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The Ijams Enchanted Forest will welcome families and children to enjoy seasonal crafts, games, and activities; meet Ijams' animal ambassadors; and explore the magic of the forest Oct. 25.

Celebrate the Magic of Autumn at the Third Annual Hallo-Week at Ijams

As the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, Ijams Nature Center invites the community to step into a season of enchantment, wonder, and fun during the third annual Hallo-Week at Ijams. From Oct. 21 to Oct. 30, Ijams will host a wide variety of festive, family-friendly programs from haunted hikes and nocturnal paddles to spooky stories and trick-or-treat adventures in an enchanted forest.

Hallo-Week is designed to combine nature, imagination, and community to celebrate the season. Whether you're a lifelong nature lover or simply seeking autumn excitement, there's something for every age and interest.

Each event requires its own ticket, and spots are limited. To view the

full schedule and event descriptions, and to purchase tickets, please visit ijams.org/hallo-week-at-ijams.

Featured Events

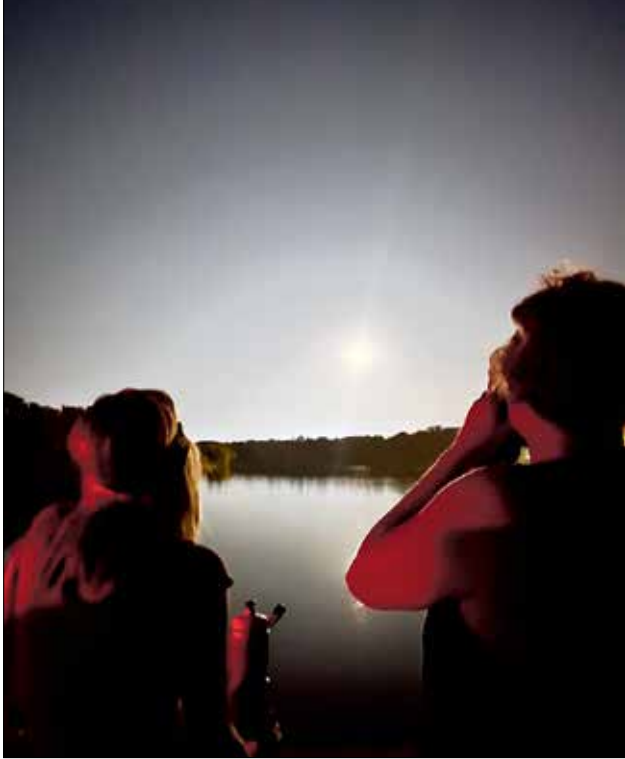
Oct. 21 - Spooky Poetry Slam (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Join the Knoxville Poetry Slam and Ijams for a hauntingly fun night of haikus, poems, sonnets, and more at the Spooky Poetry Slam!

Oct. 22 - Welcome Home: Celebrating the Ijams Bat House (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Celebrate the newest pad on the block, the Ijams Bat House! Groups will take a short, guided walk to reach the bat house atop the former Mead's Quarry lime kilns and enjoy a program there. This new structure has the capacity

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Whether paddling on the water or hiking the trails, spending time at Ijams after dark offers opportunities to explore and learn about the night sky while searching for plants, animals, and geologic features.

Songwriters to perform Oct. 14 at library's Fountain City Music Festival

The annual "Fountain City Music Festival," a free concert featuring members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association, will begin at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road.

KSA president Larry Cope said members of the group will perform original songs and tell the stories behind them. "We're grateful to the Fountain City Library for hosting our weekly meetings and for this opportunity to share our music with the community," he said.

The Knoxville Songwriters Association meets each Tuesday in the library's community room. The group has a jam session at 5 p.m., followed by a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. that includes, song critiques, music news updates and speakers and continuing



Performers at last year's music festival in the Fountain City Library included (from left) Danny Hutchins, band leader for the late Charley Pride, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame; KSA past president Randy Ott; Mark Ott; Crystal Brooks; and Sherri Powell.

education activities.

KSA's annual membership dues are \$30 (\$15 for writers under 21 years of age. Prospective members are welcome to attend two

meetings at no cost to jam, have a song critiqued, and get to know other songwriters.

Over the years, KSA members have included

Kim Williams, who was selected to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and others who have written hits in country, bluegrass, and gospel music.

Could Affordable Housing Fund benefit from proposed sales tax increase?

By Mike Steely

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If the sales tax increase referendum passes in the November election, the city is considering designating about \$10 million of the additional revenue, or 22%, to the Knoxville Affordable Housing Fund. The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is asking the city council to approve the possible additional funds when it meets on Tuesday.

The council will also consider accepting a proposal from HealthEquity to oversee the city's Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Reimbursement Account Administration for an annual \$76,650. The council may approve applying for \$250,000 from the state for a Transportation Planning Grant with a \$25,000 local match; the funding would go toward a signal system evaluation and optimization plan for Kingston Pike.

Cannon & Cannon Inc. may be contracted for \$55,000 to augment the city's Transportation Engineering Division. Gay Street may see CDM Smith Inc. contracted for a traffic impact study at its bridge for \$96,100.

CDM Smith Inc. may also be hired for professional

engineering design services for the Fort Sanders Neighborhood-Tyson Park Connection Greenway Project. The city may enter into an agreement with the state for property located under the James White Bridge and Hall of Fame Drive in an annual agreement of \$149,000.

Various zoning changes are also before the council, including 305 West Vine Avenue moving to a Downtown Boulevard Subdistrict designation. Property at 6109 Creekhead Drive may move from AG agricultural to RN-1 residential. A new general commercial rezoning is requested for 140 West Baxter, which is currently RN-2 residential.

A residential zone change, from RN-1 to RN-2 residential, is requested for 3415 Harvey Drive. Six lots on Ball Camp Pike may change from RN-1 to RN-2 residential. Property at 2019 Middlebrook Pike may move from industrial mixed-use to highway commercial.

Another residential property, 4879 Chambliss Avenue, may move from RN-4 to neighborhood commercial and 962 North Gallaher View Road could revert to its previous commercial zoning.

District 3 council candidates answer Focus questions

By Mike Steely

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Third District Knoxville City Councilwoman Seema Singh is term-limited, and two candidates will face each other for her seat in the general election on Nov. 3rd. Early voting starts Wednesday and runs until October 30.

The Knoxville Focus asked the candidates, Doug Lloyd and Frank Ramey, four questions, and their replies are verbatim below.

Should city council races be by political party?

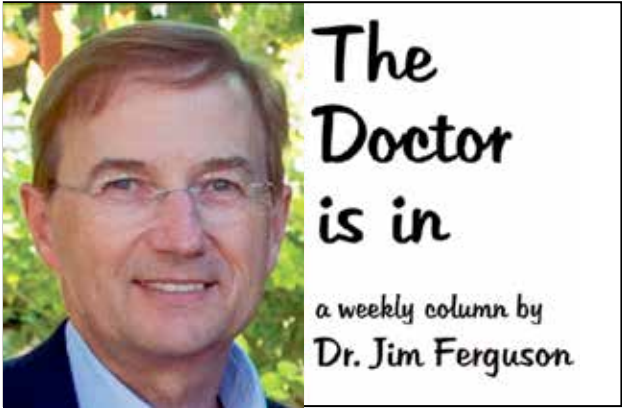
Doug Lloyd: I think so. When I decided to run, I insisted that I declare my party affiliation. I have no reason to hide it.

Frank Ramey: No. City Council is about neighborhoods, not national politics. These races should stay nonpartisan so candidates can focus on real local issues like infrastructure, safety, housing, and smart growth, not party talking points.

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The age of Trump has crushed the extreme left's utopian dreams - and the left has responded with pathological behavior.

Martin Gurri

The progressive socialist Democrats still refuse to take their medicine and abandon their unpopular policies. And as the truth comes out about the Schumer Shutdown, the sombrero just keeps getting bigger. The latest poll shows that 70% of Americans oppose the government shutdown and 65% say Democrats should accept the Republican's "clean CR" (continuing resolution). After all, Schumer and Dems have always voted for CRs to keep the government open while budget negotiations are ongoing.

The problem for Schumer is that he's in political trouble. The radical progressive socialist base that has taken over the Democrat party is demanding that

votes with healthcare.

The Dems say, "it's not happening" (that millions of illegals are getting healthcare, as they fill up ERs). Or, "it happens, but it's rare." (Then why is the wait time for emergency evaluation so long?) And lastly, "it's happening, but it's for the best" (that Americans take on the responsibilities of the world).

I realize that the truth is hard to come by these days. Consequently, I recommend Ferguson's axiom: "read widely, think carefully and sift everything through your own observations and common sense. This will bring you closer to the truth."

Philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer said that all truth goes through three stages: First it is ridiculed. Then it is violently opposed. Finally, it is accepted as being self-evident. The legacy media and Democrats are ignoring, rejecting or trying to suppress the truth about the harm that 15 million illegals have caused our country. As President Trump told the United Nations, it is noble that the nations of the world help those less blessed. But bringing the problems and people of the world into America or Europe is a recipe for disaster. Trump was right, again.

In my life I've embraced many creeds. I was christened as a baby in the

Presbyterian church and later confirmed. Then I went to college and became "so enlightened" that I didn't need God. That foolishness continued in medical school where I was doing fine academically, but the rest of my life wasn't working.

A Christian friend challenged me with logic, "Jim, since what you're doing isn't working, come to church with me." That was a turning point for me and ushered in my revival. The Prodigal came to his senses, changed course, was saved and rebaptized. And in short order the Lord brought Becky into my life and the rest is history. I tell people I was elected, sprinkled, lost, found, saved, dunked and now I'm blessed with the "cord of three" (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

Frankly, I don't know how people can survive without a spiritual perspective. To think that the universe of billions of galaxies just happened is utter foolishness, a concept the ancient Greeks called hubris. "But wait!" There is even more. The Creation extends to the quantum realm as well, which underpins all matter and energy from quarks to quasars.

I consider myself a devout Christian but no longer a denominational Christian. I was once a Methodist and admire the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. His Rule of Life: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

I now worship at Sevier Heights church. The sermons are thought provoking, the music is impactful and I love my Sunday School class. And each Sunday evening the church provides the 3rd largest college program in the country. Charlie Kirk would be proud. I went through a revival as a young adult and I hope others will find the Way, the Truth and the Life.

There have always been challenges to the faith. Charlie Kirk understood this in his campus ministry. Jesus and Paul understood that there would be consequences for returning to Jerusalem and challenging the elitist hierarchy. Similarly, President Trump challenged the Washington establishment and has suffered lawfare, vilification and two assassination attempts. There are encouraging signs that America is undergoing revival.

I began this essay by quoting Martin Gurri from his October 7 piece in the New York Post. Gurri said "We must resist the moral rot that has the left cheering for the death of its opponents." In the piece Mr. Gurri wrote of the murdered Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutskaya, children shot at Mass in

a Minneapolis school, the insurance executive assassinated in Manhattan, illegals shot at an ICE facility, young Israeli employees gunned down in Washington and, of course, the murder of Charlie Kirk.

How quickly we forget these heinous crimes and the depraved who cheered these crimes from the sidelines of their pathetic lives. The Democrat party is full of these delusional, depraved psychos. It is no longer the party of your parents; that no longer exists.

Sometimes I feel my efforts are insufficient to oppose the scourge that has come upon our country. I live in and write this column in relative safety. Would I be so bold if faced with consequences like Charlie Kirk or President Trump? Granted, I am an average fish in a small pond and not a target. But we've seen how the lawfare of the government can destroy the lives of everyday citizens.

Like Hamas the modern progressive socialist Democrat party has embraced perverse ideology and has become delusional and dangerous. They must be defeated locally, statewide and nationally to protect citizens and communities. We must be courageous, vote and resist the devilish forces of evil.

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50-50 Parenting Schedule and Still Owing Child Support

By Jedidiah McKeethan
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Many parents assume that if they share custody of their child equally—meaning each parent has the child half of the time—then no one will owe child support. That sounds logical, right? If both parents have the child the same amount of time, then both are doing their fair share.

But in Tennessee, a 50/50 parenting plan does not automatically eliminate child support obligations. That might come as a surprise, and it often does to parents going through custody cases.

In Tennessee, parenting time is

typically laid out in a Permanent Parenting Plan. This plan sets the schedule and assigns "days" to each parent, which the court refers to as "days of residential parenting time"—not hours. So, if the child sleeps overnight at a parent's house, that usually counts as a day. A 50/50 split generally means each parent has the child for 182.5 days out of the year.

Child support in Tennessee is not determined by parenting time alone. The state uses a formula-based system called the Income Shares Model, which considers the gross monthly income of both parents, the number of overnight days each parent has, the cost

of health insurance premiums and work-related childcare, and whether either parent is supporting other children.

Even in a 50/50 arrangement, if one parent earns significantly more than the other, the higher-earning parent may still owe child support to the other parent. This is because Tennessee law assumes that children are entitled to benefit from the financial resources of both parents—not just the time spent with them.

Let's say Parent A makes \$90,000 a year and Parent B makes \$35,000. Even with an exactly equal parenting schedule, the child's standard of living would be very different between

households if support were not adjusted. In that situation, Parent A may still be ordered to pay child support to Parent B to balance out the financial support the child receives.

If both parents make roughly the same income and the parenting time is truly 50/50, then child support may be minimal or even zero. But this is the exception, not the rule. And remember: even a small income difference can lead to a support obligation.

Do not assume that equal parenting time means zero child support. In Tennessee, child support is based on more than just time—it is about income, expenses, and ensuring the child's needs

are met in both homes. If you are considering a 50/50 parenting plan or think your current child support amount is unfair based on how much time you have with your child, speak with an attorney. A legal review of your situation using the state's child support worksheet can help determine what is fair and lawful.

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Publisher's Positions



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In The City: Here A Tax, There A Tax, Everywhere A Tax

Residents of the City of Knoxville need to make a point to vote in the coming election. Not only are five seats on the city council up for election but perhaps the most important thing on the ballot is a proposed increase in the sales tax. The sales tax inside the city limits is already creeping up to just under 10%. That means Knoxville residents are paying ten cents on every dollar they spend for groceries, entertainment, clothing and every other necessity of life. The proposed 22% increase in the city's portion of the sales tax comes after Mayor Indy Kincannon convinced the city council to raise property taxes by 40%.

The city council people who voted for it, and that was quite nearly all of them, and Kincannon try to justify their tax increases by blabbering about "affordable housing." The question is affordable for WHO? If Knoxville is

supposed to continue building apartments on every parcel of scrub left within the city limits, all of which are intended to be subsidized by the taxpayers for others who pay little or no taxes, that is not a sustainable model. Eventually, it will drive out the elderly and middle-class residents of the city, which is exactly what has happened in "blue" cities all across the country. If anyone has ever accused Indy Kincannon of being smart, I am unaware of it and would question their own intelligence. When governments increase property taxes, it increases rents and mortgages for everyone. Except, perhaps, those living in subsidized housing. That makes housing less affordable for working families and seniors.

Most of the members of the city council and Kincannon herself have shown zero interest in working families like the great majority of their fellow Democrats. If any readers have ever watched any of the budget hearings, all you'll hear is the need for more spending. What you will never hear is any council member or Kincannon worry about trimming back spending. The city government operates no school system, no libraries and its services are pretty much limited to police and fire protection, as well as garbage pickup. Following the 40% property tax increase, the first thing Kincannon did was cut back services by ordering the Knoxville Police Department to no

longer go to the scenes of accidents unless an ambulance is called. That raises insurance rates for most drivers.

Yet they have a constant need for money because the City of Knoxville has gotten into spending on woke initiatives like violence interrupters, social workers armed with fly swats. Unlike the county employees, except those of the sheriff, retired city employees enjoy a defined benefit package, which is where the second tax increase went under Kincannon's mentor, Madeline Rogero. The city government is seeking to raise taxes about every two or three years. Knox County, which does operate the school system and provides a much bigger array of services, hasn't raised property taxes in nearly 30 years.

Councilman Andrew Roberto, who has always been delighted to follow Kincannon's lead and voted to raise property taxes 40%, was the first to jump ship on the proposed sales tax increase. Roberto said the Kincannon administration was sketchy on the details of how the resulting revenue would be spent. That seemed to never have bothered him before. Most likely, Roberto, who would very much like to be elected mayor after Kincannon is term-limited, has finally come to what remains of his senses and wants one less hurdle to jump.

As council member Debbie Helsley jumped ship on Kincannon's plan

for Chilhowee Park, it gives hope that the city council will come to life and exhibit a mind of its own. That, of course, would be a minor miracle.

If you like paying more in taxes and having the cost of everything go up even more, stay on your couch and complain after the election is over. If, on the other hand, you want to send a message to city hall, march to the polls just to vote "NO" and tell them to stop giving your money to other people who didn't work for it. That's worth 30 minutes of your time any day of the week.

Democrats And The Deep State Need To Be Held Accountable

News that Jack Smith, the special prosecutor for the Biden Department of Justice, allegedly spied on nine Republicans in Congress, including both of Tennessee's US senators, can't really surprise anyone who watched his "investigation." Smith evidently had ordered tracking of the telephone calls and private communications of nine congressional Republicans, including Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty. Supposedly, Smith ordered the surveillance as part of his January 6 investigation. A released document shows Smith and his "Arctic Frost" team were allegedly tracking the telephone calls of Senators Blackburn, Hagerty, Ron Johnson of

Wisconsin, Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, Josh Hawley of Missouri, Dan Sullivan of Alaska, Tommy Tuberville of Alabama and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, as well as Congressman Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania.

The Obama administration authorized spying on then-candidate Donald Trump's campaign in 2016. The corporate media laughed at the very idea and treated the accusation as nothing less than abject nuttury, just like they did over the issue with Hunter Biden's laptop.

Officials who misuse the law to harass and persecute their political opponents need to be held accountable. It is past time to prosecute these people, including Jack Smith, if he has abused his power. The Democrats who are squalling about the weaponization of the Justice Department loved it when it was directed at Republicans, conservatives, and Donald Trump. They chanted over and over again, no one is above the law. They have also amply demonstrated they believe nobody is above the law except themselves and anybody who hates Trump.

Following the assassination of Charlie Kirk, it is especially heinous to hear any candidate for public office - specifically a candidate for attorney general for the state of Virginia, Jay Jones - say he would rather kill a political opponent rather than Hitler or Pol Pot, two of the most evil people in history. Were that not

bad enough, to raise the vision of then wishing that same man's small children dead so their mother could see it is nothing less than sickly twisted. Yet, not a single Democrat has called for Jay Jones to quit or drop out. Imagine for a moment if any Republican candidate had said that about any member of the other party. It would cause corporate media to lose their collective minds, and you can bet your bottom dollar the media would consider the statements disqualifying. Abigail Spanberger, the Democrat running for governor of Virginia, said she gave Jones a "stern" talking to. Would that suffice for any Republican who had made such terrible and disqualifying statements? Of course not. Spanberger has been campaigning, telling her audiences to let "your rage fuel you." Then we wonder why there is political violence in our country.

These are the same people who claim words are violence. Once again, they have proven that misinformation, disinformation, hate speech and words are violent only when they don't like who spoke them. They can say any hellish thing they want and it is justifiable because it is spoken about a political opponent or someone they deem dispensable because they don't share the same beliefs. It is well for all of us to remember the old adage about living by the sword.

It's now up to you to stand up for victims' rights

Voters will consider a constitutional amendment in 2026

When someone becomes the victim of a crime, their world changes in an instant. In those moments, they need compassion, clarity and a justice system that truly sees and hears them.



By Elaine Davis
State Representative

The law is named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, a college student who was stalked and murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 1983 while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Our partners in law enforcement and our justice system work hard to support victims. But still, too often, victims and their families feel overlooked. They may not know their rights or what comes next and are left with more questions than answers.

For those already carrying the weight of trauma, gaps in communication and support can make a painful journey even more isolating.

We have a responsibility to ensure every victim is treated with dignity and respect.

That's why I was proud to co-sponsor Marsy's Law, a proposed amendment to the Tennessee State Constitution that establishes clear and enforceable protections for crime victims. Voters will have the opportunity to make these protections permanent when they go to the polls in 2026.

Marsy's Law is part of a nationwide effort to support crime victims and prevent further trauma.

One week after her death, as her family was walking back from her funeral, they ran into her killer who had unknowingly been released on bail.

This constitutional amendment seeks to ensure traumatic experiences like this never happen to victims in Tennessee.

Tennesseans in 1998 stepped up to enshrine the Tennessee Crime Victim's Bill of Rights in the state constitution.

That was an important step forward, but we've found over the last two decades that some of those protections were too vague and difficult to enforce.

Marsy's Law strengthens and expands those rights by making them clear, consistent, and legally enforceable across the state. It outlines thirteen specific rights that must be upheld at every stage of the legal process.

These rights include being notified of criminal proceedings, having the

opportunity to be heard at those proceedings as well as hearings related to the offender's release or parole. Victims must also be notified if the offender is released, transferred or escapes.

One of the new protections includes the right to have the safety of the victim, the victim's family and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgement release decision is made.

This law also protects victims from any harassment, intimidation and abuse throughout the criminal justice system, including reasonable protection from the accused.

At its core, Marsy's Law is about protecting victims and ensuring their voices are heard. But it's also about something bigger: creating a justice system that helps prevent future harm by empowering those most affected.

When victims understand their rights are protected, they are more likely to speak up, stay engaged and help bring offenders to justice.

That kind of participation strengthens accountability, builds trust in the system and can help prevent future crimes.

Supporting victims doesn't just address the trauma of the past; it's also a powerful way to protect others in the future. That's why making Marsy's Law a permanent part of our state constitution is so important.

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NEW BEVERLY PRESENTS



Sunday, October 19

Rev. Hollie Miller

Rev. Hollie Miller, who pastored Sevier Heights Baptist Church for over 30 years, will be preaching at New Beverly on Sunday, October 19 at the 11:00 AM service. You don't want to miss hearing from this man of God!



Jimbo Whaley and Greenbrier

Jimbo Whaley and his band, Greenbrier, will be back at New Beverly on Sunday, October 19 at 6:00 PM. Don't miss the great music and great fun with Jimbo and this very talented group of musicians.



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Knoxville Expo Center will be closed first four days of early voting

Expo Center will be closed the first four days of early voting; voting will begin there on Monday, October 20

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Knoxville Expo Center early voting location will not be open the first four days of early voting for the 2025 City of Knoxville Regular Election.

The Expo Center, located at 5441 Clinton Highway, will open on Monday, October 20, 2025 and will operate on a regular schedule for the remainder of early voting.

Beginning Monday, October 20, the Expo Center's hours will be consistent with normal early voting hours for this election, which are:

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| Monday, October 20 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 21 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 22 | 12 noon – 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 23 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Friday, October 24 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 25 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 26 | CLOSED |
| Monday, October 27 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 28 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 29 | 12 noon – 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 30 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. |

For more information on the November 4, 2025 election, including a full schedule of early voting days, times, and locations, visit www.knoxvotes.org or call the Knox County Election Commission at 865-215-2480.

District 3 council candidates answer Focus questions

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Do you favor the .2 percent sales tax increase?

Lloyd: Absolutely Not.
Ramey: At this point, I've not been convinced to support it. I appreciate the intent behind the proposal, but I have concerns about its structure, long-term impact on working families, and lack of detailed, binding implementation plans.

Pick one city committee on which you might like to serve.

Lloyd: The KAT committee.
Ramey: I'd like to serve on the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Executive Board. I'm particularly interested in how we improve roads, sidewalks, and stormwater systems—things that directly affect quality of life and safety in



Doug Lloyd *Frank Ramey*

our neighborhoods.

What is your opinion of the current city administration?

Lloyd: They are too liberal leaning for my taste, also very lacking in communication's skills.
Ramey: I appreciate the efforts the current administration has made in areas like housing, public safety, and long-term planning. That said, I believe there's room to improve how we engage the public, prioritize spending, and follow through on key infrastructure needs, and that's what I'd bring to the table.

It's now up to you to stand up for victims' rights

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Amending the state's constitution requires broad support and careful consideration from both lawmakers and voters.

Constitutional amendments require approval by two separate bodies of the Tennessee General Assembly before they are brought to voters for a final decision.

Marsy's Law received its first approval from the 1113th General Assembly and then its second in April from the 114th General Assembly.

It passed unanimously this year with bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. Shockingly, five Democrats in the Tennessee Senate voted 'No' to protections for

victims.
Now, it's up to you. Marsy's Law will appear on the Nov. 3, 2026, ballot alongside two other constitutional amendments.
A 'yes' vote will ensure that victims' rights are permanently protected in the Volunteer State.
Together, we can make sure no victim in Tennessee is left unheard or unprotected.
Elaine Davis represents District 18 in the Tennessee House of Representatives which includes part of Knox County. She serves as vice chair of the Judiciary Committee and is a member of the Transportation Committee, Ethics Committee, Private Acts Committee and Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Celebrate the Magic of Autumn at the Third Annual Hallo-Week at Ijams

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to house a colony of more than 100,000 Mexican free-tailed bats!

Oct. 23 - A Haunted History of Ijams Hike (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Every landscape carries its stories, and some are darker than others. Step into the shadows of Ijams for a guided hike that blends natural beauty with spine-tingling history.

Oct. 23 - Evening Paddle (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Get ready for a relaxed trip on the Tennessee River under the beautiful night sky! Join Ijams naturalists for this two-hour, guided paddle to uncover the secrets of the Tennessee River after dark and learn about the sky while searching for plants, animals, and geologic features.

Oct. 24 - Spooky Trivia (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Join Ijams for a trivia night inspired by the spookiness of the Halloween season. From deadly fungi and chilling folklore to creepy crawlies and creatures of the night, you won't believe what's out there.

Oct. 25 - Ijams Enchanted Forest (3:00-8:00 p.m.)

Dress up in your costume



Autumn is a time of change and movement. The hooded warbler is a long-distance migrant that stops in East Tennessee on its way to winter in Central and South America. This individual was caught at the Ijams bird banding station.

and get ready for a night of tricks and (lots of) treats in the Ijams Enchanted Forest! You'll enjoy seasonal crafts, games, and activities; meet some animal ambassadors; and nab some tasty treats!

Oct. 26 - Fall Foliage Hike (1:00-2:30 p.m.)

Enjoy the changing colors of nature with an Ijams naturalist this fall! You'll discover the secrets of autumn, identifying

and learning about various wildflowers, birds, and other organisms that emerge during this bustling season.

Oct. 26 - A Haunted History of Ijams Hike (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Every landscape carries its stories, and some are darker than others. Step into the shadows of Ijams for a guided hike that blends natural beauty with spine-tingling history.

Oct. 28 - A Night of Scary Stories (7:00-8:30 p.m.)

Enjoy an evening of scary, silly, and haunted tales told by members of the Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association!

Oct. 29 - Spooky Night Bike (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Experience the natural wonders of Knoxville's Will Skelton Greenway by biking through Ijams, Island Home Park, and Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area. You'll learn the history of Island Home and the Tennessee River, and observe flora and fauna at stops along the way.

Oct. 30 - Ijams After Dark (7:30-9:30 p.m.)

Discover Ijams after dark during this experiential adventure! You'll meet one of Ijams' nocturnal animal ambassadors before taking a fun-filled, guided night hike on the trails to witness and identify moths and other critters attracted to black light stations.

Ijams' grounds and trails are open every day from 8:00 a.m. until dusk. For more information, visit Ijams.org or call 865-577-4717.



Notice of Early Voting

City of Knoxville Regular Election

October 15th - 30th, 2025

LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays:
10 am - 6 pm

Wednesdays (October 15, 22, 29):
12 pm - 7 pm

Saturdays:
10 am – 2 pm

Closed Sunday

City-County Building
Main floor across from Circuit Court Division I
400 Main St.
(NOTE: This location will open at 8 am on Saturday, October 25)

Downtown West
1645 Downtown West Blvd., Unit 40

Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points
2410 Martin Luther King Ave.
(Next to the Love Kitchen)

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Highway
(NOTE: This location is closed the first four days of early voting and will open on Monday, October 20.)

New Harvest Park
4775 New Harvest Lane

Meridian Baptist Church
6513 Chapman Highway
(This location closes at 5 pm on Wednesdays)

SAMPLE BALLOT

CITY OF KNOXVILLE REGULAR ELECTION

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1
Vote for One (1)

☐ Karyn Adams

☐ Becky Jones

☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2
Vote for One (1)

☐ Nathan Honeycutt

☐ Melody Watts

☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3
Vote for One (1)

☐ Doug Lloyd

☐ Frank Ramey

☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4
Vote for One (1)

☐ Matthew DeBardelaben

☐ Jeff Talman

☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6
Vote for One (1)

☐ Denzel Grant

☐ Stan Johnson

☐ Write-in

CITY OF KNOXVILLE SALES TAX REFERENDUM
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?

☐ FOR

☐ AGAINST

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Saturday, October 18: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, October 25: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
www.knoxvotes.org

9/11 hero to be remembered at Scout fundraiser

By Mike Steely
Senior Writer
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Welles Remy Crowther is remembered for his heroism following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. He is remembered for the red bandana he wore across his face while rescuing people from the South Tower before losing his own life. He carried one

injured woman on his back and led others to safety through smoke and darkness again and again.

On Thursday, October 30, his mother Alison will speak at this year's Leadership in Action Dinner, an evening of leadership and inspiration to benefit the Great Smoky Mountain Council of Scouting. The 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Bistro by the Tracks is

promised to be an "unforgettable evening."

"I had the privilege of getting to know Alison when she visited Webb School to speak at our graduation this past year. Angelia and I were deeply moved by her strength and grace, and we were honored to invite her back to Knoxville for this special evening," Hugh Nystrom, an Eagle Scout, told The Focus.

"This dinner is more than a gathering; it is a chance for our community to come together, to reflect, and to be inspired by a story that challenges us all to lead with courage and compassion, just as Welles did," Nystrom added.

Tickets range from \$300 per couple to \$5,000 per table and are available online at <https://scoutingevent.com/557-25LIA>.



Alison Crowther, pictured with her son's red bandana, will speak at the Great Smoky Mountain Council of Scouting this month. Welles Crowther saved at least 18 lives, but lost his own during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Visit Loudon during October for history and ghosts

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Loudon County's seat, appropriately named Loudon, is an interesting place to visit, especially during October. Around town are several historic and unique buildings, places and people.

Bo Carey, a descendant of the founding Greer family and owner of Greer's Furniture, may be best known as a tour guide and storyteller. Carey leads groups around the historic town, and during October, the "Ghost Tour" turns into

a Halloween adventure.

Loudon developed from Cherokee lands and originally was a Native American village. The Steekee Cemetery played an important part in that dispute between the founding families and the Native Americans. The cemetery was the site of a Cherokee village and burial ground. The ferry transported travelers across the Tennessee River from the north side to the Cherokee settlement in what is now Loudon.

The oldest structure still standing in Loudon is probably the two-story brick building known as either the Blair's Ferry or Pathkiller Storehouse. No matter the name, it is one of the earliest commercial buildings, though it is unclear who actually built and owned the historic building.

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Loudon's Bo Carey leads a group of visitors on one of his historic walks around the county seat and during October he tells ghost stories about the various places.

Annual Spirits of Old Gray returns Sunday, Oct. 26

Cemetery tours, Knoxville history, food and fun!

Established in 1850, Old Gray Cemetery, one of the oldest garden cemeteries in Tennessee, is pleased to announce the return of its famous annual "Spirits" event!

Take a peaceful, leisurely stroll among the aged, shady trees on the historic property of Old Gray Cemetery at 543 North Broadway Street in Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 26, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy live reenactors telling the tales of those buried there as well as guided tours, food trucks, bagpipe music, and other vendors. Learn about the area's precious history in

a unique way. A wonderful experience for any age or physical ability.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and under age 10 is free. Cash or credit cards are welcome.

No reservations, come rain or shine!

Parking is available at St. John's Lutheran Church, Volunteer Ministries Center and other nearby parking lots.

Old Gray Cemetery is a non-profit organization and arboretum that maintains and promotes this historical area.

For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/oldgraycemetery or www.oldgraycemetery.org/spirits-of-old-gray, or email: info@oldgraycemetery.org.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful announces 2025 Orchid Awards nominees, ticket sales

Keep Knoxville Beautiful's 46th annual Orchids Awards is set for November 5th at The Knoxville Museum of Art. Since 1979, Keep Knoxville Beautiful has presented Orchids Beautification Awards to Knoxville and Knox County buildings, public art, and outdoor spaces that beautify and elevate the local landscape.

In addition to traditional categories such as New Architecture, Redesign/Reuse, Outdoor Space, and Public Art, Keep Knoxville Beautiful will highlight the accomplishments and sustainable efforts of valuable volunteers, community partners, and green organizations.

Judges consider the aesthetic properties of

projects, but also their impact on the community and sustainable practices.

The nominees for the 2025 Orchids Beautification Awards are:

Outdoor Space

- French Broad Veterans Memorial Park
- Lakeshore Park Pavilions
- Lin Christenberry Marsh

- Gardens at Lakeshore Park
- UTK Regional Stormwater Park
- Xul Brewing Company

Public Art

- ECO-Scape Imaginings
- KnoxWalls at Emory Place
- Mural at Cal Johnson Community Center
- Pier 865 at Cradle of Country Music Park

New Architecture

- Covenant Health Park
- First Creek at Austin Phase 2
- The Lawson Family Foundation Offices
- Liberty Place
- Lululemon Store
- Sunsphere Welcome Center
- UTIA Agriculture & Natural

Resources Building

Redesign/Reuse

- Farragut Town Hall Interior Renovations
- Fort Sanders Market & Liquor
- The Gateway - Metro Drug Coalition
- Historic Rule House

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In the late morning, I arrived at the dermatologist's office for my yearly full-body exam. I warned Danielle, the person I always see, that she might want to eat lunch before getting an eyeful of my old body. She laughed and replied that she could tough it out. Then she proceeded to freeze places on my forehead, neck, shoulders and chest. For good measure, she took a sample of another spot on my back. I'm flabbergasted that things I did in my younger days are paying me back now.

According to Danielle, youthful sunburns caused by not using sunblock are the main culprits for my need of these treatments. We had that kind of stuff for vacations, but during the rest of the spring and summer, we had nothing. Two chubby little boys ran around the yard shirtless. Sunburns were severe; we whined to Mother, and she fanned us in an effort to help. Eventually, that sunburn soaked into our skin and left freckles, a bit darker complexion and peeling skin.

We did other dumb things in that past life that affected our present-day conditions. Mother was a fabulous cook, and we boys were unequaled eaters. We didn't miss many meals; the heaping piles of food disappeared, and we washed it down with two tall glasses of milk. Crisco

was the culprit. Foods bathed in the stuff, and that grease made everything taste better. Plenty of red meat was included in our weekly diet, whether it was served as a roast, a hamburger or a meatloaf.

We didn't have poor eating habits back then. Moms cooked meals the way they'd learned to do. High blood pressure and cholesterol weren't often considered major problems. However, now, many of us are swallowing pills every day to combat those problems. Our diets no longer include fried foods, except for an occasional trip to restaurants or burger joints. Too many of us in this country are overweight, but we fail miserably to do anything about it. Heart disease and strokes are lurking around the corner and waiting for us.

Some of us tempted fate and participated in activities that were bound to cause injuries. Because I suffered with excruciating headaches in football, I had to become a manager for the team instead. That sounded like a good way to stay with the team without suffering any injury. However, I managed to break an ankle as I carried dry footballs to officials during a rainy football game. To make matters worse, I had no ride and walked the roads back to the house.

Over the next few years,

I further damaged the ankle. In all, I've had six casts and two surgeries. Now, my ankle is flimsy. It offers no support and turns if I step on a stick or gravel. My assertion is that all of the neck, back and leg problems I've endured over this life began on that rainy night in 1968.

I began smoking at a young age and puffed away on stolen cigarettes from my parents' packs. Daddy caught and whipped us, and that's when I gave them up. When I was a freshman in high school, I picked up the habit for real. I fogged family, friends and dates with cigarettes. I was a slow learner, so not until Daddy, Mother and my brother Dallas died from cancer did I put the smokes down for good.

These days, my breathing could be better. I'm sure my lungs are scarred from the smoke and toxins from those "cancer sticks." Smoking kept me from having enough wind to run a single mile until I was in my 40s. The years of smoking aren't my best ones. I wasted money and health on a habit that controlled my life. Finally, I kicked the smoking habit in my early 50s. A prayer that cancer won't make a visit is often offered. I've seen the brutal effects of the disease.

This piece might make others think I'm complaining. That's not my intent. I just am shocked that so many acts from my youth have come back to bite me in the butt. It's true what folks say about Karma.

Mini Food City exhibit opens in Muse Knoxville



Muse Knoxville recently cut the ribbon to open its newest interactive exhibit, Mini Food City. The Mini Food City exhibit is where children can shop for healthy foods, fill their baskets, and check out at the register—all while learning through play in this engaging, hands-on space. The exhibit is designed to encourage imagination, teamwork, early math skills, and nutritional awareness in a fun, interactive setting. Pictured at the ribbon cutting photo (left to right): Muse Knoxville Vice President of Advancement Katie Mixon, – First Horizon Knoxville Market President Jim Atchley, Food City Special Events Manager Betsi James, Muse Knoxville President & CEO Allison Comer, Siddiqi Charitable Foundation CEO Heetesh Patel, and Muse Knoxville Vice President of Education & Exhibits Lee Robinson. Muse Knoxville is located at 516 N. Beaman St., Knoxville, TN 37914.

Visit Loudon during October for history and ghosts

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A modern bridge now links the north shore to the town, and just below that bridge in Loudon is the historic Carmichael Inn, where generations of locals and visitors dined and socialized. Any photo of Loudon probably includes the historic water tower and the historic railroad depot, now the home of Monkey Town Brewing Company. Next to the depot sits a historic railroad caboose.

The town has a well-done riverside park, lots of local businesses, and

a spirit still maintained by local residents. Loudon didn't escape the Civil War as Confederate forces occupied the area for a couple of years and built a fort facing north atop Fort Hill. It protected the bridge and watched river traffic. Fort Hill now has many nice homes overlooking the scenery and the town far below.

Carey often takes his tours by the rebuilt courthouse as he walks around the town. The little town recently rebuilt its courthouse after the original

suffered extensive fire damage in 2019.

If you're planning to visit Loudon, you may want to go there by way of Kingston Pike and pass through Lenoir City with its own historic sites. Philadelphia is just south of Loudon on Highway 11 and, nearby, is Sweetwater Valley Farm's Cheese Store.

Anyone interested in joining him for the tours may contact Carey by email at bocarey95@gmail.com or sign up at www.bocarey-historytours.weebly.com.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful announces 2025 Orchid Awards nominees, ticket sales

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- Johnson Architecture Headquarters
- Kern's Food Hall
- Redeemer Church of Knoxville

- Vida and The Vault

Community Project

- Fulton High School Outdoor Classroom and Garden
- ReOak - Oakwood-Lincoln Park
- Roseanne Wolf Picnic Area Beautification Project

Green at Work

- Knoxville Utilities Board
- Smurfit Westrock Knoxville Recycle
- WM

Additionally, The Mary Lou Horner Beautification Award is given to an Orchids winner from 10 or more years ago that has maintained their Orchid-worthy status.

The Felicia Award is given

to a leader that supports Keep Knoxville's mission to empower Knox County communities to improve their quality of life through beautification and environmental stewardship.

The evening will include live music, a complimentary beer and wine reception, a signature cocktail, dinner, and the awards ceremony.

KKB is also very excited to be collaborating with PechaKucha Night Knoxville to feature engaging mini-presentations by five local changemakers who will speak on topics that are central to the KKB mission and will leave guests feeling inspired.

Tickets are available until October 27 at keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/orchids. All proceeds benefit Keep Knoxville Beautiful's programs.





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ORCHIDS

Beautification Awards

Tennessee's Junior U.S. Senator Nathan L. Bachman

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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There was a time when successful politicians knew how to scrap, but were also able to entertain and charm. Evidently, that time has come and gone. One excellent example of such a politician was Nathan Lynn Bachman of Chattanooga. Scholarly with a highly developed sense of humor, as well as a liking for fun, Bachman was married to Pearl Duke, of the fabulously wealthy North Carolina tobacco and power family. The couple lived atop Signal Mountain and had only one child, a daughter. The Bachmans occupied a very nice home, surrounded by 70 acres, which one writer described as "a dream of a country gentleman's home." There in the "old-fashioned" living room of their house, Nathan Bachman kept an oil painting of "Old John," a Black man who had taken care of him as a child. Long since dead, Old John's portrait hung in a prominent place as long as Nathan Bachman lived. Behind the house was a large garden, and much of the produce was given to his neighbors on Signal Mountain, whom he called "the old settlers." There were kennels of hunting dogs, of which the senator was exceedingly fond, as well as orchards.

Nathan Bachman was affable, polite and yet disarmingly homespun. Invariably attired in a suit, white shirt and black bowtie, which he wore tucked under the points of his collar, Bachman was said to have never owned a vest. Bachman favored a pearl-gray, wide-brimmed western-style hat, which was custom-made for him.

Yet Bachman enjoyed being very casual. Once Pearl Bachman was giving a dinner party and had invited the famed attorney Clarence Darrow, as well as a newspaperman from Washington, D.C. The newspaperman was beside himself for not having brought a tuxedo to Tennessee and sheepishly turned down the invitation to the dinner party. The other guests found Nathan Bachman sitting in his yard wearing a plain shirt, corduroy pants and a pair of brogans. When told about the reporter who had not shown up because he had no tuxedo, nobody laughed harder than Bachman.

As a storyteller, Nathan Bachman had few peers and was much sought out for his company, and he was one of Vice President John Nance Garner's favorite companions in Washington, D.C. The two could usually be found attending baseball games together in the Capitol city. High-spirited and speaking with a soft drawl, Bachman's storytelling made him a

much-in-demand speaker and toastmaster.

Known as "Nath" or "Nate" to friends, Bachman seemed to have an endless supply of stories that he could dole out like a gum drop for just about any occasion. There might be those who disagreed with Senator Bachman about an issue, but there was hardly anybody in Tennessee who did not like him personally.

Ruth Spencer remembered Nathan Bachman as a warm-hearted and genuine man. Mrs. Spencer was speaking at an event and describing a book she had read recently, which she said was "full of sunshine and shadows, laughter and pathos." She had been quite nervous speaking before Bachman, whom she knew to be a man of learning, "wide experience and culture." Mrs. Spencer was very surprised when the senator approached her afterward, his cheeks still wet from his tears, to tell her, "That was a beautiful story." Ruth Spencer believed Nathan Bachman forever kept a childlike simplicity in his own heart.

Nathan Bachman attended at least five colleges before setting out to earn a law degree. Bachman went to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga before moving on to the University of Virginia, where he earned his law degree. Nathan Bachman also attended Washington & Lee University and Central University. Evidently, Bachman's penchant for pranks caused him some occasional anguish, as most college administrators failed to see the humor in his jokes. "I guess I had a harder time than any other boy in the world finding a college president who suited me," Bachman recalled years later. "But I just had to find one who was competent."

While attending Southwestern Presbyterian University, which was then located in Clarksville, Tennessee, Bachman had been confined to his rooms for some infraction of the rules. Chaffing at his involuntary confinement, Bachman decided he couldn't stand it a moment longer, especially as there was a dance he longed to attend.

Bachman convinced a local mortician to give him the loan of four white horses and a carriage with which he could convey his young lady to the dance. If he received any further discipline for flouting his punishment, it has been lost to history. College friends also recalled an incident where Bachman had a baby calf in his room. When queried about the incidents in later life, the senator laughed and said, "The statutes of limitations run against my



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Senator Nathan L. Bachman at his desk in Washington, D.C., in 1936.

recollections."

Despite his fondness for jokes and pranks, Nathan L. Bachman had an excellent work ethic. Bachman always remembered his father having "had a great antipathy to loafing." "During vacations, I had to get a job or go to the farm - - - and one was as bad as the other," Bachman laughed.

Named city attorney for Chattanooga in 1906, Bachman had only been out of law school for three years. Bachman went into private practice in 1908 and, in 1912, was elected a judge of the circuit court. Six years later, Bachman was elected to the Tennessee State Supreme Court.

Bachman won a well-deserved reputation as a fair and thoughtful jurist, but he did not seek reelection in 1924, opting instead to seek election to the United States Senate. The Senate seat was occupied by the crusty and cantankerous John Knight Shields of Grainger County, who had been the last man to be elected by the state legislature to represent Tennessee in the United States Senate. Shields had won a difficult reelection battle in 1918 when he had been challenged in the Democratic primary by Governor Tom Rye. Senator Kenneth McKellar had convinced President Woodrow Wilson not to send a letter for publication condemning Shields as an enemy of the administration that year. McKellar was astonished when Shields remained as firm in his opposition to Wilson's attempt to see America participate in the League of Nations.

Shields was opposed by General Lawrence D. Tyson, a very wealthy businessman who had bought the Knoxville Sentinel to further his political ambitions. Tyson spent freely of his fortune and the three-cornered race was hard fought. Woodrow Wilson had written the letter he had not in 1918, and it was published after his death, helping to defeat Senator John Knight Shields from the grave. The former president remained popular in Tennessee. Tyson won the Democratic nomination; Senator Shields ran second, and Nathan Bachman was in third

place. Bachman had carried two of Tennessee's big urban counties; his showing in his native Hamilton County was indicative of his overwhelming popularity. Bachman tallied 8,223 votes to a combined total of 1,372 for Shields and Tyson. Nathan Bachman also carried Shelby County by a few hundred votes.

Bachman had a happy home life and cheerfully returned to the practice of law. When Cordell Hull was selected to be Franklin Roosevelt's secretary of state, it necessitated an appointment to fill the vacancy caused by Hull's resignation. Newly elected Governor Hill McAlister appointed Nathan Bachman on February 28, 1933. Governor McAlister almost certainly made the appointment after consultation with Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth McKellar.

"He is a lifelong Democrat, a distinguished lawyer and a public man of wide experience," Governor McAlister said of Bachman in making the appointment to the Senate. "I have every confidence his views on state and national political issues will cause him to promptly ally himself with President Roosevelt on all matters."

For the next four years, the duo of McKellar and Bachman worked in tandem for the people of Tennessee and got along exceptionally well. Like most freshmen senators, Nathan Bachman said little his first year in the Senate, concentrating upon his committee work and looking after Tennessee's interests. When friends asked about his being so quiet, Bachman explained, "The veterans up here expect newcomers to keep quiet for a while."

When Nathan L. Bachman represented Tennessee in the United States Senate, it was still a largely agrarian state. Senator Bachman was keenly interested in the welfare of Volunteer State farmers. "I am probably more interested in the restoration of agriculture than any other one thing," Bachman said. "There can never be any real prosperity until agriculture is stabilized - - - that is essential."

Bachman had to run in the 1934 special election to fill the remaining

two years of Cordell Hull's term, and McKellar was running for his fourth term. Congressman Gordon Browning, who had served for twelve years in the House of Representatives, like many congressmen, very much wanted a promotion to the U.S. Senate. Browning went on a "listening tour" of Tennessee to consider a race against the formidable McKellar. The congressman didn't like what he heard and quickly concluded he could not beat McKellar. Browning, an impulsive man, then stunned most everybody when he announced he would run against Nathan Bachman.

Senator McKellar swung in behind his junior colleague and was effective enough to cause Browning to complain that Bachman's campaign was being run out of McKellar's Washington office. Another Browning complaint was that McKellar had two votes in the Senate, saying Bachman was content to follow the senior senator's lead. Bachman proved to be an effective campaigner and won the Democratic primary decisively. Browning had not embarrassed himself and was elected governor two years later.

Both Bachman and McKellar were avid supporters of the Tennessee Valley Authority. McKellar was a stalwart of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, and Senator Bachman was highly supportive of the president's program as well.

When Bachman had to face the people of Tennessee once again in 1936 to seek his first full six-year term, he faced only nuisance opposition from political gadfly and perennial candidate Dr. John R. Neal. Senator Bachman carried every county in Tennessee.

Nathan L. Bachman never had the opportunity to rust out. Safely reelected to a new six-year term in the United States Senate, the 58-year-old Bachman had served three months of his new term when he began to feel poorly. The senator's doctor said Bachman had been "a little ailing" recently, which worried the senator's wife. Mrs. Bachman intended to return home to Tennessee from Washington, where

they lived in an apartment at one of Washington's better hotels. Pearl Bachman fretted about leaving her ailing husband, but the senator was improving and insisted she go home, especially as he had a nurse with him. Mrs. Bachman left for Tennessee by automobile on Friday, April 23, 1937, around 11 a.m. That same afternoon, the senator's doctor, Russell Verbrycke, stopped by to check on his patient. The doctor was unhappy with what he saw and advised Senator Bachman to go to the hospital. Bachman chose not to go, and later that evening, Miss Mary Site, the senator's nurse, found Bachman in distress and called his doctor. Dr. Russell Verbrycke was on his way back to the senator's apartment when Nathan L. Bachman's heart stopped beating, the victim of a heart attack.

Governor Gordon Browning's comment following the death of Nathan Bachman summed up the feelings of the people of Tennessee, as well as those of official Washington. "The whole state is shocked," Browning said.

E. H. Crump lamented the loss of Nathan Bachman. "Senator Bachman was one of the popular members of the Senate," Crump said. "He had been there long enough to become a useful man for Tennessee. I regret his passing."

The death of Senator Nathan Bachman deprived Tennessee of a potentially highly effective senator, but Bachman passed at the peak of his powers and personal popularity.

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Discerning Critics or Undiscerning Consumers?

Being raised in a godly environment and then forced to live in godless Babylon forms the foundation of the story recorded in the Bible in the book of Daniel. In Babylon, the pressures of culture were intense. The music, education, food, entertainment, and even the language were all designed to reshape convictions and rewrite identities. However, amidst this culture stood four young Hebrew men: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. They refused to allow their souls to be influenced by Babylon's ways. When offered the king's delicacies, they recognized that it was more than just food on a plate; it



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist
Church Senior Pastor

was a test of loyalty. Their refusal was not merely about diet; it was a matter of discernment.

As a father of three children, all under the age of fifteen, I often feel that I am raising them in a modern-day Babylon. Not because they are enslaved or government property, but because they are growing up in a world where entertainment, media and education all convey messages and values that are intentionally designed to subtly reshape their beliefs. From streaming platforms to social media algorithms, the enemy is crafting cultural pipelines designed to feed directly into the hearts and minds of our children.

Systems have been put into place, carefully engineered to shape their thoughts before they know how to think for themselves. This is not random. It's strategic. The world is not just entertaining our children, it's educating them, indoctrinating them in philosophies that are opposed to God. If we as parents, grandparents, and spiritual leaders never teach the next generation to guard their minds, something or someone else will teach them to surrender it.

The question is not whether our children will engage with culture; they inevitably will, just as Daniel and his friends did. The real question is this: Will they do so wisely? Will they be discerning critics who evaluate everything against the truth of God's Word, or will they be uncritical

consumers who accept every message presented to them, even if it conflicts with God's kingdom?

Our role as parents, pastors and mentors is to equip young people with the truth rather than isolate them from culture. Although we know little about Daniel's parents, it's clear they were influential in shaping his convictions and courage. His bravery in standing up to Nebuchadnezzar was nurtured at home, demonstrating that the influence of his parents surpassed the surrounding culture. The true heroes in this story may be the unnamed individuals who guided him, enabling him to live in Babylon without allowing Babylon to live inside of him.

Raising children who can thrive in our culture without allowing that culture

to shape them is no small task and not for the faint of heart. The pressure to conform is relentless, and the pull of the world can be strong. God is seeking mothers, fathers, pastors and mentors who will do the faithful and often unseen work of instilling convictions before crises arise.

I've learned that while we can't shield our children from every negative influence, we can consistently prepare them. This preparation ensures that when their own challenging moments arrive, they will be anchored in truth, rather than swayed by trends. Our calling is to raise a generation capable of navigating the culture without losing their identity in God. This means teaching them not just what to believe, but also why they believe it. It

involves showing them that holiness is not outdated, that having convictions is not cruel, and that truth will always prevail over compromise. Culture will attempt to define, distract and discipline them, but it doesn't have to be the loudest voice in their lives. It can be our voice, echoing God's Word and shaping hearts that love Him more than the world.

Preparing the next generation will require time, energy and intentional effort. However, like Daniel and his friends, if we invest in their preparation, they will be ready to stand strong in a world determined to reshape everything that God has designed and destined them to be.

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Traveling to various esoteric venues with the Volunteers is often enjoyable, and there are some intriguing stories, many of which can be told in the pages of a family newspaper.

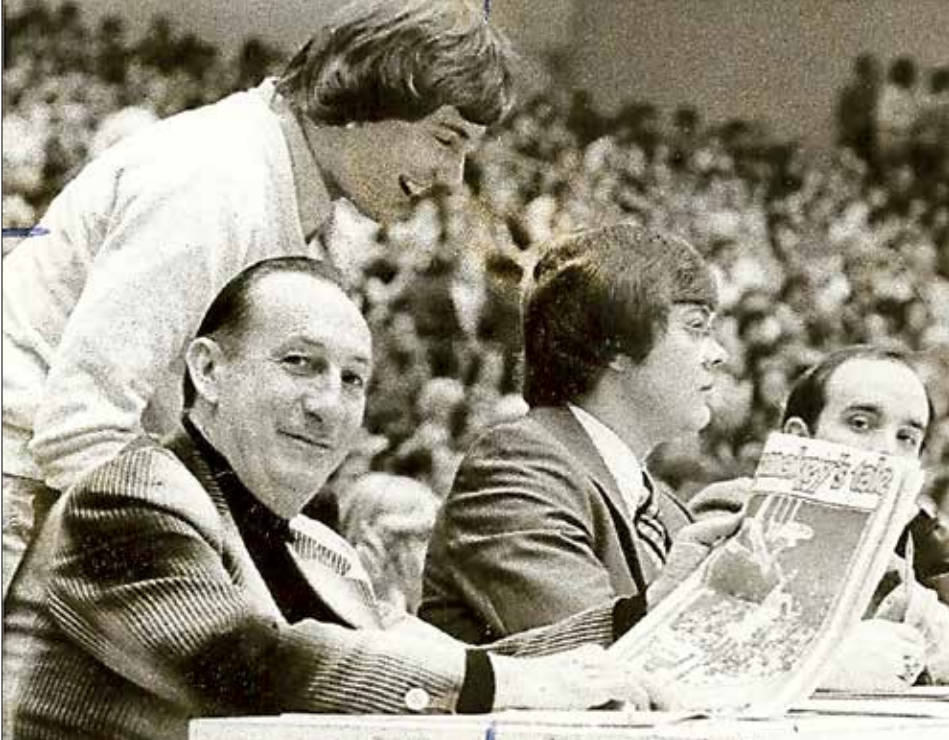
Nationally known broadcaster and Tennessee alum Lindsey Nelson has reported that, while in California for the 1940 Rose Bowl, there were innumerable photos taken featuring Vol players and assorted Hollywood starlets, some big names, some not.

Lindsey recalled one starlet giving him a small piece of paper, autographed as follows: “To Lindsey—Do it for me, Lana Turner.”

He also mentioned she likely confused him with a Vol gridiron star. Lindsey did not look a thing like George Cafego or Bob Suffridge, but when Lana Turner beckoned, Lindsey did as he was told.

“The note itself did not specify what it was Miss Turner wanted me to do for her,” wrote Lindsey. “But in the succeeding years I spent in the Army, I carried that note in my wallet. It got lots of attention and enhanced my stock.”

There was a fan encounter with another Hollywood personage more than 40



Lindsey Nelson is shown at a Vol basketball game with Rob Schriver (standing at Lindsey's shoulder), then the editor of Volunteers Magazine.

years later.

On a 1994 road trip to Pasadena for the season opener against UCLA, several of us met Jimmy Stewart at a book signing. He had just published a book of poetry, and the line for autographs was out the door.

Unfortunately, Stewart, then age 86, was not well. We were told not to talk with him, but he did nod and wave as we walked through the line.

In 1976, several of us went to Gainesville, Fla., to “Alligator Alley,” to see the Vols basketball team take

on the Gators. There were three notable things about that game.

While 4,000 or so fans were packed into the arena and were exercised about the game, the Gator gymnastics team was behind the bleachers at one end of the court going through their paces. They didn't seem fazed in the least by the goings-on a few feet away.

They were much like the two lovers high atop Cherokee Bluff who did not seem to care about the Tennessee football practice far below on Hudson

Field. Gen. Neyland had suspected they were spies, sending Gus Manning more than once to check things out. Gus reported that they did not seem particularly interested in Neyland's No. 10 play, a staple of the Vol offense.

Several of us, ranging in age from 25 to 30, had worn our Tennessee jackets to the game. That caused quite a stir where we were sitting, and someone asked a very impertinent question.

“Are you members of the Tennessee wrestling team?” One of us said,

“No,” and that was that.

The game was decided on a charge-block call as Bernard King went to the hoop, one of those calls analysts say could have gone either way. The Vols didn't get the call, and the good guys lost.

One of our traveling party was so distraught that he called a friend back home and asked what John Ward had said on the Vol Network.

“Ward said it was a good call,” was the response.

Marvin West has reported that basketball road trips in the late 1960s and early 1970s starting Friday afternoon and ending early Tuesday morning often tried everyone's patience. There was a lot of time spent sitting around, waiting for the games. That vacuum of things to do led to some real shenanigans.

John Ward and A. W. Davis, and maybe others, worked overtime looking for ways to get under Bud Ford's skin, once stealing the blankets and sheets out of his room and finding other sophomoric ways to needle him. These were grown men, mind you.

When Bud found out and demanded his stuff back, either Ward or Davis called hotel security, and Bud ended up in the firm grasp of the local constabulary, nearly hauled off to jail.

Cooler heads eventually prevailed. Bud was not

arrested, and his bedding was returned.

“Two decades later,” wrote Marvin, “none of the group could tell the police part without breaking up in laughter. Incidentally, they don't think basketball trips are as fun as they used to be.”

Finally, there was a time in Lexington that the fire alarm at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel went off in the wee hours of the morning before the 1987 Kentucky game. There was commotion up and down the hall.

It looked and sounded like something out of a Marx Brothers' movie, with everyone going in different directions at once.

A rookie SID staffer asked Harris what to do.

The answer came back quickly: “Don't do anything until you smell smoke.” There was no smoke, everybody calmed down, and sleep overtook us all.

Tennessee ended up winning the game, 24-22, when Mike Whitehead came from deep, deep, deep on the depth chart to make a critical fourth down tackle on Mark Higgs that saved the day.

Looking back at all these happenings, one thing is very clear.

When everything is taken into account, Lindsey obviously got the best deal.

Alabama Hate Week

By Mark Nagi

In 2025, there is way too much hate in this world. Man fighting man. Country versus country. Belief system set against belief system. Sometimes it feels like we will never get out of this pattern, and that's a darn shame.

But... there is still a socially acceptable form of hate... one that is worthy of our attention and respect.

Of course, I'm talking about sports hate.

And when it comes to Tennessee football, there is no greater hate than Alabama hate.

Look, I know that Florida took the mantle of 'most hated opponent' during the Steve Spurrier years, and I know that Georgia has jumped into the fray with their recent successes.

On the flip side, I know that a season is made for Vanderbilt or Kentucky if they can find a way to beat Tennessee. But for Vols fans, those schools hold little brother status and thus are not

worth their valuable energy.

But Tennessee and Alabama have played since 1901, and during most of that time, the hatred has been ever-present. It is politely known as “The Third Saturday in October,” but there isn't a whole lot of friendliness in this rivalry.

Alabama leads this matchup 59-40-8. No school has beaten Tennessee more times than Alabama. And no school has beaten Alabama more times than Tennessee.

It's a border battle, with two of the historic powerhouses in the sport. Some of the all-time greats have played in this game. Bart Starr. Ken Stabler. Joe Namath. Doug Atkins. Reggie White. Peyton Manning.

It has traditionally been a streaky series, with Alabama holding 11 and 15-year unbeaten streaks over Tennessee, while the Vols beat Alabama seven straight times between 1995 and 2001.

During the Derek Dooley years, the Vols famously lost by exactly 31 points each time, as Alabama head coach Nick Saban seemingly took mercy on his former assistant.

In the 15-year stretch I mentioned in the previous paragraph, only twice did the contest finish as a one-score game.

Recently, this matchup has been on a level playing field, with Tennessee winning two of the last three, prompting two field storming's at Neyland Stadium in 2022 and 2024.

But all of that is the past. Let's talk about the present day. The challenge for the Vols this Saturday night is a big one. They haven't won a game in Tuscaloosa since their 51-43 triumph in 5 OT's.

Even with Saban retired and now having to pretend he likes sitting next to Pat McAfee on ESPN's College GameDay, Josh Heupel and the Vols need to understand that if there is a

borderline call to be made, the odds are it will not go the Vols' way. Previous Tennessee teams let those moments of frustration get to them. The Vols need to keep their composure.

The Vols will have to deal with Alabama QB Ty Simpson, who has bounced back nicely since the Tide's season-opening loss in Tallahassee. Simpson, a native of Martin, Tennessee, chose Alabama over Tennessee in early 2021. You can't blame him, as the Vols were in the transition period between the fired Jeremy Pruitt and the newly hired Heupel.

Simpson is a Heisman Trophy candidate. Tennessee QB Joey Aguilar has also been mentioned for that prestigious award (but we all know that no Tennessee player will ever win it). Aguilar, a 7th-year QB that took a long and winding trek to Knoxville, has become a fan favorite and has been clutch through the first half of the 2025 season.

This should be a good game, and there are serious CFB playoff and SEC title implications as well. However, the overarching message I'd like to convey is this...

It's ok to hate.

Sports hate... I mean.


The victory cigar tradition is incredible... if your team wins. If your team loses, there's nothing worse in the world. Former Tennessee head coach Butch Jones cemented his place in Vols infamy when he was photographed smoking a victory cigar in the Alabama locker room while serving as Saban's “intern” following his UT firing.

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KIL Meet is Saturday at Cherokee Boulevard

By Steve Williams

The Garmer twins at Webb School – Calysta and Jazzlyn – will be the top attraction at Saturday's KIL meet on the Cherokee Boulevard Course. Calysta currently ranks No. 1 on Tennessee Milesplit with a time of 16:50.00 in the 5,000-meter run and Jazzlyn is a tenth of a second back at 16:50.10.

Milesplit lists Cleveland senior Owen Clemons having the boys' No. 1 time in the state at 14:39.64.

Among the boys, Knoxville Catholic's Cade Duncanson ran a 15:31 in the Great American XC Festival in Cary, NC. Nicholas Burke of West High ran a 15:44 at the Jesse Owens Classic in Oakville, AL.

The KIL meet will start at 8 a.m. with the JV races followed by the Varsity races at 9:15.

The Garmer twins have broken 17:00 twice since the Cherokee Classic. Both times were run in North Carolina but on different courses.

The last weekly event was the Metro Knoxville meet at Cove Lake State Park in Caryville on Oct. 2.

Senior McCade Frye of Sweetwater won with a time of 16:20.32. Tanner

Blair of William Blount was second at 17:06.50. Connor Arnold of L&N was third at 17:08, followed by Luke McCall of WB (17:09.52) and the Knoxville Ambassadors' Chase Salas (17:11.27). L&N's Koli York was sixth and the Ambassadors' Eli Wilson was 10th.

The Ambassadors placed first in the team scoring with 60 points. The Top 5 also included William Blount 62, L&N 87, Sweetwater 92 and Morristown West 99.

The race included 133 runners and 13 teams.

In the girls' race, Anderson County sophomore Jordan Walker took first place with a time of 20:22.86. The Lady Ambassadors' Tallulah Worley came in second at 20:30.76.

Aliza Reynolds of Alcoa placed third in 20:55.40, followed by Alcoa's Riley Harris in fourth and MW's Kyra Couch in fifth. Rounding out the Top 10 were Kyriana Aiello of Washburn in sixth, Emersyn Lowery of Karns in seventh, Alcoa's Ella Ozanne in eighth, WB's Camboia Reardon in ninth and MW's Abigail Knight in 10th.

The girls' field included 93 runners and eight teams.



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Maryville ends Hardin Valley's volleyball season in district tournament

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Lady Rebels to call time out.

After the break, the Lady Rebels scored the next five points, but the Lady Hawks wouldn't go away.

With Hardin Valley trailing 16-13, Lilly Ringle used a pair of aces to pull the Lady Hawks to within 16-15. HVA, however, wouldn't come any closer.


The third set was another roller-coaster ride. Hardin Valley scored the first three points and led 11-10.

But Maryville would prevail in that set before closing out the match with an easy victory in the fourth set.

"The third and fourth games were tight, but then, in the fourth game, they really got us," Boden said. "I'm really proud of our girls for all the improvement they showed throughout the season."

"But we just had some plays that we didn't make and Maryville capitalized on that, but we were one game from going to the region with a young team."

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOHN CHASTEEN, MISTY CHASTEEN, ET AL.
IN RE: WILSON BENIGITO, REGINOLD JONES, AND EDWARD HAKIZIMANA, Plaintiffs
v.
JOHN CHASTEEN, MISTY CHASTEEN, ET AL., Defendants
NO. 209990-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s) JOHN CHASTEEN, MISTY CHASTEEN, ET AL., 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 JOHN CHASTEEN, MISTY CHASTEEN, ET AL. described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant(s), JOHN CHASTEEN, MISTY CHASTEEN, ET AL., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with David J. Otten, an Attorney whose address is P. O. Box 32211, Knoxville, TN 37930 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John 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 3rd day of October, 2025.
J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ROBERSHAUN DEMOND LAYNE
IN RE: JILLIAN PATRICIA LAYNE, Plaintiff
v.
ROBERSHAUN DEMOND LAYNE, Defendant
NO. 210768-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, ROBERSHAUN DEMOND LAYNE, 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 ROBERSHAUN DEMOND LAYNE, it is ordered that said defendant, ROBERSHAUN DEMOND LAYNE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Rebecca Stueve, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 607 W. Summit Hill Drive SW, Knoxville, TN 37902, on or before 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 B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 2nd day of October, 2025.
J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: The Heirs of EDWARD LEFFEW, JR., The Heirs of MARY SHELTON, The Heirs of ANNE HICKS, The Heirs of WILLIAM LEFFEW, The Heirs of GORDAN LEFFEW, The Heirs of GLENDA SAMMONS, The Heirs of CHRISTY L. RAWLS
IN RE: 3013 COX LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914
BY: BRANDY N. GORDON, JAMES G. JULIAN, AND TERESA MASSEY, Petitioners
v.
The Heirs of EDWARD LEFFEW, JR., The Heirs of MARY SHELTON, The Heirs of ANNE HICKS, The Heirs of WILLIAM LEFFEW, The Heirs of GORDAN LEFFEW, The Heirs of GLENDA SAMMONS, The Heirs of CHRISTY L. RAWLS, Respondents
NO. 211950-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
TO THE FOLLOWING: ALL THOSE HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3013 COX LANE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF EDWARD LEFFEW, JR., THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF MARY SHELTON, possibly including the Heirs or Beneficiaries of Tommy Shelton, deceased, and the Heirs or Beneficiaries of Terry Shelton, deceased, THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF ANNE HICKS, possibly including, Debra Kitts, Frank Hicks, and the Heirs or Beneficiaries of Drarry Hicks, deceased, THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF WILLIAM LEFFEW, possibly including, Erin Hutchins, Jeffrey Leffew and the Heirs or Beneficiaries of Shannon Leffew, deceased, THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF GORDAN LEFFEW, possibly including Mike Leffew and Alan Leffew, THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF GLENDA SAMMONS, THE HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF CHRISTY L. RAWLS, possibly including

Christopher Lacy Dixon, a Complaint bearing Docket No. 211950-2 has been filed against you in Knox County Chancery Court and involving a request to partition 3013 Cox Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914 as stated therein and in which you may have an interest. Upon the Petition, a Motion for Publication and the Affidavit of the counsel, in which it is sworn that the interests of the defendants and identity of their classes cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, and ordinary process of law would be ineffective or impossible, it is ORDERED that any respondent or class of respondents or those with an interest in the subject property referenced herein file a response under oath with the Knox County Chancery Court and with H. Stephen Gillman, petitioners' attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 870, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901 (telephone number: 865-522-4191), within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte before a Judge of the Knox County Chancery Court, 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 3rd day of October, 2025.
RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR.
Chancellor
J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY KYLE TURNER
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY KYLE TURNER, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. 86178-2
MARVIN L. TURNER, Petitioner

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PROBATE DIVISION
In this cause, it appearing by the Petition to Declare Heirs and the sworn Affidavit of Petitioner's counsel, Michael R. Crowder, Esq., attached as Exhibit A in support of the Petitioner's Motion for Service by Publication filed in this cause, that the identity, name, residence, and whereabouts of any persons not identified in said Petition as the heirs of JEFFREY KYLE TURNER as of May 8, 2025, cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, and that personal service of process cannot be had upon any said unknown heirs of JEFFREY KYLE TURNER; therefore, service of process by publication is hereby ORDERED, and any said unknown heirs of JEFFREY KYLE TURNER are hereby required to appear and Answer or otherwise defend against the Petition filed herein by Marvin L. Turner, c/o Michael R. Crowder, Esq., 550 Main Street, 4th Floor, Knoxville, TN 37902, within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, exclusive of said last date of publication; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against any said unknown heirs of JEFFREY KYLE TURNER for the relief demanded in the Petition.
It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, Tennessee, once weekly for four consecutive weeks.
Publication dates: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, and 11/3/2025.
This 6th day of AUGUST, 2025.
RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR.
Chancellor
J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMA DARLENE ALLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 91470-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMA DARLENE ALLEN, who died Jan. 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMA DARLENE ALLEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT B. ALLEN, EXECUTOR
6317 MANIS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENT ROBERT AUSEN
DOCKET NUMBER 91472-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KENT ROBERT AUSEN, who died July 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KENT ROBERT AUSEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GRETCHEN E. ALCORN, ADMINISTRATRIX
6280 SIERRA CIRCLE
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT WAYNE BAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 91581-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ALBERT WAYNE BAKER, who died August 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALBERT WAYNE BAKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICK WAYNE BAKER
341 BROWN ROAD
BLAINE, TN 37709

PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY
P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BATISTE
DOCKET NUMBER 91256-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA JEAN BATISTE, who died on April 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN BATISTE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIA BATISTE, ADMINISTRATOR
3805 W. ALABAMA ST., #3205
HOUSTON TX 77027

SHALONDA TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR
2712 WOODS-SMITH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

CARIN C. BRIO, ATTORNEY
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA SUE BLACK
DOCKET NUMBER 91590-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA SUE BLACK, who died on September 3, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRENDA SUE BLACK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT BLACK, JR.
7216 HALBROOK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MARK E. TILLERY, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 12257
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CASSANDRA JEAN BRADSHAW
DOCKET NUMBER 91356-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CASSANDRA JEAN BRADSHAW, who died on 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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.
ESTATE OF CASSANDRA JEAN BRADSHAW
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTINE BRADSHAW COOK
8273 SOFT WIND DR.
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23111
SHERYL LYNNE HART
485 INGRAM RD.
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452
REBECCA D. ABBOTT ATTORNEY
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RONALD CLARK, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91515-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM RONALD CLARK, SR., who died on May 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RONALD CLARK, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM RONALD CLARK, JR.
10627 FOREST CREST ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922
EDDY R. SMITH, ATTORNEY
ADAM B. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY
4" FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.
P. O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENDALL ANN CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 91560-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of KENDALL ANN CLARK, who died intestate on July 27, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KENDALL ANN CLARK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN E. CLARK
3822 BLACK OAK RIDGE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918
DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS VERNON CLEVELER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91487-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS VERNON CLEVELER, JR., who died July 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF THOMAS VERNON CLEVELER, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA L. LUNDBERG
10028 MADISON RIDGE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

BRADLEY S. LEWIS, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY HAYES CRANE
DOCKET NUMBER 91505-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY HAYES CRANE, who died July 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their

claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF NANCY HAYES CRANE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN CHARLES DAVENPORT
1124 WINTERBERRY LANE
KNOXVILLE TN 37932
REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ISAAC DOCKERY, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 91471-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ISAAC DOCKERY, JR., who died June 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ISAAC DOCKERY, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALAN S. FOX, EXECUTOR
132 OVERLOOK TRAIL
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN EASTERDAY
DOCKET NUMBER 91566-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of CAROL ANN EASTERDAY, who died on July 19, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in(1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication 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 the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN EASTERDAY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
D. CARTER DAVIS, II
7042 OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

KENNETH W. HOLBERT, ATTORNEY
402 CLYDE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLONIS MICHAEL FARMER
DOCKET NUMBER 91205-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of CLONIS MICHAEL FARMER, who died on June 23, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CLONIS MICHAEL FARMER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONYA LYNN FARMER
7503 TEMPLE ACRES DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938
H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 870
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETH J. FERRIS
DOCKET NUMBER 91507-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BETH J. FERRIS, who died on February 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons,

resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETH J. FERRIS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SONYA W. LAWLESS
6408 CEDARBREEZE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37218
JULIA PRICE, ATTORNEY
PATRICIA E. CROTWELL, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 3804
KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY ELAINE FLEEGER
DOCKET NUMBER 90932-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of JUDY ELAINE FLEEGER, who died January 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:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.
This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JUDY ELAINE FLEEGER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY JUNE FOULK
DOCKET NUMBER 91407-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY JUNE FOULK, who died July 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of

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