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2025 Tennessee Valley Fair kicks off in Chilhowee Park

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Although its future at Chilhowee Park is uncertain, the Tennessee Valley Fair opened Friday for its annual opening day business and government luncheon. The fair has been held at Chilhowee Park since 1916. The overflow crowd beneath the Pepsi Community Tent spoke little about where the fair might take place next year. The gathering was jovial and very typical of past fair kick-off ceremonies.



From top: Guests relax in the shade of the Pepsi Community Tent at last Friday's annual opening day luncheon. Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay and state Representative Michele Carringer show their UT pride outside the tent. UT President Randy Boyd addresses the crowd. Photos by Mike Steely.



UT President Randy Boyd was the primary speaker and said the fair is "an economic driver and puts a spotlight on East Knoxville."

Fair Director Scott Suchomski spoke about how important the fair is for the agricultural community as a whole in East Tennessee and how it honored the legacy of Willow Creek Farm in Knox County. He also spoke about the Haynes family, who have maintained the farm since 1925.

Many elected officials and candidates attended and worked the crowd. One Tennessee Valley Fair board member told The Focus that the desire is to remain at the park in the future, with or without use of the Jacob Building, but added that search is underway for an available property large enough to hold the annual event.

The fair runs through Sunday, September 14.

City council decision on midway sale postponed again

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A decision on selling part of Chilhowee Park to Emerald Youth Foundation was postponed for four weeks during the Knoxville City Council meeting on Tuesday. The decision to delay came after suggestions of postponements ranging from two to six weeks and a suggestion to drop it entirely from the agenda.

Last year, Emerald Youth

answered the call for a proposal to purchase the former midway grounds across the street from the main park last year. The city administration negotiated with the organization and some East Knoxville residents, but the community at large felt left out and surprised at the decision to sell the property. Some community leaders are asking the city to reject

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Commission chooses Oster and Frazier to lead once more

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Third District Commissioner Gina Oster was chosen to chair the Knox County Commission again, as was Commissioner Kim Frazier as vice chair. The vote in Tuesday's reorganization meeting was unanimous for Oster to serve her second year. Frazier was opposed by District 5's Angela Russell and was chosen in an 8-2-1 vote.

Voting for Russell were Commissioners Andy Fox

and Rhonda Lee, with Russell abstaining.

The selection of members for two committees saw more candidates than the number of positions available. The reorganization session began using a paper ballot system proposed by Fox, where each member wrote down the names of their choice to fill the available slots. Any commission member may attend a committee meeting, but they cannot vote unless they are a member.

Seven commissioners

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Crisis Intervention Team training staff graduate 32 officers, first responders

A group of thirty-two law enforcement and security officers, first responders and medical staff graduated from Crisis Intervention Team training on Friday, August 29, 2025.

This graduating class included staff from the American Medical Response, Covenant Health Emergency Department, Covenant Health Security Department, East Tennessee Children's Hospital Security Department, Knox County Schools Security Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knoxville Fire Department, Knoxville Police Department, McNabb Center, University of Tennessee Police Department, University of Tennessee Medical Center



Congratulations to the Crisis Intervention Team training graduates!

Emergency Department and University of Tennessee Medical Center Security

Department.

"For every agency, it's a big commitment to have

each of you step away from your job for 40 hours to complete this training, but

this city is always supportive. When an escalated psychiatric crisis happens,

the tools you've learned at CIT makes it a win-win for people who receive help safely – and that's what we strive to do," reflected Candace Allen, McNabb Center vice president.

CIT trained officers undergo 40 hours of intensive training, which helps them identify mental health resources to assist people in crisis. The training connects officers with mental health professionals and other community agencies to create a team that can provide support when a challenging situation occurs. In addition, officers learn verbal de-escalation skills and experience scenario-based training on responding to crises.

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Public meeting on Chilhowee Park scheduled for Sept. 15

Mayor Kincannon and her staff will be available to answer questions about and hear suggestions regarding Chilhowee Park, including Emerald Youth Foundation's proposal to redevelop a portion of the park, on Sept. 15 at Dr. E.V. Davidson Community Center gymnasium, 3124 Wilson Ave.

The meeting initially had been announced for another time and date. But Mayor Kincannon rescheduled the ideas exchange to 6-7:30

p.m. on Sept. 15 to make it more readily available to more residents.

Emerald Youth Foundation has proposed purchasing through a structured development agreement 13 acres south of Magnolia Avenue for \$913,518. Emerald proposes investing approximately \$25 million in private funding to build a community complex similar to its Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex in Lonsdale – a nexus in Burlington of synthetic turf sports fields,

basketball courts, community meeting spaces, a pavilion, a learning center, a wellness center and a performance training/fitness space. The agreement requires that Emerald maintain those uses on the site for 20 years.

The City has published a webpage, www.knoxvilleTN.gov/ChilhoweePark-Proposal, with comprehensive and consolidated details about the project to provide answers to questions that have been asked

at community meetings and on social media about Chilhowee Park and the Emerald Youth Foundation proposal.

The 2019 Chilhowee Park Strategic Plan, park maps, the City's Request for Proposals, Emerald's submitted proposal, property appraisals, the Tennessee Valley Fair lease agreement, and other documents can be found on this webpage.

City staff at the Sept. 15 public meeting also will be

available to discuss how the 2019 Chilhowee Park visioning study is being used to guide the addition of future new amenities at the park.

Parks and Recreation staff will be engaging with residents on recent and planned City investments in East Knoxville parks and hearing feedback from residents on what other amenities and programs they'd like.

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Emerald Youth Foundation to host community open house Tuesday

Emerald Youth Foundation is excited to invite the community to an open house at the Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex at Lonsdale on September 9 from 5:30 - 7 p.m., hosted by Emerald Youth's Lonsdale Area Committee and East Area Community Engagement Committee.

The Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex in Lonsdale served nearly 1,000 young people last year through Emerald Youth programming and hundreds more through other events and community organizations. The complex Emerald Youth has proposed for East Knoxville would replicate this proven model and allow Emerald Youth to expand its impact and serve

hundreds of additional young people in East Knoxville each year.

As part of the open house, the evening will include guided tours as well as an opportunity for guests to learn more about the proposed facility in East Knoxville and ask questions.

Due to evening events already scheduled at the facility, guests for the open house should park at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1933 Texas Avenue, Knoxville, 37921, which is nearby and within walking distance. Emerald Youth will also offer a shuttle service from the church to Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex.

What is a Motion in Limine?

You may have seen a courtroom scene in a movie or TV show where a lawyer suddenly yells, "Objection!" and the judge responds with, "Sustained!" or "Overruled!" While those moments make for good drama, a



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to past lawsuits, preventing mention of things that might be irrelevant or overly prejudicial, or deciding whether expert testimony meets legal standards

Here is how it works. Suppose someone is being sued for

attention to the issue in front of the jury, a motion in limine happens quietly behind the scenes. If granted, it prevents problems from popping up in the first place.

In Tennessee courts, you will see these motions filed in both civil and criminal cases. Judges often address them at a pre-trial hearing before jury selection begins. Lawyers may file several motions in limine in a single case, covering multiple topics they want to keep out of the trial.

If you are involved in a case that is going to trial, you may never hear the term "motion in limine" mentioned out loud, but it could play a big part in shaping what the jury hears—and what it does not.

a car accident. The defendant was in another accident years ago, but it has nothing to do with this one. The lawyer might file a motion in limine asking the judge to forbid any mention of that old accident during the trial. If the judge agrees, then the other side is not allowed to bring it up in front of the jury at all.

A motion in limine (pronounced lim-in-ee) is a legal request made to the judge before a trial starts, asking the judge to decide ahead of time whether certain evidence can or cannot be mentioned in front of the jury. The goal is to prevent the jury from ever hearing something that could unfairly influence them—something that, even if objected to later, might still leave an impression.

These motions often involve issues like: keeping out evidence about someone's criminal history, excluding references

Why does this matter? Because trials are supposed to be fair. The rules of evidence are designed to make sure that the jury makes decisions based on relevant facts, not on emotional reactions or unfair assumptions. A motion in limine helps make that happen by stopping the train before it ever leaves the station.

Unlike objections during trial, which can draw

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The preliminary Knox County Commission's agenda for September shows lots of appointments, code changes for several boards, and road projects.

The second and final reading of Commissioner Kim Frazier's proposal to change the qualifications for members of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors is planned. She's suggesting that the time elapsed since

an applicant's employment with the Knox County Sheriff's Office be reduced from 10 years to five, and to permit future members to have relatives employed by the Knoxville Police Department.

The commission will interview citizens interested in serving on the Library Advisory Board, the KCSO Employees' Merit System Board, and the Board of Zoning Appeals during its agenda review meeting on September 15. Those new members will be selected during the commission's regular meeting on September 22.

Commissioner Larsen Jay will continue his proposals for standards for utility poles, suggesting that future permits on right-of-ways be withheld if existing double and abandoned poles are not removed.

The Forensic Center is asking that a contract with Blount County be approved to assume the role of medical examiner for death investigations and autopsy services. The five-year agreement is for \$711,055 annually.

The creation of bylaws for a Knox County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is being postponed until October.

Naming the bid winner and the contract amount for work on a left turn lane at East Emory Road and Bracket Road is on the agenda, along with an agreement with Robert G. Campbell & Associates LLC for engineering services at the Driver Training and Certification Facility on Foote Mineral Road.

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were interested in the five seats on the Legislative Affairs Committee, and Commissioners Damon Rawls and Larsen Jay withdrew their names. Commissioner Courtney Durrett also said she would remove her name if Fox wanted to serve. He replied he'd rather serve on the Rules Committee, and Adam Thompson Durrett, Lee, Russell and Frazier were chosen.

When the Rules Committee paper ballot nominations were taken, eight names were in contention for the five seats. Fox was among the list of eight, and at first, it was a tie vote, 5-5, with Frazier abstaining.

Another vote was taken, and a 6-5 vote eliminated Fox from serving on Rules. The second vote, between Rawls and Fox, saw Fox,

Lee, Russell and Thompson voting for Fox. Frazier, who had passed, voted for Rawls, who joins Terry Hill, Frazier, Durrett and Thompson on the Rules Committee.

After other committees were selected, Russell moved to dissolve the Joint Education Committee. Jay explained that the group, made up of four commissioners and four school board members, was created several years ago during conflicts and court cases between the school board and the commission. Oster said she spoke to the law department and noted that a motion could be made to discontinue participation. She called for four volunteers to serve, but only Fox responded.

Durrett seconded the motion to dissolve, but Fox said he wanted to serve on the school-commission board, saying he wants to "pursue some issues" at those meetings. Nevertheless, the commissioners voted to dissolve the committee after comments that the joint committee is no longer needed.

Other standing committees filled on Tuesday included the Beer Board, the Finance Committee, the Insolvency Board and the Telecom Committee.

Frazier was chosen as Beer Board chair, Hill as chair of the Insolvency Board, Lee as chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, Frazier as Rules Committee chair, Thompson as chair of the Telecom Committee, and Jay as chair of the Finance Committee.

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Judicial Activism

If you want to write laws, run for office.
Laura Ingraham

I'll admit at the start of this essay that I'm not a legal expert, and perhaps I'm in over my head with this topic. But that's OK because I'm writing from the perspective of a layman and a citizen rather than a titular expert.

In my 74 years, I've had very little contact with the legal profession, aside from lawyer friends. And given the current state of affairs, I'm thankful for that.

I practiced medicine for 45 years and was never sued. Perhaps I was lucky or fortunate, a word derived from the Roman god Fortuna. I was careful and maintained rapport with my patients. I documented my decisions and discussions with patients. In other words, I tried to practice good medicine

and avoid lawyers.

It astounds me that seemingly every decision made by our duly elected president is met with a lawsuit. Perhaps Mr. Trump is used to court battles from his days as a developer in New York City or in his other business ventures. I can't imagine he finds it pleasant to be repeatedly attacked by Democrat activists, corrupt prosecutors like Letitia James, or corrupt judges like Engoron or Boasberg. Despite two attempts to assassinate Trump, the despicable Boasberg just released a woman from jail who was threatening to kill the president. Boasberg should have been required to take this nut-job home with him instead of releasing her to the street.

Trump might say that lawyers, judges and lawsuits are the price of doing business in our litigious society. But I find

it appalling and alarming to watch the entire legal system drug into the toilet by activist lawyers and a cadre of non-elected scurrilous federal judges who practice lawfare.

Like so many other institutions, the Democrats have sullied (FBI, CIA, IRS, DOJ, etc.), the entire legal system is now on trial, and the American people are the jurors. Don't talk to me about stays, remands, injunctions, etc. I can speak medical-eze and did so more clearly than the mumbo-jumbo of legalese that flows from the mouths of attorneys. The legal system needs to speak plainly, police its ranks and stop the insanity, or the American people may be forced to do so out of self-preservation. No one is safe with an out-of-control judicial system.

Let me offer a few examples besides the most recent, reckless Boasberg decision. A federal judge says President Trump cannot use tariffs, which are bringing businesses and cash back to America as well as promoting an America First geopolitical foreign policy. A three-judge appeals panel had to overrule a DC judge who said 20 billion dollars had to be released for worthless climate change projects. And another legal beagle said billions must go to USAID

to support ridiculous activism in foreign countries and surreptitiously fund Democrats. Even Supreme Court justices have railed about judges who ignore their rulings. I could go on, but those who aren't brain-dead read of such abuses almost every day. Even the deportation of illegal gang-bangers is blocked by robed activists.

Obviously, I approach the legal system as a layman. But the ominous line from the movie "Apollo 13" underscores America's judicial mess: "Houston, we have a problem."

Most have heard the famous line from Shakespeare's play "Henry IV" where the villainous character Dick says, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." Of course, I don't ascribe to this. Nor did Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, who agreed with the notion that Shakespeare meant, "society can't have fairness and peace without the protection of the law and its guardians." But scholar Daniel Kornstein held that Shakespeare was "criticising lawyers who were professionals committed to securing the interests of the wealthy" (or powerful). I side with Justice Stevens.

Unfortunately, we have seen abuses of the legal system where American justice is not blind as it is

ballyhooed and promoted. People have seen the powerful escape and the system twisted to suppress the common man. Of course, no man is guilty unless found so in a court of law. But murderers, rapists and child predators have used lawyers to beat the system.

As a physician, I cared for disreputable persons, but I could not defend a pedophile. And that same "just" legal system's poster-child Judge Engoron (suffering from TDS, Trump derangement syndrome) imposed such vindictive fines on Trump that the president's Constitutional rights were violated. The whole trial was a sham pushed by a corrupt NY district attorney. So even the powerful can be victimized by a more powerful, activist and weaponized justice system.

Judicial activism is a thorny issue. But as citizens, it is our responsibility to struggle with such problems using the Constitution as a guide. Unfortunately, we have a problem in the legal system which we cannot ignore because it is allowing perversions of justice, violating common sense and is moving to exert its will over both the executive and legislative branches.

You may be surprised to learn that this turf war began in 1803. Thomas

Jefferson had just been elected president, and his secretary of state, James Madison, refused to honor the justice of the peace appointment given by outgoing President John Adams to William Marbury. Marbury sued and it went to the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice John Marshall ruled that Marbury was entitled to the commission. However, Marshall further ruled that the court did not have the power to grant the commission. But far more importantly, Marshall's ruling established the precedent of judicial review with which we now struggle. As a result, the rest of the government, if not the will of the people, is often held hostage by an increasingly dysfunctional and corrupt legal system, where a non-elected judge can trump the duly elected president of the United States.

This is our country. It does not belong to experts, judges, professors, lawyers, doctors, etc. It belongs to We the People. I trust the American people more than any politician, journalist, doctor, professor, media panelist, etc. It's past time to say, enough is enough. The "robed resistance" must end.

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Catching Up With George Bove

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I've known George Bove for several years and always found him open, courteous and very active in community and organizational events. He has relocated to Loudon County from Knoxville and is the author of UT-related children's books. His children's books featuring characters in and around the University of Tennessee have become very popular.

Lots of information about Bove and his books are available online at www.littleoranget.com and on

Facebook.

We featured Bove in a story several years ago but, with that new book and his continuous participation in local events, it's time to catch up with him again. We asked him several questions to bring you up to date with him.

Tell us about your new book.

"Rocky's Top Tennessee Wish" is based solely on the greatest song ever written, sung or recorded... "Rocky Top!" Our main character, Ol'Rocky, a resident of Cades Cove holler, steps out into the

still moonshine and makes a heartfelt Tennessee wish! What happens next is pure Tennessee magic including supporting characters know as Soda Pop, Wild Mink, Smoggy Smoke, Two Strangers and Mr. Quackers (a duck trapped in a pen)!

How did you get into writing children's books?

The very idea of a children's book frightened me until I spoke about it to my amazing wife. I sincerely asked her, "Sweetie, do you think I am goofy enough or corny enough to write

a successful children's book?"

Janet Sparky Bove answered quickly and confidently, "Yup, you got this," and now I stand silly and wacky as the author of my third children's book based on Tennessee themes.

What's the UT reception of your book themes?

Our characters have been adopted and received with open arms by the Tennessee Volunteer community. University of Tennessee has included "The Little Orange T" and **Continue on page 6**



George Bove's children's books have become very popular and he continues his series with his latest "Rocky's Top Tennessee Wish."

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As humans living on the planet we call Earth, we are fully aware that there are diverse beliefs, convictions and world-views. If we are not careful, it's easy to slip into two extremes: We either water down the truth so we don't offend, or we swing to a harshness in the name of being bold about our personal beliefs. I am of the persuasion that Jesus calls us to something different. As followers of Christ, we



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

are commanded to hold fast to the truth while treating people, even those who disagree with us, with respect, gentleness and love.

The Bible, as the sole authority of faith and practice in Christianity, teaches us that although not everyone is a child of God, all people are created in His image and form part of His creation. The gospel we share is best received when communicated with both conviction

and compassion. How we treat those who hold different beliefs reflects our faith just as much as the words we express. Everything I say comes from a deep sense of love and respect.

Around the world, countless religions exist, each providing its own set of rules, rituals and paths to the divine. Most share a common theme: they explain what we must do to earn God's favor or achieve the peace that everyone seeks. However, Christianity is different; our faith stands apart from all others. At the heart of the gospel, we don't have

a ladder to climb, as other religions suggest, but rather a Savior who came down to us. While every other religion tells us to "do more, try harder and work your way up," Christianity proclaims, "It is finished."

What makes our faith unique is not our efforts, but Christ's completed work on the cross, His resurrection and His ongoing presence with us today. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is not just an accessory to Christianity; it is the defining feature that grants us the unique privilege of walking daily with a living Savior.

The writer of Hebrews emphasizes an important truth of the Christian faith in two instances within just three brief chapters. Hebrews 4 and Hebrews 7 both discuss the concept of advocacy through a post-resurrection Jesus for His followers. A reading of these chapters reveals that our Redeemer is a sinless, empathetic, sustaining, and ever-present Savior who continues to work on behalf of those who place their faith in Him. Hebrews 9 states that Jesus "appears in the presence of God for us." This means that on our behalf,

Jesus acts as our defender, interceder, and representative. This profound theological concept offers us specific practical realities that both encourage and strengthen our faith.

First, it means that as Christian believers, we have direct access to God through Jesus. We don't have to rely on a religious system, tradition, a priest, a preacher, or anything else to be granted admittance to our Heavenly Father.


One historical story illustrates this beautifully: young Tad Lincoln once brought a weary Union

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Musings on Vacation

The past week, Amy and I returned to our favorite vacation spot, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. We've traveled over the mountains to reach this spot for several years and have found the best time to visit is the week after Labor Day. By then, all the children have returned to school, and college students are on campus. That leaves the beach to us old fogies.

I'm not sure how we started taking our vacation here, but along the way, we've stayed in several places. In fact, we celebrated our wedding anniversary at Isle of Palms. Yes, it was cold; the sun shone, but the wind coming off the water could



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slice a person into two pieces. We spent our week inside and read our books. Occasionally, we'd take a gander at the ocean, and that was enough to satisfy us.

I've always had a rule that if we travel to the beach for a vacation, then we will be able to see the ocean outside the rental unit windows. My feeling is that if I can't see the water, there's no reason to make the trip. One year, however, we broke that rule. So that our dog Sadie could go with us, we rented a condo a block from the beach. To say the place was bare bones is to understate the situation. Behind the building was the parking lot, a

convenience store, and the only thing separating properties was a line of trees and overgrown weeds.

Some of our trips have ended poorly or not come about at all. We rented a small house one year. It, too, was a couple of blocks from the beach. The place was run down, and the screened porch where I spent much of my time was moldy and apparently salvaged after some storm had ravaged it. On that trip, we left mid-week because the place was too disgusting.

On another trip, things went fine for a few days. We discovered a ferry that hauled folks from Mt. Pleasant to Charleston and back. The day was fun as we walked through the old market and took some side streets to find hidden

historical treasures. That night, Amy awoke sick to her stomach and began "losing her lunch." The pain became too intense to attribute it to food poisoning. A trip to the emergency room revealed that my dear wife was suffering from appendicitis. However, because she was taking a blood thinner, the doctor wouldn't operate on her for several days. Instead, he loaded Amy up with antibiotics and pain medication. Our rental time came to an end, and I had nowhere to go. We called our doctor in Knoxville, and she made arrangements for a surgeon to meet us. We hopped into the car and drove like maniacs down I-26 and I-40. At 11:30 p.m., we arrived at the hospital, and the Knoxville surgeon told us he could manage any bleeding that

might occur, but not the effects of a burst appendix. He performed surgery early the next morning.

Last year, our plans were canceled because our son Dallas was in the midst of a serious health issue. Neither of us felt comfortable leaving him alone in such bad shape. The beach wasn't close to importance to Dallas. We lost him a few weeks later.

This vacation we are on has been made possible by the kindness of a former student. That's all I can say; I've been sworn to secrecy. His offer brought me to tears for the loss of Dallas and the acts of this former student.

I sat and looked at the ocean today, and I thought about those two young men. One is gone from me. I have no doubt where he is

and how safe and happy he is. The other is the biggest-hearted, kindest person I have ever known. He is an example of what God wants all of us to be, and I don't say that just because he made this trip possible. I am forever indebted to him and hope that one day I can, in some way, repay his generosity.

The tide is much like our lives. We start from the day we are born, and with every passing moment, we cover a bit a ground. Little by little, we inch forward until we reach a final resting place on the shore. When those life waters ebb, they take us with them, and we return no more. It's my hope that I can be as good as my son and my student have been. I'll work on being that kind a person when I finish another vacation at Isle of Palms.



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Iowa’s Cantankerous Congressman Harold Royce “H. R.” Gross

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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It is fair to say there was not a speck of get-along-go-along in the character of Harold Royce Gross, a former newscaster who spent 26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the Third Congressional District of Iowa. Gross was as anti-establishment as it was possible to be, and the people of the Third District rewarded him by giving him huge majorities in every election save one. Only once did H. R. Gross face a close election contest inside his congressional district. Gross had no catalogue of bills passed bearing his name; in fact, there was no piece of legislation he sponsored or cosponsored that ever passed the Congress. Yet nobody could accuse H. R. Gross of absenteeism or not doing his job. The congressman from Iowa was a force to be reckoned with, one who routinely questioned governmental expenditures. To some, H. R. Gross was the “Abominable No-Man” of Washington; to others, the lowan was the “Watchdog of the Treasury,” or the “Taxpayer’s Best Friend.”

Throughout his long congressional career, H. R. Gross was called a good many things. The most widely read news magazine of its day, TIME, once labeled the Iowa congressman “The Useful Pest.” A reporter for TIME gleefully reported the 5’6, 135-pound Gross stepping into the well of a nearly empty House Chamber. “I am becoming more and more disturbed over the failure of the House to get down to work,” Gross barked. “This is about the most do-nothing session I have seen in my 14 years here.” The congressman from Iowa had done a little calculating, which he of course passed along to the news media. Gross had figured the House had been laboring an average of four hours a day, which came to a total of fifteen days a month. Gross pointed out that each congressman was making \$126 per day (\$1,295 in today’s dollars). “That’s a lot of pay for such a short workday,” Gross observed.

The reporter for TIME thought it a typical performance from the “waspyish” congressman from Iowa who had embarked upon a lonely crusade “to save this country from bankruptcy.” That same reporter described Gross as “a nitpicker and a pest” who “detests Washington’s social life” and preferred watching wrestling on TV with his wife, Hazel, in their Washington, D.C., apartment, which Gross called “an oasis in a community of synthetic functions.” The reporter for

TIME concluded that H. R. Gross, the “self-appointed caretaker of the congressional conscience” indeed had his “own unique value.” The writer concluded the House of Representatives needed a man like H. R. Gross in its midst, but also noted “one is probably plenty.”

The reporter was careful to state H. R. Gross was not a hypocrite and “practices what he preaches,” answering 97.1% of all House roll calls. “Unlike most Representatives, he stays on the floor between roll calls, listens carefully to debates.”

TIME acknowledged Gross had a talent for observing what others failed to see or dismissed as unimportant. It was Congressman H. R. Gross who pointed out during the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy that an Army chauffeur was ferrying Frank Sinatra and Peter Lawford through-out Washington, D.C. H. R. Gross was as apt to pick at expenditures by Republicans as he was Democrats. Congressman Gross objected when former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was restored to his rank as a five-star general. Gross demanded that Ike only be eligible to collect his \$25,000 presidential pension and not the \$20,543 salary for a five-star general as well.

Gross used his waspish wit to good effect, noting about the space race between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, “Well, even if we don’t get to the moon first, we’ll be there first with foreign aid.” As to the need for a congressional flag, Gross wondered, “How would you fly it— above or below the squirrel tail that some people fly off their radio antennas?”

For the most part, other congressmen realized H. R. Gross was something the government and the House needed. Carl Vinson, a Georgia Democrat who chaired the powerful House Armed Services Committee, once declared, “There is really no good debate unless the gentleman from Iowa is in it.” Indulgent colleagues honored Gross by reserving House Bill 144 for the Iowa congressman every year, as 144 equals a gross.

Gerald Ford, minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives before being tapped by President Richard Nixon to serve as vice president, once said there were three political parties in Congress: Democrats, Republicans and H. R. Gross.

Harold Royce Gross began his career as a newscaster for radio station WHO in Des Moines, Iowa. One of his fellow



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Congressman H. R. Gross of Iowa, 1960.

newscasters was Ronald Reagan. Gross had also worked as a newspaper reporter and editor. While covering the Iowa statehouse, Gross met Hazel Webster, the secretary to Iowa’s attorney general, whom he married in 1929. The couple had two sons together.

The first political campaign H. R. Gross ran was a race for the GOP nomination for governor in 1940. As might be expected with Gross, it was unconventional. Gross challenged incumbent George A. Wilson, a kindly, well-intentioned man, whom Gross criticized as not having done all he promised two years earlier. Gross’s voice was very familiar to lowans, especially in the Hawkeye State’s rural counties. H. R. Gross disdained all the traditional means of campaigning and refused all invitations to attend events and shake hands. A good speech maker, Gross spurned making platform speeches and confined his talks to the radio. Gross came within 15,000 votes of upsetting Governor Wilson in the Republican primary.

For a brief time, Gross moved his family out of state, but he eventually returned home to Iowa. In 1948, Gross launched a campaign for Congress against another incumbent, John W. Gwynne, a Republican who had been first elected in 1934. Once again, H. R. Gross challenged the Republican organization, which backed Congressman Gwynne. The result surprised most everyone but H. R. Gross, who carried nine of the fifteen counties comprising Iowa’s Third Congressional District.

1948 was supposed to be a banner year for Republicans, who had swept the 1946 midterm elections to win both houses of Congress for the first time since 1928. Virtually every political prognosticator in the country believed the GOP

presidential nominee, New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey, would beat Harry Truman in the general election. Those same political pundits ignored the ominous signs that were readily apparent throughout the fall campaign, not the least of which was the number of Republican senators in danger of losing, which included Senator George A. Wilson of Iowa. Wilson was facing perhaps the most popular Democrat in Iowa at the time, Guy Gillette, a former U.S. senator. Both Gillette and Harry Truman carried Iowa that year, while H. R. Gross won a resounding victory at the polls, winning more than 58% of the vote in the Third Congressional District and carrying all fifteen counties.

Congressman H. R. Gross proved to be popular enough to weather even the fiercest political headwinds, which ended the careers of many other Republicans in the House. While his percentage dipped in 1958, when the country was in the midst of a serious recession, H. R. Gross still won decisively. The closest political contest of his long career occurred in 1964 when Lyndon Johnson crushed Barry Goldwater in the general election. Five out of six of the Republicans in Iowa’s House delegation were defeated that year; only H. R. Gross survived, who won by 419 votes. Two years later, Gross won reelection by more than 62% of the vote. 53 Republican congressmen had signed a letter urging the nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater as the GOP presidential nominee, and 23 of them were defeated in the 1964 Johnson landslide.

Irrespective of his majority, Congressman H. R. Gross never changed. Personally frugal, Gross continued to take stands that frequently puzzled others. When Congress decided to move many federal holidays to the nearest

Monday, Gross opposed it, pointing out that doing so would deprive retail workers of the holiday, as businesses would remain open. Gross introduced a bill requiring a balanced budget during each of his 13 terms in the House of Representatives.

When the House of Representatives opened its first session in 1960, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn had “passed the word” that no significant business would occur during that week. As a result, many congressmen did not return to Washington, D.C., preferring to remain in their respective districts. Nobody would likely have thought much about it had not Congressman H. R. Gross called attention to the fact that much of official Washington was missing. Gross demanded a quorum call the first morning the House was back in session. There was no quorum to be had, and TIME reported Congressman Gross “kept the quorumless House in legislative limbo.”

Congressman H. R. Gross was generally a foe of the United States sending taxpayer dollars overseas in the form of foreign aid. During an uprising of some House Republicans in 1957, the Eisenhower Administration’s \$3.8 billion foreign aid bill encountered some difficulties despite a special presidential plea. “I took my last marching orders in 1916-19,” Congressman Gross snapped, referring to his military service during the First World War. Gross was one of those voting to pare down the request from \$3.8 billion to \$3.1 billion, although he never voted for the bill to pass the House.

Gross proved to be a wily opponent, and when President Lyndon Johnson was pushing a \$2.7 billion foreign aid bill through the House of Representatives, the Iowa congressman came within five votes of

sending the entire bill back to a conference committee with an added amendment to end aid to Poland as long as that country traded with North Vietnam.

“Is the obligation of the United States to wet-nurse the rest of the world?” H. R. Gross wondered.

As the 1960 presidential election approached, Gross joined four of his GOP colleagues from Iowa in trooping to the office of Vice President Richard Nixon, who was the Republican presidential nominee that year. The lowans were unhappy with the farm policies of Eisenhower’s Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, and wanted to hear from Nixon what his own farm policy would be.

When the House voted in 1959 to create a new three-man federal commission to assist the coal industry, which was sickly, Congressman H. R. Gross complained, “No matter how thick or thin you slice it, this creates a new agency when we already are surfeited with them.”

Congressman H. R. Gross defied the conventional wisdom of his own party once again when he was selected to welcome Governor Ronald Reagan of California to a fundraising dinner in Iowa of some 10,000 people. Gross was a backer of Reagan, who was making a bid for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination; in fact, Reagan won more popular votes that year than Richard Nixon, who was the eventual presidential nominee. Gross was a national leader in Reagan’s insurgent campaign to topple President Gerald Ford for the GOP nomination in 1976.

H. R. Gross announced he would not run again in 1974. Gross chose not to go home to Iowa to live and remained in Washington, D.C., for the remainder of his life. The former congressman suffered from Alzheimer’s disease and died in a Washington veterans hospital at age 88 in 1987. The Cedar Rapids Gazette published an editorial remembering the longtime congressman and his career. The editorial quoted Dave Nagel, a Democratic congressman from Iowa, who said, “One has to admire the high integrity and principles H. R. Gross possessed in his career. While you may not have always agreed with him, you always knew where he stood.” The Gazette editorial stated it was no wonder the people of Iowa’s Third Congressional District kept H. R. Gross in Congress “for as long as he consented to stay.” © 2025 Ray Hill

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JENNIFER NICOLE CARDER and FRANK PRESTON CARDER
IN RE: R.C. DOB: 3/17/24
BY: DILLON and KIMBERLY HAWKINS
vs.
JENNIFER NICOLE CARDER and FRANK PRESTON CARDER
No. 2025-CV-240

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JENNIFER NICOLE CARDER and FRANK PRESTON CARDER, non-resident(s) 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 JENNIFER NICOLE CARDER and FRANK PRESTON CARDER, it is ordered that said defendant(s), JENNIFER NICOLE CARDER and FRANK PRESTON CARDER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Greeneville, Tennessee, and with ALEX D. BRINSON, an Attorney whose address is 2018 CLINCH AVE., Knoxville, Tennessee 37916, 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 October 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. as to you before Chancellor Douglas T. Jenkins at the Greene County Chancery Court, 101 South Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37743.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 12th day of AUGUST, 2025.

Douglas T. Jenkins
Clerk and Master/Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOSE MANUEL CASTILLO
IN RE: SHARON JUANITA BROOKS, Plaintiff
vs.
JOSE MANUEL CASTILLO, Defendant

NO. 211529-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JOSE MANUEL CASTILLO 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 JOSE MANUEL CASTILLO it is ordered that said defendant, JOSE MANUEL CASTILLO, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Paisley P. Anderson, Esq., an Attorney whose address is 7220 Wellington Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement 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 20th day of August, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: MICHAEL S. WASHAM, RESPONDENT
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE CHILD, K.E.H., D.O.B. 01/19/2016

BY: SONJA LYNN RITTER and LARRY RITTER, Original Petitioners,
and JACKIE DENNIS HOWARD,
Intervening Petitioner
vs.
WHITNEY HOWARD and MICHAEL S. WASHAM, Respondents

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE
DOCKET NO. 199808-1

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the residence of MICHAEL S. WASHAM, the biological father of K.E.H., D.O.B.: 01/19/2016, is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it was ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, in The Knoxville Focus, to notify MICHAEL S. WASHAM, to file an answer with this court and send a copy to Petitioners' attorney, Shipley & Swain, PLLC, whose address is 800 S. Gay Street, Ste. 700, Knoxville, TN 37929, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against MICHAEL S. WASHAM. Failure to appear may result in a default judgment against MICHAEL S. WASHAM.

This 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

John F. Weaver
Chancellor

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY E. BALLARD
DOCKET NUMBER 91424-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY E. BALLARD, who died March 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 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 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY E. BALLARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BROOKE BALLARD, EXECUTRIX
7429 HARVEST CREEK LN.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT E. BALLARD
DOCKET NUMBER 91425-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ALBERT E. BALLARD, who died January 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS PATRICIA CAZORT
DOCKET NUMBER 91422-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GLADYS PATRICIA CAZORT, who died June 12, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLADYS PATRICIA CAZORT

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA KAY CRUMPLEY-PATTERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 91406-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA KAY CRUMPLEY-PATTERSON, who died Aug. 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF LINDA KAY CRUMPLEY-PATTERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHAD MARTENS, EXECUTOR
8318 GLENROTHES BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY KAY DAWSON
DOCKET NUMBER 91390-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY KAY DAWSON, who died on the 23rd day of April, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY KAY DAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN ELAINE SMITH
156 OLD CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD
HEISKELL, TN 37754

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE HENDLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 90736-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate MICHAEL WAYNE HENDLEY, who died December 24, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 26th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE HENDLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DELMA HENDLEY
112 HAIR LANE
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY MCKROSKY HODGE
DOCKET NUMBER 91387-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY MCKROSKY HODGE, who died May 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 22 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY MCKROSKY HODGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANET FERRELL, ADMINISTRATRIX
616 BALSAM DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH ANN HOOVER
DOCKET NUMBER 91195-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH ANN HOOVER, who died on January 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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

This 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH ANN HOOVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKI CREWS
6208 HACKBERRY RD.
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL AUBREY HUDSON
DOCKET NUMBER 91421-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL AUBREY HUDSON, who died April 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL AUBREY HUDSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON HUDSON, ADMINISTRATOR
870 GORDON ROAD
DYERSBURG, TN 38024

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ATHAS MYNATT
DOCKET NUMBER 91416-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ATHAS MYNATT, who died April 25, 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 as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ATHAS MYNATT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JULIA H. SPRADLING
1498 MOUNTAIN ROAD
ANDERSONVILLE, TN 37705

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY LINN PALMER
DOCKET NUMBER 91420-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY LINN PALMER, who died on June 11, 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 as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF LARRY LINN PALMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA ANNE MOSS

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCILLE SELLERS RAYBURN
DOCKET NUMBER 91348-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of LUCILLE SELLERS RAYBURN, who died on June 24, 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 26th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF LUCILLE SELLERS RAYBURN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MR. CHRISTOPHER ROY RAYBURN
827 VALLEY STREET
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF OLIS M. WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 91347-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of OLIS M. WALKER who died JUNE 27, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will

be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF OLIS M. WALKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY
1810 MERCHANT DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER B. WISE
DOCKET NUMBER 91350-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WALTER B. WISE, who died May 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 from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 26th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF WALTER B. WISE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WENDY RYAN
3590 WORKMAN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

TERESA M. KLENK, ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNETTE DENOBREGA BASS
DOCKET NUMBER 91374-2

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

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

This 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANNETTE DENOBREGA BASS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATHAN E. BASS, EXECUTOR
7902 PELLEAUX ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH U. BREWER
DOCKET NUMBER 91302-2

Cumberland Falls is NOT in Williamsburg

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I keep seeing a local television commercial for Williamsburg, Kentucky. As I grew up there for ten years and even briefly returned later in life to live there again, I consider it one of my hometowns. The commercial does a great job in promoting the town, which is the seat of Whitley County and has a historic downtown area, notable mansions, a thriving casino and a water park. Cumberland College is also there, and the historic Lane Theater is just a block or so from the town's old L&N railroad depot. While Williamsburg has a lot to offer, it is not the home of Cumberland Falls as the commercial suggests. Repeat, the "Niagara of the South" is NOT located in Williamsburg. The commercial is referring instead to the Cumberland Falls



The Cumberland Falls Moonbow is beautiful and unusual. Visitors to the attraction will find lots to do in the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, located about 30 minutes northwest of Williamsburg, Kentucky.

State Resort Park, which is about 20 miles or 30 minutes northeast of the town. The park has a beautiful "Moonbow" on clear nights and offers hiking and picnic areas, good gift shops, and many ways to see the falls from above or below. Getting from Williamsburg to Cumberland Falls, which actually has a Corbin,

Kentucky, address, means following I-75 north to the second Williamsburg exit and taking Highway 25W until it turns left onto Highway 90. Following that route brings you to overlooks with good parking and eventually downhill to the falls parking lot. Cumberland Falls was always a favorite place to

visit in my childhood, and when in the area now-days, we always stop for the view and hike to the bottom of the falls. There are many trails within the park and along the rushing Cumberland River. It is said that Cumberland Falls was accidentally discovered by long hunters who had to abandon their

rafts above the waterfall and walk around the cascade to continue. It was later "rediscovered" by explorer and land speculator Dr. Thomas Walker, who named the entire Cumberland area for England's Duke of Cumberland. Across the river from the main parking area is

an interesting trail to the little-known "Eagle Falls" that empties its waters just downriver from the main falls. Being just a half-hour away, I visited Cumberland Falls with my childhood family, my high school class, and later with my sons and grandchildren. The park also features the famous Dupont Lodge with lodging and a well-known Riverview Restaurant. It also offers horseback riding, swimming above the falls, and a good campground with hookups. The park is a good place to stay as you visit the towns of London, Corbin and Williamsburg. You can also visit the Great South Fork area just west of the falls or even take the tourist train in Sterns, Ky., to visit the Blue Heron historic coal mining community. A day away with yourself or your friends and family can turn into a weekend or even a week-long visit, working out of Cumberland Falls. For more information about Cumberland Falls, you can visit www.cumberlandfallsstatepark.com or call (800) 325-0063.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE K. KELL
DOCKET NUMBER 91412-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JANICE K. KELL, who died July 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before 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 date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
This the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANICE K. KELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT A. KELL
6507 S. NORTHSORE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919
TIMOTHY M. MCLEMORE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY KIMBALL
DOCKET NUMBER 91403-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY KIMBALL, who died June 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 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARY KIMBALL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT C. KIMBALL, EXECUTOR
10030 ASHEVILLE HWY.
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAURA BETH KINDER
DOCKET NUMBER 91403-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of LAURA BETH KINDER, who died on July 8, 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 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LAURA BETH KINDER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHARYNE L. SPANGLER
625 ENSLEY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920
JOHN B. DUPREE, ATTORNEY
616 W. HILL AVE., 2nd FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SOFA INEZ KECK LAKIN
DOCKET NUMBER 91415-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SOFA INEZ KECK LAKIN, who died on July 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF SOFA INEZ KECK LAKIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID LAKIN
6522 RUBY JUNE LANE
Corryton, TN 37721
DENNIS LAKIN
8221 JADE TREE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938
M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY
216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH MATHES
DOCKET NUMBER 91368-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RALPH MATHES, who died June 5, 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 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF RALPH MATHES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RALPH MATHES, JR., ADMINISTRATOR
1307 IDSTONE WAY
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANN REYNOLDS
DOCKET NUMBER 91428-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of JOANN REYNOLDS, who died May 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 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 29th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOANN REYNOLDS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DIANE BOLES
2470 PINEY GROVE CHURCH RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921
DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CONDA ROBINSON
DOCKET NUMBER 91395-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES CONDA ROBINSON, who died March 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025.

if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES CONDA ROBINSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BETTY M. ROBINSON, EXECUTRIX
9633 CLINGMANS DOME DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEWIS VALENTINE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91278-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of RICHARD LEWIS VALENTINE, JR., who died 03/10/2025, 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 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF RICHARD LEWIS VALENTINE, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA JEAN TAYLOR
1700 NC-111
PINE TOPS, NC 27864
K. CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 584
CLINTON, TN 37717

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUSAN LYNN WILLIAMSON
DOCKET NUMBER 91346-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SUSAN LYNN WILLIAMSON, who died March 28, 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 29th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF SUSAN LYNN WILLIAMSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT BRUCE WILLIAMSON
1100 BURNING TREE LN.
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

MISC. NOTICES

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Knox County Grants & Community Development
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCGCD) 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) documents the County's housing and public service activities and performance under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV), and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs during the past year. A draft copy of the CAPER will be made available for public comment beginning Thursday, September 11 through Sunday, September 28, 2025. Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's CAPER. Comments may be submitted via email to grants@knoxcounty.org, calling KCGCD at 865-215-5253, or by mail to KCGCD, 400 Main Street, Suite 364 Knoxville, TN 37902. Additionally, KCGCD will hold a Public Hearing to review the CAPER and take comments. Residents are able to attend in person or virtually through Zoom. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the following location:

KCGCD Dante Office
405 Dante Road
Knoxville, TN 37918
Persons requiring special assistance or accommodation should contact KCGCD at 865-215-5253 at least three days before the public hearing. A draft copy of the CAPER and information on how to attend virtually will be available at <https://knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/>. The County will incorporate all comments recorded into the CAPER. The final version of the CAPER will be submitted to HUD for final approval by September 30, 2025.

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Special Called Meeting of the Knox County Ethics Committee
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
For the purpose of considering the Comprehensive Review and Revision of the Knox County Code of Ethics.

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Catching Up With George Bove

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"The Little Orange T's Great Tennessee Adventure" into its VOLSHOP both in store and online. The late, great Coach Johnny Majors even read our "Little Orange T" online in 2020 (Google search Johnny Majors Little Orange T for the video feature).

Bring us up on your current professional position.

I had graduated to the opportunity to retire from BESCO around March of 2020 and thought then, wow this is perfect, but something even more incredible happened. It was a call from a friend-to-all in East Tennessee named Bill Stevenson, president of MBI (aka Michael Brady) asking, "What are you doing?"

I told Bill the absolute truth, "Just watching Westerns," and Bill said, "No more."

So, now it is my pleasure to serve MBI as a consultant and team member. I still enjoy my Westerns!

Do you have any local political ambition or plans?

I have been asked quite a bit over the past five years about participating in local politics and running for Lenoir City / Loudon County office and that request has piqued my interest.

The commitment to serve is not be taken lightly and, as for us, we pray for wisdom and guidance moving forward.

How are you finding Lenoir City?

Janet and I loaded up the truck and moved out deep west (Lenoir City). Instantaneously we found the community and the people inviting and inclusive. We immediately grafted our love for East Tennessee into our 37771 / 37772 neighbors.

What are your future plans?

Please look for us as we continue to work and serve in the East Tennessee / Lenoir City communities, Kerbel Shrine,



George Bove takes lots of photos and caught himself and Focus writer Mike Steely in one a few years ago.

MBI companies and the Tennessee Volunteer nation. How incredibly blessed we all are to live in the greater Knoxville region. Go VOLS!

Good Hands

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soldier straight into the White House and into the presence of President Abraham Lincoln. Although the soldier had no authority or right to demand an audience with the president, he was welcomed because he came with the president's son. That simple moment powerfully illustrates our access to God. On our own, we have no right to approach the throne of heaven, but through a living Jesus, the Son, we are brought near and welcomed into the very presence of the Father. It is through Christ alone that we have access to God.

Secondly, this means we have a diligent advocate. The Hebrew writer teaches us that we can obtain

mercy and find grace in this throne room. Mercy is God withholding what we deserve, while grace is God giving us what we don't deserve. Mercy is essential because we are all sinners, and grace is necessary because we all experience suffering. Christians have every reason to count their blessings, for unlike any other faith in the world, we do not follow a dead prophet or distant teacher; we have a relationship with a living Savior. Jesus not only conquered the grave but now stands at the right hand of the Father, acting as our Advocate. While others are left to plead their own cases, we can rest assured that Christ Himself speaks on our behalf. Your case is in good hands!

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ-ORTIZ

Central quarterback Kaden Long turns the corner, while West's Aiden Jordan (30) and Kobe Kuhn (43) give chase Friday night at CHS. The Bobcats held off the Rebels for a 29-21 win.

Central starts fast, holds off West rally

By David Klein

In its first Region 2-5A game of the season at Central, the Bobcats got off to a fast start against the West Rebels in the first half but withstood a furious West rally in the fourth quarter to win 29-21. The Bobcats jumped out to a 29-7 lead in the first half as quarterback Kaden Long heated up in the passing game as he passed for three touchdowns and ran for another one. Central got on the scoreboard first as Long threw his first touchdown pass, an 11-yard pass to JJ Sackie. The Bobcats led 7-0 with 7:20 left in

the first quarter.

"The whole week we were talking about doing our fundamentals," Sackie said. "That was just a catch and score. We played as a family; we played as a team and made it happen."

West had a chance to answer, but an apparent touchdown was called back on a holding penalty. West would miss a field goal to end its possession.

Following a Rebel stop of the Bobcats on a 4th-and-goal at the Rebel 1-yard line, Central recorded a safety to go up 9-0 with 7:45 left in

the second quarter. After West kicked off to Central, the Bobcats wasted no time on their drive as it took just one play to score. Long lofted a pass down the right sideline to Javaston Badgett, and he caught it in stride and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. Central led 16-0 with 7:18 left in the second quarter.

"I've got playmakers all around me," Long said. "I got my line protecting me, they did an amazing job tonight. I give number 3 (Badgett) the ball and he can go run it in the end zone; he

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He's back!
Rodgers powers Panthers to win over Halls

By Steve Williams

It didn't take long for Deuce Rodgers to make a difference in the Battle of Emory Road this year.

Coming back from a knee injury in the season opener, Powell's senior quarterback broke loose and raced 60 yards down the left sideline on the

game's third play from scrimmage to set up the Panthers' first touchdown against rival Halls.

Deuce finished what he started with a 13-yard touchdown pass to DeZion Jackson and Caleb Lanius added the PAT.

"I've been waiting to get off to a fast start," said **Continue on page 2**



PHOTO BY MYAH WILSON

Powell quarterback Deuce Rodgers is all serious as the Panthers prepare to play Halls on Thursday night's game at The Jungle. Powell won 32-13

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Central off to fast start on volleyball court, unbeaten in district play



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Central High's Kaylin Wiley serves the ball in the Lady Bobcats' three-set win over West Wednesday night in Fountain City. Wiley came up with five kills, 10 digs and four aces for Central, which is 12-2 early this season.

By Ken Lay

The District 3-3A volleyball season has already reached its halfway point, and one team has won all six of its league games.

The team perched atop the district standings is the Central High Lady Bobcats.

Many assumed that the new-look district title might go through Anderson County, as two-time defending regular-season and postseason tournament champion Clinton entered the 2025 campaign and has not lost a district match in two seasons.

Oak Ridge, which had struggled in recent years after dominating the league for more than a decade, is looking to bounce back

under the guidance of new head coach Meghan Ellis.

Anderson County also joined this league after overpowering Class 2A play in East Tennessee. The Lady Mavericks, it seems, were almost always concluding their season at the state tournament in Murfreesboro.

This season, however, it's coach Susan Davidson's Lady Bobcats who have risen to the top --- at least in the first half of the 2025 campaign. Central is 12-2 overall and has gone 6-0 in the district, keeping its perfect league mark intact with a five-set (26-24, 16-25, 20-25, 25-20, 18-16) victory over Powell at home on Thursday night.

Central also has league wins over Clinton, Anderson County, Gibbs and Oak Ridge and Campbell County, snapping the Lady Dragons' long winning streak along the way.

When told that her team had defeated all three teams from Anderson County, Davidson said, "I didn't think about that and I didn't know it, but we still have a lot of work to do."

On Wednesday, the Lady Bobcats took to the court for a non-district tilt against West High, a former District 3-3A team.

The Lady Rebels have struggled out of the gate, but served notice that they were going to make things difficult for their hosts in

Fountain City. They won the first set before falling 22-25, 26-24, 25-23.

West was hot early as C.C. Robinson won the first eight service points. Central would eventually rally back to 21-19 thanks to a strong service game of their own that saw Kaylin Wiley serve up three consecutive aces after a sideout pulled the Lady Bobcats to 19-16. When the dust had settled, Wiley had served up a five-point run to give the Lady Bobcats the two-point lead.

The Lady Rebels scored seven of the last 10 points to claim the set.

"We were flat early and I think a lot of that was going five (sets) against AC **Continue on page 2**

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Vesser leads the way for HVA girls in Fall Classic

Farragut takes first place in boys' race
By Steve Williams

Alexandra Vesser continued Hardin Valley's strong tradition in girls' cross country in the first big meet of the 2025 season. The Lady Hawks' junior won the Victor Ashe Park Fall Classic with a time of 18 minutes, 55.2 seconds over the 5,000-meter course on Saturday, August 30.

Senior Rachel Benson and junior Ava Woodyatt placed second and third, respectively, for HVA with times of 19:38.5 and 19:41.9 at the challenging northwest course in Knoxville. Heritage freshman Hadleigh Mitchey finished fourth at 19:54.7. Grace Christian Academy freshman Sophie Lee came in

fifth just missing to break the 20-minute mark with a time of 20:00.5. Hardin Valley totaled 49 points in the team standings, while Farragut (78) took second place under new head coach Garrett Jones. Signal Mountain High School was third with 133 points, followed by Science Hill (165) and Maryville (166). Knoxville Ambassadors' senior Tallulah Worley came

in sixth and Farragut's junior Zoi Lecours and sophomore Addison Haynes were seventh and eighth, respectively. Farragut senior Christie George came in 13th and HVA junior Ava Berkheimer was 15th. Volunteer High senior Kevin McCurry crossed the finish line first in the boys' race with a time of 15:55.7. Maryville junior Tommy Babbit was the runner-up at

16:10.2. Charles Temples, a Farragut sophomore, placed third at 16:38.2. Running fourth through seventh were The King Academy sophomore Duncan Oshumu (16:48.8), Farragut junior Andrew Cabaniss (16:51.6) and Hardin Valley's Cooper McKaig and Aiden Rufi, a senior and junior. Completing the Top 15 were Farragut senior Nick DeGuira in 10th place,

Hardin Valley junior JD Ruig in 11th and HVA sophomore Issac Socha in 15th. The battle for the boys' team title was a close one with Farragut (55 points) taking first place and Hardin Valley (59) the runner-up. Also in the Top 5 were Maryville (114), Science Hill (124) and Signal Mountain (136). The boys' competition included 229 runners and 25 teams.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Karns' football kicker is perfect so far

By Steve Williams
Karns High School's football team has a special player this year – a girl. She's good at what she does and she is perfect so far. As the Beavers' place-kicker, senior Alexis Maciejewski is eight for eight in PATs (points after touchdowns). She was three for three in Week 2 when Karns lost to South-Doyle 31-21 and five for five Friday night in the Beavers' 37-0 win over Campbell County.



PHOTO BY JEREMY WIGGS

Senior Alexis Maciejewski poses at a sports shoot for the Karns High football team. Soccer helped her get to football and be the Beavers' place-kicker.

asked me if I wanted to kick," she said. Alexis wondered if she could handle playing two sports. She will be graduating from Karns in December. "I decided I might as well go out with a bang and make a name for myself and show other girls they can do the same thing

that guys can do," said Maciejewski. Being a kicker can be "nerve-racking," she added. But when she gets that first one to go through, she says she feels just fine. "When I run out I have the adrenaline, and it's crazy, but once I get the first one, I'm like ready to

play." Karns Head Coach Lee Warren and Alexis came out to the football field in April. "I made all my field goals and did some kickoffs. But I felt like soccer definitely helped. Before high school, I had never touched a football in my life." Her goal is to "make all my field goals. Encouraging other girls is tops on my priority list." Getting along with the boys has gone well. They've been calling her 'Chicker,' she said. Alexis said she has noticed that the boys take it a lot harder when they lose. "They will have my back if I get hit illegally."

Mercy rule seems to have longer list

Ten out of 17 football games involving Knox County teams were played under the TSSAA's "Mercy Rule" in Week 3. The Mercy Rule goes into effect when a team takes a 30-point lead in the second half. There seems to be more Mercy

Rule games this season than in the past.

Catholic is Knox County's only 3-0 team

The Fighting Irish defeated Lipscomb Academy 42-20 on Friday and is now the only 3-0 team on the local scene. Gibbs and South-Doyle each were handed their first loss in Week 3 and slipped to 2-1. Week 4's top attractions include Carter at South-Doyle, Silverdale at Grace Christian and Powell at William Blount.

ETSU has five Knox products on its roster

Five local players from the Knoxville area are listed on the East Tennessee State University football roster this season. They are quarterback Weston Edmondson from GCA, linebacker Drew Francis from West, kicker/punter Nathan Holbrook from HVA, kicker Ewan Johnson from South-Doyle and offensive lineman Jay Wade from Webb School.

HIGH SCHOOL SCORES AND SCHEDULE	
Week 3 Results	
Alcoa 52, Gibbs 7	AC 46, Fulton 0
Bradley Cen. 49, HVA 0	CAK 28, Notre Dame 10
CCS 59, Orlando FL 14	Heritage 35, S-D 14
Karns 37, Campbell Co. 0	Carter 63, Union Co. 26
Catholic 42, Lipscomb 20	Central 29, West 21
GCA 42, Chatt. Christ. 21	Maryville 56, Bearden 0
Powell 32, Halls 13	Seymour 27, Cocke Co. 7
Silverdale 62, Webb 16	TSD 44, South Carolina 6
Upperman 42, Farragut 6	
Week 4 Games (Kickoff at 7 local time)	
Thursday	
Alcoa at West	
Friday	
Austin-East at Scott	
Catholic at Bearden	
CAK at Oneida	
Carter at South-Doyle	
Central at Campbell Co.	
Bradley at Farragut	
Fulton at G-P	
Gibbs at Mo. East	
Silverdale at GCA	
HVA at West Ridge	
Karns at Clinton	
Powell at Wm. Blount	
Webb at Lakeway	
Saturday	
TSD at Minnesota, 3 pm	

Central starts fast, holds off West rally

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makes my job easy."

Badgett said, "They didn't know what I could do downfield with my speed so we used that as an advantage and we took a couple of shots and it worked." West would answer. Aided by a personal foul facemask, West had a first down at the Central 27-yard line. Three plays later, Messiah Wrenn ran for a 2-yard touchdown to cut it to 16-7 with 4:54 left in the second.

Just when it looked like West was getting back into the game, Central answered on Long's 36-yard touchdown run with 3:08 left in the second quarter to put the Bobcats up 22-7. Two minutes and seven seconds later, Long would throw his third touchdown pass of the game to Badgett, who caught his second touchdown. The touchdown pass went for 32 yards and put the Bobcats up 29-7 with one minute left in the second quarter.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but the stage was set for West's fourth quarter rally. West's Ryheem Lee barreled for a 7-yard touchdown run to cut Central's lead to 29-14 with 11:41 left in fourth quarter. On Central's ensuing possession, the Rebels blocked Braeson Gourley's punt and recovered the football at the Central 15-yard line. On the next play, Abel Ancelet took an end-around run 15 yards for the touchdown to trim the

Bobcats' lead to 29-21 with 9:35 left in the fourth quarter. That is when Central played keep away. The Bobcats would keep the football the rest of the game as Central converted two key fourth downs. One conversion was a Long pass to Bryce Johnston on a 4th-and 4, and the other one was a 4th-and 7 pass from Long to Torin McAfee to seal the win. Central head coach Kevin Lane said, "I wanted to come out with

our weapons on offense and give them our first punch and see how they respond. I thought they didn't respond very well at first and obviously the second half they did. But we held on and ran the clock out." Central (2-1) travels to regional opponent Campbell County Friday while West hosts perennial state champion Alcoa in a non-region game.

Central off to fast start on volleyball court

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last night," Davidson said. "But West is a great team and they'll get it together." In the second game, it was the Lady Bobcats who jumped out to a fast start, opening a 5-1 lead only to see the Lady Rebels storm back to open a 7-6 lead on an ace by Maisey LeClair. From there, the rest of the set was like a heavy-weight prizefight with two solid teams matching each other punch for punch. In the end, Central would do enough to win. "This wasn't our prettiest match but we'll take it," Davidson said. "I'm really proud of our setters." Piper Clevenger had 22 assists at setter and was Central's leading passer. Jolie Sheddian had nine assists. Clevenger also finished with six kills and

two blocks. Ally Bryant had 13 kills and 16 digs. Malia Moore had seven kills and two blocks, while Wiley had five kills, four aces and six digs. For West and coach Jessica Lee, it was another tough loss. "Our kids played hard," she said. "They played hard and this has been the story of our season. "We've gone five sets (in best-of-5 matches) and three sets (in best-of-three matches). We're trying to find our identity, and right now, it's early, but then you're going to blink your eyes and its going to be time for the district tournament. Hopefully, this will get us ready for our district tournament."

He's back!

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Powell Coach Matt Lowe. "That happened for us early on. I think that's the first time this year we have scored on the first drive. I'm really proud of them." The Panthers never trailed and went on to a 32-13 win in the Region 2-5A opener for both teams. Powell is 2-0 after its first game against Anderson County was ruled a no-contest. The Red Devils are a surprising 0-3 and have a week off to think about it. Halls coach Brent Hughes said he knew "there was a possibility" the season could start like it has. "I knew we were playing three really tough opponents from the jump and I knew that it could definitely happen. But I have faith in our team. Right now I feel like in a lot of ways we are beating ourselves and not

necessarily the other team beating us all the time. We got to play better and make less mistakes." Down 7-0, Halls gambled and faked a punt on its first possession and the Panthers came up with it at the Red Devils' 8-yard line. Powell could not cash in this time, but it would on Halls' next possession. Cooper Wheeler blocked a Halls punt and this time it was recovered in the end zone by the Panthers' Iverson Garcia. "It was his first career touchdown," said Coach Lowe. "What a great moment for that kid." Lanius added the PAT to give the Panthers a 14-0 lead with 3:55 left in the first quarter. The Red Devils finally got a break early in the second quarter. After driving from their 34-yard line to the Powell 2, running back

Rodgers powers Panthers to win over Halls

McKylus Daniel's fumble in the end zone was recovered by wide receiver Brody Rogers for a TD that cut the Panthers' lead to 14-7. Powell answered with a 12-play march and a 24-yard field goal by Lanius that upped the Panthers' lead to 17-7. Halls went on another drive late in the first half, but Garcia was in on a 10-yard sack that forced Parker Crittenden to settle for a 35-yard field goal on the last play of the half. Back in the game and trailing only by seven points, Halls couldn't take advantage of its field possession after Daniel returned the kickoff to the 44. On fourth-and-three at the Powell 49, the Red Devils went for it, but Amari Lethgo's pass was incomplete. Powell had a touchdown nullified by a holding call and the Panthers had to

settle for Lanius' 23-yard field goal and a 20-10 advantage. Another holding penalty erased a 16-yard TD run by Rodgers, but he scored again from the 17 that counted and gave the Panthers' a 26-10 margin. Late in the fourth quarter, a personal foul on the Red Devils pushed them back to the 20-yard line and they settled for a 37-yard field goal by Crittenden to cut the deficit to 26-13. Halls tried an onside kickoff to no avail. On third-and-inches at the Red Devils' 4, Rodgers scored around the right side with only 2:16 remaining. The Panthers will play Friday at William Blount, a new Region 2-5A member. In his post-game talk, Coach Lowe already knew about the Governors. "They score a lot of points," he said.

The first 11-win season since 1970

The 1989 Tennessee football season finished 11-1-1, capped by a 31-27 win over Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl. That was quite a treat for Vol fans, given that the Vols had compiled a 5-6 record the year before.

That season, the Vols dropped their first six games, then reeled off a five-game win streak that gave hope that 1989 might be better. No one knew exactly what “better” was before the season began, but no one wanted to go through another 5-6 campaign.

There were several bumps along the way before the season ended, but the team’s performance from Sept. 2 against Colorado State to the final gun of the Cotton Bowl defined the term “resiliency.” It was the first 11-win season since 1970.

The opening game was no thing of beauty, the Vols defeating Colorado State, 17-14.

The Vols then winged their way to Los Angeles, thence to Pasadena, for a night contest with UCLA in the Rose Bowl. The Bruins were a heavy favorite, with some oddsmakers saying 15 points.

The final was 24-6, Tennessee, and it wasn’t that close. UCLA head coach Terry Donahue said it was an “absolutely flawless performance” by Tennessee. Freshman

Chuck Webb ran for 134 yards on 22 carries, while Reggie Cobb added 14 carries for 78 yards.

The Vols defeated Duke 28-6 in Steve Spurrier’s last season before heading home to Florida.

The Tennessee-Auburn game, beamed nationally by CBS, was a classic for those dressed in orange and white. Tennessee won, 21-14, in a driving rainstorm that seemed to be centered over Neyland Stadium. Embarrassed a year earlier in a 38-6 loss at Auburn, Vol defenders held Auburn to 31 yards on 29 rushes.

Cobb rushed for 225 yards, including a 79-yard TD run. Webb added 93. Cobb felt vindicated.

“They made some remarks this week, saying I wasn’t going to be a factor in the game,” he said afterwards.

A 17-14 win over Georgia followed, with Cobb and Webb combining for 189 yards, despite a Bulldog defense geared to stop the run.

During the open date week that followed, Majors announced that Cobb had been booted from the team for “a violation of team rules.” Russ Bebb noted that the action was “reportedly for failing a drug test.”

That was a major blow, coming 10 days before the always-pivotal Alabama game at Legion Field.

This began a two-game streak where opposing coaches found alarming gaps in Tennessee’s pass defense. First of all, Alabama’s Gary

Hollingsworth threw for 379 yards and 3 touchdowns in a 47-30 Tide victory.

Majors made a pivotal move during the game, bringing Dayton’s Andy Kelly into the game under center.

Andy threw for 228 yards and looked good doing it. Kelly was the Vol signal-caller the rest of the way.

Tennessee defeated LSU the next week in a rare afternoon game at Baton Rouge. LSU’s Tommy Hodson continued the aerial onslaught, completing 31 of 49 passes for 438 yards and 4 TDs. LSU led early 14-0, but the Vols recovered and had an answer for every ensuing LSU score.

Carl Pickens became a two-way player in the Akron game. He was Charles Woodson long before Woodson ever thought about the Heisman Trophy. Against the Zips, Pickens broke up 2 passes and returned an interception for a touchdown.

The next week against Ole Miss, Pickens intercepted a pass that led to the Vols’ go-ahead touchdown. Pickens’ performance was overshadowed by Webb’s 294 yards rushing. Chuck went over, around, and through Rebel defenders, moving his season total to 1,091 yards. He became only the third Vol to crack the 1,000-yard mark.

Tennessee had a tough game, as usual, at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington. The Vols trailed 10-9 at the half, but rallied to take a 31-10 win.



TENNESSEE SPORTS INFORMATION.

Vince Moore (1) leads the way as Chuck Webb (44) hits the open field in the Vols’ 31-27 win over Arkansas in the 1990 Cotton Bowl.

The key play of the game came when Darryl Hardy and Mark Moore stopped Kentucky on fourth-and-1 at the Vol 34 in the third quarter. The Vols dominated the game from that moment on.

Tennessee huffed and puffed its way to a 17-10 win over Vanderbilt, minus Webb, who went home to Toledo with an ankle injury. Tony Thompson, always ready when called upon during his career, came off the bench to gain 128 yards on 33 carries.

The SEC race came down to a three-way tie after Auburn defeated Alabama 30-20 that afternoon. That came in Alabama’s first trip to Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tennessee ended up in the Cotton Bowl, Alabama

in the Sugar Bowl, and Auburn in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Tennessee was the only winner, while Alabama lost to Miami, 33-25, and Auburn lost to Ohio State, 14-13.

In the Cotton Bowl, Webb gained 250 yards rushing and had a 78-yard run for a score that greatly impressed the media covering the game. The

Vols led 31-13 at one point, but had to weather a Razorback rally that had tightened the margin to 31-27.

The 1989 season reinvigorated the Vol fan base and set the program on a winning course, back into national prominence.

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Schadenfreude on full display

By Mark Nagi

Saturday, August 30, 2025, was one of the great days in Tennessee football history.

I mean, it’s not like January 1, 1986, when the Vols beat Miami 35-7 at the Sugar Bowl. It’s not like January 4, 1999, when the Vols beat Florida State 23-16 to win the BCS National Championship. And it’s not like October 15, 2022, when the Vols beat Alabama 52-49 to snap a 15-game losing streak to the Crimson Tide.

This was a different “great” day because of some events on the outskirts of Tennessee football.

Of course, the biggest reason Vols fans were happy was what they saw from their team in Atlanta. Tennessee beat Syracuse 45-26 in the 2025 season opener. The offense was clicking under new QB Joey Aguilar, the defense was aggressive, and just maybe this is a Tennessee team that will be able to exceed expectations this year.

But that was only one part of it. There were events taking place later that day in Tallahassee and Pasadena which gave Tennessee fans a feeling of schadenfreude.

Schadenfreude is a German word that means “pleasure derived by someone from another person’s misfortune.”

And misfortune perfectly sums up what’s happening to Tennessee’s biggest rival.

Life without Nick Saban has not been pleasant at Alabama. New head coach Kaleb DeBoer is now a woeful 5-5 in the Tide’s last 10 games. That includes losses to Vanderbilt and Oklahoma last year. The latest embarrassment? A 31-17 loss at Florida State in their season opener. Remember, the Seminoles went 2-10 in 2024.

It wasn’t just that Alabama didn’t win, but how they lost. The Tide was whipped at the line of scrimmage. Their QB, Ty Simpson, played hard but was running for his life most of the day and looked scared to death. The Tide played undisciplined football, receiving multiple penalty flags.

This looked nothing like the Alabama we saw for over a decade and a half. Alabama ruled the world of college football during Saban’s 16 years in Tuscaloosa, and now those fans must accept the reality that their team will no longer be the dominant force in the sport. No team was more of a victim of that stretch of success than Tennessee. So, watching Crimson Tide fans with glum faces at FSU, and listening to clips of them this past week on social media complaining about the state of their program... well, that’s just a delight.

Alabama isn’t dead yet, but they are not the big bully on the block anymore.

But there were even more reasons to revel in the failures of others for Vols fans on this day. Well, not day but night.

Nico Iamaleava was Tennessee’s QB in 2024, but when his family tried to bleed Tennessee out of more cash this past spring, he was kicked off the team, landing back home in Southern California. Iamaleava signed with UCLA, had to take a pay cut, and was the new leader of a fledgling Bruins program.

Over the last couple of months, there has been a campaign with some program-friendly media members to rehabilitate Nico’s image (Pravda would be proud). The new look UCLA Bruins opened the season against Utah ... and the ball don’t lie.

Iamaleava completed only 11 passes for 136 yards, with one TD and one INT. He took four sacks in Utah’s 43-10 shellacking of the Bruins. The announced crowd was only 35,032, and approximately half of those fans at the Rose Bowl were wearing Utah red.

It’s going to be a long season for Iamaleava, and his struggles will be met with glee from most Tennessee fans.

Tennessee wins. Alabama loses. Nico fails.

August 30, 2025, was a good day.

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ON YOUR SIDE

Karns High honors its Hall of Fame inductees

"He may have been a giant of a man, but he also was a teddy bear – our teddy bear." – Dewanna Glover

By Steve Williams

R.T. Everette, Jr., most commonly known as Tommy, was the first to be inducted into the inaugural Karns High School Athletic Hall of Fame late last month. It was fitting too that he was posthumously inducted as the Athletic Hall of Fame Contributor. "Tommy exemplified the very best of what it means to be a leader, trailblazer, and an inspiration," said longtime Karns cheer coach Dewanna Glover. "His love and dedication to Karns High left a lasting mark."

Over the course of Tommy's 19 years as principal of KHS, he oversaw and spearheaded the building of the football stadium, track, concession stand, and baseball field.

Everette's wife Carolyn and daughter Kristi attended the induction banquet.

Karns Athletic Director Hunter Fendley opened and closed the ceremony. Heather Waliga (Karns graduate) of the Channel 10 TV morning show was the master of ceremonies.

The Hall of Fame Coaches

Rick Cathey had a remarkable 43-year career as he coached track, cross country, football, and wrestling at Karns, mentoring countless athletes along the way. In 1990, alongside Everette, he helped raise funds and personally built the 8-lane track at KHS.

Rick received numerous KIL Coach of the Year awards plus Region 1 Coach of the Year, and was recognized in 1994 when Karns was named one of the Top 15 high school programs in America by U.S. Track and Field.

Among his proudest moments was watching Lesly Love win Karns' first-ever state championship in track.

Joe Dooley laid the foundation for girls' athletics at Karns. When girls' sports began in 1974, he stepped up as the very first coach for girls' softball, basketball, and soccer. His greatest coaching achievement came when he guided the girls' basketball team to the 1979-80 state tournament, where the Beaverettes finished as state runners-up.

The Hall of Fame Team

One of the most talented teams in Karns High history was the 1979-80 girls basketball team. This remarkable group was led by seniors Pat Hatmaker, Kim Bittle, Kim Wells, and Lynn Beth Penny. Together, with their leadership and determination, this team achieved an impressive overall record of 104-19, including a 33-4 mark in their celebrated season.

Their run for a state championship was unforgettable. In the opening round, facing Maplewood and trailing by one in the final seconds, Karns put the ball in the hands of Hatmaker. From beyond half court, the talented senior launched a

shot that found the net – a buzzer-beater that lifted the Beaverettes into the semifinals.

Riding that momentum, they went on to defeat Memphis Carver 73-53, securing a spot in the state title game. In the finals against Nashville Pearl, they battled hard. Though Pearl pulled away in the middle quarters, Karns showed their trademark resilience, mounting a strong comeback in the fourth quarter. While they ultimately fell short, it was one of the most memorable teams ever to wear the Blue and Gold.

The 1979-80 girls basketball team members and coaches – Kim Bittle, Pat Hatmaker, Lynn Beth Penny, Kim Wells, Cathy Hayes, Nancy Caldwell, Paula Dohoney, Tammy Bennet, Emily Butler, Krista Hodge, Joe Dooley and Marilyn McClain.

The Hall of Fame Athletes

Terri Neal Griffith, Class of 1982, was a multi-sport athlete at Karns, excelling in both basketball and volleyball. She made history as the first volleyball player at Karns to be named to the All-State team and the first to earn a Division I scholarship.

At ETSU, Griffith was selected to the All-Southern Conference team. She also distinguished herself academically as the top graduating Education major.

Terri returned to Karns as a teacher and head volleyball coach, leading the program for 15 years. She was named District Coach of the Year nine times and guided her teams to the Sub-State five times.

Pat Hatmaker, Class of 1980, was a true multi-sport athlete at Karns, competing in volleyball, softball, and track and field. But Pat is best remembered as the most successful girls' basketball player in school history. She was also recognized as a High School All-American. Her name still stands in the record books – scoring over 2,000 points in just three years, and holding the record for the most points (53) in a single game.

After high school, Pat continued her basketball career at UT. Her teams reached the Final Four three times and she was



Karns High's 1979-80 girls basketball state runner-up team with Head Coach Joe Dooley (far right) and the Beaverettes' standout Pat Hatmaker (fifth from the left) get together for a Hall of Fame banquet group picture on August 28.

honored with both the Best Defensive Player Award and the Coaches' Award.

Lesly Love, Class of 1996, was an outstanding multi-sport athlete at Karns, excelling in both basketball and track. On the basketball court, she scored over 1,000 career points and earned All-State honors. But it was on the track where Lesly made history. In 1994, she captured state titles in both the 200 and 400-meter races, becoming the first female in Karns history to win a state crown.

Lesly's name still dominates the Karns record book as she holds school records in the 100, 200, 400, and 800-meter events.

Love continued her athletic career on the UT track team and became a two-time All-American.

Frank Bryant, Jr., Class of 1991, was a determined and talented wrestler in the 119-pound weight class and became the first wrestler at Karns to win a state title.

That achievement earned him a coveted appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, where he continued his wrestling career. At the Academy, he was named team captain and recognized as the Most Valuable Wrestler.

Tragically, Frank was killed in action while serving his country. Though gone too soon, his life remains a legacy of courage, leadership, and sacrifice.

Wilbert Cherry, Class of 1971, was a standout athlete for Karns on the basketball court. But shortly after graduation, Wilbert was involved in a serious accident that left him unable to walk. Doctors told him he would never return to the game, and his scholarship offers were withdrawn.

Cherry refused to be

defined by that setback. Through determination and resilience, he fought his way back onto the court and walked on at the University of Tennessee, where he made history as the first African American to play basketball for the Volunteers.

John Jackson, Class of 2004, was an exceptional multi-sport athlete at Karns, excelling in both football and track.

He made 102 tackles his senior season and earned honorable mention on the Class 5A All-State team.

Jackson was named the 2004 KIL Most Outstanding Field Event Athlete in the discus and shot put and won the state title in the discus.

John continued his athletic career in football at Tennessee Tech and was the 2007 team captain and earned OVC All-Conference

honors in both 2005 and 2007.

JJ McCleskey, Class of 1988, was an outstanding football player at Karns and an undersized walk-on at Tennessee. JJ quickly developed into a versatile, multi-position athlete – playing wide receiver, cornerback, and as he likes to recall, even tackle on the kickoff return team.

By his senior year, he was team captain and had competed in four bowl games and won two SEC championships.

After college, JJ continued his football career in the NFL, playing for the New Orleans Saints from 1993-1996 and the Arizona Cardinals from 1996-2000. Today, he is passing on his knowledge and passion for the game as the defensive backs coach at Tulane University.

Doug Roth, Class of 1984, entered high school as a tall, lanky student athlete, and little did Karns' basketball fans know the transformation they would see in his prep career. The four-year letterman helped the Beavers win over 100 games and turned out to be one of the nation's top big men.

Roth was a two-time All-Stater and added national honors as a McDonald's All-American. In fact, he became the first McDonald's All-American to play at Tennessee. He signed with the Vols in 1985 and it was 32 years before another Knoxville high school player signed with UT.

In 1989, Doug's journey continued at the professional level when he was selected as the 41st overall pick in the NBA draft by the Washington Bullets.

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