had hoped would be LSU's 500th victory. No telling where all those T-shirts went.

In 1985, a 26-26 tie in the opening game against UCLA had the feeling of a loss, as the Bruins came from 16 points down to tie the game. Later in the season, Tennessee tied Georgia Tech on a Carlos Reveiz field goal from 51 yards out.

In 1990, Tennessee managed a "good tie" against Colorado in the season opener, coming from 14 points down twice in the fourth quarter to gain the stalemate. A 26-26 tie, a "bad tie," at Auburn came after the Vols squandered a 26-9 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The conventional wisdom would seem to tell us that ties were always exciting, keeping fans breathless and in their seats until the game ended.

That was not always the case, as witnessed by the 1953 Tennessee-Alabama game. The game was telecast by NBC and ended 0-0. Network programming executives repeatedly expressed their displeasure to announcers Lindsey Nelson and Mel Allen over the way the game had developed. Vols did almost tackle Tide quarterback Bart Starr within inches of the Tide goal for a last-second safety.

For better or worse, tie games are no longer with us, but what a wonderful set of memories they have left us.

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## NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Knoxville City County Building located at 400 West Main Street in Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, The Colony Village Association, Inc. (the "Association") will sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six (6) months, in bar of any right of redemption, the following described property, which is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 26, of The Colonies Subdivision, Unit 11, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet P, Slide 164D and 165A, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Being the same property conveyed to Matthew Hensley and Michelle W. Hensley, by Warranty Deed from Patricia S. Watkins, dated February 28, 2008, and received for recording on February 29, 2008, and also filed as Instrument No. 200802290064847 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The street address of the above-described property is 8926 Natures Pond Way Knoxville, Tennessee 37923.

This sale is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, 35-15-101, et seq., and as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered against Defendants, Matthew Hensley and Michelle W. Hensley in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: The Colony Village Association, Inc v. Matthew Hensley and Michelle W. Hensley et al. (the "Defendants"). Docket No. 196944-2. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 20250310046830 with the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

The sale of the described tract of property will be conducted subject to any unpaid real property taxes and to any other rights, restrictions, reservations, conditions, charges, easements, liens, and encumbrances of whatsoever nature having statutory or lien priority with respect to the claims of the Association. All proceeds of each said sale shall be applied as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale identified above.

The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The Association and the above-named Defendant has an interest in the described property. **Other interested parties:** none known.

Except as otherwise provided in the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale, the sale will be made to the highest and best bidder in bar of any right of redemption in favor of the Defendant or the Defendants' creditors, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-803 and 66-8-101, for a ten percent (10%) down payment at the close of bidding, and the balance evidenced by a Promissory Note of the purchaser, due and payable six (6) months after the confirmation of said sale, bearing interest at the legal rate from the confirmation date until paid in full. The form of the Promissory Note may be inspected on the date of the sale immediately prior to the sale. The Association may submit a credit bid for the property being sold as set forth in the Order of Sale.

The title to be conveyed at such sale shall be only such title which the Association may convey pursuant to the terms of the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale or at law or in equity, with no further representations or warranties of any nature whatsoever. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain without further publication and in accordance with applicable law upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place set forth above. In the event the high bidder at any sale shall fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Association shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or re-advertising and selling the property at a second sale.

HAMILTON HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
By: /s/ Kevin C. Stevens  
Kevin C. Stevens  
P.O. Box 442  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901  
(865) 546-7311

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T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The Association and the above-named Defendants have an interest in the described property. **Other interested parties:** none known.

Except as otherwise provided in the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale, the sale will be made to the highest and best bidder in bar of any right of redemption in favor of the Defendants or the Defendants' creditors, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-803 and 66-8-101, for a ten percent (10%) down payment at the close of bidding, and the balance evidenced by a Promissory Note of the purchaser, due and payable six (6) months after the confirmation of said sale, bearing interest at the legal rate from the confirmation date until paid in full. The form of the Promissory Note may be inspected on the date of the sale immediately prior to the sale. The Association may submit a credit bid for the property being sold as set forth in the Order of Sale.

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(4) successive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, to notify the Respondent, JODY L. BENNETT, to file an ANSWER with this Court and send a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Darrick L. Edmondson, whose address is: Edmondson & Edmondson, Post Office Box 789, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against Respondent. Failure to appear may result in the termination of Respondent's parental rights to the above-named minor children. This cause is set for hearing before this Court on July 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., to provide said Respondent with an opportunity to appear and defend.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 28th day of APRIL, 2025.

Sandra Edmondson  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A RELATED CHILD, J.L.M. (DOB: 11/28/2010)**

**BY: KEVIN EUGENE MALLORY, and TARA KATHLEEN MALLORY, Petitioners, and JORDAN KEITH MALLORY, Co-petitioner/Biological Father**

**AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**DOCKET NO. 7CHI-2025-CV-112**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, it is ordered that said defendant, AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, will result in the termination of the Respondent's parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, J.L.M. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This 2 day June, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury  
Honorable Chancellor  
Campbell County, Tennessee

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the Complaint filed against you must be filed in this case and served on Jedidiah C. McKeenan, McKeenan Law Group, LLC, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

In case of your failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 27th day of June, 2025.

ORDER ENTERED June 27, 2025, by John F. Weaver, Chancellor

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## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DAVID MOGES**

**IN RE: EVERETT MARTIN HIRCHE v. DAVID MOGES, MEDKES G. MOGES, FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, LESLIE HULL-WELSH as TRUSTEE FOR FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK**

**NO. 211022-1**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DAVID MOGES, 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 DAVID MOGES, it is ordered that said defendant, DAVID MOGES, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JOEL P. REEVES, an attorney whose address is 217 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804 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 ExParte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 7th day of July, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CLIFTON BARNES**

**IN RE: SMALL ESTATE OF GLENDA MARIA BARNES, 91249-3 LAKEISHA WILLIAMS, Heir / Petitioner**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, "Petition for Issuance of Limited Letters of Administration for Small Estate." CLIFTON BARNES, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the estate documents cannot be served upon him, is hereby notified that the Petition is filed. He may contact the Knox County Probate Court, City-County Building, Room 352, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 or LAKEISHA WILLIAMS at 1317 Nickel Oak Bend, McDonough, Georgia 30251 if he wants to be apprised of the progress and disposition of the SMALL ESTATE OF GLENDA MARIA BARNES.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for two consecutive weeks.

Publication dates July 14 and July 21, 2025.

This the 13th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF WANDA GAIL GREEN  
a/k/a WANDA GAIL GREENE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WANESHA GREENE  
1031 DUNHILL WAY, APT. 605  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHY RENAE CHEEK**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91069-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KATHY RENAE CHEEK, who died April 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 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHY RENAE CHEEK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSHUA FERGUSON  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF PEGGY LORETTA GOSSETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KELLY LEDFORD HOLLIS,  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HAROLD C. HANSARD**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91092-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD C. HANSARD, who died May 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 20 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD C. HANSARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CLAY A. HANSARD, EXECUTOR  
4752 E. RACCOON VALLEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

TIMOTHY HOUSEHOLDER, ATTORNEY  
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

# COURT NOTICES

## SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: JAMES PRYOR, JR., Respondents**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JACQUELINE PRYOR, Deceased**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE, DIVISION OF TENNCARE, Petitioner**  
**V.**  
**MARY PRYOR, JAMES PRYOR, JR. Respondents**

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE**  
**NO. 88388-1**  
**TO: James Pryor, Jr.**

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, James Pryor, Jr., file an answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court at Knox County, Tennessee and with Matt Jarboe, an Attorney whose address is 310 Great Circle Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication. Failure to do so may result in the case proceeding without you and an Order may be entered against you without further notice.

ORDER ENTERED March 12, 2025, by John F. Weaver, Chancellor

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## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, Respondent / Biological Father**

**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD, L.T.J. (DOB: 01/03/2011)**

**JUANITA FAYE JOHNSON, Petitioner / Mother, and CHRISTOPHER JAMAR JOHNSON, Petitioner / Stepfather**  
**V.**  
**JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, Respondent / Biological Father**

**DOCKET NO. 24-9-187**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, it is ordered that said defendant, JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Sevier County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Jim Ripley at the Sevier County Chancery Court, located at 125 Court Avenue, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, and that Judgment in favor of the Petitioners will result in the termination of the Respondent's parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, L.T.J. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks: 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, & 7/14/2025.

Rylee G. Munson  
Clerk and Master  
Sevier County, TN

## NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Knoxville City County Building located at 400 West Main Street in Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, Hamilton House Condominium Association (the "Association") will sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six (6) months, in bar of any right of redemption, the following described property, which is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated, lying and being in the Fifth (5th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 24th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being Units G and H, Third Floor, Building No. 1 in Hamilton House Horizontal Property Regime, being a Horizontal Property Regime located at 1400 Kenesaw Avenue SW, Knoxville, Tennessee, as shown on the Final Subdivision Plat of Hamilton House Horizontal Property Regime recorded in Map Book 85-L, pages 57-63, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and described in a Master Deed recorded in Deed Book 1651, page 896, as amended. Being the same property conveyed to Lillian J. Redmond under Special Warranty Deed recorded on April 30, 2021, as Instrument Number 20210430008911 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The street address of the above-described property is 1400 Kenesaw Avenue, #136, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

This sale is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, 35-15-101, et seq., and as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered against Defendants, Estate of Lillian J. Redmond and Michael D. Redmond in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: Hamilton House Condominium Association v. Estate of Lillian J. Redmond and Michael D. Redmond (the "Defendants"), Docket No. 209303-1. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202505090058945 with the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

The sale of the described property will be conducted subject to any unpaid real property taxes and to any other rights, restrictions, reservations, conditions, charges, easements, liens, and encumbrances of whatsoever nature having statutory or lien priority with respect to the claims of the Association. All proceeds of each said sale shall be applied as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale identified above.

The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by

T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The Association and the above-named Defendant has an interest in the described property. **Other interested parties:** none known.

Except as otherwise provided in the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale, the sale will be made to the highest and best bidder in bar of any right of redemption in favor of the Defendant or the Defendant's creditors, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-803 and 66-8-101, for a ten percent (10%) down payment at the close of bidding, and the balance evidenced by a Promissory Note of the purchaser, due and payable six (6) months after the confirmation of said sale, bearing interest at the legal rate from the confirmation date until paid in full. The form of the Promissory Note may be inspected on the date of the sale immediately prior to the sale. The Association may submit a credit bid for the property being sold as set forth in the Order of Sale.

The title to be conveyed at such sale shall be only such title which the Association may convey pursuant to the terms of the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale or at law or in equity, with no further representations or warranties of any nature whatsoever. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain without further publication and in accordance with applicable law upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place set forth above. In the event the high bidder at any sale shall fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Association shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or re-advertising and selling the property at a second sale.

JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, Respondent / Biological Father

JUANITA FAYE JOHNSON, Petitioner / Mother, and CHRISTOPHER JAMAR JOHNSON, Petitioner / Stepfather

V.

JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, Respondent / Biological Father

DOCKET NO. 24-9-187

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JAMAL LASEAN JOHNSON, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LARRY "JODY" WILSON and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LARRY "JODY" WILSON and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondents, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, will result in the termination of the Respondents' parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, R.F.M. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This 22 day April, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury  
Honorable Chancellor  
Campbell County, Tennessee

*This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 and 7/28/2025.*

## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: LARRY "JODY" WILSON, Respondent/ Biological Putative Father, and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A RELATED CHILD, R.F.M. (DOB: 11/24/2021)**

**BY: KEVIN EUGENE MALLORY, and TARA KATHLEEN MALLORY, Petitioners, and JORDAN KEITH MALLORY, Co-petitioner/Presumptive Legal Father**

**LARRY "JODY" WILSON, Respondent/ Biological Putative Father, and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**DOCKET NO. 7CHI-2025-CV-91**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, LARRY "JODY" WILSON and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon LARRY "JODY" WILSON and AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondents, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, will result in the termination of the Respondents' parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, R.F.M. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This 22 day April, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury  
Honorable Chancellor  
Campbell County, Tennessee

*This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 and 7/28/2025.*

(4) successive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, to notify the Respondent, JODY L. BENNETT, to file an ANSWER with this Court and send a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Darrick L. Edmondson, whose address is: Edmondson & Edmondson, Post Office Box 789, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against Respondent. Failure to appear may result in the termination of Respondent's parental rights to the above-named minor children. This cause is set for hearing before this Court on July 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., to provide said Respondent with an opportunity to appear and defend.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 28th day of APRIL, 2025.

Sandra Edmondson  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A RELATED CHILD, J.L.M. (DOB: 11/28/2010)**

**BY: KEVIN EUGENE MALLORY, and TARA KATHLEEN MALLORY, Petitioners, and JORDAN KEITH MALLORY, Co-petitioner/Biological Father**

**AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother**

**DOCKET NO. 7CHI-2025-CV-112**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, it is ordered that said defendant, AMBER RENE MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, will result in the termination of the Respondent's parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, J.L.M. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This 2 day June, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury  
Honorable Chancellor  
Campbell County, Tennessee

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the Complaint filed against you must be filed in this case and served on Jedidiah C. McKeenan, McKeenan Law Group, LLC, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

In case of your failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 27th day of June, 2025.

ORDER ENTERED June 27, 2025, by John F. Weaver, Chancellor

*Published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks - 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 and 8/4/2025.*

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DAVID MOGES**

**IN RE: EVERETT MARTIN HIRCHE v. DAVID MOGES, MEDKES G. MOGES, FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, LESLIE HULL-WELSH as TRUSTEE FOR FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK**

**NO. 211022-1**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DAVID MOGES, 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 DAVID MOGES, it is ordered that said defendant, DAVID MOGES, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JOEL P. REEVES, an attorney whose address is 217 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804 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 ExParte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 7th day of July, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CLIFTON BARNES**

**IN RE: SMALL ESTATE OF GLENDA MARIA BARNES, 91249-3 LAKEISHA WILLIAMS, Heir / Petitioner**

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, "Petition for Issuance of Limited Letters of Administration for Small Estate." CLIFTON BARNES, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the estate documents cannot be served upon him, is hereby notified that the Petition is filed. He may contact the Knox County Probate Court, City-County Building, Room 352, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 or LAKEISHA WILLIAMS at 1317 Nickel Oak Bend, McDonough, Georgia 30251 if he wants to be apprised of the progress and disposition of the SMALL ESTATE OF GLENDA MARIA BARNES.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for two consecutive weeks.

Publication dates July 14 and July 21, 2025.

This the 13th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF WANDA GAIL GREEN  
a/k/a WANDA GAIL GREENE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WANESHA GREENE  
1031 DUNHILL WAY, APT. 605  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

RODNEY GREENE  
5109 DEWINE CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY  
402 CLYDE STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHY RENAE CHEEK**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91069-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KATHY RENAE CHEEK, who died April 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 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHY RENAE CHEEK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSHUA FERGUSON  
1929 CANBY HILLS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

ADAM B. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY  
MARSHALL H. PETERSON, ATTORNEY  
4th FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.  
P. O. BOX 442  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

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

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

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

This the 20 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD C. HANSARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CLAY A. HANSARD, EXECUTOR  
4752 E. RACCOON VALLEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849

TIMOTHY HOUSEHOLDER, ATTORNEY  
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF THOMAS G. HILL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91107-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS G. HILL, who died on April 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(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 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF THOMAS G. HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
THOMAS MICHAEL HILL  
6740 HEATHERBROOK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY  
402 CLYDE STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Knoxville City County Building located at 400 West Main Street in Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, Hamilton House Condominium Association (the "Association") will sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six (6) months, in bar of any right of redemption, the following described property, which is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated, lying and being in the Fifth (5th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 24th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being Units G and H, Third Floor, Building No. 1 in Hamilton House Horizontal Property Regime, being a Horizontal Property Regime located at 1400 Kenesaw Avenue SW, Knoxville, Tennessee, as shown on the Final Subdivision Plat of Hamilton House Horizontal Property Regime recorded in Map Book 85-L, pages 57-63, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and described in a Master Deed recorded in Deed Book 1651, page 896, as amended. Being the same property conveyed to Lillian J. Redmond under Special Warranty Deed recorded on April 30, 2021, as Instrument Number 20210430008911 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The street address of the above-described property is 1400 Kenesaw Avenue, #136, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

This sale is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, 35-15-101, et seq., and as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered against Defendants, Estate of Lillian J. Redmond and Michael D. Redmond in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: Hamilton House Condominium Association v. Estate of Lillian J. Redmond and Michael D. Redmond (the "Defendants"), Docket No. 209303-1. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202505090058945 with the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

The sale of the described property will be conducted subject to any unpaid real property taxes and to any other rights, restrictions, reservations, conditions, charges, easements, liens, and encumbrances of whatsoever nature having statutory or lien priority with respect to the claims of the Association. All proceeds of each said sale shall be applied as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale identified above.

The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by

T.C.A. § 3



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUE ANN HOWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 90718-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUE ANN HOWELL, who died January 18, 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 date of 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 (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 (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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF SUE ANN HOWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM J. HOWELL  
801 W. HILLS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

RACHEL E. SANDERS, ATTORNEY  
1348 DOWELL SPRINGS BLVD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THELMA L. HYDE  
DOCKET NUMBER 91188-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THELMA L. HYDE, who died FEBRUARY 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 the 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) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 30th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF THELMA L. HYDE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LYNN HYDE  
2905 BEAVERWOOD DR  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY  
1810 MERCHANT DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KEVIN JOEL KAMPF  
DOCKET NUMBER 90946-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KEVIN JOEL KAMPF, who died March 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 30th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KEVIN JOEL KAMPF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LINDA PORST

CORBIN H. PAYNE, ATTORNEY  
11124 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 119-317  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA SUE KELLY  
DOCKET NUMBER 91076-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA SUE KELLY, who died on May 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA SUE KELLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL ALAN ROBERTS  
5716 EAST EMORY RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY  
216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOYCE ANN LEE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90830-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOYCE ANN LEE, who died Feb. 7, 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 20 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOYCE ANN LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERESA MANNERS, CO-EXECUTOR  
109 LATONIA DRIVE  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

JAMES CLIFFORD LEE, JR., CO-EXECUTOR  
1624 TAZEWELL PIKE  
CORYTON, TN 37721

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY  
216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SYLVIA SUE LEWIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91004-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SYLVIA SUE LEWIS, who died on April 3, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF SYLVIA SUE LEWIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARTHA RUTH WAGNER,  
CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
9319 COUGAR COURT  
MANASSAS PARK, VA 20111

MARTIN FRANK ARKUS,  
JR., CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
10191 N. FOX HUNT LANE  
ORO VALLEY, AZ 85737

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENDA J. LYON  
DOCKET NUMBER 91011-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLENDA J. LYON, who died on March 10, 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 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 decedents date of death.

This the 26th day of June, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLENDA J. LYON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRENDA L. BEAL  
6928 MOUNT ROYAL BLVD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

SCOTT JUSTICE, ATTORNEY  
792 LAKEWOOD DRIVE  
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KARI SUNDBY MCCLUER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90973-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KARI SUNDBY MCCLUER, who died April 10, 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 decedent's date of death.

This the 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF KARI SUNDBY MCCLUER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BETTY ANN GIFFORD  
28 BAKER DRIVE  
GANSEVOORT, NY 12831

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY GENE MURR  
DOCKET NUMBER 91114-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of TOMMY GENE MURR, who died December 31, 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 30th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF TOMMY GENE MURR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROL LYNN REAGAN  
3546 MONTVALE RD.  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

MADELINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO CAROL NARK  
DOCKET NUMBER 91051-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JO CAROL NARK, who died April 17, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JO CAROL NARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT L. NARK, EXECUTOR  
1607 HOLLYWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT D. NEAL  
DOCKET NUMBER 91125-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT D. NEAL, who died May 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT D. NEAL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TONY C. JONES  
831 ASHVILLE HIGHWAY  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

STEVEN K. BOWLING, ATTORNEY  
861 EBENEZER ROAD  
P. O. BOX 11125  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37939-1125

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK FRANKLIN NORMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 91087-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK FRANKLIN NORMAN, who died Jan. 13, 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 20 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACK FRANKLIN NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KRISTIE MICHELLE OWENBY, EXECUTRIX  
8804 DEERWALK WAY  
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK TIMOTHY PENIX  
DOCKET NUMBER 91045-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARK TIMOTHY PENIX, who died January 6, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 is the 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARK TIMOTHY PENIX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHYLLIS ANITA TERRY  
505 BENTON CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, STE. G  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. PEROULAS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90849-2

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. PEROULAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEORGE A. PEROULAS  
2112 LENNOXSHIRE SQUARE CT.  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28210

OURANIA P. KALOGEROS  
273 KEEFAUER RD.  
GRAY, TN 37615

MIKE G. NASSIOS, ATTORNEY  
6200 BAUM DR., STE. 103  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY PATRICIA  
SEYMOUR PFEISTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 91126-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PEGGY PATRICIA SEYMOUR PFEISTER, who died March 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 30th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF PEGGY PATRICIA  
SEYMOUR PFEISTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA G. PFEISTER  
2847 TY DRIVE  
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

CELESTE H. HERBERT, ATTORNEY  
1368 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID PITTMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 91048-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES DAVID PITTMAN, who died April 23, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID PITTMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JHADDAH BRENAE BROWN  
3205 LANSING COURT  
CHRISTIANA, TN 37037

BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY  
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH ELIZABETH REED  
DOCKET NUMBER 91109-



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JANE FRANCIS SHUPE DOCKET NUMBER 90934-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JANE FRANCIS SHUPE, who died Feb. 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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) 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 26th day of JUNE, 2025. ESTATE OF:

ESTATE OF JANE FRANCIS SHUPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHARON LOVINGOOD  
509 PHILLIPS LN.  
HARRODSBURG, KY 40330

MITAL D. PATEL, ATTORNEY  
217 S. PETERS RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES DALBRY SINE, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 91077-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of CHARLES DALBRY SINE, JR., who died on March 09, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLES DALBRY SINE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAMELA SINE DEGGES  
317 TREYBURN DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9th FLOOR  
P. O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DEBBIE ANN SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 90756-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DEBBIE ANN SMITH, who died on the 23rd day of January, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of 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 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEBBIE ANN SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES SMITH

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ROY WALTER TURPIN DOCKET NUMBER 91118-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROY WALTER TURPIN, who died April 6, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 20 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROY WALTER TURPIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
VIDA G. TURPIN, EXECUTRIX  
5128 SPRING VALLEY DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF RICHARD FAVILLE VENABLE DOCKET NUMBER 91066-3

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

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

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

described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF RICHARD FAVILLE VENABLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN A. VENABLE  
904 EDMONDS AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## MISC. NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids – KCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at [www.kcdc.org/procurement](http://www.kcdc.org/procurement). Click on 'Open Solicitations' and follow the link.

### LEGAL SECTION 94

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

BID 3673, Northshore Safety Improvements and Greenway Phase 3, due 8/12/25

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

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

As per Knox County Commission Ordinance number 0-05-9-102, the following described vehicles impounded by Knox County Codes Enforcement will be offered for sale at public auction after 10 days from the date of this notice. The respective owner(s) may reclaim their respective vehicle(s) within this time by paying all costs associated with vehicle extraction, such as but not limited to towing and storage fees. After the expiration of this time period, these vehicles will be sold at public auction online at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

Please contact Russ Lonas at Knox County property management for any additional information at (865) 215-5601 or at [russ.lonas@knoxcounty.org](mailto:russ.lonas@knoxcounty.org) or Chris Winchester at [knoxcounty.org](mailto:knoxcounty.org)

CHEVROLET ASTROVAN 1GBDH15Z4KB214228  
RANGE ROVER SPORT SALSX23436A953809  
FORD F150 1FTCF15N7HLA68277  
CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1G1AY0786E5131378  
DODGE NEON 1B3ES26C65D153237

MINI COOPER WMWRC334XSTC5909  
CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1BCEK14H76F404497  
BMW 328 WBA3ASCSP0P605003  
BMW XS WBAFA53521LM8517C  
DODGE DAKOTA 1D7HL38X53319180  
CHEVROLET 2500 TRUCK 1GCHK23U15F913734  
GMC SUBURBAN NO VIN  
CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1G1AY078425123442  
CHEVROLET BLAZER 1GNCT18W52K203256  
CHEVROLET TAHOE 16NEK13R9VJ340806  
JEEP CHEROKEE 1J4FJ78L4KL584185  
MAZDA TRIBUTE 4F2CU08152KM03459  
CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1G1AY0786E5106691  
FORD EXPEDITION 1FMJK1KS0BEF09522

SABRINA FLEMING/Y-12 FCU  
17. '08 AUDI A4 WAUDF78E88A082751  
WILLIE HOLLAND OR ALLEN MOORE JR.  
18. '16 NISSAN ROGUE KNMAT2MT9GP638373  
LADY STARNES/AMERICAN CREDIT ACCEPTANCE  
19. '19 NISSAN SENTRA N1A87AP0K9237544  
MOBILE IMAGES ACQUISITION/ROCK POINT BANK  
20. '21 CHEVY EQUINOX 2GNAXKEV7M6101346  
ALLISON PEARSON/BRIDGECREST ACCEPTANCE  
21. '13 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGN4A72DG254123  
CHYANNE DEMPSEY/MOTO NOW  
22. '17 NISSAN PATHFINDER  
5N1DR2MM8HC637420 TASHARA PRATHER/  
CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORP.

### 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 July 28, 2025 at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

1. '13 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP2F84D6185552  
AMBER STIGALL OR RUTH CHAPMAN  
2. '08 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCP2684A095607  
FLORA LEE- RILEY  
3. '05 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BK36BX5U018403  
INDIA WHITTINGTON  
4. '25 HYUNDAI ELANTRA  
KMHLM4DG1SU925765 DEWAYNE OR GRACIE  
HAMMOND/HYUNDAI FINANCE  
5. '08 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCP2679A024409  
JOHN OR CHRISTA RAMSEY  
6. '15 FORD EXPEDITION 1FMJ1KT1FEF29955  
MARY BLAIR/ORNL FCU  
7. '01 GMC SONOMA 1GTC51450K1180931  
AMBER WOLFE/TITLEMAX  
8. '15 JEEP CHEROKEE 1C4PJMD51FW558685  
AMBER MARTIN/ORNL FCU  
9. '15 CHEVY CRUZE 1G1PA5SH1F7195952  
JAMINE OLIVER/ TN AUTO XCHANGE  
10. '14 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER  
5TDYKRFH4ES026443 WHITLEY HILL/CITIZENS  
BANK & TRUST  
11. '12 NISSAN ROGUE JN8AS5MV6CW415525  
SOUTHERN CAR EMPORIUM  
12. '19 DODGE CHARGER 2C3CDXCT6KH730112  
FAITH SIMPKINS OR KALEB FOREMAN/  
AMERICAN CREDIT ACCEPTANCE  
13. '14 SUBARU OUTBACK 4S4BRCCC3E3211782  
TRUDY JONES/KTVA  
14. '25 NISSAN VERSA 3N1CN8DV0SL849721  
TIMOTHY BRIGHT  
15. '23 HYUNDAI TUSCON 5NMJF3AEXPH244814  
CHARLES OR DEBIE DENTON/ORNL FCU  
16. '18 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP3JC167127

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

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

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

1)'99 CHEVY S 10 1GTC514XG68517965  
2)'05 CHEVY P.U. 1GCCS196458185294  
3)'00 BUICK REGAL 2G4WF5515Y1127099  
4)'09 BMW 535 WBANW13559C285485  
5)'18 VOLVO 404NC9EGBJN895712  
6)'09 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU94G9K3137517  
7)'20 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZD5S2TLF085577  
8)? CAMPER 940007300  
9)'04 BMW 330 WBABW53434PL41115  
10)'20 NISSAN VERSA 3N1CN8F9QL840031  
11)'09 SUBARU JF1GH76649G816148  
12)'06 HYUNDAI KMHFC46F76A131199  
13)'11 CHRYSLER 1C3BC2FB9BN600921

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

### TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR REPAIR, REHABILITATION, OR RENOVATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BROAD-LEVEL REVIEW SUMMARY & SITE-SPECIFIC COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

July 14, 2025  
Knox County Grants and Community Development  
400 Main Street, Suite 364  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
865-215-5253

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 21, 2025, Knox County Grants and Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** Tier I ERR for Home Repair, Rehabilitation, or Renovation of Single Family Residential Properties for 2025-2029

**Purpose:** Knox County Grants and Community Development (County) has developed a Consolidated Plan (2025-2029) to address affordable housing development needs in their jurisdiction. The submission of a Consolidated Plan and its subsequent Environmental Record Review is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a jurisdiction to receive funding under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP) Grant. These funds are used to support affordable housing community development activities focused on the needs of low- to moderate-income (LMI) people and households in each jurisdiction. The County plans to conduct or provide assistance toward preservation, repair, rehabilitation, stabilization, renovation, or maintenance of single-family and older-adult residential structures (hereafter, "rehab program"), as defined below.

**Location:** Projects will be located within Knox County outside the limits of the City of Knoxville and the Town of Farragut. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

**Project/Program Description:** Projects evaluated under this review for compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 shall consist of repair and/or rehabilitation, of existing single-family residential properties meeting the following requirements and limitations: between one and four (1-4) single-family residential units on a single contiguous site, unit(s) may be attached or detached (free-standing), unit(s) may be owner-occupied or rental housing, repair and/or rehabilitation activities cannot result in the conversion of a non-residential property for residential use, expansion of buildings and/or installation of site improvements is permitted if: the resulting footprints for either structures or site improvements will not occupy, nor will work impact, the floodplain or a wetland and/or Structural additions do not increase residential density beyond four (4) units. The scope of work may include any of the following: repairs or replacement of: cosmetic finishes, structural components, doors and windows, interior or exterior envelope, roofs, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, site improvements (e.g. driveways, exterior lighting, fencing, landscaping, etc.), utility lines and connections, expansion or additions to existing buildings that otherwise comply with the restrictions noted above, installation of needed site improvements, consistent with the described limitations, and any activities listed under 24 CFR 58.34 (Exempt activities) and 58.35(b) (Categorical Exclusions) occurring concurrent to the repair or rehabilitation activities and in association with the project site. In addition, OAHMP projects may include: eligible maintenance activities consistent with existing conditions. Any activities listed under 24 CFR 58.34 (Exempt activities) and 58.35(b) (Categorical Exclusions) that occur concurrently with repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance work and are associated with the project site may also be included under this review. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known. The exact scope of work for individual projects will be described within the associated "Site-Specific Checklist."

Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

Designated entities under contract will aid low to moderate income homeowners for rehabilitation of their current principal residence within the respective county limits. Rehabilitation financial assistance may be offered at no cost to eligible homeowners or in the form of low/no interest loans. Rehabilitation will be performed only on qualified properties having one or more substandard conditions or properties requiring alterations or additions to accommodate accessibility needs. All units will be brought up to the County's housing quality standards and follow the Knox County Home Rehabilitation Acceptable Property Standards (Appendix A), or, when OAHMP assistance is provided, according to the OAHMP Maintenance Activities (Appendix A). All of the units will be located within the Knox County limits for County projects. Site work will be done only as necessary to achieve the following goals: correct existing unsafe conditions, correct substandard conditions likely to result in unsafe conditions, or, accommodate accessibility needs.

**Level of Environmental Review Citation:** The specific categorical exclusion citation for a Rehabilitation Program of home-owner occupied single family homes is: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Airport Hazards [Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D], Flood Insurance [Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]], Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)], Endangered Species [Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402], Explosive and Flammable Hazards (Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C], Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55], Historic Preservation [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 & 110; 36 CFR Part 800], Noise Abatement and Control [Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B], and Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 & 5].

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** For each of the laws and authorities listed in the tier 2 site specific review, if an issue is identified, the project will be evaluated for adherence to federal laws and regulations. If mitigation measures are deemed necessary, they will be implemented and/or necessary permits acquired. Mitigation measures will be adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions will be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents.

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$7,552,127.50

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Knox County Grants and Community Development Department via email at [grants@knoxcounty.org](mailto:grants@knoxcounty.org) or by phone at 865-215-5253. All comments received by July 20, 2025, will be considered by Knox County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Knox County certifies to HUD that Glenn Jacobs, in his capacity as County Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Knox County Community Development to use Program funds.

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

Mayor Glenn Jacobs  
Certifying Officer

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