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Election commission readies for November city election



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Chris Davis, administrator of elections, addressed the low participation in the recent City Primary during the Knox County Election Commission's meeting on Wednesday as the group approved the list of candidates for the city's November 4th city general election.

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The Knox County Election Commission met Wednesday morning to certify the results of the recent City of Knoxville primary election and set up plans for staffing and holding the November 4th city general election.

During the meeting, Knoxville City Attorney Charles Swanson asked the commission to change the wording on the November ballot dealing with the proposed sales tax option. The request was to indicate the referendum question

as "Number One." Election Commissioner Eddie Smith said that would confuse voters since there is no "Number Two" issue on the ballot.

Chairwoman Hannah Hooper agreed and said that if "Number One" was used, voters would be "flipping over the ballot" looking for "Number Two." The commissioners adopted what was proposed without a number assigned.

The City of Knoxville Sales Tax Referendum will read as follows: Shall the two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) local option sales tax rate currently

levied throughout Knox County be increased to two and three-quarters percent (2.75%) in the City of Knoxville?

Voters will choose For or Against.

The commission also discussed the reasons why some people fall off the voting rolls, including deaths, felony convictions, and moving out of the area.

Davis said that purging inactive voters, under a new state law, would increase the percentage of actual voters.

After calling the 11.88% city primary turnout "lackluster," Davis noted that in

one contest, only 22 votes separated the candidates. He also said the schools being open for classes while voters used the facilities may have cut back on Election Day participation.

Candidate asks for refund

Before the Knox County Election Commission got to business in its scheduled meeting last week, The Focus asked Chris Davis, administrator of elections, about an email from a primary candidate.

The candidate had **Cont. on page 4**

Windsor Ridge celebrates National Assisted Living Week

Last week, Windsor Ridge joined tens of thousands of assisted living communities across the country for National Assisted Living Week. Windsor Ridge honored this year's "Ageless Adventure," with seven special themed days ranging from "New York, New York" to "Safari Day."

"This year's National Assisted Living Week is a special time to recognize the dedicated caregivers and residents in communities across the country," said Bridgett Burchfield, executive director of Windsor Ridge. "'Ageless Adventure' embodies the individuality of residents and staff and celebrates the fact that adventure has no age limit. This is a great way to learn more about this important part of long term care and the vital role it plays."



(Left to right) Elizabeth Huebner, Life Enrichment Director Sepideh Abdoli, Doris Quinton, Patricia Ball and Celine Barich enjoy a Parisian Tea Party last Wednesday at Windsor Ridge. Residents wore berets and scarves and enjoyed tea and assorted delicacies while listening to French music.



Above: Windsor Ridge staff planned a very special Western Day for Tuesday that was a hit! "Engaging with our residents is a rewarding experience and makes a tremendous difference in their lives," said Director Bridgett Burchfield. Right: Doris Quinton enjoys playing with her grandson on Grandparents Day.



City council looks at rule changes, rezoning and greenway projects

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening, it will consider passing several rule changes, greenway improvement funds and rezoning requests.

The three proposed changes to the rules that govern council meetings come from the Task Force Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Lynne Fugate. Included within the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure are terms for electronic participation by members unable to attend and the establishment of a standing Rules Committee.

Improvements to the greenway system include the creation of the SoKno Greenway and Art Walk in a public-private partnership. Funding for the East Knox Greenway could be increased by \$337,500, and the East Knoxville Greenway Project's contract with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. could be increased to a total of \$827,770.

Knoxville-Knox County Planning has submitted several zoning-related resolutions up for second readings this week, including proposals amending

local codes to match the new state laws and defining middle housing standards and design review board powers. Individual requests for zoning changes include changing 4913 Rowan Road from RN-1 to RN-2 single-family residential; Zero Inskip Road from RN-1 to RN-2; Zero North Gallaher View Road from no zoning to regional commercial and 2814 Dresser Road from no zone to general commercial.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may be approved to ask the state Emergency Management Agency for \$145,000 for salaries and operational funds for the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency.

The Chapman Highway Multimodal Project may be expanded by 10 tracts for an estimated \$570,000. The council may also vote to apply for a grant for Gay Street Bridge improvements from the federal government for \$1 million, with a city match of \$200,000.

Continued improvements for the Western Heights complex may be authorized for about \$4.2 million. Clean Earth Environmental Solutions may get a contract to handle household hazardous waste.

Emerald Youth hosts open house in Lonsdale

By Ken Lay

The Emerald Youth Foundation brought its case to the people early last week.

The foundation and inner-city youth ministry invited Knoxville residents to an open house at its Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex, located in the Lonsdale Community on Texas Ave.

The open house was held on a busy early evening at the complex, which was hosting a Fulton High

School girls soccer game, a South-Doyle Middle School boys recreation soccer scrimmage and a set of volleyball matches in the Emerald Youth Foundation's middle school volleyball league.

Other activities included a song and dance rehearsal, and there were a handful of children still in the building seeking tutoring and career and college counseling. The facility also features a medical complex.

The open house was held in response to a series of delays made by the city council on a proposed purchase of a 13-acre parcel of land, located in Chilhowee Park in East Knoxville.

The foundation, which has similar facilities in North Knoxville and South Knoxville, is looking to build a facility on the east side of town. Some neighbors have voiced opposition and concerns over the handling of the proposed sale. The vote

on the sale of the land was recently postponed by the city council.

The open house was held for the Emerald Youth Foundation to give the city's residents a transparent look at its mission throughout Knoxville, which has had a presence on the east side for nearly three decades.

"This is about youth and families in our community. This is not about land. This is about our children," said Emerald Youth

President and CEO Steve Diggs. "We've been in East Knoxville since 1996 and

we're just responding to what the families in the **Continue on page 4**

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The Enemy Among Us

Everyone predicted it would get worse. And it has. Because the left is losing the culture war, it has now added terrorism by political assassination to its repertoire.

It has been a bad week for America. An Auburn professor was robbed and murdered. Then we learned that a young woman was butchered by an insane career criminal in Charlotte, North Carolina, which was initially covered up by the media. And now Charlie Kirk, a young father who dared to debate the left, has been assassinated in Utah, completing evil's unholy trinity of violence.

We are relatively safe in Knoxville, Tennessee, but terrorism and crime can strike anywhere, so I never

leave my property unarmed. The government cannot protect my family and in some places is unwilling to try. I disagree with Democrats who want us to live in high density surroundings, ride public transportation and suffer lawlessness. Since disagreeing with leftists is dangerous, I rarely go unarmed.

I have added Charlotte, North Carolina to my list of big cities which I will avoid because of the horrible murder of the young Ukrainian refugee. Cashless bail, defunding the police and the failure of progressive district attorneys to prosecute disturbed criminals have made big cities especially unsafe.

Admittedly, my heart has become hardened to those

who perpetrate evil, but also to those who promote and allow evil, even those who support evil by voting for it. There must be accountability.

You need to be cautious, but you have to live. You must not surrender to the enemy among us. So Becky and I will soon fly into Portland, Oregon to visit my daughter and her family, and celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. However, we are renting a car and immediately leaving the city.

The movie Forrest Gump has produced numerous memes of Forrest looking perplexed saying, "And just like that..." then you complete the sentence. The Democrat mayor of Charlotte finally completed sentences on the butchery of the young Ukrainian woman. However, the vapid excuses for mental illness and the need for more social programs were just more liberal claptrap. I agree that mental illness is a major factor in homelessness, drugs and crime. Unfortunately, we have a dearth of mental institutions to care for and treat disturbed people and protect the rest of us.

Beginning in the 1950s

and accelerating in the 1960s, mental institutions were closed. It was hoped that their largely domiciliary focus could be replaced with outpatient treatment utilizing psychotropic drugs and mental health agencies. Furthermore, patient rights issues were championed by advocates and the ACLU, perhaps stirred by the 1962 novel One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, subsequently made into the eponymous movie with Jack Nicholson.

Like so many liberal ventures, this experiment has been a dismal failure. I feel sorry for the poor people, once called lunatics, who don't take their medicine and now roam the streets with their demons, to be preyed upon and to threaten and attack others.

And then you have the criminal element, most of whom are not insane, but arguably these are damaged people who also pose grave risks to society.

President Trump sent troops into Washington, D.C., to support the police and protect Washington and its citizens. This produced reductions in crime, drugs, encampments and vagrancy. Even the uber liberal Democrat mayor of Washington acknowledged the decrease in criminal offenses. Similarly, liberal Democrats were forced to acknowledge that President Trump fixed the border crisis in short order. The long term Washington problem is the disastrous home rule of the district whose council has defunded and driven away police and defended criminals instead of protecting its citizens. The District is even threatening to sue the President for providing

safety and reducing crime.

I remain amazed that Democrats continue to find dangerous, destructive and "insane" policies that Americans with a modicum of common sense oppose. There are illegal aliens whose first action in our country was to violate immigration law. Fully 2/3 of the illegals arrested by ICE have criminal records. And opposing ICE officers rounding up drug cartel criminals and their gangs endangers us all, but especially those in big cities - unless you are rich and can afford gated communities and private security. Defunding the police enables lawlessness, crime and danger as does "no cash bail." And equally indefensible is opposing voter ID. You must show identification to buy cigarettes, beer, etc. No voter ID only promotes election fraud, but that's apparently what Democrats want.

There are so many stupid Democrat ideas that I find it difficult to pick the one most ridiculous. So I'll just pick a recent one. Virginia Senator Tim Kane compared Thomas Jefferson's assertion that our unalienable rights coming from God as similar to the fanaticism of an Iranian mullah. Like so many other leaders of the Democratic Party, Kane is an abject fool and apparently believes our fundamental rights come from government rather than God. Kane should study history and Virginians should throw him out of office.

But there is more than just the perverse Democrat party leadership. There is a cadre of acolytes and vacuous voters who support the insane anti-American policies of Democrats. Since

I'm now retired, I'm home at 5 o'clock and frequently watch The Five. A recent exchange between Greg Gutfeld and Harold Ford Junior showcases this problem.

Greg Gutfeld challenged the seemingly reasonable Democrat Ford to do something to help his floundering party. Ford declined to use his political capital to do so. And there you have it. It takes courage. President Trump has it and Harold Ford does not. You can fight for your principles or run away. But you can also just go along to get along.

Malcolm Gladwell is most famous for his celebrated book The Tipping Point. He tells a story of being at a large conference where he disagreed with the group-think championing transgenderism, but was afraid to speak up. He now admits that he was a coward. But I give him credit for having the courage to admit his previous submission.

Old Dems are scared of the radical monsters they cultivated and who now run the Democrat party. But now with the political murder of Charlie Kirk, Schumer has even more to be concerned about. He once threatened the Supreme Court with the infamous line "You have loosed the whirlwind." Now he's just trying to hang on. But the progressive Democrat socialists and leftists have stirred the sleeping giant which will destroy the radicals and the remnants of the Democrat party.

There is no compromise with leftist evil which has become America's Hamas. This must be the Turning Point or we are lost.

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Patel, Mao honored by school board



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Isha Patel, Farragut High School Class of 2026, was recognized at the Thursday, September 11 meeting of the Knox County School Board for being a top performer in Role Play for the Sports and Entertainment Individual Series event sponsored by the Distributive Education Clubs of America. Pictured left to right are: Matt Mosely, director of career technical education; Patel; Lauren Morgan, school board member; and Dr. Jon Rysewyk, superintendent of schools. Patel earned the award at the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Orlando April 26-29 where more than 20,000 high school students demonstrated their skills by participating in competitive events in the areas of



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Rachel Mao (not pictured), Farragut High School Class of 2028, was recognized at the meeting for placing 10th in health infomatics at the HOSA International Leadership Conference held in Nashville June 18-21.



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Woke Evil In Charlotte

For the better part of the last 20 years, Knoxvilleians have heard of the wonders of Charlotte, North Carolina. Mecklenburg County has been held up as a beacon of enlightenment and progress to Knoxville and Knox County residents. Not any longer. Charlotte is sinking under the burden of leadership on its city council and mayor, which is far less enlightened than it is woke. Last month, Iryna Zarutska, a 23-year-old who worked at a local pizzeria, was riding the train home, minding her own business, looking at her phone when Decarlos Brown Jr. stood up and stabbed her several times from behind. Zarutska was an immigrant from war-torn Ukraine. And another oddity

is the determined silence of those who insist we pay for Ukraine's defense against the aggression of Vladimir Putin. None of them has a thing to say about Iryna Zarutska's murder. Oddly, the usual voices in the news media, which scream to high heaven whenever anything bad happens to an immigrant or illegal alien, are not just muted but utterly silent. Why is that? Likely because Iryna Zarutska was white and her alleged murderer is black. That doesn't fit the legacy media narrative, and there is no honest person living today in the United States who would disagree that had the roles been reversed, it would be ALL we would read or hear about from our country's mainstream media. It is yet another reminder that they not only don't mean what they say but also lie through their teeth. Just like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez flies first class or in private jets and stays in ritzy and high-priced hotels while campaigning against "oligarchy." Just like former Congresswoman Cori Bush hired her husband and others as a private security detail to protect her while at the same time crying to defund the police. Iryna Zarutska came here, worked hard and had

her young life snuffed out by a mentally ill person with a long rap sheet. We are long past the time when mental illness should be weighed against the scale of public safety. It may sound harsh - - - and kiddies, some of the facts of life are both unpleasant and harsh in reality - - - but there are some mentally ill people who should never be allowed to roam free in an open society. There used to be institutions for the criminally insane, and instead of relying upon mentally ill people who are dangerous to others to take their meds after giving us a pinkie promise, perhaps we should reevaluate a more realistic policy that protects the lives of the sane people who work for a living. These woke governments who preach and practice "restorative" policies such as cashless bail, in truth, do not believe in punishing criminals. Some of those same people advocate emptying out our prisons back into our neighborhoods. They don't care about the real victims of crime. There is no equity in criminal cases; we should be absolutely colorblind in assessing a case; whoever did it and is convicted should suffer the consequences. The idea of "hate" crimes is utterly

unnecessary if we simply held criminals accountable for their crimes. The murder of any human being is reprehensible and hateful. Those especially evil and twisted murders justify the death penalty, as all hateful crimes do. Iryna Zarutska lived through the hell reigned down upon her native country by Russia, only to come to America for a better life and have it brutally ended on a train in a city in a "sanctuary" county. Sanctuary for whom? Kincannon's Priorities Out Of Whack It is interesting to note that, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, which also collects housing data, there are 131.3 million households in the country and 146.5 million housing units. That's an excess of 15 million units. The assumption that we need more and more is inflated. Much of the hue and cry comes from those like Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and those soft-headed Leftists on the city council who are always squalling about "affordable housing." First of all, we need a better definition of "affordable housing." Is it housing for the homeless?

Is it housing for the poor, or housing that is affordable for working families? Keep in mind somebody pays for it, as nothing is FREE. In this instance, it means the taxpayers are heavily subsidizing the actual costs for those occupying the housing. Indya and the city council raised the property tax by 40% a year or so ago and are now asking the people of Knoxville to vote to increase the sales tax, which is already almost 10%. At a certain point, the City of Knoxville needs to come to grips with its spending policies. It provides little in the way of services yet is seeking to build more and more "affordable" housing while giving away \$5,000 to neighborhoods to literally throw themselves a party. There never seems to be any voice on the Knoxville City Council standing up for the taxpayer and seriously questioning the spending habits of the mayor and council members. Evidently, the notion of not being able to afford something has occurred to them. When taxes are paid all across the city, yet the spending is doled out to select constituencies, it begs a lawsuit charging discrimination. Nor has any candidate for city council seemed to

campaign on cutting back silly spending or questioning the continuous rise in spending by the City of Knoxville while cutting back services. Now, tell me, as a resident of the City of Knoxville, would you rather have the Knoxville Police Department come to cover traffic accidents or spend \$5000 a pop for neighborhood parties because some consultant, paid with your tax dollars, says it will help stop violence? Too few people take the city council and city government seriously, as evidenced by the fact that virtually nobody bothers to vote. Eventually, should the city government continue on its present path, everyone who can will move outside the city limits. That has happened all across the country, leaving once great cities to become dung heaps of crime and poverty. Businesses will no longer invest in them and Leftists are such morons they never equate economic opportunity having anything to do with the safety of its employees and customers, much less the tax rate. You get what you vote for, and sometimes you get something even worse when you don't vote at all.

Trump's Crime Crackdown Has Been a Huge Success

Here's How Congress Can Support It

Car thefts down 36 percent. Robberies down 62 percent. Burglaries down 48 percent. Violent crime down 49 percent. Homicide down 57 percent. The numbers don't lie: President Trump's crackdown on crime in Washington, D.C., has been a resounding success. By deploying National Guardsmen to our nation's capital, the President has empowered law enforcement to track down and apprehend criminals across the city. In the last month, there have been more than 1,700 arrests in D.C., including members of MS-13 and Tren de Aragua. At the same time, authorities have rescued five missing children and cleared out dozens of homeless encampments that served as crime havens. While President Trump works to lower crime in our nation's capital, he's also offered help to other cities in dire need of support. In recent weeks, I have worked with FBI Director Patel and Attorney General Bondi to surge resources to Memphis, where federal law enforcement have apprehended gang members who have plagued the city with violent crime. All Americans should celebrate this success. But even as blue-city residents call for federal assistance to help lower crime in their communities, many Democrats have doubled down on their soft-on-crime agendas. In D.C., the city's attorney general sued the

Trump administration to remove National Guardsmen from the city. After President Trump floated the possibility of deploying the National Guard to Chicago, which has led the nation in homicides for more than a decade, Democrat Mayor Brandon Johnson signed an executive order to obstruct cooperation with federal law enforcement. Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker (D.) has similarly threatened to sue the Trump administration over a potential deployment. In fact, when a reporter asked Pritzker about the 58 Chicagoans who were shot over Labor Day weekend, including 8 fatally, the Democrat governor offered the reprehensible excuse that "big cities have crime." Unlike Democrats, Republicans are fighting for Americans who deserve safe neighborhoods that are free of violent crime. No American wants a gang to move into their community. They don't want drug dealers, human traffickers, sex traffickers, pedophiles, and predators moving into their neighborhood. And they are demanding action from their elected leaders to reduce crime and ensure that their families can enjoy a wonderful quality of life. While Democrats make heroes out of villains and villains out of law enforcement, Republicans will continue to fight for tough-on-crime policies that keep criminals off the street.

In Washington, D.C., and blue cities across the country, left-wing officials have implemented cashless bail policies that put the lives of police and law-abiding citizens at risk. Just last year, an 18-year-old was released from jail in Memphis without bond after he was charged with two counts of auto theft, unlawful possession of a weapon, and two counts of vandalism. He then participated in the shooting death of a Memphis Police Department officer. To prevent such tragedies from ever happening again, I recently introduced two pieces of legislation backed by the Trump administration to crack down on cashless bail. The Ending Cashless Bail in Our Nation's Capital Act would require Washington, D.C., to use the highest level of cash bail necessary for dangerous offenders as a condition of pretrial release and ensure anyone charged with violent crimes like murder, rape, carjacking, sexual abuse of a minor, and robbery stay behind bars while awaiting trial. The Keep Violent Criminals Off Our Streets Act, meanwhile, would ban the award of certain federal funds to states and localities across the country that limit the use of cash bail. In addition, I've introduced the Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act, which would empower federal prosecutors to hold carjackers accountable; the Restoring the Armed Career Criminal Act, which would reinstate an important tool for prosecutors to seek enhanced penalties against violent, repeat offenders; and the Restoring Law and Order Act, which would increase funding for law enforcement and help keep violent

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From dance classes to technology classes, the J.T. O'Connor Senior Center is a community hub where older adults find friendship, meaning and purpose. To share the power of these connections, the J.T. O'Connor Senior Center has

planned special events to celebrate Senior Center Month, including the annual health fair – Fall into Good Health on September 19th at 9:00 a.m. The health fair will provide older adults community resources, a flu shot clinic as well as balance screening. If you love music, be sure to attend the free Concert Band Fall show on September 17 at 11:00 a.m.

“Our members are showing us how growing older is truly a growth opportunity every day,” said Mary Sibbett, program manager of John T. O'Connor Senior Center. “They demand the opportunity to continue connecting, exploring, and expressing their individuality. We serve them and this community the best we can with fun and engaging programs, while also providing practical tools and resources to

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Election commission readies for November

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shared his correspondence with Davis earlier this month with several parties, including elected officials and the media. He claimed that the list of Republican voters in his district that he'd purchased from the election commission was “inaccurate, incorrect, incomplete, ineffective and unusable for any campaign.”

He claimed the list contained Democrats, bad phone numbers or listed folks who lived out of his district. While he was expected at the meeting, he did not appear.

The question to Davis

was how the list of Republicans was obtained and what it included. Davis explained the only way to access the names was to refer to the previous city primary election and see who voted in the Republican primary. Since Tennessee has no political party registration, a voter can vote in any party primary, no matter their affiliation.

The candidate is asking that the \$41 that he spent on the list be refunded. He came in last in a multi-candidate race. Davis said the cost of the list would not be refunded.



Emerald Youth Foundation Lonsdale facility coordinator Eric Adams (center) details how to rent and reserve the community room at the campus on Texas Avenue for community and family gatherings. Photo by Ken Lay.

Emerald Youth

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community are telling us what they want.

“This is about caring for our community and caring for our young people.”

During the open house, the foundation gave guided tours. Those who oppose this proposed expansion

have said that it proves that the Emerald Youth Foundation is exclusive, not inclusive, as it claims.

Emerald Youth Vice President of Administration David Wells said that the foundation's aim is to provide a safe haven for all of

Knoxville's inner-city youth.

“We want everybody in the community to have a place to go,” Wells said. “We are a Christian organization and we're unabashed about that, but our doors are open to anybody.”

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9/11 remembered in Knoxville

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville held its 24th ceremony to remember the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center in New York. The event last Thursday began with patriotic bagpipe music performed by Kelly Shipe. It ended with "Taps" played by Phillip Troutman. Reverend Pam Neal, chaplain for the Knoxville Fire Department, spoke of those killed and those who survived during the well-attended ceremony that included relatives of 9/11 victims.

Members of the Knoxville Police and Fire Departments lined the sidewalk leading to the 9/11 Memorial in front of the City-County Building. Several attendees placed



Scotty Fawver of the 9/11 Remembrance Ride and bagpiper Kelly Shipe pause at Knoxville's 9/11 Memorial to honor the more than 2,000 Americans killed that day 24 years ago. Photo by Mike Steely.

flowers at the monument, on the New York buildings, which carries the names of the Pentagon and the rural Pennsylvania field where

passengers struggled with terrorists before their plane crashed.

Police Chief Paul Noel and Fire Chief Stan Sharp placed a wreath at the monument. At exactly 8:46 a.m., a moment of silence was observed, and the bells of the First Baptist Church rang, noting the time when the first of two planes hit the north tower.

Main Street was closed to traffic, and fire trucks and police cars lined the street between Walnut and Gay Street. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Memorial Stair Climb, remembering the first responders who ascended the towers, followed at Covenant Health Park.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

As part of its bicentennial celebration, Fountain City United Methodist Church constructed a display of wedding dresses earlier this year. The gowns were worn in marriage ceremonies performed at the church.

Fountain City UMC to celebrate bicentennial with special service

By Ken Lay

Fountain City United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

The church will culminate its bicentennial celebration with a special service on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. The service will be a combined worship service with Holy Communion. There will be no 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. services but a meal will be served following the service as part of the celebration.

The guest preacher will be Bishop David Graves. Graves, who grew up attending Fountain City United Methodist Church, is now the episcopal leader of the Kentucky-Tennessee Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church.

All are invited and encouraged to invite their friends, family and neighbors to join in the worship celebration.

In its 200 years of existence, the church has seen many changes as it has survived a split during the Civil War and the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

It has also seen Fountain City transition from a suburban community to part of Knoxville's inner-city since it began as a camp-meeting place site that was driven by small groups, music and worship.

"Fountain City United

Methodist Church has always been a beacon of faith in our community," said lead pastor Don Hanshew, who previously served as an associate pastor at the church from 2002 to 2010 before returning as lead pastor in 2021. "I feel like I have been repurposed and recycled like a good plastic bottle."

"Back when I served (as an associate pastor), we were a bustling suburban church in an affluent community. Today, our congregation is encountering many of the complexities faced by urban churches. We are seeing a rise in our unhoused neighbors and a growing international population, reflecting the diverse world around us. The fact that our church is adapting and learning to adapt to meet these needs is not just a testament to our ability to evolve --- it's a reflection of our Methodist theology, which teaches us to meet people where they are, offering God's grace, but also challenging them to grow."

The one thing that hasn't changed is its mission to serve the community through all the changes of the past to serve Fountain City.

"We are in the heart of Fountain City and we have a heart for Fountain City," Hanshew said.

A look inside the Blount Mansion

By Pete Gawda

In 1925, Knoxville was in danger of losing a historic landmark closely tied to the origin of the state. At that time, there was a movement to tear down William Blount's 1792 home to build a parking lot for the Andrew Johnson Hotel being built across the street. Blount built the house to serve as the Governor's House and capitol building for the Southwest Territory, the forerunner of the present state of Tennessee.

Blount, a native of North Carolina, signed the U.S. Constitution for North Carolina, served as governor of the Southwest Territory, and was one of Tennessee's first two U.S. Senators.

Due largely to the efforts of Mary Boyce Temple, who had purchased an option on the property, the non-profit Blount Mansion Association was formed in 1926 to save the house. Temple said she saved the house for the school children. However, it is ironically said that she did not like children. The purpose of the association, according to present-day executive director David Hearnese,



PHOTOS BY PETE GAWDA.

What is now the rear of William Blount's house, was originally designed to be the front of the house. The house was built to face the Tennessee River, which was the main means of transportation at that time. A porch once ran along the original front of the house. In later years the house was redesigned with the front facing West Hill Avenue.

is to "preserve the unique historic value of the Blount Mansion. We are anything and everything William Blount."

In 1925, the house was in bad shape, according to Hearnese, having been used as rental property. It became what Hearnese called a "flop house."

Hearnese said the name Blount's Mansion was adopted by the association to attract visitors. While rather plain in construction, it was truly a mansion for that time and place. It was one of the first frame

structures built in the area and also one of the first to have glass windows. At that time, most people in the area lived in one-room cabins with a dirt floor and no glass windows.

The home has been restored and furnished as it would have looked back then. Although only one piece of furniture actually belonged to William Blount, the association used an inventory of Blount's furniture to match the furnishings as much as possible. The grounds include a formal garden,

the building that housed Blount's law office, where much of the governing of the territory was conducted, and a detached kitchen. Through the years, the house, which was originally built to contain two rooms on one floor, was gradually expanded to include three rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. Interior doors were painted to look like mahogany, and the fireplaces were painted to look like marble.

When the house was first built, the front entrance

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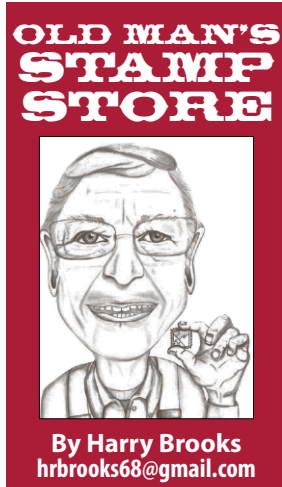
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Many stamp shows also have several postcard dealers. A local postcard dealer is the husband-and-wife team of Larry and Marty Acuff. They have been dealing with postcards for over 20 years, and their inventory includes over 250,000 cards. These collectibles range in value from \$1.00 to \$300.00. They have a very solid customer base with repeat business contacts over the last many years, as they attend about sixteen or so postcard shows annually.

I have known Larry for many years, as we attended Carson-Newman College together in the late 1960s. Larry was a career educator and retired from Carter High School. Marty is very knowledgeable about postcard value and potential demand. Together, they make a remarkable postcard dealer team.

Stamps and postcards have a common bond as a mailable item. Highly valued postcards

can either be mailed or unmailed. Rarity and card condition determine the ultimate value and selling price. Many postcard collections began as those "vacation trip" cards. Some might have been mailed, while others were just collected. My brother began collecting postcards at a young age, and he has nearly 20,000 of them ranging from 150 years old to some just purchased this summer. Mr. Dean Stone, a retired photographer from the Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times newspaper, has produced many great postcards of local history as well as scenery and activities.

If you would like to reach the Acuffs, you can call them at (865)933-2333. I am blessed to know the Acuffs and have learned a lot about being a collector and dealer from them. I consider them not only my friends, but also my mentors.

I hope you can enjoy collecting, whether it be stamps or postcards. If you need assistance or seek answers to questions, you can contact me at either hrbrooks68@gmail.com or (865)604-0164. You would be welcome to join us at our monthly Knoxville Philatelic Society meeting on the first Tuesday night of each month or visit KPS online at KnoxStamps.com. Until next month, this is Harry Brooks from Old Man's Stamp Store (oldmanstampstore.com).

Union Baptist Church presents *Kickin' It for the Kids*

Over a decade ago, the members of Union Baptist Church on Washington Pike saw a need in their community. Their area in the northeast portion of Knox County was experiencing rapid growth. Many of the new homes being built were attracting young families, and there was a dire need for a faith-based, well-run daycare facility. There was no such program within several miles of the church. After much prayer, it was decided that the church needed to respond to the needs of these young parents in the area.

Fortunately, the church had the necessary land to construct a new facility. A fundraising project began, and with support from faithful church members as well as others in the community – including

many companies and businesses, enough money was raised to begin the project. The construction was completed in 2019, and that fall, the first babies and children were enrolled. The facility was named the Child Enrichment Center. It was a place where parents could feel secure that their children were not only being lovingly cared for, but also being taught by Christian employees in a Godly atmosphere.

Pastor Craig Cummings says, "Here at Union, we are serious about teaching and training boys and girls to excel educationally, but our priority is to spiritually get them on the right path."

The endeavor cost over one million dollars, and the loan is currently more than half paid back. Now the church is undertaking

another fund-raising project to pay off the loan completely and to expand the building to accommodate those parents on the waiting list.

In an effort to kick off a two-year capital campaign, two special dates in October have been set aside

East Tennessee Heat and Air has agreed to be the elite sponsor for all October activities. Mynatt Funeral Home is at the gold level in sponsoring the banquet, and American Flooring is at the gold level in sponsoring the concert. Other local businesses and individuals have pitched in to help as well.

The Union Baptist community will be "Kickin' It for the Kids" with a benefit banquet and concert on Saturday, October 4.

The dinner will be served in the church Commons area at 6:00 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30. The concert will follow at 7:15 in the church sanctuary featuring Natalie Layne, a well-known Christian artist and musician from the Nashville area. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 per person, and the concert admission is separate at \$30 per person also. People are urged to attend both. You may buy your tickets by contacting the church at (865)687-4500 or www.discoverunion.org.

An additional Fun Day has been planned for Saturday, October 25. There will be more to come about that event later. In the meantime, we hope to see you at Union Baptist Church on October 4 for this first exciting fall event!

A look inside the Blount Mansion



While the Blount Mansion is furnished to look as it would have during Blount's time, this chair is the only piece of furniture in the house actually owned by William Blount.

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faced the Tennessee River, which was the main means of transportation at that time. A porch, which has since been torn down, shaded the front of the house. Later, the house was remodeled with the front entrance facing West Hill Ave.

Notable Tennesseans of the era, such as John Sevier and Andrew Jackson, were entertained at the house, which is now a National Historic Landmark.

The association sponsors field trips for 4th and 5th grade students. The goal of these events is to connect the students with the similarities and differences between that era and modern times. Hearn said students often ask, "Where is the TV?" and in the kitchen, they look for a microwave oven.

Hearn said several activities are being planned for 2026, the

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250th birthday of our country, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the association.

Besides tour groups, the house is used for meetings by other nonprofit organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Legion, as well as private functions such as wedding receptions and baby showers.

Organizing Everything

Last week, I wrote my column as I looked over the waves creeping up the beach at Isle of Palms, the most wonderful vacation place around. This week, I'm writing from another new spot. I've set



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up shop on the porch room at the back of the house. The space "used" to be a porch, but we enclosed it to add a little space to our 1,250-square-foot house. This movement from one place to another is part of my obsession with recreating spaces and constantly organizing those spaces.

When I taught school, nothing pleased me more

than spending a few days during summer break in my classroom. I went through file cabinets and purged old tests. I moved my desk to a different spot nearly every year. Part of the strategy was to keep

students off guard when they walked in on the first day. The other reason was that I always looked to set up a more efficient "cube" where every item I might need was readily available. I even turned the desk at angles sometimes just to give those young people a different point of view.

Last year, I moved my "shop" from an outbuilding

to the basement. I made the change to keep all my tools in one place. Another reason is that cutting pieces of wood or working on lawnmowers were frigid projects since I had to do them under the carport attached to the outbuilding.

Amy swears that I spend at least half my time in the basement now. She wants to know what I'm doing. To be honest, I spend most of my basement time rearranging what's already there. I move stuff constantly. I also construct things that will better organize the items that I have. My hand tools are in one space; my electric and battery-powered tools are in a couple of other spots. Nails, screws, and bolts are in

separate spaces. The problem is that after I put everything in its place, my aging mind forgets those new locations, and I spend too much of my time looking for where I put stuff.

I reorganized my closet last year. I made cubes for T-shirts, shorts, underwear and work clothes. My old socks are in the top drawer of one antique washstand. My good socks are in the second drawer of an old dresser. The hang-up with this moving of clothing is that I don't have enough room in the closet. I'm currently plotting a new layout for the closet, although I'm not sure Amy will allow me to tackle the project.

I once had my office in the room where my closet is

located. When Amy retired, I insisted that she take the space since it is larger and lighter. I moved to a small bedroom down the hall. We'd had a desk built in the closet of that room after Dallas left for college. Amy used it for a while, but eventually chose another area to work and left the room empty. I added a couple of seats from our parents' collections and covered the walls with my "stuff." I finally tired of the room because it is dark.

On Monday, I began moving my office to this back porch. One wall has three huge windows. A second refrigerator is also located there, along with Amy's cookers and kitchen items. The dog food and

Sadie's crate are against another wall. I had a ball figuring out where stuff would go, and by yesterday, my office was set up. The only heat and air conditioning for the space is what spills out of my bathroom, which has been in the same place since we built this house in 1978.

For the time being, I'm happy with this new office. Looking up to see the backyard is always better than looking up to view a blank wall. Sure, it's a bit warm in the summer and cold in the winter, but the change of scenery is always good. Even so, I expect to move to some other place in the future, if I still have good sense and enough strength to move heavy objects.



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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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The most widely read news magazine in the world, TIME, aptly noted, "One way to spoil a party of which you disapprove is to leave it, making a disturbance as you go." That was the description TIME used to report the resignation of Edward Prentiss Costigan from the Federal Tariff Commission. At the time of his resignation, Costigan was the longest-serving member of the Federal Tariff Commission after eleven years of service. Edward Costigan was also the last person serving on the FTC who had been appointed by President Woodrow Wilson. Costigan had been a progressive Republican who had supported Theodore Roosevelt's third-party candidacy in 1912. After a failed gubernatorial campaign as a "Progressive" in 1914, Costigan became a Democrat. Wilson appointed Costigan after his party conversion in 1916. Edward Costigan liked to say he was "a Progressive with Republican antecedents and Democratic consequences."

Thin and solemn, Edward P. Costigan spent the better part of his life pulling the teeth of whatever injustices he considered to be moral monsters. Nor did it matter the size, shape or form as far as Edward Costigan was concerned. What someone else thought was a molehill, Costigan considered to be a mountain for the gentleman tended to view things in stark black and white terms. If Edward Costigan ever saw shades of gray, it is almost impossible to tell. To Costigan, every issue was one of morality --- his own --- versus evil. During Edward P. Costigan's time on the Federal Tariff Commission, the Republicans favored protectionism and high tariffs while Democrats usually supported lower tariffs. To Edward Costigan, high tariffs were evil. In his letter of resignation, Costigan lambasted President Calvin Coolidge and his fellow commissioners. Costigan bitterly assailed what he wrote was "the manipulation of the commission since 1922," which he considered to be "but part of the total picture of present-day Washington." Costigan acidly penned that it would doubtless be "an era which history may yet summarize as the 'Age of Daugherty, Fall and Sinclair.'" Daugherty was the attorney general appointed by the late President Warren Harding, and the reference to "Fall" was Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall, who had left office under serious charges of corruption in office amid the Teapot Dome scandal and later went to prison. Harry Sinclair was the president of Sinclair Oil, who had given dubious "loans" to Secretary Fall and had been

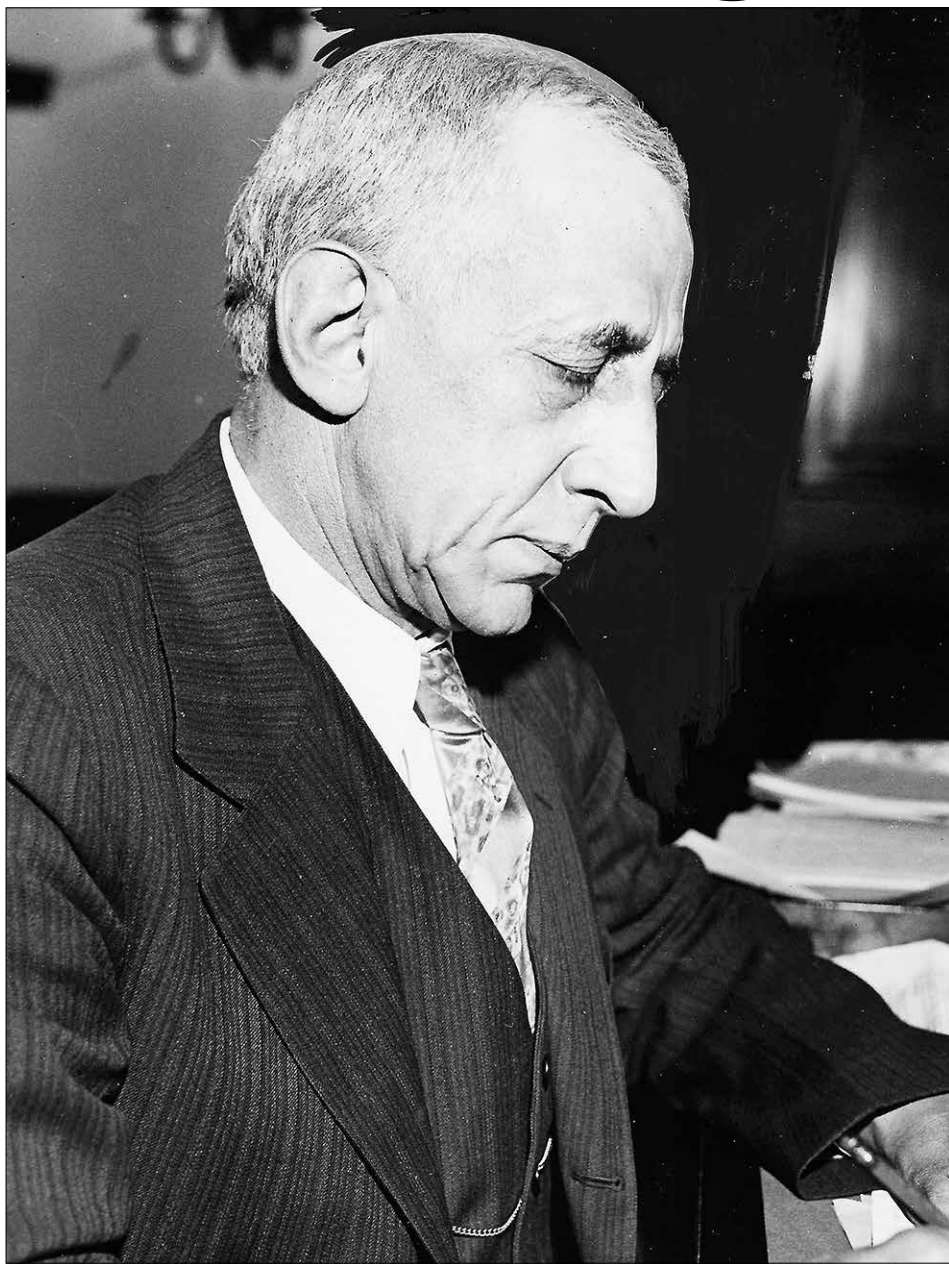
the beneficiary of oil leases.

Edward P. Costigan assailed his colleague on the Federal Trade Commission, Thomas O. Marvin, a Boston Republican who had been appointed by Harding, as a "lobbyist." Indeed, Marvin had been a lobbyist for the wool industry when he had been appointed. What Ed Costigan objected to was Marvin's utter devotion to high tariffs. Costigan said Marvin was "tireless and fanatical" in his views and complained that President Coolidge had exercised a prerogative that every chief executive used, namely, to remove those appointees who did not share his own views.

Following his resignation from the FTC, Costigan went home, started up his law practice and thought about seeking public office. In 1930, Costigan sought a seat in the United States Senate when incumbent Lawrence C. Phipps chose not to run again. Ed Costigan won a majority in a three-way primary to become the Democratic nominee. The general election had not only Republican and Democratic candidates on the ballot, but also candidates representing the Farmer-Labor, Socialist, Communist, Liberal and Commonwealth parties. Costigan won the fall election easily with quite nearly 56% of the vote.

Once inside the United States Senate, Edward Costigan was recognized as an insurgent Democrat. The Colorado senator's progressive views had not changed an iota. Never before had the federal government considered using taxpayer dollars to feed hungry people. In 1932, that changed when Robert LaFollette Jr., a progressive Republican from Wisconsin, and Costigan sponsored a "relief" bill, which provided money for families suffering from the want and economic disaster wrought by the Great Depression. President Herbert Hoover was adamantly opposed to relief being given directly to the people. Costigan and LaFollette had brought a veritable parade of witnesses from across the country who proceeded to testify that ordinary charitable organizations had buckled under the weight of the suffering inflicted by the Depression.

Edward P. Costigan was recognized by some as the first "New Dealer" in the country before Franklin Roosevelt's administration came into office. Costigan had angrily told his senatorial colleagues, "Lives and happiness of human beings are a proper concern of our country." When direct relief passed Congress, Costigan exulted that "a great principle is being established." "The issue may be postponed by a reluctant timid



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Senator Edward Costigan of Colorado in 1931.

or suppliant majority of the Senate, driven, hypnotized by the allurements or hostility of the White House, financial or industrial interests," Costigan barked on the floor of the Senate. "It cannot, however, be evaded ... It involves nothing less than the inalienable right of American citizens to life!"

Senator LaFollette coolly observed his colleagues and opined that unless action were taken and soon, "there would be some empty seats in the next Senate." The Republicans in the Senate, realizing the House with a majority of Democrats, would have the final say, decided to let the Democrats in the Senate chew on one another.

Senator Costigan was not so idealistic that he ignored the needs of his state. Costigan was the Senate sponsor of the Jones-Costigan Act, which provided direct payments from the government to sugar beet growers. As a member of the U.S. Senate, Edward Costigan was a supporter of the Roosevelt Administration and the New Deal, as well as organized labor. Costigan had long been identified with labor, as he had been the attorney for the United Mine Workers in 1914 when several men were accused of murder during strike protests in several southern Colorado towns. Edward Costigan finally won an acquittal of all the defendants in 1916.

Edward Costigan was a very close friend of Miss Josephine Roche, who owned one of the most successful coal companies in Colorado and was a big producer in the state. Miss Roche was a devout Democrat and liberal and was known for plowing the company's profits back into the business. Josephine Roche challenged incumbent Governor Ed Johnson inside the 1934 Democratic primary with the support of Senator Costigan. Johnson was a Democrat, but a far more conservative one than either Miss Roche or Costigan. Johnson won the

contest decisively, albeit not overwhelmingly.

Senator Costigan joined with another liberal, Robert F. Wagner of New York, to sponsor anti-lynching legislation in 1933. As a boy of ten, Ed Costigan had seen a man and woman brutally whipped publicly, which gave him a revulsion for mob violence he carried for the rest of his life. Costigan had drafted the bill, which sought to impose penalties of fines or imprisonment upon state and local officials who failed to prevent the injury or death of someone at the hands of a lynch mob. Supporters of states' rights and Southern Democrats immediately began a filibuster, and Senator Costigan and his allies could not summon the votes necessary to break the filibuster.

In Colorado, Senator Costigan was the acknowledged leader of the liberal faction and recognized as a leader in the New Deal administration. The administration of President Roosevelt doled out patronage to Senator Costigan, and several of those holding federal jobs in the Centennial State were looking to eliminate Congressman Fred Cummings in the 1934 election. Cummings was adjudged to be lukewarm to the New Deal by many of the president's supporters. The Fort Collins Coloradan grumbled that Costigan's patronage had helped the senator to assemble a formidable political machine. In an editorial, the Coloradan hailed the defeat of Josephine Roche for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination as the end of Senator Costigan. The bitter contest for governor had been largely pitched along lines of liberal versus conservative, New Dealer versus independent, and Johnson had won. The newspaper editorial sneered that Costigan had managed to build a political machine while "preaching social justice and political honesty."

Likewise, the increasing

attacks from Governor Johnson throughout 1935 signaled his intention to run in the primary against Senator Costigan in 1936. The governor complained to President Roosevelt about Costigan while making a particular state appointment that political observers saw as a move by the governor to bring a key Costigan supporter to his own side. Senator Costigan's support of his friend Miss Roche had certainly widened the growing breach between him and the governor. The rivalry between the competing factions of Colorado's Democratic Party would remain intense for several decades.

Senator Edward P. Costigan was 62 years old in 1936 when he had to decide whether or not to seek another six-year term. Costigan knew he was almost certain to face a difficult race as Governor Ed Johnson was gearing up to run against him inside the Democratic primary. Johnson was highly popular in Colorado and a formidable political figure with a large personal following. The governor had not been shy at all about criticizing Costigan's votes in Washington. Newspapers at the time of his death noted the senator's health "had broken" before his term of office had ended. Costigan was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where he remained for months. Every indication is that Edward P. Costigan had suffered some kind of nervous breakdown. Costigan had been absent from the Senate since March 20, 1936.

In April 1936, the senator's office released a statement saying Costigan would not be a candidate for reelection due to his ill health. F. Lee Johnson, secretary (chief of staff) to Senator Costigan, offered a brief explanation, saying, "He is suffering from overwork and exhaustion." Reporters asked if the senator had recently become

worse, and Johnson refused to make any further statement, nor would he say exactly where Costigan was resting. Costigan had driven south to Florida, although the senator never said where he and his wife intended to stay.

Senator Costigan's announcement that he would not run again caught friend and foe alike by surprise. Governor Ed Johnson was visibly surprised when reporters told him the news of the senator's decision. Asked about his own candidacy, Johnson said he was sorry for Costigan's illness but had nothing else to say.

Costigan was still ill following the November elections, and it was reported he was improving in early December, both "mentally and physically." Senator and Mrs. Costigan were seen walking across the hospital grounds most days, and friends were able to visit. One veteran reporter wrote Senator Costigan was "able to discuss questions with a great deal of understanding." Mabel Costigan had been elected as a presidential elector in the 1936 election, and she had notified the Colorado secretary of state that she would not be able to return home to Colorado to cast her vote, as she wished to remain with her husband.

The following January, days after her husband's term in the Senate ended, it was announced she had been appointed as the administrative assistant to Richard P. Brown, an assistant executive director in the National Youth Administration. Walter Walker's Daily Sentinel hailed Mrs. Costigan's appointment as the publisher wrote she was "an exceedingly well-qualified woman" who would bring "keen enthusiasm" to her job. The newspaper publisher and former U.S. senator noted Mrs. Costigan had been an invaluable aide to her husband throughout his career.

As Mabel Costigan began her new job, the former senator became so ill that his condition was declared critical. Evidently, Edward Costigan was suffering from a blood infection, and his temperature hovered around 104 degrees. A "new drug" was administered to Costigan, which lowered his fever.

Edward P. Costigan and his wife Mabel returned to Denver, where the former senator lived for another year before his health gave way completely. Costigan caught a cold, which rapidly developed into lobar pneumonia, which brought on a heart attack.

Costigan remained a symbol to fellow liberals for decades in Colorado.

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No. 2025-CV-240

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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.

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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. 198908-1

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAULA PK BOOKER, and U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST

IN RE: ATLEE FIELDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF PAULA PK BOOKER, and U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Defendants
NO. 211056-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAULA PK BOOKER, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAULA PK BOOKER, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorney whose address is 550 W. Main St., Ste. 400, Bank of America Building within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard Armstrong Jr., at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 9th day of September, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of JUDITH U. BREWER, deceased, who died on June 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 claim will be forever barred;

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

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

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

This 29th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JUDITH U. BREWER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT LEE BREWER, JR.
5217 HORSESTALL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JENNIFER BREWER PURCELL
5504 PINECREST ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM GALE COPE
DOCKET NUMBER 91362-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM GALE COPE, who died July 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

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

This 22 day of August, 2025.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM GALE COPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONY RAY AMOS, EXECUTOR
171 LAKELAND ESTATES DR.
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

GLEN R. THOMPSON, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 6127
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AVERY LERUE ESKRIDGE
DOCKET NUMBER 91371-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of AVERY LERUE ESKRIDGE, who died June 13, 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 AVERY LERUE ESKRIDGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VANDA JOHNSON MCAULEY, ADMINISTRATRIX
8816 CARRIAGE HOUSE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGIE LEE HERRON
DOCKET NUMBER 91383-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGIE LEE HERRON, who died Dec. 4, 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 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGIE LEE HERRON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICKY FRED HERRON, CO-EXECUTOR
1574 MAREMONT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

LESA CAROL HERRON AZAR, CO-EXECUTOR
1501 WATTS ROAD
BOWDEN, GA 30108

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BELVA DARLENE KING HICKMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 91352-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BELVA DARLENE KING HICKMAN, deceased, who died February 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (1) or (2), below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 29th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF BELVA DARLENE KING HICKMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHELIA RAYE FRENCH
P. O. BOX 1471
DANDRIDGE, TN 37725

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY
125 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

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 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

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

This 28th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANICE K. KELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT A. KELL
6507 S. NORTHSHORE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

TIMOTHY M. MCLEMORE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY KIMBALL
DOCKET NUMBER 91380-2

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 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 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 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 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 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 27th day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES CONDA ROBINSON

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

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 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

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 BETTY LEA DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 91378-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY LEA DAVIS, who died July 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF BETTY LEA DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHANNON D. CROSS, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
4160 DEER CREEK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ARNOLD JAY DAVIS, III,
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
2711 COPELAND STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GALE RICHARD ENGELKE
DOCKET NUMBER 91366-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GALE RICHARD ENGELKE, who died July 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GALE RICHARD ENGELKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RHONDA HARBIN, EXECUTRIX
7401 HARVEST CREEK LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GORDON COLLYER GALE
DOCKET NUMBER 91238-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GORDON COLLYER GALE, who died Dec. 18, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above 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 29 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF GORDON COLLYER GALE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ARIEL GALE, ADMINISTRATRIX
2426 SUMMERLAND DRIVE
DECATUR, GA 30032

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID EUGENE GALLOP
DOCKET NUMBER 91366-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID EUGENE GALLOP, who died March 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 27 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVID EUGENE GALLOP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRIS DAVID GALLOP, EXECUTOR
2630 HOPE CREEK ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. HENDRIX, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91375-3

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

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

This the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ERNEST E. HENDRIX, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES S. HENDRIX, CO-EXECUTOR
3790 BUTLER SPRINGS DRIVE
LOGANVILLE, GA 30052

MELANIE D. BARNES, CO-EXECUTOR
505 WATER OAK DRIVE
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY E. HOPKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 91400-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLY E. HOPKINS, who died July 23, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF BILLY E. HOPKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY H. GHEEN, EXECUTRIX
4316 GUINN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT HOUSTON HOVIS, III
DOCKET NUMBER 91327-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT HOUSTON HOVIS, III, who died May 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT HOUSTON HOVIS, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES R. CLOHAN
2703 GREEN HOLLY SPRINGS COURT
OAKTON, VA 22124

EDDY R. SMITH, ATTORNEY
ADAM B. McDONALD, ATTORNEY
4th FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.
P. O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TROY DWAYNE JOHNSON, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91242-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TROY DWAYNE JOHNSON, SR., who died June 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF TROY DWAYNE JOHNSON, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MAURICE A. JOHNSON, SR.,
CO-ADMINISTRATOR

3905 SKYLINE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

JAMES C. JOHNSON, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
3934 SELMA AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS RAY LOOCK
DOCKET NUMBER 91438-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOUGLAS RAY LOOCK, who died on the 16th day of June 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS RAY LOOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHERRI L. TAFEOYA
8911 EAGLE VIEW WAY
LINCOLN, NE 68520

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHESTER A. MILAM
DOCKET NUMBER 91413-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHESTER A. MILAM, who died May 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:

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

This the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHESTER A. MILAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NICOLE JEAN ALLEY

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN OLIVER
DOCKET NUMBER 91367-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN OLIVER, who died March 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF HELEN OLIVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANICE OLIVER, EXECUTRIX
4505 HOSEA LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JONATHAN DAVID POPLAWSKY
DOCKET NUMBER 91351-3

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

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

This the 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JONATHAN DAVID POPLAWSKY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA A. CONNOR

11324 SPRING HOLLOW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

DAVID A. MONTGOMERY, ATTORNEY
112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOSEPH SCHNEIDER
DOCKET NUMBER 91391-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, who died July 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BEATRIZ SCHNEIDER, ADMINISTRATRIX
10468 LAURA LEE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANDREW LOUIS SHAW
DOCKET NUMBER 91436-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of ANDREW LOUIS SHAW, who died July 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANDREW LOUIS SHAW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
UTE SHAW
3030 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 1990
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN WHITT
DOCKET NUMBER 91385-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN WHITT, who died April 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29 day of AUGUST, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN WHITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN DIANE HUFFAKER,
ADMINISTRATRIX
321 SNOWMASS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated Air Quality Conformity Report are available for public comment from September 15, 2025 through October 14, 2025.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is responsible for comprehensive transportation planning in the Knoxville Urban Area including Knox County and parts of Anderson, Blount, Loudon, Roane, and Sevier Counties.

An Air Quality Conformity Determination report was prepared to demonstrate that the implementation of projects within the FY 2026-2029 TIP will conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

The draft TIP and air quality conformity determination can be reviewed at <https://knoxtpo.org/projects/transportation-improvement-program/>. Comments can be submitted to Craig Luebke via email at craig.luebke@knoxtpo.org. Copies of the draft TIP are also available for review at the TPO office (400 Main St., Suite 403 Knoxville, TN).

The draft TIP will be presented, and public comments will be accepted at the September 24, 2025 TPO Executive Board meeting and the October 14, 2025 TPO Technical Committee meeting. The draft TIP will be considered for final adoption at the October 22, 2025 Executive Board meeting. Each of the meetings will be held at 9:00 am in the City County Building (400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN) in either the Main or Small Assembly room. The public is welcome at all meetings.

If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the TPO at 865-215-2694 and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

BID 3686, Emory Road (S.R. 131) Street Lighting, due 10/14/25;

RFP 3688, Advanced Academic Programs, due 10/14/25;

BID 3689, Presort Mailing Services, due 10/09/25;

BID 3690, Ice Cream for Schools, due 10/14/25

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

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

NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at commission.knoxcounty.org, by emailing Kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

- SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY:**
- APPLICATIONS:**
 - 6a. **11 E Smoke Shop**
11 E Smoke Shop
8310 Asheville Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37924
Off Premises
(District 8)

- ADJOURNMENT:**

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

- 2000 BUICK REGAL 2G4WF551XY1246234
- 2004 CHEVY SILVERADO 2G6CEK19T841126216
- 2016 CHRYSLER 200 1C3CCCFB2G6N183479
- 2015 CHEVY EQUINOX 2GNFLEEK4F6196881
- 2000 CHEVY S-10 1G6CS195XY8296203
- 2012 DODGE DURANGO 1C4SDJDT6CC331093
- 2002 DODGE DURANGO 1B4HS58Z2F198669
- 1990 FORD ECONOLINE 1FTDE14Y5LHA39567
- 2010 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0D76AK87347
- 2004 FORD CROWN VIC 2FAPF74W24X129173
- 2000 FORD EXPEDITION 1FMPU16L1YLA39258
- 2012 GMC TERRAIN 2GKLF2E58C6144466
- 2006 INFINITI G35 JNKC5V1E06M502867
- 2013 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGN4472DG163191
- 1997 NISSAN MAXIMA J1CA21D2VT801173
- 1998 OLDSMOBILE 88 1G3HNS52K3W4833051
- 1998 PONTIAC FIREBIRD 2G2FS22K8X2201429
- 1998 PLYMOUTH NEON 1P3ES47C8WD721675
- 2009 SUZUKI BURGMAN JS1CP51AX92100776
- 2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER JTEDP21A150043958
- 2004 TOYOTA COROLLA 2T1BR32E04C215060
- 2001 VOLVO S60 YV1RS61R812016416
- 2003 BUICK CENTURY 2G4WS52J531217006
- 2006 CHEVY HHR 3GND413D66S511854
- 1996 DODGE 1500 1B7HF16YXTJ178363
- 2013 DODGE DART 1C3CDFBA1DD229995
- 1993 FORD RANGER 1FTCR10A3PUA89132
- 1998 GMC YUKON 1GKEC13R4WR510504
- 1995 JEEP CHEROKEE 1J4G268S5SC563229
- 2007 KAWASAKI ZX6R JKAZX4P177A012699
- 2008 MERCURY SABLE 1MEHM42W68G609031
- 2010 MERCURY MARINE 4M2CN9HG1AKJ17025
- 2001 MERCURY SABLE 1MEFM50U81A652423
- 2000 TOYOTA 4-RUNNER J73HN68RY0300863
- 2004 TOYOTA SIENNA 5TDZA22C74S175257
- 2016 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF1FK4G555070

‘What’s the one thing you’ve learned in life?’

By Mike Steely
Senior Writer
steelym@knoxfocus.com

This December, I'll turn 79 years old. I can't believe it, but it is true. I know it's "better than the alternative," and I may have learned a few things over those years.

I did learn that family and family memories are the most important things in life. Then there are other important things like your health, stamina, failing memory and appearance.

To get other ideas on what someone may have learned over their senior years, I asked an open question about "one thing" that fellow seniors have learned. The answers were more than interesting:

Mike Steely: Life is what happens while you're making other plans. *Then Anita Case chimed in, "popularized by John Lennon" and added this:*

Anita Case: Tell those that you care for that you love them while you can. Recognize the value of people who are important to you.

Sue Letzinger: Enjoy being with people, but never discuss problems; half of the people don't care, and the other half are glad it happened to you.

Lynne Ralph Siglin: That I don't trust my reactions since I have a sin(ful) nature (saved by God's grace through Jesus). I have had to learn to RESPOND instead of REACT to situations.

Larry W. Cooper: Nobody cares about the lessons you learned in life!

Jim Stott: Eat the big frog first!

William Padoll: Life goes on when you lose your mate. It's hard to think about it, but very necessary.

Hugh Nystrom: Please clarify who you consider age-wise to be older, senior adults lol!! The older I get, the younger I think that "older" is.

Relic Bob (Robert Painter): Those good things you do for others have untold rewards!

Monte Seymour: It is what you make it by your choices.

Stronger Together

How Synergy Brings Victory in the Battle

By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist Church
Senior Pastor

"It's Football Time in Tennessee!" These words have echoed across radios and Neyland Stadium for the past five decades, a phrase that every Tennessee football fan loves to hear. Made famous by the late John Ward, this rallying cry resonates with those who don the Big Orange every Saturday in the fall.

Like many of you, I am an avid football fan. We all know that when a football team takes the field, even the most talented quarterback cannot win the game alone! An offensive line must protect him, receivers need to catch the passes he throws, and the defense has to prevent the opposing team from scoring more points than he can help generate. Every player has a role, and victory is only possible when the whole team functions together.

This concept is known as synergy. Without synergy, it becomes challenging for a team to win. When the game ends and the final points are tallied, those who emerge victorious are typically the

ones who demonstrated the greatest cooperation and collaboration.

In the same way, God has designed our lives, our families, our churches and our communities to succeed not through isolated efforts, but through unified goals, shared purpose and cooperation. Synergy is more than just teamwork; it's a powerful reality that has been designed by God, our Creator, proving that when we come together, the outcome of any given obstacle is much more positive than the sum of individual efforts. From the harmony that can be produced by an orchestra to the precision of an offensive play by a football team, working together produces results that no single person could ever achieve on their own. The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes that "two are better than one" (Ecclesiastes 4:9). Synergy is not only a matter of cooperation alone; it's about multiplying strength, maximizing potential and achieving victory together.

Just as a team thrives when each player embraces their role, a family, a corporation and the body of

Christ flourish when we realize that it has never been about the one star on the team, but everyone doing their part. We see this truth illustrated nowhere better than when the leader of the Jews grew weary in his position of leadership. Exodus 17 tells us that when Israel fought against Amalek, Moses stood on the hilltop alone with the rod of God in his hands. As the sun beat down on the rugged hills of Rephidim, and the cries of the battle below raged on, Moses grew tired. Minutes stretched into hours, and as the desert heat pressed in, sweat trickled down his brow, and the weight of his staff grew heavier and heavier with each passing breath. With shoulders burning and muscles quivering, every instinct screamed for relief. Yet Moses knew that the fate of the people he loved rose and fell with his weary arms. When his strength faltered, the enemy prevailed. When his hands were raised, Israel prevailed. The ache became unbearable alone, and he finally could not hold them up by himself. It was just then that it happened: synergy! Aaron

and Hur rushed to his side, put a stone beneath him, and they stood beside him. They steadied his arms, and Israel found victory in the valley that day. Moses, in that moment, didn't need strength; he needed synergy.

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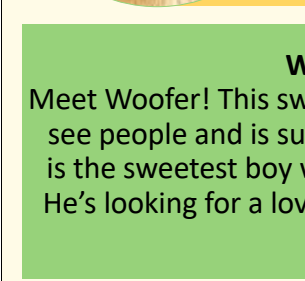
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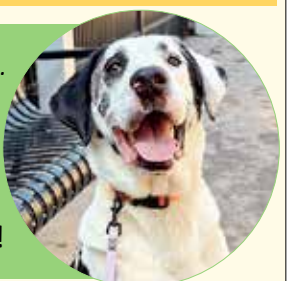


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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Carter edges S-D in overtime, 37-30

By Steve Williams

There was a battle just off John Sevier Highway Friday night and it took an overtime period to determine the winner.

Carter came out on top, winning 37-30 with a touchdown run by Jody Scruggs on fourth-and-four in the OT period.

Host South-Doyle had a chance to even the score in the extra period and Mill Crenshaw got to the 3-yard line on first down plus a personal foul by the Hornets on the play moved the ball to the 1.

On second down, the Cherokees crossed the goal line, but their TD was nullified by a holding penalty. That made it first-and-goal at the 13 and quarterback Benson Brang was tackled for a 5-yard loss. On third-and-18, Brang threw a pass over the middle to Reed Reynolds but it fell incomplete.

Brang's fourth down throw in the end zone fell incomplete and the head official waved off a penalty flag that was dropped during the play to end the game.

The victory lifted Carter to 2-0 and in a tie with Anderson County



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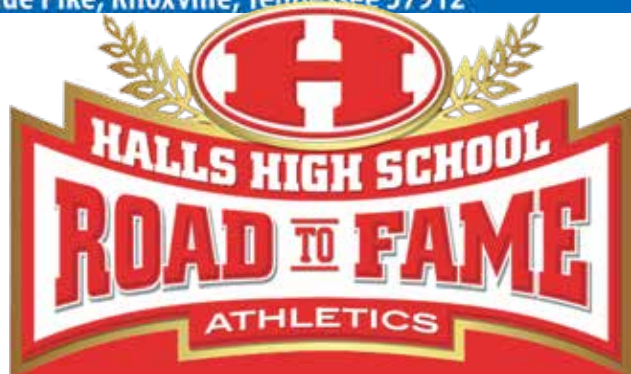
With a Cherokee coach on the sideline in the background signaling a touchdown, South-Doyle's Jeremiah Smith (8) gets by Carter's Jackson Stuffle (2) and into the end zone on a 3-yard run in overtime. The touchdown, however, was nullified by a holding penalty and the Hornets held on for a 37-30 win.

in Region 2-4A. The Hornets (3-1 overall) will host AC Friday in Straw Plains. South-Doyle slipped to 0-2 in the region and 2-2 overall.

"Perseverance" was the key to Carter's win, said Coach Todd Helton. "We did a lot of stuff to hurt ourselves

tonight. Self-inflicted penalties, which isn't really how we've played this year, but you know sloppy.

"I told them here (in the post-game talk) there is no such thing anymore as an ugly win. We put these kids
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Seventh class to be inducted Friday prior to football game

By Steve Williams

This is the seventh year for Halls High School Athletics' Road to Fame to be honored. Jerry Julian started the recognition in 2019 with the inaugural class including a "dandy dozen."

A ten-member board of directors now oversees the yearlong process which begins with taking nominations February through April. Only four nominees are now chosen for each class.

This year's inductees will be recognized at the Halls stadium prior to Friday night's game against William Blount.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Hardin Valley notches comeback win on the road at Farragut

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's girls soccer team had a bit of a celebration Thursday night. And the Lady Hawks had plenty to be happy about as they picked up a crucial District 4-3A road victory.

A pair of unanswered goals after halftime helped Hardin Valley erase a deficit and propelled it past league and geographical rival Farragut, 2-1, at Farragut Soccer Stadium.

With the victory, the Lady Hawks (9-1 overall, 2-0 in the district) closed the week with at least a share of first place in the league standings.

But HVA head coach Dannielle Wilson knows things won't get any easier for her side as it prepares to host 2025 Class 3A state runner-up Bearden Tuesday night.

"Before the season, we set some team goals," Wilson said. "One of those goals was to go further than we did last year. Another was to beat (everybody in) our district, and the other was to go to state."

The Lady Hawks, who defeated



PHOTO BY CARLOS REVEIZ.

Farragut High soccer player Ada Baker dribbles the ball past Hardin Valley's Morgan Holloway in the Lady Hawks' 2-1 victory over the Lady Admirals Thursday night in Farragut.

Lenoir City on Tuesday to open the district portion of their schedule, may be on their way to something special, but the District 4-3A schedule is always tough, as Bearden, Farragut, Maryville,

West High, Powell, Hardin Valley and Will Blount comprise the league this season.

Kickoff for the match against the Lady Bulldogs is slated for 7 p.m.

"We've beaten Farragut, and now on Tuesday, we've got Bearden and they're coming to our place, so things are not going to be any easier. In fact, things are just going to get harder," Wilson said. "For now, we're going to enjoy this one."

The Lady Admirals (3-4-1, 0-2) have lost three consecutive matches, including their first two district tilts. They fell to the Lady Rebels at Bill Wilson Field in Marble City Tuesday night and were shut out, 2-0.

Things were looking up early for Farragut, which took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Rowan Unger in the fourth minute, and coach Jessie Stephens Burkhardt had to feel pretty good heading into halftime, having seen her team keep the Lady Hawks off the scoreboard.

The Lady Admirals held the upper hand until Sophie Roberts tallied the equalizer in the 47th minute.

Hardin Valley was a different team after halftime as it wrested control of the match away from
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Knoxville Smokies' Tyranski receives 'Careacter' award

By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Smokies' Mitchell Tyranski received the Careacter Star Athlete award for the month of August prior to the team's last home game of the season on Sept. 7 at Covenant Health Park.

"It's an honor to receive the award," said Tyranski. "Without character and other values that I hold close to me I wouldn't be where I am today."

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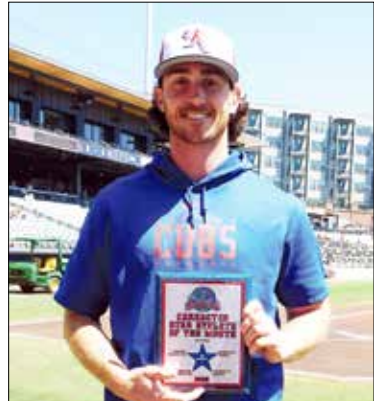


PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Knoxville Smokies pitcher Mitchell Tyranski said it was "a big honor" to receive the Careacter Star Athlete award Sept. 7 at Covenant Health Park.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Science Hill rolls over Bearden, 35-0

By David Klein

Friday night at Bearden, the Science Hill Hilltoppers dominated the first half, jumping out to a 35-0 halftime lead and used a running clock in the second half to defeat the Bearden Bulldogs 35-0. Quarterback Lane Clement threw three touchdown passes and the Hilltoppers ran for two touchdowns.

The Hilltoppers wasted no time as they took the opening kickoff 58 yards to the Bearden 42-yard line. A personal foul facemask on Bearden then gave the Hilltoppers a first down. Five plays later, running back Nalique Anderson ran for a 1-yard touchdown to put Science Hill up 7-0 with 8:34 left in the first quarter.

"We came out ready and

focused," Anderson said. "The locker room came out prepared and focused. We fought hard, man; the team had good chemistry this game, it was great."

Nearly four minutes later, Science Hill would add to its lead on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Lane Clement to Branson Newberry. That put Science Hill up 14-0 with 4:47 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs were not able to answer as Bearden's offense struggled to get anything going the whole night. The Bulldogs were not able to run the ball at all as they struggled to pick up short yardage for first downs.

"Offensively, we got to execute," Bearden head coach Brad Taylor said. "Way too many

mistakes ahead of us to know exactly where we're at because we're just not executing. We've got to take care of the football. We can't give them short fields. It's my fault we weren't as prepared because we should have been. We got to come back to work on Monday and be ready to execute, especially on offense."

On the last play of the first quarter, Clement threw his second touchdown pass of the game to Haiden Cox, a defensive lineman who checked in on offense to provide a wrinkle for the Bulldogs. His 7-yard touchdown catch put Science Hill up 21-0.

"I feel like the fast start we had was definitely off the change in our formation," Clement said. "We usually like to go out of an

H-back set. Tonight, we came out with two tight ends that were able to block, get open, catch passes. I think changing that up, figuring out where our guys are best at was definitely a big win for us tonight."

Bearden got the ball back and was trying to rally and even made a first down but had to punt the ball back to the Hilltoppers. Science Hill took advantage as they methodically moved the ball and ended the drive with a Kianti Harris 3-yard touchdown run to put the Hilltoppers up 28-0 with 3:13 left in the second quarter.

Two minutes and fifty-one seconds later, Clement threw his third touchdown pass of the game to wide receiver Marcus Jones. The touchdown went for 33 yards as

the Hilltoppers went up 35-0 with 1:22 left in the first half.

With Science Hill up 35-0, the Mercy Rule took place with continuous running of the clock in the second half. Neither team mustered much offense as Science Hill had many of their reserves in.

"I thought we ran the ball pretty well," Science Hill head coach Stacy Carter said. "Bearden has played a tough schedule. They've got some good players; they're all just young right now. When they get older, the coach will have them ready for sure."

Friday, Bearden (0-3) travels to Hardin Valley for a Region 2-6A game while Science Hill (4-0) hosts non-regional opponent Cocke County on Homecoming Night.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Karns notches key region win at Clinton

By Steve Williams

Karns scored two fourth quarter touchdowns to rally past homestanding Clinton 24-21 Friday night in a Region 2-5A game.

For the most part, it was the Beavers' rushing game against the Dragons' passing game.

Cameron George ran for two TDs – an 8-yarder in the first quarter and a 5-yarder in the final quarter – to give the Beavers' their winning margin. Karns came into the final 12 minutes, trailing 21-10.

George was a workhorse, carrying the ball 32 times for 236 yards.

On the other side, Clinton totaled 363 yards through the air as quarterback Jaylon Benjamin completed 26 of 42 passes.

Bryson Maddox was Benjamin's most valuable target as he hauled in seven passes for 182 yards and a 41-yarder that gave the Dragons an early 7-0 lead.

Benjamin also ran for two touchdowns that covered nine and two yards.

Trailing 21-10 going into the final 12 minutes, Karns' Weston Ritter scored on a 1-yard run and caught a two-point pass from Austin Slover that narrowed the Dragons' lead to 21-18.

George's 5-yard run with 3:21 left in the game put the Beavers on top.

Luis Figueroa-Lopez contributed to the victory with a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter that trimmed Clinton's lead to 14-10.

Slover passed for 126 yards on 12 of 17 completions for the Dragons.

The victory vaults Karns to 2-0 in region play and 2-2 overall, while Clinton drops to 0-2 and 0-3.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Karns kicker Alexis Maciejewski kicks an extra point at the September 5 game against Campbell County.

FEMALE KICKER: Alexis Maciejewski, a Karns senior, who came into the game 8 of 8 on PATs this season, kicked her ninth extra-point in a row in the first quarter, but saw her streak snapped in the fourth quarter when her attempt was blocked.

DARROW WAS THE FIRST: The TSSAA recognizes Heather Darrow as the first female athlete to score a point in a Tennessee high school football game. She kicked an extra point for Chattanooga Notre Dame against East Ridge in 1986.

There have been a few more female football kickers in Tennessee since then.

WEEK 4 HIGHLIGHTS: Grace Christian surprises Silverdale 45-24, Powell rolls past William Blount 47-16 and CAK shuts out Oneida 40-0.

WEEK 5 TOP ATTRACTIONS: Hardin Valley eyes payback versus Bearden ... Austin-East hosts rival Brainerd ... Carter prepares for Anderson County ... MBA at Catholic is big stuff ... Halls (0-3) wants to rebound

Week 4 Results
Alcoa 35, Knoxville West 0
Scott 42, Austin-East 6
Science Hill 35, Bearden 0
CAK 40, Oneida 0
Carter 37, South-Doyle 30
Central 41, Campbell Co. 0
Bradley Central 24, Farragut 10
G-P 50, Fulton 18
Gibbs 49, Morristown East 7
Grace 45, Silverdale 24
West Ridge 35, HVA 18
Karns 24, Clinton 21
Powell 47, William Blount 16
Lakeway Christian 35, Webb 34

Week 5 Games (Kickoff at 7 local time)
Thursday
Webb at GCA
Friday
Brainerd at Austin-East
Bearden at Hardin Valley
CAK at Silverdale
Anderson Co. at Carter
MBA at Catholic
Clinton at Central
Concord at MTCS
Farragut at Maryville
Heritage at Fulton
South-Doyle at Gibbs
Webb at GCA
W-B at Halls
Bearden at HVA
Powell at Karns
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against William Blount.

A TSSAA note to the fans ...

We invite everyone to come out and support their students, schools, and communities during these games. Remember, your presence and positivity greatly contribute to creating a sportsmanlike atmosphere at local games. Let's set the tone for a great season by cheering on our teams responsibly and respectfully. Play hard, play fair, and enjoy the game!

Carter edges S-D in overtime, 37-30

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through an amazing rigor and to see them respond time after time, I'm actually proud of getting a lot of these wins that we have, because we had to battle through a lot tonight. So I'm thrilled."

Carter's Joseph Armenta started the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Gavin Thomas added the PAT. Cooper Collins, a sophomore, had an 11-yard fumble return to make it 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

South-Doyle got back in the game with Rondell North's 13-yard TD catch from Brang and Isaiah Mitchell's extra point kick with 3:50 remaining in the second quarter.

Jayden Norries picked off a pass for the Cherokees but it was erased by an illegal block. Crenshaw, however, responded with a 52-yard touchdown run down the sideline in front of his team's bench and Mitchell's PAT tied the score at 14-all.

But Thomas' 32-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the half gave the Hornets' a 17-14 halftime lead.

Carter got off to a fast start after intermission too as Armenta scored on a 46-yard run on the first play. Mitchell's kick made it 24-14.

South-Doyle was not done. Brang snuck over for a 1-yard TD and a two-point conversion run by Mitchell cut the Hornets' lead to 24-22.

Walter Gould recovered a fumble to get the ball back, but Brang had two passes picked off by Davonte Scruggs before the start of the fourth quarter.

Jody Scruggs had three good runs of 11, 7 and 6 yards and an 11-yard catch to help set up Armenta's third touchdown run

from the 3. An unsportsmanlike penalty on Carter after the score led to the extra point kick being blocked, but the Hornets led 30-22 with 9:52 left.

Crenshaw scored on a 14-yard run up the middle and Brang found Karmariyon Rice in the end zone for two points that tied the score at 30-all with 4:30 to go.

Jody Scruggs had a 21-yard run to the S-D 20, but the Cherokees ended the threat with an interception in the end zone by North with 2:08 on the clock.

With only 44 seconds left, South-Doyle snapped the ball over the punter's head, but he tracked it down and got off a punt to the Hornets' 49. Carter QB Brody Sparks was picked off by North with 18 seconds left in regulation.

With 5.3 seconds still on the clock, the Cherokees had gotten in position for a 43-yard field goal, but it was short and wide left.

"Our kids believe," said South-Doyle Coach Larry Headrick. "We've got a good football team and we play one of the toughest schedules in the state and our region. We believe and that's one of the biggest things that we preach and that's just play together and play as brothers and we did that tonight."

"I mean it's heartbreaking yes, it should be. We were down two scores and then you come back and score. And then you get a two-point conversion. You're right there in the ball game and that's where you want to be."

"We gotta get to the next level and we got to just continue to grow and to continue to learn and just get to the next level. But I'm extremely proud of our guys."

Hardin Valley notches comeback

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the Lady Admirals and the Lady Hawks took the lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the match when freshman Makayla Hammond found the back of the net.

"This is a match that our seniors wanted really bad," Wilson said. "Jess used to coach (at Hardin Valley.

"This is a tough place to win when you're on the road and we had to come over here and steal one."

Burkhart was obviously distraught after the loss.

"When you don't play hard and you don't hustle, this is what happens," she said. "You can't expect to win when you play like this in our district, and it's just going to get harder."

"I only have about three or four girls showing up to play every night."

West High ties Bearden, snapping the Lady Bulldogs' long league winning streak

For the first time in several years, Bearden High School's girls soccer team has a blemish on its district record, ending a streak that has lasted eight years and saw the Lady Bulldogs compete in two leagues.

Bearden and West played a 0-0 draw Friday night at Bill Wilson Field, marking the end of a long league winning streak for the Lady Bulldogs, who had two District 4-3A regular-season ties in 2016 against Maryville and Farragut. The Lady Admirals were the last league team to defeat Bearden in the 2016 district tournament.

Bearden (7-1-1 overall, 0-0-1 in the district) also

dominated District 2-3A for a four-year stint from 2017-20 during its long league winning streak.

Things won't get any easier for Bearden this week as it travels to Hardin Valley Academy Tuesday night for a showdown with the Lady Hawks (9-1, 2-0), who notched a key league road win over Farragut Thursday night.

The Lady Rebels are now 7-0-1 on the season and 2-0-1 in district play after shutting out Farragut (3-4-1, 0-2) in Marble City Tuesday night.

West will play a pair of non-league matches as it travels to Chattanooga to take on the Baylor School on Tuesday before traveling to Northwest Knox County to face Powell on Thursday.





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The Last Saturday in September

Sept. 27, 1980 was a day Auburn fans would just as soon forget. It was—amazingly—nearly 45 years ago. How is that possible?

By Tom Mattingly

Tennessee fans, those who were there and those who listened carefully to John Ward and Bill Anderson on the Vol Network, still remember it well.

It was Tennessee's second time to play in Auburn, after years of playing Auburn's "home games" in Birmingham, at Legion Field.

The Vols had first played at Auburn in 1974, losing 21-0. The 1976 and 1978 games were back at Legion Field. Both were losses.

For Auburn, the 1980 contest was a "dedication game," highlighting the addition of 11,000 seats, a new press box, and club-level seating to Jordan-Hare Stadium. At the time, Tiger publicists billed it as the largest stadium in the state of Alabama.

Auburn was 2-0, ranked No. 18 by AP coming in, with wins over TCU and Duke. The university honored its

"Team of the Seventies," but neither Terry Beasley nor Pat Sullivan were dressed out in orange and blue that day.

The final score was Tennessee 42, Auburn 0, in a performance head coach John Majors termed "absolutely flawless." It was hard to tell which fan base was more shocked by the size of the final margin.

A record crowd of 75,942 was in attendance, but the stadium cleared out rapidly in the third and fourth quarters, except on the Tennessee side. It was the Vols' most dominant win over the Tigers in series history, eclipsing 28-point wins in 1956 (35-7) and 1966 (28-0).

It was Auburn's worst loss ever at home and the worst overall, dating to 1948 when Alabama laid a 55-0 haymaker on the Tigers.

Tennessee had lost its first two games of the 1980 season by the narrowest of margins, 16-15 to Georgia and 20-17 to Southern Cal, both games played at Neyland Stadium.

There had been a 35-23 win over Washington State the week before the trip to the Plains.

This game was the second of three consecutive

wins for the Vols over the Tigers, between a 35-17 win in 1979 and a 10-7 win over Pat Dye's first Auburn squad in 1981.

Tailback James Berry, known better these days as "Eric Berry's father," scored touchdowns on runs of 4, 3, and 3 yards. Quarterback Jeff Olszewski, who completed 11 consecutive passes at one critical juncture in the game, added another, and threw TD passes to tight ends Reggie Harper and Mike "Go" Cofer, each covering 11 yards. Tailback Terry Daniels rushed 21 times for 125 yards, part of 248 yards rushing for the Vols.

The Vols led 7-0 after one quarter and broke the game open with a 21-point second quarter, adding single tallies in the third and fourth quarters.

It was the first victory for the Vols in the state of Alabama since a 41-14 decision over Alabama at Legion Field in October 1969.

The Vols had endured a barrage of oranges as they came onto the field for the game, not the first time that had happened, nor the last, but the unfriendly welcome seemed to galvanize the team.

George Cafego, the



Austin Denny (84) and Charlie Fulton (12) played key roles in a 13-13 tie between Tennessee and Auburn on Sept. 25, 1965.

legendary Vol assistant coach, put the day's events into proper perspective. After the game, he was seen snacking on an orange, maybe one that had been thrown at him earlier.

"These people down here don't know you can eat these things," George said. "They think the only thing you can do with 'em is throw 'em."

Since Tennessee ended up 5-6 in 1980, many Tennessee historians, have chosen to focus on other big games taking place in winning seasons. This game is significant, however, being the first big road win of the

Majors Era, deserving of more consideration than it's been given.

The events surrounding the 1980 season marked a time of change for the Auburn football program.

Former head coach Ralph "Shug" Jordan had died on July 17.

Head coach Doug Barfield resigned after a loss to Alabama, with Pat Dye coming to the Plains and reestablishing the Auburn winning tradition.

The "Auburn Nation's" reaction to the loss to the Vols infuriated David Housel, a true Auburn loyalist. "We at Auburn have

always prided ourselves on being something special," he wrote in the following week's game program and reprinted in his 1991 book "from the desk of david housel... A COLLECTION OF AUBURN STORIES."

"Alabama booed Richard Todd in 1975. Tennessee booed Jimmy Streater last year, and we booed Charles Thomas, one of our own, last week. The question is obvious. Are we really special anymore?"

The Vols and Auburn stopped playing every year after the 1991 season, ending the "Last Saturday in September" SEC hallmark game that each year separated the contenders from the pretenders.

The Vols would win at Auburn in 1998, a 17-9 victory in a national championship season highlighted by a memorable goal line stand that was a major key to the Vols' victory.

A final thought. It still doesn't seem right, even after all these years, for many Vol fans to wake up on the final Saturday in September and realize the Vols were scheduled to play someone other than Auburn, regardless of the venue.

Q&A with Zander Sechrist

By Mark Nagi

Recently, I had the chance to catch up with Zander Sechrist, who will go down in the record books as the winner of the biggest game in Tennessee baseball history.

The Georgia native was a Vol from 2021-2024 and just finished up his first full season of professional baseball with the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels, the Single-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

The Knoxville Focus: Why did you decide Tennessee was where you wanted to go?

Zander Sechrist: To be cliché, it kind of felt like home. I visited other schools (Auburn, Vanderbilt, Virginia, etc.) and Tennessee fit well for me with the new coaching staff at that time. I bought a Tennessee hat at one of the Vol shops, and I realized after all my visits that it was the only place I bought something at.

KF: Tennessee baseball head coach Tony Vitello has obviously had a huge impact on this Tennessee baseball program. How would you define a Vitello player?

ZS: Someone who's going to work hard, and even if he doesn't get a big role in his first year there, he works a little harder to get the role next year.

KF: Obviously, you were on some great Tennessee teams, but your last one was the one that finally got over the hump. What was it about that 2024 team that allowed you guys to put it all together?

ZS: We had unfinished business. We had a pretty good core there that's been there for, you know, three or four years. In 2021, we went to the College World Series. In 2022, we didn't go, but we should have... we were arguably the best team ever. In 2023, we finally got to win a game at the CWS, but we still just felt like it wasn't enough. In 2024, we kind of just put it all together. Obviously, it takes a little bit of luck in baseball, and you have to have a good run with it. But I think we just put it all together a lot better than we did in previous years, probably because we were more experienced in those types of scenarios.

KF: Okay, so let's talk about that final game of the 2024 College World Series. What is your mindset going into this? Obviously, this would be the most important game you had ever pitched. Is it nerve-racking? Is it exciting?

ZS: The sucky part about having to pitch the third game was that the second game was during the day. You're sitting in your hotel room, and you still

have plenty of time because the next game you play is in 24 hours. But once I started getting ready, all the nerves kind of started, which obviously is good because if you're not nervous, you don't care.

KF: Can you feel it as a pitcher to be like, okay, I've got some good stuff today? Or is it, like, every pitch is its own? (Sechrist went 5 1/3 innings, allowing one run on six hits, while striking out 7 Texas A&M batters to get the win.)

ZS: Oh, I can tell you what. It was so dang hot when I was warming up. I go out and stretch for about an hour before the game. It was like 104 degrees, and I felt like I threw five innings before I threw the first pitch. So, my mindset was literally to get out of the first inning. That game in particular was probably the first game I took every at bat, like mutually exclusive, which is what you should do all the time. Obviously, it was my last time pitching for the university, so I was like, "I'm going to leave no doubt here. And I'm going to treat every bat like it's my last." I think I just executed the right way, and you know, things went how they went.

KF: How stressful is it when you've left the game, because there's nothing else that you can do?

ZS: Yeah, it's definitely worse because, and any pitcher would say this, but you can't control what's going on at all. I did the best that I could do that day. And obviously, we trusted each guy that that was put into the game in every scenario. When it got late and the game was getting tight, you're like, 'Oh, I just want this game to be over with.'

KF: What was the feeling like after the final out? (Tennessee held off an Aggies rally to win 6-5, taking home the first national championship in the baseball program's history.)

ZS: We all just kind of went crazy, and I kind of blacked out because when you're celebrating, you're not really thinking about anything except celebrating... and then when it settled in, it's pretty fulfilling and definitely a weight off your shoulders in general.

KF: Do you think about how a lot of teams just don't get remembered, but your role on that team at that time is something that will be remembered around Tennessee for a long time?

ZS: Deep down, you feel like you were a part of something. I always love going back to Knoxville. A national championship's pretty sweet on your resume. I loved being a Tennessee Vol, for sure.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Garmer girls steal the show in Cherokee Classic

By Steve Williams

It was the Garmer girls' day in the Cherokee Classic cross country meet this year.

Twins Calysta and Jazzlyn Garmer stole the show with a photo finish in the 5,000-meter race on Cherokee Boulevard Saturday, Sept. 6.

A half of a second was the difference between the Webb School sisters as Calysta posted a 17:09.7 time and Jazzlyn a 17:10.2. It had to be a finish the two seniors will never forget.

Ava Moody, an Anderson County senior, placed third at 18:17.5 – over a minute behind the Garmers in the Metro Knoxville CC event.

Webb senior Carolina Areheart came in fourth at 18:29.2 and Cumberland County's Caylin Hale rounded out the Top 5.

A pair of freshmen had their own race as CAK's Emery Adams nipped Grace Christian's Sophie Lee with a time of 20:01.0 to Lee's 20:01.7 to take 10th place.

Completing the Top 15 runners were Farragut senior Christie George, Webb freshman Gideon Bradford, Farragut junior Zoi Lecours and Farragut sophomore Addison Haynes.

Webb no doubt took the team crown with 41 points, while the Lady Admirals were runners-up with 80 points. Also in the Top 5 were Maryville (133), Daniel Boone (160) and Alcoa (165).

There were 185 runners and 18 teams in the girls' race.

Taking top individual honors in the boys' meet was Greeneville junior Trey Bailey, who was clocked in 15:30.9 over the 5,000 meters.

West senior Nicholas Burke led the Knox County contingent with a fourth place time of 16:11.7. Chase Temples, a Farragut



Webb School twins Calysta Garmer (right) and Jazzlyn (left) head to the finish line in the Cherokee Classic. Both broke the course record of 17:15 set by CAK product Rebecca Story, who went on to run at Stanford. They also beat the meet record of 17:23 set by Jenna Hutchins of Science Hill who is currently running at BYU and is an All-American

sophomore, came in sixth at 16:28.4. Also in the Top 10 were Central junior Parson Campen in ninth at 16:43.2 and Farragut junior Andrew Cabaniss at 16:47.8.

David Gaston of Webb and Tyson Ebbert of Farragut were in the Top 15.

Daniel Boone, led by third place finisher senior Fisher Battel with a time of 16:01.9, prevailed in the boys' team competition with 53 points. The Top 5 also included Farragut (76), Maryville (118), Alcoa (152) and Volunteer (179).

The boys' field included 243 runners and 26 teams.

NEXT ON SCHEDULE: The Norris Dam Invitational at Lake City will be held Saturday, Sept. 20.

Knoxville Smokies' Tyranski

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The 28-year old left-handed reliever was activated by the Smokies on July 4 and has had a good season on the mound, compiling a 4-3 record and six saves. His stats also include 56 strikeouts in 55.2 innings, a 2.43 ERA and a 1.11 WHIP.

Knoxville went 5-1 against the Rocket City Trash Pandas in its final homestand of the season and was 33-29 overall.

The Smokies, Double-A

affiliates of the Chicago Cubs, were scheduled to wrap up their final week of the season on the road at Montgomery Sunday.

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HALLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS' ROAD TO FAME (cont.)

Seventh class to be inducted Friday prior to football game

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Amanda Haynes Comparato never made an error when she played softball at Halls High School back in the 1990s. Yep, she had a 1,000 percent fielding average! And of course the former Lady Red Devil was a four-time recipient of the Golden Glove Award.

Amanda did make an error in her four years at first base at Lincoln Memorial University and finished with a .988 fielding average. She was human after all!

"She adjusted quickly to the college game and positively impacted the teams she played with every time she walked on the field," said longtime LMU coach Ritchie Richardson. "Her high energy and enthusiasm, great attitude, and mental and physical toughness were characteristics she brought with her from Halls High School."

Comparato was a 3-time All-KIL and All-Region player plus 2-time All-State at Halls.

She ranked fifth in LMU history with 31 homeruns, eighth in RBI (109) and ninth in hits (182). A four-year starter for the Railsplitters, she earned All-Gulf South Conference honors three times.

Amanda also was an All-Academic performer all four years in college. She received the B. Frank Turner Award for the most distinguished combination



Amanda Haynes
Comparato



Dale Rutherford



Jake Mynatt



David Wayland

amenities, new batting cages, and updated football safety equipment.

1986 was a special year for Wayland

Coaching Halls High's 1986 boys' state champion golf team ranks as the highest achievement on David Wayland's list in a busy career that included coaching golf 18 years, football 11 years, baseball four years and wrestling four years.

Wayland also was named the state's Golf Coach of the Year.

As a high school athlete himself, David lettered three years in football and baseball (1959-1961).

After high school, he played football and wrestled at Maryville College three years.

Wayland also served in the U.S. Army in Europe from 1966-1969. He earned his Master's degree at UT-Knoxville in 1974.

In addition to his state title team at Halls, he had four regional championship teams and six district champion teams.

Wayland's 18-year match record was 362 wins and 131 losses.

Dave also had success in girls' golf with a regional champion team in 1987 that placed eighth at state. His 1988 girls team was region champs and sixth at state. He had one state individual qualifier in 1991 and one in 1997.

of athletic performance, academic success, and community involvement.

She was inducted into the LMU athletes' Hall of Fame in 2018.

Rutherford became a big supporter of Halls athletics

Dale Rutherford grew up in Jefferson County, but spent most of his life in the Halls community and was a fan of Halls High.

He played football at Maury High, a small school which consolidated with Dandridge, Jefferson, Rush Strong and White Pine to form Jefferson County High School in the 1975.

Dale went on to play quarterback at Carson-Newman College and is in the C-N Hall of Fame. He also played baseball for the Eagles.

Rutherford got into teaching and coached football at Gibbs High School.

He moved to Halls and sold sporting goods out of his car and then opened

Dale's Sports in Halls in 1985.

He serviced the Halls Community Park and Halls High for over 30 years with his wife Teresa, who also worked in the store.

If you were at a Halls game in any sport, you would likely see him in the stands. And for many years he ran the clock for the Halls basketball games.

Rutherford was a huge supporter of Halls athletics at all levels. If your team needed a sign for their field or an ad for their program, you could count on him to buy one. If a kid couldn't afford a glove or a pair of cleats, Dale would make sure that kid got them although most people didn't know about that.

Rutherford, who passed away this year on April 7 at age 77, will always be remembered fondly by his family and many friends.

It is with gratitude for his service to Halls that he will be inducted into the Halls High School Road to Fame. To accept on behalf of Dale at the induction will be his wife Teresa and son Russ.

Mynatt continues giving to Halls' youth and community

The awards Jake Mynatt earned through his playing days as a football player were probably enough to get him nominated for Halls High's Road to Fame, but he didn't want to stop there.

A three-year letterman, Mynatt's awards got more impressive his junior and senior years. He earned All-Region and All-KFL honors as a junior and senior and also received honorable mention on the All-State team as a junior.

In his senior campaign in 2004, Jake made the Class 4A All-State team and was named Old Spice Player of the Year.

Mynatt signed a football scholarship with Austin Peay State University as a running back and played at APSU as a strong safety, free safety, and kick returner.

Over 15 years past his playing days, Mynatt has been using his passion for

sports and his skills as a leader to help build up the youth of the Halls community. He is continuing in the footsteps of his father, John Mynatt (Halls High Class of 1974), who was also heavily involved in coaching baseball and basketball in the community.

Jake has a heart for helping each youth athlete he encounters to become the best that they can be on the field and off the field. He instills kindness, compassion, a teamwork attitude, and fun in the kids he coaches.

People like Jake are invaluable to the betterment of the community. By ensuring that these children are accepted and given the opportunity to be a part of a team, they will develop not only athletic skills, but social and life skills as well.

Jake has also helped restore the Halls Community Park by hosting park clean-up days. Under his leadership, the funds for the park were also increased to \$100,000 in a single year which allowed the purchase of new scoreboards, new bathroom





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