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Early voting picks up in city election



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Election workers at the Expo Center await voters early Thursday morning. The precinct wasn't open until last Monday but more than made up for being closed the first four days by being the most popular precinct that day.

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Thursday was the half-way mark for early voting for five new Knoxville City Council members and the city sales tax referendum. As of Thursday, 5,112 people have voted with 651 of those coming as absentee or nursing home ballots.

The Downtown West

precinct leads the early voting with 1,535 people voting, followed by New Harvest Park with 976 voters. The Expo Center, which opened four days after other precincts began voting, had 605 voters. The City-County Building precinct had 501 votes, Eternal Life Church had 430 votes, and the South Precinct at Meridian Baptist Church had 414 voters.

"We are at the half-way point of early voting, and turnout has been over double what we saw through the first half of early voting for the City Primary. The referendum question seems to be driving a lot of interest, and I think steady turnout will continue all the way through Election Day," Chris Davis, administrator of the Knox County Election Commission, told The

Focus.

Most of the attention went to council races in the Second and Fourth Districts. The overwhelming age range of voters to cast ballots was over 55. Slightly more females voted than males.

Early voting continues until Thursday, October 30, and the General Election is Tuesday, November 4.

Cedar Bluff Elementary School Principal Ashley Booher is joined by Knox County Commissioner Gina Oster, students, faculty and representatives of Maddox Corporation for a ribbon-cutting marking the opening of a new turf playground and outdoor classroom extension Thursday morning.



Cedar Bluff Elementary celebrates new turf play area

By Ken Lay

Cool temperatures on Thursday morning couldn't temper the joy as Cedar Bluff Elementary School cut the ribbon for the new turf added to its playground area and outdoor classroom.

Cedar Bluff principal Ashley Booher, Knox County Commissioner Gina Oster, Knox County School Board member Patricia Fontenot-Ridley and representatives from Maddox Corporation and students participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"This space used to be used as an open free space that was connected to one of our playgrounds, and it was beaten-down grass," Booher said. "Through the years, it had become very dusty, and we needed to improve the area so that it could be a safe play space for our students and an outdoor classroom."

"This will take learning beyond the walls, and it will serve these students and others for years to come. I want to thank our county commissioner, Gina Oster, and our school board member for Cedar Bluff, Pat Fontenot-Ridley, for their help with this."

Steve Maddox of Maddox Corporation took the project right away because he was one of the students in the very first fifth-grade class at Cedar Bluff.

"This was important to me because I'm one of the members of the first fifth-grade class back when it was over there in the other building," Maddox said. "We're just happy to be a part of this."

The project, which was made possible thanks to a \$95,000 donation from Maddox Companies with the support of Turf of America, also held personal significance for Oster.



PHOTOS BY KEN LAY.

Cedar Bluff Elementary School students play tag on the school's new turf playground and outdoor classroom extension, which was officially opened Thursday morning.

"My kids went to Cedar Bluff," Oster said. "It holds a special place in my heart."

A group of students who participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony later played a game of tag on the new turf surface.

The renovated part of the playground was officially opened on Thursday, but excitement had been

building for quite some time.

"One of our kindergartners came to me and said, 'We have a new park,'" Booher said. "This will help our students continue to learn and grow."

"Our students' reactions, by far, have been the best part of this. It's like Christmas morning."

Audit Committee hears reports on schools, county property, detention center

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The Knox County Audit Committee, chaired by Matthew Warren, met for its quarterly session last week and heard reports from the external and internal auditors. Some of the attention went to reports for and by Knox County Schools concerning a compensation study and its payroll.

The discussion on

schools centered around the 3,500 non-certified employees and errors in salary payments.

The internal audit report found that some Knox County assets were not being disposed of as they should be. The report touched on the county's travel policy and recommended an update for the county employee handbook.

The auditors heard that records on annual leave and sick days were missing for juvenile detention center employees.

At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay, who chairs the committee overseeing the detention center, said the operation of the facility requires a "massive clean-up" and added that some employees claim to have never taken a day off and

want compensation.

Jay said center employees could, per past policy, roll over unused vacation and sick days and said he hopes Knox County Human Resources will clean that up. He said the center's policy was "overly generous."

The Knox County Sheriff's Office takes over operation of the center in January.

Partisan politics debate continues at Knox County Commission

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Today's regular meeting of the Knox County Commission could see opposition to some commissioners' proposals that other commissioners view as partisan politics. The debate began during the agenda review meeting last week after motions by Angela Russell, Andy Fox and Rhonda Lee saw some push back.

Russell defended her and Fox's charter change suggestions dealing with

the use of the local Hotel-Motel Tax funds. She wants restrictions placed on the use of the funds going to non-profit organizations. She wants the nonprofits to undertake a pre-application audit, provide information on the organization's officers, and detail how any county funds would be spent.

Commissioner Damon Rawls pushed back and suggested a 30-day delay on the discussion and was critical of a Fox attachment to the Russell

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New subcommittee begins work on county ethics

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The new Knox County Ethics Subcommittee met recently to begin the process of reviewing "Ethics Policy and Procedures" for the next four months.

Chairman Michael Bittel began the meeting by suggesting Krystal Gibson as vice chair, but she declined. Byron Wood was then chosen for the seat, and Steven Goodpaster was selected as secretary.

Bittel then explained what he saw as the "scope" of the review. Goodpaster said he has assembled lots of information on the Code of Ethics and said he would share it with the subcommittee. Attorney David Sanders

said he should send the information to the legal secretary, Rhonda Bennett, to be reviewed and sent to the other members rather than sharing it directly with them.

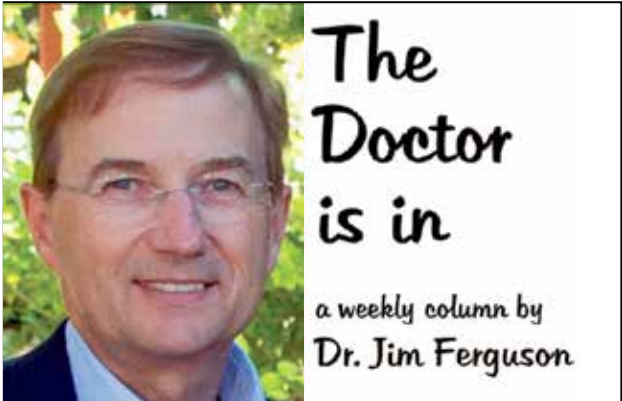
Sanders then spent several minutes talking about the Sunshine Law, which prohibits members from discussing any related business outside a public meeting. The members asked several questions about how they could communicate with each other, one suggesting an online public forum such as the Knox Commissioners have, but Sanders reminded them they could not reply to suggestions or comments on the website.

Bittel went over the

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Kings

“If we really had a King, Democrats would not be allowed to protest on No Kings Day.”
Un-Common Sense

What kind of a person would waste a beautiful fall day to rant and rave about kings in a country that has never had a potentate in its 250 years of existence? No other country in history can make that claim. But the question is moot when dealing with psychosexual furries, vacuous Hollyweirds and the Democrat lunatic fringe of aging hippies, aka “gran-Tifa.”

Reality and logic are alien to lost souls who just hate President Trump. Marxists and Antifa types were also among the throng of useful idiots as well as paid performers from “rent-a-crowd” agencies. All are supported by Soros, Inc. And the Clinton Foundation reportedly gave \$5.8 million for paid protestors. What a waste. The rants accomplished nothing and I read that it “cost Democrat cities more than \$100

After the bitter presidential campaign of 1800, Thomas Jefferson in his inaugural address said, “We are all Republicans. We are all Federalists. Every difference of opinion is not a difference in principle.” Noble rhetoric, but these sentiments no longer exist. Was the creator of the Democrat party lying or just predicting the future? “Conservatives think liberals are stupid. Liberals think conservatives are evil” (Charles Krauthammer). To put it plainly, Republicans believe Democrats are people with bad ideas. Democrats believe Republicans are bad people with ideas. Jefferson would later write to James Madison that “We must pray for Patrick Henry’s death.” Sounds a lot like Democrats today.

Let’s face reality. Reaching across the aisle is not currently possible despite the sometimes genteel language uttered by Congressional politicians. Power must be taken away from Democrats until they purge their violent Marxist base and start being Americans again.

I took no interest in the utterly ridiculous No Kings protest. How can you take anyone seriously in blow up costumes? And on-the-street interviews showed “protesters” were largely unable to give rational explanations for why they were protesting. You would think organic spontaneous

protestors would be able to articulate what they were exorcised about. One said, “It’s important to protest.” Some were opposed to ICE arresting criminal aliens. The real theme of the protest was I hate President Trump. Therefore the protests were anti-America because we elected Trump and we are glad he’s fulfilling campaign promises; unusual for a politician. Trump is no king. “He’s an ace, which trumps a king” (Don Serber).

On the other hand, the Democrat’s Kamala Harris won no primaries and was crowned “queen” by the Democrats after they canned Biden. Did Mamala have any campaign promises? When asked if there were any policies she would change from Biden’s, she said “I can’t think of any.”

The best commentary on the protests was from Joe Rogan who described the protesters as “old hippie losers.” Similar observations came from the commentariat describing the majority of protesters as old white people. One observer in Atlanta said 90% of the crowd were white while 47% of Atlanta’s population is black.

Enough said about kings because more importantly the economy is improving, inflation is controlled, wars around the world are ending, illegals are leaving (500,000 this year), criminals are being caught and deported, trade imbalances

are being corrected, America is again respected on the world stage and \$17 trillion of investments are returning to America.

I have mixed emotions about the Schumer shutdown which is ongoing. John Fetterman describes it as “Groundhog Day.” I feel for government workers whose pay checks are being delayed by Democrats who have now voted 12 times to keep the government closed. Second ranking House Democrat Katherine Clark said of the shutdown that “families are going to suffer...but it is one of the few levers we have.” In other words, they are withholding pay for the military, Federal workers, air traffic controllers and put SNAP benefits in jeopardy for political gamesmanship.

President Trump is using the Schumer Shutdown to close agencies like the problematic USAID, cancel wasteful Democrat projects like windmills and trim bureaucrat roles. The tottering Nancy Pelosi recently made a field trip from Jurassic Park and objected to a question regarding the government shut down. The aged dinosaur told the young whippersnapper journalist to “Shut up.” Well said, Congresswoman.

John Nolte describes the Democrats as “dumb, desperate and demoralized.” They have done everything to destroy President Trump and have failed.

Their latest faux outrage is Trump’s ballroom project at the White House. Previously, Democrats complained about the improvements to the Rose Garden. Thirteen presidents have made major improvements to the White House. Trump is paying for the \$250 million ballroom in the East Wing which used to be a swimming pool and now has the White House press room and is over an underground bunker. So “Lighten up, Francis” (from the movie “Stripes”).

I’m not a fan of Karine Jean-Pierre, but she is being savaged on her book tour because she continues to deny the obvious about Biden. Of course she will cover her booty and maintain that Biden was competent. As White House spokeswoman, she was paid to spin (lie). The Democrats and their media repeatedly lied to Americans and covered up Biden’s debility. They all find it easier to blame KJP than themselves.

The knives are also out for Fetterman. There are plans to primary him even though he votes 97% for Democrat policies. I’ve often wondered if there is a liberal area in the brain. Could Fetterman’s stroke have destroyed that hypothetical area leaving him more sane? Just wondering...

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How does the county sell property below what is owed in taxes?

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The Knox County Insolvency Committee met Monday briefly to approve a request to sell county-acquired property below the taxes due. The board, chaired by Commissioner Terry Hill, heard Ben Sharbel of the Procurement Department explain the process.

By law, the county can auction off tax-due property and always be the first bidder. If there are no other bidders, the

county acquires the property, and Sharbel said that the property is usually held for three months to a year before the county conducts a surplus sale. Each sale must be approved by the Insolvency Committee to permit the property to be sold for less than the back taxes owed.

State law mandates the sale and the process is handled online and locally it is through Powell Auction.

Hill confirmed that approval by the committee is required, and it passed unanimously.

Consent items of note on tonight’s commission agenda

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When the Knox County Commission meets in regular session next week, several interesting items on the “consent” list will probably pass with one vote.

Related to Knox County Schools, but on the consent agenda, is an agreement with the state for the installation, operation and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge from

Gibbs Elementary/Middle to Gibbs High School. Knox County Schools is also asking permission to donate an unused piece of land there to the county.

Several appointments are on the consent list, including Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ appointments to the Public Building Authority, the selection of a commissioner to serve on the Audit Committee, and two appointments for the Ethics Committee.

The commission may approve, on consent, bylaws for the new Knox County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, plus an agreement to have the Public Building Authority manage the West Knox Senior Center.

Funds through the state’s Disability and Aging Department may be approved for the Corryton, Karns, Halls, South Knoxville, and West Knoxville senior centers.

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Seven housing units per acre postponed again until November

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The Knox County Commission’s consideration of a rezoning request for seven dwelling units per acre, an increase from two units originally requested, has been postponed until November. Benjamin C. Mullins is representing the request for the 205 North Wooddale Road property, which was before the commission’s zoning session in September and then again on the meeting agenda last week. The planning commission has recommended

4.5 units per acre.

Also postponed was a request from Daniel Humphreys to change the property at 6760 Grassy Creek Way from agricultural and general residential to RA, low-density residential.

Several other zoning changes were approved in the zoning session, including one for eight units per acre in a planned residential property, up from four per acre. Robert Campbell made the request for the 7335 Green Estates Way property and said the new project is an extension of

the current development next to it and will be for condos.

Jeffery Lawson was approved for four dwelling units per acre for 7505 Blacks Ferry Road in a change from an agricultural designation.

A low-density residential zoning was approved for Noah Hudson for 2909 Bakertown Road.

Shannon Schneider’s request to change from agricultural to RA, low-density residential, was approved for 120 and 122 Kimberlin Heights Road.

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Publisher's Positions



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Democrats Responsible For Shutdown And Obamacare Failures

Last week, the Knoxville News Sentinel published a story by Allie Feinberg stating there are 55,000 plus people on the SNAP program whose benefits are endangered by the government shutdown. Allie made the point that these 55,000 people live in Congressman Tim Burchett's district. Of course, Allie failed to point out that Congressman Tim Burchett has voted to keep the government open so that SNAP recipients would receive their benefits. In fact, if Tim Burchett had HIS way, they would be getting them now. So would the folks in the military and

every other agency in the government. Why is the federal government shut down? Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries, the two New York Democrats who are the Democratic leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, pitched a hissy fit because they didn't get everything they wanted in the budget. So THEY and their fellow Democrats refused to pass a budget and closed down the government, something in the past they compared to a nuclear winter or an apocalyptic event.

Back in the day, before the Sentinel started publishing its editorials as news articles, it, too, preached against the catastrophic events that would ensue should the federal government shut down for even a moment. The inference seemed to be that somehow Congressman Burchett had something to do with depriving the SNAP recipients of their benefits. I don't think Allie and the Sentinel mentioned anything about the military families who aren't being paid but who are still working. All in the name of keeping Obamacare fat and sassy. Barack Obama lied when he told Americans

they could keep their doctor, and Obamacare has increased the cost of healthcare and insurance. Remember Obama's promise that the average family would save \$2,500 per year on healthcare? Yeah, that wasn't true either. The Department of Health & Human Services reported in May 2017 that the average health insurance premiums had doubled since 2013. Thanks, Barry.

In 2018, Obamacare plans increased by another 19% for the high-cost plans and 32% for the cheapest plans at a time when the average for inflation was 2%. Obamacare has driven up the cost of funding entitlements far beyond what was originally projected. Obamacare and its expansion of Medicaid have cost taxpayers \$4.8 TRILLION and are growing. Obamacare has increased entitlement spending by about 44%. The great majority of Americans enrolled in Obamacare are enrolled in Medicaid, which has grown from 55 million to 74 million since 2013. That gives consumers little choice as they can't choose their own physicians, hospitals or the treatment they desire.

At a time of huge and potentially crippling federal

debt, something Tim Burchett warns us about and has long insisted that taxpayers get their money's worth, the most recent forecast is that medical expenses will reach nearly 20% of our country's GDP.

Obamacare has also reduced the number of options for American consumers. In more than 50% of counties in the US, there is only one insurer. And more than 30% of counties have only two insurers.

Barack Obama told us from the Rose Garden of the White House that Obamacare meant "everybody" in the United States would have health insurance. That, too, wasn't true. There are 30 million uninsured people today because they can't afford the Obamacare premiums. Thank goodness the penalties for not purchasing Obamacare were repealed by Congress.

It has made more people reliant on the government. The per-person cost of Obamacare is also far more than was anticipated. The Democrats have been trying to herd Americans into exchange plans with higher deductibles, lower actuarial value and smaller and narrower networks.

Obamacare has been a

boon for improper Medicaid payments. In 2020, taxpayers forked over \$86 billion in improper Medicaid payments. That was an increase of almost 21.4%. Most of that was apparently due to eligibility errors. There are legitimate estimates that there are somewhere between 2.3 million to 3.3 million people who are getting Medicaid but don't actually qualify for it. The taxpayers have paid billions to subsidize insurance plans for others while still paying for their own.

The Sentinel doesn't give a hoot about military families either, and is just trying to pluck at people's heartstrings while ignoring the fact that SNAP recipients are only suffering because the Democrats are fighting to the last minute for a failed program that has never worked the way Obama promised it would. Nah, the Sentinel didn't bother to state who shut down the government. But I can say it sure wasn't Tim Burchett.

Leo Cooper Was A Great Man And A Great Public Servant

It is with deep sadness that The Knoxville Focus

observes the passing of longtime educator and former chairman of the Knoxville County Commission Leo Cooper. It is fair to say that Leo Cooper was a man of the highest integrity, who cared for his fellow man and community. He was a public servant in the best sense who gave back to his community. The Focus family is very sorry to note the passing of Leo Cooper, who was a very fine man indeed.

Condolences Extended On The Passing Of Scott Cagle

The Focus is deeply sorry to say goodbye to Scott Cagle, a retired pastor and founder of the Northstar Church. Pastor Cagle was truly a man of God who earnestly tried to do good throughout his life, which was tragically not as long as it should have been. Pastor Cagle lived as he preached and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The Focus family extends its condolences and sorrow to Mrs. Cagle and the pastor's children and grandchildren.

Partisan politics debate continues at Knox County Commission

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motion dealing with "citizenship" issues.

The Fox suggestion requires: "A sworn statement from the executive director of the organization subject to penalty of perjury, affirming that no funds of the organization are used to benefit any person or persons residing in, staying in, or visiting Knox County while in violation of United States immigration laws."

Rawls also said a full-blown audit is unfair to smaller non-profits, which may not have the funds or capabilities to do so.

Jenny Holden, senior director of Grants and Community Development, said non-profit groups make quarterly reports and that, on occasion, applications for county funds are rejected before a payment is made.

Commissioner Shane Jackson said that funding goes to non-profits to support their overall programs, and Commission Chairwoman Gina Oster then suggested a 90-day delay on the Russell motion.

Commissioner Terry Hill said she agrees some

"tweaking" is needed, but added Russell's changes might "create a problem where it doesn't exist," adding, "I'm just concerned."

Fox called for "greater transparency" and said that some non-profit groups may have "other programs that my constituents may object to."

Rawls questioned requiring non-profits to provide a "donor list" and supported the 90-day postponement. Fox said he was referring to "institutional donors, not private individual donors."

Hill asked County Finance Director Chris Caldwell about restrictions on how the hotel-motel taxes are distributed, and Caldwell answered that all the wheel tax dollars are distributed by state code.

The debate apparently comes to a vote today, along with a proposal by Rhonda Lee to honor the late Charlie Kirk, assassinated in Utah recently. Commissioner Courtney Durrett objected to the honorary resolution because the outspoken conservative had no connection to Knox County.

Durrett said that a full commission honors

ceremony for Kirk creates a "slippery slope" that could become a "partisan debate." Fox replied that Kirk had an impact on UT students, and Lee said Kirk was at the university in March and drew more than 3,000 attendees. Lee said that Kirk's Turning Point USA has a large chapter at UT.

Rawls suggested that a proclamation would be more fitting than an honors ceremony and called the matter a "divisive issue." Hill said that the issue "hits a nerve" with some commissioners and asked Lee to consider the suggestion.

Commissioner Larsen Jay called the honors ceremony idea "contentious" and said it could open Pandora's Box. He supported the idea of Lee proposing a resolution to honor the fallen spokesman.

"I'm totally shocked, appalled, that there is pushback on this," Lee said.

Jay replied that a resolution condemning political violence would pass the commission unanimously, but added, "That's not what this is."

District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell's proposal

to require non-profits to provide more information prior to receiving Hotel-Motel tax grants appears to be headed for more debate when the Knox

County Commission meets today.

District 7 Commissioner Rhonda Lee said she was shocked with the response to her proposal to honor

late conservative spokesman Charlie Kirk. Some commissioners suggested she sponsor a resolution rather than a full Honors ceremony.

New subcommittee begins

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assignment crafted by Commissioner Kim Frazier and urged members to review the current code, check the ethics policies of other local governments, and craft suggestions on possible changes to the current code.

Gibson suggested seeking public input during the 120-day review, and the upcoming meeting will apparently be advertised, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Marcus Kennedy suggested a web page to help with input and suggestions. Sanders said their agenda

offers a "Public Forum" for citizen input, although no public speakers addressed the first meeting.

All ethics complaints against elected officials are reviewed by the Knox County Law Department and, if found credible, are then passed to the Ethics

Committee. The last update of the code was in 2018.

The comprehensive review of the Knox County Code of Ethics comes after two county officials were indicted for violations and another investigated. The committee will meet monthly.

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KCS unveils preschool ReadShare bus

By Ken Lay

Knox County has four preschools, and those schools don't have libraries.

But now, Knox County Schools will bring the libraries to the schools with a new ReadShare Book Bus.

The bus was unveiled on Thursday afternoon at Cedar Bluff Preschool at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Following the ceremony, students and parents were invited to check out books, and the students were treated to cookies.

Knox County Schools promotes early literacy, and Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk said the bus is necessary because the preschools at Cedar Bluff, Fort Sanders, Karns and Fairgarden Community Center are not equipped with libraries on their respective campuses.

"None of our preschools have libraries, and it's more efficient for us to bring the library to the schools," Rysewyk said.

"We have four Pre-K programs, and with this, every kid will have access to books."

Knox County Mayor

"Lots of families will now have the opportunity to share books and reading."

Knox County Mayor

Glenn Jacobs spoke of the importance of early literacy.

"We put a lot of

emphasis on early literacy because it leads to success not only in education but in life," Jacobs said.

"We had a lot of sponsors, and I would like to thank those sponsors for making this happen."

Rysewyk commended Jacobs for his commitment to early childhood literacy.

"We're happy to have the mayor here with us today," Rysewyk said. "He's always been a proponent of education and early literacy."

The bus was conceived by Knox County Schools Supervisor of Academic Resources Sarah Searles, who always wanted to have a bus.

"I always wanted to do a bus," she said. "And this bus will give students and their families the opportunity to read together."

The bus will be driven by Trent McLees, the district's library and media facilitator. He's looking forward to bringing books to Knox County's preschool students.

"It's an honor to be the one who is going to drive this bus," he said.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs are joined by KCS administrators to cut the ribbon to celebrate the unveiling of the ReadShare Bus, which will bring a library experience to preschool students.

Affordable Housing Fund increase on council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council may pass, on second and final reading Tuesday, an ordinance to designate \$10 million to the city's Affordable Housing Fund.

That funding hinges on whether or not the sales tax referendum is approved by the majority of voters in the November 4 General Election. The designation for housing would be about 22% of the additional local option sales tax revenue.

Following that vote, the council will consider a number of zoning changes, including the final approval of changing 6109 Creekhead Drive from agricultural (AG) to RN-1, single-family residential, and the property at 3415 Harvey Drive may change from RN-1 to RN-2, single-family residential.

Properties changing to commercial classification include 140 West Baxter, from residential to general commercial, 2019 Middlebrook from industrial mixed-use to highway commercial, and 4879 Chambliss Avenue from residential to neighborhood commercial.

Zoning change requests before the council on first readings include 305 West Vine Avenue to change to Downtown Boulevard Subdistrict, six lots on Ball Camp Pike from RN-1 to RN-2, and 962 North Gallaher View Road could return to its previous zoning.

The council will honor the late Knoxville news broadcaster Bill Williams.

Other items on the agenda include upping two Gay Street Bridge Repair Project contracts by over \$250,000 for repairs. The council may also approve state funds to the tune of \$4.9 million to reduce downtown crime, \$2 million to improve police and community relations, and \$2.9 million for violent crime prevention. An application for \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Justice may be approved for body cameras, training, supplies and equipment for the Knoxville Police Department.

The restoration and reuse of the historic Giffin School may get \$300,000 from Historic Preservation Funds, and the Community Action Committee may receive \$125,000 for Rapid Re-Housing services for individuals and homeless families.

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The Ghost of the Bijou Theatre



By Mike Steely
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Local legend has it that a ghostly figure in military uniform haunts the Bijou Theatre in downtown Knoxville. The apparition is said to frequent the now-balcony area where the bridal suite was located in the pre-Civil War era building, then known as the Lamar House. Could the image be the spirit of Col. William

Sanders? The Union officer, who had led a Union strike force across East Tennessee in 1862 and returned to the city a year later under General Ambrose Burnside, was shot and killed atop an earthen fort captured from the Confederates. A Rebel sharpshooter shot him atop the fortification, today known as Fort Sanders. The wounded commander was quickly taken to the Lamar House bridal suite,

where he lingered and died. Many wounded Union soldiers were treated in the historic structure, built in 1816, and many passed away there. The body was buried in the Second Presbyterian Church cemetery and was later removed for a burial in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Is Sanders, a Blue Grass State native, longing to be interred in the state of his birth? Sanders attended West

Point when Robert E. Lee was superintendent and served in the U.S. Cavalry prior to the rebellion. In our town, Sanders was said to be dating Sue Boyd, a relative of the noted Confederate spy Belle Boyd, who mourned his passing following the fatal shot. The shooter is believed to have fired on Sanders from the Bleak House. The earthen fort was renamed Fort Sanders,

as was the battle there, where the Union Army was successful in defending the city. A historic marker along Kingston Pike marks the site of the fatal shot, and there's another marker at the Second Presbyterian Church downtown. Of the many Union soldiers treated or dying there in 1863, could Sanders be the spirit that stands in the balcony? It's a Halloween mystery.

Knox County's Oldest Cemetery

By Pete Gawda

In a quiet, picturesque setting on Asbury Road east of downtown Knoxville at the merging of the French Broad and Holston rivers lies the oldest cemetery in the county and the site of some of the earliest Christian worship services. This is the site of Lebanon in the Fork Presbyterian Church, which was organized in 1791. For a year or two before the church was organized, Rev. Samuel Carrick, the first pastor, had been preaching outdoors to congregations in the area. He had come from Virginia to establish Presbyterian churches on the frontier. J. G. M. Ramsey, in his pamphlet "History of Lebanon Presbyterian Church 1791," described Rev. Carrick as "the strange ambassador for Christ to the pioneers of Tennessee, and the frontiersmen of the West, whose was 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his path straight.'" A grove of cedar trees and the location in the fork of the rivers gave rise to the name of this outpost of Christianity. Rev. Carrick went on to become the pastor of Knoxville's First Presbyterian Church and president of Blount College, later called the University of Tennessee. The congregation continued to grow and included all Presbyterians in the area, including Adair's Station, four or five miles above First Creek, and all the settlements on both sides of the Holston and French Broad rivers. The congregation continued to meet outdoors until the first church building was built in 1812. That first building was

constructed from unhewn logs, without a window or a door. It was located a little west of the latest building. When the congregation outgrew this building, services were held again outdoors in the surrounding cedar grove. As the congregation grew, nearby landowner Colonel Frances Ramsey donated nine acres of land on which a 40-by-60-foot building of hewn logs was built. Ramsey was also one of the first elders in the church. The building was covered with shingles and had a floor. There was one small window near the pulpit without a sash or shutter. This crude edifice was replaced by a stone building in 1808. When the stone building began to deteriorate, another building was built in 1848. It served the congregation until the latest building was built in 1902. That building was destroyed by fire in 1981. The bell in the center

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Top: The grave of Elizabeth Carrick, who died in 1793, is one of the oldest graves in the oldest cemetery in Knox County. Lebanon in the Fork Cemetery is located on Asbury Road where the French Broad and Holston rivers converge. Upper right: This is the Ramsey family section of the oldest cemetery in Knox County. The shorter obelisk to the left marks the grave of J.G.M. Ramsey, historian and Confederate treasury agent and son of Colonel Frances Ramsey, one of the founders of the church. The taller obelisk marks the grave of Confederate General John C. Ramsey, Colonel Ramsey's brother. The table-like tombstone marks the grave of Colonel Ramsey. In the background to the right is a pavilion supported by the columns of Lebanon in the Fork Presbyterian Church, the oldest Presbyterian Church in Knox County which stood on this site. The church was destroyed by fire in 1981. The pavilion houses the bell from the church, pictured above.

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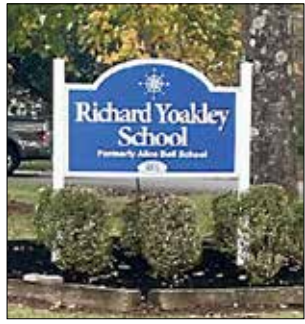


New sign installed at Yoakley School

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The new Richard Yoakley School sign is finally in place at the Washington Pike facility. School secretary Donna Wynn said Wednesday that, with the help of The Knoxville Focus, it was installed.

"Yesterday we had some volunteers from Pilot Corporation come and lay mulch around the sign area, rake leaves, plant mums, and tidy up the area," said Wynn. Wynn said that they



applied for and received a small \$1,500 beautification grant for the new sign.

"Thank you again for sharing the article about our school. We are all happy to have our 'almost' original sign back where it belongs," she wrote.

Toddlers

Amy and I are blessed to have had two wonderful children. Lacey and then Dallas filled our young lives with all sorts of joys, and even the woes weren't so bad when we look at them



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in hindsight. Our children learned the importance of an education, and both earned college degrees. No, that hasn't made them better than others; those degrees just assured that they would have a chance, that more doors would open to them.

We completed the first parts of our jobs when Dallas earned his degree. We always planned to be part of their lives, but becoming "empty-nesters" was also exciting, even more so when we retired. Of course, the old adage that "man plans and God laughs" applies here.

Amy wanted another dog after my Jack Russell Snoop died. I wasn't big on it, but when it came time, I, in fact, picked out the dog from her picture. Sadie was meant to be ours. She'd already been selected by another family, but they gave her back when she had an accident in the

house. See, our coming together was meant to be.

This little girl, part Schnauzer and part Border Collie, came for a visit and never left our home. For the last 10-11 years, she's been our baby. We've

taken her with us on visits to Nashville, and the dog proved to be the perfect traveler.

After Dallas passed, we had to decide whether to give up his dog, Harvey, for adoption or to keep him. In the end, Harvey stayed with us. He's some kind of hound that was rescued during the time Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. Now, "Harve the Marve" is a different kind of pup. His hound characteristics are dominant.

In the blink of an eye, our lives have changed. We are the parents of two toddlers, each that weighs somewhere north of seventy pounds. For us who are in our seventies, picking up one of them is a "back-straining-gut-buster!" According to research, a dog usually has the IQ of a three-year-old human. I think both are much smarter.

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District 1 candidates answer Focus questions

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Early voting is underway as ten people vie for five seats on the Knoxville City Council. District 1's Tommy Smith has chosen not to seek re-election and Karyn Adams and Becky Jones are seeking that South Knoxville seat. The Focus asked them four questions and their verbatim replies are below.

Should city council races be by political party?

Karyn Adams: The City Council races are non-partisan, meaning candidates don't identify themselves with a particular party. The races have been non-partisan since the early 1990s. These remain the only non-partisan races in the City, and I can say as a candidate and as a citizen, I believe they should remain so. Non-partisan races allow all voters (and candidates) to focus on the issues that voters are most concerned with - for example, housing availability, speeding on their street, sidewalks, or keeping their neighborhood park

up to snuff. These aren't issues that require a political party to address. They need a councilperson who is actively engaged in the district and city and who takes the time to listen and understand. Almost every door I have knocked (on), and that's thousands of households throughout District 1, have expressed relief and appreciation that this is not another "us vs. them" political race, but instead, a community-driven and community-focused one.

Becky Jones: Yes, it will boost voter turnout and enable voters to make more informed decisions.

Do you favor the proposed half-cent sales tax increase?

Adams: It's important that every voter understand that the only thing the City's proposed .2 percent sales tax has to do with the City Council elections is that it is on the ballot at the same time. None of the candidates currently running for City Council have any additional sway or say in this tax proposal. My vote, like every citizen in District 1, counts the same - one vote. When I look

at the City's proposed use for the monies raised through the proposed tax - sidewalks, affordable housing, park improvements, and infrastructure - these are uses I am personally aligned with. So for my one vote, yes, I will most likely vote in favor. But as a candidate, it is not my job to persuade people to vote on this measure in either direction. My job is to listen and ask what people in the district and the city are thinking. Thus far, the biggest concern expressed is not about the tax but about the follow-through. How can the public be sure that the City will follow through and spend monies as promised. If the proposed tax passes, I am committed to holding the current administration and future administrations accountable for fulfilling these promised infrastructure improvements. If the tax fails, I am committed to working with the City and community to find alternative ways for funding ongoing infrastructure needs.

Jones: No. Any candidate unable to provide a clear yes or no on this critical issue should not be taken seriously by voters.

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Standing Guard:

Keeping What Matters the Most

Last week, I had the privilege of speaking in the stunningly beautiful city of St. Augustine. Founded in 1565 by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and 800 Spanish settlers, this city was known as Spanish La Florida at the time. St. Augustine is rich in history and proudly holds the title of "Oldest City in America."

Along its waterfront stands the Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest masonry fort in the United States. This fortress has withstood wars, storms, and the relentless passage of time. By the late 1600s, the Spanish recognized the need for a stronghold to protect the city from invaders and pirates. The result was a remarkable feat of 17th-century engineering: massive walls made from coquina, a type of limestone composed of seashells that can absorb cannon fire without crumbling. This fort was designed not only to endure but to prevail, and it has done so for centuries. Over the last 300



By Justin Pratt,
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years, many different flags have flown above its ramparts as it changed hands numerous times, always through peaceful transition because it remained impenetrable and was never conquered. Every tower, every gate, and every stone barrier was constructed for a single purpose: to protect what was most valuable.

That ancient fortress rising over St. Augustine paints a vivid picture of Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Just as the Castillo de San Marcos was built to withstand centuries of attack, Solomon commands us to stand watch over our hearts. Our enemy may not come with cannons and muskets, but he will attack through a variety of methods in hopes of compromising our integrity and destroying our lives.

One of the greatest spiritual disciplines for every child of God is to be fortified against the spiritual enemies that seek to invade with fear, bitterness, pride,

temptation, and doubt. A careless heart is like an unguarded city that will always be easily conquered. When life fires its hardest shots, a heart fortified in Christ doesn't break apart; it absorbs the blow through faith and grace. Just as a Spanish fort was built to protect a city, we guard our hearts to protect our calling, our witness, and our relationship with God. The strength of the fort determined the safety of St. Augustine, and the condition of our hearts determines the strength of our lives. The Castillo still stands today, a silent sermon reminding us that what is carefully guarded remains standing.

We must remember that every decision, every desire and even the direction of our lives stem from where our hearts lead us. Solomon, therefore, gives his son an important piece of advice: above all else in life, make sure to guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. This serves as a reminder that prioritizing the protection of our hearts is essential to safeguarding our lives.

The best way to protect the spiritual heart is to build a strong barrier

around it that limits what can enter. In the following verses from Proverbs, Solomon advises his son: "Put away from you a forward mouth, and let perverse lips be far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, and let your eyelids gaze directly before you. Consider the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or to the left; remove your foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:24-27).

The key to safeguarding our hearts is to be vigilant about what we allow in and what we let come out. As believers, we are called to avoid harmful speech, be mindful of what we see, consider the direction of our steps, and protect how we use our hands. These represent the four barriers we build around our hearts.

When we allow Christ and His Word to serve as the cornerstone of our defense, no assault of bitterness, fear or temptation can penetrate our walls. A guarded heart is not a hardened heart; rather, it is a heart strengthened by grace, rooted in truth, and secured by the presence of God.

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Senator John Marshall Butler

Pages from the Past



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Today, with the occasional exception, Maryland is a solidly Democratic state, especially on the federal level. The last time a Republican was elected to the United States Senate from Maryland was 1980, when Senator Charles "Mac" Mathias was reelected. During the decade of the 1950s, the Free State had two Republicans representing it in the U.S. Senate. Most of the Republicans who got elected to public office in Maryland were more moderate than solidly conservative. The exception, at least to some degree, was John Marshall Butler. When referred to as a member of the "Old Guard," Butler retorted that being so was as "American as baseball."

As befitting an able lawyer, Butler told one interviewer, "I felt I represented the conservative constitutional element of the party. I'm a constitutionalist. I thought the liberal elements were straying pretty far from the concept of constitutional government that had been taught me. And I therefore resolved to expend every effort to bring the government back to government by the precepts of the Constitution as I understood them."

When the former senator died, the Baltimore Evening Sun published an editorial acknowledging Butler's controversial first campaign, which the newspaper described as having been won due to "a shamefully manufactured smear against" the incumbent. Yet the Evening Sun stated it was frequently overlooked that Senator Millard Tydings "had dangerously neglected his Maryland political roots" and made himself vulnerable to a serious challenger. As a person, "not even liberals who knew John Butler could bring themselves to dislike him," the newspaper admitted. "His views were rigidly orthodox, his creativity limited," the editorial stated, but Butler was also a man who possessed "a warm human touch and a personal straightforwardness which caught and held the affection even of those profoundly in disagreement." The Evening Sun editorial readily confessed the newspaper had never been politically friendly to Senator John Marshall Butler, yet found him to be "a man of principle, a man who said what he believed, a man unswayed by popular winds." "Winning politics and flinty honesty do not often go together," the editorial insisted, "John Butler managed both."

Doubtless, the key to Butler's popularity with Marylanders came from his reputation as a "service" senator. The Baltimore Sun praised Senator Butler for his "real public service

lay in protecting his constituents' interests, not in the great national and international issues of his day." Rather, Butler was a senator "who paid close attention to the interests of his state, particularly to its economic linchpin, the port of Baltimore, its shipyards, and the American merchant marine." Many senators, feeling the weight of the world upon their shoulders, were beaten in the next election simply because they seemed to forget the worries of the folks back home.

Butler's intense devotion to Maryland's interests was described by the shipping correspondent for the London Times, who thought the senator was "the foremost champion in the United States Senate of the American shipping and shipbuilding industries."

Tall, erect, a man of striking personal appearance, John Marshall Butler looked like a United States senator. At 14, John M. Butler sold newspapers and got a job in a mattress factory, and earned money to send himself to Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Law School. Butler married Mary Louise Abell, whose great-grandfather had helped to found Baltimore's Sun newspapers. During his time in college, Butler was both a scholar and an athlete. Butler's education was interrupted by his service in the First World War, where he enlisted in the 110th Field Artillery of the 29th Division. Upon returning home to Maryland, he returned to his studies but had to quit again to help his ailing father in the elder Butler's real estate business. John M. Butler studied law at night and earned a degree from the University of Maryland Law School. Butler joined the firm of Venable, Baetjer & Howard, becoming a partner in 1939.

Prior to 1950, John Marshall Butler had enjoyed the life of a successful and prosperous attorney. The Butlers had three children, two boys and a girl, and Butler's only public service was as a member of Baltimore's Civil Service Commission. Few gave Butler much of a chance to defeat the venerable and formidable Millard Tydings in 1950. Even Franklin D. Roosevelt had found it impossible to dislodge Tydings from the Senate. Senator Tydings had been one of the more conservative Democrats who had incurred the displeasure of President Roosevelt. Roosevelt sponsored Congressman David Lewis to challenge Tydings inside the Democratic primary in 1938 and visited the Free State to speak on his behalf. FDR was embarrassed when Tydings won



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(Left to right), U.S. Senator Glenn Beall, former Senator John Marshall Butler and Senator Barry Goldwater in 1964.

handily.

"McCarthyism versus communism was the only real issue that I ran on in 1950," Butler told a reporter two decades after the campaign.

The 1950 Senate race in Maryland would become infamous and would color much of Butler's reputation, especially with the political Left. The Butler campaign received assistance from Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, who utilized the services of some rather shady people who contrived to publish a photo showing Senator Tydings apparently listening to Earl Browder, leader of the American Communist Party. The photo was a composite, meaning two separate photographs were put together as if they were one. An extensive and exhaustive investigation following the election revealed that there were many things done by the McCarthy group without the approval or knowledge of John Marshall Butler.

Butler began the 1950 campaign as an unknown and faced David John Markey in the GOP primary. Markey had been the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in 1946 and quite nearly beat Governor Herbert O'Connor, losing only by 2,232 votes out of more than 470,000 cast. John M. Butler actually lost the popular vote in the Republican primary to Markey by 1,889 votes, but as Maryland used a county unit system to determine the winner (rather like the Electoral College), Butler won the nomination.

The 1950 elections were rough on a number of Democrats seeking reelection to the United States Senate. Both the majority leader and majority whip were defeated in reelection bids, but perhaps the biggest political upset of the night was John M. Marshall Butler's victory over Millard Tydings by more than 43,000 votes. It was a GOP year in the Free State in 1950, with Theodore McKeldin, a Republican who had been popularly elected as the mayor of Baltimore, winning the governorship. McKeldin was a more moderate Republican, and the two men would find themselves on opposite ends of the fight between Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio and

Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican presidential nomination in 1952. Governor McKeldin backed Ike while Senator Butler touted his friend Bob Taft.

Senator Tydings challenged the result of the election, seeking to oust Butler from the Senate for having used unfair means to defeat him. The Senate, controlled by Democrats, seated John M. Butler.

As a member of the U.S. Senate, John Marshall Butler was a staunch anti-communist, sponsoring the Communist Control Act, which would have outlawed the Communist Party in the United States. Butler's bill would also have allowed those organizations infiltrated by Communists to be prosecuted. Senator Butler was a strong supporter of the Constitution amendment proposed by his colleague, John W. Bricker of Ohio, which would have limited the president's authority in foreign affairs by requiring the approval of the Senate for some executive agreements.

Senator Butler was a conservative during his time in the United States Senate on the national issues coming before that body. Butler supported civil rights as he believed every person had the right to vote under the Constitution. The senator was insistent that taxpayers receive fair value for the expenditure of their tax dollars. Plain-spoken, Butler was never shy about expressing his views, but his concentration upon the parochial interests of his state made him popular with Marylanders and a difficult target for Democrats. There was hardly any industry important to Maryland that did not receive help from Senator Butler and his office during his 12 years in the Senate. Butler was also highly popular amongst some unexpected groups, like the longshoremen, due to his support for the shipping industry, so vital to the Maryland economy.

His defeat in the 1950 election rankled Millard Tydings, who never got over his loss. The former senator resolved to try and win back his seat in 1956 with both men girding for a bitter rematch. Tydings only narrowly beat George Mahoney, a contractor who had lost two races for the U.S. Senate and two gubernatorial races.

Mahoney was something of a force to be reckoned with and would remain so for the better part of two decades. George Mahoney had a strong appeal for working-class Democrats, and while Tydings was no born aristocrat, the former senator certainly had, over the years, acquired something of a lordly manner and lived that way as well. Tydings and his wife, the daughter of former ambassador and attorney Joseph Davies, who had been married at one time to the richest woman in the world, Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress to the cereal fortune, lived on a large estate in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

Tydings was stricken with what was publicly announced as an attack of shingles, but was actually encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. Tydings gave up the Democratic nomination, which was then won by George Mahoney. Senator Butler ran in tandem with the reelection campaign of President Eisenhower and beat Mahoney by over 50,000 votes.

By 1962, Senator John M. Butler was tiring of political life. Every indication pointed to his being able to win a third term in the Senate if he ran. Troubled by a few physical ailments, the 65-year-old Butler announced he would not seek reelection. Butler's announcement in December 1961 stunned his own party and Maryland Democrats as well. Senator Butler mysteriously said "compelling personal reasons" had caused him to come to the decision not to run again. Butler had earlier suffered from a virus that doctors had a difficult time managing, while the senator had a fever that ran as high as 105 degrees. "My eleven years in the Senate have been the most satisfying of my life," Butler said in a statement to the press.

Maryland Republicans were panicked by the idea that Senator Butler would not run again and begged him to reconsider. Newspapers reported the senator was giving thought to becoming a candidate again. Shortly before the filing deadline, Senator Butler reiterated his decision not to seek reelection. "I must abide by my

decision," the senator said. Free State Republicans had hoped Butler would run again, along with former governor Theodore McKeldin, seeking to return to the statehouse. McKeldin, away in New York to make a speech, told a reporter Senator Butler's decision not to run again "makes the prospects for me less attractive."

In 1964, former Senator John M. Butler accepted the post of state chairman for Maryland of Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign. Butler and Goldwater had served for a decade together in the U.S. Senate.

After his retirement, Senator and Mrs. Butler moved to a condominium in Cross Keys Village, where he enjoyed playing gin rummy and still occasionally made speeches at Republican get-togethers.

While still practicing law, the former senator was interviewed by a reporter and observed, "The electorate is so much more fragmented now, and things are a lot more emotional, too. I would think it would be a lot harder to run for the Senate now." Butler disliked the idea of special interest groups and how candidates for public office had to try and woo them to win an election. "I said what I thought, and they either voted for me or not," Butler said.

The former senator and Mrs. Butler traveled by automobile to St. Simon's Island off the coast of Georgia, where they enjoyed a vacation in March 1978. The couple was on the way back to Maryland when they stopped off at a Rocky Mount, North Carolina, hotel. Once in the hotel room, John Marshall Butler suffered a massive heart attack and died.

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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 judgement 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
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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
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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, Darrel Hicks, and the Heirs or Beneficiaries of Franky 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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JERMAINE DUPRIS GORDON
IN RE: A.L.S., C.J.G., and I.J.G., Minor children under the age of 14
BY: JAMIE ARLENE HOLBROOK, Plaintiff
vs.

KERRY E. HOLBROOK, JERMAINE DUPRIS GORDON, DAVID AARON SMITH, Defendants
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
IN THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DOCKET NO. 2025-DR-40-1829
TO THE DEFENDANT, JERMAINE DUPRIS GORDON, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at his office, 6208 B Garners Ferry Road, P. O. Box 9507, Columbia, South Carolina 29290, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid the Plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default to be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO: THE DEFENDANT, JERMAINE DUPRIS GORDON – last known address, Knox County, TN.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Summons in the above entitled action, of which the foregoing is a copy, together with a Complaint was duly filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County, South Carolina on June 18, 2025, the object and prayer of which is the adoption of three minor children born to Kerry E. Holbrook f/k/a Kerry E. Gordon, f/k/a Kerry E. Slack.
This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for three (3) consecutive weeks as required by South Carolina law.
This 6th day of October, 2025.
Monet S. Pincus
Presiding Family Court Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit
Columbia, SC

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CASE OF MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH – Vs – KEITH ALAN GRANDOLPH

Docket # 145238

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Plaintiff, MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MARLA BISHOP GRANDOLPH.

IT IS ORDERED that said Plaintiff file an answer to an action of PETITION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT AND TO ENFORCE MARITAL DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT filed by KEITH ALAN GRANDOLPH, Defendant herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with LUKE A. SHIPLEY, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 800 S. GAY ST., SUITE 700, KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

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

This the 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2025.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert Clark
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER

IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. 91134-2
CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, Petitioner/Administrator

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PROBATE DIVISION

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Motion for Notice by Publication filed by Carolyn Levy Gilliam as Administrator of the ESTATE OF CAROL KOWALSKI PORIER. Upon consideration of the motion, the Court finds as follows:

1. That the Petitioner has made a diligent effort to identify and locate all heirs of the Decedent, but despite such efforts, the identities and/or whereabouts of one or more heirs remain unknown;

2. That personal service upon said unknown heirs is impracticable, and their identities and addresses cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry;

3. That service by publication is appropriate and authorized pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. That the Petitioner is authorized to serve notice in this cause upon any and all unknown heirs at law of the Decedent, Carol Kowalski Porier, by publication in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 21-1-204;

2. That such publication shall be made in the Knoxville Focus in Knox County, Tennessee, once weekly for four (4) consecutive weeks;

3. That proof of publication shall be filed with the Court promptly after the final publication.

Publication dates: 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17/2025.

This 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

RICHARD B. ARMSTRONG, JR.
Chancellor
J. SCOTT GRISWOLD
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY ANN YEARY
DOCKET NUMBER 91377-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JUDY ANN YEARY, who died Feb. 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 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JUDY ANN YEARY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON L. YEARY, ADMINISTRATOR
299 BYRD FARM LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEWELL ANN BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 91456-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEWELL ANN BAILEY, who died June 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JEWELL ANN BAILEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORI MICHELLE SHEPHARD,
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
3810 THRALL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

TANNER WESLEY BUTLER,
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
7401 LONG SHOT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY A. BARKER
DOCKET NUMBER 91549-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY A. BARKER, who died August 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY A. BARKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY HOLBERT TOOLE, EXECUTRIX
4354 WALLERTON COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEULAH MAE (COTTON) BARNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 91419-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration) in respect of the Estate of BEULAH MAE (COTTON) BARNETT, who died on June 30, 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 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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

This the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BEULAH MAE (COTTON) BARNETT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TOMMY J. MCCULLAH,
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
917 E. COPELAND DR.
POWELL, TN 37849

T. MICHAEL CRAIG GRUBBS, ATTORNEY
402 CLYDE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEREMY DAVID BOLIN
DOCKET NUMBER 90935-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the ancillary administration of the Estate of JEREMY DAVID BOLIN, who died on February 24, 2025, were issued to the referenced Administratrix 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 creditors received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 14th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JEREMY DAVID BOLIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA J. NEWMAN, ADMINISTRATRIX
780 ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 869
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0869

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHEILA H. BOUNDS
DOCKET NUMBER 91640-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHEILA H. BOUNDS, who died August 1, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHEILA H. BOUNDS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTIN STANSBERRY and BRENDA STANSBERRY, CO-EXECUTORS
8919 JOHNSON CEMETERY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE VICTORIA BUCK
DOCKET NUMBER 91534-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACQUELINE VICTORIA BUCK, who died August 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 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 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE VICTORIA BUCK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

NATALIE WILLIAMS BUCK, EXECUTRIX
4124 LARIGO DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LENA W. BUERKLE
DOCKET NUMBER 90783-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LENA W. BUERKLE, who died on February 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 10th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LENA W. BUERKLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD LOUIS BUERKLE II, EXECUTOR
565 PEBBLE CREEK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ESTER CLARK BURPO
DOCKET NUMBER 91503-2

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

(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 9 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ESTER CLARK BURPO
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURA BARKER, ADMINISTRATRIX
62 BEECH HILL ROAD
EXETER, NH 03833

AARON D. DUFFEY, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 5869
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SOLOMON BUTLER
DOCKET NUMBER 91034-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SOLOMON BUTLER, who died March 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 14 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF SOLOMON BUTLER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHNNY LEE BUTLER, EXECUTOR
3730 WILLOW FALLS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VALERIE ELIZABETH CHAMBERS
DOCKET NUMBER 91473-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of VALERIE ELIZABETH CHAMBERS, who died March 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 the first publication; or

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON DIANE GENTRY
DOCKET NUMBER 91614-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON DIANE GENTRY, who died May 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 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 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHARON DIANE GENTRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES VAN GENTRY
130 CEDAR LANE
ANDERSONVILLE, TN 37705

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHELDON VITO GRECO
DOCKET NUMBER 91558-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHELDON VITO GRECO, who died July 28, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 9 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF SHELDON VITO GRECO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNESSA GRECO, ADMINISTRATRIX
3200 RED MEADOW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET B. HAGLER
DOCKET NUMBER 91565-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET B. HAGLER, who died August 5, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGARET B. HAGLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE
c/o JACOB SPANGLER, LEGAL COUNSEL
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MARIE HAMRICK
DOCKET NUMBER 91620-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN MARIE HAMRICK, who died on August 29, 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 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN MARIE HAMRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LAUREL AMOND HANEY
DOCKET NUMBER 91245-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LAUREL AMOND HANEY, who died June 20, 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 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 13 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LAUREL AMOND HANEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN HANEY, CO-ADMINSTRATOR
133 CHAHYGA WAY
LOUDON, TN 37774

WENDY HANEY, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
133 CHAHYGA WAY
LOUDON, TN 37774

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CASWELL HOWARD
DOCKET NUMBER 90743-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES CASWELL HOWARD, who died on September 22, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMES CASWELL HOWARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES EDWARD HOWARD
785 GODDARD STREET
ALCOA, TN 37701

JARED T. ANDERSON, ATTORNEY
351 GLASCOCK STREET
ALCOA, TN 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY EDWARD KEISLING
DOCKET NUMBER 91618-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GARY EDWARD KEISLING, who died October 1, 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 15th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GARY EDWARD KEISLING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHANIA KEISLING PEHLKE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAT ANN KING, AKA PATRICIA ANN KING
DOCKET NUMBER 91630-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAT ANN KING, AKA PATRICIA ANN KING, who died Sept. 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

date of death.

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF PAT ANN KING, AKA PATRICIA ANN KING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK LUBY
DOCKET NUMBER 91616-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES PATRICK LUBY, who died September 5, 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 17th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK LUBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET JEAN MOFFETT
DOCKET NUMBER 91530-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration with will annexed in respect of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN MOFFETT, 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 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) above; or

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

This the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGARET JEAN MOFFETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAYNE ELIZABETH MORGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 91204-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JAYNE ELIZABETH MORGAN, who died, 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 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 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAYNE ELIZABETH MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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CARLI A. TUTTLE, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JESSICA MARIE RAINWATER
DOCKET NUMBER 91605-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of JESSICA MARIE RAINWATER, who died 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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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

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

described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 13th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JESSICA MARIE RAINWATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1919 ALBERT AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

D. ANDREW YORK, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA ANN (KENDRICK) REED
DOCKET NUMBER 91540-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JULIA ANN (KENDRICK) REED, who died August 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 7 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JULIA ANN (KENDRICK) REED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MICHAEL WINSLETT, CO-EXECUTOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA REILY
DOCKET NUMBER 90895-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA REILY, who died March 8, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA REILY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
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OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA D. SCHRIVER
DOCKET NUMBER 91601-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of JULIA D. SCHRIVER, who died September 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 14th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JULIA D. SCHRIVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUZANNE SCHRIVER
6524 SHERWOOD DRIVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALMA EVELYN STALLION
DOCKET NUMBER 91660-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALMA EVELYN STALLION, who died Nov. 21, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALMA EVELYN STALLION

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY SUE LONG, EXECUTRIX
613 W. FORD VALLEY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARA G. TAGGART
DOCKET NUMBER 91582-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may in respect of the Estate of SARA G. TAGGART, who died August 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 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF SARA G. TAGGART

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN BOGGS TAYLOR, a.k.a. HELEN TAYLOR
DOCKET NUMBER 91571-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN BOGGS TAYLOR, a.k.a. HELEN TAYLOR, who died August 21, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

Toddlers

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One reason to marvel at their intelligence is their ability to tell time. Each and every evening, those two mutts rise from their places and begin whining, barking, and looking deep into our eyes to make us aware that 5:00 has arrived and that we are tardy with food. Just like some men who worked hard days back in the '50s, our two canines expect supper to be served at 5, and not a minute later.

These two can tell time at other times during the day. Each evening, one or both begin a whine and include a pitiful look at 8:00 p.m. That's bedtime for them. What they refuse to do is go to the bedroom alone. They expect me to deliver treats to them as they lie on the bed. Most nights, Sadie remains on the bed, but Harvey sneaks back into the family room. There, he hops on the couch and snuggles with me. Eventually, I head to bed and fight for a place to lie down and have at least a portion of the covers. Four of us fill the king-sized bed, and by morning, Harvey has wormed his way from the foot of the bed to some place between Amy and me.

Our travel plans have

ESTATE OF HELEN BOGGS TAYLOR

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 91609-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY WILLIAMS, who died August 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2025

ESTATE OF PEGGY WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA WILLIAMS, CO-EXECUTOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, CO-EXECUTOR
3428 JOHNSON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

AMY WILLIAMS, CO-EXECUTOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BLDG., 400 W. MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

- AGENDA
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
 2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2025, MINUTES
 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE KNOX COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS – https://knoxcounty.org/ethics_committee/pdfs/ethics_policy.pdf
 4. PUBLIC FORUM (*Agenda items only and limited to 3 mins. per speaker for the first 10 people signed up at meeting*)
 5. ADJOURNMENT
- NOTE: ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO A VOTE.

District 1 candidates answer Focus questions

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

Adams: Of the five committees possible (African American Equity Restoration Task Force, Audit, Golf Course Advisory, Public Property Naming, Rules of Procedure & Charter Review Task Force), the opportunity to serve on the Rules of Procedure & Charter Review task force would provide a deep learning opportunity. The efforts of this group have previously been led by Councilmember Fugate, and supported by external expertise, including former Councilmembers and former City Deputies. The issues and reviews that this taskforce undertakes would engage discussions that consider past, present, and future activities of the Council and would be helpful perspectives for a new member.

Jones: I am eager to serve in any way, leveraging my background in law enforcement advocacy and my desire to restore fiscal responsibility to city government.

What is your opinion of the current city administration?

Adams: People work in public service for a host of reasons, and typically one of those reasons is they believe in the good that a city government can bring. From public safety and transportation to housing support and new initiatives that help a community

respond to changing needs. I respect and appreciate all of the individuals who work to serve, some putting their lives on the line, to make sure that our City is providing a positive quality of life. Can the current administration do better? Of course, and I would expect that they would say the same. Every department and division should have clear goals to meet and exceed. This is a critical part of strategic improvement and providing a climate where each individual can see their role in the work and their contribution to the whole. In District 1, we've been fortunate to have Council leadership who has worked to provide clear information to the City and to constituents. This has helped make work, like Sevier Ave Streetscapes, sidewalks on Lancaster Ave., and master planning on the South Waterfront show the fingerprints of our community's wishes and needs. My aim is to continue and strengthen this communication and transparency and it is the kind of engagement we need in all districts and across the City.

Jones: The current administration is wasting money, leading to higher taxes and fees; they have worsened the homelessness crisis, and neglected areas like South Knoxville. We need a new direction, starting with electing independent voices to the city council to restore common sense.

Knox Co.'s Oldest Cemetery

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of the cemetery and the columns of the pavilion came from that church.

Prominent members of the community, as well as Revolutionary War soldiers, are buried in the cemetery.

One of the earliest graves in the cemetery is that of Elizabeth Carrick, wife of the pastor. She died in 1793 at the time an Indian attack was expected upon Knoxville. All the men of the community had gone to defend the city. Therefore, the women of the community took Mrs. Carrick's body in a canoe down the Holston River to the cemetery and attended to her funeral.

George McNutt, one of the first elders of the church, is buried there.

A large section of the cemetery is dedicated to Colonel Ramsey and his family, including his son, J.G.M. Ramsey, who was a historian and Confederate treasury agent, and the colonel's brother, General John C. Ramsey, who served the Confederacy in the Civil War.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Owens rolls sizzling 825 series on ‘home’ lanes

By Steve Williams

Alex Owens has pretty much grown up at Fountain Lanes. His papaw, David Spiva Sr., is the reason behind that, as he is the longtime manager at the bowling lanes on Broadway in North Knoxville. The 15-year-old Owens has become an outstanding bowler through the years and on Sept. 21 bowled an 825 series, which is believed to be the highest series ever posted by a Knoxville youngster. Bowling in a Sunday Youth League, Alex rolled games

of 258, 288 and 279. And the day before, he had a 290 game in a Saturday morning Youth League. His fantastic series was bowled on lanes 34 and 35. His previous high series was 793. “Just staying consistent with my shots and keeping a good mental game,” he said was the key. And after it was over, he said, “I felt amazing.” Owens, who pointed out that he’s ambidextrous and a two-handed bowler, is a sophomore at Halls High but is allowed to bowl on the Gibbs team by the TSSAA

because Halls doesn’t have a bowling program. Alex said he currently is averaging 220 and hopes to go to the professional ranks someday, “but I’m mainly aiming for college at the moment, then build an education and get a better job.” Owens mentioned that he knew Devin Littlejohn, who bowled at Tennessee Wesleyan College after becoming the TSSAA state individual champion when he bowled for Hardin Valley Academy a few years ago. “Devin is out of college and about to be in the PBA

next year as a rookie,” said Alex. “Me and him have been really good friends. We used to cross paths and beat each other every once in a while.” Gibbs Coach Rick Honeycutt said: “Alex was raised at the bowling alley. I remember him laying in the floor and playing with hot wheel cars when I would come in and bowl. He’s probably the best bowler in the district for sure and maybe the region.” Owens replied: “That’s a pretty serious title. I don’t know about that one.” Alex finished in 15th place

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

According to Gibbs bowling coach Rick Honeycutt, Alex Owens (pictured above at Fountain Lanes) may be the best bowler in the region. Owens bowled a personal best 825 series last month.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



PHOTO BY ROB DOUGHERTY

Catholic RB Kruike Buntyn used his legs Friday night to rush for 179 yards in Catholic's win against CPA.

Catholic rallies in second half to beat CPA, 28-26

By David Klein

The Catholic Irish dug out of a hole in the first half Friday night and stopped a two-point conversion in fourth quarter crunch time to beat the visiting Christ Presbyterian

Academy (CPA) Lions 28-26 in a Division II-AAA (East) game. Catholic got its first region win of the season and improved to 5-3 overall. Freshman running back Kruike Buntyn rushed for 179 yards on 16

carries and a touchdown. After Buntyn’s 38-yard touchdown run with 7:20 left in the fourth quarter put the Irish up 28-20, the Lions marched down to the Irish 37-yard line. A personal foul on Catholic

gave the Lions a first down, and four plays later on 4th-and-2, Bradshaw Klym took a direct snap and ran for a 14-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 28-26 with 2:19 left in the fourth

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Bulldogs win region title

West and Gibbs reach state sectionals

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School’s girls soccer team continued its impressive run through the 2025 postseason with another victory Thursday night in the Region 2-3A Championship match late last week. The Lady Bulldogs shut out West High, 2-0, on a chilly night at Turner-Allender Field to win another region title. The win represented Bearden’s third consecutive postseason shutout. The Lady Bulldogs haven’t conceded a goal since they defeated Hardin Valley Academy, 2-1, in the District 4-3A semifinals on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Bearden (16-2-1) also blanked the Lady Rebels in the district tournament

championship before opening the region tournament with a 4-0 victory over Oak Ridge Tuesday night at home. But West made things difficult on Thursday as they fired off 13 shots in the match, including six that landed on goal. But Bearden goalkeeper Sophie Keener said the shots weren’t that difficult to handle. “I just had to make easy saves to keep us alive,” said Keener, who recorded Bearden’s 13th clean sheet of the 2025 campaign. With Thursday night’s win, the Lady Bulldogs earned the right to host a Class 3A Sectional match

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West wide receiver Silas Monroe stretches over the goal line in a touchdwon attempt. Monroe caught three touchdown passes Friday night in the 42-7 win over Karns.

West qualifies for playoffs after slow start

By Steve Williams

A bleak start has turned into bright hopes for West High’s football season. After three losses following a rained out home opener, the Rebels got their first win at Campbell County on Sept. 19. Since then, they’ve won three of four Region 2-5A games and are looking like West teams of the recent past. Coach Barron Chandler’s team defeated Karns 45-7 Friday night to qualify for post-season play. “This team has had to deal with so much stuff on and off the field and they’ve just kept showing up and working and trying to get better each week and each day,” said Chandler. “It’s a total compliment to the seniors for leading this program and the younger guys are coming along and following their lead and just continuing to work.”

Wide receiver Silas Monroe caught three touchdown passes – two from quarterback Jack Harrison (33 and 14 yards) and one from back-up QB Cannon Dowd (53 yards) – to lead the victory. West (4-2 in region play and 4-4 overall) will host Powell (6-0 and 7-1) Thursday on Senior Night. The two teams have combined for three state titles, with the Panthers bringing home the gold in 2021 and the Rebels going back-to-back in 2022 and 2023. “These two teams know it’s a great rivalry,” said Chandler. “That game has meant so much in recent history in 5A football, the playoffs and the regular season. It’s decided a lot of things. It’s usually a war out there and I think our kids will be excited to play in it and ready to go.” West jumped out to a

14-0 lead against Karns in the opening quarter. Ryheem Lee scored on a 9-yard run around right end on the Rebels’ first possession. After Harrison connected with Monroe the first time, Davis Neely broke up a Karns pass and J.P. Peace intercepted it. The turnover turned into short field goal by Addison Cline, who also had six PATs in the game. Karns got on the scoreboard with Austin Slover’s 19-yard touchdown pass to Weston Ritter on the right side of the end zone to cut West’s lead to 17-7 at 8:55 in the second quarter, but the Beavers would not score again. Dowd’s right-on-the-money pass to Monroe gave West a 24-7 halftime lead. After the Rebels blocked a punt midway through the third quarter, Messiah Wrenn dove over the goal

line from the 1 to extend the margin to 31-7. Wrenn gained 66 yards in the game on 12 carries. Lee reached paydirt from four yards out and the 38-7 command started the mercy rule’s running clock. Harrison threw his second TD pass to Monroe in the fourth quarter for final margin. “West is a really good football team,” said Caleb Slover, Karns’ offensive coordinator. “They’re hitting their stride right now and we knew they were going to be very physical and athletic. I thought we came out and matched to some part. We just never could really get it rolling on both sides of the ball all the way throughout the game.” Karns will end its season with another tough test at Central this week.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Gibbs earns playoff berth

By Steve Williams

A Mikel Van Pelt field goal was the difference on the scoreboard, but it took a total team effort for Gibbs to take third place and claim a playoff berth in Region 2-4A Friday night. The Eagles eliminated Heritage with a 17-14 victory. “We led the entire game and 3-0 at halftime,” said Gibbs Coach Brad Turner. “I like we were more physical in the second half. Defense was the key to the game. Chase Norman and Da’Juan Harris had great games. But the guys up front on both sides were the key. It was a big win.”

WEEK 10: Fulton and Webb won’t end the season winless. The Falcons rolled past Union County 59-6 and Webb edged Chattanooga Christian, 34-26. In other games, Central nipped William Blount 40-39 despite Javaston Badgett being sidelined due to an injury. Clinton was closely behind Powell 24-21 at halftime and the Panthers pulled away, 59-28.

WEEK 11: At least nine games are scheduled to be played Thursday night due to Halloween on Friday. Two key title games this week involving area

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Oak Ridge 45, Farragut 21
Alcoa 42, Carter 0
DB 34, Bearden 7
Boyd Buchanan 32, CAK 7
Halls 66, Campbell Co. 13
Powell 59, Clinton 28
Providence Christian 38, Concord Christian 28
Elizabethton 42, Seymour 14
Gibbs 17, Heritage 14
HVA 42, Cleveland 27
Catholic 28, CPA 26
Central 40, W Blount 39
Grace 15, Lakeway Christian 0
Webb 34, Chatt Christian 26
West 42, Karns 7
Meigs Co. 47, Austin-East 6
Anderson Co. 49, S-D 27
Fulton 59, Union Co. 6
Week 11 Games (Kickoff at 7 local time)
Thursday
Boyd Buchanan at Webb
Bradley Central at Bearden
Farragut at Cleveland
Carter at Gibbs
South-Doyle at Fulton
Notre Dame at Grace
Powell at West
CAK at Lakeway Christian
Grainger at Seymour
Friday
Catholic at Baylor
Concord at Chatt Grace
Karns at Central
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teams match Oak Ridge at Maryville in Region 2-6A and Alcoa at Anderson County in Region 2-4A.

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Catholic rallies in second half to beat CPA, 28-26

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quarter. Klym got the call again for the 2-point conversion to tie it, but the Irish defense denied him to preserve the lead. Following a Catholic onside kick recovery, Buntyn ran 46 yards to the CPA 3-yard line two plays later to seal the victory for the Irish. “Our team is a group of fighters,” Catholic head coach Philip Shadowens said. “We couldn’t get off the field on third down in the first half. We made some adjustments in the second half but it wasn’t really the adjustments; it’s the kids. Our kids came out, refused to lose, and made plays. Offense made some great plays, got us a lead, and our defense was able to get a stop when they had to have one.” Catholic spotted CPA a 17-0 lead nearly halfway into the second quarter on the Lions’ Rawls Patterson’s two rushing touchdowns, a 63-yard touchdown in the first quarter, and a 37-yard



Baby powder and confetti fill the air in the Catholic student section as seniors in togas celebrate at kick off.

touchdown in the second quarter. Patterson’s play was spectacular on the night as he finished with 21 carries for 205 yards and

two touchdowns, nearly 10 yards per carry. Despite the deficit, the Irish began to claw back. Quarterback Garrett King

threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Casen Jenkins with 3:19 left in the first half to cut the Lions’ lead to 20-7. CPA added a field goal just

before halftime to go up 20-7. In the second half, the Irish took the kickoff 80 yards in 4:49 and scored

on a 12-yard touchdown pass from King to Braylen Gibbs to cut the Lions’ lead to 20-14 with 7:11 left in the third quarter. Just 3 minutes and 15 seconds later, the Irish took the lead for good on King’s third touchdown pass of the game to Jenkins, who took the short pass 64 yards for a touchdown and a 21-20 lead with 3:56 left in the third quarter. That set the stage for the fourth-quarter drama and the Irish holding on for a 28-26 victory. “I like how my receivers, they’re all pretty smart,” King said. “I can trust them to sit in the holes in zones and stuff, and my linemen give me all the time in the world. I can stand back there and just hit anyone.” Catholic (5-3/1-3) closes the regular season Friday on Halloween at regional opponent Baylor, while CPA (2-7/1-3) plays a regional game at McCallie.



The Bearden High School girls soccer team celebrates its Region 2-3A Soccer Championship. The Lady Bulldogs defeated rival West High, 2-0, at home to win the title. Photo by Tammy Davis Kregel.

Lady Bulldogs win region title

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on Saturday against Sevier County, which lost to Science Hill, 9-0, in the Region 1-3A title match. West also advanced and played Science the Lady Hilltoppers Saturday in the other sectional match. Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe knew that his side would play Saturday regardless of Thursday's result but he was pleased that his squad got to play one final home match over the weekend. "Anytime that you're playing to go to state, you want that game to be at home," Radcliffe said. "This is special for my seniors and I told them that the region championship was on the line, and there's the pride

factor, but ultimately for me, and for you all, you get one more chance to play at home. "Obviously, when you're trying to book a ticket to state, you'd rather play at home than have to travel." Bearden took a 1-0 lead in the 17th minute of the match when Emma Rainey found the back of the net. Jayla Blue added a late goal for Bearden when she scored in the 72nd minute. Tyler Roth was credited with an assist on the final goal of the match. The Lady Rebels (14-3-1) are looking to make their first state tournament since 2022. Bearden has played in the state title match in each of the last four seasons. The Lady

Bulldogs won three consecutive state championships (2021-23) before losing to Germantown-Houston in a penalty kick shootout last year. In Region 2-2A: Gibbs will play in the state sectional after a 2-1 overtime loss to District 4-2A rival Anderson County Thursday night. The Lady Eagles, who played at Elizabethton on Saturday, darted to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Dani Angola. Gibbs, which edged Seymour, 3-2 in Tuesday night's region semifinal, has lost to the Lady Mavericks, 1-0 twice, including an overtime loss in the district championship match. ACHS also posted a 1-0

victory during the regular season. Division II-A State Quarterfinals: Concord Christian 1, Donelson Christian Academy 1 (Donelson advances 4-2 on penalty kicks) Division II-AA State Quarterfinals: Webb School of Knoxville 2, Father Ryan 1 Division I Class 2A Sectionals: Elizabethton 2, Gibbs 1 Division I Class 3A Sectionals: Bearden 9, Sevier County 0 Science Hill 3, West 2

Owens rolls sizzling 825 series on 'home' lanes

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at the TSSAA state tournament last year as a freshman, added the Gibbs coach. "He ranked the highest among the five freshmen at the state." Alex said his father had not been in his life, "but the person I kind of see as a father figure is Bill Majority. He stepped in as a coach and guided my life in the right direction and he's been there for most of my life. "I'm giving the credit to him because he's been there a lot and he coached me. I think he deserves that credit."

This past July, Alex bowled in a Junior Gold National Tournament in Wisconsin and finished 213th out of 759 bowlers. He plans to compete again in that tournament next summer in Minnesota. Coincidentally, Alex's papaw, who has eight 300 games in his career, rolled an 824 series in 1992 – just one pin short of his grandson's 825. SMITH MAKES A VISIT: Gibbs grad Malyiah

Smith, now a freshman at Carson-Newman University, returned to Fountain Lanes on Oct. 15 to see her former high school bowling coach and teammates and she gave Coach Honeycutt a big hug. Smith stood out as a bowler and softball player at Gibbs and reached the state tourney in both sports. She has been taking part in fall practice at shortstop – and said C-N only recruited one shortstop. BOWLING UPDATE: In the boys' games last Wednesday, Powell defeated Career Magnet 20-7, L&N STEM rolled past Central 24-3, Gibbs beat Bearden 25-2 and Carter versus South-Doyle was postponed. The Carter boys are 5-0, while Gibbs and Powell are 4-1. CMA and L&N follow at 4-2 and 3-2, respectively. The Carter girls are 4-0.



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