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Brennan chosen as new merit board member

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors has a new member. The commission voted last week to choose Ms. Jaybee Brennan to fill out the term of Christopher Manning, who resigned his position.

Brennan will serve until Manning's term expires on September 30, when a new permanent position will be selected. Much discussion centered on how

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The Gibbs girls softball team was honored at the Knox County Commission meeting last week for winning the 2025 TSSAA Class 3A Championship. Commissioner Adam Thompson presented the resolution.

Burlington breaks ground for Fire Station No. 6



Children from God's Creative Enrichment Center show off their firemen hats at the Burlington groundbreaking for a new fire station on Thursday. Fire Station No. 6 will have two bays for fire trucks, a training area, a kitchen and dining area, a day room, patio and bedrooms. The new fire station is part of the \$13.7 million project that includes Burlington Streetscape Project that will include repaired sidewalks, new traffic signals, street lights, signage and on street parking and underground utilities. A large crowd of local citizens, elected officials and police and fire department employees attended. Photo from the City of Knoxville.

New management, employees source of county beer sales violations in June

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The meeting of the Knox County Beer Board last week saw two common problems appear in several beer sales to minors violations: new store ownerships and new employees not following the law.

The board, chaired by At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier, approved a permit for a new business, Bocados at Choto, and then moved into the suspension or revocation

portion of the meeting.

On the docket were Weigel's #27 on Maynardville Pike, Ian's #31 at 5704 Washington Pike, Ian's Market 163 at 9730 Norris Freeway, The Bread Box at 7100 Tazewell Pike, and The Corner Store at 10508 Rutledge Pike.

The violations ranged from misreading an ID birthdate to overriding the computer or entering the wrong birth date. In all cases, the stores before the board were either newly managed stores or had new

employees. Two of the convenience stores have had two violations within a year's period.

One store had an illegal beer sale to a minor within three days of receiving its license.

Questions from Commissioners Frazier, Adam Thompson and Shane Jackson centered on the use or non-use of the point-of-sale procedures and employees hitting the override button to approve a purchase. Each store in violation chose to pay a \$1,000 or \$1,500 fine rather than take a

30-day suspension. In some cases, the violating employee was dismissed or retrained.

Frazier said the violations are "becoming a trend, we need to look into it."

Thompson told the managers that if the scanner, which reads the ID, doesn't work, the business should pause selling beer until the scanner is fixed. In one case, the owner said the default or override button was disabled following the violation.

City improvements, housing, rezoning requests on council's agenda

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When the Knoxville City Council meets on Tuesday, it could increase the contract with Petra Construction to \$1.1 million for the Cecil Webb Recreation Center Renovation Project. A proposed contract with Adam's Contracting LLC for the North Cherry Street Drainage Improvements Project may total \$2.04 million,

and the Advance Traffic Management System Project contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates could be increased to over \$2.8 million.

Around half an acre on North Gallaher View Road and 5.56 acres on Dresser Road may be annexed into the city.

Housing the homeless is on the agenda with several resolutions authorizing funds to go

to homeless services, Volunteer Ministry Center, The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. All the funds come from the city's Community Development Block Grants. The charities are to use the funds for emergency shelters and rapid rehousing services.

The police department is asking for \$29,000 to purchase a "side-by-side utility vehicle"

from Knox County. Three street closures are on the agenda for a portion of Ambrose Street, New York Avenue and an unnamed alley near the Gulf and Ohio Railroad.

The city code may be updated for residential neighborhood districts, site standards, and off-street parking.

Zoning changes take up much of the agenda with requests for

changes at Cottage Courts, Zero Keck Road, Zero Bernhurst Drive, 1108 Beaumont Avenue, 118 Twentieth Street, 2515 North Central Street, 5552 Washington Pike, 3950 Linden Avenue, Zero Pipkin Lane, and 308, 314 and Zero W. Inskip Drive.

Most of the zoning requests are for residential housing, and a few are for commercial and industrial mixed-use classifications.

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Starving Little Children Create Global Outrage

From a distance



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When I began to think about what I would write about in this week's column, my first thought was that I hoped everyone saw the gruesome photographs of the tiny five-month-old girl in Gaza who had starved to death.

She had weighed six pounds, six ounces at birth. Five months later, at her death, she was skin and bones with legs thinner than an ordinary pencil.

My second thought, though, was that I wished nobody had had to see those photos, because I wish neither she nor anyone else had starved to death in Gaza or any place else.

On July 27, the World Health Organization said

there had been 63 deaths by starvation in Gaza so far that month, and 24 of those were children under the age of five years old.

Two days earlier, ABC News said 19 people had starved to death in the past 24 hours and that most were little children. That same day, the British newspaper, The Independent, reported that in recent weeks, 113 people had starved to death, and 82 were children.

Rep. Randy Fine of Florida, who is Jewish and the newest Republican in Congress, wrote in his official account on July 22 that he hoped Palestinians would "starve away." A few days later, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there is "no starvation in Gaza."

Yet NBC News reported on July 28 (the day after Netanyahu's claim) that there is "mounting global outrage over rising deaths and scenes of starvation under Israel's military offensive."

Almost every story about Gaza, whether in print,

online, or TV or radio – with the exception of FOX News – referred to the "growing global outrage" against Israel's starvation tactics.

Of course, the most glaring exception has been in the U.S. Congress, which the Israel Lobby controls because of its ability to direct campaign contributions either for or against any member. If any country other than Israel were carrying out such a cruel war – killing and starving thousands of women and children – the Congress would have long ago condemned it and stopped sending billions to support it.

No publication has been as supportive of Israel over the years as the New York Times. Yet, on July 26 the paper carried a story headlined "No Proof Hamas Routinely Stole UN Aid, Israeli Military Officials Say."

Then on July 18, the Times carried another story headlined "Revenge Is Not A Policy: Israelis Voice Dissent Against War In Gaza." The story said: "Now a growing number of Israelis are speaking out against what

they describe as atrocities carried out in their name in the Palestinian enclave."

The reporter, Isabel Kershner, added: "Israeli protesters are holding aloft portraits of Palestinian children killed in Gaza. Academics and authors, politicians and retired military leaders are accusing the Israeli government of indiscriminate killing and war crimes."

An iPhone news report said: "Palestinians are beginning to resemble 'walking corpses,' a United Nations official said, as (British Prime Minister) Keir Starmer called the starvation unfolding in Gaza 'unspeakable and indefensible.' He added, 'While the situation has been grave for some time, it has reached new depths and continues to worsen. We are witnessing a humanitarian catastrophe.'"

On July 21, the United Nations put out a statement which said, "We have recorded 1,054 people killed in Gaza while trying to get food ... 288 near UN and other humanitarian organizations' aid convoys."

Two days earlier, the Doctors Without Borders organization published a release saying, "As the Israeli government's siege starves the people of Gaza ... just outside Gaza, in warehouses – and even within Gaza itself – tons of food, clean water, medical supplies, shelter items and fuel sit untouched with humanitarian organizations blocked from accessing or delivering it."

That statement said Israel's total siege has "created chaos, starvation, and death. An aid worker... spoke of the devastating impact on children: children tell their parents they want to go to heaven, because at least heaven has food."

Sen. Ted Cruz said on Tucker Carlson's podcast that he supported what Israel is doing because the Bible says to bless Israel. However, he became very flustered when Carlson asked him where it says that in the Bible, and Cruz obviously did not know.

The Bible does instruct people to bless Israel, but it does not say people

should bless Israel's government no matter what it does. There is a lot more to the United States than our federal government. People can love this country while at the same time criticizing things our federal government does.

In the same way, people can love and bless Israel while criticizing its slaughter of the Palestinian people. Hundreds of thousands of Jews – maybe even a few million – are now doing just that. It is time for Christians to condemn the starving and killing of little children.

There is a very old Christian song which says:

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world;

Red and yellow, black and white,

They are precious in his sight.

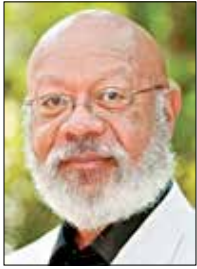
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

It does not say He loves all the children except for the little children in Gaza.

Donald Trump: Liberator?

Although Donald Trump proclaimed April 2 as "Liberation Day," perhaps he should change the date to June 12. That was when he signed the law striking down California's emissions standards. Recall that California would have phased out the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035 and that 11 other states and Washington, D.C., had foolishly committed to do the same. If Trump had any sense of the dramatic, he should have waited until June 19th (Juneteenth).

Why Juneteenth – black liberation day? That's



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because EVs are racist. The cost is out of reach for most black and brown households. They are expensive. A base Hyundai Kona costs \$22,595, while a Hyundai Kona Electric costs \$35,295.

A base Ford F-150 is \$40,960, while a base Ford F-150 Lightning is \$51,975. However, I defy you to find a base Lightning. I was at my local Ford dealer getting my F-250 diesel serviced, and every Lightning I saw was over \$70,000. One was over \$90,000! Even with the EV credits, now expired, the EVs cost more. If the greenies were interested

in equity, they would lobby for cheaper EVs from China. But Joe Biden kept Trump's 100% tariff on Chinese EVs. Some equity. Let them eat cake!

The mean family income of black households is \$53,000, well below the \$75,000 of white households. Yet even among whites, the average cost of an EV is prohibitive. Before tariffs, the cheapest electric car was a Nissan Leaf at \$29,280. I guess we could buy one, put mag wheels on it, lower the suspension, give it a spiffy paint job, put a spoiler on the back, and hang foam dice from the rear-view mirror? Never mind.

Here is what one EV advocate says: "Among Black

and Latino consumers, incomes and credit scores are lower overall, which can make new EVs financially out of reach for families that might otherwise consider buying them. But equitable EV adoption can only be achieved through the creation of incentive programs that are effective and accessible for all consumers." In total, blacks buy only 2% of all EVs. An additional incentive rebate for black and brown buyers? Sort of an EV reparations program?

Then there is the charging problem. Most EV owners are white, college-educated homeowners with home charging stations. Only 44% of blacks own their homes. Those people living in apartments would have to have chargers in their apartment complex or have to charge at charging stations – if they can find one that works. Not surprisingly, charging stations are located where

white, college-educated people frequent – and that is not in the hood. Charging deserts exist in poor neighborhoods and not at toney malls. Of course, if there is a Pilot/Flying J handy, you can always go charge at an interstate exit and enjoy a meal at the Denny's while you wait the hour or so it takes to "fill it up."

But is buying an EV a rational decision or an emotional one? The comparable price studies show that after three years of ownership, EVs may actually be more costly than gas vehicles. They are more expensive to repair and have higher insurance costs. Some in the 'let-them-eat-cake' groups said that poorer people could buy used EVs (watch out for replacement battery costs) or ride public transit.

Trump has rescued black and brown people from the inequities of the EV. Some will argue that Trump's

actions will continue to cause black and brown people to have higher incidences of respiratory diseases such as asthma – environmental racism. The argument is that those diseases would be lessened by the removal of internal combustion engines. This "environmental justice" crowd says that EVs are a vehicle for racial equity, even though black folk are forced to buy EVs because they have no choice or ride public transportation. Hey, you may be walking, but at least the air will be cleaner – we think.

Most of us recognize this as sheer sophistry. Rather than being racist, Trump's actions are actually liberating. Black and brown people are liberated from the yoke of EV tyranny and being condemned to EV purgatory. That is why June 12 is the real "Liberation Day" and Donald Trump is the liberator.



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City's LGBTQ liaison officer updates PARC

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Much of the last Knoxville Police Advisory and Review Committee meeting was taken up by a report from Phyllis Tonkin, LGBTQ Liaison Officer.

Members of the committee are Heidi Barcus, Brian Brooks, Laura Contreas-Alanis, Cynthia M. Deitle, Jonathan Haskell, Valuri Reid and Saadia Williams. Reid and Brooks are new to the group; Jered Croom is the executive director, and Haskell chairs the committee.


After Croom's report that included his meeting with various county organizations and events, he called PARC's interaction with the police department a "robust connection."

Officer Tonkin said her duties include

creating a bridge between the LGBTQ community and the police and an effort to "treat everyone the same." She said members of that community "shouldn't hesitate to call the police" and said the police should "use the correct language" in talking with those citizens.

She said the police department is making an effort to be present at community meetings, Pride events, and to train and educate officers. She said the aim is not to be political but "be professional" and be mindful of how transgender suspects are treated while in custody. She also urged LGBTQ citizens to consider becoming law enforcement officers.

Tonkin said the city's establishment of a LGBTQ liaison officer offers a "unique relationship in Knoxville."



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Publisher's Positions



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Goodbye And Good Riddance

The outcry by the Left at the cancellation of Stephen Colbert's late-night show is almost as amusing as it is stupid. Colbert reportedly has a huge staff of writers, yet is about as funny as an attack of poison ivy in a tender spot. The Left has completely ignored the fact CBS was losing an estimated \$40 million annually airing the Colbert show. Naturally, money means nothing to the Left as they believe they can simply take somebody else's earnings to pay for whatever they like. For the Left, it was well worth keeping Colbert on the air as group therapy. It's hard to make money when attacking half the country. Nor was Colbert the number one show in his time slot; that prize goes to Greg Gutfeld's show on the FOX network. One big difference is that Gutfeld really is funny and the show is entertaining. Unfortunately for him,

Stephen Colbert is neither interesting nor entertaining and if possible, his guests were usually even more boring than he is. CBS probably should have labeled Colbert's late-night gab fest as a political show rather than trying to pass it off as entertainment or comedy. Colbert's show was biased in every way. Colbert has hosted no fewer than 176 leftist guests and only one Republican since 2022. That one Republican guest was Liz Cheney, and it is perfectly obvious as to why she was invited on the Colbert show.

During the first six months of 2025, Colbert has hosted 43 leftist guests and not a single Republican or conservative. Among those were 14 leftist politicians and 29 left-wing journalists. Guests like socialist candidate Zohran Mamdani and New York City Comptroller Brad Lander failed to wow anybody but other leftists. Chuck Schumer, Bernie Sanders, Cory Booker and Elizabeth Warren were among the usual suspects of the guests on Colbert's show.

The once almighty "big three" networks of television --- CBS, NBC and ABC --- have seen their heyday come and go. Television, as we once knew it, has long since passed. With so much of the country streaming, shows like Colbert's and the idiocracy of "The View" have to appeal to someone in order to generate revenue and remain

on the air. Just why anyone interested in political or social commentary would tune into "The View" to hear the political opinions of Whoopi Goldberg, Joyless Brayhar, and Sunny Whatever-Her-Name-Is boggles the mind. One can make the argument that they do have some of the most brilliant minds on the Left's political spectrum. The question is, why the shows are not marketed as political opinion shows rather than as comedy or entertainment? Perhaps more people would watch those shows, but my guess is probably not.

There have been some wildly successful late-night shows like those of Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, who made fun of both political parties and all candidates. Neither comedian (and unlike Colbert, they were actually comedians) was one-sided, and they each boasted an audience of tens of millions who wished to be entertained, not indoctrinated.

Vice Mayor Should Preside Over City Council Meetings

City Councilwoman Amelia Parker doesn't like the idea of the mayor serving as the presiding officer of the city council. The Focus agrees with Councilwoman Parker. The Knoxville City Council, for decades, has demonstrated a propensity to be servile to the whims of the

mayor. The city council, at least theoretically, is part of the legislative branch of the government, while the mayor heads the executive branch of the government. The branches are supposed to be equal and separate. The president of the United States is not the presiding officer of the U.S. House of Representatives. As everybody knows, the House chooses its own speaker. The governor doesn't preside over either the House or the Senate in Tennessee. The vice president does serve as the presiding officer of the U.S. Senate, although everything is run through the majority leader with input from the minority leader. When Jim McIntyre was superintendent of our schools, he planted himself right in the middle of the members of the board of education, which elects its own chair. Frankly, the superintendent and school personnel should be sitting apart from the board, which is the legislative body for the school system. County Mayor Glenn Jacobs doesn't preside over the county commission, which also elects its own chair.

Knoxvillians should be concerned about the city council actually functioning as a legislative body, not a rubber stamp for the mayor. The people of Knoxville would do well to watch a council meeting and observe it. Hardly any member of the council ever has any proposal of their own, and almost all of them

readily give their stamp of approval to whatever abomination is laid before them by the mayor. That isn't unique to Indya Kincannon. Kincannon's only public experience was serving on the Knox County Board of Education, which she chaired. Current city council member Lynne Fugate served on the board, too, and 99% of the time, they were content to cast their votes to do whatever Jim McIntyre wanted done.


The City of Knoxville has a spending problem. It spends everything it can get and then raises taxes every two years to spend even more while doing less and less for quality of life issues. Whenever you hear one of the council people, and there are a slew of people running for city council right now, talk about affordable housing, ask that person if he or she is for raising taxes. What they mean when they talk about affordable housing is building subsidized housing, subsidized by the taxpayers. Raising property taxes (and Kincannon and the city council raised property taxes a whopping 40% the last time) raises rents and mortgages for working people, making it LESS affordable for them. NOTHING from the government is free. It might be "free" for some, but make no mistake - someone has paid for it.

Currently, Kincannon is asking the people of Knoxville to raise the sales tax to have more money to spend.

A few candidates, like Karyn Adams, are weaseling and not giving a direct answer to whether or not they favor the sales tax increase. Believe it or not, councilmen/women are elected to represent the people of their district, not the mayor or the executive branch of the government.


The mayor serving as the presiding officer of the city council blurs the line between the separation of the two coequal branches of the government, and the result has been the executive branch dominating the legislative branch of our city government. It hasn't worked well for city residents, and the city model has been less responsive to the people. Electing a majority of the council by district rather than the choices of the district being overturned by voters city-wide was a step forward for city democracy. Knoxville has a vice mayor, elected by the city council from one of their own, who apparently has no real function except to preside in the absence of the mayor. Let the vice mayor become the presiding officer and make it a meaningful role, not simply an empty title to boost the ego of a single council member.

Amelia Parker is right about wanting to see the mayor come to the podium instead of presiding over the city council. It doesn't work in the interests of the voters and defiles our democracy.




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What is Bifurcation?

You may hear a lawyer or judge use the word “bifurcation” during a court case and think it sounds like something out of a science textbook. But in the legal world, bifurcation is actually a pretty straightforward concept.



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things like car accidents or contract disputes. For example, a court might first hold a trial to determine whether someone is liable (at fault), and then later hold a separate trial to decide how much money should be

Bifurcation simply means splitting a case into two parts so that one issue is decided before moving on to the next. The word itself comes from the Latin “bi,” meaning two, and “furcare,” meaning to fork—so think of it like the case taking two separate paths instead of one big road.

Why would someone want to do this? Well, sometimes there's one part of a case that's a lot easier to resolve than the rest. By handling that part first, the court might be able to avoid a long, expensive, and unnecessary trial on the other issues.

A common example of bifurcation happens in divorce cases. Let's say a couple agrees they want to be divorced, but they're still fighting over things like alimony, child custody, or property division. The judge might grant the divorce itself right away—bifurcating the divorce from the other issues—and then take more time to sort out the rest. That way, the couple is legally divorced while the remaining details are still being resolved.

Bifurcation can also be used in civil cases involving

awarded in damages. This can make things more efficient—if the court decides someone wasn't at fault at all, then there's no need to spend time figuring out how much money they would have owed.

Of course, not all judges are willing to bifurcate a case. It's a decision that the judge makes after weighing whether it will actually save time and resources or whether it might confuse things even more. Lawyers will often request bifurcation as a strategic move, depending on which issues they want the judge to hear first.

So while the word “bifurcation” may sound intimidating, it's really just about breaking a case into manageable parts. Sometimes, tackling a case one piece at a time is the best way to get to the finish line.

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Brennan chosen

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to make Brennan a member to serve beyond the brief appointment. The next scheduled board meeting is set for October 13, and the two-month period may give Brennan time to learn how the board functions.

Asked whether the commission could go ahead and appoint Brennan to the full-term position, Knox County Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said the commission has the power to do so if it chooses. The commissioners decided 10-1 to go ahead with the temporary appointment, with Commissioner Kim Frazier voting “No.”

Brennan, a retired California law enforcement official, told the commission she would accept the temporary appointment and is interested in serving in the full-term position. The merit board reviews complaints and appeals from sheriff's department employees. Board members serve for three years and may continue for one additional term.

The merit board reorganized recently and selected Kenny Boatman as chair to replace Manning and Michael Crichton as vice chair. Continuing members of the board include Clarence Vaughn, Lindsey Willis, Brock Goetz and Dan Johnson.

In other action, the commissioners approved raising the mineral severance tax in the county from 15 cents per ton to 20 cents under a new state law that

permits the increase.

At-Large Commissioner Larsen Jay gave a presentation on the county's efforts to get broken, redundant and dangerous power poles removed. He suggested withholding new permits for poles until the owners remove duplicate or abandoned poles.

The commission honored the Gibbs High School Lady Eagles softball team for winning back-to-back state championships in 2024 and 2025. The team went 41-3 with 18 consecutive wins in 2025 and has won a total of 12 state championships.

Commissioner Shane Jackson also honored the West High School football team for their victories at state in 2022 and 2023. He wanted the players to be recognized following three football coaches being fired for inappropriate behavior.

The commissioners also heard a report about the housing market from Maria McHale from the Knoxville Association of Realtors.

Two agreements involving state and federal funding were passed, one amending the plan benefiting low- to moderate-income persons with block grants. That vote passed with Angela Russell and Rhonda Lee passing and Andy Fox voting “No.” Also passed was an agreement with Sacred Ground Hospice House for end-of-life care for uninsured persons using federal funds in a 10-1 vote.

Taking a loop through Bulls Gap

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Ever wonder how a place gets its name and what makes it special?

Taking a day to find out more about the area gives you a break and can be educational and entertaining. This week, we'll look at the historic communities in a looping trip starting northeast on Rutledge Pike and returning to Knoxville along Andrew Johnson Highway.

Blaine is just north of Knoxville along Highway 11W or Rutledge Pike. It was initially known as Wheatville, named after one of the first settlers, Thomas Wheat. However, the name was later changed to Blaine in honor of James G. Blaine, a famous politician of the time. Nearby is the historic Lea Springs house.

Rutledge was established and incorporated

in 1797 and named for General George Rutledge, a prominent citizen in nearby Sullivan County. At the time of its incorporation, it became the first municipality to have its own police department in Grainger County. Worth visiting there is the old jail and a reproduction of the Andrew Johnson tailor shop on the grounds of the county courthouse.

Bean Station is named after William Bean, considered the first permanent white settler in what is now Tennessee. He and his family established a settlement in the area in the late 1770s, and the town grew up around this settlement. The location was also a significant crossroads for early travelers, situated where the Wilderness Road and the Great Indian Warpath came together. At low lake waters, you can walk along the old highway and see the foundations of buildings that once stood there.

Nearby **Mooreburg** was named for Major Hugh Moore, whose family settled in the area around 1800. Hugh had purchased over several thousand acres and laid out the setting for the town.

Mooreburg Springs, high above the community, was once a thriving health spa. **Rogersville** is named for its founder and first postmaster, Joseph Rogers. He was an Irish immigrant who, along with his father-in-law Thomas Amis, established the town. Rogersville is the second-oldest town in Tennessee, and is where Davy Crockett's grandparents lived before being killed in a Cherokee attack. The town has an interesting museum in the former railroad depot.

Turning south in Rogersville along Highway 66 South is **Bulls Gap**, which was named after John Bull, an 18th-century gunsmith and stagecoach operator. He established a stage line through a pass in Bays Mountain, which then became known as Bull's Gap. The town that grew up around this pass eventually adopted the name Bulls Gap. The little downtown section has an Archie Campbell museum and several abandoned buildings and an old water tower for steam trains that once stopped there.

Morristown is west, back toward Knoxville, along the Andrew Johnson Highway.

This community was named for Gideon Morris, who settled the site in the 1780s. The home of Davy Crockett's family and the Crockett Tavern there has been reproduced as a museum.

Jefferson City was originally called Mossy Creek. In 1890, two communities there joined together to become Jefferson City, named in honor of President Thomas Jefferson. The town is the home of Carson-Newman University.

From there back to Knoxville along the “AJ” Highway are some other interesting communities, including **New Market** and **Strawberry Plains**. In New Market is the historic Houston's Mineral Well, and Strawberry Plains has several Civil War skirmish sites and an earthen Confederate fort.

Whether you take the entire day away along the route or choose to visit just a few of the interesting towns and communities, knowing a bit more about our region is important. It's a good idea to take your children or grandchildren with you and share the experience.



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City of Knoxville Primary Election

August 6th - 21st, 2025

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☐ Lindsey Jaremko
☐ Becky Jones
☐ Charles Van Morgan
☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

Vote for One (1)

- ☐ Nathan Honeycutt
☐ Melody Watts
☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

Vote for One (1)

- ☐ Nicholas Ciparro
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☐ Frank Ramey
☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

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☐ Write-in

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☐ Write-in

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Human

I am neither especially clever nor especially gifted. I am only very, very curious. Albert Einstein

School has started for my grandkids, and I tell them school is where you go to learn how to learn. In other words, you learn the tools for a lifetime of learning. I doubt this resonated deeply in my Knoxville grandkids, ages 13 and 10. Admittedly, it didn't resonate with me when I was a youngling. The mother of my Oregon grandkids is a middle school language arts teacher. I admire the joy of reading she has instilled in her youngsters.

Reading is the gateway to learning, but statistics show reading proficiency is declining in America, and fewer people read books for pleasure or enlightenment. This is especially

true among young people who stream and use social media on their devices.

Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write. And I might add that you must be able to read for comprehension and be able to communicate with others.

I'm no Einstein, but I am very curious about a lot of things. Forest Gump's mother said, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." Those who follow this column might say something similar about me because you never know where my interest might take this column.

The Internet is a marvelous tool for the curious and has transformed the modern age. Other than television, screen time was an alien concept when I was

in the formal education process because there was no Internet until the 1990s, and smartphones weren't available until 2007. Now, I feel cut off from the world of information if my iPhone is not in my pocket. Since English is a living language, we now have the term "nomophobia" for the sense of "anxiety if someone is unable to access their smartphone or cellular service." In English, there's a word for everything, or we will create one!

Even though market research shows that the average American spends 10 hours a day on devices, the problem is perhaps less about screen time and more about what's on the screen. Pornography is problematic even if SCOTUS judges have a hard time defining it. And social media is a big problem as described in Roger McNamee's book "Zucked, Waking Up to the Facebook Catastrophe" and Shoshana Zuboff's book "The Age of Surveillance Capitalism."

I admit I'm a bibliophile, but I have a friend who reads books he's downloaded to his Kindle. Should that be counted as screen time? Surfing the net to answer questions, to study a topic, or to assuage non-prurient curiosity is fine in

my "book." And in defense of some screen time, I've found that my 13-year-old grandson is a treasure trove of information that didn't come from a fusty book.

I like to identify trees and flowers, especially wild flowers. I have a wonderful app on my iPhone called Seek, which helps me identify fauna and flora - mostly flora. I don't need an app to recognize coyotes and turkeys or the black bear that was on my porch a few weeks ago.

The ever frugal Becky also likes the app, which is free. Recently, we were out walking and she spied an unknown flower. So, she whipped out her iPhone and turned to identify the flower, which I was also contemplating. As she panned to the flower, the app caught my face and promptly identified me as "human." The app's AI even showed pictures of others of my species and then complimented Becky for identifying a new fauna!

I found this happenstance fascinating, as the Star Trek character Spock would say. The AI (artificial intelligence - and I would use that term loosely) behind the app's function saw me as an entity and identified me as any other fauna and flora.

I wonder if the AI would identify another AI "entity" if it were on the screen? I'm exploring this notion in the concluding novel of my science fiction trilogy. Perhaps the next leap in humans might be an implanted chip interface (but not Zuckerberg's!) connecting the human brain and machine learning. Stay tuned.

I've come to a time in my life when I worry less than when I was younger. Perhaps this is because I've made it, as they say. I have been blessed to live long and well. We are financially stable. I can't police where my grandkids go on the Internet. That's up to their parents to control with filters. Although we recycle and remain environmentally conscious, I don't worry about climate change since I always thought it was bad science and a "poor excuse to pick a man's pocket," as Ebenezer Scrooge would say.

And I no longer worry about the country because we now have a real president who is leading the way to Make America Great Again. Along the way, he's fixing the economy and trade imbalances; he's already fixed illegal immigration and the border. And he's trying to knock

some common sense into the Democrats, but I'm not sure that's possible. I wish I could shine Becky's app on President Trump. It might identify him as Batman!

The fact that I'm less worried doesn't mean I'm complacent or disengaged. People who read this column know that I care deeply about my country, my family and my faith, which are all foundational with me.

As you get older, you wonder what legacy you will leave. I have a legacy of patients that I helped during my medical career. I have a legacy of two wonderful daughters and five grandchildren. And since I have a second career as a writer, I will leave a legacy of my thoughts and words, which are more reflective of my life than a tombstone.

But don't worry, I'm not done yet. I have to finish the third novel in my Stellar Trilogy, and it will take another year and a half to reach 1000 essays in The Knoxville Focus. And as the Christian musical group Passion with Melodie Malone sang in "I've Witnessed It," "I've got stories I'll live to tell."

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Two city council primary races already decided

By Mike Steely
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The City of Knoxville general election in November will result in five new members for the city council. Two offices on the ballot are already locked in for the general election, regardless of this month's primary results: Districts 2 and 4 on the Knoxville City Council.

District 2, to replace Andrew Roberto, only has two candidates: Nathan Honeycutt and Melody Watts. District 4's race, to replace Lauren Rider, has three names on the ballot, but Jane George has withdrawn, leaving Matthew DeBardelaben and Jeff Talman to move on to the general election.

The three other council seats in the city primary are contested. Four candidates in District 1 seek to replace Tommy Smith: Karyn Adams, Lindsey Jaremko, Becky Jones and Charles Van Morgan. District 3 has four candidates aiming for the seat currently held by Seema Singh: Nicholas Ciparro, Ivan Harmon, Doug Lloyd and Frank Ramsey.

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CHS Alumni present \$4K to Bobcat Band



Pictured left to right at the check presentation are R. Larry Smith, Alex Mink, Margaret Murdaugh and Tommy Hensley.

The Central High School Bobcat Band received a generous boost in July as the Central High School Alumni Association presented a \$4,000 check to support the program. The donation was made during the band's annual camp, where current students performed a rendition of the school fight song, "Red and Black," for alumni.

Alumni Association President R. Larry Smith, Treasurer Margaret Murdaugh, and band alumnus Tommy Hensley were on hand for the presentation. CHS Band Director Alex Mink expressed gratitude, noting that the funds will help cover transportation, instrument and uniform repairs, contest fees,

and equipment for the program.

"This gift means a lot to our students and the future of our program," Mink said.

Smith emphasized the strong connection between the alumni and the band, sharing that many association members are former band students who want to give back to the group that helped shape their high school experience.

The Bobcat Band is currently accepting contributions for the 2025-2026 season, including individual donations and sponsorships. To support the band, visit the donation page at <https://app.givebacks.gives/bobcatbandsponsor2025>.

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College fears

Younger children are counting the last days of summer vacation before school doors open and trap them for the next nine months. Right behind them, colleges will soon begin



By Joe Rector
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fall semesters. Last year, 6,804 freshmen began courses of study at the University of Tennessee; about 6,250 completed the entire year, although I'm not so sure the number was that high. At any rate, a throng of "green horns" hit the campus, and for many, the time was an awakening. I remember way back when I began college and the feelings that I had. Earlier in the summer, I'd had surgery on a bum left ankle. Orientation had been pure torture as we walked all over the rather small Tennessee Tech campus. In my mind, walking to classes and other meetings

would be just as bad when I began school in the fall. People have told me that I could sue my skinny legs for nonsupport, so I thought perhaps navigating my way to different classes would be helpful in strengthening my repaired part.

Mother drove Jim and me to campus on a Sunday. I looked at the house for the last time and thought that I would never call that place my official home again. Yes, I "awfulized" going to college. Although Cookeville was only 100 miles away, I felt as if I'd crossed into a different, alien world.

Jim had been on campus for a while since he was in the marching band, but I was a total newbie. My older brother, Dallas, and his wife also attended Tech, and he was a head resident in Miller Hall, a fact that offered him an apartment.

My poor sister-in-law agreed to wash my clothes and feed me a meal every evening. She was trapped, but I didn't understand that at the time.

During mid-afternoon, Mother left for the return home. I often wondered how she felt to be a complete empty nester. Daddy had died four years earlier, and now her boys were gone. I'm sure she might have been just a little lonely, but only briefly. Her life changed as much as mine did, another thing I didn't understand until later.

I sat in the dorm room, which Jim and I would share for only one quarter. (Then he would head home to work and marry his high school sweetheart. Only a couple of years later, he returned to earn his degree.) Jim was off somewhere doing something, and I felt miserable, alone, abandoned, dumped, and discarded. Homesickness hit as soon as Mother

drove off. Eventually, I found a couple of friends from home, and we began exploring the campus on our own. Only a few minutes into our journey, we witnessed two gigantic, moronic Tech football players on the other side of the street. They accosted a guy, who had to be another freshman, and yelled at him for walking on their sidewalk. Then, those two guys thumped this scared little guy. I gave thought to calling home for a ride back to Knoxville.

Figuring out a schedule that would work took forever, and I changed courses when they clashed with another's time slot or were already filled. Eventually, things worked out. The standard required courses filled my day, although I scheduled as many as possible for the early morning. I never had a problem with rising early, and an afternoon nap after classes would tide me over until evening when I studied.

My budget was tight. Mother worked as a teacher to put us through college. She never made more than \$10,000, and I still don't know how she did all things on so little money. I had \$25 a week to spend on what I needed. For the first time in my life, I had a checkbook to pay for things. Only during my senior year did I mess up when I recorded a deposit twice. I rented a small refrigerator from the university, and in it I kept bologna, mayonnaise and a gallon pitcher of tea. Sometimes I would eat with a group at one of the restaurants around campus. Most Friday nights, I bought hamburgers or Chuckwagon sandwiches for Dal, Brenda and me.

During that first quarter, Jim destroyed his knee when he and I played touch football against two other freshmen. I missed classes to take him to the doctor. I met a girl named Jacque, who was from Donaldson,

Tennessee, and we dated until the end of the term. Her boyfriend, George, was a lineman for the MTSU Raiders, and he made a trip one evening to Cookeville with the express intention of beating me up. He never found me. Jacque went home for the Christmas holidays, and I never saw her again.

Yes, I did survive that first year of college, and to tell the truth, those years at TTU were the best years of my life. High school is in no way comparable to college. Parents, know that your "babies" will probably be homesick and lonely. They'll do some dumb stuff, but they will also learn valuable lessons about life. Don't hover. You've done all you can do, and now it is time for your freshmen to venture out to see what the world holds. I feel for you. I've sent my own children away. It will be okay, even good. Hang in there.

Inherited War: Burdened by Battles They Didn't Start

It began with a barely noticeable hairline crack in the dam that was easy to overlook. The man who owned the land saw it, but convinced himself it wasn't urgent. Repairs would be expensive, and besides, the dam had held for years. So, he decided to ignore it. Year

after year, the pressure slowly built behind the wall until one night, long after the man had passed, the dam gave way. His son, who was now living on the land, woke to a roar of water sweeping through the valley, destroying crops, homes

and everything in its path. Although the son who inherited the land didn't build the dam or cause the cracks, he had to face the consequences of neglect left behind by the previous generation.

This is a sobering reality of legacy: the choices we make today, both good and bad, do not end with us. They echo into the future. The character we develop, the truths we stand for, the sins we excuse, and the priorities we

live by will either strengthen or weaken the foundation we pass on. The next generation often walks a road that has been paved by the decisions of those who came before them.

1 Kings 11 reveals a significant reality regarding King Solomon. While Solomon had his own compromises, he also faced some afflictions that were created by his father, King David. Although David was deceased, his son was left to deal with some of the consequences of his dad's choices. Among these were unresolved issues related to foreign alliances, idolatry and moral compromise. David was known as a man after God's own heart, yet his private concessions and failure to correct his family's behavior ultimately shaped the environment in which Solomon grew up. As a result, Solomon faced struggles and battles that traced back to decisions made

during David's generation.

What if my kids have to fight battles that I created? This serves as a stark warning to all parents with kids at home. The things we allow, excuse, ignore or create today might become the struggles our children have to fight tomorrow. Generational battles don't start in the future; they start now, through the choices we make, the patterns we tolerate, and the compromises we justify. We need to take care of some things so they won't have to!

That bitterness we won't release? That secret sin we never confront? That spiritual apathy we continue to live with? It might not end with us, and it might grow in them: the next generation. This is not just true in our homes but can also become apparent in our churches. What we are making peace with right now may come to destroy them long after we're gone.

We don't just pass down our names; we pass down our nature. The compromises we make today can lead to our children's captivity tomorrow. Let's confess what we've tolerated, confront what we've ignored, and change the future for the next generation. Generational legacy is not just what we leave materially in their hands, but, more importantly, what we leave spiritually in their hearts.

Consider the father who was aware of a crack in the dam that compromised its integrity. By ignoring the issue, he put his son at risk. What issues are we overlooking today that could eventually endanger our children's future?

1 Corinthians 10:11 says, "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition." If we ignore the scars of others, we shouldn't be surprised when we earn our own.

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Join Mabry-Hazen House on Friday, August 8, for special tours to commemorate the Eighth of August—Emancipation Day in Tennessee. Mabry-Hazen House will share stories, objects, and research related to the historic house museum, local enslaved communities, and their stories of emancipation.

Visitors will learn about the lives of African-Americans connected to Mabry-Hazen House, their triumphs and tribulations, and the various ways they gained their freedom. The museum will also share new research discoveries about the Franklins—a family who were enslaved by the Mabrys, gained their freedom when the Union army

arrived in the late summer of 1863, and contributed to the downfall of slavery in Knoxville. From self-liberation to the 13th Amendment, “..And Then I Became Free: Stories of Emancipation at Mabry-Hazen House” will explore the different methods enslaved people broke down the oppressive institution of American chattel slavery and fought to gain their personal liberty.

The museum will offer special tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Admission is free, but tours are limited to 24 visitors per tour. Reservations are encouraged and donations are appreciated. To reserve a tour, please visit www.mabryhazen.com/events/emancipationday.

SEVIER COUNTY 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST 8 - FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 29 and SEPTEMBER 1 - VACATION DAYS, NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 13-17 - VACATION DAYS

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NOVEMBER 26 - HALF DAY

NOVEMBER 27 and 28 - THANKSGIVING, NO SCHOOL

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JANUARY 19- VACATION DAY

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MAY 5 - INSERVICE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)

MAY 25 - VACATION DAY

MAY 28 - ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)

MAY 29 - LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS (HALF DAY)

GO EAGLES!

‘Stubby’ A Hero of the Great War

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Faithful readers of this column know of my great love for dogs, and I cannot count the number of times people have told me how much they like it when I write about animals. I have long contended that the dog is God’s most perfect creation in terms of the kind of unconditional love that the Lord Himself bestows upon His children. Loyal and true to the last beat of their hearts, dogs are indeed man’s best friend.

Woodrow Wilson had been reelected president largely due to his slogan, “He Kept Us Out of War,” but the United States entered the First World War in 1917. It remains one of the bloodiest wars in human history. Much was written about Stubby, who was variously described as an “American bull terrier,” a “Boston terrier,” and a dog of “uncertain breed.” Stubby’s escapades filled the pages of newspapers across the country and found a public eager to read more about the courageous pup. Recounting the story of Stubby is, as is any tale involving a dog, one of loyalty, trust and love.

The stray dog became an American celebrity, meeting three presidents of the United States and receiving a lifetime membership in the American Legion. For a time, Stubby took to the stage for vaudeville. Stubby’s passing was duly noted with a half-page obituary printed in no less than the New York Times.

The Great War, as it was called at the time, saw several deadly weapons used for killing, including flamethrowers, tanks, mortars and airplanes. Grenades were improved and more widely used, and machine guns were perfected for mass slaughter. That same slaughter reaped countless lives as the young flower of manhood charged from one set of trenches toward that of the enemy into a hail of machine gun and artillery fire for an entirely new level of killing. Stubby received so much attention because of the sheer terribleness of the First World War as much as for Americans’ love of dogs. Stubby was one of the very few good things about the war.

Stubby was allegedly promoted to the rank of “Sergeant,” which may be an invention of Hollywood fiction writers. When the pup passed away, there was much written about his eventful life, but I never saw any mention of his having been made a sergeant. Ann Bausum, who has written two books about Stubby, doesn’t think it’s true. Ms. Bausum searched far more newspaper articles than I did and saw no mention of

the little dog making the rank of sergeant. What is most certainly true is enough to satisfy anyone, for it is absolutely certain that Stubby won several medals for his bravery, comforted the wounded, rescued soldiers, captured a German spy, and was himself wounded at least three times in battle. When wounded by a shell or grenade by retreating German soldiers, like any soldier, Stubby was hurried to a Red Cross hospital where he recovered. As Stubby recovered, he helped to raise the spirits of other soldiers who had been wounded and was highly popular with his mates. Once fully recovered, Stubby went back to the trenches.

A gold medal awarded by the American Humane Society was pinned to Stubby’s uniform by the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing. Stubby lived to be a veteran and was a regular at the conventions of the American Legion and usually led the parades of former soldiers proudly marching.

Stubby was found trolling the grounds of Yale University, which is where the members of the 102nd Infantry were training before going overseas. To this day, there are news stories and videos about American soldiers finding strays and bringing them home. Stubby’s own story is a bit different; he left his home in the United States and went to war.

As is always the case when someone is friendly to a dog, the dog becomes omnipresent. Stubby was no different, and as the American troops drilled at Yale, Stubby became a constant presence moving through the ranks of the troops. One soldier in particular took a liking to Stubby and looked after him, Corporal James Robert Conroy, a 25-year-old from New Britain, Connecticut. The kind-hearted Conroy took Stubby into his care, and when it came time for the men to be shipped across the Atlantic Ocean, the young man found he couldn’t leave his new-found friend behind. Somehow, Stubby never caught the attention of the higher-ups on the troop ship, and Corporal Conroy managed to sneak the dog off the ship by hiding him beneath his overcoat. Legend has it, when Stubby was finally noticed by the corporal’s commanding officer, Stubby saluted, a trick he had been taught by the soldiers. That was enough to keep Conroy and Stubby together. Stubby had become the mascot of the 102nd Infantry.



Stubby in his uniform.

Dogs uncomplainingly share whatever fate befalls their owners, and Stubby lived in the trenches in France with Corporal Conroy and the men of the 102nd Infantry for a year and a half. Stubby persevered through the worst of it, enduring those terrible times when the soldiers of the 102nd Infantry were under heavy enemy fire ‘round the clock for more than a month.

Life in the trenches during the Great War was brutal. There were long periods where soldiers were bored out of their minds and times of mind-numbing terror during the fighting and while artillery fire rained down upon them. The living conditions were awful, and soldiers frequently slept little in addition to the natural stress of not knowing what might come within the next few minutes. Exhaustion was a constant companion, as were rats, lice and other vermin. Sewage overflowed from what toilets were available, soldiers were frequently covered with mud and slime during the heavy rains, and trench foot was common. Stubby remained a source of amusement and comfort to the soldiers inside the trenches, a friend who shared their deprivations and suffering.

Stubby was also a victim of mustard gas, one of the more ghastly innovations of the First World War, but fortunately, he recovered. Stubby’s fellow soldiers made certain he was protected from future gas attacks by making him his own specially constructed gas mask. What his mates didn’t realize was that Stubby would become remarkably adept at warning them of coming gas attacks. According to the New York Times, Stubby’s keen nose saved the lives of an entire company of soldiers by raising a ruckus and alerting them of a coming gas attack by the Germans.

Stubby also wandered into the deadly “no man’s land” between the opposing trenches, where the brave little stray helped to locate wounded soldiers.

The Military Times quoted Curt Deane, the grandson of Robert Conroy, who said, “My grandfather was always clear: He was a service dog. He gave the troops comfort; he gave them support. He used to run through the trenches and warn them about gas attacks. He used to go outside of the trenches into this sort of no-man’s land, between the U.S. and German trenches, and stand by soldiers who had been injured until the medics could come and get them.”

Deane also related that Stubby went AWOL occasionally. “Stubby would disappear for weeks at a time and the guys would kind of have no idea where he was, and there was this whole fear that he had been killed or whatever. My grandfather would say, ‘He always came back with his head held high and his stubby tail up in the air,’ and knew right where my grandfather was,” Deane said.

Curt Deane thought that was quite a feat of its own. “It was amazing,” he told the Military Times, “And these troops wouldn’t stay still - - - they were moving around, but he always came right back and knew exactly where my grandfather was.”

Likewise, due to his vastly superior hearing, Stubby was able to hear the incoming shells fired by enemy guns before others, which alerted them to seek cover. The media of the time made much of Stubby having captured a lurking German spy, for which the commander of the unit sought to give the canine soldier a promotion to the rank of sergeant. The New York Times related the story of Stubby capturing the German spy. The ever-vigilant Stubby heard something suspicious and crept out of the trenches, where he found the German, who attempted to fool the dog. Stubby responded by grabbing the German by the seat of the pants and growling ferociously. Fellow soldiers followed Stubby and took the spy prisoner. They also took the German’s Iron Cross medal and awarded

it to Stubby.

Grateful French women hand-sewed a coat for Stubby so that he could be seen with the array of medals he had earned.

When Stubby passed away, it was front-page news in some of the biggest newspapers in America. Stubby lived out his life with Corporal Conroy, who was the chief of staff for Congressman Edward Hart Fenn of Connecticut. Stubby even attended law school with Conroy. Dogs were prohibited from living in the university dormitories, but Corporal Conroy showed university administrators the clippings of Stubby’s service during the Great War, and an exception was made. Conroy was also employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation while attending law school as a special agent.

Stubby became almost as well-known at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., as he had been by the members of the 102nd Infantry. Neil Moriarty, a fellow student at the time, recalled being astonished by “the almost human intelligence” exhibited by Stubby. The dog became a mascot for Georgetown University. In addition to the American Legion, Stubby held honorary memberships in the YMCA and the American Red Cross.

After an adventurous life of ten years, Stubby went to sleep and never awoke in this world. That was according to some of the contemporary news stories of the day. Others indicated Stubby died in the arms of Robert Conroy.

Stubby’s earthly remains were preserved through the art of taxidermy, and his ashes were placed inside the body. J. Robert Conroy later presented Stubby to the Smithsonian Institute. Some thirty years after Stubby’s passing, Conroy posed along with fellow World War I veteran and Tennessee Congressman Carroll Reece for a picture beside Stubby at the Smithsonian.

Corporal Conroy never forgot his friend Stubby

and made certain the brave little stray dog would never be forgotten. A statue of Stubby was dedicated in Middletown, Connecticut, at the Veterans’ Park in 2018. Stubby’s life and legend were made for the movies, and Hollywood released an animated film recently about the canine hero. If Hollywood exaggerated as it invariably does in telling Stubby’s story, it is one instance where those of us who love dogs know the little stray was quite capable of everything credited to him.

There is still a program that sends dogs into Walter Reed Medical Center to visit with the soldiers getting treatment there. Curt Deane remembered his grandfather’s story about Stubby, and it was abundantly clear Robert Conroy never let go of the little stray dog’s memory.

“I used to ask him why he never got another dog,” Deane said, “and he made it very clear to me that Stubby was so special and so unique that he just couldn’t imagine another dog being able to fill that role.”

Robert Conroy extracted a promise from his grandson to do all that he could to keep Stubby’s memory alive.

Stubby exemplified those attributes that all of us who love canines realize they share: a heart and spirit as big as all outdoors and an endless devotion to their family and friends. The only thing greater is the Lord God Himself.

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Two candidates seek District 4 council seat

By Mike Steely
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Voters in District 4 will be selecting candidates to replace Lauren Rider on city council this year.

Jane George had been a candidate for the District 4 seat before leaving the race earlier last month and told The Focus: “Unfortunately, due to personal issues and unforeseen circumstances, I am withdrawing from the race. I will still be on the ballot, that cannot be changed.”

The Knoxville Focus asked the two remaining candidates, Matthew DeBardelaben and Jeff Talman, four questions and here are their answers exactly as submitted:

What qualifies you to seek the office?

Matthew DeBardelaben: I have personal knowledge of the character of Knoxville’s diverse neighborhoods. I understand the pressures and opportunities each faces. I have lived in several global cities and on a rural country farm.

I served for 6 years on the Downtown Knoxville Alliance, 3 of these years as board chair. The DKA is the Central Improvement District. Downtown Knoxville has flourished during these years. I am currently serving in my 6th year on the Design Review Board. This period has been a wonderful education in our infill housing.

As a commercial broker, I have the opportunity every day to bring new uses to buildings that have long been blighted. This year, my work has included a restaurant, an event space, and twelve new townhomes that will replace three blighted buildings and an empty lot.

As a project manager for the PBA, I also see how public policy becomes real, tangible results and services for residents. I have recently worked on the upkeep of our Civic Coliseum and Auditorium and the Old Knoxville Courthouse clock tower.

This has not been easy work. It has required



Matthew DeBardelaben

tenacity, bravery, recovering from failure, and creativity. This is the same energy I will bring to City Council as the 4th District’s voice for progress.

Jeff Talman: I kept waiting for someone better looking and with a better argument for the future of Knoxville and the Fourth District to show up and nobody did. So here I am. I come from a family of civic minded people and I pay attention to the issues.

My particular knowledge and vision for Knoxville is informed by decades of hands on working with fellow citizens of every stripe and station. Some of my civic and community involvement in Knoxville over the years includes - two-time President of Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association, Elected Empowerment Zone Governance Board, Initiating & Steering Committees for 9County1Vision regional planning initiative, appointed to represent the County Commission 2nd district on the Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau, chaired that organization’s advertising committee, Elected Vice President of my Knoxville Police Department Citizens Police Academy class, member of Caswell Park Task Force, Inducted into the Southeastern Appalachian Whitewater Hall of Fame, member of Knoxville Volunteer Rotary Club since 1997, Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum Board of Directors, Knoxville Preparatory School Community Advisory Board. I know housing. As a mortgage banker for the last 23 years, I have opened the door to tens of



Jeff Talman

millions of dollars to help people achieve homeownership, and helped renovate and revitalize some of the most challenging housing in our city. I am in fact renovating my own house at 616 Luttrell St in my beloved Fourth & Gill Neighborhood. It has been a challenge and I have gotten to know first hand just how difficult it is to do business in the City.

My late father and step-father were both attorneys who helped me understand the need for principled people to speak up and have courage. As examples my step-father’s brother was Joe Henry who had the courage when he was Tennessee Adjutant General to ride into Clinton, Tennessee in 1956, in an open jeep, to lay the law down that racial integration was to be the law of the land. He similarly rose above his partisan blue-dog democrat political views to swear Lamar Alexander in before outgoing Ray Blanton could sell additional executive clemencies out the back door of the governor’s mansion.

What is the district’s largest problem?

DeBardelaben: The Fourth District’s largest problem is also its largest opportunity—growth. Knoxville is growing, and there is no stop button. Consider these numbers— Between 1990 and 2005, Knoxville’s growth averaged 120 persons per year. Since 2022, we have averaged over 3,200 persons per year.

Our City government must serve us by building for responsive and proactive growth. Responsive growth is possible when

the right tools and resources are in place as issues come before City Council. Reactive growth occurs when we lack imagination and the resources to address the same issues that come before City Council.

Talman: My view is that the biggest issue in the district is affordability of life. I will be a bulldog when it comes to honoring how hard people have to work to earn their money and will bring new discipline. We have many older citizens and people of modest means in the Fourth District and they have been cruelly harmed by generationally government spending-fueled inflation, the result of Washington vote buying, leaving them with nowhere to run to afford life.

While not unique to this district we have mental illness and addiction with our homeless population. The State of Tennessee has a unique leadership role to play in helping create a facility where these fragile human beings can be cared for and given the attention they deserve. What we witness daily in Knoxville is neither humane nor therapeutic and I will be a bulldog here as well.

Make a statement about the outgoing city council person.

DeBardelaben: Councilwoman Lauren Rider is an informed, thoughtful, and wise leader. Her expertise in Knoxville’s land use laws and ordinances

is invaluable. Her integrity and temperament have helped build a wonderful city.

Talman: I am very fond of current city council woman Lauren Rider. I had the honor of getting to know her when she and her husband moved to Knoxville. I structured the financing as they did a ground up renovation on what has become one of the great houses in town. She immediately became a neighborhood leader who brought great energy and care for her community, and of course has won two terms to public office. While we have differing views on some important things I look forward to her being my constituent and working together where possible on continuing to uplift Knoxville.

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

DeBardelaben: If the people of Knoxville choose to pass the proposed sales tax increase, and I win my campaign to represent Knoxville’s Fourth District

on City Council, I will hold our current City Mayor and Knoxville’s next City Mayor accountable to the will of the voters— investing in sidewalks near schools, greenways, affordable housing, maintenance of facilities, and public parks.

I think it is an opportunity to invest in infrastructure that stays in front of our growth. I think it is an opportunity to allow the most vulnerable of Knoxvilleans to grow with Knoxville.

In November I will vote yes for the proposed sales tax.

Talman: Emphatically no. The manner in which the Mayor has brought the issue to the public demonstrates that the projects projected to be funded with the new revenue are discretionary - wanna dos. Yet we have neighbors and fellow citizens who are not affording life now and will be further pushed onto the margins and into government dependency. The city needs to be more disciplined in looking at wanna dos and gotta dos, and it needs to be more business like in generating additional revenue while keeping the rate of taxation low, if not lower.

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Two city council primary races already decided

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District 6 has five citizens hoping to replace Gwen McKenzie: Charles Frazier, Denzel Grant, Stan Johnson, George “Cat Dad” Raudenbush and Lawrence (Man) Williams.

The top two candidates in the August city primary will proceed to the general election in November.

City primary election early voting begins Wednesday

Early voting begins Wednesday for Knoxville registered voters in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to select a city council candidate.

The Knox County Election Commission has designated the following primary election places, and any resident of the five districts may vote at any of the locations for their district council choice.

City County Building at 400 Main Street; Downtown West at 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40; Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points at 2410 Martin Luther King Avenue; Knoxville Expo Center at 5441 Clinton Highway; New Harvest Park at 4775 New Harvest Lane; and Meridian Baptist Church at 6513 Chapman Highway.

With some exceptions, all early voting hours of operation run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday voting is noon until 7 p.m. and

Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Variations to the voting dates and times include the City County Building, which opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, and opens at noon on the three Thursdays. The Meridian Baptist Church will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. There is no voting on Sundays. All early voting and election details can be viewed at www.knoxvotes.org.

Early voting for the primary ends August 21, and the primary election day is August 26.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

With Alcoa gone, A-E coach sees a path to state finals

By Steve Williams

Having to deal with Alcoa is not in the cards this season.

The Tornadoes, who dealt Austin-East a 49-6 loss last year, have packed up their 10 straight Class 3A state championships and joined Class 4A.

Their departure has opened up new possibilities for A-E and many other 3A teams on this side of the state.

“In my last count, you’ve got at least 10 teams in Class 3A that can legitimately make the state championship game from the east side of the state,” said A-E Coach Stanton Stevens last week. “Before, there was one team – Alcoa. Now there are 10. So it’s going to be pretty exciting in 3A football around here.”

Just to be sure, Stevens was asked if he was including the Roadrunners among those 10 teams. “Oh absolutely,” answered Stevens, laughing heartily. “Absolutely, there’s no doubt about that!”

Austin-East returns three starters on offense and three on defense, but there are many others returning and some new talent, too.

“We are going to have a two



Austin-East quarterback coach Jordan Dunbar works with Spencer Moore, a junior transfer QB, on a passing drill at practice last week.

quarterback system,” said Coach Stevens.

Nymire Jackson, a 5-5, 135-pound sophomore who threw all of A-E’s touchdown passes last season, has been joined by junior transfer Spencer Moore (6-1, 195). “He’s pretty good,” said Stevens. “He’s been pushing Nymire all spring. We think he

can be really good also, so we’re pretty fortunate to have two quarterbacks and not just one.

“We’ll just play them as it comes. It may be for the first two games one may play more than the other. We don’t know how it’s going to work out right now. We’re not even worried about that, because we don’t have to change anything.

They are interchangeable.”

Other returnees include junior David Weaver, a two-way starter at OL and DE, sophomore Dikyais Towns (WR and free safety), senior D’Andre Hundley (Sam LB and tight end) and senior Jarvis Henderson (Mike LB and RB).

Others coming up to help lead

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Vintage Base Ball Aug. 16 at Historic Ramsey House

By Steve Williams

Teams from the Tennessee Vintage Base Ball Association will play a double header on the field next to the Historic Ramsey House Aug. 16 with game times at 12 and 2 p.m.

These games bring history to life by recreating the spirit of 1860s baseball. Players follow the rules, wear period-appropriate uniforms and embrace the values of the era.

It’s interesting to step back in time and experience the excitement of 19th-century base ball. And it’s a free family-friendly event.

The Colonel’s Concession Stand also will be open with tasty baseball-style eats and treats.

In addition to the action on the field, enjoy Living History Day, where living historians will be on-site to bring the past to life. There also will be the blacksmith forge in full operation, offering a fascinating look at 19th-century craftsmanship.

Knoxville Smokies keep battling; Knoxville Giants to be honored

After struggling against Pensacola and losing the first four games, the Knoxville Smokies went on a five-game winning streak with two wins against Pensacola followed by three straight victories at Chattanooga.

Through Thursday’s play, Knoxville was 15-15 in the Southern League North Division standings but still trailed Birmingham (21-9) by six games.

The Smokies return home this week to play Biloxi, Miss.

It will be “Free Hot Dog

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Key players return to Grace Christian

By David Klein

Nine offensive starters and 10 defensive starters return to Grace Christian Academy of Knoxville for the 2025 high school football season. Head coach Justin Price had many good things to say about his Rams.

Price expects to have talented skill players, with much of the offensive line returning and young kids stepping up. Price said he looks for his team to be much stronger and have a lot of potential this season.

“This team has great chemistry,” Price said. “We want success for each other and we embrace that.” One key returning starter, athlete Terrion Thomas, was selected as

one of five semifinalists for the Tennessee Titans 2024 Mr. Football Award in Division II-AA.

Other key players Price mentioned as coming back are Kaden Webber at wide receiver, Jackson Coffey at inside linebacker, Shawn Daulton at offensive/defensive line and Parker Whittaker at running back/defensive back. “Shawn Daulton had a big year for us last year,” Price emphasized. Price also said that Whittaker brings tough energy and has played a lot of football.

Price has named junior Treyson Derry as his starting quarterback for this season. Derry was the number one pitcher for the Rams in baseball last year and is a competitor,

according to Price. “He wants the ball. He’s got a good relationship with his receivers,” Price said.

Offensively, Price said the team likes to spread its players out, run empty sets, and stretch the field horizontally. Defensively, the Rams run a 4-2-5 defense, with four defensive linemen, two linebackers and five defensive backs.

Thomas said, “We are getting bigger in the weight room,” and said the offseason workouts have been very effective.

Wide receiver Blake Perkey said, “We have been pouring into our younger guys.” Perkey also mentioned they are looking for the next generation of leaders at Grace Christian.

| RAMS 2025 | | | |
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| Fri | Aug. 29 | 7:00 p.m. | at Carter |
| Fri | Sep. 5 | 7:00 p.m. | at Chatt Christian (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Silverdale Academy (R) |
| Thu | Sep. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Knoxville Webb (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Ambassador Christian (NC) |
| Fri | Oct. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | at Boyd Buchanan (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 10 | 7:00 p.m. | at Sevier County |
| Fri | Oct. 17 | 7:00 p.m. | at CAK (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Lakeway Christian (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | Notre Dame (R) |
| (R)=Region game | | | |

Perkey also said the key to getting stronger is starting in the weight room in December after the previous season is over.

The expectations are high for GCA this season, and Thomas said, “We expect a big season out of our guys. We’re going to show a lot of chemistry and fight this year.”

Price emphasized there are some key rivalry games on the schedule this year. Boyd Buchanan, with former Alcoa coach Gary Rankin, presents a challenge. Webb School, just down the road, is another rival that Price pointed out.

GCA opens its season at Carter on August 29 at 7 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Webb coach liking what he sees

By Mark Nagi

In 2024, the Webb Spartans struggled with a 5-5 record and a brief stay in the playoffs. But this year brings lots of optimism off Dutchtown Road. Webb head coach Don Mahoney has liked what he's seen from his kids for months ... and really for the past few years.

"It was the most physical spring we've had to date while coaching here," said Mahoney. "I really like this senior leadership. It's a group of guys that I got to know. This is year four for me (at Webb), one as an assistant and now three as head coach. That freshman class is now a senior class. We've kind of grown together, you know what I'm saying? There are eight of them. I know what buttons to push, and they know what buttons to push on me. I just feel that good about that group. I feel good about leaning into them and saying, 'I don't like this, this, and this going on right now. Fix it.' They fixed it. So, you know, I trust them."

The Spartans bring back

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| Fri | Aug. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Upperman |
| Fri | Aug. 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Asheville School(NC) |
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(R)=Region game

17 starters, the most recognizable of which is Shavar Young, a Clemson commit for the Class of 2026. Young gives Webb lots of options at wide receiver, cornerback, special teams and even quarterback.

"It's his drive, his will to get better," Mahoney said of Young, currently listed as the 17th best prospect in the state of Tennessee in this class by 247Sports. "Over all my years of coaching, the elite players to me are the ones that compete in everything that they do. Go back to last basketball season with the run that (Webb School) had in the state championship, and a role that he served in that, and how important it was. He demands the ball. He

wants it and wants to do something with it. I think that's his biggest strength: he thrives in competition."

Currently, the front-runner for the starting quarterback position is senior Gage Porter, who started for Webb in the closing stages of the 2024 season. He fared well in 7-on-7 competition this summer. Sophomore Parks Lederer is also in the mix.

The skill positions look pretty good for the Spartans, with Baxter Johnson returning as a running back who can make plays in the passing game, and Greg Tate at receiver, who was limited in 2024 due to injuries. Mahoney is also pleased with what he has seen from his guys at

the line of scrimmage. "A year ago, that was a weakness of ours. We returned some guys that started for us, but we also have added to that with some young guys who are freshmen that have a chance to really provide the size that we need and the mentality that we need."

There is a concern at line-backer, a position where the Spartans lost a talented group of seniors.

The Spartans went 10-2 in 2023. Mahoney would like to see his team get back to that level this fall but doesn't want them getting too far ahead of themselves. "Last year, we were depleted with injuries and had to shift things around and redirect our goals. At a place like Webb with the success we have had, the expectations are always high. I told our team that if we continued this course, we're going to really like the outcome of what this is going to look like."

"I'm making sure, as high school kids, they keep their eye on what's in front of them and not too far down the road."

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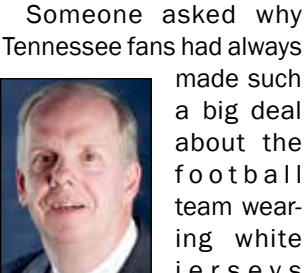
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'Why, Tell Me, Why?'



Someone asked why Tennessee fans had always made such a big deal about the football team wearing white jerseys for road games. It was definitely a big deal in those uncertain times in 1971 when the whole white jersey issue within the SEC raised its ugly head.

The Vols had worn orange jerseys on the road since the days of Gen. Bob Neyland, with three notable exceptions, all losses, all with the Vols wearing white jerseys. Those came in the 1953 Cotton Bowl against Texas, the 1963 Alabama game at Legion Field, and the 1969 Cotton Bowl, also against Texas.

Many Tennessee opponents had worn their home jerseys when they played in Knoxville, with Alabama in crimson, Kentucky, Florida, and Ole Miss in blue, UCLA in powder blue, and so forth.

There are some vintage pictures of Tennessee in orange and Alabama in

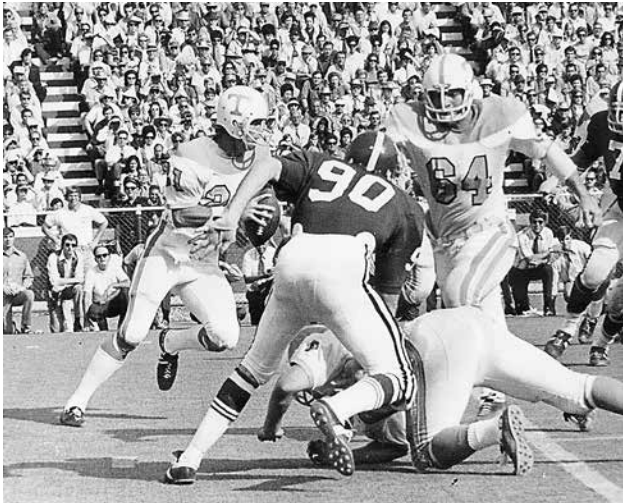
crimson in long-ago copies of Sports Illustrated, the classic ones being a cover shot of Mike Jones and Dennis Homan going for the ball in the 1967 game, and a two-page shot of Hal Wantland diving over the Tide line in the 1965 game, both in Birmingham.

Orange jerseys on the road ended with an SEC "Gentlemen's Agreement" in 1971, giving the home team the choice of taking the school-colored shirts and the visiting team wearing the white shirts, except at LSU and, for a year or so, at Vanderbilt.

To his credit, Tennessee head coach Bill Battle had voted against the 1971 agreement ("You're darn right I did," he said when quizzed about it years later), thus defending the honor of the orange jersey.

One genesis of the white jersey rule may have come from the 1969 Tennessee-Vanderbilt game at Neyland Stadium. It was a sunny November day, Vanderbilt wearing gold, Tennessee wearing orange. Only the helmets distinguished one team from the other.

Media reports after



Dennis Chadwick (21) gets the play in motion as Bill Emendorfer (64) and Alabama's Robin Parkhouse (90) join the action.

the game indicated that Tennessee would likely wear white in Nashville the next season. As things turned out, the Vols didn't. It was a cloudy day and the differences between the two sets of jerseys were more pronounced.

In 1982, the NCAA had changed the "jersey rule," requiring teams to wear the school color jerseys for home games. LSU wore purple jerseys for all home games from 1983 to 1994, including games against Tennessee in 1989 and 1992. That looked strange

for Vol fans who had grown up with LSU in white, Tennessee in orange, regardless of the venue.

When Gerry DiNardo became LSU's head coach in 1995, he personally met with each member of the NCAA Football Rules Committee about changing the rule. DiNardo's efforts were successful, and the Tigers were allowed to wear white jerseys again beginning in 1995.

One impact of the new rule was that the visiting team would have to give the home team permission

to wear the white jerseys. The first team to deny LSU's request was DiNardo's former team, Vanderbilt, in 1996. Instead of going back to purple jerseys, the Tigers took to the field in new gold jerseys and won 35-0.

The SEC later adopted a league rule stipulating that the home team had sole discretion in determining its jersey color. The opponent took whatever was left. Today, there are times both SEC teams wear their school color jerseys in the same game.

Perhaps the most radical change in uniforms came in 1963, with a get-up called the "Halloween Uniforms," so named because the jerseys were light orange with black and white stripes on the shoulders.

"We had new orange jerseys that season, and new white ones had just come in," 1963 tailback Mallon Faircloth remembered, recalling the week before that season's contest against Alabama. "They were the jerseys with stripes across the shoulder. I guess Coach McDonald wanted to change our luck.

He didn't discuss it with any of us. I think he told us that week we were wearing them."

Tennessee has won a number of big games in the white shirts over the years, the same way they have in orange. There was the first "Blue Grass Miracle" in 1971, when Carl Johnson saved the day with an 87-yard run with a fumbled pitchout, just when it appeared Kentucky was going in for the tying or go-ahead score.

The Vols broke a losing streak against Alabama in 1995. Antonio Wardlow made the cover of Sports Illustrated with his blocked punt and recovery for a touchdown at Georgia in 2006, wearing a white No. 38. There were wins at Notre Dame in 1991 and 2001, and a 10-6 win at Miami in 2003.

One Tennessee historian has written that many Vol fans considered the white jerseys a jinx, likely for good reason. Despite some initial trepidation, they have accepted the white shirts with open arms.

With Alcoa gone, A-E coach sees a path to state finals

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A-E this season are freshman WR/DB Marcos McCord, senior DT/OT Tylee Jackson (6-3, 260), sophomore OL/DL Brannon Hunt (6-0, 276) and freshman RB/LB Keyvon Booker.

Forty-three players are currently on the roster.

"We're not very deep, but we're pretty good," said Stevens, but added that the team needs to stay

healthy. "That's why we did not scrimmage anybody this first week. We want to limit our contact and how much we bang."

The Roadrunners will be trying to stay healthy as long as they can.

Stevens thinks the strength of this year's team is at quarterback.

"I think we've got two quarterbacks that could start at a lot of different

places," he said. "And then our skill guys are pretty good this year. We are better at quarterback this year and our linebacker corps is really good."

"I feel really good about the guys coming in. We can have similar production that we had last year on the defensive side as far as our run-stopping capability. And I think we are a little bit better in the secondary

than we were last year."

Stevens got his first head coaching job at Austin-East in 1999 and guided the Roadrunners to a state title in 2001. Last season was his first year back at A-E.

The Roadrunners will begin their season on the road at South-Doyle Aug. 22.

| ROADRUNNERS 2025 | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Fri | Aug. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | at South Doyle |
| Fri | Aug. 29 | 7:00 p.m. | William Blount |
| Fri | Sep. 12 | 7:00 p.m. | at Scott (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Brainerd |
| Fri | Sep. 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Kingston (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Sweetwater (R) |
| Thu | Oct. 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Gatlinburg-Pittman Rivalry Thursday |
| Fri | Oct. 17 | 7:00 p.m. | at Carter |
| Fri | Oct. 24 | 7:00 p.m. | at Meigs County (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | at McMinn Central |
| (R)=Region game | | | |



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The arbiter looks on as a player from each team tries to grab the knob of the bat to see who bats first or takes the field.

Vintage Base Ball Aug. 16 at Historic Ramsey House

Continued from page 1

Night" Tuesday at Health Covenant Park.

"Knoxville Giants Night" will be Friday, with the Smokies honoring and remembering the Negro baseball team. The Knoxville Giants played from 1920 to 1932, with a hiatus in their league play. They were a founding member of the Negro Southern League (NSL) in 1920, winning the league title in their first season. The team played at Booker T. Washington Park in Knoxville.

High school sports 2025-26 start with 5Star Prep Masters

Knox County individuals and teams took top honors in the annual 5Star Prep Masters last week at the Three Ridges Golf Course.

Jake Sheffield of Hardin Valley won the boys' 36-hole tournament in a playoff against Maryville's Leo Huddleston (297), Catholic (315), Farragut Wednesday. Sheffield drained

a 15-foot birdie on the par 3 No. 16 hole to end the match after a long weather delay.

The two frontrunners tied with 7-under par totals of 137. Sheffield carded rounds of 70-67, while Huddleston shot 66-71 in regulation play.

HVA's Conner Williams took third place one stroke back with his 68-70-138.

In girls' individual play, Christian Academy of Knoxville senior Isabella Coughlin breezed to the win with a three-under-par 72-69-141. Catholic's Teagan Walker was runner-up with rounds of 72-75-147. Greeneville sophomore Kylee Renner took third place with a 75-75-150.

Hardin Valley also captured the team title with a four-under 572 total, followed by First Baptist Academy (576), Maryville (598), CAK (599) and Farragut (600).

In the girls' team scoring, CAK prevailed with a 6-over 294, followed by Greeneville (297), Catholic (315), Farragut (323) and Grace Christian (324).

Christian Academy looks to play 'to a standard' in 2025

By Ken Lay

As Christian Academy of Knoxville prepares for the 2025 football season, third-year head coach Chad Speck isn't necessarily concerned with wins and losses.

"For me, it's about getting to the standard," Speck said.

"We play to a standard and we don't play to the scoreboard. You can play to a standard and not win the game, and you can win on the scoreboard and not play to the standard.

"If you play to the standard, everything else will take care of itself."

The Warriors are coming off a tough season in 2024. They did make the playoffs but finished with a 3-8 record while playing in the Division II-AA East Region.

CAK, however, has a returning nucleus of players. The veterans are obviously battle-tested as they went through the rigors of competing against the likes of Notre Dame, Silverdale Baptist, Chattanooga Christian School, Webb School of Knoxville, Grace Christian Academy, Boyd Buchanan and Lakeway Christian School.

For the Warriors, offensively, the key to success will be the play of an experienced offensive line. CAK returns four starters on the offensive front, including three seniors.

"A strength for our team will be that we return four of five

| WARRIORS 2025 | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Fri | Aug. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Concord Christian |
| Fri | Aug. 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Heritage |
| Fri | Sep. 5 | 7:00 p.m. | at Notre Dame (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 12 | 7:00 p.m. | at Oneida |
| Fri | Sep. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | at Silverdale Academy (R) |
| Fri | Sep. 26 | 7:00 p.m. | at Knoxville Webb (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Chatt. Christian (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Christian (R) |
| Fri | Oct. 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Boyd Buchanan (R) |
| Thu | Oct. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | at Lakeway Christian (R) |
| (R)=Region game | | | |

starters on the offensive line," Speck said. "Three of those starters are seniors."

The returners on the offensive line include seniors Cooper Houser, Benton Blevins and Tucker Darga. Junior Michael Yoakum is also back.

Quarterback Seaton Moffett returns for this season. He took over the starting job midway through last season.

"He's an exciting player," Speck said of Moffett. "He became our starter last season in the middle of the year and he will be a really good player for us."

Other key returners for the Warriors include: Gabe Linkous (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Sawyer Anderson (junior, quarterback/defensive back) and Collin Crider (a senior defensive end and all-state performer in 2024).

Houser, Blevins and Darga will also play on the defensive front for the Warriors, along with Crider. Newcomer Jeremiah Wilson will also see time on the defensive line. Wilson, a sophomore, will also play tight end.

Another key newcomer for the Warriors is junior Hunter Bennett, a junior who will play both running back and defensive back.

The 2025 season will mark the first season of football for Bennett, who also plays basketball and competes in track and field for CAK.

While the Warriors have some key players back, a big area of concern is depth, but that's nothing new.

"Depth is always a concern with a roster our size," Speck said. "We're also inexperienced in some key spots."

"In the secondary, there's not a lot of experience on Friday night. Our biggest concerns are depth and inexperience."

CAK will open its 2025 campaign at home on Friday, Aug. 22 as it will host Concord Christian School.

The Lions, coached by former NFL quarterback Steve Matthews, will embark on their first full varsity season. Concord went 8-2 last year, playing a split schedule that included five varsity and five junior varsity games after not fielding a team since 2018.

The Warriors will also be at home on Aug. 29, when they host Heritage, coached by former University of Tennessee assistant coach Joe Osovet. The Mountaineers went 5-5 last season but failed to qualify for the playoffs.

COURT NOTICES

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 Jeddiah C. McKeenhan, McKeenhan Law Group, LLC, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite P-295, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919. In case of your failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 27th day of June, 2025.
ORDER ENTERED June 27, 2025,
by John F. Weaver, Chancellor

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

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

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

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

This 7th day of July, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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 the 16th day of July, 2025.

Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SEKHAR S. GUDALA, Defendant
IN RE: DURGA M. BEZAWADA, Plaintiff
vs.
SEKHAR S. GUDALA, Defendant
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DOCKET NO. 208318-3

Defendant, Sekhar S. Gudala (hereinafter "Defendant"), is required to answer and make defense to the Complaint for Divorce, Temporary Parenting Plan and the Show Cause Order filed with the Court on February 23, 2024 in the Office of the Chancery Court - Division III for Knox County, Tennessee within thirty (30) days after the fourth weekly publication of this order and that, upon his failure to do so, a default judgement may be taken against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Divorce, Temporary Parenting Plan and the Show Cause Order filed in said action..

This the 25th day of July, 2025.

Christopher D. Heagerty, Chancellor
J. Scott Griswold, Clerk and Master
Published in The Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks: August 4 - August 25, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES M. BARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 91078-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES M. BARNES, who died

March 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 18th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES M. BARNES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HAROLD F. BARNES
216 COUNTRY RUN CIR.
POWELL, TN 37849
CURTIS W. ISABELL, ATTORNEY
251 SHORT ST.
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN SEVIER KAVANAGH BENSON
DOCKET NUMBER 90684-2

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

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

This the 18th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN SEVIER KAVANAGH BENSON
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MABRY BOND BENSON
801 W. HILLS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRUCE JOHN BROCKMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 90496-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of BRUCE JOHN BROCKMAN, who died on December 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This is the 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRUCE JOHN BROCKMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BETSY BROCKMAN SMITH
508 WILLARD STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

ELIZABETH MAXEY LONG, ATTORNEY
232 GILL STREET
ALCOA, TN 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE W. BRUHIN
DOCKET NUMBER 91173-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANE W. BRUHIN, who died testate on March 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANE W. BRUHIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM ALAN BRUHIN
2064 TRANQUILITY LANE
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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:

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(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:

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(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:

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(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)
CHRISTOPER 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,

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| <div><div><div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 91161-2</div><div>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.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER WHITE, SR.</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANDREW WHITE, CO-EXECUTRIX 1244 TARWATER ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37920</div><div>LISA GOODMAN, CO-EXECUTRIX 3312 GOSE COVE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37931</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF VIVIAN BERNICE WILLINGHAM DOCKET NUMBER 91085-1</div><div>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.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF VIVIAN BERNICE WILLINGHAM</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LARRY L. WILLINGHAM, ADMINISTRATOR 2931 LAY AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37914</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF SHEILA I. ALBERT DOCKET NUMBER 91235-1</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHEILA I. ALBERT, who died May 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 (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 11 day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF SHEILA I. ALBERT</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPH A. ALBERT, EXECUTOR 523 CHARLEEN LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF CHRISTINA LYNN ARNOLD DOCKET NUMBER 91185-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINA LYNN ARNOLD, who died on June 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25 day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF CHRISTINA LYNN ARNOLD</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBIN AUDREY ARNOLD 8613 PEPPERTREE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37923</div><div>RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY 550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JOHNNIE FAY MAHAN BALSINGER DOCKET NUMBER 91218-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHNNIE FAY MAHAN BALSINGER, deceased, who died on the 17 day of December, 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 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 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JOHNNIE FAY MAHAN BALSINGER</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN BALSINGER 2913 E. WOODROW DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37918</div><div>ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY 4611 OLD BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37918</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF CARL BANDY DOCKET NUMBER 91121-1</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of CARL BANDY, who died March 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedents date of death. This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF CARL BANDY</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DANIEL BANDY 9401 LUSK ROAD STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871</div><div>GLEN B. RUTHERFORD, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 1688 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JOHN P. BREWSTER DOCKET NUMBER 91236-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN P. BREWSTER, who died May 24, 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 15 day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JOHN P. BREWSTER</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID A. BREWSTER, EXECUTOR 946 LAKEVIEW ROAD SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF VICKI FAYE CARTER DOCKET NUMBER 91103-1</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the estate of VICKI FAYE CARTER, who died August 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Probate Division, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), or otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to the 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 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF WICKI FAYE CARTER</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DOUGLAS COLIN CARTER, ADMINISTRATOR 7478 TWIN BROOKS BLVD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37918</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><div>HILLARY E. DEWHIRST, ATTORNEY 4014 SUTHERLAND AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919</div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT COOPER, III DOCKET NUMBER 91189-3</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES ROBERT COOPER, III, who died on May 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 the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT COOPER, III</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ASHLEY NICOLE COOPER 6709 MUSKET TRAIL KNOXVILLE, TN 37920</div><div>JARED T. ANDERSON, ATTORNEY 351 GLASCOCK STREET ALCOA, TN 37701</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF TERRY LYNN GOEBEL DOCKET NUMBER 91257-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TERRY LYNN GOEBEL, who died on the 11th day of May 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 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF TERRY LYNN GOEBEL</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN G. HOLLYFIELD</div><div>R. SETH OAKES, ATTORNEY 10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><div>900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR P. O. BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900</div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF DICK R. FLETCHER DOCKET NUMBER 91156-3</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DICK R. FLETCHER, who died June 4, 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 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF DICK R. FLETCHER</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN B. DUPREE</div><div>STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY 707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF MARATHA ANN HELTON DOCKET NUMBER 91200-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of MARATHA ANN HELTON, who died March 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 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF MARATHA ANN HELTON</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JULIA A. GARREN 12504 YARNELL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37932</div><div>STEPHEN M. BOYETTE, JR., ATTORNEY 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF BILLY KAY KING. a/k/a KAY QUINTON KING DOCKET NUMBER 90854-1</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of ESTATE OF BILLY KAY KING, a/k/a KAY QUINTON KING, deceased, who died on January 17, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting as the case may be) of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication or posting; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF BILLY KAY KING. a/k/a KAY QUINTON KING</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LILLA MAE KING, EXECUTOR 4411 GREENEFERN WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37912</div><div>ZACHARY T. POWERS, ATTORNEY 112 GLENLEIGH COURT, SUITE 4 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES PATRICK HOLMES DOCKET NUMBER 91057-3</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES PATRICK HOLMES, deceased, who died March 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (1) or (2), below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of 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 28th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JAMES PATRICK HOLMES</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ALLISON MARIE HOLMES 704 CEDAR LANE, APT. 10 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912</div><div>PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY 125 N. MAIN STREET CLINTON, TN 37716</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF JUDAUW W. JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 91181-1</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of JUDAUW W. JOHNSON, who died April 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF JUDAUW W. JOHNSON</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GLENDA MILLER 3713 STONEBRIDGE DRIVE, POWELL, TN 37849</div><div>JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF DOROTHY L. KLIEMANN DOCKET NUMBER 91191-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY L. KLIEMANN, who died May 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF DOROTHY L. KLIEMANN</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAREN MARTINDALE 7631 ST. BARON WAY POWELL, TN 37849</div><div>REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922</div></div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</div><div>ESTATE OF LISA LABINE DOCKET NUMBER 91182-2</div><div>Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LISA LABINE, who died June 1, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice To Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.</div></div></div><div><div><div>ESTATE OF LISA LABINE</div><div><div>PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN LABINE, EXECUTOR 6732 RIDGEROCK LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37909</div><div>VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY 1019 ORCHID DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37912</div></div></div></div></div></div></div> |
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