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Above: Melanie Oliver of Wellpoint Tennessee prepares to give backpacks to students at Friday's Back-To-School Bash at Emerald Lonsdale. Top right: Stephen Woodward of Youth Villages made an appearance at last week's Back-to-School Bash in Lonsdale. Youth Villages seeks to place children in foster care and new homes through adoption. Bottom right: Denarius Ross of the Wesley House appeared at Friday afternoon's Back-To-School Bash to discuss services provided to students and senior citizens in the Lonsdale-Beaumont-Mechanicsville Community. Photos By Ken Lay.



Wellpoint Tennessee, Emerald Youth host Back-To-School Bash

By Ken Lay

In an event that resembled both a career day and a street fair, the Emerald Youth Foundation partnered with Wellpoint Tennessee for a Back-To-School Bash Friday afternoon at the Haslam-Sansom Ministry

Complex on Texas Avenue. The event signaled the end of Emerald's summer program as students at Emerald Academy are slated to return to school today.

"This is a special day because this is the last day

for us, and we want to get the students excited about going back to school," said EYF's Ciara Reynolds. "We have some great partners."

Several local businesses and community organizations were on hand to provide consultation and

services to students and parents in Knoxville's inner city.

The Boy Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Club, Emerald Youth Foundation, UT Medical Center, The Joy of Music School, the Wesley

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Juvenile Center Board visits the center, elects officers

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Members of the Knox County Juvenile Service Center Board of Directors met for the first time Thursday in the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Detention Center on Division Street to begin their oversight of the facility.

The noon board session followed a walk-through by commissioners and county officials at 9:30 guided

by Judge Tim Irwin and interim superintendent Brian Bivens. The board, made up of five Knox County Commissioners, chose Larsen Jay as chairman and Damon Rawls as vice chair. Commissioners Terry Hill, Shane Jackson and Rhonda Lee round out the group.

The audience was mostly members of the press and a few citizens.

Judge Irwin told the meeting about the facility, how well the juvenile

inmates are treated, and outlined the rules of safety and accountability. He noted the needs of the youths in custody and how the center takes care of their education and physical and mental health.

"I hope we can make our place the best in the state," Irwin told the new board.

Bivens said he hopes to hire more employees, develop a 2-3 week

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Two candidates seek District 2 city council seat

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Voters in District 2 will be selecting Andrew Roberto's replacement on city council in the non-partisan city elections this year. The Knox County Election Commission confirmed that both candidates will move on to the November general election.

The Knoxville Focus asked candidates Nathan Honeycutt and Melody Watts four questions and

here are their answers, exactly as given:

What qualifies you to seek the office?

Nathan Honeycutt: As an award-winning architect and Principal at one of East Tennessee's largest architecture firms, I've spent over two decades helping families, businesses, and communities bring their visions to life. I also lead a development company focused on historic preservation and

sustainable growth. These roles have given me a deep understanding of how great cities are built—both structurally and socially.

I'm running for City Council because I believe Knoxville stands at a pivotal moment. With thoughtful leadership, we can protect the character of our neighborhoods while embracing smart, sustainable growth that opens the door to opportunity for all. As a father, business owner, and someone who has

lived and worked around the world, I've seen firsthand how good planning can shape a city's future—and how bad decisions can hold it back. I want to put my experience to work for Knoxville's future and help ensure that the next generation has every reason to stay, thrive, and invest right here at home.

Melody Watts: As the only candidate who is a life-long resident of City Council District 2, I have an

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Nathan Honeycutt



Melody Watts

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Barney Fife Day (And My Birthday)

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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The date this column is published (July 21), I will have my 78th birthday. I call it Barney Fife Day because several years ago, I got a big kick out of it when I found this was also Don Knotts' birthday (although he was a few years older). Barney Fife has to be the greatest character ever created for a television show. I have many favorite episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show," such as when Barney tells Andy he can recite the preamble to the Constitution.

Another is when Gomer Pyle and Barney are on the roof of the courthouse,

and they spot the bad guys. Gomer says, "Shazam, we'd better call the police!" Since Gomer had been deputized, Barney angrily replies, "We are the police!" Don Knotts is no longer with us, except through very popular reruns. But I am alive and very thankful to still be here.

A few weeks ago, I was about to start a round of golf with Sam Anderson, Dr. James Foster and Gene Wolfenbarger. Gene's birthday is also on July 21, and he told me he would be 62 and then asked how old I would be.

When I told him I would be 78, Sam very nicely said, "You get around better than any 78-year-old I have ever seen." I sometimes hit my first drive of the day straight until I get loose and start hooking and slicing. That day I luckily hit a beautiful, long drive straight down the middle, and Sam exclaimed, "Boy, I can't wait 'til I'm 78 so I can hit a drive like that!"

When I was talking to my oldest granddaughter, Emma, at my son, Zane's, wedding party several years ago, I said, "Emma, one of the happiest days of my life will be when I get to come to your wedding." She was seven years old then, and she said, "Oh, Papa, you couldn't do that. You would be dead."

Emma is 21 now, and is a very beautiful, personable young woman, but not married yet. I still hope to be here for her wedding.

I retired 6½ years ago, primarily because my late wife, Lynn, had suffered two strokes and was in a wheelchair, and then later came down with cancer. Her last three years were very difficult, and I needed to be home.

But I also retired because I look at the obituaries every day, and I started noticing a few years ago that about half the men listed in the obituaries were younger than me. I traveled by plane almost every week, and I

did not want to die rushing through an airport, or in Washington, away from my family.

I know that I am very lucky to still be here, and even more so because I am still able to do almost everything I have always done.

Like everyone, I have had many problems and difficulties, and many bad things have happened to me and members of my family. But the good things have far outweighed the bad.

Ray Hill, a fellow Focus columnist, told me many years ago that I won the lottery with parents. I had never thought of it that way, but I was blessed with a really wonderful mother and father.

I have been blessed in too many ways to count. As a young man, I hoped someday to get married and have children. That dream came true, and now I even have grandchildren.

When Lynn died, I never expected to get married

again, but almost a year later, I was surprised by the joy of a second marriage when Vickie came into my life. We have now been very happily married for over three years.

I have been blessed by the leadership, guidance and love from five very strong women: my mother, my sisters (Beverly and Becky), and my two wives, Lynn and Vickie.

When I was a small boy, I told people I wanted to be a lawyer like my Dad. When I graduated from law school in 1973, if someone had told me I would get to spend 16 years as a lawyer and judge, and 30 years in Congress, I probably wouldn't have believed it. I would have said, "Where do I sign up?"

None of it has been easy. My Dad told me that everything looks easy from a distance. I know that everyone gets hurt by life, and I certainly have been many times in many ways. But I try not to dwell on bad

things.

My biggest dreams have all come true, and my life has turned out far better than I ever hoped or expected. I have been helped, especially in tough times, by prayer. I am not holier than thou, and I try to work on my faith every day.

I start off every day with a long morning prayer for me and my family. Because of something I read years ago, I try to make my prayers focused more on thanking than asking.

At least since 1978, I have read the Daily Guideposts brief Bible study – one current and one from years ago. As I wrote most of this column, one of the Guideposts stories mentioned Galatians 5:22. While I have many other favorite verses, that verse comes close to summing up what I have tried to say on this day: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."

The monthly jobs report or how to lie with statistics

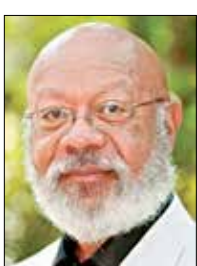
There are a few things in life as certain as death, taxes and an inflated jobs report. The report for June says that 147,000 jobs were added to the economy. But the report from the Department of Labor is always wrong. After the initial report is issued, the department starts revising it because the report estimates job growth was in state and local governments. I have long contended that public sector employment should be excluded from the job figures. I believe that June's numbers substantiate that claim.

Thus, the job market is weakening and shows that the Labor Department report is an example of how to lie with statistics. One might think that the troubling job numbers would cause Trump to back off his raising of tariffs. But no. Instead, he has announced that the administration will start sending out letters informing countries of their tariff rates effective August 1, which will be as high as 70%.

President Trump says that his tariffs are reciprocal. I guess it is how you define "reciprocal" because the agreement with Vietnam calls for a tariff of 20% on goods imported from Vietnam and a transshipping tariff of 40% on goods manufactured in other countries (namely China) but shipped via Vietnam. There will be a tariff of zero on U.S. goods imported into Vietnam. So let me get this straight, we put a 20% tariff on them and they put a zero tariff on us. Yep, that sounds reciprocal to me. The technical term for an agreement like this is called "shakedown."

Expect job losses to continue as the tariffs kick in. Also, expect immigration to have a negative effect on jobs as well. Just keep in mind that the job growth numbers do not reflect what is actually happening in the job market. Again, government jobs should be taken out and, secondly, the monthly figure should be a net – that is, job growth minus job loss. Job losses are around 59,000 a month. Also, the labor force participation rate is falling, which means that increasing numbers are dropping out of the labor force. The unemployment rate is not rising because workers who drop out of the labor force are not counted as being unemployed. Remember that the jobs report only shows jobs created and ignores the monthly job losses. Recently, we have had quarters where the total job losses equaled total jobs gained, but the media only reported the jobs gained. One would also need to know whether the new jobs are high-paying and if new hires are underemployed, meaning that they are working at a lesser job than for which they are qualified.

One more thing to consider, the estimates are that net immigration may be negative, with more noncitizens leaving the country than coming into it. What impact will this have on the job market and in certain industries currently dependent upon a migrant labor force? Somehow, I don't think a lowering of the Fed funds rate will be enough to counteract the negative impact on the economy of both immigration and tariffs. But Trump says we must be patient. He muses that although there will be an initial slowdown, things will come roaring back as the tariffs will force an increase in industrial growth and production. Jobs will surge, the economy will boom, and all will be apple pie and roses. For the country's sake, I hope he is right. But if he is, then everything I know and believe about economics is wrong. We shall see.



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Large Ball Camp Pike property rezoning before commission

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The Knox County Commission will discuss the large tract of land along Ball Camp Pike next to the Pellissippi Parkway when it meets today (July 21st) at 4 p.m. for its monthly zoning session.

The request from 1222 Development LLC seeks to change the current industrial zoning designation on

the property to both office and planned residential zonings. The change would allow medical, office and related services, and nine housing units per acre are requested.

The planning commission, in an 11-0 vote, is recommending the change for the 18-plus acres of the 8007 Ball Camp Pike property, subject to three conditions: the Entrance must be from Schaad Road,

stub-outs must be provided to adjacent properties, and pedestrian access must be provided to Schaad Road. If approved as requested, the portion of the property for suburban residential housing would permit nine units per acre.

Other items on the agenda include several requests to change from agricultural to low-density residential, including 1412 Chert Pit Road, 1307 Mourfield Road, Zero Cate Road, 3175 Byington Solway Road, 1515 and 1517 Cunningham Road, and 4925 East Emory Road.

Graham Corporation is asking that 504 and 520 West Emory Road be reverted to its previous zoning.

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Publisher's Position

I Stand With Israel



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The Left in this country, along with its allies in the corporate media, has made the Middle East all about Palestine, blithely ignoring the horror of October 7 and the deliberate and savage rape and murders of citizens from infants to the elderly. In any society, the willful mass killing of its citizenry is an act of war. Almost to a person, those Leftist stick puppets whine about the people of Gaza and their suffering at the hands of Israel while pretending no Israeli citizens had been slaughtered while attending a dance. No, for the Left, the Israelis are white and oppressors; therefore, the rape of little girls and women is not only

acceptable, but what they deserve. So, too, apparently, is the brutal murder of babies and the elderly merely a dose of justice in the eyes of today's new antisemites. While the Leftists in this country shriek and wail about our democracy being at risk, or that we are tottering on the edge of authoritarianism, or perhaps a takeover by fascists, and Nazis, they embrace the same racial philosophy of the Nazis, who attempted to literally exterminate Jews. Nor do they give a hoot about democracy. They thought it was just hunky dory to remove the nominee of their party who had gone through the process and won the popular vote in every primary, only to boot him from the ticket and select a woman who never received a single delegate vote for president as their nominee. The nomination of Kamala Harris was more like something out of the Politburo than an American political party, which bothered the Left not at all. It was pretty much the opposite of an exercise in democracy. The same Leftists who shrilly squall that our democracy is under

assault are the very same people who wanted to arbitrarily remove the nominee of the Republican Party from state ballots, after having done their best to put him in prison. The same people who loudly cry about our democracy are the very same people who demand others be cancelled, their lives ruined, for saying anything they don't like. They also demand that all of us worship their false idols of equity, diversity, and inclusion, which, like most everything else they praise, is in truth, none of the above. Nor do these people believe in the right of free speech, at least not for others. Any divergence from their own false gods of DEI, gender identity politics and the like is not to be tolerated. It is as far from democracy as a lie is from the truth.

The Guardian, if not another Leftist news outlet, then certainly a Left-leaning publication, recently reported that support for Israel is at an all-time low since YouGov began conducting surveys. It found only a fifth of respondents in six different Western European countries had a favorable opinion of Israel.

Germany, France and Denmark had very negative viewpoints of Israel, as did Italy and Spain. Only in the United Kingdom was it somewhat higher. A more truthful statement would have been it is the least favorable view of the Jewish people since Adolf Hitler occupied most of Europe.

Certainly, it is difficult not to feel sorry for the people of Gaza, but we get what we vote for, just as the people of Gaza did when they elected a government led by Hamas. Who can truly be surprised that terror comes to those who practice it and export it to others?

When war comes due to the policies of a government, the people suffer accordingly, just as the Germans did under Hitler, the Italians under Mussolini, and the Japanese under their feudal warlords. The losses, sadly, when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima numbered in the hundreds of thousands of civilian men, women and children. What President Harry Truman had to decide was whether to drop the bombs and

have the Japanese sue for peace or likely lose one million American lives in the process of actually invading Japan. Truman chose to think of Americans first.

When Hamas deliberately targeted the lives of infants, women and children, they drew a bloody response from Israel. It was not unwarranted by any means. The Left propaganda cries over the lives of the people of Gaza without once being critical of the cowardly leaders who literally use their people as a shield to protect themselves. The same leaders siphon off the humanitarian aid sent for its own people, only to burrow into the ground and buy weapons. They hide in bunkers built beneath hospitals and schools, knowing Western democracies are unlikely to bomb innocents, something that has never stopped them. It is tragic that civilian lives are lost, but the truth is these cowards who lead Hamas are nothing but terrorist thugs who literally delight in inflicting pain and suffering on Jews and Christians and dealing in death. If they are not rooted out, even more innocent lives

would be lost.

Like those who cry crocodile tears for democracy yet hate it in practice and action, their tears for the civilians are insincere and contrived. The terrorists struck and hit hard, raping little girls and women, killing infants and civilians in the most brutal ways imaginable, then slithered back into their holes with hostages, many of whom died from abuse. The same people who cried a river for the civilians of Gaza never shed a tear for the civilians in Israel for the very same reason the Nazis were able to gas, shoot and kill children, women and men, the very young and the very old, because they were Jews. The Holocaust remains the greatest hate crime in the history of the world. Murder condoned by politics has been the practice of every tyrant who has climbed to the top over the bodies of innocent people everywhere.

Let there be no mistake by anyone who reads this newspaper: I still stand with Israel.

Long agenda in store for city council on Tuesday

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Some high-ticket items are on the Knoxville City Council agenda for Tuesday evening, ranging from a \$7.1 million application for federal and state assistance for local transit to a more than \$17.6 million agreement for the Pleasant Ridge Road Phase II Project.

Other high-dollar agenda items include an agreement with the Community Action Committee for \$4 million in federal housing funds for lead-based paint identification and hazard control/

The council may also discuss an agreement for the KUB Miller Building for a right-of-way encroachment on South Gay Street and similar encroachment agreements for the Vintage Cal Apartments on State Street.

Zoning changes before the council include a request by Reginald Bell to change 3309 Boyds Bridge Road from single-family residential to general residential neighborhood.

Two properties, at Zero North Gallaher View and 2815 Dresser Road, may be annexed into the city.

Joyce Feld of Scenic Knoxville is appealing two variances granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals dealing with the minimum street frontage and maximum height for a detached sign for the property located at 1415 Third Creek Road in an industrial zone.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker is sponsoring an agenda item dealing with how city budgets are passed. She wants a resolution giving the council authority to amend a budget presented by the mayor. Under the change, a majority vote could reject the budget and adopt a separate budget.

The council will also vote on a \$50,000 grant agreement with Legal Aid of East Tennessee to provide legal services to low-income individuals facing wrongful evictions and other housing issues.

Neighborhood Housing Inc. may get \$385,260 in community development funds for Operation Backyard for minor home repairs, and the Community Design Center may get \$25,000 in federal HUD funds for design and technical assistance services.

Knoxville's transit system has 14 resolutions seeking grant extensions and new grants from the state and federal transportation agencies for its funding, bus facilities, programs and upgrades.

The council will also vote on a \$525,000 grant application for its school resource officer program in a request to the state's Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

Grandiflora Foundation, a non-profit corporation, may be granted tax breaks for property at 2439 East Magnolia, a former Baptist Church, and at 2436 East Fifth Street.



Juvenile Judge Tim Irwin spoke at the first meeting of the Juvenile Service Center Board of Directors Thursday as the group got organized and began looking at their duties. Photo by Mike Steely.

Juvenile Center Board visits the center, elects officers

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training program for the staff, promote outstanding staffers, and add an academy program. He said he will cooperate with the schools, health department, and other agencies, including the sheriff's department, in "putting a strong team around me."

The five commissioners, the judge and the interim superintendent all made suggestions on how the board might function, with Jay suggesting a monthly meeting and possibly adding some outside experts to the group. Jackson asked for a summary of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services reports, a report on the facility budget, and a personnel report from last month. He also asked what positions are now open and what authority the board might have over the sheriff's department at the center.

Lee echoed the need for a staffing report. Rawls asked for an incident report.

Hill suggested a policy and procedure manual for employees based on the county employee manual. She said the new board is

"taking this seriously" and said she was impressed after talking with two employees.

Asked about how the former board meetings were conducted, Judge Irwin said the meetings were basically a report from the superintendent. Irwin said there has been


"a lot of right going on" at the detention center and added "no one is here to run down Mr. Bean."

The board will apparently work with Bivens, the mayor, and DCS until a full-time superintendent is chosen. The board will remain in place when the Knox County Sheriff's


Office takes over the facility in January. DCS will be making weekly visits and a "comprehensive assessment" of the facility and its operations is underway.

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury is also investigating the past operation of the facility.

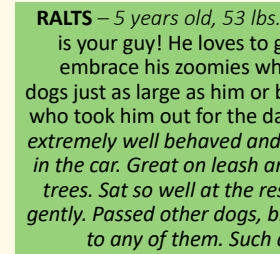
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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Kenny Boatman (left) is the new chair of the KCSO Employees' Merit System Board. Michael Crichton (right) was selected as vice chairman.

Boatman chosen as chair of the merit board

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In a brief meeting of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board last Monday, the members chose current Vice Chairman Kenny Boatman as chair. Michael Crichton was selected as vice chair. Both will apparently serve until their terms expire.

Former Chairman Christopher Manning resigned July 1. Member Clarence Vaughn was absent from the meeting.

In related action, the Knox County Commission will add one member to the group after interviews take place Monday in its agenda review meeting and a decision may be made in the regular session on July 28.

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House, Nourish Knoxville. Pellissippi State, Roane State Community College Youth Villages and Catholic Charities were among the sponsors for the event that was conceived to provide back packs, school supplies, clothing, health screenings and mental health assistance to the students and parents.

But there were also activities such as face painting and games. Parents also had the opportunity to win door prizes.

"This is the first event like this that we've done in Knoxville," said Monica Oliver, Wellpoint Knoxville's Director of Members and Strategic Partnerships. "This is the second one of these that we've done."

"We were in Johnson City last night, and we're here in Knoxville today."



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

LMT Ronnie Glenn applies his skills in the center of the Emerald Lonsdale gym as students and parents walk the perimeter of booths.

Next weekend, we'll be in Jackson and in Memphis.

"I'm grateful to the Emerald Youth Foundation and all of our great partners."

Parents could also seek information about special education from Arc.

Stephen Woodward of Youth Villages was on hand to provide information

about fostering and adoption.

"We have a high need for foster parents, and I'm here to provide information about fostering and adoption," Woodward said.

Dr. Tony Wooley and Anthony Hussey from The Joy of Music School provided students the

opportunity to play musical instruments.

"This is our musical petting zoo," Hussey said. "The kids can play instruments, and we'll show them the proper way to hold the sticks and the proper way to hold the guitars."

Licensed massage therapist Ronnie Glenn provided massages for parents and students.

"I started my own business because I worked in the medical field in the operating room," Glenn said.

"People in the medical field used to come and see me for stress. Everybody is stressed. These parents are under stress and these students are under stress and the stress always goes to your neck and shoulders. When I found out about this, I had to come."

Two candidates seek District 2 city council seat

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Understanding of our community's needs. I have participated in more city elections than my opponent, reflecting my long term civic engagement. Unlike my opponent, I am committed to representing District 2 residents independently, and will not be a rubber stamp for Mayor Kincannon's agenda.

What is the district's largest problem?

Honeycutt: Knoxville is growing quickly—and while that's a good sign, it comes with real challenges. Our city and the 2nd District (West Knoxville) are facing pressure on housing supply and affordability, increased traffic congestion, and strain on infrastructure. We must manage this growth in a way that balances opportunity with preservation.

The challenge is not growth itself—it's how we grow. We need coordinated planning, smarter zoning, strategic infrastructure investment, and a focus on livability. As someone who has worked on city-shaping projects and studied urban development globally, I know that with the right tools and leadership, we can grow in a way that strengthens Knoxville's identity rather than eroding it. If we plan smart, we can grow strong!

Watts: City Council District 2 faces worsening traffic congestion due to recent city policies promoting high-density development, with plans for further increases. Additionally, the city's 2022 property tax hike and proposed sales tax increase are driving up housing costs, making affordability a growing concern for residents.

Make a statement about the outgoing city council person.

Honeycutt: I want to acknowledge and thank Councilman Andrew Roberto for his dedication and service to the Second District. Andrew has consistently brought a thoughtful, balanced approach to City Council—doing his homework, articulating his positions clearly, and helping guide common-sense compromises that have moved Knoxville forward. I believe he has represented our district well, and I hope to build on the strong foundation laid by both Andrew and former Councilman Duane Grieve as we continue shaping a brighter future for our community.

Watts: Councilman Roberto has consistently prioritized Mayor Kincannon's agenda over the interests

of District 2 residents. Despite campaigning as a representative of district 2, his actions have shown otherwise. Voters should be cautious and avoid being misled by his chosen successor, Nathan Honeycutt, in this election.

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

Honeycutt: Raising taxes should always be a last resort, after exploring every

opportunity to cut costs and improve efficiency. That said, much of Knoxville's budget is already committed to public safety, existing city services, and paying down debt - leaving little for critical neighborhood needs like parks, sidewalks, and infrastructure. The current administration must make a clear, compelling case for this proposal, and I encourage every voter to study the facts and make an informed decision. I support investing in our neighborhoods - but

any tax increase must be transparent, accountable, and truly necessary.

Watts: No, I oppose the sales tax increase, as it would further strain housing affordability and burden those already struggling financially. The city can address its budget by prioritizing millions in wasteful spending. Any candidate unable to take a clear stance on the proposed sales tax increase lacks the seriousness voters deserve.

Sales tax holiday

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this sales tax holiday is an opportunity to return some tax dollars to the people," the lawmakers said in a statement. "We're proud to offer this kind of relief to support families as they prepare for the school year."

During this time, certain clothing, school supplies and computers may be purchased tax-free. The sales

tax holiday also applies to items sold online. Items purchased must be for personal use, not for business or trade.

Tax-exempt items include:
- General apparel valued at \$100 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses, etc.
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The Pack Mule

Every week, I wait for my weekly essay to find me, and it always seems to do so. And sometimes a picture is better than prose to introduce a message. This is why memes are so effective.

My West Coast daughter and family were with us last week and, of course, this necessitated a trip to Dollywood. No matter that temperatures in the park were projected to reach 100°F.

The picture of me holding family “equipment” as the crew queued up for the log flume says it all. The younglings averred the need to get wet to cool off. I might have joined them, but I decided that I did not want to start the day wet. And someone needed to stay behind with their gear.

Crowd Watching should be listed as one of the “attractions” at America’s favorite park. Unlike the uniformity of ants’

appearance on a lump of sugar, the variety of human body types and outfits is stunning. Those who publish The People of Walmart should survey Dollywood in the summer.

I don’t pretend to understand tattoos, and especially so-called sleeve tattoos. I’m told tattoos are expensive and tats of an entire limb take a long time to execute and pay for. Additionally, I’m told the tattoo process is painful. Years ago, I asked a young patient if the delicate daisy chain design of her ankle had been painful. She hesitated while thoughtfully gazing upward, and replied, “It was just short of agony.”

Dollywood is a lovely park adorned with beautiful flowers. But last week, the park was awash in red as 7,200 members of Arise, a national Christian organization sporting identical T-shirts, mingled with the throng of other visitors.

Becky and I buy yearly Dollywood passes primarily to take grandkids, but we love the music shows and ambience. The heat is another matter, but we persevered chaperoning the Knoxville and Oregon grandkids to various rides and arcade kiosks.

I’ve never been a fan of roller coasters, but every year I pick a different ride to get my “man card” punched. Seventy-four-year-old necks should avoid the helter-skelter movements of roller coasters. This year, I managed to impress my 13-year-old grandson by accompanying him and his 10-year-old sister on The Dropline, which takes you to 250 feet above the park and literally “drops” you. I can now check that one off. Last year, I did The Screaming Eagle and joked to Becky that I lost a crown on the first of many upside-down loops.

Before the Dollywood diversion, my original topical question was, “Why do we still listen to so-called experts?” After all, they have been repeatedly wrong about the economy, inflation, tariffs and trade, Russian collusion, the border, illegals and crime, Iran and Ukraine, Covid vaccines, and I could go on. I understand journalistic errors because they never had any expertise to begin with. But the

talking-head proclamations of titular experts are far more problematic. So often, they demonstrate that they are mere shills for politically motivated broadcast platforms.

I hate to quote myself, but I believe, “You should read widely, consider carefully and sift everything through your own observations and common sense. This will bring you closer to the truth,” which I said last week, is elusive. And this applies to my opinions as well.

Throughout my career as a doctor, I often dreamed of a position that would allow me time for researching topics of interest and for reflection. I never got a position analogous to a university professor. However, the Lord answered my prayers with a column at The Knoxville Focus and retirement.

In researching how we got in such a mess, I discovered the Frankfurt School. Communists from Germany’s Frankfurt University escaped to America in the 1930s as the Nazis rose to power. Herbert Marcuse and others of the “Frankfurt School” of Marxist thought settled at Columbia and the University of Chicago. They began training a cadre of elites for universities (Princeton, Harvard and Berkeley) and their devotees trained educators in

“cultural Marxism.”

There are two principal ways to transform a society. One path is through violent revolution, as happened in Russia and later China with Mao Zedong. The other route is the “long march through the institutions,” as articulated by Antonio Gramsci of the Italian Communist Party. Cultural Marxism and the “gradual process of radicalization of cultural institutions” were adopted by the Frankfurt School refugees. Their teaching was considered “avant-garde” and had a “multiplier effect in other universities and teachers’ colleges in the 1950s and 60s.”

Today, we see the effects of Cultural Marxism on K-12 education and universities. If you doubt my research and analysis, consider the Cloward-Piven strategy of Columbia Professors Cloward and Piven. They advocated a policy of increasing government programs, ostensibly to feed the poor. Since Jean Jacques Rousseau of the 18th century, elitists have promised utopia by feeding and educating the masses. Obama lauded the neo-Marxists in a Rose Garden ceremony. Though I am sympathetic to such noble goals, they have never worked. Interestingly, the word utopia, coined by Sir Thomas More in 1516, translates as “nowhere.”

Predictably, the

Cloward-Piven strategy has fostered increasing and unrealistic demands for public services. Our capitalist system is under assault as progressives further Obama’s promise to “transform America,” which will produce another failed socialist “utopia.”

The Democrat party now exists in name only. It has become a ship of dangerous fools with AOC and leftists at the helm. It is no longer the party of John F. Kennedy or even Nancy Pelosi. And the multiplier effect of neo-Marxism has spread through both government institutions and schools as progressive Democrat socialism. An example is the communist Mamdani, who is the Democratic nominee for New York City mayor.

However, you could say that the old, stodgy Republican Party also exists in name only. The GOP is now President Trump’s America First party or the MAGA party.

And it boils down to, who do you trust with the direction of the country? Do you trust the progressive socialist 60s radicals or the commonsense America first policies of President Trump? It’s that simple and operative at the local, state and national levels. Don’t be fooled by the political rhetoric.

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Catching Up With

Chris Caldwell

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Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell is known as an expert on keeping track of the budget, expenses, and future needs of the county. He reports to the county mayor, the commission, committees and public meetings.

Caldwell is always quick to respond to inquiries and heads a department that wins national recognitions year after year.

Tell us about your days at Lincoln Memorial University.

I started attending LMU as a junior in the fall of 2000. I didn’t live on campus. I chose to live at home and continue to work part-time

while commuting to campus. In the last decade, LMU has significantly expanded in terms of new buildings and student population. When I was on campus, it was less bustling. However, I enjoyed the time there with fellow students and the great relationships built with professors. I thoroughly cherished my time there.

What motivated you to go into accounting?

Oddly enough, I took an accounting class in high school as an elective and loved it. Early in college, I took some professional personality tests, and the accounting profession always appeared on my list. At that point, I knew my major.



Chris Caldwell
Knox County Chief Finance Officer/
Co-Chief of Staff

Tell us about your childhood.

I would characterize my childhood as typical. As a young child my parents divorced, but both were very supportive of me. I had wonderful

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Neighborhood Resource Fair set for August 9th

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One of the most anticipated free events in Knoxville is coming on Saturday, August 9, to the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park.

The Neighborhood Resource Fair is hosted by the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment that day and runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and features booths from various organizations including Parks and Recreation, Office of Stability, Vision Zero, Empower Knox, Codes Enforcement, Plans and Review and Inspections, Waste and Resources Management, and the

office of Community Safety and Empowerment.

Other groups that will be there include Centro Hispano, Kickstand, Knox County Master Gardeners, Knox Heritage and more.

More than 90 different vendors are scheduled for the event organized by Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp.

Entertainment will be provided by Karate Five, RYDE Dance, Drums Up Guns Down, and Urban Expressions.

You can find updates online and find registration information on the City of Knoxville - Office of Neighborhood Empowerment Facebook page.

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The Stamp Show

During these many years as a stamp collector and dealer, a number of events stick out in my memory. Some of these special and memorable events are the local and special stamp shows. Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS) has hosted a stamp show every spring for many years. On occasion, I travel to Louisville, Kentucky, and to Nashville for major stamp shows to find those missing items in my stamp collection. Conversations with dealers and other collectors are most enjoyable. These special shows would generally last two days, usually Friday and Saturday. Now, some stamp shows will be only a one-day Saturday show, and some shows occur on a Saturday and Sunday combination. These events are still so enjoyable.

Now I am looking at these stamp shows from the perspective of a stamp dealer.

OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE



By Harry Brooks
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Do I have sufficient inventory for prospective buyers and collectors? Will I have sufficient sales to cover the cost of the trip and table rental? A typical stamp show results in an estimated \$875 in expenditures. This includes two nights' lodging, and meals must be included in an expenditure plan. The table space rental will generally cost \$250. Gas generally costs \$60 for the trip. My wife travels with me for almost all the shows. Many dealers will plan \$1,000 per show in expenditures. I attend many stamp shows that are located where I have family or close friends that I can stay with. Therefore, I will reduce my expenditures. Considering the cost or investment of product (stamps or supplies) I should meet \$2000 in total sales to approach a profit point. Saving lodging costs will make the stamp show experience much more

financially acceptable.

Even as a dealer, the attraction to attend and set up a table at a stamp show is the interaction with other stamp collectors and dealers. Years ago, I met a collector from mid-state Tennessee who is still a dealer and a friend. I am beginning to have repeat customers. Helping a collector find his missing items is still a challenge and fun. While a number of current dealers plan to retire soon, these aging dealers remain active and enjoy the stamp shows. All of us dealers have to find a financial path to stay in business.

Whether you are a collector or have an interest in just starting to collect, check out www.knoxstamps.com. Come join the Knoxville Philatelic Society at our scheduled meeting, the first Tuesday of each month, at the Universalist Church on Kingston Pike.

If you have any questions where I can be of assistance, call me at (865)604-0164 or email me at hrbrooks68@gmail.com.

What kind of a world are we leaving our children?

Not long ago, most of us were wondering if summer would ever arrive. Temperatures were unseasonably cool, and flowers that normally would be in full bloom had barely broken through the ground. The rain poured and poured. Folks with pools complained that they couldn't take a dip for fear of hypothermia.

In the time it takes to take a deep breath, summer crept in during the night and has hammered us. Fickle folks frowned and fumed. The excessive temperatures made outside activities unbearable. The same pool owners who griped about water temperatures that were too cold now whined that the pool water wasn't enjoyable when it was the same temperature as bath water. The rain stopped, and for most local areas, only an occasional shower now wets dried and cracked earth.

In September 2024, a hurricane traveled up the



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east coast and whammed North Carolina. It also flooded areas as far away as the Smoky Mountains and Newport, Tennessee. More recently, historic rainfall in Texas and other areas of the country has led to flash flooding that caused the deaths of hundreds of individuals, including children. Tornadoes around the country, including in areas that have never experienced them, have caused destruction and taken lives.

Even now, wildfires are ravaging areas around the Grand Canyon. Other places, such as Palisades in California, were destroyed by fires. In all, 2025 has already been an unusual year in weather.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, which is Newton's Third Law of Motion. This string of weather anomalies leads some of us to wonder if our mistreatment of the environment for our benefit over the years is now leading to payback. Sure, weather conditions are subject to change. The

saying around here is, "If you don't like the weather, just stay around a few minutes, and it will change."

Scientific data over the years give a clue to what is going on. Societies across the world have dumped carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, along with a long list of other pollutants. We have managed to choke ourselves with filthy air and bury ourselves with plastics and other garbage. The water on which all life depends is polluted and poisoned so much so that in many places, it is undrinkable.

The good lord gave us a planet and made us stewards of it. If we had given the same kind of treatment to money as we've given to the planet, the courts would be asking us to appear and explain our actions. We would have no defense.

Most of us who are senior citizens will not experience the trials and tribulations that will befall younger generations. They will curse our failure to pass on a healthy planet. Their lives will be filled with more strange weather conditions that will grow in intensity. Life will be more difficult as the climate continues to change.

All that can give the slightest bit of relief is our serious and determined attention to protecting an already damaged climate. That will take the entire world's dedication to the work and prayers that it's not too late.



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Tennessee's Herron Pearson

Pages from the Past



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Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District was a collection of rural counties in West Tennessee, the most populous of which was Madison County, where the county seat is the City of Jackson, named for Andrew Jackson. In 1933, the incumbent congressman for the Seventh District was Gordon Browning, a proud veteran of the First World War. Indeed, much of Browning's support came from fellow veterans, and the congressman was a loud proponent of Tennessee's ex-servicemen. Few politicians excelled Gordon Browning's ability to press the flesh, and none seemed to enjoy the barbecues and dinners as much as the congressman, who usually finished off several plates of whatever was being served. Congressman Browning was a very ambitious fellow, and he was casting longing eyes toward a seat in the United States Senate. As Tennessee is unique inasmuch as it has three very different Grand Divisions, there was an unwritten rule in Volunteer State politics that no one Grand Division could occupy both of Tennessee's seats in the U.S. Senate. That posed a big problem for Gordon Browning as the formidable Kenneth D. McKellar, Tennessee's senior United States senator, was also from West Tennessee.

Browning toured the state, supposedly to listen to the people of Tennessee, before discovering there was no chance of beating Senator McKellar. Years later, in an oral history, Browning acknowledged he could not get a commitment from a single prominent person should he choose to challenge McKellar. Stubborn to a fault, Browning looked toward Nathan Bachman, a former justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court who had been appointed by Governor Hill McAlister to the U.S. Senate when Cordell Hull resigned to become President Franklin Roosevelt's secretary of state. Bachman would have to run for the remaining two years of Hull's term in the 1934 election. Gordon Browning never allowed much in the way of conventional thinking to bar his ambitions. Browning announced his candidacy for the Senate seat held by Nathan L. Bachman. That opened up his congressional seat, and in quick order, a number of Democrats announced they were running for the House of Representatives. One of the leading contestants to succeed Gordon Browning in Congress was Herron Carney Pearson, the former city attorney for Jackson.

The son of a former county trustee, Pearson was relatively young, 43, when he first launched his candidacy for the House of

Representatives. The candidate opened his congressional bid in Paris, Tennessee, an area where few people knew him. The country was two years into Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, and Pearson pledged all-out support for the president and his program. Pearson told his listeners the New Deal "must not be stopped until the emergency is passed."

"We must of necessity give aid to the farmer, the merchant, small business, the forgotten man, industry and labor," Pearson said. Herron Pearson, in particular, praised the Roosevelt Administration and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for having stabilized the nation's banks and the banking system. Pearson said if he were elected, he would support the reciprocal trade program so strongly advocated by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Like most Democrats of his time, Herron Pearson was against most protective tariffs, as he believed they were injurious to the American economy because they stifled trade with other nations and closed trade outlets to American products.

Pearson hailed the Tennessee Valley Authority, saying the agency meant "the coal oil lamp can be dispensed with, the hauling of wood and fuel through rain and snow no longer necessary" in rural areas because of the power generated by TVA.

Unlike the glad-handing Browning, Herron Pearson was more reserved. George Morris, a columnist for the Memphis Commercial Appeal, wrote that Pearson was "a commanding figure" who possessed a "fine personality and ingratiating manner," which helped him make many new friends throughout the Seventh Congressional District.

In a crowded primary of six candidates, the most serious opponent Pearson faced was Marshall Priest, a former state legislator who owned the Ford automobile dealership in Huntingdon. While in the state legislature, Priest had been identified as a supporter of Governor Henry Horton and Luke Lea. Horton had only barely escaped impeachment following the loss of much of the State of Tennessee's money when Luke Lea's business partner Rogers Caldwell's financial empire collapsed. Marshall Priest had also sold cars to the State of Tennessee, and his congressional candidacy was hampered by that of schoolteacher Gordon Turner, who lambasted the former legislator throughout the congressional primary campaign.

Herron Pearson won the Democratic primary, carrying only two of the eleven counties comprising the Seventh Congressional



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Congressman Herron Pearson of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

District, but his majority in his home of Madison County gave him the Democratic nomination.

Pearson had no Republican opponent in the general election; in fact, during Pearson's four campaigns for the House of Representatives, he never faced an opponent in the general election. The congressman-elect began organizing his office in preparation for leaving for Washington, D.C., following the fall campaign. At the time, the top staff person for a congressman or senator was called a "secretary," which was the equivalent to a "chief of staff" today. Of course, while Herron Pearson was in the House, the average congressman had a staff of perhaps four people. Pearson chose D.C. "Scott" Daniel, the city attorney for Paris, Tennessee, as his top staffer. As his chief stenographer (personal secretary), Pearson asked his present secretary, Miss Bessie Buffaloe, to go with him to the Capitol, and she agreed.

It became quite clear that life for Congressman Pearson and his wife would be quite different than what they were used to back home in Jackson. The speaker of the house was Joseph W. Byrns of Nashville, and when Mrs. Byrns threw a party for the members of Congress in January 1935, Mrs. Herron Pearson was one of the ladies pouring tea for guests. Clad in a gown of black velvet with turquoise adornment, Mrs. Pearson poured tea in the beautiful Chinese Room of the elegant Mayflower Hotel, where Speaker and Mrs. Byrns had an apartment.

Herron Pearson was one of those few congressmen who arrived in Washington, D.C., without any previous legislative experience. In any legislative body, relationships matter, especially in getting things done for the folks back home. George Morris of the Commercial Appeal noted Pearson had made an excellent first impression upon his senior colleagues, who thought he had a bright future.

Congressman Herron Pearson immediately immersed himself in the daily routine of a productive legislator, working with Senator McKellar and Congressman Jere

Cooper of Tennessee's Eighth District to seek federal assistance for various projects in West Tennessee. Mrs. Pearson was deeply involved in the various social activities of Washington, D.C., frequently entertaining people from Tennessee, as well as other legislators. Pearson's initial committee assignment was to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The congressman was a candidate for reelection in 1936, which was the peak of the New Deal in the United States. Pearson had managed to entrench himself in office during his first two years due to hard work and carefully cultivating his home folks. Congressman Herron Pearson had the luxury of having no opponent in either the primary or general elections.

The careful attention to the wants and needs of the people kept many congressmen in office, and Herron Pearson was highly attentive to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District. The Civilian Conservation Corps was a boon to many young men in America during the Depression, as it provided much-needed work and a paycheck to able-bodied youngsters, most of whom sent the bulk of the money they earned back home to their families. The CCC included unmarried men ages 17 to 28 and was one of the most successful of the New Deal's "work relief" programs. Just north of Jackson was a CCC camp on the Humboldt Highway, which had first been named Camp Pat Harrison. It was changed to Camp Herron Pearson in honor of the local congressman who was a special guest at the mess hall for dinner. Pearson expressed his profound appreciation for the honor, and Sergeant E. S. Taylor gave a reply. The dinner menu, all prepared in the camp's kitchen, included "broiled steak, French fried potatoes, asparagus tips,

celery, olives, pickles, lettuce and tomato salad, hot rolls, cherry pie à la mode and coffee," as well as a fruit cup.

Social events back home in Tennessee may not have been as glamorous or as numerous as those in Washington, D.C., but they were far more important to those congressmen who liked their jobs. Congressman and Mrs. Pearson were at the West Tennessee District Fair horse show, one of the biggest social events in that part of the state. Mrs. Pearson's nephew, James Gooch of Los Angeles, accompanied them to the horse show.

Congressman Pearson faced opposition inside the Democratic primary in 1938. Claude C. Toler was a three-term state senator from Henry County. Thirty-eight years old, Toler was a lawyer and president of a business college in Paris, Tennessee. On paper, Toler seemed to have the makings of a serious opponent. The second opponent, Claud Turner, was from Selmer and was running as a member of the Townsend movement, which was a scheme to provide a large monthly income for senior citizens, which had to be spent entirely the same month it was received.

In a radio speech, Toler told residents of the Seventh District, "Your choice of a United States Congressman will show whether or not you approve of the program of the Democratic party under the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt." Toler cried he was "whole-souled" for the president and his programs. Toler asked voters to "promote me from the office of state Senate to Congress" because he would have a "better opportunity to help the cause of human liberty, human rights, and human welfare" in Washington, D.C.

Toler's campaign for Congress was noisy, as he was accompanied

throughout the district by the Chickasaw Ramblers, who furnished the musical interludes. The only criticism of Congressman Pearson that Toler could make was the incumbent's supposed failure to aid the farmers and that he had drawn a good salary. Toler wondered if Pearson had been seen by many of the people of the Seventh District. Claude Toler answered his own question, saying Herron Pearson had been "too busy playing high society life and attending 'pink teas' and matinee parties."

On Election Day, Democrats went to the polls and affirmed the record of Congressman Herron Pearson, handing Claude Toler a stinging and humiliating defeat. Pearson won 21,624 votes to a paltry 4,984 for Toler. Even more embarrassing for Toler was the fact that his home county of Henry supported the incumbent by a wide margin. Pearson carried every county in the Seventh District.

Having run an active campaign and defeated a serious contender easily, no Democrat was tempted to take a chance in running against the congressman in 1940. Once again, Herron Pearson had no opposition in either the primary or general elections. It would be his last term in Congress.

While Pearson had been working in Washington, the Murray family was busy building a formidable political machine in Madison County. Tom Murray was determined to run for the House in 1942, and his brother David would serve as district attorney for more than four decades. Pearson decided he didn't care to wage yet another expensive campaign for reelection and announced his retirement. Moreover, Herron Pearson had been earning a handsome living practicing law before he went to Congress and wanted to be able to provide for his family. Columnist George Morris lamented Pearson's decision, writing the congressman was an "able, honest, fearless and representative of the highest type of House member."

Herron Pearson returned home to Jackson, where he happily practiced law for another decade. At 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 24, 1953, the former congressman suffered a massive heart attack in his law office. Pearson died en route to a local hospital in the ambulance. A man who loved the law, served the people of his community and came home to live amongst the people who honored him so often, Herron Pearson deserves to be remembered.

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Catching Up With

Chris Caldwell

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family and friends that made me the person I am today. I grew up in Campbell County, which is a small, tight-knit community. I still stay in touch with my hometown and visit whenever possible.

How do you handle the responsibility you have as a chief financial officer?

As a CFO, I approach responsibility with a strong sense of accountability, strategic foresight, and integrity. I understand my role directly impacts Knox County's financial health and long-term sustainability. I focus on three key areas:

- Strategic Leadership
 - Risk Management and Compliance
 - Team Empowerment and Transparency
- Ultimately, I handle the

responsibility by staying focused on both the details and the big picture—ensuring accuracy in our numbers while driving sustainable growth and financial resilience.

If you were not doing what you are, what else would you like to do?

I've been doing governmental accounting for so long that I'm not sure how to answer that. I have thoroughly enjoyed my career, and I always strive to improve Knox County's financial health. At this point in my life, I would probably be a consultant related to accounting, specifically helping governments with economic development, strategic leadership, and compliance.

Any future plans beyond this office?

No, but in my position,

you are always aware that it has a shelf life. Eventually, a mayor will want to go in a different direction, and that is perfectly fine. I'll wish them nothing but the best. Hopefully, when that happens, someone will see that I can make their organization better.

What are your hobbies and interests?

In my position, I feel that you must have time to decompress. I enjoy working out and running. I often take weekend walks downtown while listening to podcasts. I should say I work out and run because I love food, ha-ha. I love catching up with friends and colleagues over food. I love UT athletics, and you will often find me at a football, basketball or baseball game. I'm a big movie buff. I'm very old school and love seeing movies in

theaters. You'll often find me on weekends at Regal Riviera downtown catching a new release. Finally, my latest hobby is watching the Knoxville Smokies in the new downtown stadium. Such a beautiful amenity for our community.

How would you like to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as a leader who made a lasting, positive impact—not just through results but through people. Someone who led with integrity, made sound decisions under pressure, and helped others grow along the way. I hope colleagues remember me as someone who balanced strategic thinking with empathy, stayed calm in uncertainty, and always put Knox County's long-term fiscal health first.

Most of all, I'd like to be

remembered as someone who left things better than I found them—whether that means a stronger finance

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Moore extends Careacter Star recognition to Smokies

By Steve Williams

Dave Moore never misses an opportunity to reward an athlete – no matter if he or she is a high school or college player. And now Coach Moore has extended recognition to professionals, with the Knoxville Smokies coming on board in their new home at Covenant Health Park.

Moore contacted Chris Allen, the president of the Knoxville Smokies, to see if they would be interested in honoring a Smokies player with the Careacter Star Award on a monthly basis throughout the season.

“Absolutely!” said Allen.

Grant Kipp, a Smokies pitcher, earned the award for the month of May, and catcher Casey Opitz was the honoree for the month of June.

Each Smokies honoree receives a Careacter Star Athlete T-shirt, a framed Letter of Recognition, a plaque and two free dinners at Texas Road House.

“The Careacter Star Athletes program, founded by Coach Moore, is a wonderful initiative that recognizes young men for more than just their athletic ability,” said Allen. “In life, a person’s character and the impact they have on their community are

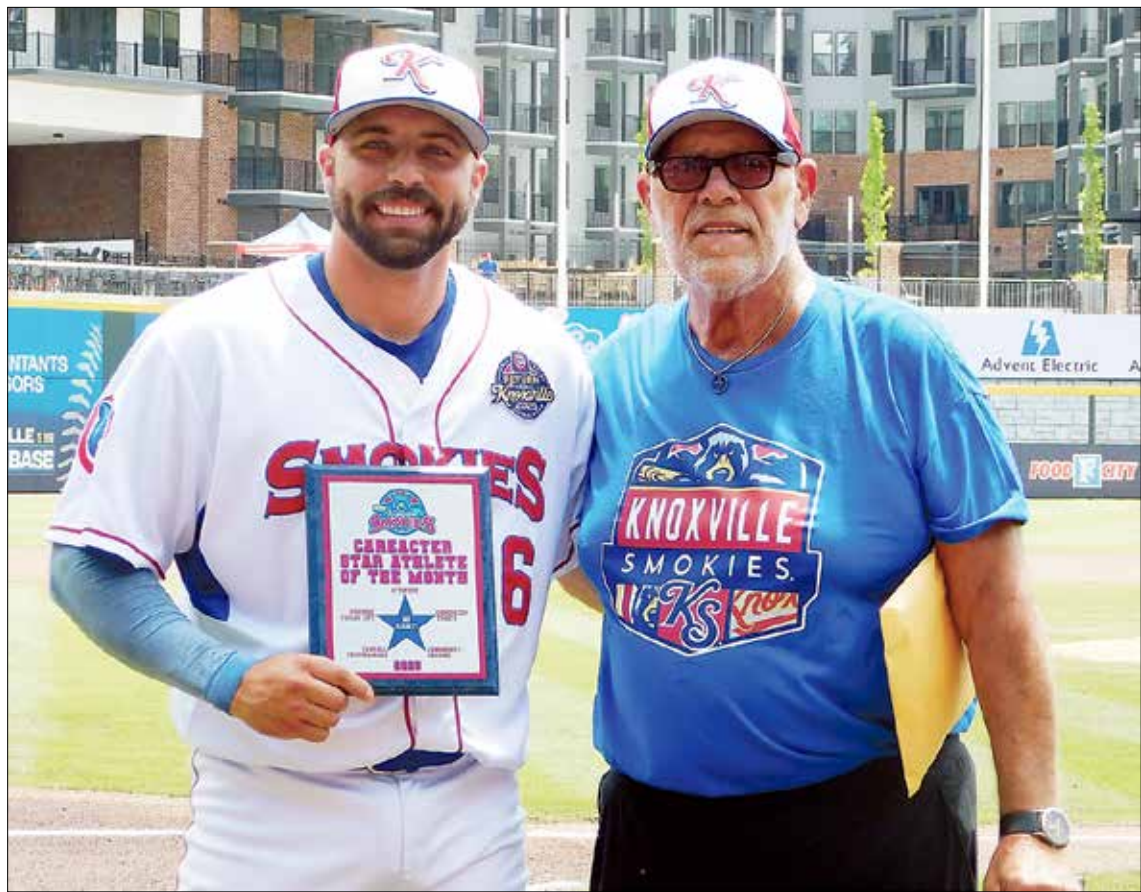


PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Casey Opitz (left) and Coach Dave Moore at the presentation Sunday, July 13 prior to the Smokies' game versus Montgomery at Covenant Health Park.

incredibly important. This award honors individuals who embody not only excellence on the field but also integrity, leadership, and

a commitment to being a great person.”

Knoxville Smokies team owner Randy Boyd and Allen also said

the Careacter Star Athletes program would receive future recognition from the Smokies, and Moore was given Smokies’ gear.

Moore, a former high school coach and teacher, founded the Careacter Star Athlete program in 2003. When the Knoxville News-Sentinel stopped publishing the Careacter Star Athlete winners in 2017, the Knoxville Focus started recognizing the CSAs in Knox County.

SIDE NOTE: Knoxville Catholic baseball coach Caleb Moore (no relation to Dave Moore) selected sophomore J.B. Moore, Dave’s grandson, as one of the five Careacter Star Athletes on the Catholic team this past spring.

“He earned it and so did the other four CSA winners,” said Dave. “That was a beautiful full circle moment.”

PROS WITH CHARACTER: Here are some professional players known for their good character: Tom Brady, Patrick Mahomes, Derek Jeter, Michael Jordan and Jerry Rice.

These players are celebrated not only for their talent but also for their positive character traits and contributions to their sports.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Headrick optimistic about second season

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle went 0-5 in Region 2-4A and 1-9 overall last year under L.A. Headrick, a former longtime assistant coach in the Knoxville area. But Headrick is optimistic about his second season as the head coach.

“Our outlook this season is obviously to be better,” he said.

South-Doyle returns almost all of its starters, including 10 of 11 on offense and nine of 11 on defense.

“My thing is, let’s put a



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

South-Doyle’s Reed Reynolds, a junior wide receiver and outside linebacker, is being interviewed by a WBIR Channel 10 TV reporter at the 18th annual KFOA Media Day on July 11.

‘If you want to win on Friday night, you’ve got to start winning in life.’ – South-Doyle Head Coach L.A. Headrick

The talent is there at Bearden

By Mark Nagi

The last eight months have seen seismic changes for the Bearden Bulldogs football program. Head coach Josh Jones was dismissed after three seasons following an investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, which concluded that two Bulldogs coaches were improperly paid by the Bearden HS Football

Booster Club. Bearden needed someone who would steady the waters during what could have been a tumultuous time. They found him in Brad Taylor, a 1994 grad and former head coach. Taylor was the Bulldogs’ head coach from 2007 to 2013, and the team missed the playoffs only once in that seven-season span. In his

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Sat	Aug. 23	7:00 p.m.	at West
Thu	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	at Alcoa
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	Maryville (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	Science Hill
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	at Hardin Valley (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	Farragut (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at Oak Ridge (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	at Cleveland (R)
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High School Football Previews

Concord Christian to play full varsity schedule in 2025

By Ken Lay

Concord Christian School is in the second season of its football reboot. And the competition will be tougher for the Lions out of the gate in 2025.

Concord is slated to play a complete 10-game varsity schedule in 2025 and the Lions, now a TSSAA team, will compete in East Region of Division II-A.

However, the regional schedule has a question mark over it as the immediate future of The King's Academy's program recently parted ways with head coach and athletic director Jonathan Sellers.

"I don't know what's going to happen at TKA," Concord second-year head coach Steve Matthews said. "I guess we'll see. They're in our league."

LIONS 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	at CAK
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	at Mt. Juliet Christian
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	at Orlando CP (FL)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	at Webb School (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	at Mid Tenn Christian (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	at TKA (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	Providence Academy (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	South Greene
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	Providence Christian (R)
Fri	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	at Grace Baptist Chatt (R)
(R)=Region game			

The 2025 season represents Year No. 2 in the reboot of varsity football at CCS. The Lions went 8-2 last year, playing a split junior varsity/varsity schedule. Concord returned to the gridiron last year for the first time since 2018 and notched its first win in program history in 2024.

The upcoming campaign, however, will undoubtedly be packed with a new set of

challenges as the Lions will play a full varsity schedule in the smallest classification in Tennessee's private schools division.

"I've talked to some coaches around the state, at both small and large schools, who have done startups, and they tell me that Year 2 might be a little tough," said Matthews, who was previously the head coach at Catholic

High School, where he led the Irish to a pair of state championships. "But we're excited, and I'm optimistic."

"We have about 40 guys on our roster, and that looks to be a good number for our league, and I think we can win some ballgames."

The Lions will open the season by making the short trip to Christian Academy of Knoxville on Friday, Aug. 22.

"We open with CAK, and that will be a big challenge for us because they're in the next division up from us," Matthews said.

The Lions will also have only one true home game this year. They'll host South Greene on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m., as their field doesn't have lights. Concord's other home games will be contested at Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge.

Concord will have a mix of veterans and young players as it takes the field in 2025.

Top returners for the Lions, according to Matthews, include: Jake Johnson (senior, offensive lineman); Oakley Helton (sophomore, linebacker); Reece Franklin (junior, linebacker); Asher Noe (sophomore, offensive lineman); Jude Wiggins (junior, running back/linebacker); Andrew Lumsdaine (junior, running back/linebacker); CJ Simpson (junior, tight end/defensive lineman); Caleb Gomes (sophomore, offensive lineman), Gavin Guinn (junior, tight end/defensive lineman) and Paul Ballast (junior, wide receiver/defensive back).

Those veterans will be joined by newcomers

Khobe Ward (freshman, quarterback/defensive back); Dasani Moulden (freshman, wide receiver/defensive back); Donovan Underwood (freshman, wide receiver/defensive back); Maurice Smith (freshman, running back/defensive back); Eli Romero (freshman, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) and Eli Wolfe (eighth grader, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Matthews is looking for the Lions to possibly surprise some people this season. The coach acknowledges, however, that some key players in key positions will have to grow up quickly.

"Our biggest issue is youth," Matthews said. "It all depends on how quickly our young guys develop and mature."

The talent is there at Bearden

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first season, Bearden advanced to the state semifinals.

The school released a statement shortly after Taylor's hiring last March. "Coach Taylor does a tremendous job in leading and developing young men of character as a football coach... He is a proven winner who places an emphasis on player development both on and off the football field."

After leaving Bearden, Taylor was the offensive coordinator at South-Doyle High and then served as the head coach at Karns from 2016 to 2023. He remained there as a teacher and assistant track coach in the two years that followed. Taylor says he would not have returned to coaching had it not been Bearden who made the call. "This is home. Any other place I wouldn't come back to, only this place. Otherwise, I was good where I was at."

"I think that it is a process," Taylor said. It's a process of you getting to know me and me getting to know you, and that takes time to develop. 'Okay, this guy's not so bad.' You know that kind of thing. I think that just takes time. It's just a process. You build that trust. Ultimately, we have to have that level of trust between each other. I trust that what you're telling me is right and it's going to work and vice versa."

Bearden advanced to the state quarterfinals the last two seasons. The talent is there for this team to make more

postseason runs in the future.

"I feel good about our skill positions," said Taylor. "I feel like we've got some guys that can make some plays in the backfield. Our receivers have done well. Our secondary and linebackers have done well. Our big concern right now is the offensive line. We just have very little depth at the offensive line. That's where we're trying to get some reps and learn and create some depth. Ultimately football is blocking and tackling."

At quarterback, the Bulldogs have sophomore Aidan Thacker and senior Logan Carpenter. "They have really had a good summer. They are really catching on, learning the system and the offense. They are really good kids and hard workers, so I like that. We've got two guys that I feel really good about and that I'm confident in. You have to play and be productive on Friday night."

The schedule is once again challenging for the Bulldogs, opening at West on August 23 in another installment of that classic rivalry. Throw in Alcoa, Maryville, Farragut, Oak Ridge and others, and you see that Friday nights will be tough this fall.

"For us, it's 'Hey, were we a little bit better today?' It's that old cliché of trust in the process and the process is the most important thing. That's what we're doing. We're trying to get a little bit better, and the playoff stuff takes care of itself, you know?"



Bearden football player Will Taylor will play for his father, Brad, at Bearden High this season. The two were together during Will's freshman year at Karns. Brad returns for his second tenure as the Bulldogs' head coach this season. Photo by Ken Lay.

Taylor's looking for special season at Bearden

By Ken Lay

Throughout a head coaching career that has lasted for more than a decade, Brad Taylor has mentored some special players and coached some top teams through some successful seasons.

Two of his running backs, Devrin Young and DeSean Bishop, have gone on to play for the University of Tennessee, and Bishop looks to be one of the Southeastern Conference's top ball carriers this fall.

But the upcoming season could be one that Taylor remembers for quite some time. Taylor is returning home to Bearden, where his son, Will, will play H-Back for the Bulldogs.

"Will is such a great kid, and he's easy and fun to coach," Brad Taylor said. "He knows the offense and he knows the system well. He's been on the sidelines

with us for years."

Will, a senior, has played for his father before. The two were together with the Beavers when he was a freshman.

"I played for my dad when I was a freshman at Karns and it's great to play for Dad," Will said. "But on the field, he's Coach. I don't want people to think that I have an inside edge because my dad's the coach."

"I'm going to work hard to make sure that we have a good season. It's special to be at Bearden."

Brad agreed.

"I had good times at Karns, and I enjoyed the kids and the people that I worked with there," Coach Taylor said. "I stepped away from football, and I did some work in administration, and I enjoyed that."

"I enjoyed working with kids and helping them be successful both in and away from football."

The chapter of Brad's life at Karns was successful as he was the Beavers' longest tenured head football coach since 1957, but nothing beats being back home in West Knoxville and coaching his son with the Bulldogs.

"Bearden is a special place," said Coach Taylor, who guided the Bulldogs to the Class 5A state semifinals in 2007. "It's home and it means a lot to my family."

"I played here and I coached here and this was the only place where I would come back to coach."

Brad's older son, Tyson, played for his dad at Karns with Bishop.

"Bearden is special to him even though he didn't play (high school football) here. He's a junior at UT and we're looking forward to having him on the sideline with us. Will and Tyson are both great kids."

Headrick optimistic about second season

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good product out on the field that South Knoxville can be proud of and our school can be proud of," said Headrick, who has been an assistant coach previously at Knoxville Catholic, Central, The King's Academy and Fulton.

"Our guys are really bought in," added L.A. "We've just got to take that next step. We've got to win in every aspect of life. You know, what are you doing off the field? What are you doing in the classroom? What are you doing to take care of your body? How are you doing things in the weight room? How are you doing things in practice? If you want to win on Friday night, you've got to start winning in life."

CHEROKEES 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	Austin-East
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	at Karns
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	at Heritage (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	Carter (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	at Gibbs (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	Union County (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at Alcoa (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Clinton
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	Anderson Co. (R)
Thu	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	at Fulton (R)
(R)=Region game			

The Cherokees ran into adversity early in the 2024 campaign when sophomore quarterback Benson Brang suffered a broken leg. He's ready to go again.

Trashawn Berry and Reed Reynolds accompanied Coach Headrick at the KFOA Media Day.

When asked what he felt South-Doyle would

be most improved at this season, Berry, a senior OL/DL, said: "Scoring points. We want to get into the end zone and celebrate with our teammates."

Junior wide receiver Reed Reynolds said: "I'm looking forward to winning. I'm real excited to get back on the field and show people what we can do and

I'm real excited to start winning games."

Senior Isaiah Mitchell will be a weapon too for the Cherokees as he returns again as a kicker and punter.

"I think the thing that has improved the most for us is the offense," said Coach Headrick. "In the spring we went to a new offense and it's really showing and paying off. The kids have bought into it and they love it."

"I think our offensive line is going to be a lot better along with our perimeter guys and that's going to show up a lot. It showed up in the spring and then in 7 on 7 and it is continuing to get better."

"The biggest step that I think we've taken in our

team is what we've done offensively."

A tough Region 2-4A is expected to be even tougher this season with the addition of Alcoa, which moved up from Class 3A after winning 10 straight state titles.

Region 2-4A also added Heritage and Union County to go with Anderson County, Carter, Fulton and Gibbs.

"It's going to be a tough Friday night, but I think a lot of us are returning starters from last year and went through a lot of adversity, so I think we are going to handle it the right way," said Reynolds.

South-Doyle will open up against Austin-East at home on Aug. 22.

The Kees' probable starters on offense are QB

Benson Brang, jr.; RB Mill Crenshaw, soph.; Center Cooleon Mills, sr.; RG Jeremiah Styden, soph.; RT Terry Mills, jr.; LG Cole Snyder, jr.; LT Trashawn Berry, sr.; X Receiver Stephon Nelson, soph.; Y Receiver Reed Reynolds, jr.; Slot Jeremiah Smith, jr.; and Z Receiver Kamariyon Rice, jr.

Probable starters on the SDHS defense are DE Lincoln Jackson, jr.; DT Trashawn Berry, sr.; Noseman Sergio Mixtega, soph.; DE Sean Hall, jr.; ILB Isaiah Winfield, jr.; ILB Cole Jackson, sr.; CB Jayden Norries, jr.; CB DeMorris McKenzie, sr.; FS Jeremiah Smith, jr.; and Rover Kamariyon Rice, jr.

Special teams: K/P Isaiah Mitchell, sr.

'The Minister of Defense'

You may not remember it, but there was once a 9-3 Tennessee team that was not ranked by the Associated Press (A.P.) during the entire season. It's all right there in black agate type in the "Tennessee Volunteers Football Record Book." That happened in the 1983 season.

Vol fans recalled that 1983 season fondly when news broke that Reggie White had died on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004. Under White's leadership and the careful tutelage of defensive coordinator Larry Marmie, the Vols went from worst to first defensively in the SEC.

Reggie was team captain and dominated the proceedings up front defensively. Known as the "Minister of Defense," a tribute paid to his dual role as an ordained minister and a virtually unstoppable defensive tackle, White earned All-SEC and consensus All-American honors in his senior season.

The SEC named him player of the year that season, making him the first Vol to be so honored since his head coach, John Majors, earned the award in 1956. He was also named to the 1980s All-SEC Team. His No. 92 jersey was retired on Oct. 1, 2005, at the Tennessee-Ole Miss game.

"Reggie White could turn a football game around like no one else," said Majors

when told that Reggie had died earlier in the day. "He could dominate not only the man in front of him, but also the side of the line of scrimmage he was on. People changed their game plan to run to the other side, and he could still make plays. He was a lovable and likable guy with a great sense of humor, who was also serious about football and serious about his religious beliefs."

Reggie was a 2002 inductee into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame.

In that 1983 season, Alan Cockrell was the quarterback, his second year back under center after his 1981 knee surgery. He threw the ball all over the field in a 41-34 win over Alabama at Legion Field in October. His performance included two 80-yard TD passes, one to Lenny Taylor on the Vols' first play from scrimmage after the Tide had taken the game's opening drive in for a score. The other went to Clyde Duncan.

Munford's Johnnie Jones gained 1,161 yards rushing that season, 66 of which came on a memorable run at Legion Field, as dramatic a moment as any Vol fan could imagine. A crowd of 77,237 watched as Jones hit left end, cut back to his right, and etched his way into the series history books. The play, called "49 Option," culminated a 17-point rally from down 34-24 to the eventual 41-34 margin.

Brownsville's Ed Murphey, a Vol track legend who lived in Memphis, had

informed Johnnie that he would one day score the winning touchdown against Alabama. Jones initially thought that Murphey was just blowing some recruiting smoke, but thought differently after the game.

"After all these years," said Jones, "it looked like he knew what he was talking about. At least that's how it happened that day in Birmingham."

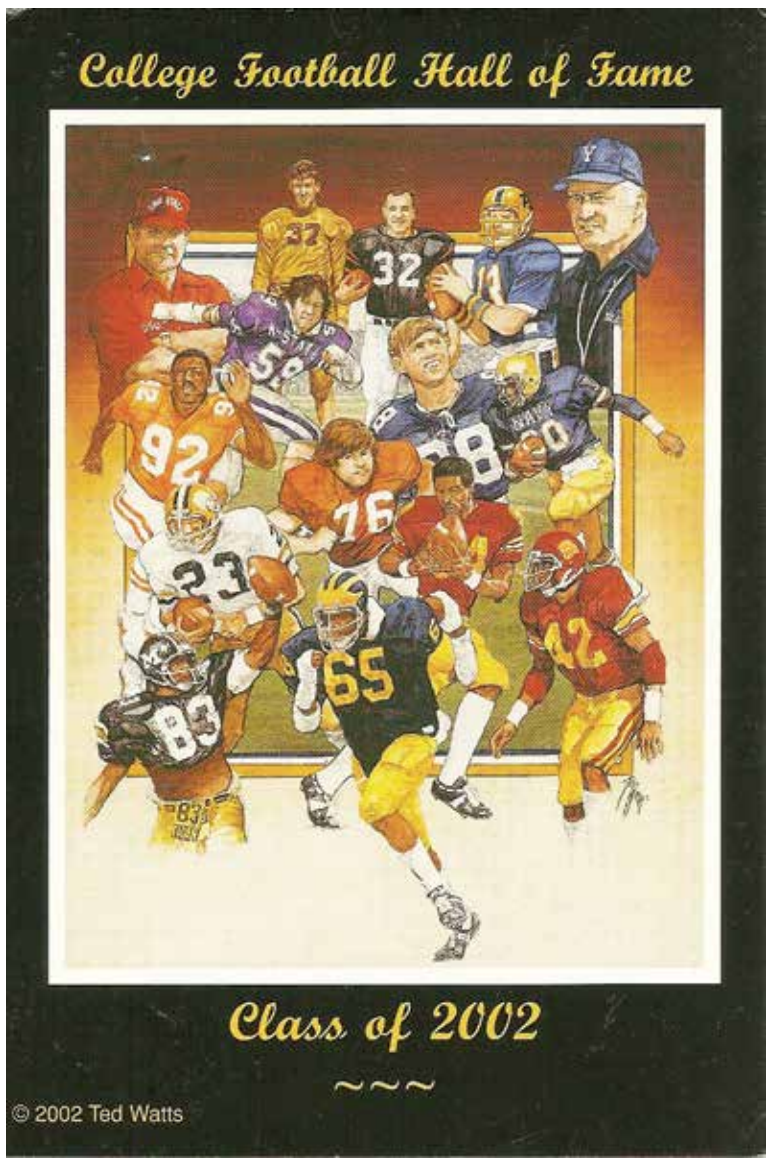
After that, the Vols played some pretty good football, defeating The Citadel (45-6), LSU (20-6), and No. 11 Alabama (41-34). There was no hangover after this year's Alabama game, as the Vols found their way down from the clouds to win decisively against Georgia Tech by a 37-3 score. That was in definite contrast to a 31-21 loss to Tech a year earlier.

After a 7-0 win over Rutgers at the Meadowlands, the Vols inexplicably stubbed their collective toes in a Homecoming night loss to Ole Miss by a 13-10 count.

The team recovered to knock off Kentucky (10-0) and Vanderbilt (34-24). The Vols trailed 24-20 in the Vanderbilt game, but rallied behind Jones (who had 248 yards rushing for the game), Cockrell, and Duncan for 14 fourth-quarter points.

The Florida Citrus Bowl win over No. 16 Maryland (30-23) capped the Vols' finest season since 1972 (10-2) with a 9-3 record.

The Vols trailed 20-16 entering the fourth quarter, but Jones, who gained 154 yards on 29 carries, scored twice to give the Vols the



In 1983, Reggie White became one of the legends of Tennessee football, earning induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

hard-earned victory.

In his final collegiate game before moving on to pro baseball, Cockrell threw a 12-yard TD pass to Taylor, part of his 185 yards passing on the night. Fullback Sam Henderson scored on a 19-yard run, with Fuad Reveiz adding a 25-yard field goal. Linebacker Alvin Toles recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Finally, the national media may not have honored the Vols in their Top

20 rankings, but there were all kinds of memorable moments. When fans think of dominating defensive linemen, such stalwarts as Herman Hickman, Dick Huffman, Doug Atkins, Steve DeLong, and John Henderson come to mind immediately. Looking back at his collegiate and professional career, Reggie White's name became an integral part of a still-emerging tradition.

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Knoxville Smokies return home Tuesday

By Steve Williams

Pensacola will make its only appearance of the season at Covenant Health Park this week, with the six-game series starting Tuesday night at 7.

Going into this past weekend, the Knoxville Smokies were in second place in the North Division and the Blue Wahoos were in first place in the South Division of the Southern League.

It will be “Christmas in July” on Friday and “Wrestling Night” Saturday, followed by fireworks each night.

Clinton High great passes away

Clinton’s Scotty Whitt, who recently passed away, proved to be unstoppable against unbeaten Halls in the regular season finale in 1992. The speedy Whitt ran for 285 yards and two TDs that night in a 31-18 win.

“Yeah, he was special,” said Clinton High fan John



“Sleepy” Williams. “Mike Keith (sports broadcaster) said he was the best running back he ever saw play in high school including Reggie Cobb (who was a standout at Central and went on to play at UT and in the NFL).

“The last regular season game versus Halls completed an unbeaten season. Scotty and the Dragons had a great game!”

After finishing 10-0, the Dragons went on to earn state runner-up honors.

Brown joins Maryville's staff as a defensive assistant

Former West Head Football Coach Lamar Brown has joined the Maryville High staff and

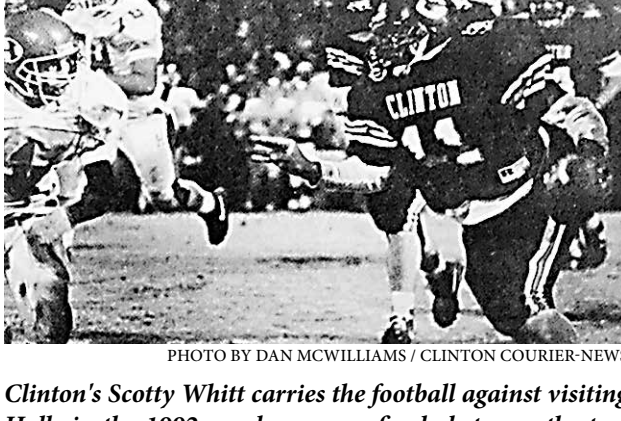


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Clinton's Scotty Whitt carries the football against visiting Halls in the 1992 regular season finale between the two undefeated teams. They collided again in the Class AAA playoffs and Clinton won 14-10. The Dragons finished as state runners-up that year. Whitt passed away on July 6.

will be a defensive assistant, Maryville Head Coach Derek Hunt reported last week.

“He’s one of the classiest coaches I’ve ever known,” Hunt told 5Star Preps. “Obviously, his integrity is through the roof.”

Brown, who coached West to back-to-back state titles in 2022-23, was relieved of his coaching duties at West by Knox County Schools and placed

elsewhere in the KCS system on June 17.

Allegations had been brought against two of West’s assistant football coaches in May.

Some predictions by Phil Steele

Phil Steele, one of the longest running college football prognosticators in the country, was on the Tony Basilio radio show

recently and picked some winners and losers.

For starters, Steele said: “I still think they (the Vols) can have a good year” and predicts the Big Orange to go 9-3, despite dropping out of the Top 10 when Nico left.

Steele has UT a 14-point favorite over Syracuse. “I like the Vols to win that one, particularly in Atlanta,” he said.

He says “two key games” for Tennessee will be Oklahoma and at Florida.

“I’ve got Georgia winning the SEC this year,” he added. And versus Alabama, he has Tennessee as a 10-point underdog at Bama.

Meeks named to ISHA Board

The Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame announced July 14 that long-time staff member Ashley Meeks (Director of Sales and Marketing) has been named to the International Sports

Heritage Association (ISHA) Board.

ISHA is a collective of sports halls of fame from around the world. Members include: Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame, NASCAR Hall of Fame, and College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Elston Turner Camp starts today

Elston Turner, a Knoxville product and defensive coordinator for the Minneapolis Timberwolves, will conduct his annual Summer Youth Basketball Camps this week at Austin-East High’s Clifford H. Ross Gymnasium.

The elementary school camp starts today and the middle and high school camp begins Thursday.

Turner also led A-E to its first state basketball title in 1977 and was a star player at Ole Miss before playing in the NBA.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JODY L. BENNETT, RESPONDENT

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF: PAYTON BRADLEE BENNETT, D.O.B.: 10/16/2006

ELIJAH LIND BENNETT, D.O.B.: 12/08/2009 Children Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

BY: JESSICA LYNN BARTLETT, and DUSTIN MICHAEL BARTLETT, PETITIONERS

VS.

JODY L. BENNETT, RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 7547

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT MAYNARDVILLE

IN THIS CAUSE, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the residence of the Respondent, JODY L. BENNETT, is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it was ordered that publication be made for four (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, Darriek 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

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

VS.

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, it is ordered that said defendants, 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 defend the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, and that 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 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.

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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.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSE ATKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 91141-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ROSE ATKINS, who died March 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSE ATKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FLOYD WAYNE ATKINS, EXECUTOR
7640 LONGMIRE ROAD
LUTTRELL, TN 37779

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES DARRYL COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 91149-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES DARRYL COLLINS, who died May 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:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES DARRYL COLLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDSI LEIGH WHITAKER, CO-EXECUTRIX
3917 OAKWOOD LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

LESLI CLARKSON, CO-EXECUTRIX
1109 WELCH AVENUE
LOUDON, TN 37774

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH JOY DAUGHERTY
DOCKET NUMBER 91168-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH JOY DAUGHERTY, who died April 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH JOY DAUGHERTY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA JOY DAUGHERTY, ADMINISTRATRIX
168 BACON BRANCH ROAD
JONESBOROUGH, TN 37659

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REX DENNIS DELPH
DOCKET NUMBER 91143-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of REX DENNIS DELPH, who died Feb. 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF REX DENNIS DELPH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA CHENOWETH DELPH, ADMINISTRATRIX
2901 FAIRMONT BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLINE BETH FULLER
DOCKET NUMBER 90861-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of

CAROLINE BETH FULLER, who died January 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLINE BETH FULLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FARREL SCOTT LITTERAL
1924 TEAL CIRCLE
GULF BREEZE, FL 32563

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY
7632 GLEASON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILLIP GARLAND, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91163-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PHILLIP GARLAND, JR., who died April 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP GARLAND, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REGINA LYN MERRITT, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
4404 DOWEN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

KAREN RENEE GARLAND, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
7912 CAMPBELLS POINT ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JENNY LEE GRIGGS
DOCKET NUMBER 91147-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JENNY LEE GRIGGS, who died May 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JENNY LEE GRIGGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT KI GRIGGS, ADMINISTRATOR
3220 BIRCHWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY NORTON HORNE
DOCKET NUMBER 91209-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of BOBBY NORTON HORNE who died on February 28, 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:

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

This the 9th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BOBBY NORTON HORNE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EMILY GRACE HORNE
3420 IRONWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

BETHANY LAURA DOYLE
1201 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE RUTH REED HURST
DOCKET NUMBER 91166-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANICE RUTH REED HURST, who died April 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANICE RUTH REED HURST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANAY WRIGHT, EXECUTRIX
733 WOODDALE CHURCH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARVIN T. LANE
DOCKET NUMBER 91146-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARVIN T. LANE, who died May 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARVIN T. LANE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY LANE, EXECUTOR
408 COUNTRY RUN CIRCLE
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MOLLIE CLINE MITCHELL
DOCKET NUMBER 91157-1

Notice is hereby given that on the JULY 16, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MOLLIE CLINE MITCHELL, who died April 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MOLLIE CLINE MITCHELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINGER MITCHELL
116 E. 8TH STREET
OWENSBORO, KY 42303

W. ALLEN MCDONALD, ATTORNEY
249 N. PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY SHARP
DOCKET NUMBER 91074-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY SHARP, who died September 18, 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:

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

This the 11th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY SHARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAUL C. SHARP
JULIE M. SHARP

ELLE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 300
P. O. BOX 2425
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THEODORE W. WILLIAMS, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91176-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of THEODORE W. WILLIAMS, JR., who died March 31, 2025, were issued to the undersigned

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

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(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 11th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THEODORE W. WILLIAMS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATALIE E. WILLIAMS
4210 HUDDERSFIELD WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

SARAH M. THORNSBERRY, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD K. YEAGER
DOCKET NUMBER 91146-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD K. YEAGER, who died April 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF DONALD K. YEAGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KELLY YEAGER TURNER, EXECUTRIX
1411 KENTON WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- RFP 3674, Access Control System, due 8/18/25;
 - RFP 3675, Property Development and Construction Management Services, due 8/20/25
- For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

- ROLL CALL;
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG;
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES;
- PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at commission.knoxcounty.org, by emailing Kathy.daley@knoxcounty.org or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

- SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:

6a. BGN PARTNERS LLC.....
BOCADOS AT CHOTO
12344 S. Northshore Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37922
On Premises
(District 5)

- CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

7a. Weigel's #27, 7449 Maynardville Pike, District 7, Mr. William B. and William K. Weigel, owners
1st offense – June 16, 2025
Beer Permit issued April 19, 2016

7b. Ian's #31, 5704 Washington Pike, District 8, Mr. Sanmy Patel, owner
1st offense – June 24, 2024
2nd offense – June 16, 2025
Beer Permit issued November 16, 2012

7c. Ian's Market 163, 9730 Norris Freeway, District 8, Mr. Karim Boghani, and Mr. Moiz Pirani, owners
1st offense – June 16, 2025
Beer Permit issued June 13, 2025

7d. Bread Box #4, 7100 Tazewell Pike, District 8, Mr. Jigneshkumar Dholu, owner
1st offense – June 16, 2025
Beer Permit issued March 6, 2025

7e. The Corner Store, 10508 Rutledge Pike, District 8, Mr. Nancy Patel, owner
1st offense – July 17, 2023
2nd offense – June 16, 2025
Beer Permit issued June 20, 2023

- ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern:

Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC is seeking to claim ownership of a mobile home located at 2709 Rifle Range Rd. Lot 42, Knoxville, TN 37918. The mobile home appears to be abandoned, and the last known occupant or owner is unknown or has not responded to contact attempts.

Any party who believes they have a legal claim of ownership or interest in this mobile home must contact Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC within 10 days of this notice's last publication. Failure to respond within this timeframe may result in the mobile home being declared abandoned and

claimed by Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC under applicable Tennessee law.

To assert a claim or obtain more information, please contact:

Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC
Phone: 865-427-5009
Email: javan@admiralcommunities.com
Mail: PO Box 22284, Knoxville TN 37933

This notice will be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper. Publication dates: 7/21 and 7/28/2025.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

H. S. STORAGE, 5909 Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924

THE FOLLOWING UNITS APPEAR TO BE ABANDONED AND CONTENTS WILL BE DISPOSED OF OR SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE.

Unit #2, Warren;
Unit #15, Flannigan;
Unit #25/22, Correll/Tolliver;
Unit #28, Bunch.
Unit disposal date set for August 4, 2025.

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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.