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Seymour Fire Chief John Linsenbigler, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters, and Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell at last Friday's ceremony in Seymour.

Seymour breaks ground for new fire station

By Jamie Schnell
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The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department celebrated a significant milestone on Friday, August 8th, by breaking ground at their new location on 10320 Chapman Highway in Seymour. The ceremony, which had a strong turnout from community partners, began with welcoming and opening remarks, followed by a prayer led by Cory Cain.

Chief John Linsenbigler offered acknowledgments and special thanks, highlighting three key milestones in the establishment of the new fire station: the expansion, the modernization of fleet vehicles, and the groundbreaking ceremony itself. He stated, "Today's ceremony is about recognizing the many individuals and groups whose dedication and partnership

have brought us to this moment."

The event featured rounds of photo opportunities with golden shovels. Attendees included federal partners such as U.S. Congressman Tim Burchett, state partners like Rep. Dave Wright, and county officials including Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters, Sevier County Sheriff Michael Hodges Jr., Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, county commissioners, capital campaign members, board members and community supporters.

Board member Joe Fowler emphasized the importance of the unique fire service that spans the three counties of Sevier, Blount, and Knox. Capital Campaign Chair Rod Davis honored the commitment of family members and the memory of board member Jerry Price, who passed away last

year, recognizing his contributions to the success of the new fire station. "It's that same tireless effort of Jerry, that same spirit, that makes our community."

The ceremony reached its heartfelt conclusion with a warm and sincere expression of gratitude, as the hosts simply stated, "Thank you for believing in us." This closing sentiment resonated deeply with the attendees, who then enjoyed delicious food while receiving thoughtful thank-you gifts that reflected the appreciation of the hosts.

The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department also announced its second annual Sporting Clay Event Fundraiser, set to take place on October 10. If you're interested in making a donation or volunteering, please visit www.seymourvfd.com for further details.

Housing and homeless discussed at city council

By Mike Steely
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A new concept to ease Knoxville's housing shortage may be coming to the city.

The "Cottage Courts" concept, proposed by Knoxville-Knox County Planning, passed first reading at city council

Tuesday. It would permit a developer to cluster single-family homes with a common courtyard in smaller tracts. The concept would only be allowed in residentially zoned areas 4, 5 and 6.

The council also approved, on first reading, changes that would permit

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School board clarifies cell phone policy

By Pete Gawda

The August 7 meeting of the Knox County School Board was mostly routine with only two agenda items generating discussion. Revision of board policy J-191 "Misbehaviors and Disciplinary Options" passed on first reading and board member Kathleen Bike's resolution to the state legislature requesting a commitment from the state to continue funding public education failed by a split vote.

Discussion on J-191 centered on disciplinary actions for improper use of cellular phones. As the revised policy is written, such use could result in suspension. Assistant Superintendent Andrew

Brown explained that a cellular phone in itself would not lead to suspension. "I would never suspend a child for using a cellular phone," Brown asserted. He went on to explain that "use of the device, not possession" could lead to expulsion. He gave examples such as a student becoming belligerent when confronted by a teacher on the use of the phone or a student using a cell phone to film other students who were fighting.

While stating, "We do not want to tell our legislature what to do," board member Kathleen Bike said that her resolution requested that the legislature look into the funding

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Bruce Hall celebrates 100 years

By Pete Gawda

"I try to do everything in moderation" is Bruce Hall's secret for living 100 years.

Over 75 of Hall's friends and relatives gathered on Saturday afternoon, August 2, for a surprise 100th birthday party in the fellowship hall of Marbledale Baptist Church.

"That man has a heart as big as this room," one of the guests said.

"That guy is an amazing fisherman," another well-wisher said.

The tables were decorated with photographs of Hall through the years, and many of the pictures depicted some of his great catches. A cake with camouflage icing and an army helmet recognized his service in World War II when Hall served with the field artillery on Okinawa.

He was born on August 31, 1925. Calvin Coolidge was president. A loaf of bread cost 8 cents, and a gallon of

milk cost 56 cents.

"We grew up in the Great Depression," Hall said, "but we had enough to eat." However, he only had one pair of shoes a year. He was the oldest of a sister and two other brothers who grew up on a 40-acre farm near Eaton Rapids, Michigan. They raised corn, wheat and oats as well as cattle, hogs and chickens.

After serving in World War II, Hall attended Michigan State University on the GI Bill and received a degree in hotel management. While in college, he met the love of his life, Liela Mae Belcher of Tellico Plains. Their marriage lasted 58 years until she died in 2011.

After college, Hall worked for Howard Johnson's in Southfield, Michigan, for 16 years. Then the restaurant was sold, and he was without a job. Thanks to his niece, he ended up in Tennessee in 1976. Hall's niece

worked in a dental office in Knoxville. One of the dental patients owned the franchise for Mr. Steak Restaurants in Tennessee. The niece persuaded the franchise owner to consider Hall for a franchise position. He became the owner of the Mr. Steak Restaurant in Alcoa, a move which pleased Mrs. Hall. He operated the restaurant for 11 years.

Up until two or three months ago, Hall still drove a car. Then he canceled his insurance because he no longer felt the need to drive.

"I started driving a tractor at 12, so I have done my share of driving," he said.

Hall noted that his mother lived to 102 years old.

He lives with one of his granddaughters in the same house he and his wife purchased over fifty years ago.

"I take it as it comes" is his philosophy of life.



Jodie Hall helped her grandfather, Bruce Hall, celebrate his 100th birthday at a surprise party held earlier this month at Marbledale Baptist Church in Strawberry Plains. Bruce's family includes three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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My Golf Game Is Unbelievable (Part One)

From a distance



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When I come in from playing golf and someone asks me how I did, I usually just say, “Unbelievable.” That can mean either good or bad, and most of the time it is not good.

One of my sons asked me a few weeks ago if, since I am playing a little more golf now, my game had gotten any better. I said, “Not one bit.”

But I keep trying. Maybe I am a glutton for punishment. I like to think it is because of what Paul Owen,

the golf pro at Holston Hills, told me during my one and only golf lesson when I was just nine years old. (The people whom I have played with over the years will not be surprised to learn that I have had only one golf lesson over all these many years.)

Paul Owen told me, and I assume other kids, whether you play nine holes or all 18, play them all, no matter how many strokes it takes – don’t be a quitter.

He did tell young people that we were not to delay anyone and always let adults play through. He was a nice man, and I have never forgotten him.

As I was growing up, I liked other sports better than golf, and I wanted to make good grades, so I tried to study and concentrate on my school work.

I did not play much golf when I was a student at

U.T., and probably only played two or three times a year at public courses in Virginia when I was in law school at George Washington University.

Then for years I put in long hours as a lawyer and judge, and my Dad wanted me to go with him most weekends – plus, I had small children.

I played golf only seven or eight times a year (or less) until the mid-1990s. I kept seeing Bill Clinton playing golf, and I told my late wife, “Gosh, the president is playing more golf than I am, and I’m not one-one thousandth as important as he is.

So, in the early or mid-90s, I asked three longtime friends, Alan Carmichael, Bill Vaughan and Larry Cox, if they would play with me on Sunday afternoons after church. Sunday was usually my slowest day.

I still spoke at many Eagle

Scout ceremonies on Sundays, and sometimes there would be other events come up, or I would be out of town, or the weather would be bad, etc. But I went from playing 7 or 8 times a year to playing 20 to 25 times a year.

Before then, I would get to the end of the year and always think I should drop my membership at Holston Hills because I was just not playing enough to justify the cost.

But you can rationalize almost anything you want – and I don’t smoke or drink, and I keep cars and clothes far longer than I should, so I always told myself that my golf was the only lavish thing I did.

Now I have been a member of Holston Hills Country Club longer than any other member, counting from when I was a small boy. I am glad (and thankful)

that I am still there, and I try to play twice a week or occasionally more.

When playing with Bill Vaughan, every time we played, he would always turn to us at one of the tee boxes and say, “You all like golf?... watch this!” as if he was going to blast some great shot. Usually, he would hit one of his worst shots of the day.

At some point, Larry would always pretend like he was a golf announcer and say, “Now on the tee, Bill Vaughan, star tackle of the 1942 Jellico Blue Devils.” Bill was born in Jellico in 1942, and he had such skinny legs that he would never wear shorts. Bill’s nickname when he was a lobbyist in Nashville was “Spider,” so he was never a tackle.

Bill and Larry have both now passed away, and Alan and Dr. Doug Leahy,

another playing friend, have given up their golf memberships.

Now I play most often with Dr. Larry Huskey, Steve Cox, Dr. Breese Johnson and Dr. Eric Nicely, and occasionally with Sam Anderson and Dr. James Foster.

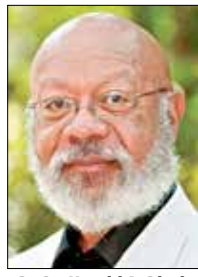
I read years ago that over 90% of golfers hit 90 or above on 18 holes if they keep a totally honest score, with no gimmies or mulligans, and abide by strict PGA rules. I have read that both Donald Trump and Bill Clinton were a little flexible on the rules.

But golf has to be the most seductive game. The average golfer may hit 75 bad or mediocre shots in an 18-hole round, but that same golfer will hit about 15 amazing, beautiful shots. It is those 15 that bring him back.

Me? I call a bogey a Duncan par.

How can California mandate the sale of only cage-free eggs?

It took an act of Congress to repeal the California mandate banning the sale of gas-powered vehicles. I presume that it was another act of Congress that gave California the power in the first place. California’s mandate said that in 2035 and thereafter, no gas vehicles could be sold in the state. I guess that this would mean that California residents who would then go out of state to buy a car could no longer get them registered



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in California. This is ironic because if the move to ban the sale of new gas cars is predicated on the environment, perpetuating the sale of older gas cars would mean keeping vehicles that pollute more

on the streets. I also presume that Californians would be prohibited from buying used cars and registering them in the state. If not, this would lead to the common practice in China, now being addressed by their government, in which

a new car is registered and sold as used. That way, Californians would be able to buy a new “used” car and register it in the state.

Was California given an exemption to legislate that only cage-free eggs can be sold in the state? Since the California market is so large, out-of-state egg producers who wanted to sell in the state were forced to comply with the California regulations. This was one of the reasons why egg prices were high, especially in California, where customers cannot purchase the cheaper non-cage-free eggs. There is something called the Egg Products Inspection Act (no kidding), which bars states from requiring “the use of standards of quality, condition, weight, quantity, or grade which are in addition to or different from the official Federal standards.” Doesn’t that mean that California violated the Egg Act by imposing conditions that

are “different from the official federal standards” if it wasn’t granted a waiver? That is eggs-actly what it seems to me. So Trump’s Department of Justice has just filed a suit to roll back California’s cage-free egg mandate. This will give Californians a choice like the rest of us. Did you know that when the avian flu hit, we imported 420 million from Turkey? Were these eggs cage-free? Were they allowed in California? Did Trump put a tariff on Turkish eggs? Obviously, they constitute a threat to national security.

I had never seen cage-free eggs in the stores before the California mandate. Now they are in every store alongside eggs produced by hens in bondage. There is now a market for cage-free eggs. Some folks will buy them because they cite animal cruelty reasons. Others contend that cage-free eggs taste better. A certain brand of brown

eggs used to be my favorite before the avian flu caused those eggs to disappear from the shelves. They are back, but I am now buying another brand’s extra-large white cage-free eggs instead of their brown ones because they are cheaper, and I cannot taste any difference. They are egg-cel-lent.

I am personally appalled that some chickens are stacked inside a cage for their egg-laying life. But cage-free does not mean free range. If the hens are kept in barns where one square foot is available per hen, it qualifies as cage-free. Still not an ideal situation if you sympathize with the hens. However, “free range” is no panacea either. Free range simply means that the hens have access to an outdoor space. But there is no rule dictating what constitutes the outdoor space, like its minimum dimensions. I guess that the most

humane conditions would apply to pasture-raised chickens – but watch out for the coyotes.

I am also appalled at the living conditions for chickens raised for the table. I see the trucks stacked with chickens piled on top of each other going to slaughter. When I was growing up, my grandparents raised chickens at their Georgia farm. They were certainly free-range but not pasture-raised. They wandered all over the place but stayed mostly close to the house. They would be pecking all over the place. My grandfather gave them open access to the bottom of the outhouse, where they engaged in solid waste disposal. I don’t remember how the eggs or the chickens themselves tasted. But my sainted mother, to her dying day, bemoaned the taste of modern eggs and chickens.

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Publisher's Positions



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Marsha Blackburn Running For Governor Of Tennessee

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn made the long-awaited announcement that much of Tennessee has been expecting; namely that she is a candidate for governor of Tennessee in next year's election. Blackburn made history as the first woman to be elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee, and if

elected governor in 2026, she will make history once again by becoming the first female elected as the Volunteer State's chief executive.

Known for her plain talk, Senator Blackburn's announcement was wholly positive. "I'm ready to deliver the kind of conservative leadership that will ensure our state is America's conservative leader for this generation and the next," Blackburn said. "In his first six months, President Trump has made historic strides in Making America Great America, but as he sends power back to the states, he's going to need strong conservative governors who can bring that revolution home."

Senator Blackburn pledged to make the Volunteer State "America's number one, job-creating, energy-producing powerhouse."

"I love Tennessee. I believe in Tennesseans," Blackburn stated.

Blackburn is expected to face opponents in the GOP primary, but starts out with almost universal name recognition and a dedicated core of supporters. Marsha Blackburn is, I think, the clear favorite to be Tennessee's next governor.

Leftist Hypocrisy

There doesn't seem to be a single particle of sincerity in Leftists. The outrage about the Sydney Sweeney ad for American Eagle blue jeans is deranged and silly. And they wonder why young men voted for Donald Trump.

The very same people who thought featuring a guy wearing a dress in an ad for Budweiser beer was a stroke of genius are squalling with fury over the Sydney Sweeney ad.

The very same people who hate free speech unless its their own, are insinuating that any ad featuring a blonde-haired, blue-eyed white person is Nazi in

nature. They seem to think every commercial on television ought to be conceived in political ideology instead of pushing a product, or, God forbid, be entertaining. The Dylan Mulvaney ad wrecked Bud Light, and only a moron could have conceived it. Evidently, the management of Budweiser was full of idiots to let that ad air in the first place. Jaguar, once a symbol of British elegance and luxury, just fired its CEO after the positively weird advertising campaign featuring androgynous people wearing latex that didn't even show the car. Less a moment of brilliance than one big spell of stupid. Who would've known? These people squealing about Nazism want to make everything political and reflect their own weird thinking.

At the core of their collective beings, Leftists are nothing but walking, talking, breathing hypocrites.

Commercials involve selling a product to people and

making them want to buy it. It's pretty easy to understand why these people like the idea of state-run grocery stores, which would be stocked with Dylan Mulvaney's image on Bud Light cans and only state-approved foods. Marketing is about business and selling a product, not a political ideology. The idea is a business wants people to buy its product, not throw up and buy someone else's. Nausea medicine stock must be soaring, just like that of American Eagle.

I am beginning to think we should just go back to the good old days of radio.

More Leftist Hypocrisy

Barack Obama has injected himself into the Texas redistricting kerfluffle, invoking his special brand of self-righteousness and declaring it to be "a power grab that undermines our democracy." Oddly,

Obama never opened his mouth when Illinois, the state that elected him to the U.S. Senate, and Democrats there did the very same thing and gerrymandered the state forward and backward, up and down and sideways. Did that undermine democracy? Or when Maryland did it? In Illinois, one district runs from almost the St. Louis suburbs (which are in Missouri) like a worm, up to Chicago. The end result? Democrats occupy 15 out of 18 congressional seats. California and New York are also gerrymandered to pieces to maximize the number of Democrats sent to Congress. Does that undermine our democracy? But then again, Obama promised everyone on Obamacare could keep his or her own doctor, and it turns out he's the one who started the weaponization of our intelligence services for partisan purposes. Now that really did undermine our democracy.

Housing and homeless discussed at city council

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development on "non-conforming" lots as long as the development aligns with the existing neighborhood. Several speakers addressed the proposal and supported the idea of allowing housing to develop on odd-shaped lots and pushed for more and smaller dwellings.

Also approved were two agreements to provide funds to the Volunteer Ministry Center for "rapid rehousing" of qualified people and for emergency/shelter services.

The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities of East Tennessee were also given funds for the emergency/shelter services for unexpected homeless families.

The council voted to send a proposed city code change back to the planning commission involving off-street parking and single-family attached dwellings.

The city code was amended to ease landscaping requirements using existing trees in a development.

Several zoning requests were approved including properties at Zero Keck

Road to RN-1 single-family residential, Zero Bernhurst Derive for RN-2, three lots on West Inskip Drive from RN-2 to RN-4, 1108 Beaumont Avenue from RN-2 to Neighborhood Commercial, 5552 Washington Avenue from industrial mixed-use to general industrial, 3950 Linden Avenue from general commercial to RN-4, and Zero Pipkin Lane from agricultural to N-1.

A zoning change for 118 Twentieth Street in Fort Sanders was postponed for two weeks, and a historic overlay was approved for 2515 North Central Street.

Two properties were annexed into the city: Zero North Gallaher View Road and 2814 Dresser Road.

Adam's Contracting LLC was awarded \$2.04 million to ease flash flooding and improve drainage on North Cherry Street. The contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for advanced traffic management was increased to a total \$2.85 million. Petra Construction Company also got an increase in funding for its renovation of the Cecil Webb Recreation Center, bringing that total to \$1.14 million.

Agenda review coming up Monday, August 18

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When the Knox County Commission meets in its agenda review session next Monday, it may take up several proposals by commissioners that would be voted on during the regular meeting on August 25.

At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay is offering two resolutions, one dealing with abandoned, broken and duplicate utility poles. His other resolution proposes doing

away with the wheel tax on vehicles. That proposal, co-sponsored by Mayor Glenn Jacobs, will see the first of two readings.

Commissioner Andy Fox wants to honor the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He also wants the commission to approve a legislative review for any application for state or federal assistance.

At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier wants the Knox County Ethics Committee

to do a comprehensive review and revision of the Code of Ethics and wants to amend the regulations concerning the operation of the merit system for employees of the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

Frazier chairs the Rules Committee, and there are three rule changes coming before the full commission: electronic participation by members in meetings, voting on items involving family members employed by the county, and filling vacancies on committees.

The agenda review meeting will choose which of the 43 items on the agenda to consider in the meeting on August 25. That includes selling 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road for \$2.16 million to Rakesh Battineni. The former county office building was sold at auction, and the proceeds will go to the West Satellite Office of the Clerk, Health Department and Trustee.

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for public schools if federal funds were cut in the future. This resolution was brought about by the fact that federal funds for Knox County Schools were recently cut. The funds were used primarily for personnel and the loss of funds caused an immediate and unexpected shuffling of personnel assignments. Then the federal funds were reinstated on July 30.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, board member

John Butler stated, "I would like assurance in the next budget cycle this won't happen again. This is a real issue with real people,"

The vote on the resolution narrowly failed, 4-5. Board members Bike, Butler, Anne Templeton and Patricia Fontenot-Ridley voted for the resolution, and board members Steve Triplett, Lauren Morgan, Travis Wright, Betsy Henderson and Kristi Kristy voted against the resolution.

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Does the council have budgetary powers?

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On Tuesday, the Knoxville City Council's long meeting began with a debate involving council members Amelia Parker and Seema Singh about Mayor Indya Kincannon's budget powers. Parker said that the council has the power under the city charter to amend the mayor's proposed budget or to draft one of its own.

Parker, an attorney, came head-to-head with both Knoxville Law

Director Charles Swanson and City Council Attorney Rob Frost. Her resolution called for the council to have the authority to amend the city budget when the majority of the members reject a mayor's proposed budget.

Swanson argued the council has the power to approve or disapprove a mayor's budget proposal, but no power to change individual items within the budget.

"We always have the authority because there's nothing in the charter that prohibits it," Parker

rebutted.

Frost replied that the council has no such power and noted that if it fails to approve a budget by voting by the end of the fiscal year, then the budget, by charter, is automatically approved. He said the city charter supersedes an ordinance.

Several council members replied to Parker's proposed ordinance.

Lynne Fugate, who chairs the Rules and Charter Committee, noted that her group is

proceeding with a review of the charter and suggested appointing a permanent Charter Review Committee.

Lauren Rider said that all council members have opportunities to give their input on the annual budget by attending budget meetings and meeting with Mayor Indya Kincannon. Andrew Roberto said he doesn't "feel like we have limited power" and said each member has an opportunity to discuss the budget with the mayor before the end of the fiscal year.

Swanson said there were two ways that the city council could resolve the issue: change the city charter or sue the mayor.

Parker said her main problem with the current budget procedure concerned the appropriations for non-profits. The resolution failed with only two "yes" votes, but Parker said she had "no expectation this will pass tonight. I wanted to bring it to council and make the public aware for a future council."

District 6 candidates answer Focus questions

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Knoxville's sixth district has the most candidates with five people seeking to replace Gwen McKenzie.

The candidates include Charles Frazier, Denzel Grant, Stan Johnson, George "Cat Dad" Raudenbush and Lawrence (Man) Williams Jr.

The Knoxville Focus asked each candidate four questions and here are the verbatim replies, listed in the order received:

What qualifies you to seek the office?

George "Cat Dad" Raudenbush:

Qualifications do not guarantee competent leadership; they only establish boundary's to narrow a selection process. Real leadership requires integrity, honesty, problem solving and management skills from an individual that is patient, persistent and determined to prevail in any given situation. There is no substitute for experience and the wisdom that comes with that experience. The people can decide if I am qualified at www.electcatdad.site

Lawrence (Man) Williams:

I'm born and raised in East Knoxville. I have been doing a lot of work in the community since 2010. So I'm a servant for the people and we need someone who will stand with the people and not sell the people out. I'm very passionate for our community.

Charles Frazier:

I'm running because I truly love our community and want to see the 6th District become a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant place. I remember when our district buzzed with business and civic activity, and I believe we can get back to that. This district serves a diverse population, and I'm committed to listening to the concerns of all its residents.

Denzel Grant:

As a father, a veteran, and the Executive Director of Turn Up Knox, I've spent my life serving—on the frontlines serving my country & in the community. I'm running for office because I believe leadership means showing up, standing up, and lifting others up. For the last 3 years I've been with people at their lowest points. Losing loved ones to senseless violence. Losing their homes and/or jobs to our current economic climate. It's time for bold, committed leadership that truly reflects the people. I'm ready to turn passion into policy, and service into lasting change.

Stan Johnson:

I'm qualified because 8 years of metropolitan planning commissioner where I



Charles Frazier



Denzel Grant



Stan Johnson



George "Cat Dad" Raudenbush



Lawrence (Man) Williams Jr.

recommended land usage and zoning of property to city Council and County commission. I bring real life experience, community trust, and a results-driven mindset. For years, I've been on the front lines mentoring youth, helping people find jobs, advocating for affordable housing, and building up our neighborhoods from the ground up. I understand both the challenges and the potential of District 6, because I've lived them. I'm not coming in to learn the community, I've been serving it. Now I'm ready to bring that service to City Hall, with a plan that puts people over politics.

What is the district's largest problem?

Raudenbush: Lack of competent leadership and widespread corruption in the City of Knoxville, these two go hand in hand. See the evidence at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-Wif580YFU>

Williams: I believe it's housing. I never thought I would see the day when people who been living in the 6 district especially in east Knoxville and Mechanicsville can't afford to live there anymore because the property taxes are so high. And plus people who have been renting their homes for years now are been forced to move out because their landlords are selling their homes behind their backs.

Frazier: My leadership training from CAC Leadership and my service on the board of the Helen Ross McNabb Center have given me a deep understanding of our community's challenges, especially regarding homelessness and mental illness. I learned firsthand that a significant portion of our homeless population struggles with mental health issues. That's why I'll advocate to the State of Tennessee, directly with the Governor, Speaker of the House, and our representatives, for a local institution similar to Lakeshore to address mental health needs. It's unacceptable that the closest facility for those with mental disabilities is currently in Chattanooga, and we must fix this. As a former business

person in a vibrant Burlington community, I understand the critical role small businesses play. They are the backbone of America, providing jobs and a better quality of life. I will champion policies that support businesses, ensuring every citizen in the city and the 6th District has opportunities for prosperity. Affordable housing is another pressing issue in the 6th District and across Knoxville. We need innovative solutions. While high interest rates certainly pose a challenge for homeownership, I'm committed to finding ways to create opportunities for everyone to own a home and secure affordable housing.

Grant: It's division & lack of inclusion. District 6 is one of the most diverse places in our city but instead of being embraced as a strength, that diversity has too often led to division. Neighborhoods like Marble City, Sutherland Avenue, Mechanicsville, and East Knoxville each have unique voices, but many feel unheard and left behind. The lack of real investment—not charity, but equity has deepened that disconnect.

Johnson: The biggest problem in District 6 is displacement and economic inequality. Our people are being priced out of their homes, overlooked in development, and left behind in job opportunities. We're seeing growth all around us, but not enough of that growth is benefiting the people who've been here the longest. The solution starts with bold housing policies, real workforce investment, and youth opportunity programs that ensure we don't just survive—we thrive.

Make a statement about the outgoing city council person.

Raudenbush: When Gwen McKinsey my representative of the 6th district did not return my calls and e-mail inquiries about series issues, I contacted other city district representatives. Only one representative responded to my call, that representative was Amelia Parker in seat C at Large. I am very disappointed that city representatives

knowingly and intentionally violate their oath to office with no care or concern after contractually accepting a salary from the tax payers in which they are knowingly in breach of contract. Voting is not a spectator sport, It should be conducted scientifically and diligently researched for positive test results.

Williams: I believe that the outgoing city council person did some good things. However I believe that there could've been more done for the inner city community as a whole. Yeah the baseball field was great but not even a block up from the Smokies field you have people who are in survival mode who can barely paid their bills. We can't say that the 6 district is flourishing if the whole district not flourishing. We have to think about the less fortunate as well. The rich can't keep getting richer and the poor keeps getting poorer.

Frazier: Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie has undoubtedly left a significant mark on the Knoxville City Council, serving the 6th District since 2017. Her tenure is highlighted by a blend of pioneering leadership, strong community advocacy, and a deep commitment to public safety and vulnerable populations.

Councilwoman McKenzie broke barriers as the first African American woman to serve on the Knoxville City Council and the first woman to represent the 6th District. Her influence extended further when she served as the first African American woman Vice Mayor of Knoxville from 2019 to 2021, solidifying her place in the city's political history. She spearheaded the African American Equity Restoration Resolution. This significant initiative offered an apology for past urban renewal practices and set an ambitious 10-year, \$100 million goal to address historical disparities and improve economic conditions and living standards for Knoxville's African American population.

Her commitment to public safety is evident in her successful championing of a Gun Show Resolution, which effectively banned gun shows from all

city-owned facilities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she demonstrated her dedication to public health by co-founding the Faith Leaders Initiative, ensuring accurate information, testing, and vaccine access for communities, especially in underserved areas. Furthermore, her role as executive director for Legacy Housing Foundation underscores her ongoing efforts to provide essential support to seniors, persons with disabilities, and families in affordable housing.

Grant: I would extend my sincere gratitude to Gwen McKenzie for her historic leadership as the first African American woman elected to represent District 6 and for her service as Vice Mayor. I especially commend her leadership on the \$100 million African American Equity Restoration commitment. It's definitely a necessary step toward justice for communities long overlooked. Her leadership has been important but it's time we have leadership that is both bold and inclusive leadership that can listen to every neighborhood and can deliver more real & lasting investment throughout the entire District. It's time for an intergenerational leader that can bring our elders wisdom & our youth's vision & energy together.

Johnson: I want to thank Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie for her years of dedicated service. As the first African American woman elected to represent District 6, she made history and she opened doors. Her work on youth programming, community development, and public safety laid a foundation. I honor that legacy and look forward to building upon it, with renewed energy, broader community engagement, and a deeper push for inclusive progress.

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

Raudenbush: No. The Citizens of Knoxville do not need another tax or tax increase, it's obvious The City of Knoxville needs new leadership that can properly and efficiently manage the Citizens taxpayer's

dollars. "A good investment should always have a good return". The Citizens have invested; however, they are not getting a good return for their tax dollar investment.

Williams: I don't support the sales tax because a lot of people that live in district 6 is already struggling to pay their bills. Now for some people it won't bother them because they may be in a good place financially but for most it will definitely have a major impact on them. I apologize for getting back with you so late. I haven't been feeling good nor has my wife. You have a blessed day.

Frazier: I do not support a tax increase, especially after the 3% property tax hike in 2023. Knoxville, like much of America, is dominated by the Baby Boomer generation, and we need to be mindful of their financial burdens. Our city's budget, over \$477 million, can be managed more efficiently. I look forward to working with other council members to streamline our budget and eliminate wasteful spending. For example, the city recently approved nearly \$1 million for a "balance prevention program" with an out-of-state company. This is ridiculous, and I stand with Councilperson Parker in opposing such expenditures. That money could have been far better spent directly in our community, perhaps in areas like Park Ridge, to support local businesses or provide crucial training. More taxes aren't the answer; cutting waste and prioritizing needs are.

Grant: I am opposed. Over the past few months of knocking doors and listening to residents, one thing has been clear: most people in District 6 are unsure about or outright against the sales tax increase. I haven't heard strong support for it, and I believe your job as a city council man or woman is to reflect the voices of the people we represent. So unless that changes, I'm standing with residents in opposing the tax. Leadership means listening, and that's exactly what I intend to keep doing.

Johnson: This is something we need the voters to decide.



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Bots

Sometimes the most difficult thing about writing is composing the first sentence because it's difficult to know where to start. In "The Sound of Music," Maria was having a difficult time teaching the Von Trapp children how to sing. So she sang, "Let's start at the very beginning," and the clever song "Do-Re-Me" was the result.

This essay began last week because I can't stop thinking about my encounter with artificial intelligence (AI) or perhaps a bot, short for robot. If you missed last week's essay, "Human," go to The Knox Focus archives and check it out.

It seems everyone is writing about, or at least considering, the new AI technology, robots and machine learning. Computers have been with us for 50 years, but many believe we are at the dawn of a new age where machines can be ordered

to collect data, organize the information and then respond in a human-like, if not cogent manner. Machines do not think or operate autonomously, but the technology is developing very rapidly, some say too rapidly.

As a science fiction writer, I've been thinking about machine learning for a long time. Most remember the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" where the Hal 9000 computer became autonomously functioning and murderous. And who could forget "The Terminator," a cybernetic, homicidal robot from the future? Interestingly, the term cybernetics stems from the Greek word for helmsman and refers to the science of control and communications functions. Cybernetics is loosely associated with the concept of artificial intelligence.

Robots that perform

repetitive tasks on industrial assembly lines are commonplace. Interestingly, the principal Webster's definition of a robot is an entity "resembling a human or living creature which performs complicated life-like tasks." Increasingly, we find reports of robotic dogs used in security or warfare. And I've watched videos of humanoid robots walking in a life-like manner and then doing flips, which are certainly beyond my abilities. However, at this point, developers have not been able to impart basic human functions to robots such as sentience, the ability to experience feelings such as pain, pleasure or self-awareness.

The modern polymath Isaac Asimov was also a celebrated science fiction writer. In many of his novels, he wrote of a futuristic society where robots coexisted with humans and operated on Asimov's four laws of robotics:

- 1st law: A robot may not harm a human or allow a human to be harmed.
- 2nd law: A robot must obey a human unless the first law is violated
- 3rd law: A robot must protect its own existence unless this violates the 1st or 2nd law
- 4th law: A robot must protect its own existence unless this violates laws

one - three or causes greater harm to humanity as a whole.

I could live with autonomously functioning robots who operated under these laws. I already live among humans who don't seem to operate under any of these precepts.

Alan Turing was a computer scientist who developed the Turing Machine, "considered a model of a general-purpose computer." Turing's machine broke the Germans' WWII Enigma code, allowing the Allies to know of German war plans. The story was told in the 2014 movie "The Imitation Game."

No sane human would claim infallibility. Aside from sociopaths/psychopaths, people have a basic sense of right and wrong. C.S. Lewis called this basic notion of the human conscience a sense of "ought": I ought or ought not to do something.

But does a computer or an AI program have a sense of ought? Would you trust Microsoft's AI Copilot, Google's Gemini, Elon Musk's Grok or OpenAI's ChatGPT? The Associated Press recently reported a study done by the Center for Countering Digital Hate. The study found that "ChatGPT will tell 13-year-olds how to get drunk and high, how to conceal eating disorders or

compose a suicide letter to their parents." This AI program (or any other) does not possess basic human functions or a sense of right and wrong (morality). In fact, Elon Musk worries about self-actualizing AI systems that have no checkpoints or morality and pose a risk to humanity.

AI options are readily available, including medical chat boxes where you can enter symptoms, and the AI renders a diagnosis. People are frequently using these programs to check their doctor's opinion and diagnosis. And there are reports of lawyers using AI to generate court filings, which are sometimes found to be erroneous. And professors are having to deal with AI-fabricated student work.

I no longer practice medicine, but I would not refuse to consider an AI analysis of a patient's symptoms or my diagnosis. A friend of mine says, "None of us is as smart as all of us together." I agree.

The next time you ask the AI a question, remember the machine program is designed to survey the internet for relevant data, collate the data and spit out an answer. It is not capable of functioning with a sense of "ought."

And you might think a computer program isn't political, but its human

programmers have biases, and they work for human organizations. And remember, inaccuracies are prevalent in the media, even in supposedly scientific reports.

Inaccuracies on the internet led Grok to recently make an erroneous report, which had to be amended. Grok acknowledged its mistake when humans pointed out the erroneous data used for its initial report.

What is certain is that there are no absolutes, and most of life is based on probability rather than possibility. Computer programs don't possess morality. Nor do computer programs have the nuanced interpretation skills of a human.

If we don't run out of electricity to drive these AI systems, I suspect they may someday approach sentience. Alan Turing developed the eponymous Turing Test, which is used to "test" a machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behavior like a human." It involves comparing the responses to questions by a machine and a human as judged by a human evaluator. An intelligent machine gives answers comparable to those of a human. We're not there yet.

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Catching Up With Michael Grider

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You probably know Michael Grider, who served Tim Burchett when he was Knox County Mayor and then went with him to Congress. Did you know Grider is a Cubs fan, an Oak Ridge native, and a former college newspaper reporter?

The Knoxville Focus caught up with Grider recently and asked some questions.

Fourteen years with Congressman and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett... What prompted your leaving as his main staff member?

Spending the previous decade-and-a-half working for Congressman Burchett—both in his mayoral administration and later as his chief of staff

in Congress—was a tremendous honor, an outstanding opportunity and a ton of fun. However, I never wanted to have a government paycheck my entire life and always had the dream of starting my own business and striking out on my own.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to have a front row seat to some pretty significant events in our nation's and world's history. Also during that time, we built an outstanding team of hardworking, dedicated individuals committed to serving East Tennesseans. I'd seen and done a lot, and it was the right time to do something different and let someone else help lead the congressman's efforts on Capitol Hill.

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Michael Grider spent years as Congressman Tim Burchett's chief of staff. Now Grider is back in Knoxville and has established his own firm, Foothills Strategies, and is again involved in moving clients into the public eye.

How many cars can park in your home driveway?

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Knoxville City Council members were full of questions and comments during a work session meeting covering everything from codes, zoning, short-term rentals, and scooters on city streets. Vice Mayor Tommy Smith chaired the meeting.

City of Knoxville Deputy COO Chad Weth, Chief Codes Enforcement Officer Scott Elder and other city personnel spoke and replied to the many questions. Some of

the answers were surprising. Most violations are reported to the city by citizens calling 311.

While you can't legally park on your front lawn, how many cars can park on your front driveway? The answer was that it depends on how long and how large your driveway is. There's no set limit on the number of vehicles. Trailers and commercial vehicles, however, are often prohibited, especially when a business is being operated out of a

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Child's Pay

I'm not sure if children today have "chores" that they are required to complete. Neither am I sure whether or not young people receive an "allowance" for performing those jobs assigned by



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their parents. Today's world is so different than the one in which I grew up, and although I don't think the present one is bad, I many times don't understand it.

When Jim and I were young, we did have jobs to complete around the house. Every Saturday morning, we broke out the vacuum and cleaned our assigned rooms. This job was to be completed on Mother's timetable, not ours, and on many mornings, she threw a hissy fit when we didn't begin cleaning. We were to vacuum all corners of the rooms and under furniture. Next, we had to dust each piece of furniture. On a couple of occasions, I broke knick-knacks by dropping them

while cleaning the dust from them. The loser was assigned the bathroom. While no dusting was required, the commode was scrubbed with a brush, and the sink and tub were cleaned

with Comet. Most days, our work took half a day since one boy used the vacuum and the other dusted or scrubbed.

Daddy never trusted Jim or me with the lawnmower. Big brother Dal Gene was honored with that job. Jim and I were the "grunts" for outside work. We had one pair of clippers and took turns clipping grass and weeds from the edges of too many flower beds and around the foundation of the house. If the grass had grown too high, we boys were handed rakes with which we gathered thick, juicy grass clippings into a pile and then lugged them to the woods for disposal.

For all that toil and sweat, we received the allowance

sum of zero. Sometimes we'd hear a classmate talk about his allowance, and we'd garner enough courage to ask Daddy about starting one for us. The reply was always the same.

"Your allowance is the food on the table, the clothes on your back, and the shoes on your feet," he'd state plainly.

Our family wasn't destitute, but money was tight, and Daddy didn't believe in wasting even a nickel. Our lunches usually were sandwiches that Mother made and a frozen raisin cake from the day-old bread store. Each of us had milk money. It was placed weekly in our individual Vienna sausage cans. If we forgot to get the money, lunches were dry experiences. Every once in a while, we received extra money to buy a Nutty Buddy or Creamsicle during ice cream break at school.

I used the same line on my children when they asked about an allowance. I don't remember if we gave them one or not, but I do know that they had extra

money when an event came up. My wife did a wonderful job of teaching them how to wash clothes and other individual jobs that they'd perform for the rest of their lives. I cleaned the house because no one could complete the job to my satisfaction. Amy had the heaviest load of all as she cooked, cleaned, and washed, all after putting in a rough day at a full-time job.

I see the things that my wife did all those years ago and wonder why she even put up with me. I took care of the outside tasks, not much of a "chore" when it was compared to all Amy did. These days, I many times don't have the energy or "want to" to run the vacuum and dust. I decide to leave the work until tomorrow, which means whenever I am inspired or forced to do those things. I still have the same allowance as I did back years ago: the food on the table, the clothes on my back, and the shoes on my feet. Life is amazing in its consistency in some areas.

How many cars can park in your home driveway?

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residential home.

What is the difference between "natural landscaped" lawns and overgrown lots? The answer appears to be how well manicured a front yard is. Homeowners with overgrown or cluttered front lawns often get a 10-day notice to take care of mowing or cleaning up the yard.

When does an abandoned house violate codes? The reply was that vacant houses must be boarded up or securely locked.

What's the biggest problem with short-term rental houses? A short-term rental is a home rented for less than 30 days. Some are owner-occupied, and some have absent owners. Each rental must be approved every year by the city. There are 203 owner-occupied homes in

the city and 197 non-owner-occupied. It was noted that it is difficult for the city to prove a dwelling is not owner-occupied.

How is the city's electric scooter rental program going? Two operators currently rent scooters from 7 a.m. until midnight every day except around UT game days. The scooters are equipped with electronics that prohibit them from being used outside the approved area of operation, and they may only be ridden on streets, not sidewalks. One councilmember sided against that UT game-day policy, stating the scooters could safely be operated during the events. The home game weekend prohibition on scooter operation in the city runs from 11 a.m. Fridays until 7 p.m. Sundays.

When Mercy Writes Your Story

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I was only a 4th or 5th grader when a group of boys and I thought it would be funny to throw paint we had found onto the side of Alice Bell Elementary School in the early 1990s. I vividly remember splashes of blue dripping down the brick. The laughter died quickly when

we found ourselves sitting before Dr. LeCoultré, the principal, with blue hands and guilty faces. I expected the worst and remembered feeling my heart beat through the wall of that thin 10-year-old chest wall. I braced for the call home, the suspension, and the disappointment written across the faces of those that I most wanted to please. Instead, Dr. LeCoultré knelt,

looked at me in the eye, and said, "You made a big mistake, but this is a moment to learn, not to be labeled. You'll help clean it up, and we'll talk about better choices, but I'm not going to send you home in shame." I remember her essentially telling me that I was better than this moment. That day, I learned a valuable lesson, expecting punishment but receiving mercy.

In a world that often demands perfection and repays failure with judgment, the mercy of God stands as a breathtaking contrast. It is the divine compassion that meets us in our worst moments and refuses to leave us there. Mercy is not weakness; it's a powerful expression of God's love that withholds the punishment we deserve and offers grace we could never earn. Like a 5th grader with dirty hands and a bucket of water with a sponge, mercy doesn't erase consequences, but it does often soften hearts. It teaches us that failure isn't final, and it reveals the kind of grace that can shape a life. That's the mercy God shows us, again and again.

I was recently reading the story of 2 Samuel chapter 9, when a king named David went out of his way to show kindness to someone who seemingly had nothing to

offer in return. That someone was Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, forgotten and living in a desolate place called Lo-debar. He was the son of Jonathan, grandson of Saul, and could have posed a threat to the new king. Yet, David brought him out of obscurity, gave him an inheritance, and sat him at the king's table as if he were his son. The last verse says that, "... he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet."

Here's the beautiful part of this story: while at the table, Mephibosheth's feet were still crippled. But when he pulled up his seat at the king's table, pushed his feeble and fractured legs up under the tablecloth, his brokenness and mess-ups were covered! His weakness was no longer visible. His mistakes were in the past. He looked like everyone else sitting in honor,

not because of anything he had done, but because THE KING had invited him.

That's mercy.

That's grace.

And that's our story.

When God forgives us, He doesn't fixate on our past mistakes, our shame, our brokenness, or our imperfections. He invites us to His table, not because of our merit but all because of His mercy! Sometimes mercy looks like a person caught in adultery, and finding forgiveness. And then some days it's a 10 or 11-year-old kid who, at the very least, deserved a phone call to his parents, but the principal gave him clemency and grace.

No matter what your past has been, when mercy and grace seat you at the King's table, your brokenness isn't visible to the King. God knows who we are, but doesn't see us for what we've been. Our King (God) made a covenant through His Son (Jesus), and 1 John 1:7 says, "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I'm thankful for God's mercy and grace and the blood of Jesus, which covers our sin, because it gives all who acknowledge that they are broken sinners a seat at the King's table.

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The Gentleman From West Virginia

Cleveland Bailey

Pages from the Past



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Cleveland Monroe Bailey looked more like movie director Tim Burton's idea of a mortician than a congressman. Bald, jug-eared and slightly stooped, Bailey served a total of fourteen years in the U.S. House of Representatives from West Virginia. Like most any other successful Democrat holding public office in West Virginia, Cleve Bailey "preached the gospel pretty much according to John L. Lewis." Lewis was the head of the powerful United Mine Workers and a significant political force in the Mountain State.

As we all know, looks can be deceiving, and while Cleveland Bailey looked mild and meek, he had a temper when riled. Bailey engaged in an altercation with Adam Clayton Powell, the congressman from Harlem, as the House Education and Labor Committee was meeting in closed session. Powell was attempting to amend a \$1.6 billion school-construction bill in 1955. What Congressman Powell proposed was an amendment so that those school districts that practiced segregation would not be eligible for federal funds. Bailey was no arch segregationist; quite the contrary, the West Virginian had supported several of Powell's civil rights measures in the past, but he worried the Powell amendment would kill the entire bill should it be attached to the funding measure. According to those who were present at the meeting, Cleveland Bailey turned to Powell and snapped that if the committee adopted his amendment, it would be a mortal wound to the legislation. Bailey added that Powell knew that much himself.

"You are a liar," Powell retorted.

As reported by the most widely read news magazine in the world, TIME, the 46-year-old, 6'4, 190-pound Powell never saw it coming. At least half a foot shorter, 69 at the time, and perhaps weighing 147 pounds, the enraged Cleve Bailey threw a punch that landed on Adam Clayton Powell's cheekbone. The blow surprised Powell, who toppled from his chair backward. Bailey had reached down, grabbed his fellow congressman by the collar and was drawing back his arm to strike again when other congressmen pulled him off.

Powell's amendment was defeated in committee, and the two congressmen shook hands and pretended the episode had never occurred. When asked about the tussle by newsmen, Powell deflected, saying, "Cleve Bailey and I smoke cigars together." Bailey, too, denied it. "The whole thing never

happened," Bailey insisted. In the next breath, Bailey "showed reporters a half-inch cut on his right wrist, his only wound in the fight."

Cleve Bailey began his career as an educator and was a high school principal in his home city of Clarksburg for several years before becoming superintendent of schools. Bailey's first venture into politics was a short stint as a member of the Clarksburg City Council, and he worked for a decade as the editor of the Clarksburg Exponent. When the Democrats won control of the state government in the 1932 election, Cleveland Bailey was one of the deserving Democrats brought to the state capital of Charleston to work as an assistant to the state auditor. In 1941, Bailey became West Virginia's budget director. Cleve Bailey still occupied that post when he launched his first bid for Congress against Republican incumbent Edward G. Rohrbough, who had served as head of the Glenville State Teachers' College for 34 years.

With President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the head of the ticket, Democrats reversed the success Republicans had enjoyed in West Virginia during the 1942 election. Cleve Bailey narrowly beat Congressman Rohrbough by just over 5,000 votes. The two fought a bitter rematch in 1946, which was a good year for the GOP. Each candidate carried five of the district's ten counties. Rohrbough was returned to Congress, beating Bailey by 2,500 votes.

The 1948 election was widely believed to be a cakewalk for the Republican Party after it won both houses of Congress in 1946. Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York and the GOP presidential nominee, was leading Harry Truman in the polls and campaigned as if he were an incumbent. Dewey lent little support to Republican U.S. Senator Chapman Revercomb, who was seeking reelection. Ironically, Revercomb ran well ahead of Dewey in the Mountain State.

Organized labor was adamantly against Revercomb and the rest of the GOP ticket, which included four congressmen, all of whom had supported the Taft-Hartley Bill. Cleveland Bailey, encouraged by the closeness of his losing race in 1946, was the Democratic nominee once again in 1948. The former congressman ran a determined campaign against his predecessor and successor, intent upon reclaiming his seat in the House. The political pendulum swung back in a big way, and the Republican ticket in West Virginia took a beating at



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President John F. Kennedy greets Congressman Cleveland Bailey in 1962.

the polls. Bailey defeated Congressman Rohrbough by nearly 17,000 votes.

Congressman Bailey faced a formidable opponent once again in the 1950 election in the person of Rush D. Holt, once the wunderkind of West Virginia politics. Holt had been elected to the United States Senate in 1934 and had to wait six months before reaching the constitutionally required age of 30 to take his seat. Holt had been elected as a Democrat and was soon feuding with his senior colleague, Matthew Neely, who was the head of the federal faction in West Virginia. Rush Holt proved to be an irritant to the Roosevelt Administration and was one of the staunchest noninterventionists in the United States Senate. Holt lost the Democratic primary in 1940 to a candidate sponsored by Neely and returned to a seat in West Virginia's House of Delegates. In 1950, Holt switched parties and became a Republican. Old-line Republicans were none too happy about Holt's party change, and the former senator encountered strong opposition to his candidacy for Congress inside the GOP primary. Holt won the nomination easily, carrying 10 out of the 11 counties comprising the Third Congressional District. Holt's party switch enraged many West Virginia Democrats, and they fought his candidacy with an intense fury. As Rush Holt campaigned, he exhibited a confidence in the outcome of the election that unnerved some Democrats and caused others to be highly annoyed. Senator Neely and Governor Okey Patteson came to the district to campaign on behalf of Bailey. It was also an indication of state Democrats' concern over the possibility of Rush Holt returning to Capitol Hill.

"Cleve is going to need all the help he can get, and it will take more than Matt Neely can give him," Holt told one reporter.

Congressman Bailey's campaign revived Holt's record as an isolationist

while serving in the U.S. Senate. The Bailey campaign bought large ads in weekly and daily newspapers urging West Virginians to "Support a Patriotic American" by reelecting Bailey.

Rush Holt carried the more rural counties of the Third District, but he was overcome by the majorities Bailey piled up in the more urban areas. Still, the former senator won 45% of the vote. After defeating Rush Holt, Cleveland Bailey had tightened his hold on his seat in Congress and was elected by increasing majorities throughout the decade of the 1950s. Bailey had won the 1960 election with almost 60% of the vote over his GOP opponent.

West Virginia's loss of population necessitated the loss of one congressional district and

Democrats contrived to rid themselves of the lone Republican in the congressional delegation, Arch Moore (father of Senator Shelley Moore Capito), who had first been elected in 1956. Moore, who had been grievously wounded during the Second World War, was a gifted campaigner and had proved to be highly popular inside his congressional district, easily winning reelection every two years despite Republicans being a distinct minority. When they could not achieve at the ballot box, West Virginia Democrats decided to reshuffle and stack the deck through redistricting. The West Virginia legislature combined the districts of Arch Moore and Cleveland Bailey, believing Bailey's seniority would help him win the general election without too much trouble. The legislature had seen to it that the district favored the Democrats through a 51,000-voter registry, which they felt confident would buoy Bailey's chances.

To bolster Bailey, the Democrats sent former President Harry Truman to campaign for the congressman. A widely covered event was the visit by President John F. Kennedy,

who came to stump for Congressman Bailey. Any time a president of the United States visits a particular city, it is a spectacle as the chief executive travels with all the pomp and circumstance of his office. President Kennedy traveled to Wheeling, West Virginia, specifically to support Congressman Cleveland Bailey. Both of West Virginia's United States senators, Jennings Randolph and Robert Byrd, were on hand, as was Governor Wally Barron and the four Democrats who represented the Mountain State in the U.S. House of Representatives. West Virginia was the place where Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign really caught fire. For those who believed a Catholic could not be elected nationally, West Virginia was an important proving ground, as the Mountain State was overwhelmingly Protestant. When John F. Kennedy handily beat Senator Hubert Humphrey, who had the backing of Robert Byrd, it demonstrated his personal appeal was greater than the prejudice against his religion. There was no question about John F. Kennedy's personal popularity with the majority of West Virginians.

Kennedy made a fighting political speech, but he made an embarrassing verbal error when he called out the West Virginia congressmen, including Arch Moore. The president quickly corrected himself as the audience laughed. Arch Moore enjoyed telling the story of Kennedy's mistake for the rest of his long life.

Four members of President Kennedy's Cabinet came to West Virginia to campaign for Bailey, as did Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son and namesake of the late president. Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John McCormack and Majority Leader Carl Albert both came to West Virginia to campaign for Cleve Bailey. Organized labor flooded the district with messages stating Bailey "MUST be reelected

and returned to the 88th Congress. Labor needs all the friends it can muster. Cleve Bailey is one of the best."

Unfortunately, for Bailey, the campaign visits seemed to cause some West Virginians to complain about outside interference in the election. Yet Arch Moore was a resourceful and excellent campaigner and had entrenched himself during his six years in Congress. Moore was 39 while Cleveland Bailey was 76 years old. Voters in West Virginia's First Congressional District chose the future and closed the books on the past, giving Arch Moore a surprisingly large victory. Congressman Moore won nearly 60% of the ballots cast.

Moore had run well across the district, even in territory that was new to him. The Republican congressman made a strong showing in Bailey's home county and demonstrated his ability to attract votes from voters who considered themselves Democrats.

Bailey's loss was all the more astonishing considering he had the full backing of the Kennedy Administration, as well as that of Governor Barron on the state level as well as organized labor. Moore's defeat of the veteran Congressman Bailey drew national attention; the United Press International ranked Moore's win as one of the top news stories for West Virginia during 1962.

Nobody was more surprised by the election results than Cleve Bailey. The elderly congressman checked into Bethesda Naval Hospital for a "rest," according to his Capitol Hill office. That was Bailey's second visit to the hospital following the election. Bailey had stayed almost a week in the hospital just after his defeat.

Under Secretary of Commerce Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. spied the former congressman in the audience at a meeting of the Appalachian Regional Conference. Roosevelt approached the 77-year-old ex-congressman and grabbed his hand and shook it warmly. "We miss you in Washington," Roosevelt told a beaming Bailey. Cleve Bailey readily admitted, "My heart still is interested in West Virginia."

The former congressman was suffering from serious kidney disease and had entered a hospital in Charleston, where he had lived for years. Bailey died July 13, 1965, just days before his 79th birthday.

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Catching Up With Michael Grider

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Tell us about your new venture in business and consulting.

In July of 2024, I founded Foothills Strategies, which is a business and non-profit organization consulting firm focused on government relations and public relations. I help clients with major capital fundraising campaigns, strategize how to address regulatory challenges, gain media attention, and build key relationships within

the public and private sectors. I get to go spend every day connecting with great people, whether they're in East Tennessee, Nashville, Washington, D.C., and beyond.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Leah, and I just celebrated our first wedding anniversary and recently purchased a home in Knox County. She is a senior member of Congressman John Rose's team and spends a great deal of her time between Knoxville,

Middle Tennessee, and Washington, D.C. We don't have children just yet, but hope to start a family in the near future. We attend City Hills Church off Papermill and love it as our church home.

What are your hobbies or interests?

People who know me might say that hobbies are my hobby. I have a habit of becoming interested in something, deep diving into it for a few years, then moving on to something else. For that reason, I have a ton of interests, but my hobbies are more experiential and less about collecting things, etc.

I love to play golf and find it's a nice way to relax (I'm terrible, but I don't get too upset about that on the course) and spend time with friends or build new relationships. I'm also a big Chicago Cubs fan, a bit of a coffee snob and have really enjoyed getting into and learning about premium cigars over the past several months, which happens to be my most recent deep-dive hobby. As a couple, my wife and I really love going to NASCAR races, traveling and spending time

outdoors.

What do you miss the most about living and serving in Washington, D.C.?

There are a few things I miss about living and working in DC. First of all, I got to know some great people during my time in our nation's capital, and I miss seeing those folks on a regular basis. Of course, having 24/7 access to the United States Capitol is something I'll always miss, in addition to the occasional White House visit. Finally, the restaurants. DC has a bunch of world-class restaurants, so there was always somewhere cool and tasty to go for dinner. That said, I don't regret a single day spent here in East Tennessee and would gladly pick Knox County over DC any day.

Tell us about growing up in Oak Ridge.

Growing up in Oak Ridge, I couldn't wait to move to a bigger town or city and get away from home. Now that I'm 42 and have lived in Knoxville and moved to DC and back, I have a new appreciation for the small city I grew up in. As a teenager, especially, I was fortunate, because I caused a

lot more trouble than I got caught at, but those stories are better told over coffee or a chilled bourbon, with a cigar.

Oak Ridge was big enough that you didn't have to leave town if you didn't want to. We had a mall and plenty of stores, several restaurants, two movie theaters, and, at one point, I remember there being a nightclub that catered to minor teens. There was no alcohol on the premises, and it was in the old K-25 Federal Credit Union building near Grove Center. Oh ... and the massive (this thing really is huge!) spring-fed pool. Summers spent jumping off the platform in the center of the pool, enjoying a real concession stand with burgers, fries, and nachos with the warm spicy cheese that came out of one of those questionable pumps...not some sanitary plastic cup with a peel-off lid. Those were the days.

Are you involved in political campaigns and have you ever thought of running for an office?

It's something I've considered on and off over the years, but I don't have

any immediate plans to run for office. As for my involvement in political campaigns, I try to stay plugged in where I can. The only campaign I'm working with directly is Larsen Jay's campaign for Knox County Mayor. He's a hardworking Republican who has done a ton for our community, and I think his experience in business, non-profits and on the Knox County Commission will make him a great mayor.

I mentioned Congressman John Rose earlier. I've gotten to know him quite well since he and Congressman Burchett entered Congress together in 2019. He's a wonderful man with strong conservative values, and he's currently a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of the State of Tennessee. He's an 8th-generation Tennessee farmer, successful businessman, dedicated husband and father, and very effective member of Congress. He'll make a great governor, and I'm honored to volunteer in support of his campaign when needed.

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Stallings, Davis share golf with Knoxville’s youth

By Ken Lay

Scott Stallings and Bailey Davis both love the game of golf. Early last week, they shared the game that means so much to them.

Stallings, a PGA and native of Oak Ridge, and Davis, who played for the Lady Vols, were on hand on Monday, Aug. 4, at Bank of America’s Golf with Us Clinic at Williams Creek Golf Course.

Stallings, who is recovering from injury, said he feels the need to give back to the game.

“It’s always special to come back here,” he said. “This is where I grew up, and this kind of comes with the territory. This is an opportunity for people who don’t see the game very much a chance to see the game.”

“It’s cool to be out here and share the game with these kids. The Boys and Girls Club doesn’t have a direct golf component, so this is a chance to share this great game with these kids. Opportunities and things like this are a way to showcase that and introduce the game at a young level and show that there are a lot of ways to go about it.”

The children who participated in the clinic, approximately 60 aspiring players, were from the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley and the YMCA of East Tennessee.

Davis, who played collegiately at Tennessee from 2021-25, also feels that she has an obligation to share the game with the area’s youth.

“I’m excited to be here and share the game with

these kids,” said Davis, a native of White Plains, Maryland. “It’s important for them to explore the sport.”

“Kids don’t usually know about golf and the social aspect of the game. They know about football and basketball. Everyone knows about football and basketball. It’s exciting to help these kids explore this game.”

Stallings, who is recovering from shoulder surgery, said he will look to return to the PGA Tour, where he has won three tournaments, in January.

Davis, who is remaining in Knoxville following her recently completed college career, will go to LPGA Qualifying School in September.

Bank of America Market Executive Lina Evans said that it was an honor to sponsor last week’s event.

“We’re really fortunate to be here and be a part of this,” she said. “This is exciting to bring golf to the Knoxville Community.”



PGA pro Scott Stallings returned to East Tennessee last week for a golf clinic at Williams Creek Golf Course. Photo by Ken Lay.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Central’s junior quarterback Kaden Long carries the ball in a first-team running drill Wednesday at Dan Y. Bor-ing Stadium and Joel Helton Field.

Bobcats should be better in Lane’s second season

By Steve Williams

Central’s first challenge this season will be improving in the two quarters after halftime. There were slip-ups much of the time in that part of the game last year.

“We played 11 games last year and were in the lead at halftime or tied in seven of the 11 of them,” said Head Coach Kevin Lane. “We ended up losing some of them by

just shooting ourselves in the foot, and the kids know that and what they have to do to finish games.”

The Bobcats’ second half play last year led to a 4-7 overall record. They qualified for the playoffs in Region 2-5A but bowed to Sevier County 35-12 in the first round. The Smoky Bears went on to capture the state championship.

Lane has most of his top players from last season back and expects to make

the playoffs again.

“Yes, absolutely,” he said. “Our goal ultimately is to win the first game of the season with Dobyns-Bennett at home and then after that we will see what happens. But yes, I think the experience and the expectation in the standard is there and the kids know what they want to do and they know what it takes to get there.”

This is Lane’s second year as head coach at

Central after being a long-time assistant coach. He said the strength of the team this season “will be our skill guys – our speed, experience and depth at all of those positions – secondary and outside receivers.”

The Bobcats return eight starters on offense and six on defense. Top players according to Coach Lane include junior quarterback Kaden Long and

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Many starters returning to Halls

By David Klein

The Halls Red Devils have a great group of players coming back this season. Coach Brent Hughes welcomes back seven defensive starters and six offensive starters.

“We’ve got six returners on offense and we’ll return our entire offensive line, led by Noah Partin,” Hughes said. “Defensively, we have seven returning starters, led by Dom Culp, Brody Rogers, Jarrell Chandler, Carson Pearce and Gabe Holmes.”

Hughes said his team is reaching for new accomplishments this year. Halls has been close to taking the next step, and that is what Hughes is striving for.

“Every coach wants to get the most out of their season and wants to keep playing as long as they can and strive for a championship,” Hughes said. “The things that you have to do in the offseason, is think like a champion, prepare like a champion, all those things

and understand that you have to find a way with the challenge that you have, to make it the best team possible. We feel like we got a lot of talent, but we got to make a great team out of it and that’s my job. So, we’re going to continue to just really push our kids and really just embrace the moment. We’re trying to find those ways to help us take us over the edge, so we can win that second round matchup.”

Hughes is a big proponent of putting his players in position to make plays on both sides of the ball. “Don’t overthink it,” he said. “Put your kids in the best situation to go be them. If the defense is giving you space, take the space. If they’re giving you the downfield shot, take the downfield shot. Your kids gotta go make plays. From an offensive perspective, what I think you should do, is you got to continually put defenses on their heels.”

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By Steve Williams


Some coaches refer to it as a “dress rehearsal.” Others have called it a “glorified scrimmage.” Most believe it does help players adjust to first-time game jitters.

It used to be the KFL Jamboree, but now is known as the annual KOC Kick-Off Classic.

The two-night event will get underway at Halls High School on Thursday at 7 with Fulton vs. Karns, Gibbs vs. Central and Carter vs. Halls.

Friday night’s schedule at Farragut High includes four games: South-Doyle vs. Bearden, Austin-East vs. Grace Christian, West vs. Farragut and Hardin Valley vs. Powell.

Each contest will be



a 12-minute quarter. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the game sites. Admission is \$10.

Week 1 of the 2025 season will begin Aug. 21.

Change in schedule will match Catholic at Halls

With The King’s Academy not having a football team this season, Halls will not have a game on Sept. 12. Instead, Halls will now host Catholic on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Pocket-size Kick-Off books are now out

The High School Kick-Off books came out last week. Prep football fans are always eager to get one. Any Food City Store should have them, if they haven’t run out. Seventeen Knoxville high school teams are featured in the long-time publication headed by Don Carringer.

Remembering Bearden’s state track honors 50 years ago

This past spring marked the 50th anniversary of Bearden High’s TSSAA state championship in boys’ track and field. The late Bob LeSueur was the head coach of the team. State champions on

Powell CC team goes to work

Powell High’s Cross Country team washed cars on Saturday, Aug. 2, near Wendy’s on Clinton Highway. The Panthers’ banner read: “Powell Cross Country Embraces The Dirt, The Mud, The Grit.”

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that team included Mike Barlow (440 and 220), Louie Delorenzo (mile) and Tommy Gouffon (discus).

Steve Prince also was on that team and went on to coach Bearden to a state runner-up in 2003.

Bearden’s Holly Warlick set a state record in the girls’ 440 in 1975 and bettered her state record in 1976.

Pass the mustard please ...

The Knoxville Smokies beat the Biloxi Shuckers 5-4 in Game 1 of their six-game series last week at Covenant Health Park. It was “Free Hot Dog Night.” Some 5,000 fans turned out and all 8,000 hot dogs for the event were eaten.

Hey race car fans!

Best local radio coverage of NASCAR racing

can be found on 1380 AM WYSH radio in Clinton. The “Motor Racing Network” on Saturday, Aug. 16, will broadcast the Cookout 400 at Richmond Raceway at 6:30.

On Aug. 23, the Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway will be broadcast at 6:30.

The Cookout Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway will be broadcast Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.

Don’t forget ...

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Knoxville Catholic seeking redemption

By Mark Nagi

The Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish had a 2024 season that they would rather forget. They continue to strive to be more competitive in Division II-AAA, which happens to be the TSSAA's toughest classification. The 2025 Irish are putting last season in their rearview.

“This is a redemption year for us,” Catholic head coach Philip Shadowens told The Focus. “We knew last year that we would be playing a lot of young kids and very inexperienced kids. We knew that things weren't going to be easy, and they certainly weren't. But we feel like we've made so much progress in the weight room and progress on the field as well. Our roster is in a better place than it was last year, you

know, from top to bottom.”

The Fighting Irish bring back 18 starters from their 2024 squad, and Shadowens is excited about what he sees from his skill position players.

“They got great experience last year,” said Shadowens. “Some of those have still been really young, but they got a ton of playing time last year in this league. So, we feel like we have quite a bit of experience in the skill positions on both sides of the ball.”

One of those skill position players Shadowens is so high on is Tyreek King, arguably the best prep player in the state and one of the best wide receivers in the nation for the Class of 2026.

“He (King) demands a lot of coverage and a lot of double teams,” says

Shadowens. “We have got to find ways to get him the ball. He's still a great route runner and pulls the whole defense with him. We have a lot of other receivers who can make a lot of plays as well. But certainly, our opponents start with ‘How can we defend Tyreek King?’”

Knoxville Catholic has had its share of players go on to excel at the next level, including safety Harrison Smith, who went to Notre Dame and has been an NFL star for over a decade with the Minnesota Vikings. King was offered scholarships from all the big schools you can think of, including Alabama, Texas and Michigan. But he decided to stay close to home and take his talents to the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

“He handled the recruiting process well,” says Shadowens. “I don't know that he loved it. I mean, getting bothered by coaches every night and all the things that now with social media, you have to face. I think at this point now that all that's over, and that he's committed to Tennessee, he's closed all the recruiting down. I think now he can just focus on getting his body ready to go, taking care of the schoolwork that you have got to do, and just getting to be a football player, like everybody else.”

To succeed at any level of high school football, you need to be competitive on the lines of scrimmage and need guys who can step in when needed. “We've added some depth and certainly got a lot of

FIGHTING IRISH 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	at Riverdale
Thu	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	at Anderson Co.
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	Lipscomb Academy
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	MBA (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	Silverdale Academy
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at Ensworth (R)
Thu	Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	at Knoxville Halls
Fri	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	McCallie (R)
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	CPA (R)
Fri	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	at Baylor (R)

(R)=Region game

experience as we didn't lose any linemen last year,” said Shadowens. “Our numbers still aren't exactly where we want them to be yet. It's much more than we had last year, but we still feel like we're short. We want to be able to platoon on the front, and we can't completely do that yet.”

That all said, can this team make some noise this season?

“There's no reason to talk about it until we prove it,” says Shadowens. “We have some goals, no different than anybody else, but it's going to be one week at a time. We're going to get better every week. We want the opportunity to be good enough to be in a position where we have a chance to play deep in November.”



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS
Central Assistant Coach Brandon Gourley talks with junior wide receiver JJ Sackie off the field. Sackie moments earlier had made an impressive catch downfield near the sideline.

Bobcats should be better in Lane’s second season

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senior WR/DBs Javaston Badgett and Torin McAfee, plus returning inside linebacker Nicholai Brooks and Dashawn Wilson, who can play linebacker and on the defensive line.

Other team leaders include senior RB Jaedyn Harris and senior WR-DB JJ Smith.

“McAfee will probably play more defense, but will spot us on offense,” said Lane.

“Bryce Johnston (slot receiver) is a senior and

BOBCATS 2025			
Fri	Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	Dobyns-Bennett
Fri	Aug. 29	7:00 p.m.	at Fulton
Fri	Sep. 5	7:00 p.m.	West (R)
Fri	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	at Campbell Co. (R)
Fri	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	Clinton (R)
Fri	Sep. 26	7:00 p.m.	at Powell (R)
Fri	Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	at McMinn County
Thu	Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	at Knox Halls (R)
Fri	Oct. 24	7:00 p.m.	William Blount (R)
Fri	Oct. 31	7:00 p.m.	Karns (R)

(R)=Region game

will play a ton for us. He got injured a couple of times last year, so I held him back a little bit.

“Offensive line wise we’ve got three returning starters,” added Lane. “Last year we were a little undersized and we’re still a little undersize now, but



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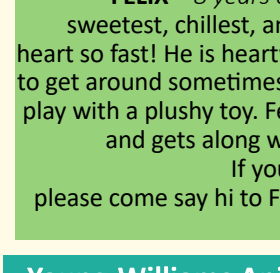
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The times they were a-changin’ in college football

It’s hard to believe that decisions made in the 1960s by coaches and players could have such far-reaching impacts.

There had been a fallow period in Tennessee football from 1958 to 1963, when the Volunteers clung grimly to the single-wing offense, the top brass not seeming to know it was past its prime. The single-wing was a legendary formation at Tennessee, but the times they were a-changin’ in college football, as Bob Dylan so cogently noted at the time.

Looking back, nothing brought this home to public consciousness better than two outstanding prep quarterbacks in East Tennessee heading to the (much) greener pastures of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Gainesville, Fla.

They were Steve Sloan of Cleveland, Tenn., and Steve Spurrier of Johnson City. They were the top signal-callers in the state of Tennessee in 1962 and 1963, respectively.

Sloan was part of two national championships at Alabama and ended up coaching against the Vols at Vanderbilt and served as athletic director at Alabama and at UT-Chattanooga.

Spurrier was a different story.

Spurrier nearly became a Vol, thanks to a clever idea



Doug Dickey (L), shown with AD Bob Woodruff, brought the “T” formation to Knoxville in 1964, Steve Spurrier’s sophomore season at Florida.

by head basketball coach Ray Mears, a coach who seemed to have an original and innovative idea nearly every day.

Think how the history of Tennessee football might have changed had Spurrier, a multi-sport star at Science Hill High School, come to Knoxville.

“I spoke at his high school banquet and his family invited me to their home afterwards,” Mears told sportswriter Ron Bliss. “Steve was a great basketball player, as well as being a football star... I knew he was too good a football player to come to Tennessee to just play

basketball, and I asked him what it would take for him to sign with Tennessee in football.”

Spurrier’s response was vintage... and direct.

“He told me he didn’t like [Bowden] Wyatt’s wingback offense,” Mears said, “and he’d have to change to more of a passing offense before he’d consider coming.”

Wyatt’s response to Mears’ entreaty was equally vintage: “I’m not changing my offense for anyone.”

Spurrier ended up playing at Florida and winning the 1966 Heisman Trophy, even if he might not have been the best quarterback in the SEC. Alabama’s Ken

Stabler and Tennessee’s Dewey Warren were perceived to be at least as good. Spurrier kicked a late field goal to win the Auburn game that seemed to be the winning edge in the minds of many Heisman voters.

After a brief stint in the pros, Spurrier started his coaching career being hired as a Florida assistant by Dickey, who had, ironically, brought the “T” formation to Tennessee in 1964.

As head coach at Duke in 1988, Spurrier’s Blue Devils had knocked off Tennessee 31-26. A year later, they gave an 11-1 SEC

championship Tennessee team all kinds of fits before falling 28-6.

Spurrier then heard the siren call to come home to Florida. Tennessee won two of the first three games against his Gators, 45-3 in 1990 and 31-14 in 1992, but lost 35-18 in 1991. What followed was the stuff of which dreams were made in Gainesville.

Spurrier, often referred to as “Steve Superior” by the late Auburn head coach Shug Jordan and numerous Tennessee fans, then got it rolling in 1993. The Gators won five in a row over the Vols. Spurrier was throwing the ball all over the field and playing mind games with the best of them, with zingers at the ready for every situation. It was just part of his personality, part of his charm.

Tennessee broke the streak in 1998 with a memorable overtime win at Neyland Stadium, but Florida reeled off two more wins in 1999 and 2000. In that latter game, the Gators won on a controversial touchdown pass reception inside the game’s final minute.

That led Spurrier to invoke the deity’s influence in front of the assembled media, saying after the game that, “God smiled on the Gators,” riling Vol fans even more than the supposed catch.

Spurrier left Florida after the 2001 season, after the Vols won the Eastern Division of the SEC with

a 34-32 tally against the Gators. Spurrier then went to the Washington Redskins, resurfacing in 2005 at South Carolina.

The 2005 Tennessee-South Carolina game had to have been one of Spurrier’s favorites. The Vols were favored, but the “ol’ ball coach,” as he’s popularly known, still had some magic up his sleeve. The Gamecocks won 16-15, with Spurrier telling media what he had told his team at halftime.

“Keep it close, and I’ll out-coach him [Phillip Fulmer] in the fourth quarter.”

Not only that, but Tennessee had retired Peyton Manning’s No. 16 that night, and Spurrier, whose teams never lost to Tennessee when Manning was under center, had to have reveled in the moment.

In the 2008 game at Columbia, the Gamecocks won. Fulmer, 3-6 with two losing seasons in the past four, was let go the next day. The irony of that situation was not lost on many Vol fans, who believed Spurrier had taken up permanent residence in Fulmer’s head his entire tenure.

Years later, the questions still remain about the impact Spurrier might have had on Tennessee football.

For most Tennessee fans, the 1960s are literally the “Dark Ages.” The way everything has transpired makes Tennessee fans wonder what might have been.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DAVID MOGES

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

NO. 211022-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

This 7th day of July, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

v.

RODRICK DEMONT BUTCHEE, Defendant

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DOCKET NO. 208882-3

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

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

This 16th day of July, 2025.

Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SEKHAS S. GUDALA, Defendant
IN RE: DURGA M. BEZAWADA, Plaintiff

vs.

SEKHAS 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

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VALENTINA RAMIRES HERNANDEZ

IN RE: LUIS PADILLA VARGAS, Plaintiff

-Vs-

VALENTINA RAMIRES HERNANDEZ, Defendant

Docket # 162105

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant VALENTINA RAMIREZ HERNANDEZ is 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 VALENTINA RAMIRES HERNANDEZ

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by LUIS PADILLA VARGAS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with DAVID L. KING, Plaintiff’s Attorney whose address is 1300 DIVISION ST., STE 102, NASHVILLE, TN 37203, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication..

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

This the 5TH day of AUGUST, 2025.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Michelle Henry
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VAN ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT

IN RE: BRENDA JOYCE MCKNIGHT, Plaintiff

vs.

VAN ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT, Defendant

NO. 211217-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant VAN ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT, 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 VAN ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, VAN ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Barbara W. Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, 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 John F. Weaver, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 5th day of August, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ORALIA DE JESUS PINZON RODRIGUEZ

IN RE: JERONIMO DE JESUS GARCIA SANTOS, Plaintiff

vs.

ORALIA DE JESUS PINZON RODRIGUEZ, Defendant

NO. 209957-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ORALIA DE JESUS PINZON RODRIGUEZ, 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 ORALIA DE JESUS PINZON RODRIGUEZ described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, ORALIA DE JESUS PINZON RODRIGUEZ file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Paisley P. Anderson, an Attorney whose address is 7220 Wellington Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919, 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 John F. Weaver, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 5th day of August, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHEILA I. ALBERT
DOCKET NUMBER 91235-1

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.

ESTATE OF SHEILA I. ALBERT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH A. ALBERT, EXECUTOR
523 CHARLEEN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINA LYNN ARNOLD
DOCKET NUMBER 91185-2

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.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINA LYNN ARNOLD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBIN AUDREY ARNOLD
8613 PEPPERTREE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHNNIE FAY MAHAN BALSINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 91218-2

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.

ESTATE OF JOHNNIE FAY MAHAN BALSINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN BALSINGER
2913 E. WOODROW DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ROBERT W. GODWIN, ATTORNEY
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL BANDY
DOCKET NUMBER 91121-1

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 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.

ESTATE OF CARL BANDY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIEL BANDY
9401 LUSK ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

GLEN B. RUTHERFORD, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1668
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN P. BREWSTER
DOCKET NUMBER 91236-2

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.

ESTATE OF JOHN P. BREWSTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID A. BREWSTER, EXECUTOR
946 LAKEVIEW ROAD
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKI FAYE CARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 91103-1

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.

ESTATE OF VICKI FAYE CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS COLIN CARTER, ADMINISTRATOR
7478 TWIN BROOKS BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

HILLARY E. DEWHIRST, ATTORNEY
4014 SUTHERLAND AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of May, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of

The Estate of CAROL TURNER MOORE, who died May 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, 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 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.

ESTATE OF CAROL TURNER MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

CREDITORS
STATE OF KIMBERLY MOR

DOCKET NUMBER 91197-2

July, 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY MORRIS, who died Dec. 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file them, 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

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.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY MORRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of
 LY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of

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

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

at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BENNY RONALD PATTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

CREDITORS

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WANDA PHILLIPS
DOCKET NUMBER 91254-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of

JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WANDA PHILLIPS, who died Dec. 18, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the

18, 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

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.

ESTATE OF WANDA PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

DONNA TURNER, EXECUTRIX
3910 APPLEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BENNIE LEA PITTMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 91203-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BENNIE LEA PITTMAN, who died on August 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice 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.

ESTATE OF BENNIE LEA PITTMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KENNETH PITTMAN
8021 WHITESTONE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY
PAUL F. HANNAN, ATTORNEY
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN H. ROMINES
DOCKET NUMBER 91232-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN H. ROMINES, who died May 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 11 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JEAN H. ROMINES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARRY WILLIAMS, EXECUTOR
129 TIMBER CIRCLE
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE A. ROTHERY, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91217-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JULY, 2025, letters of administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of GEORGE A. ROTHERY, JR., who died intestate on January 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF GEORGE A. ROTHERY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM P. ROTHERY
1600 PETAL POINT NW
KENNESAW, GA 30152

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN SHARP
DOCKET NUMBER 90906-2

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 BARBARA JEAN SHARP, who died January 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN SHARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT STEVEN SHARP
15 BASSWOOD ROAD
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

JONATHAN D. REED, ATTORNEY
KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14th FLOOR
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAY SIMS
DOCKET NUMBER 91091-1

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 RAY SIMS, who died May 7, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25th day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF RAY SIMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY TODD SIMS
DAVID WAYNE SIMS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JEANETTE WILSON SUMMITT
DOCKET NUMBER 91240-3

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 CAROLYN JEANETTE WILSON SUMMITT, 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 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.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN JEANETTE WILSON SUMMITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN DWAIN SUMMITT
517 KARLA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

J. TUCKER BEARD, ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS J. TREECE
DOCKET NUMBER 91234-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOIS J. TREECE, who died June 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 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.

ESTATE OF LOIS J. TREECE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY L. TREECE, EXECUTOR
8308 JENKINS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JON MICHAEL VANBUREN
DOCKET NUMBER 91207-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JON MICHAEL VANBUREN, who died on May 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JON MICHAEL VANBUREN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROGER W. VANBUREN
5004 WOOD LANE
ROCHESTER, MN 55901

RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL PHILLIP WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 91201-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JULY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL PHILLIP WILLIAMS, who died on the 20th 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 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.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL PHILLIP WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANE WILLIAMS
3186 WOODS EDGE COURT
MAINESVILLE, OH 45039

NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHOICE ANN CHANDLER BURKHART
DOCKET NUMBER 91266-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHOICE ANN CHANDLER BURKHART, who died June 27, 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 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHOICE ANN CHANDLER BURKHART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM OLIVER BURKHART
7340 CALLA CROSSING LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DANIEL R. GOODGE, ATTORNEY
224 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER STUART COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 91290-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of ROGER STUART COLLINS, who died on June 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROGER STUART COLLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA D. HALL COLLINS
9822 E. EMORY ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

STEPHEN K. GARRETT, ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA M. COMER
DOCKET NUMBER 91283-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA M. COMER, who died June 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, 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 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 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA M. COMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELLE C. HOPPER

12360 NORTH FOX DEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JOHNNA C. FELTON
5212 BENT RIVER BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS DAVID COX
DOCKET NUMBER 91221-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THOMAS DAVID COX, who died Jan. 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25 day of JULY, 2025.

ESTATE OF THOMAS DAVID COX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HALEY E. STARR, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
6105 NORTHCREST CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

CHRISTINE RENEE RHODES,
CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
624 FOUST CAMEY
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY CRABTREE
DOCKET NUMBER 91264-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JULY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LARRY CRABTREE, who died June 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of 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 30th day of JULY, 2025

ESTATE OF LARRY CRABTREE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARLA MCCARTY
5208 FOUNTAIN GATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY FRANCIS (BROOKS) CUNNINGHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 91262-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of DOROTHY FRANCIS (BROOKS) CUNNINGHAM, who died May 28, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY FRANCIS (BROOKS) CUNNINGHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY R. CUNNINGHAM
8129 EWING ROAD
POWELL TN 37849

ROGER D. HYMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 26072
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK R. DEGNAN
DOCKET NUMBER 91243-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of MARK R. DEGNAN, who died on June 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for 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) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEVEN THOMAS HACKWORTH, a.k.a. STEVE HACKWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN JOSEPH THOMAS HACKWORTH
1525 SNYDER SCHOOL RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARK R. DEGNAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HEIDI MARIE DEGNAN
529 EAST FOX DEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

LINDY DEGNAN HARRIS
10712 OLIVE GROVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

KEVIN N. PERKEY, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9th FLOOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY A. ENSOR
DOCKET NUMBER 91136-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY A. ENSOR, who died May 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 6th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY A. ENSOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN HURLEY FRILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 91275-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JEAN HURLEY FRILEY, who died on May 08, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JEAN HURLEY FRILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN THOMAS HACKWORTH, a.k.a. STEVE HACKWORTH
DOCKET NUMBER 91305-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVEN THOMAS HACKWORTH, a.k.a. STEVE HACKWORTH, who died July 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF STEVEN THOMAS HACKWORTH, a.k.a. STEVE HACKWORTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY THERESE HALFPENNY
DOCKET NUMBER 91269-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of MARY THERESE HALFPENNY, who died on March 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and

Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the above captioned 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 paragraphs numbered one (1) or two (2) below; otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY THERESE HALFPENNY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LILLIAN R. HUGHES
DOCKET NUMBER 91272-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LILLIAN R. HUGHES, who died on June 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chanc

