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New merit board member to be chosen today

By Mike Steely
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Two people have applied to join the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board. Board Chairman Christopher

Manning resigned last month, and whoever is chosen will serve out Manning's term on the board. The board reorganized recently and chose Kenny Boatman as chair and Michael Crichton as vice

chair.

The new board member will be selected at today's regular meeting of the Knox County Commission, and both applicants spoke at the commission's agenda review meeting last week.

Jaybee Brennan moved to Knoxville a few years ago and outlined her 30 years of service as a California police officer and administrator.

Dylan Shelton is a new attorney and told the

commissioners he wants to get involved with the community more.

One other applicant dropped out because of a conflict with having a relative who is a local law enforcement employee.

Several commissioners questioned Brennan and Shelton, asking if there were any conflicts and if they understood the duties and qualifications. Both replied that they did.



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

Pictured left to right at Friday's Sporting Clays Tournament in Kodak are: Knox County GOP Treasurer Martin Ammons, Julia Muse, Bob Treichel, Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt, District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell, Knox County GOP Vice Chair Kyle Nahrebne, Knox County GOP Secretary Barry Beeler, Josh Wallin, Jennifer Walker, Bella Streeval, Richard Hoffman-Warner, Danika Begley, and Sporting Clay Tournament Chair Brian Walker.

Sporting Clays Tournament Benefits Knox County GOP

By Jamie Schnell
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Iron Mountain Sporting Clays in Kodak was the vibrant setting for the second Sporting Clays Tournament, a spirited event held last Friday in support of the Knox County Republican Party.

Following the success of the previous clay shooting event in 2023, this year's tournament marked a

noteworthy milestone as it was the inaugural event organized by the new Sporting Clays Tournament chair, Brian Walker.

The weather was beautiful, and the day was filled with friendly competition and camaraderie, with a light breakfast and lunch served to all participants. Walker remarked, "It's been a solid day, and lots of

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More funding to be sought for juvenile center

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Several Knox County Commissioners had questions during the group's agenda review session last week.

Commissioner Larsen Jay, recently chosen to chair the Juvenile Service Center Board of Directors, told the meeting that he plans to introduce a resolution to provide funding for several changes at the juvenile center. Jay said the money would come from county general funds to support the transition at the center, including buy-outs for employees leaving and funds for new staffing, a social service coordinator, safety equipment, juvenile uniforms and a portable metal detector.

The juvenile detention center's interim superintendent, Brian Bivens, spoke to the meeting briefly and said he is "looking at challenges there as opportunities." Commission Chairperson Gina Oster said Bivens and the center face a "heavy lift" to get the facility in order and told Bivens, "I think you are the right one to do it."

During the meeting, several commissioners questioned some items on their agenda. Andy Fox asked about

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Emerald Academy students walk the green carpet on first day of new academic year

By Ken Lay

Faculty, staff and administrators answered an early wake-up call on a hot morning early last week to welcome students back to school at Emerald Academy.

The first day of classes was Monday, July 21, at the Knoxville public college prep charter school, which was recently renewed for another decade.

Upon arriving on campus, the students were welcomed back by a high-five line as teachers, board members, community leaders and administrators held signs and cheered as the students walked the green

carpet up to the school's main entrance and entered the building to kick off the 2025-26 school year.

It was early. It was hot. And it was humid, but the spirits weren't dampened by the weather as the school welcomed 450 students on the first day of class.

"We look forward to a great school year," said Emerald Academy Director Carlissa Weeks. "We invited the community to come and welcome our scholars back."

"We do this every year to alleviate nerves and provide a welcome into our learning culture and our

family-oriented environment. We wanted our staff and community to welcome back our scholars."

Emerald Academy serves students in grades K-8 and looks to prepare its students for high school and postsecondary education through the use of rigorous academic standards.

Students returned to campus, but the staff came back to prepare for the new academic year on July 1.

"Our staff has been here and been training since July 1," Weeks said. "We've been here for three weeks, and we're all happy to welcome our scholars back."



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Democrats Seem To Care Mainly About Illegal Immigrants

From a distance



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CNN reported a few days ago that the Democratic Party is now seen favorably by only 28% of the American people, its lowest ranking ever.

It may be because the Democrats of today seem to care more about illegal immigrants than they do about the American people.

For CNN to report this 28% figure is significant. The network was pretty much a straight news entity, but it changed several years ago into a company with a very liberal-left bias.

While not as extreme and radical to the Left as MSNBC, the CNN news-readers are all anti-Trump, anti-Republican, and very protective of Democrats.

The top leaders of the Democratic Party seemingly have decided that their only hope for future political success is to flood the country with less-educated immigrants, legal or illegal.

While top Democrat officials have tried to camouflage it, politically-aware people in the U.S. have known for many years that the Democrats have been a completely socialist party.

There are no conservative or moderate Democrats today. This has become obvious to almost everyone with the victory by Zohran Mamdani in the Democratic primary for Mayor of New York City.

Now, Democrats in Minneapolis have chosen to recommend the

far-left Omar Fateh for mayor instead of the current standard liberal incumbent mayor.

Both Mamdani and Fateh are self-proclaimed “Democratic Socialists.” But this title is simply trying to put lipstick on a pig.

Unfortunately, Knoxville was at the head of the curve on this by electing two women to the Knoxville City Council who also claim to be “Democratic Socialists” – one in 2017 and one in 2019. Both were re-elected to second 4-year terms.

President Trump has called Mamdani a communist. This is not far off the mark.

Communism seems to be socialism that has been forced on the people without fair elections. The Social Democratic approach is apparently socialism that the people have voted for. But the key

is that both are socialists.

The difference between Communists and Democratic Socialists seems to be about as different as Tweedledee and Tweedledum, which AI defines as “two persons or things that are nearly identical, or so similar as to be almost indistinguishable.”

Communist Russia was the biggest part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.). Mamdani seems to have gotten his views straight out of the communist-socialist play-book.

He has spoken favorably about the abolition of private property, government-run grocery stores, “free transportation (i.e., paid for by somebody else), and building new government housing for hundreds of thousands.

Newsweek published a story in early July entitled “New Yorkers accelerating

Florida move plans after Mamdani victory.”

The story quoted a leading realtor, Jay Batra: “Our clients who own buildings across NYC are deeply concerned about the rent freeze tied to Mayor Mamdani’s agenda.... With high taxes and operating costs, it’s becoming unsustainable to hold properties without the ability to adjust rents. Many are now evaluating out-of-state investments as a safer, more profitable alternative.”

Mamdani (like other “Democratic Socialists”) has also called for defunding the police. He said police “had amplified violence against black and brown people” in New York, “and around the country.” This would cause even more people to leave.

Socialism is good at only two things: destroying the economy and wiping out the middle class.

Mega-millions are fleeing socialist-run governments all over the world, trying desperately to get to the U.S.

Every country has natural resources and/or natural beauty that could make every country wealthy, but socialism has brought economic ruin to most countries. Today, three-fourths of the world’s people have to get by on less than \$10 a day.

People all over this country are fleeing the high taxes and high crime in Democrat-run cities and states.

Mamdani, who is only 33, was nominated largely by young voters without children who have been fooled by the siren song of socialism. Unfortunately, this same trend has been followed in recent Knoxville city elections.

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Brian Bivens,
Interim superintendent
of the juvenile center

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Air Pollution Controls in the county and the use of Environmental Protection Agency funds. Shane Jackson said he wants to honor all the West High School football team players following the firing of three coaches there.

Angela Russell asked about Housing and Urban Development funds being used for the county’s

homeless and rental assistance funding. She also asked about the county’s purchase of easement properties for the Halls Greenway. She was told eminent domain laws would probably not be needed to acquire right-of-ways.

Russell also asked about a proposal for fiber optics to be used for the county’s traffic signal system and was told that 15 locations, including Watt Road and Halls, would be funded with federal dollars and be controlled from one office.

Oster asked the commissioners to use their internet forum to indicate which of the agenda items should be discussed in today’s regular meeting.


Suppose I were nominated to be chairman of the Fed?

Not only would I not be nominated (I am too old and too independent), but the pay is lousy (\$250,000), and though I once loved living in Washington, D.C., I would not at this point in my life.

What would I do with my bass boat? My fifth wheel? My vehicles? My motorcycles and, most importantly, my guns? So, if nominated, I would not serve – unless I could do it virtually from Knoxville.

Far be it for me to give Donald Trump advice, but here goes. Much is being written about who he is going to choose to replace Powell as chairman of the Fed. The media seems to think it will be either Kevin Warsh or Kevin Hassett, chair of the National Economic Council. I have written why I think that Warsh will not be chosen – because he is not a yes man. He previously served on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and is committed to Fed independence. I like him in that he wants the Fed to return to its pre-Bernanke roots, emphasizing monetary aggregates rather than interest rates. He would then run counter to Trump’s obsession with lowering interest rates. Since he would be a great choice, I doubt Trump will nominate him.

Then there is Kevin Hassett of the National Economic Council. Hassett has demonstrated “flexibility” of thought. At first, he was a defender of Jay Powell and Fed independence, but lately has flipped to the



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dark side, joining Trump in criticizing Powell. Hassett has a PhD in economics from Penn and was once on the faculty of Columbia. He has also been a staff economist at the Fed. However, this does not make him an expert on monetary economics. Rather, his interests were in tax policy.

Trump won’t be able to fire Powell and must wait until his term as chairman ends on May 15, 2026. But he doesn’t have to wait that long to put Powell’s successor in place. Board member Adriana Kugler’s term ends January 1, 2026. Trump could, and should, nominate whoever he wants as chairman to fill Kugler’s expiring term. When Powell leaves as chairman, he can then nominate that person as chairman. Mind you, whoever is nominated will have a bruising confirmation hearing rivaling that of a Supreme Court nominee. Warsh will be the more independent choice, while Hassett will be viewed as a political hack.

Regardless, I would be surprised that whoever is nominated (and it likely will not be either of these) will not chart their own course once in office, to the dismay of the president. Fed chairmen all take Fed independence seriously. I once served on a committee with the legendary Paul Volcker. One does not get more independent than that, but even he relied on the work of the staff economists at the Fed.

But the Fed could use some new thinking. Here

is what I would do. First, I would staff new monetary economists to analyze and rebuild the Fed models, emphasizing monetary aggregates rather than interest rates. Second, I would encourage the president to nominate for future board positions economists of stature whose expertise is in the critical areas that the Fed studies, such as international economics. Third, I would place strong monetarists at the reserve banks, but have in their staffs deregulatory-minded people. Fourth, I would divide the Fed into two sections, one concerned solely with monetary policy and the second that would concentrate on regulation and examination of the banks. I would have two separate support staff to assist them. Although administrators love to increase their power, I would recommend that the regulatory body be spun off into a different agency or merged with the Comptroller of the Currency. Fifth, I would recommend that Congress purge the agency of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. It has no place within the Fed. Sixth, I would suggest that the secretary of the Treasury be an ex officio member of the Open Market Committee, and seventh, that the chairman of the Fed be an ex officio member of the president’s Cabinet. That way, the administration would have a voice, but not a veto, on Fed policy.

Finally, like the vast majority of my ideas, none of the above have the remotest chance of being enacted.



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Publisher's Positions



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The Greatest Scandal?

If people were asked what is the greatest scandal to ever overtake a presidential administration, my guess is most would say "Watergate" under President Richard Nixon. The ongoing developments being released by Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard about the Russia Hoax seem to dwarf that historic event easily. James Clapper, who was the director of the National Intelligence Agency from 2010-2017, just acknowledged on CNN that he has lawyered up. As more information becomes readily available, that looks like a good decision on his part.

The trail of an unverifiable report that became the centerpiece of an excuse to cripple Donald Trump's first administration is a

complex web of deceit and sleight of hand. The intelligence community during the Obama administration let slip the claim that Russian President Vladimir Putin had interfered in the 2016 election to help elect Donald Trump. Evidently, that was conceived and birthed based on "one scant, unclear and unverifiable fragment of a sentence from one of the substandard [intelligence] reports," Paul Sperry has written on Real Clear Investigations. Sperry's article is highly interesting, compelling and disturbing as he connects the dots which show the main cast of characters involved - - - John Brennan, James Clapper and James Comey were all actively involved in perpetrating a huge fraud upon the American public in which the mainstream media was complicit. Yes, the very same media outlets who told us getting vaccinated would keep us from getting Covid, that it was racist to even state that Covid could possibly have emerged from a lab in China, and that Joe Biden was as sharp as a tack and ran circles around aides one quarter his age, and that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation. Several of the same intelligence officials signed on to the now-infamous letter stating that the

laptop from hell had all the indicators of Russian disinformation. Clearly, it did not bother these people to lie, and John Brennan seems to have been caught red-handed doing just that in the newly released emails and documents.

The debunked and discredited Steele dossier, paid for by Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, was at the very heart of the attempt to derail President Trump's first administration and pave the way for his impeachment. In fact, as Sperry points out, a report issued by the U.S. House of Representatives concludes that Brennan grasped at semantics to justify the interpretation he wished to make. It was hanging by a hair, not a fingernail. There was never any classified report that indicated Putin had tried to help elect Trump. Then the report fires a rocket right into the Obama White House. "The ICA judgement on Putin's thoughts about helping candidate Trump does not stand if [Brennan's] single interpretation of the fragment [from the tip that Putin was 'counting on' Trump winning] is wrong, because there is no other intelligence corroborating it." Uh oh.

Where the ox fell into the ditch was when Donald Trump did the unexpected

and won the 2016 presidential election. Sperry writes that is when the Obama administration had to give the whole thing another look. Sperry writes, "On the eve of the 2016 election, Brennan sent a 'Fusion Cell' memo to Obama summarizing all the most secret, compartmented intel gathered on Trump and Russia." In a memo written on November 6, 2016, Brennan concluded, "Putin expected [Clinton] to win." After Obama wanted to revisit the intelligence, Brennan seized on the hearsay comment from a Russian informant who knew as much about Putin's thinking as I do.

The House report naturally points out that John Brennan had misled (a polite way of saying he lied to) both the public and Congress. Nor was he really honest with other members of the intelligence community. When some senior intelligence officers argued with Brennan about including the questionable statement, which they believed should not be included, period, Brennan said, "Yes, but doesn't it ring true?"

Paul Sperry writes at length about this, and for curious readers, it is well worth visiting the Real Clear Politics website. This story will only continue to grow.

Go Away, Hunter ... Please

Hunter Biden has reappeared in an expletive-filled and far too lengthy interview in which he defends his father. Joe Biden's awful debate performance was due to having been given Ambien to help him sleep, in case you didn't know. Hunter trashes George Clooney, although he and the actor have much in common as far as their political expertise and self-awareness are concerned. It is largely an exercise in stupidity, and Hunter seems clueless to the fact that nobody takes him seriously.

The same Democrats squalling about the Epstein files had nothing to say about the First Son taking in millions of dollars while cashing in on his father's name and spending much of the proceeds on hookers and drugs. The sorry and disgusting self-images recorded by Hunter himself documenting his descent into drug addiction was Russian disinformation, remember? And those same Democrats were too busy trying to bankrupt and imprison Donald Trump during the four years of the Biden regime to spend a moment thinking about Jeffrey Epstein. What exactly did Merrick Garland do about that?

NEA Is Wrong As Usual

For most thinking people, it has long been readily apparent that the National Education Association has continually placed the interests of children and parents well behind that of teachers. The largest teachers' union in the country, the three-million member NEA, just recently voted to divorce the Anti-Defamation League. The NEA has declared the Anti-Defamation League is not "the social justice educational partner it claims to be." On July 6, the NEA voted to cut all ties with the ADL. Some of the representatives speaking from the floor during the debate were critical of the Anti-Defamation League for what they termed its overuse of the term "antisemitism" in referring to critics of Israel. Some of those same voices claimed the ADL overused and inflated statistics on hate crimes in order to worry people about crimes against Jews. It is yet another overt act of hypocrisy on the Left. In essence, the NEA doesn't want to teach about antisemitism. How long will it be before they no longer wish to teach about the Holocaust or simply teach that it never happened?

Don't Forget to Register to Vote

The final day to register to vote before the city primary election is today, Monday, July 28.

The offices on the 2025 ballot are:

- City Council District 1
- City Council District 2
- City Council District 3
- City Council District 4
- City Council District 6

The City of Knoxville elections are held in odd-numbered years. All terms of office are four years. After 2025, the next city election will be in 2027.

For more information about how to register, visit www.knoxcounty.org/election.

Commission denies rezoning 1.68 acres along Byington Solway Road

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A request to build duplex houses on a 1.68-acre lot was rejected last week during the zoning session of the Knox County Commission.

Jose Herrera was requesting a zoning change for the corner property at 3175 Byington Solway Road and 9905 Coward Mill Road. Herrera had requested a change from agricultural zoning to low-density residential, and, while his request had been approved by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission, it faced heavy opposition from nearby residents.

The planners noted that 3.5 to 5 duplexes could be built there

Michael Albert spoke in opposition and presented a petition against the change, stating that the proposed development would be "inconsistent" with the other nearby homes. He asked that the 1.68-acre request be denied. More than a dozen other area residents emailed objections to the change to the planning commission.

Speaking broken English, Herrera answered questions from the commissioners, including

that he is remodeling one home there, in a question from Commissioner Terry Hill. Commissioner Adam Thompson said the development would be "a little out of place."

Commissioner Andy Fox quizzed Herrera about his citizenship, asking if the United States was the place of his birth. Herrera replied that he was a legal resident and, asked by Fox if he had "a card," the applicant responded "Yes."

Hill, who represents the

area in question, moved to deny the request, and that disapproval passed unanimously.

In other action, the commission approved changes for properties at 1412 Chert Pit Road, 1307 Mourfield Road, Zero Cate Road, and 1515/1517 Cunningham Road. These properties will be rezoned from agricultural to low-density residential.

The commission also approved removing curb cut restrictions at 504 and 520 West Emory Road and changing 8535 Asheville Highway's zoning from office to general business. Property at 8007 Ball Camp Pike was also approved to change to office and planned residential for nine units per acre.


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fun.”
A silent auction took place, and Kyle Nahrebne, vice chair of Knox County GOP and president of the Knox County Republican Women, manned the merchandise table. 5th District Knox County Commissioner Angela Russell said the “goal of the event is to raise awareness and funds for the party.” Volunteer Jennifer Walker encouraged people to join in the fun and promote unity.

Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt told The Focus, “I’m thrilled about this. We aim to foster unity, have a fun and delightful day, and raise money for the party. The funds raised will help bring awareness, facilitate networking and support future events.”

Ending the event was a thrilling victory for Team Willie. This talented team, consisting of DeWayne Raines, Andrew Sturgill, Mark Morgan and David Towe, demonstrated exceptional teamwork and precision, earning their place at the top of the leaderboard.

The day was not just about competition; it was a celebration of community and shared values. The success of the event was supported by several sponsors, including Commissioner and candidate for county mayor Larsen Jay, Burks and Ogle Attorneys at Law, The Knoxville Focus, Americans for



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

The Knox County GOP Sporting Clays Tournament was held Friday, July 25 at Iron Mountain in Kodak, Tennessee.

Prosperity, Bailey Insurance, and the Truth Between Lines YouTube Channel.

The next event will be the Back-to-School BBQ & Family Picnic hosted by the Knox County Republican Party on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 5 p.m

at the Marble Pavilion at Lakeshore Park. The event will have BBQ, desserts, drinks and games.

For sponsorship opportunities, donations or to volunteer for future events, visit www.KnoxCountyRepublicanParty.com.

1st District City Council Candidate Forum set for tomorrow, July 29

Event to include Community Meet and Greet

Voters in Knoxville’s 1st District will have an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates running for Knoxville City Council at an upcoming Candidate Forum on Tuesday, July 29, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at South High Senior Living.

The event will be moderated by veteran journalist Scott Barker and will feature both a structured question-and-answer session and an informal meet and greet with the candidates. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear candidates’ views on key issues, ask questions, and speak directly with them about 1st District and city concerns.

The forum is co-sponsored by the South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition, South Knoxville Alliance, Old Sevier Merchants Association, and the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/ Knoxville County.

“This forum gives voters

WHAT: 1st District City Council Candidate Forum

WHEN: July 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: South High Senior Living, 825 Tipton Avenue.

DETAILS: Moderated Q&A with Scott Barker followed by a candidate meet and greet

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a meaningful opportunity to evaluate who best represents their vision for the 1st District,” organizers said. “We’re pleased to have Scott Barker bring his insight and professionalism to help guide the discussion.”

All city council candidates for the 1st District have been invited to participate. The event is free and open to the public.

Creation of Knox County Unified Development Ordinance underway

Knox County and Knoxville-Knox County Planning have embarked upon the third and final stage of Advance Knox – the creation of a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The purpose of this process is to update the County’s development regulations to better reflect the goals and place types set forth in the Comprehensive Plan by creating a modern, efficient, user-friendly

document. The final document will include standards for site design and building development that include zoning, street standards, subdivision regulations, stormwater regulations, and fire and building codes. Providing these in a single document will allow the County to review developments effectively, avoid overlapping regulations, and be more accessible and

easier to navigate for all users. To begin this work, a consultant team led by Orion Planning + Design has started a comprehensive audit to assess the County’s current development regulations. They have also started meeting with technical and community stakeholders and will host a series of public events later this fall. To receive updates about upcoming meetings and other

news, you can sign up for newsletter updates at advanceknox.org/subscribe.

“The creation of the UDO is the last step in the process that will help guide growth and development for years to come,” said Mayor Jacobs. “I am looking forward to bringing our outdated regulations into alignment with the work we have already completed, and the input from the community

and various stakeholders over the past several years.”

For more information, visit advanceknox.org for news updates, a timeline, upcoming meeting information, and opportunities to get involved. For other inquiries, please contact the project team at contact@advanceknox.org.



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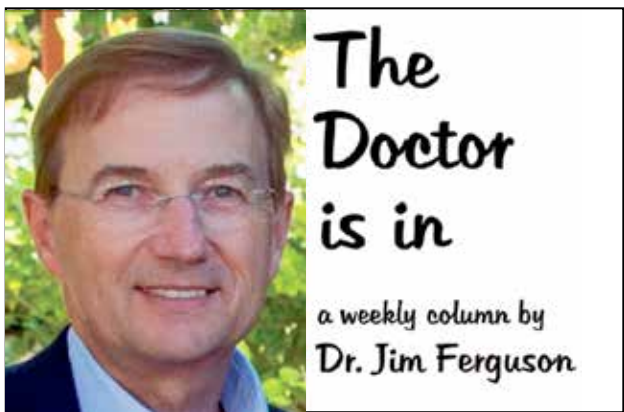
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Evidence

Something that furnish- es proof. Merriam-Webster Dictionary

What if everything you’ve been told or led to believe is proven false? What if evidence shows that Obama and his Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton conspired in 2015 with FBI Director James Comey, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and CIA Director John Brennan to destroy the newly elected President Trump in an American coup d’etat?

These stunning allegations were made last week by Tulsi Gabbard, the director of National Intelligence, after extensive review of government records and documents. DNI Gabbard labeled the collusion (code named Crossfire Hurricane), a “treasonous conspiracy” to bring down the president of the United States by leaking

disinformation to the press that resulted in impeachment of President Trump. The so-called Russiagate lie that Trump was a Putin ally was ridiculous, but was spread by the media like chum in the water. This scandal is far worse than the Watergate scandal of Richard Nixon’s presidency or the lies that Joe Biden was competent and was president rather than “Otto Pen.”

Not surprisingly, the mainstream media (MSM) essentially ignored Gabbard’s announcement of her findings and that she was referring her evidence to the Department of Justice (DOJ). If the DOJ finds the information credible, a grand jury will likely be convened to consider the evidence. Possible criminal referrals for prosecution may be the result. Trials may ensue unless there is plea bargaining along the way. It’s complicated and

messy, but designed to protect citizens from a powerful government. At least that’s what it is supposed to do.

Democrats have repeatedly gone after President Trump through lawfare and impeachments. I give Democrats credit for understanding the existential threat President Trump poses to their radical agenda. He is the antithesis of what the Democrat party has become. Progressive radicals like AOC, Jasmine Crockett and Democratic Socialists (communists) like NY’s Mamdani now control the so-called Democrat moderates like Schumer or even Pelosi.

Trump has prevailed against Democrat machinations and even survived two assassination attempts. This current scandal is far more than political tit-for-tat. The allegations are stunning and allegedly supported by hard evidence which seem to corroborate what many have been saying for years. Democrats have crowed that “No one is above the law.” I agree. Allegations are not evidence (proven facts) and people are innocent until proven guilty - unless you are President Trump in New York.

I keep my radar tuned for column topics, but I no longer worry about finding something to write about. Topical events find

me. There is an old adage which says, where there is smoke there is fire. And this current scandal, which some are now labeling as Obamagate, has the makings of a five alarm fire.

The MSM does not want to talk about Obamagate, but it is not going away. They would rather talk about an alleged Epstein birthday book from 2003 or controversies over the release of the Epstein files. However, the MSM has lost their credibility and is being replaced by the alternative media. Trump again has the presidential “Bully Pulpit” and can now get his message out on Truth Social. He no longer has to rely on the legacy media. Furthermore, Democrats are no longer in power and Obama has lost his swagger and relevancy.

President Trump has gone through the baptism of fire with Democrat lawfare. We will see how Obama and his conspiratorial coterie fare. But I’m more interested in the mindset of rank and file Democrats. When does reality set in? Will they acknowledge that there may be fire amidst the smoke? Will rational Democrats deny the investigation process or consider the evidence? Or are they too far gone?

Notably, I exclude those with TDS (Trump derangement syndrome) because by definition they are

delusional and only reachable by the hand of God. I pray for these lost souls. But for rational Democrats the questions are valid.

Unfortunately, legal proceedings and trials are imperfect instruments of justice. We have a representative republic form of government where we democratically elect imperfect men/women to represent us. Supposedly, elected officials understand the Constitution which outlines the laws and conduct of citizens, including officials. Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen repeated abuses of the legal system in New York, Georgia, etc.. And unelected - arguably corrupt - Federal judges have been allowed to subvert the will of the people and the duly elected President of the United States.

Ancient cultures constructed their civilizations on what we now call the cardinal virtues. These are courage, common sense, justice and moderation. Aristotle wrote extensively on these virtues in his Nicomachean Ethics, describing how to achieve “the good life” through balance and reason.

Unfortunately, the cardinal virtues driven by morality are sometimes insufficient to curb the baser aspects of mankind. The Apostle Paul, who was no shoddy philosopher,

described what we now understand as the theological virtues. In 1 Corinthians 13:13 Paul describes the guiding principles (moral precepts) of faith, hope and love. I see these as the rudder of my ship. As a practical example, even though stealing is against man’s law, I don’t steal because it is against the higher authority of God’s law.

I am certainly not advocating a theocracy, but if God’s moral code was the driving force in our lives, our actions would be more virtuous and we would live happier lives with less conflict.

I am blessed to have lived long enough to understand these concepts which I have integrated into my life. I begin each day with spiritual journaling and prayer, asking for strength, courage and wisdom. Aristotle lived 500 years before Jesus and Paul, but I think he understood that the virtues and purpose are integral to success and happiness.

The evidence of God’s majestic creation is all around us. So, I thank God each day for life, wife and salvation through Jesus Christ. These virtuous truths keep me looking up.

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Grandiflora repurposing church for new Magnolia Avenue event center

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A tax break for a non-profit organization was approved at the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday, extending existing property taxes in a “Pilot” program for the Grandiflora Foundation. Founder and philanthropist Phil Lawson addressed the council on his plans to renovate and expand a former Baptist church into an affordable wedding and event venue.

Lawson said the old church at 2439 East Magnolia will become an event center that holds 350 people downstairs and 350 people upstairs. He said he plans a jazz and blues bar, a piano bar, outdoor seating and a courtyard. The old Dr. Rule house on the property will house

Autism Breakthrough, and 110 parking spaces are being developed.

Lawson said he is investing \$25 million in the property and will feature New Orleans jazz bands and plans for a public park with two sculptures and other improvements. Councilman Charles Thomas applauded Lawson’s efforts and noted the project will “refurbish blighted property.”

Councilwoman Amelia Parker said the tax break is of public benefit and called the plans “lovely and wonderful.”

Mayor Indya Kincannon said the project fits in with the Magnolia Avenue redevelopment and is a “huge community benefit.”

In other business, the council approved \$17.6 million to complete

the Pleasant Ridge Road Phase II Project and over \$4 million from a federal program for lead-based paint hazard control services. Operation Backyard was granted \$385,260 for its minor home repair program.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee got \$50,000 from community development funds for low-income people facing wrongful evictions.

The council approved a request to rezone 3309 Boyds Bridge Pike from single family residential to general residential, and easement agreements for 400 State Street and 465 South Gay Street were passed. Council approved a policy with Liberty Mutual for property, flood, earthquake, and boiler machinery insurance coverage with the option

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Artistic rendering of the new Burlington Fire Station

Changes coming to Burlington, East Knox

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Thursday will see lots of changes kick off in East Knoxville as the city breaks ground for a new fire station, which is part of a \$13.7 million investment in the Burlington neighborhood.

Fire Station No. 6, the city’s first new station in about 30 years, will be built a block from the 88-year-old station it will replace. The fire station will feature two bays, a training mezzanine area, a kitchen, dining room, day room, patio and more.

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Mystery shopper program applauded by city beer board

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City of Knoxville Beer Board Chair Lauren Rider moved easily through more than a dozen requests Tuesday, with Councilman Andrew Roberto commenting several times about applicants' preparation for the license requests.

Roberto complimented several applicants for including "Mystery Shoppers" in their plan to check on employees and make sure that underage customers are not being served. Prior to getting a beer permit, businesses must agree to abide by city law and properly train their staff, but not everyone includes double-checking by management for underage sales.

Only one permit request drew a comment from Council Attorney Rob Frost. Because some answers about Knoxville Sport Bar and Lounge's ownership were incomplete on its application, Frost said the request should be moved to the board's August meeting. The application for the 8705 Unicorn Drive business, owned by Bayron Ponce, apparently showed two additional partners. The permit consideration was postponed until next month.

The beer board approved three special event beer permits for Concerts For Our Own, Irishfest and Traditional Irish Arts of Knoxville Concert Series.

Some approvals by the board were passed "pending" final paperwork or inspections at the locations.

The board moved quickly to approve or tentatively approve several beer permit requests for businesses including Big Orange BBQ on Kingston Pike, Cowboy Cantina on Central Street, EZ Stop Food Marts on Kingston Pike and Walbrook Drive, Finn's Irish Restaurant on Kingston Pike, Flock Beer and Wine on Sutherland Avenue, Lolita Market on Merchant Drive, Sprouts Farmers Market on Kingston Pike, Tokyo Sushi and Steakhouse on East Emory Road, and Woodruff Brewery on Gay Street.

An application from Crowne Plaza on Summit Hill was withdrawn and La Eskina Latina on Broadway was given a three-month extension for its application.

Mayor breaks tie vote in city council meeting

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Sometimes just one absence at a meeting can cause confusion, and that was true at Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting with Councilwoman Seema Singh away from the normally nine-member group.

Joyce Feld had asked the council to overturn a Board of Zoning Appeals approval of two variances at 1415 Third Creek Road, the future home of a RaceTrac gas and convenience store. The request to nullify the board's decision was addressed by Kevin Murphy for Feld. He told the council that the hardship cited by the applicant was "self-imposed" because of the way the facility would be turned to face the street at 1415 Third Creek Road.

Attorney Taylor Forrester spoke for RaceTrac and its variance requests for a higher sign pole and a digital sign listing the pump prices. The property there is more than 10 acres, and Forrester said RaceTrac needs the signs

because of the terrain along Middlebrook Pike. The council asked both speakers several questions, and Councilwoman Lynne Fugate noted that the address there was changed by E-911 for dispatching purposes.

After much discussion the council voted 4-4 and when Mayor Indya Kincannon passed, the approval of the appeal failed in the tie vote. Fugate then moved to postpone any decision for four weeks, and that motion failed with the mayor voting "No" on postponement.

Since the council must decide on a matter or postpone it, a motion was made to deny the appeal. The final vote saw Councilmembers Amelia Parker, Gwen McKenzie, Lauren Rider, Fugate and Mayor Kincannon voting in favor of denying the appeal and Tommy Smith, Debbie Helsley, Charles Thomas and Andrew Roberto voting in opposition. The mayor's vote carried the 5-4 decision to deny.

Knoxville Rules Task Force to consider role of mayor in debate

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For the last several months, the Knoxville Rules of Procedure and Charter Review Task Force has been wrestling with all the rules that are used in city council meetings. The committee consists of Chairwoman Lynne Fugate and council members Amelia Parker, Tommy Smith and Debbie Helsley, plus former Vice Mayors Nick Pavlis and Finbarr Saunders and former Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons.

City Recorder Will Johnson has been playing a vital role in the huge

task of reviewing the council's rules and procedures, not only in guiding the task force through the existing rules but also in suggesting changes and updates to the language.

With much still on the table for future discussion, Chairwoman Fugate told the group Tuesday that their August meeting needs to move on to taking up the second part of their assignment: reviewing the city's charter.

A few examples of rule changes to be passed to the full council are:

- Establishing an ongoing Standing Rules Committee.

- Limiting public forum to three citizens with three minutes each.

- Allowing a council member to take part in meetings electronically under certain health or family situations.

- Defining when an item can be pulled from the "consent" list.

- Defining how zoning matters are discussed.

While these suggestions will go to the full city council for consideration, Councilwoman Amelia Parker's comment near the close of Tuesday's meeting could cause discussion.

Parker said she wants

to change the debate section to clarify that the chair should not take a position. Parker has accused the mayor of taking sides on issues rather than remaining neutral.

Parker said the "mayor has the rule of the floor," but should be limited in remarks or relinquish the chair to enter a debate. Lyons said that under Robert's Rules of Order, a mayor is not a voting member except in breaking a tie. He said the possible change enters "mushy territory."

Fugate said someone in the administration should present every item and that "would not be considered entering the debate." Parker replied that Mayor Kincannon "leans into" debate.

Smith said the idea needs more consideration because it is "a substantial change."

Fugate indicated that the idea and other possible rule changes might be considered following the task force's upcoming sessions on reviewing the city's charter.

Changes coming to Burlington

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Following the groundbreaking, the city begins work on the \$5.1 million Burlington Streetscapes Project. The streetscape project includes repairing sidewalks, traffic signals, signage, streetlights and improving street parking

and relocating overhead utility lines.

The ceremony will include a short program, and the public is invited. The location is 4017 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and begins at 9 a.m.

Grandiflora

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to renew for two additional one-year terms.

Two annexations were approved: 5.56 acres at 2814 Dresser Road and .54 acres at Zero North

Gallaher View Road.

The former Baptist Church on East Magnolia is being renovated to become an event venue for Grandiflora Foundation, thanks to a tax break approved by the Knoxville City Council.

Back to School Bash

New Beverly Baptist Church invites all school-age children to the **Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 3, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.** This will be a fun day for all the kids to enjoy time together and for families to get to know each other. New Beverly will have a giant water slide, water games, food, drinks, music, devotion, and lots of fun! Parents are welcome to drop their children off or stay and join in the fun!

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The Senator From Wisconsin F. Ryan Duffy

Pages from the Past



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Wisconsin was considered to be a solidly Republican state by the time F. Ryan Duffy waged a campaign to be elected to the United States Senate in 1932. Yet there were two strong elements of the Republican Party inside the Badger State; the GOP was divided into the progressives and the conservatives. The progressive Republicans followed the political banner of Robert M. LaFollette, known in Wisconsin as “Fighting Bob.” Highly popular, Bob LaFollette had held every office within the gift of the people of Wisconsin, serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, the governorship, and finally winning election to the U.S. Senate, where he remained until his death on June 18, 1925. His son and namesake would hold his seat in the Senate until leaving office on January 3, 1947. Eventually, the split broke the party in two, with progressives forming the Wisconsin “Progressive Party.” Democrats in the Badger State were the tail of the dog, although the divide between the Republicans gave them an opening to win statewide office.

The Great Depression altered forever the politics of the United States. Herbert Hoover had been overwhelmingly elected as president in 1928, and Republicans carried both houses of Congress. It is difficult to imagine the personal popularity of Hoover prior to the crash of the stock market. Indeed, many Americans believed Hoover to be a man of surpassing ability, one who exemplified competence as an executive. Herbert Hoover, a self-made millionaire and an engineer by profession, had won wide acclaim for helping to feed much of Europe following the catastrophic First World War. Americans regularly viewed the pitiful photographs in American newspapers of the needy European children and their mothers and fathers, who likely would have starved had it not been for the generosity of Americans in particular. Perhaps no reputation of any man who has served as President of the United States has plummeted as much as that of Herbert Hoover.

With want and hunger stalking millions of Americans by 1932, Democratic presidential nominee Franklin Roosevelt seemed like a godsend, even if he did talk about saving money and balancing budgets. The 1932 election proved to be a rare realigning election, which saw various groups move from one political party to another. Franklin Delano Roosevelt presided over a tidal wave of support of

people who feared for their collective futures. Hoover and the Republicans were turned out of office. Longtime incumbents of sterling reputations and significant abilities lost, in some cases to candidates who were little more than jokes.

Wisconsin Republicans either did not see the steamroller coming or, if they did, they didn’t care. The progressives and the conservatives warred with one another inside the GOP primary. Senator John J. Blaine, a progressive, lost to challenger John B. Chapple, a newspaper publisher and conservative. Democrats had nominated F. Ryan Duffy for the U.S. Senate, and once Senator Blaine lost the election, many of his supporters refused to support the Republican nominee. Chapple cried the election of Franklin Roosevelt and F. Ryan Duffy would cause the end of the sanctity of American homes and the beginning of “Bolshevism.” Duffy calmly told audiences it was untrue. “I’m a family man,” Duffy explained. The people of Wisconsin believed him.

A lawyer who had been vice commander of the national American Legion, Duffy ran hard for the U.S. Senate and surprised some by winning by more than 222,000 votes. Ryan Duffy went to Washington, D.C., where he became a stalwart supporter of President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Once in Washington, D.C., Duffy was assigned a seat on the front row of the Senate, sitting to the left of the hellraiser from Louisiana, Huey P. Long. At some point, Duffy’s seatmate on the floor of the Senate was Harry S. Truman. That was the beginning of Duffy’s friendship with the Man from Missouri. Duffy wrote a series of articles about his life and remembered Huey Long as “a man who had bitter enemies and many devoted friends.” “He had a very keen mind and a prodigious memory,” Duffy recalled.

While in the U.S. Senate, Duffy was chosen to visit Flanders Field in Belgium, one of the bloody battlefields from the First World War, approximately 35 miles from Brussels. Duffy stood alongside General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing, as well as several “commanding generals of the French and Belgium armies.”

Senator Duffy was one of the many Democrats who enjoyed a holiday weekend on Jefferson Island in 1937, a retreat planned for Democratic senators and congressmen to visit with President Roosevelt and heal any divisions or ill feelings. Duffy won



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Judge F. Ryan Duffy (right) with his son F. Ryan Duffy Jr. in the 1970s.

a trapshooting match amongst the members while FDR called out to the other contestants, “How come you let a farmer from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, beat you?” That got a big laugh from those present.

Roosevelt was interested enough in Senator Duffy to give him a full-throated endorsement during his 1938 reelection campaign. Roosevelt also tried to intervene, asking the LaFollette family not to run a candidate for senator and split the liberal vote. The LaFollettes, even with the passing of “Fighting Bob,” remained powerful with Robert Jr. in the U.S. Senate and brother Phil serving as governor of Wisconsin. The LaFollettes ignored FDR’s plea and ran Herman Ekern for the Senate. Duffy and Ekern together won more votes than the winner, Alexander Wiley.

It is the nature of every pendulum to swing back and forth, and so, too, does the political pendulum. Senator Ryan Duffy had been quite fortunate to run for statewide office when Wisconsin voters wanted a change from the GOP administration and Congress. Six years later, the high tide of the New Deal and the Age of Roosevelt was ebbing. Some believed Senator Duffy was helped by the fact that the progressive Republicans had broken off from the Republicans and formed their own political party. The Progressives nominated State Attorney General Herman Ekern as their nominee for the U.S. Senate. Alexander Wiley had won the Republican nomination and was affiliated with the more conservative wing of the party. In the end, Ekern’s candidacy pulled more votes away from the candidacy of Senator Duffy than that of Wiley. Alexander Wiley won the general election with a plurality of slightly more than 47% of the ballots cast. Herman Ekern was a distant second with 25% and Senator Duffy was third with 24%, while several minor candidates divided the rest of the votes. Wisconsin would not elect another Democrat to the United States Senate until 1957, when William Proxmire won a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joe McCarthy.

Duffy left the Senate

on January 3, 1939, but did not have to wait long for something to do as President Franklin Roosevelt rewarded his loyalty while acknowledging his ability by nominating the former senator to the federal bench. On June 21, 1939, the president sent the nomination of F. Ryan Duffy to serve as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to the Senate. As a former member of that body, his former colleagues quickly approved his nomination on June 25, 1939.

Duffy’s appointment to the bench necessitated his moving from Fond du Lac to Milwaukee. Settling into his new office, Judge Duffy discovered “a terrific backlog of untried cases.” The previous judge had been ill for three years, and the untried cases had accumulated. Duffy remembered that for the first four or five years he sat as a judge, he held court year-round without taking time off during the summer for vacations. Duffy also held court on Saturdays and sometimes resumed court after supper. F. Ryan Duffy cleared out the backlog of cases by sheer hard work. It is little wonder the administrative office of the U.S. Courts reported Duffy’s courtroom as “the busiest one-judge district court in the country.” Eventually, there would be four judges in that same district handling the load that Ryan Duffy carried alone for many years.

It was not the last time a President of the United States would appoint F. Ryan Duffy to the federal bench. On January 13, 1949, President Harry Truman nominated Duffy to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh District. Once again, the Senate extended the usual senatorial

courtesy given to a former member of that body, and Duffy assumed office on February 2, 1949.

Some years later, the former senator recalled that when one of the Duffy sons, Hayden, was released from the Naval Air Service a few months after the Second World War, the judge and his wife drove to Washington, D.C., to visit their daughter, Ann.

“Knowing how busy a president of the United States is,” Duffy remembered many years later, “I did not call the White House or otherwise notify the president that we were in Washington.

“We had been there three or four days when one morning the telephone rang and the president’s secretary informed me that Mrs. Duffy, I and the children were invited to come to the White House the following evening for dinner.”

Judge Duffy and his family went to the White House, where they dined on fresh salmon, which had been flown in from the West Coast earlier that day. President Truman played the piano and was introduced to “boogie-woogie” by the judge’s son, Jim. Like so many others, Duffy admired Truman for his courage and ability to make hard decisions.

Prior to his death, Judge Duffy’s last visit to his hometown of Fond du Lac had been to donate an autographed portrait of President Truman to the local library. Nor was it the last Judge Duffy would hear from his friend from Missouri. As former Vice President John Nance Garner prepared

to celebrate his ninetyeth birthday, Truman telephoned Duffy, asking him to come to Independence. Truman explained they would fly from Truman’s home in Independence to Garner’s home in Uvalde, Texas. Airplane trouble delayed the flight about three hours, and Duffy recalled it was well after dark when they arrived at the small airport. To the judge’s surprise, Garner and perhaps two hundred friends were waiting to welcome the former president and his party.

Judge Duffy continued working long after most men had retired. Ryan Duffy didn’t even like the word “retirement” and bristled whenever anyone suggested he was retired. The judge always pointedly noted he still heard cases and wrote decisions and was actively serving on the bench and was most certainly not retired. F. Ryan Duffy was believed to be the oldest sitting federal judge in the country at the time of his death.

Duffy continued to hear cases and was in remarkably good health, especially for a man of his years. The judge fell and broke his hip, which kept him confined to a Milwaukee hospital for the better part of two months. Judge Duffy recovered from the required surgery, but his son noted his father couldn’t walk very well afterward. The inability to walk well finally forced Judge Duffy into retirement, which did little to improve his health. “The only reason he retired was because his walking was so bad,” F. Ryan Duffy Jr. said. “Mentally, he was excellent.”

That necessitated a sojourn in a nursing home, where the judge continued to fail. Eventually, F. Ryan Duffy lapsed into a coma, and family members gathered by his bedside while his wife, Louise, held her husband’s hand. Louise Duffy was still holding the judge’s hand when he peacefully slipped away at age 91.

In death, the judge’s son, the Reverend James Duffy, presided over the funeral of his father. Father Duffy said the judge had finally come home for the final time when his body was returned for burial in his hometown of Fond du Lac. While he only served one term in the United States Senate, F. Ryan Duffy served quite nearly 40 years as a federal judge, proving there is indeed life after politics.

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District 3 city council candidates answer Focus questions

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Four candidates are running to replace Seema Singh in Knoxville's District 3. The Knoxville Focus asked each candidate four questions. Two winners will emerge from the August primary and face off in the November 4 general election. Their emailed responses are posted verbatim below and listed in the order received.

What qualifies you to seek the office?

Ivan Harmon: It takes 25 register voters in the district to get your name added to the August primary ballot. I have 12 years experience serving on the city council of Knoxville. I worked 8 years in the city of Knoxville engineering department Stormwater division. I understand the city's operation. And I love the city.
Nicholas Ciparro: I was asked to represent the district by a large majority and I know the district well. I also predicted the issues that have come up and had the solutions years ago. I hope that makes me qualified.
Frank Ramey: I'm a small business owner, real estate investor, and lifelong East Tennessean who knows how to get things done without excuses. I've spent my career solving problems, managing budgets,



Nicholas Ciparro

and listening to people; the same skills we need more of at City Hall. I believe in common-sense leadership focused on safe neighborhoods, responsible growth, and keeping our city clean and livable.
Doug Lloyd: I have been a business owner for 43 years, I know the responsibility's of making payroll, and how to set and stick to a budget. How to deal with clients and the more challenging aspects of dealing with employees. Many of our clients, I started with their parent or grandparents, so in some cases we are into third generation customers. I Spent the last 4 years on the Knox County, Board of Zoning Appeals. I have found it very fulfilling to help properties owner navigate the system. Often time is something simple, like setbacks for an addition, but it's not simple to them, to a homeowner it can be overwhelming. On the ZBA we are there to add the human touch. If it's at all logical, I



Ivan Harmon

do my best to make the right decision and to help them make their dreams come true.
What is the district's largest problem?
Harmon: The 3rd district has a lot of traffic issues, traffic calming and Stormwater issues of keeping the Stormwater out of the streets, some homeless issue plus several more issue needs attention.
Ciparro: The district is facing issues where large developments are being shoehorned into places that do not have the infrastructure to support them. As well as getting taxed with zero representation.
Ramey: One of the biggest challenges for District 3 is managing growth while protecting what makes our neighborhoods special. We need more housing options that people can actually afford, but we also have to invest in infrastructure, keep our streets clean, and



Doug Lloyd

make sure new development fits the community.
Lloyd: I have spent the last few months, knocking on doors, meeting with my friends and neighbors in the 3rd district. I have listened to their thoughts, you would be surprised at how much alike their stories are. Mostly I hear, cut spending on nonessentials and reduce taxes, especially from the retirees on fixed income. The people are concerned about crime and the homeless camps in there neighborhoods. Several have asked why doesn't the Mayor doesn't want to cooperate with Immigration. We need to focus on public safety, but in a logical fashion. Spending hundreds of thousands a year on horses for the police department, probably isn't the answer most folks are looking for. Homeless is another tuff question, We are not going to solve Homelessness unless we look at the root causes. We need serious



Frank Ramey

people to address the issue
Make a statement about the outgoing city council person.
Harmon: Singh did a pretty good job.
Ciparro: I can't say anything I haven't said before about her, because she clearly had no interest in representing our district. Thankfully, she's termed out.
Ramey: Councilwoman Seema Singh has worked hard to serve this district, and I appreciate her dedication. I look forward to building on what's worked and bringing a fresh, practical perspective to the issues that matter most to our neighbor.
Lloyd: I don't think our current City Council Person is in touch with the people, several of the constituents that I have spoken with say she is unavailable or will not respond to calls. I want to be a honest voice for the people. I want

to support the items that make sense and oppose the ones that don't.

Do you support the sales tax increase referendum on the November ballot?
Harmon: I don't support any tax increase of any kind but I do appreciate the council voted to let the people vote. And if it passes in November I will be voting no.
Ciparro: Absolutely not. Why should we get taxed for the mayor's pet projects?
Ramey: I'm still talking with voters to hear their thoughts, but I appreciate what the half-cent increase could deliver: safer streets, more sidewalks, and needed housing. I understand concerns that, once the projects are done, the tax could just divert to the general fund. If it passes, I'll push for full transparency and tracking so taxpayers know where every dollar goes. And if I'm elected, I'll work to bring the referendum back to voters once the proposed projects are completed, so our voters can decide if we keep or remove the increase.
Lloyd: I am completely opposed to the 1/2% sales tax increase. I believe we can find the funds required for improvements if we cut unnecessary spending.

The Dirt Don't Define You

By Justin Pratt
Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

If there are two things we should all desire in our walk with God it's these: spiritual maturity and godly humility.
In 2 Samuel 16, as King David was walking through one of the darkest valleys of his life, out of nowhere comes one of his critics, Shimei from the family of Saul, cursing, criticizing, and literally and figuratively slinging dirt at him and his friends.
This emotionally charged situation provides us with an important lesson on how to respond to criticism. While many of us might have reacted with anger or defensiveness, David demonstrates surprising restraint. His response reflects the maturity and humility he has developed over time.

David's men offered to silence Shimei permanently by taking his head, but David responded, "Let him alone, and let him curse..." While it's nice to have loyal friends who stand up for you, David knew that it was not worth it to waste time on unjust criticism.
His maturity shone through as he chose not to retaliate, defend himself, or prove anything to anyone. He didn't even want his friends to defend him. Instead, he humbly submitted the situation to God, trusting that God would handle what was beyond his control.
We cannot control what others say or do, but we can control how we respond. I believe David understood that sometimes people lash out not because of who you are, but due to their own bitterness

or jealousy. He recognized that just because someone is loud, it doesn't mean they are right, and just because you are quiet, it doesn't mean you are weak.
So, the next time someone criticizes you, spreads gossip, or falsely accuses you, take a note from David:
1) Stay Humble.
David demonstrated incredible character under pressure. He refused to tarnish his testimony with retaliation. True strength lies in the ability to choose restraint over revenge, and David exemplified this.
Real humility is rooted in your identity with God, rather than in the approval or criticism of others.
2) Keep Moving Forward.
David and his men were wounded and weary, yet they continued

to walk. Even when Shimei hurled insults and accusations at them along the road, David remained focused and ignored the unjust criticism. Sometimes, the most humble response is simply to take silent, steady steps forward.
David did not stop to argue, justify himself, or retaliate. Instead, he kept moving toward God, trusting that God would address what he could not change. When we are determined to pursue something for the glory of God, we cannot allow the negative attitudes of others to stall our spiritual progress. Just keep moving forward.
3) Trust God with Your Name, Your Future, and Your Peace.
This involves viewing your circumstances through the lens of God's sovereignty. David knew he didn't need to prove himself to

anyone. He let go of pride and did not demand vindication, nor did he let ego drive him to seek retribution. This is a common mistake many people make.
It's crucial not to let petty insults distract you. Although it can be challenging, we must learn to trust God more than our emotions.
When life gets tough and people come at you with criticism, keep this in mind: There will always be those who throw stones and dirt. You don't have to catch every stone or respond to every critic. Instead, focus on staying in step with God and let Him turn that dirt they're throwing into the fertile soil where your next season begins to grow right beneath your own two feet. Remember, their dirt don't define you.

A new plan for high school education

I've been listening to all the educational innovations that are coming at the speed of light. I loved the career I had as a high school English teacher, but not enough money exists to entice me to go back—even for a second. I'm not sure what is going on in classrooms; I suspect that most teachers are trying their best to educate our children.
The problem with our educational system lies in the offices of superintendents and supervisors. In addition, the federal government has overstepped its boundaries by taking up valuable classroom time with tests. Too often, teachers' careers depend upon the results of those standardized tests. Money that could be used for more important materials is poured into all sorts of practice materials so that students perform better on

the exams.
For a while, I've thought about secondary education and its demands on students. Changes need to be made to make our educational system more attentive to the needs of the students, the ones who are the most important elements of the whole thing. My ideas will meet plenty of resistance, but they might just make school a place where teens want to attend.
In my new curriculum, four years of English and math will no longer be required. English will be a two-year course of study. The first year will cover grammar and usage, and then students will learn the basic elements of writing. The second year will present literature. Students will cover American and English literature, as well as other works from authors and poets of the world. The first year of math will cover

Algebra. The second year will be devoted to geometry. Social studies will cover American history, starting with the founding of the country and going through the 1960s. A second year of study will cover civics in the 9th grade. Senior year is reserved for a course in American government and personal finance. Students have the opportunity to better understand the government that runs the country and become proficient in setting budgets, banking and investment strategies.
Science will also be a two-year course of study. Basic science and biology are the two areas to be covered. The first will be a survey of sciences, and the second will give students an understanding of plant and animal life.
One year of the arts is required. Students can choose from marching band, concert band, vocal music and art. Students who join the marching band will be exempt from physical education. Others will

be required to take P.E. for one year.
All of these courses will be completed during the first two years of high school. Because a year's course is covered in a semester, other elective courses can be included in students' yearly schedule. The exception is that no student may take two English, math, or science in a single year during the freshman or sophomore years.
Also important are the vocational courses that are available to students. Those classes can be taken during any year of a student's time in school. Other vocational courses will be made available for those who are not working toward a certification in a trade. The opening of classes to the rest of the student body increases the likelihood that vocational education stays relevant and available.
A student's junior and senior years are for developing a more in-depth study of disciplines. An individual who wants to delve more

deeply into language can take specialty classes like journalism, technical writing, advertising or SEO. Another student who is interested in math can take more algebra, trigonometry or statistics. Science majors can include chemistry, physics and medical science if they choose.
Another part of the high school education is learning to get along with others. That education comes through assemblies, pep rallies and student performances. Students need more than 20 minutes to eat lunch and decompress from the classroom pressures. Most of an adult's world is spent with other humans, so learning how to behave in open settings is critical.
This is a partial plan for changing the high school curriculum. Many areas have not been addressed because of space limitations. Still, enough is present to make high school a place where young people can go to learn the basics

while also focusing on a specific or special course of study. Most everything has changed over my lifetime: phones, computers, cars, appliances. The time has come to update our educational system so that it suits the needs of those who are to be educated. I feel confident that such a new curriculum will automatically make students more successful. One more key to a successful education plan is the de-emphasis on standardized tests.
Those who disagree with me probably have valid points. I challenge them to spend some time developing a plan for educating all students, not just those who are headed to college. Such plans must have the funding of both the state and federal governments. Educating our children is the only hope for America's continued prosperity and leadership. Turning a blind eye to this goal will sink the U.S. to a second-rate country.



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Double honors for Knoxville’s Elston Turner

By Steve Williams

Elston Turner enjoyed one treat after another. First on Saturday, July 19, the Knoxville product was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in Nashville in honor of his basketball career which has touched all levels – high school, college and the NBA. “It’s a dream come true,” said Turner.

Two days later in Knoxville, Turner walked into the Clifford H. Ross Gymnasium at Austin-East High School for the start of his annual summer youth basketball camp and one of the first things he saw was his signature on the floor – Elston Turner Court.

He flashed a big smile! Sanford Miller, a teammate of Elston’s when the Roadrunners won the TSSAA state championship in 1977, was on hand to film the special moment. “It blew me away,” said Turner. “It’s their way of saying ‘Well done.’ and



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Elementary school age campers “earned” their F.O.C.U.S. T-shirt, which stands for Faith. Obedience. Commitment. Understanding. Self-Control. On the back row (left to right) are camp leaders Jeff Tate, Rob Jones, Elston Turner and Bruce Taylor.

“Thank you.”

There have been well over 30 Elston Turner Summer Camps and the first one was in 1986. This year’s camp marked the 10th presented by Emerald Youth Foundation.

“I come back to give back,” said Turner.

“This is my hometown and as long as I’m able, I’ll keep coming back.”

Elston also

complimented the Emerald Youth Foundation. “It does a really good job in the city. I wish we had an Emerald Youth Foundation when I grew up.”

Fifty youngsters signed up in each camp – the elementary camp and the middle and high school camp.

“Scholarships also were given with a lot of donations in the community,”

said Turner. “Coach Ross’ daughter, Pat, made a big donation for the Ross family. The whole city contributes.”

Over the past 10 years, the E.T. Basketball Camp has blended the Fundamentals of Basketball with the Fundamentals of Life for the unified purpose of achieving greatness from **Continue on page 2**



Elston Turner has plenty to smile about as he addresses the local media at his annual summer youth camp last Wednesday at Austin-East. He was inducted into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in Nashville on July 16 and two days later got his first look at the Elston Turner Court named in his honor at A-E. Turner is still the Minneapolis Timberwolves’ defensive coordinator.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

New Seymour coach is ‘excited’ for the challenge

By Steve Williams

A first-year head coach with an offensive background has taken the reins of the Seymour High football program.

“I’m about four months into being a head coach,” said Caleb Olive after a Tuesday morning practice session last week. “I was the offensive coordinator at Tullahoma High School for the last six years.”

Caleb is also the son of a Hall of Fame coach. His dad, John Olive, was inducted into the Tennessee Football Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame in 2023, after leading Tullahoma to its first state football championship in 2021.

Olive became his father’s OC in 2019 and for the first three seasons in that role Tullahoma averaged 36 points per game. After his dad retired at the end

of the ‘21 season, Caleb stayed on as the offensive coordinator for three more years.

Seymour’s new coach played college football at UT-Chattanooga and was an offensive quality control coach for the Moccasins for two years before returning to his hometown to coach at Tullahoma High.

He appears to be a great hire for the Seymour program, which hasn’t had a winning season since 2008, when the Eagles were 8-3. Seymour snapped a 24-game losing streak last year and finished 2-8.

It may be Olive’s first season as a head coach, but he already has experienced a lot and has had much success in his career.

His family also has roots in East Tennessee and his father was the head

coach at Maryville High for four years (1989 to 1992) before going to Tullahoma.

Since his arrival in Seymour, Caleb also has met and had lunch with Gary Householder, retired SHS coach and athletic director who amassed a career won-loss record of 280-106 over 34 years.

“Things are going really well. I’m really excited about this season,” said Coach Olive. “The guys are really buying in and we’re getting better every day. That’s our only goal – to be better than we were the day before. But we’ll see.”

The Eagles were scheduled to put on helmets and pads on July 23.

On the back of their practice shirts last week were the letters DMGB, which stands for “Don’t Matter. Get Better,” said Olive.

“Any situations thrown



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Caleb Olive, Seymour High’s new head coach, talks to his team after a morning practice last week. High school football acclimatization began July 21. Many teams started wearing helmets and shoulder pads the middle of last week.

at us – we’re going to use it as the opportunity to get better. We’re not going to let some outside things tell us if we can get better or not. It’s a mentality that we are trying to take on here – that whatever the situation, whoever it is, we are going to find a way to get better.”

The strength of the team?

“I think we are pretty

balanced,” said Olive.

“Good senior leadership. We are really excited. We think offensively we’ve got weapons. Quarterback Madden Guffey can get the ball to where it needs to be. Up front, Lucas Small (6-2, 225) is our only returning starter, but he has done a great job, along with our O-line coach, to get those guys ready to go for Friday

nights.”

Other probable starters on offense are senior running back Josh Gilbert, senior wide receivers Alec Brown and Connor Ogle and junior WRs Noah Bohanan and Mason Brown.

“Baylor Creswell has come back to play and start at center for us,” said Olive. Also on the offensive

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Hardin Valley ‘on the same page’ as they hope to turn things around in 2025

By Ken Lay

Over the last five seasons, the Hardin Valley Academy football team has struggled mightily. In fact, the Hawks haven’t won a region game since 2020. “We haven’t won a region game in five years, so we need to get that first one,” said Tyler Wynn, who begins his second year as Hardin Valley’s head coach. “I think we have a coaching staff and kids with solid core values, and our defensive coordinator, Ryan Minton, has done a tremendous job.”

Wins have been hard to come by for the Hawks, who haven’t won more than three games since the 2019 campaign and haven’t had a winning season since going 6-5 in 2018. The 2018 season was the last time that HVA made the playoffs.

But Wynn is hoping to change all that.

“This year, I think the players’ expectations and the coaches’ expectations are on the same page, and our coaching staff has done a good job echoing our values to the kids, and they’ve provided great leadership,” Wynn said.

The Hawks finished 1-9 last season, Wynn’s first as head coach at HVA, and many of the Hawks’ recent struggles have stemmed from a lack of continuity as they have had a revolving door of coaches over the past few years.

“This year, we’re going to have a head coach who we’ve spent the whole off-season with,” said senior

HAWKS 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	Karns
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	Morristown East
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	at Bradley Central (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	at West Ridge
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	Bearden (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	Maryville (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at Farragut (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	at Oak Ridge (R)
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	Cleveland (R)
Fri	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	at Ooltewah
(R)=Region game			

linebacker Samuel Mann. “And that will help us, and these players want more.”

Wynn is optimistic as he has a veteran squad, but he knows that the Hawks will face the rigors of a Region 2-6A schedule, which was already tough before recent TSSAA re-alignment landed two-time defending Region 3-5A champion and 2024 state semifinalist Oak Ridge in a league that includes Maryville, Bearden, Farragut, Bradley Central and Cleveland.

“With Oak Ridge coming in, things definitely got a little tougher, but as a coach, these are the games, the teams that you want to play,” Wynn said. “The biggest thing for us is that we have experience, but the experienced guys that we have haven’t won a lot. But they have shared experience, and they’ve started to care about the guys around them.

“The biggest thing for us will be staying healthy and building depth.”

Top returners for the Hawks include: Mann, Nick Rivers (junior, wide receiver); Dylan Umansky (senior,

quarterback/linebacker/defensive end); Durgan Ragland (junior, offensive tackle); Logan Holbrook (junior, kicker/tight end); Andrew Perkins (senior, defensive end); Cruize Furman (junior, wide receiver); Riley Matz (junior, quarterback); Owen Vaughan (junior, defensive back); Becks Allen (sophomore, defensive back); Nathan Artrip (junior, offensive lineman); Wells Harm (junior, offensive lineman); Chance Sharp (junior, defensive end); Brody Lamb (senior, wide receiver) and Jaden Kirby (senior, offensive lineman).

Key newcomers for the Hawks, according to Wynn, are: Labryan Bourne (junior, running back/linebacker); Harris O’Dell (a senior running back and kick returner who won a Class 3A state championship with the soccer team last spring) and Rylan Olmstead (junior, offensive lineman).

The Hawks open the season at home on Friday, Aug. 22, against geographical rival Karns. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The King's Academy announces it will not have football in 2025

From a release sent out Friday evening:

TKA Families,
As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to update you on a significant decision regarding our athletic program. After much prayer, discussion, and evaluation, we have made the difficult decision not to field a high school football team for the 2025 season.

While this news may come as a disappointment to many who love the tradition and energy of Friday night football, we believe this is a season of opportunity for our students and families. We remain committed to providing meaningful experiences for our students and families this fall and beyond.

“Our student-athletes are still growing, learning, and preparing. We’re not stepping away from football; we’re preparing for a strong comeback with a deeper foundation. We’re proud of the heart and effort our students are showing.” -- Coach Matt Crowder, Interim Athletic Director

New Seymour coach is ‘excited’ for the challenge

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line are Payton West, Jax White, Christian Santillii and Small.

Defensively, the linebackers are junior Duke Delozier, senior Kenny Haley and JD Cook. “Haley has come back,” said Coach Olive. “He had to sit out a little while from injuries. He will be ready to go.

“Brayden Fisher is leading us in the back end. He and Gilbert are returning starters on defense.” Also in the secondary are Ogle and Mason Brown.

With Small upfront are JJ

EAGLES 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	at Gatlinburg-Pittman
Thu	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	Pigeon Forge
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	at Cocke County
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	Greeneville (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	Volunteer (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	at Cherokee (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at Sullivan East (R)
Fri	Oct. 10	7:00 p.m.	Northview Academy (R)
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	at Elizabethton (R)
Thu	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	Grainger (R)
(R)=Region game			

Inman, Santillii and Corey

Helton. “Corey is going to be ready to step up and make plays when we need

it.”

Specialists include kicker Jackson Kendall and long snapper Micah Whitehead.

Carter seeking a return to the basics

By Mark Nagi

The Carter Hornets fell short of their expectations in 2024, finishing with a 4-7 record and a first-round playoff loss at Greeneville. Carter head coach Todd Helton believes that his team has turned the page on that experience.

“I actually feel like we had a lot of complacency in the nucleus of our team,” said Helton. “We had had some success. We were building towards more success, and we got a little complacent in the way that we approached the weight room and the way we approached practice. I made a ton of mistakes. Last year, I felt like it was kind of a panic in a sense in that it started with me, as far as, you know, ‘What are we going to do? How are we going to do it? How are we going to approach it?’”

“It was almost like we were trying to rebuild a vehicle that was kind of already built.”

Returning to the basics seems to be the direction for this Hornets team.

“Basically, what we’ve done is we’ve kind of gone back to square one,” said Helton. “We focused on what the priorities and the standards are in our program. We’ve had a renewed sense of urgency. And so, this year, the approach, the way we handle each day, has been much more invigorated. So as a head coach, that gives you a warm sense of encouragement that, you know, here we are. The things that caused us some of the issues last year have been addressed, and now we’re onward and upward and focused on this year and not repeating those.”

There is reason to be excited about the future. Fourteen starters return, including seven on each

HORNETS 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	at Northview Academy
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	Grace Christian - Knox
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	Union County (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	at South Doyle (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	Anderson Co. (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	at Heritage (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	Fulton (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Austin-East
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	at Alcoa (R)
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- Carter Head Coach Todd Helton

side of the football. That includes quarterback Brody Sparks, who threw for nearly 2,800 yards and 22 scores last season. “He’s dedicated himself to the weight room, gotten a lot bigger, more mature. He just turned 16.”

By no means will this be a team that relies only on Sparks. The Hornets look to be pretty strong at the skill positions. “We bring back our running back Joseph ‘Jo Jo’ Armenta. He’s been a steadfast leader in our program as well as a great contributor on both sides of the ball.”

Look for senior Jackson Stuffle and junior Isaac Cookston to make plays at receiver.

On defense, the anchor of this Hornets squad will be Jake Coffey, a senior defensive tackle and all-state performer who last year finished with 13 sacks and 27 tackles for loss.

Helton is pleased with the work ethic he’s seen from his players this off-season. Every year, the Hornets attend a summer team camp at Emory & Henry University in Virginia, which they did again earlier this summer. “That was

one of the best experiences we’ve had,” said Helton. “As far as our kids getting to know each other on a little deeper level, a little bit of football, a lot of team building. The kids came back really locked in. I’m pleased with the progress we’ve made thus far in a very, very short period of time. We have a lot to get accomplished.”

Certainly, the challenges are mighty in Region 2-4A. That group already had Anderson County, and now welcomes Alcoa. The 10-time defending Class 3A champions made the jump in classification this off-season. But don’t count out what Carter could potentially accomplish this fall.

“We’re excited,” said Helton. “But it’s really more about the nucleus of our team. This is kind of the best feeling we’ve had in a long time here, so we’re excited about those leaders continuing to grow and molding our team into something that we can be proud of.”

Carter opens the season at Northview Academy on Friday, August 22.

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the inside/out, said Jeff Tate, an assistant coach at the camp and a 1982 Fulton High graduate.

Tate also has a big hand in F.O.C.U.S. – a mentoring program added as a bonus for the youth attending the camp to provide self awareness, inclusiveness and resilience.

The actionable acronym that outlines the principles are: (F)aith, (O)bedience, (C)ommitment, (U)

nderstanding, (S)elf-Control. Such has been the cornerstone and catalyst for successful living beyond the Court!

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'A Life-Changing Experience'

Cooper Manning's son, Arch, had his coming-out party as starting quarterback at Texas at SEC Media Days in mid-July. That elicited significant memories of an association with the Manning family, particularly Archie, now covering three generations and nearly 60 years.

It was late February or early March 1998. A man walked by the office, said "Hello" as he passed by, and headed down the hall, apparently toward Doug Dickey's office. He returned in a few moments, and we exchanged pleasantries once again. I thought I needed to know who he was and what he wanted. It was a significant life moment. His name was Charley Kiger, and he was from UMI Press in Charlotte, N.C. As we talked, he told me he was looking for a writer who could do a book on Peyton 's University of Tennessee career that Archie had authorized. I remember saying,

"Come on in." We sat down and began talking. He outlined the details and said Archie would provide color pictures from the family album. I always wanted to prepare a book manuscript and was getting ready to find out how it worked. Would I be interested? The answer came quickly. "Yes."

He seemed to be relieved that he had found his man. It didn't take long to quickly examine a proposed contract, and within days, I was on my way to being the author of a book titled "Peyton Manning: The Tennessee Years." There were a great many week-end days on the horizon devoted to doing the appropriate research. That meeting set the memory banks in motion, back to the late 1960s at Neyland Stadium on the newly installed Tartan Turf. Tennessee and Ole Miss had squared off on Nov. 16, 1968, and I remembered seeing Archie, then a sophomore, wearing the traditional dark blue jersey and gray pants on the east side of Shields-Watkins Field. He wore No. 18, the number that would become closely identified with the

Manning family. That day, he endured a 31-0 loss to the Vols. A year later, Nov. 15, 1969, Archie and No. 18 Ole Miss laid a 38-0 haymaker on the undefeated and No. 3-rated Vols. It was one of the darkest and longest days any Vol fans had experienced at any venue. Vol fans wore "Archie Who?" buttons to the game and lived to regret it. On that day and well beyond, no one ever anticipated that the Vols would be in hot pursuit of a quarterback from New Orleans named Peyton Williams Manning, Archie and Olivia's second son. He would help lead the Vols to great heights from 1994-97 and, like Archie, would be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. There was an intriguing set of circumstances in the early days of 1970. Doug Dickey had left for Florida in early January. Entering his senior season at Ole Miss, Archie was thought to be a Heisman candidate. Bill Battle, 28, was the new Vol head coach. On the field, the Vols were loaded, finishing No. 4 nationally, although there were serious concerns

about the Vol secondary and too many sophomores in key positions entering the season. As a result the Vols weren't ranked until the Oct. 10 poll at No. 20. The 1970 season was the first for an 11-game schedule. On Feb. 6, Tom Siler wrote about the possibility of a season-opening Sept. 12, 1970 matchup between Ole Miss and Tennessee at Neyland Stadium. Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught and AD Tad Smith indicated the Rebels would be "delighted" to play that day. No comment was forthcoming from Tennessee. The Vols did choose UCLA as their 11th game, one to be played Dec. 5 in Knoxville. Ole Miss chose not to play the extra game. West Tennessee Vol Historian John Park has said that the season opener proposed for Sept. 12 was likely "the biggest Tennessee game that never happened." I don't remember the first time I actually met



Vol fans wore "Archie Who?" buttons to the 1969 Ole Miss game and lived to regret it.

Archie, but I do remember what Archie said over the phone after the book had been out a month or so. I answered the phone, "Sports Information." "Tom. This is Archie Manning." "Hello, Archie." "Tom, I want you to know you did a fine job on Peyton's book." "Thank you very much." "Well, bye." Those 14 words are etched in my mind and are likely to stay there forever. Archie is now 76 years old, the elder statesman of a famous football family. The three sons he and wife, Olivia, raised are all successful in their chosen

fields. Peyton and Eli each won Super Bowls. There are nine grandchildren. Life is good. Arch is the projected starter at Texas, carrying on the Manning legacy. He will take the field wearing No. 16, a number worn by legendary Texas quarterback James Street (1967-70) and Uncle Peyton at Tennessee (1994-97). For Archie, it's been a good life. There's a lesson to be learned from all of this. If you're a writer and a man walks by your office and offers a writing assignment, don't dawdle. It could be a life-changing moment.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Powell looking for deep playoff run in 2025

By Ken Lay

As Powell High School prepares for the upcoming 2025 football season, its expectations are high, but that's nothing new for the Panthers and their veteran head coach, Matt Lowe. "Our goal is always the same," Lowe said. "First, we want to win the region championship and then, we want to win the state championship. Anything else is a disappointment. "I've never been one to beat around the bush about that. If you don't want to do those things, then you're wasting your time." That task, however, may have gotten a bit more difficult for the local schools competing in Class 5A football. Recent TSSAA realignment shifted Heritage to Class 4A, and two-time defending Region 3-5A champion and 2024 state semifinalist Oak Ridge to Class 6A. With the Mountaineers and Wildcats gone, all of the schools from Knox, Anderson, Blount and Campbell counties are all now in Region 2-5A. The new-look league includes Powell, Halls, Central, Karns, Clinton, William Blount, West and Campbell County. Only four teams in the region will qualify for the playoffs. "Our region, Region 2, if you look at it, all of us are all together," Lowe said. "Last year, you had five teams in one region (Region 2) and five in another (Region 3). "Now there are eight of us, and we're all together. In the past, you only needed two wins to make the playoffs. Now, you're going to have to have three, four or even five wins to make the playoffs. There are no nights off in 5A. Now, every region game is extremely important, and those non-region games are not as important." The Panthers, who went

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- Powell Head Coach Matt Lowe

PANTHERS 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	Anderson County
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	at Farragut
Thu	Sep. 4	7:00 p.m.	Knoxville Halls (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	at William Blount (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	at Karns (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	Knox Central (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	Campbell County (R)
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Jefferson County
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	at Clinton (R)
Thu	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	at West (R)

(R)=Region game

9-3 last season, have high hopes as they return a talented group of starters from last season. Offensively, Powell has three starters on the offensive line as Brody Naughton (senior, left tackle), Tucker Massengill (senior, left guard) and Caleb Lewis (junior, center) return and that trio will be tasked with protecting one of the area's top quarterbacks in senior Deuce Rodgers, who is a bona fide two-way threat. Rodgers had a big season in 2024 as he amassed 1,725 passing yards and threw 21 touchdown passes. He also rushed for 775 yards and 10 TDs en route to being named Region 2-5A Offensive Player of the Year. Junior wide receiver Zi Jackson is also back. Rodgers may be returning with hopes of bringing a state title to Powell, but the rest of the backfield will be a question mark early as graduation depleted the Panthers' stable of running backs following last season. Senior Ory Vananda-Walker, junior Johonauan Moore and sophomore Travis Brinson will vie to become the featured weapon in Powell's rushing attack. The Panthers will also need some significant contributions from newcomers

at the wide receiver positions, as newcomers Charles Lamblin (senior), Merron Middleton (junior) and Grady Goodpaster (junior) join Jackson in the receiving corps. On defense, Powell has three returners up front as Iverson Garcia (a senior defensive tackle and South Florida commitment), Caleb Acres (senior, defensive end) and William Taylor (junior, defensive tackle) are back. "We're blessed to have three starters back on the defensive line," Lowe said. "And we have three starters back in the secondary." The returning starters in the secondary include senior cornerbacks Taa Henderson and Karmaryon Fenner and junior safety Brodie Hollowell, who will also double as Powell's long snapper on special teams. The Panthers are inexperienced at linebacker but have some talented athletes in senior Ethan Hill, junior Isaias Amador and junior Jamison Smith. Another top newcomer is senior Luke Lindsay, who will play both wide receiver and linebacker. "We're going to have guys fill some roles on both sides of the ball," Lowe said. "Our running backs are talented, but they're unproven on Friday nights. Early,

we'll have to depend on our quarterback and our offensive line, the guys who have experience on Friday nights. "On defense, we'll have

to get our linebackers comfortable playing on Friday nights." On special teams, Lamblin will punt, Caleb

Lanius will be the placekicker and could punt if called upon. Henderson and Jackson will be the return specialists.

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Friday, August 1	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12)
Monday, August 4	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Tuesday, August 5	Systemwide In-Service Day (½ Day School-based); Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day); 6 th and 9 th Grade Orientation
Wednesday, August 6	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Thursday, August 7	First Day for Students (½ Day)
Monday, September 1	Labor Day Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday, September 5	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, September 17	Constitution Day (Knox County Schools Open), Half-Day for Students
Monday, October 6 - Friday, October 10	Fall Break
Tuesday, October 14	End First 9-weeks Grading Period
Tuesday, November 4	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Thursday, November 13	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, November 19	Half-Day for Students
Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving Holidays (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday, December 19	Half-Day for Students; End Second 9-weeks Grading Period; End First Semester Winter Break
Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2	Systemwide In-service Day (½ Day School-based); Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day)
Friday, January 2	First Day for Students after Winter Break (Full Day)
Monday, January 5	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Knox County Schools Closed)
Monday, January 19	Half-Day for Students
Wednesday, January 28	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Thursday, February 5	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Monday, February 16	Spring Break
Monday, March 9 – Friday, March 13	End Third 9-weeks Grading Period
Tuesday, March 17	Half-Day for Students
Wednesday, March 25	Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday, April 3	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Monday, April 20	Systemwide In-Service Day (School-based)
Tuesday, May 5	Last Day for Students (½ Day); End Fourth 9-weeks Grading Period; End Second Semester
Thursday, May 21	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers
Friday, May 22	Juneteenth Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday June 19	

Calendar Summary

180	Instructional Days*
4	Administrative Days
2	Unscheduled In-Service Days
1	Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours Day
6	Scheduled In-Service Days
10	Vacation Days

* In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3004 – 177 student instructional days plus 3 days accumulated under daily 7-hour schedule.
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother

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

BY: KEVIN EUGENE MALLORY, and TARA KATHLEEN MALLORY, Petitioners, and JORDAN KEITH MALLORY, Co-petitioner/Biological Father v. AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, Respondent/Biological Mother

DOCKET NO. 7CHI-2025-CV-112
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, it is ordered that said defendant, AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondent, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, 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 2nd day June, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury
Honorable Chancellor
Campbell County, Tennessee

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

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: LARRY "JODY" WILSON, Respondent/ Biological Putative Father, and AMBER RENEA 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 v. LARRY "JODY" WILSON, Respondent/ Biological Putative Father, and AMBER RENEA 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 RENEA 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 RENEA MCDANIEL, it is ordered that said defendants, LARRY "JODY" WILSON and AMBER RENEA MCDANIEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Campbell County, Tennessee and with Petitioners' Counsel, Brennan P. Lenihan, an Attorney whose address is 200 Prosperity Drive, Suite 216, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a hearing will be set for this cause before the Honorable Chancellor Elizabeth C. Asbury at the Campbell County Chancery Court, located at 570 Main Street, Suite 110, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757, and action shall be taken by this Honorable Court to default the Respondents, and enter Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, and that Judgment in favor of the Petitioners, Kevin Mallory and Tara Mallory, will result in the termination of the Respondents' parental rights and the adoption of the minor-child, R.F.M. in accordance with a separately filed Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Adoption.

This 22nd day April, 2025.

Elizabeth C. Asbury
Honorable Chancellor
Campbell County, Tennessee

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

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: KIMBERLY DENISE LAWSON, Defendant
IN RE: LEE DALAN LAWSON, JR., Plaintiff

v. KIMBERLY DENISE LAWSON, Defendant
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DOCKET NO. 210470-1

In this cause, it appearing from the Amended Motion for Service of Publication and the Affidavits of the process server that the whereabouts of KIMBERLY DENISE LAWSON, Defendant, are unknown to Plaintiff so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on KIMBERLY DENISE LAWSON, Defendant, and said Defendant, KIMBERLY DENISE LAWSON, is hereby notified that you are required to file with the Chancery Court of Knox County at Knoxville, Tennessee, your defense or answer to the Complaint filed against you in said cause. A notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus in Knoxville, Tennessee. Within 30 days of the fourth publication of this Notice, a true copy of your defense or answer to the Complaint filed against you must be filed in this case and served on Jedidiah C. McKeehan, McKeehan Law Group, LLC, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

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

This 27th day of June, 2025.

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

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DAVID MOGES

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

NO. 211022-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DAVID MOGES, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DAVID MOGES, it is ordered that said defendant, DAVID MOGES, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JOEL P. REEVES, an attorney whose address is 217 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing ExParte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 7th day of July, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, Defendant
IN RE: ROWENA LYNN BUTCHEE, Plaintiff v. RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, Defendant

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DOCKET NO. 208882-3

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, a resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose current whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, it is ordered that said defendant, RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee and with Plaintiff's Counsel, Judith R. Whitfield, an Attorney whose address is 11519 Kingston Pike # 1005, Farragut, TN 37934, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks - 7/21, 7/28, 8/04, & 8/11/2025.

This 16th day of July, 2025.

Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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:

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

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

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

This 27th 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:

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

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

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

This 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES DARRYL COLLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDSI LEIGH WHITAKER, CO-EXECUTRIX
3917 OAKWOOD LANE
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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:

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

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

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

This 27th 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:

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

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

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

This 26th 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:

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

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

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

This 16th day of 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:

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

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

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

This 27th day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF PHILLIP GARLAND, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REGINA LYN MERRITT, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
4404 DOGWN 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:

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

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

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

This 27th 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 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 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:

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

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

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

This 27th 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 91148-1

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:

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

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

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

This 27th 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:

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

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

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

This 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:

(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 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 TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN CARDWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 91165-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMA JEAN CARDWELL, who died on April 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN CARDWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY SMITH
7520 LA BARRINGTON BLVD.
POWELL, TN 37849

JERRY M. MARTIN, ATTORNEY
112 GLENLEIGH CT., STE. 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID PAUL DINWIDDIE
DOCKET NUMBER 91150-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID PAUL DINWIDDIE, who died Aug. 29, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 3 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID PAUL DINWIDDIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA DINWIDDIE, EXECUTRIX
2100 PRICE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS W. FRAZIER
DOCKET NUMBER 91153-3

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 3 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DORIS W. FRAZIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA S. DOAN, CO-EXECUTRIX
605 TREHAVEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ANNE F. HAM, CO-EXECUTRIX
4806 WHEELER ROAD
LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHESTER WILLIAM GIDEON
DOCKET NUMBER 91162-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHESTER WILLIAM GIDEON, who died April 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHESTER WILLIAM GIDEON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHAD WILLIAM GIDEON, EXECUTOR
419 YOUNG HIGH PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELVETTA SUE HAWKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 91193-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELVETTA SUE HAWKINS, who died on February 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 24th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ELVETTA SUE HAWKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACQUELINE E. WEAVER
5843 FAIRHILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES BOBBY "J.B." HOLLINGSWORTH
DOCKET NUMBER 90991-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES BOBBY "J.B." HOLLINGSWORTH, who died on the 22nd day of March, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 18th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES BOBBY "J.B." HOLLINGSWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY LAVERNE HOLLINGSWORTH

LEIGH COWDEN, ATTORNEY
416 HIGH STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKIE A. HORNER
DOCKET NUMBER 91154-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Administration in respect of the Estate of VICKIE A. HORNER, who died February 24, 2025, were issued to all 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 claim will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF VICKIE A. HORNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER P. HATCHER

TOM R. RAMSEY, III, ATTORNEY
550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA MICHELLE LACKEY
DOCKET NUMBER 91093-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LISA MICHELLE LACKEY, who died Jan. 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF LISA MICHELLE LACKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HALEY ALEXIS SCARBROUGH
329 LYNHURST STREET
MORGANTOWN, WV 26501

MICHAEL BROWN, ATTORNEY
832 GEORGIA AVENUE, STE. 1200
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY LOU LONG
DOCKET NUMBER 91117-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY LOU LONG, who died Nov. 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY LOU LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGEL LONG, ADMINISTRATRIX
2204 DAYTON STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GWENLYN ELAINE MCCARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 91095-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JULY, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GWENLYN ELAINE MCCARTER, who died 02/28/2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is (4) months from the date of the first publication or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death,
- This the 18th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF GWENLYN ELAINE MCCARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CRAIG STEPHEN MCCARTER
696 GARFIELD ST.
ALCOA, TN 37701

DAVID M. ROWE
2216 MARTHA BERRY DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BONNIE BROOME MILES
DOCKET NUMBER 91123-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BONNIE BROOME MILES, deceased, who died on the 31st day of March, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of such notice at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication or posting as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from decedent's date of death.
- This the 17th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BONNIE BROOME MILES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH FERRELL MILES
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN SMITH PHILLIPS
DOCKET NUMBER 91124-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN SMITH PHILLIPS, who died March 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN SMITH PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONNIE PHILLIPS
8020 LONDON PARK WAY
POWELL, TN 37849

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. RALL, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91140-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ARTHUR E. RALL, JR., who died May 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 24th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. RALL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN C. RALL

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANET LOUISE SCHMIDT
DOCKET NUMBER 91174-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANET LOUISE SCHMIDT, who died testate on April 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this 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 17th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANET LOUISE SCHMIDT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORI L. HAMPSON
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JASON ERIC SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 91167-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of JASON ERIC SMITH, who died on the 23rd day of February 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 same with the Clerk of the above-named court, on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JASON ERIC SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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316 CORBIN STREET
SUMMERTOWN, TN 38483

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE BERRY WALLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 91175-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE BERRY WALLEN, who died April 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 16th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOE BERRY WALLEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTHA SWAIN WALLEN
2107 TOOLE'S BEND ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking an appointment to two (2) vacancies on the Knox County Library Advisory Board for **Commission Districts 5 and 8**, to serve unfulfilled terms expiring July 1, 2026. **Candidates must reside in the district for which they are applying.** Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivered no later than Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to:

Office of the Knox County Commission
Suite 603, City-County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: 215-2534
FAX: 215-2038
E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org

The Knox County Commission shall interview candidates during the Optional Agenda Review Meeting on Monday, August, 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The Commission appointments shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91161-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, SR., who died April 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 3 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREW WHITE, CO-EXECUTRIX
1244 TARWATER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

LISA GOODMAN, CO-EXECUTRIX
3312 GOSE COVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIVIAN BERNICE WILLINGHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 91085-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JUNE, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of VIVIAN BERNICE WILLINGHAM, who died March 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:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 27 day of JUNE, 2025.

ESTATE OF VIVIAN BERNICE WILLINGHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARRY L. WILLINGHAM, ADMINISTRATOR
2931 LAY AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing Ruthie at legals@knoxfocus.com or calling (865) 686-9970.

Free Legal Advice clinic for Veterans is August 13

The next Veterans Legal Advice Clinic event will be held in person at the Knox County Public Defender's Office on August 13. Any veteran seeking legal help is encouraged to attend from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In 2025, the clinics are held every other month: February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8 and December 10. There are no clinics scheduled for January, March, May, July, September, or November.

Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue to use the telephone clinic option. Preregistration is required for telephone clinic and

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 3676, Floor Tile Installation Services, due 08/26/25

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.

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