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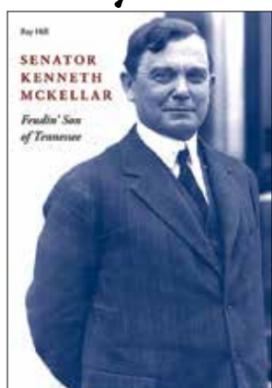
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Members of the Suffrage Coalition gather in front of the future Women's Suffrage Museum site beneath a large rendering of the museum. Projected to open in 2028, the Women's Suffrage Museum will be the largest museum of its type on the United States.

## ETHS, The Focus hosting book launch for Ray Hill

By Focus Staff

The Knoxville Focus and the East Tennessee Historical Society are joining hands to sponsor the official launch for Ray Hill's biography of Senator Kenneth McKellar. The University of Tennessee Press published Hill's biography, "Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee." Hill's column in The Focus has long been one of the most popular features printed in our paper. The Focus and the East Tennessee Historical Society will host the official book launch party on Thursday, November 20, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the East Tennessee Historic Center at 601 S Gay Street in downtown Knoxville.



Congress and one of the Volunteer State's most significant political figures. McKellar served for almost six years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and 36 years in the United States Senate.

There will be a short presentation, a reception and a book signing. The University of Tennessee Press will have books available for purchase for those who want copies. Hill's biography of McKellar is the first written about Tennessee's longest serving member of

The biography of Senator McKellar is the first book to be written by Ray Hill and published by the University of Tennessee Press. UT Press has also approved a second book, a biography of Cordell Hull, congressman, U.S. senator from Tennessee and the longest-serving U.S. secretary of state under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## Forum speakers question HB 793 at BOE meetings

By Pete Gawda

Sometimes in public meetings of governing bodies, it is the item that is not on the agenda that arouses the most interest. That was certainly the case at the Thursday, November 6, meeting of the Knox County School Board. All of the items on the agenda were of a routine nature and unanimously passed with no discussion. What was of interest was the statements of three people, one of them a teacher, who spoke in the public forum. They spoke in opposition to the proposed legislation, Tennessee House Bill 793, which states that public schools may refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States or may enroll such students if they pay tuition.

to the U.S. Constitution. Another speaker stated that the passage of this bill would increase the likelihood that undocumented children would grow up uneducated.

While HB 793 was not on Thursday's board meeting agenda, at the Monday, November 3, school board work session, the board spent considerable time discussing legislative priorities, including HB 793. The consensus was to draw up a statement of legislative priorities that would be voted on in the December school board meeting. During the public forum of Monday's meeting, 14 citizens spoke against HB 793.

No one spoke in the public forum at either meeting in favor of the bill. In both meetings, many of the speakers drew applause from the audience.

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## Women's Suffrage Museum to be a national landmark

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When the two buildings are combined, the result will become a national landmark for the Women's Suffrage movement, drawing visitors to downtown Knoxville.

The Suffrage Coalition celebrated last Thursday by announcing that it has raised \$2 million for the future museum at 706 South Gay Street and has begun raising another \$2.9 million to purchase the adjoining building at 708 S. Gay. Knoxville developer Tim Hill, president of Hatcher-Hill Properties, boosted the goal for the new building with a donation of \$500,000.

Local supporters, some dressed in period attire and sashes, included elected officials and well-wishers.

The press conference, held in front of the buildings on South Gay, had many notable speakers, including Knoxville Mayors Indya Kincannon and Madeline Rogero and Mary Kellogg-Joslyn, the executive producer and director of museum development.

The woman most credited with the creation of the future museum, Wanda Sobieski, arrived at the ceremonies in a 1929 Ford Model A Tudor owned by Stephen Wickizer. A large banner was unfurled from the top of the building, showing an artistic rendering of what the museum will

eventually look like. When completed, the museum will contain more than 20,000 square feet and become the largest such institution in the United States.

Sobieski is the founder and president of the Suffrage Coalition, and it was noted she has worked for three decades, collecting artifacts, raising funds for two monuments, and striving for a permanent home that will recognize the efforts of the women in the Right to Vote movement.

The new museum is accepting donations to complete the noble project. More information is available online at [www.suffragecoalition.org/museum-new](http://www.suffragecoalition.org/museum-new).

## Rule changes, merit board make up on commission's agenda

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Several changes in rules regarding Knox County Commission meetings are on the agenda this month when the local legislative body meets on Mondays, November 10 and 17.

The suggestions offered by the Rules Committee include mandating a commission review of county departments and nonprofit agencies wishing to apply for state and federal grants. Currently, those federal funds are applied for and, if granted, go to the commission for approval.

Other rule change proposals deal with defining who can make referrals to committees, opening committee meetings to all commissioners,  
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PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF KNOXVILLE.

The five new Knoxville City Council members had a breakfast with Mayor Indya Kincannon Wednesday morning. The five will be sworn in next month. Pictured left to right are Mayor Indya Kincannon, Matthew DeBardelaben of District 1, Denzel Grant of District 6, Karyn Adams of District 1, Nathan Honeycutt of District 2 and Doug Lloyd of District 3.

## And the winners are...

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Knoxville's first district-only city council election saw five new members chosen Tuesday as 25,000 voters cast ballots, with 61.55% rejecting the sales tax proposal. Of the total

city-wide 24,830 votes tallied on that issue, 15,284 opposed it. The "No" vote won in the early voting, the absentee ballots and the Election Day vote. All registered city voters could vote on the tax increase question.

Mayor Indya Kincannon

said she regretted the sales tax increase failing, but pledged to continue working to use the city budget on needed projects.

In the non-partisan city council elections, most of the new members were endorsed by the

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**The Doctor is in**  
a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

**Fallout**

And so it begins. President Donald Trump

I have concluded that "I'm no longer going anywhere because I'm already there." Perhaps this is the nature of retirement. It is certainly not the case with President Trump, who is older than me yet negotiates trade and defense deals with Asian nations on the other side of the world to counter the Chinese threat. And after meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Trump hurries home to host a children's White House Halloween trick-or-treat event, all the while resisting the Democrats' attempts to cripple the government and prevent America from being great again.

The Democrats' hatred of President Trump seems endless and is undeniably pathological. Just look at what TDS has done to a disheveled Nancy Pelosi, who insanely rants that Trump is a "vile creature" and "the worst thing on the face of the Earth." Senator

Fetterman corrected the deranged Pelosi, saying it is Hamas who are the worst humanity has to offer.

The Democrats failed to remove Trump from presidential ballots in 2024, put him in jail or destroy him financially. And the dehumanizing, violent Democrat rhetoric has inflamed nutjobs who then tried to kill the president twice. Trump is a remarkable man and leader. Greg Gutfield said, "We don't deserve him."

President Trump is the adversary of Washington elitists, globalists and leftists who have tried to destroy him. They have utterly failed. Ernest Hemingway, in his novel "A Farewell to Arms," wrote, "The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places." Trump has never been broken, but has become stronger and is leading a resurgence of populism all over the world, ending globalism.

If the Democrats had any sense, they'd open up the government, abandon their

failed policies of sanctuary cities, focus on illegal aliens instead of citizens, promote trans surgery on children and allow men in women's sports and bathrooms, while promoting cashless bail and defending criminals instead of protecting law-abiding Americans.

But the Democrats will not change because the old dinosaurs like Schumer and Pelosi can't change. They no longer have power against the radical leadership trio of AOC, Bernie and Mamdani, who have taken over the Democratic Party. Actually, the Democratic Party is now a façade. There are no John F. Kennedy Democrats left. The party should now be called the Democratic Socialist Party, because it is.

In 1859, Charles Dickens published his novel "A Tale of Two Cities," which described the violent French Revolution, where passion was unchecked and God was replaced by Robespierre's perverted reason. By contrast, the English Glorious Revolution was successful because citizens' rights were preserved, the king's authority was limited and religion was safeguarded.

The contrast between President Trump's America First policy, the rule of law and protection of citizens stands in sharp contrast to the Democratic Socialists' policies to advance their power and take

control of the Democratic Party. An organization called the Canary Mission just published an exposé of the Democratic Socialist (DS) movement, saying it is engaged in a "hostile takeover" of the Democratic Party because it despises Schumer's party. I quote AOC at Mamdani's election celebration: "He had to defeat a Republican and the old guard of the Democratic Party." Her message to Democrats was: get with the DS program or you're finished.

Several other stories recently caught my eye. The first was the observation by K. T. McFarland regarding the Monroe Doctrine. In 1823, President James Monroe "warned European powers against further colonization or interference in the Western Hemisphere," coining the eponymous doctrine.

In the modern era, we now have "communism, cartels and China" in South and Central America, arguably a result of Obama and his Secretary of State John Kerry's policy that the "Monroe Doctrine has come to an end." President Trump has reinstated this doctrine in his battle with Venezuelan communist and drug lord Modero and his battle with Chinese ownership of ports and influence on Panama Canal traffic.

The second story involves Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn, who

was accused of "sexual assault" by Google's AI Gemma. The "patently false material" generated by the AI was perhaps a "hallucination," where AI invents a storyline or data. The "catastrophic failure of oversight and accountability" led to Google removing its "AI model from its AI Studio platform." Beware of AI, which gleans internet data but has no discriminatory powers of common sense. It begs to ask, what is real these days?

Another issue was of a more personal nature. A friend has an alcoholic brother who has repeatedly failed rehab and has again lost his job. Efforts to save him are tearing the family apart. The question becomes, how can you save a loved one who can't or doesn't want to be saved? After a point, you must let go of a drowning person instead of being pulled under yourself. Perhaps this applies to NYC.

And lastly, I come to the political fallout of the recent election. Inspirational candidates who address economic realities win elections, rather than the labels of Democrat or Republican. Immigrants and younglings, who had little skin in the game and fewer pathways to the American dream, elected Mamdani. The "grand old parties" are dead, just like the Schumers and RINOs. There is the Trump-MAGA Party

and the Democratic-Socialist Party. President Trump understands this reality and posted, "And so it begins," after Mamdani threw down the gauntlet in his election night speech.

Apparently, the voters of New York City believe Zohran the Great will save them by some miraculous sleight of hand. Some call him "Mondani the commie." I know little of him, but I have researched the Democratic Socialist movement as well as socialism, which history teaches always fails. And as Vladimir Lenin said "The goal of socialism is communism." Perhaps it's time for Gotham to have real consequences.

And it is time for those who call themselves Republicans to go scorched earth and eliminate the filibuster, if that is what is required to open the government. The Democrats have already said they plan to eliminate the filibuster when they get back into power. Then they will pack the Supreme Court and give statehood to Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., and acquire four more Democratic senators.

Republicans need to realize they are dealing with Democratic Socialists, not Democrats, and push through legislation to stimulate the economy, mandate voter ID and Make America Great Again.

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**And the winners are...**

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term-limited seat holders.

Karyn Adams defeated Becky Jones in District 1 to replace Tommy Smith, who chose not to seek reelection. Adams pulled 67.09% of the total vote, besting Jones in early, absentee and Election Day totals. A total of 2,881 people voted in that district-only election.

In District 2, Nathan Honeycutt won with 61.54% over Melody Watts. The total vote in that district was 5,951, and Honeycutt will replace outgoing member Andrew Roberto.

Doug Lloyd defeated Frank Ramey in District 3, with 52.59% of the vote. Lloyd led in early and absentee voting with a

total great enough to overcome his lower total on Election Day. Voters in a district that has been represented by Seema Singh cast a total of 4,075 ballots.

District 4 voters chose Matthew DeBardelaben over Jeff Talman in a 58-42% vote, with 6,086 people voting, the highest number of ballots in any of the five council races. DeBardelaben will replace councilmember Lauren Rider. Talman led in absentee voting but lost in early and Election Day voting.

Denzel Grant defeated Stan Johnson in the District 6 race to replace Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie. Johnson took the most absentee votes but lost against Grant's 60.61% cumulative total.

**TDOT to host public meetings for the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages Study**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation invites the public to attend upcoming public meetings regarding the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor. TDOT initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study earlier this year to consider improvements to approximately 17 miles of interstate, with study limits extending from the I-40/I-75 Interchange in Loudon County to the I-640 Interchange west of Knoxville.

In accordance with Title 23 of the United States Code, Section 168 (23 U.S.C. 168), TDOT intends to adopt the planning products and recommendations resulting from the PEL Study. The PEL Study will also assist TDOT in making informed decisions for the network of interstates in and around West Knoxville. A PEL Study is a technical approach that integrates transportation planning with environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act, allowing corridor-level challenges to be identified early through broad, planning-level studies. These studies help pinpoint transportation issues and guide future project development, streamlining decision-making across agencies and expediting the identification and advancement of projects.

The purpose of the PEL Study is to alleviate congestion and enhance mobility and operational efficiency in the West Knoxville area. The upcoming public meetings will provide the public an opportunity to learn about and provide input on the PEL Study's existing conditions, draft purpose and need, and alternatives screening methodology.

TDOT will host three open-house-style public meetings featuring interactive and

informative stations, providing an opportunity to learn more about the PEL Study and to submit comments through an online survey.

The content presented will be identical at all three events and held at the following times and locations:

- Monday, November 10, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Farragut Community Center, Assembly Hall (239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934)

- Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Mississippi State Community College, J.L. Goins Administration Building (10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville, TN 37932)

- Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center, Community Room (3131 Morris Ave., Knoxville, TN 37909)

Materials presented at the in-person public meetings and the online survey can be found here: [www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html](http://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html)

You are encouraged to complete the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study Survey at any time during the public comment period. Public comments will be accepted through December 4, 2025. Individuals unable to attend the meetings in person are encouraged to review online meeting materials and submit comments to: [westknox@publicinput.com](mailto:westknox@publicinput.com); 1-855-925-2801 Project Code -11074; or TDOT Project Comments, I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study, 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0349.

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# Publisher's Positions



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## The City Election: Mayor Kincannon The Big Loser

The results of the City of Knoxville elections were about what most expected. The most interesting aspect of the election was the referendum on increasing the sales tax. That referendum was funded by donations from millionaires and billionaires, aided by friendly stories from the daily newspaper, which did its best to nudge people into voting for increasing the sales tax. That effort failed miserably with 62% of those Knoxvillians voting "NO." That was a blow to Mayor Indya Kincannon. It was the third big loss of her

administration in an exercise of liberal government failures.

The first loss was the moronic attempt to white-wash a pig, put it in a dress, and call it "Cousin Shirley" in an attempt to deny the people of Knoxville district representation and sneak back to voting for every city council seat city-wide. That losing effort was led ostensibly by Councilman Andrew Roberto and failed in a referendum, but it certainly had the backing of Kincannon and her minions. It was Kincannon who, taking the support of a majority of the city council for granted, proceeded to sell a portion of the Tennessee Valley Fair site to the Emerald Youth Foundation. Good decisions really do matter, whether the office holder is the President of the United States or a local mayor, and our very own little Mamdani did not do her homework and the result was a bad decision. Never anticipating push-back from the community or thinking the city council would ignore it, Kincannon watched that initiative go down in flames.

Poor decision-making was once again the root

cause of the failure of the sales tax referendum. The truth is, Kincannon simply wanted more money to spend - and to spend it the way she wanted to spend it. There had been no detailed plan as to how the \$47 million wrung out of the pockets of taxpayers was to be spent by the City of Knoxville government. Evidently, it never occurred to either Kincannon or her senior staff that people, including council members, might ask questions. There were questions, and the responses were mighty vague. Just like Zohran Mamdani in New York, Kincannon and her crew jumped onto the "affordability" bandwagon for a ride. The Kincannon administration has actually been hurting working families, and hurting them badly, all while trying to maintain and promote the fiction of "affordable" housing. Apartment buildings continually rise on every piece of scrub land inside the city limits, pouring out streams of traffic onto roads neither designed to carry nor accommodate that many vehicles. "Affordable" housing is a fiction as working families and the middle

class bear the heavy tax burden required to subsidize the cost of housing for some folks. Kincannon and the city council had increased property taxes by 40% just before asking for an increase in the sales tax. Raising the property tax also raises rents and mortgages for working families, the elderly and everyone who does not live in taxpayer-subsidized housing. It isn't free, nor is it paid for by the rich. It is the usual socialist con of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

The sales tax referendum pushed by Kincannon won four precincts out of the 52 that comprise the City of Knoxville. It showed white liberal elitist guilt was showing like a drunk bridesmaid's slip. Poor and working-class precincts turned down the sales tax increase by huge majorities while Sequoyah Hills and the Fourth and Gill neighborhoods, home to UT academics and wealthy enclaves, voted to increase the sales tax.

It was as interesting as it was revealing. District representation also enabled Doug Lloyd to win the Third District Council seat, which is a huge change.

That seat, due to the city-wide voting, was represented by Seema Singh, a self-described Democratic Socialist, went to a Republican.

Lloyd has the opportunity to bring to the Knoxville City Council a single element that has been missing for years: a member who is laser-focused upon representing his district, unafraid of the mayor and intent upon taxpayers getting a dollar's worth of service for every tax dollar spent by the administration. There has been a complete lack of fiscal oversight for a bloated city government that continues to tax and spend with little to show for it.

While the daily newspaper agonizes over why the proposed sales tax increase failed, working people know exactly why. The city government was never intended to be a social justice engine. We are paying one of the highest sales taxes in the entire country on every vital need we have as human beings. Every bite of food, every piece of clothing, every item we use to clean our homes. Taxing working families and the middle

class to subsidize the rents of some residents makes life less affordable for the people who already pay the bills.

## Ray Hill Book Launch is November 20

The Focus will be cohosting, along with the East Tennessee Historical Society, the launch event for our own Ray Hill and his biography of Tennessee's longest serving member of Congress, "Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee" on November 20 at the East Tennessee Historical Center from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be a short presentation and reception and book signing. "Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee" is published by the University of Tennessee Press. Books will be available for purchase, and if you already have a copy, please feel free to come and bring it with you. The East Tennessee Historical Society is located at 601 South Gay Street in downtown Knoxville. For the many readers who enjoy Ray Hill's column, please feel free to attend.

## Rule changes, merit board make up on commission's agenda

**Cont. from page 1** and clarifying how honorary resolutions, proclamations and discussion items are handled.

Also on the agenda, for the first of two readings, is one resolution establishing limitations on any future data centers established in the county and another that places limitations on "what persons and what entities may own real property in Knox County."

Other agenda items include spending over \$1.3 million for the installation of a synthetic turf infield at Knox County SportsPark.

The guidelines on who may serve on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board could be changed in an ordinance sponsored by at-large Commissioner Kim Frazier. She is suggesting that a member

may serve if it has been five years since being employed by the KCSO, a change from the current 10 years. She also wants to drop the prohibition of having a family member employed by the Knoxville Police Department.

The commission may honor Spencer Long as Principal of the Year, honor the Hardin Valley Academy Boys Golf Team for winning their state championship tournament, recognize Vulcan Materials and Dixie Lee Quarry for the 2025 Excellence in Community Relations Gold Award, and honor Mark Brown of Three Ridges Golf Course.

Kim Bumpas will give an annual report on Visit Knoxville, and Mayor Glenn Jacobs will reappoint Joseph Longmire to the Northeast Knox Utility District Board.

# OHS hires ReLAUNCH to assist homeless

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When the Knoxville-Knox County Office of Housing Stability Board met last week and recognized Craig Cobb as their new vice chairman, the members and guests heard a detailed report on plans to shelter the homeless in the coming winter nights.

Erin Read, the city's OHS director, said there may be a need to shelter up to 400 people on nights when the temperature is 25 degrees or lower. That population is above and beyond what KARM can hold. She said that currently there are six warming shelters, and they are looking into a seventh.

She reported that two homeless individuals died last year during the very cold nights and noted

there were also several cases of severe frostbite.

Following Read's report, the board discussed and approved a contract with ReLAUNCH, a nonprofit out of Louisville, Tennessee. Coordinating with the OHS, the contractor will carry out supporting activities for individuals and households experiencing homelessness or a risk of homelessness. The \$475,648.08 agreement has ReLAUNCH providing the administration,

staffing, equipment, printing, data, operations, and facility.

The agreement also calls for ReLAUNCH to operate the day center under the downtown Broadway bridge, coordinate with other agencies and organizations to provide additional warming centers, and pay for security.

The board also discussed an increasing need for medical services in the Mission District and noted the benefits of the Nurse

Navigator Program now in place for less-than-critical needs. It was also noted that, on those below-freezing nights, the KAT bus service to warming centers will be free of charge.

Homeless veterans were also discussed, with a comment that Knox County only has two veteran services officers compared to other comparable-sized counties that have five or six such designated employees.

**Correction:** The Knoxville Family Justice Center reached out the The Focus following last week's article on the new Bridge to Safety program: *The Knoxville Family Justice Center will not be closed for two weeks over Christmas, as was quoted from Mike Hammond. Our center remains open year-round, with the exception of the following holidays:*

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| <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> | <i>Independence Day</i>                          | <i>Christmas Eve and Christmas Day</i>   |
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Chris Albrecht of the local Vietnam Veterans of America and Marilyn Childress of the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation were among the dozens of volunteers who turned out to help build the Wall That Heals in April 2022.

## Being a 'Coastie' on Veterans Day

### More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Coast Guard recruiter instructed me to contact my local draft board and inform them that I had enlisted. I did so, but the elderly woman on the other end of the phone asked, "Is that part of the military?"

Yes, of course, the Coast Guard is part of the U.S. Military, a vital part and probably the most active, day to day, than any other service.

Tomorrow is Veterans Day across our nation, and, like millions of men and women, I am proud to be counted among that group.

My military service began the summer after I graduated from high school. Feeling that I had passed my induction physical, I began to consider what my future might look like. A cousin of mine was in the U.S. Coast Guard and had told me about that branch during family visits.

After my physical, I drove to the Coast Guard recruiting office and applied, but was told there was no billet available. The recruiter told me to call them if I got my draft notice and a few days later, a large envelope arrived by mail. I called the recruiter and he said not to open it and come to his office.

I was sworn in with a handful of other recruits and went home to open the envelope. Yes, it was my induction notice. The

I spent four years serving my country as a "Coastie." I served as a search and rescue group radio station operator, a yeoman, and then as a journalist with the Office of Boating Safety in Washington, D.C. I can rightfully claim that I, as a seaman radio operator, helped save three people from a yacht in high seas that exploded just as our rescue boat arrived on a very stormy and dark night.

As a petty officer, I guarded Coast Guard headquarters when Dr. Martin Luther King was killed and declined a promotion at the end of my enlistment so I could be with my wife and two children.

I've never regretted serving, and I'm proud of my record. Often, as one of the few Coast Guard veterans in East Tennessee, I am called upon to represent the Coast Guard in ceremonies, wreath-laying, or

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## Getting to know Veteran Marilyn Childress

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If it involves our military veterans, you'll find Marilyn Childress serving in a leadership, partner or volunteer role. As president of the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation, she had a hand in adding "Veteran" to the name of the Sharps Ridge Park. Marilyn is very adept at finding and listing the graves of veterans throughout our

area and is also involved in various community organizations.

The Knoxville Focus chatted with Marilyn at a meeting recently and asked a few questions that we felt were very appropriate for Veterans Day.

**Tell us about your Navy experience, please.**

I joined the Navy in 1972. My boot camp was in Orlando, where I was the

recruit chief petty officer, the cadet in charge. I then went to Hospital Corps School and Operating Room Technician School in Great Lakes. After graduating from my C School in 1973, I was stationed at Naval Air Station Glynco, Georgia, as an OR Tech. However, I was also unable to get attached to the Marine Corps because I was a woman. Eleven out of thirteen in my class got sent to

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## Special Knox County Veterans Luncheon scheduled for January

By Mike Steely  
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At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay announced recently that a free Veterans Luncheon is planned for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Bridgewater Place. The 11:30 a.m. event, honoring veterans of all military services, features special guest General John F. Kelly, U.S. Marine Corps, retired.

Seating is limited, and registration for the Knox County veterans-only event can be found at [www.LarsenJay.com](http://www.LarsenJay.com).

com/2026VeteransLuncheon or by calling (619)313-7392.

Commissioner Jay told The Focus that his family has seven members who have worn the uniform for our country. Jay, who was born on an Air Force base in Texas, said, "I have always valued service to our country.

"My wife, Adrian, serves on the board of George Washington's Mount Vernon (vice regent representing the State of Tennessee), and we were at an event earlier in the year where General Kelly was my dinner partner. We had some

great conversations about life, leadership, commitment to the country's future, integrity, and the value of public service," Jay said.

"I've always been told, 'you have to make the ask,' so I talked with him about the work I do supporting Knox County Veterans and asked if he would join me for a special luncheon - and the answer was yes! I'm so excited to have such a decorated and honored member of our armed forces community joining us for a special luncheon and conversation," he continued.

Kelly's military career spans over half a century. He is now a board member at Caliburn International after retiring from military service and being a political advisor.

"General Kelly's resume, pedigree and accomplishments are nothing less than admirable. He has sacrificed for our country and continues to be a great representation of duty to the nation on the highest level. It's an honor to bring him to Knox County," Jay told The Focus.



General John Kelly will speak at a special Knox Veterans luncheon in January, sponsored by Commissioner Larsen Jay.

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# The Older I Get

Alan Jackson is near the end of his career, a fact that makes me incredibly sad. A recent song that he recorded speaks to me and to others of my generation. "The Older I Get" is aimed at



By Joe Rector  
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us seniors to remind us of how we might want to live. In our teens, most of us felt invincible. The stunts we pulled, when remembered, make us shake our heads and say a "thank you" to the good lord. We drove like bats out of hell. In some cases, guys would line up at the red light in Karns and race to the

library a quarter of a mile down the road. Some of us found straight stretches of roads where we could stop, rev the engine, and lay down a streak of rubber from the tires. One favorite stunt was to speed up a hill and feel the roller-coaster-like fall as the car hit the other side. Worst of all, too many of us would drink alcohol, and then cruise from hangout to hangout.

Jackson reminds us that our lives exist for a short period of time. I understand that now, time

seems to fly, and days zip by so quickly that we're confused about what happened on which day.

Then Jackson sings about the importance of friends. He says he doesn't have many, and that fact is okay with him. To be honest, I have two "best friends." Yes, that's a contradiction, but it is true. Doug and Billy have been in my life for forty-plus years. We've been through plenty of adventures and trials. No, I don't see them as often as I did years ago. Doug moved to Louisville, and the end of baseball for our sons caused Billy and me not to have the same amount of time together. Still, I know that if I called

either one of these guys, they'd be at my side in a minute and would do whatever I needed. Yes, I have other good friends, but these two men are special. Now that we are older, my generation has changed its attitude. We started our adulthood working hard and trying to get ahead. We dedicated time to those careers instead of other areas that might have been more important.

These days, we've retired. No longer do we need to keep a boss happy or follow procedures to do our jobs efficiently. In our golden years, we are now our own bosses. Most of us are comfortable in our

skins and understand what is important. As the song says, "We know when to give and when to not give a damn."

What makes me smile the most is Jackson's statement that we oldersters are reaching our best years yet. Freedom to speak our truth, do as we please, and no longer live by a clock is refreshing. Jackson then sings that he wouldn't drink a drop from the fountain of youth. Neither would I. This generation of mine came of age in the best of times. We have good memories, and sprinkled in are a few sad parts. Still, we experienced the golden age of this country with

its actions and music. Our music is still being sung by teens at ballgames and parties.

We don't have too many years left. Too much of my time is spent at funeral homes to show respect to folks with whom I went to school or with whom I worked. We are far down the other side of the hill. That's why each and every day that is left should be spent doing things that we enjoy and with those who are most special in our lives.

Alan Jackson's "The Older I Get" offers us advice that is worth living by for the time that we have left.

## CAC Holiday Gift Drives for Older Adults

The **2025 SENIOR ANGEL TREE** will benefit limited-income older adults in our community. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is collecting most-needed items for older adults in our community. Please consider donating items from the list below to let them know they are remembered this holiday season:

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West Knox Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Suite 101, 37934  
Please drop off donations by Monday, December 1, 2025. Questions? Call RSVP at 865-524-2786.

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You can support grandfamilies through the holidays by donating the following new or gently loved items: board games/cards for family game nights, puzzles, books, craft kits,

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GAP also needs new rolls of gift-wrapping paper, tape, gift bags and tissue paper.

Donations may be dropped off at the CAC Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue in Knoxville, 37921. Call the Grandparents as Parents program to schedule a contactless drop off.

Donations will be accepted through December 1. Since it began in 2000, the Knoxville-Knox County Grandparents as Parents Program has provided support, information, and referrals to community resources for grandparents raising their grandchildren and other relative caregivers. There is no age or income requirement to join the free program.

To learn more about the Grandparents as Parents Program, visit [knoxseniors.org/grandparents](http://knoxseniors.org/grandparents).

## Being a 'Coastie' on Veterans Day

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speaking engagements. The Coasties receive a lot of teasing from veterans of other services, but that's OK; we know what our service meant, what the Coast Guard does every day, and why we proudly proclaim "Semper Paratus" when quoting our slogan.

The term simply means "Always Ready," and if it were not true, the search and rescue crew I woke up that stormy night would not have arrived on time to save those three people.

I'm proud of my relatives and friends who also served, not only in the Coast Guard but in the Navy, Marines, Air Force and

Army. I lost two high school friends in the Vietnam War and was proud to find and copy those names from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in D.C. The Coast Guard lost people in that conflict as well and always responds when called to war, drug patrol, immigration, storms, and daily rescues of people by boat, helicopter, and airplane.

There aren't many "Coasties" in East Tennessee, but like Mike Steely, all of them are proud of their service to our nation. The U.S. Coast Guard is the oldest sea-going service in America and began as the Revenue Cutter Service.

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# The Governor: Elbert Carvel of Delaware

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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At six feet and six inches, Elbert N. "Bert" Carvel was impossible to miss. For a quarter of a century, Carvel was a political force to be reckoned with inside the First State. Carvel's success in business - - - he manufactured fertilizer - - - made for many jokes which are better left unprinted. The first lieutenant governor in Delaware to be elected to the governorship, Carvel remains the only person ever to be elected to two non-consecutive terms as Delaware's chief executive.

A jovial man who liked people, Elbert Carvel had a number of things he loved in life; public service, through which he was able to help others, and classical music, a love he shared with his four children, were important to him. Carvel also loved his home church, St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel, Delaware. In 1968, when some young Democrats were attempting to reorganize their party, Joe Biden was tasked with telephoning former Governor Carvel. "I can't call him!" Biden cried. "He's a governor and I'm nothing."

Biden learned the former governor was a cordial man who made callers feel welcome. The future senator readily acknowledged "it was like we'd been friends forever" when they had a conversation.

Born in New York, Carvel was reared and educated in Maryland. What brought "Big Bert" Carvel to Delaware is what has likely moved more people than any other single thing throughout the history of the world: love. Carvel married Ann Valliant in 1932 and entered the family business of manufacturing fertilizer. Eventually, Carvel founded his own company and became the largest stockholder in both companies before selling the businesses in the 1970s. Elbert Carvel had earned a law degree, which came in handy, but throughout his life, he was more a successful businessman than a practicing attorney. A man who had a sensitive side, Carvel was known as a man of his word, something that is elusive in politics and life these days. Elbert Carvel would not cut corners where one of his personal principles was involved merely for the sake of political popularity.

As Carvel began his campaign for governor in 1948, he would invite folks over for dinner and produce root beer and cheese to the astonishment and horror of his guests. Democrats had fared well, as many Democrats did throughout the country, throughout the Age of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, and that was certainly true in Delaware. The pendulum began to swing back to the Republicans when former Governor C. Douglass Buck won the U.S. Senate seat

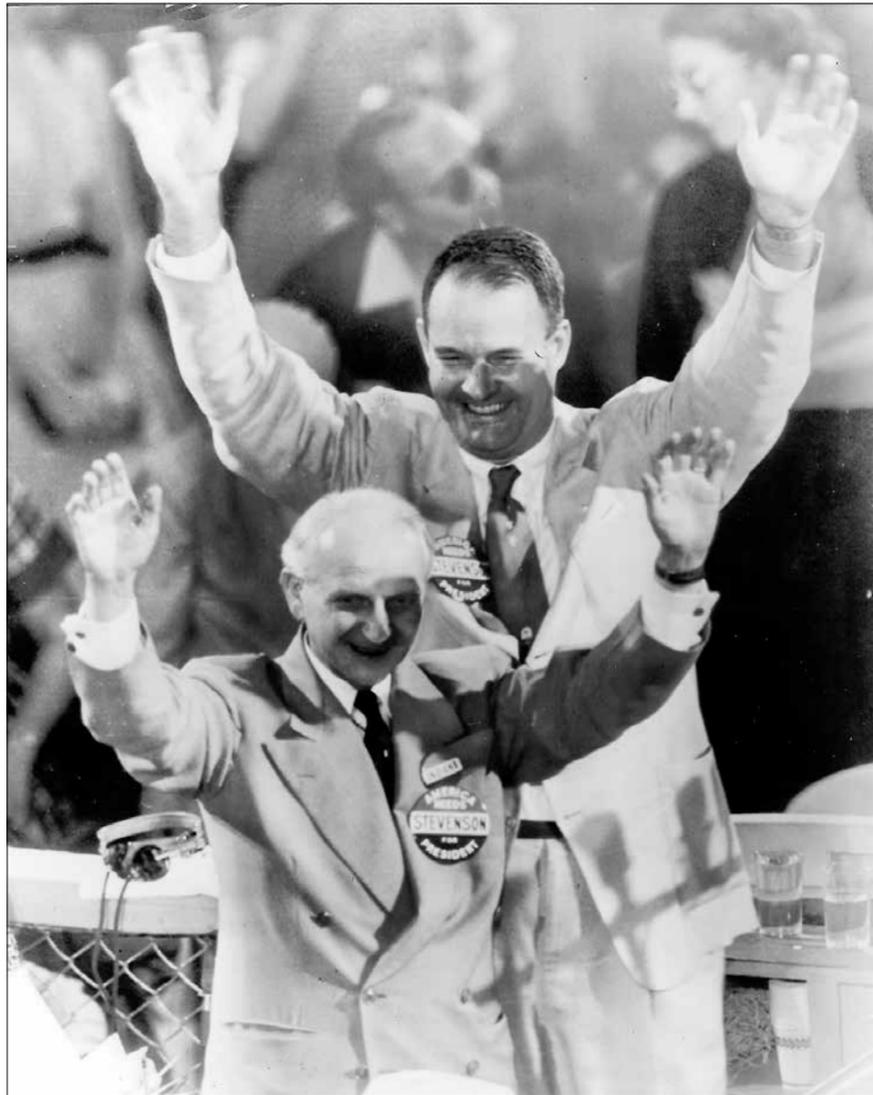
occupied by Democrat James H. Hughes in 1942. In 1946, Republican John J. Williams beat Senator James M. Tunnell in what was a great year for GOP candidates nationally. Republicans had won both houses of Congress that year under the leadership of Tennessean Carroll Reece, who was the chairman of the Republican National Committee. Just about every national commentator and political prognosticator in the country believed 1948 would be an even better year for Republicans. Thomas E. Dewey, the diminutive, dapper and mustachioed governor of New York, was considered by virtually every leading light in the United States to be the president-in-waiting.

The only seeming dissident to the prevailing opinion was Harry Truman, who waged a frequently lonely but fighting campaign, denouncing the productive Congress as "the do-nothing Congress." Several times, Truman shrewdly baited the Republicans, not the least of which was his calling a special "Turnip Day" session of Congress after giving the Republicans a want-list of legislation to pass. Of course, the GOP legislators were not about to pass a laundry list of bills for Harry Truman.

While Thomas E. Dewey carefully talked in generalities and spouted platitudes, Elbert Carvel was running an energetic campaign for governor. Having been elected lieutenant governor in 1944, the 34-year-old candidate had won by exactly 453 votes out of more than 120,000 cast. Carvel and his running mate, J. Allen Frear, who was running against Senator Buck, ran hard. Tom Dewey did indeed carry Delaware, but only by 1,775 votes. Frear upset Senator C. Douglass Buck while Carvel beat GOP gubernatorial nominee Hyland P. George by more than 10,000 votes, carrying all three of the First State's counties.

During his governorship, Elbert Carvel was strongly against the use of capital punishment. Carvel's belief was anchored in his own Christianity, believing that while God may exact vengeance, man may not. Delaware's General Assembly overrode Governor Carvel's veto of a capital punishment bill after an especially grisly murder, which had ironically occurred in Carvel's hometown. His Christian values caused him to insist upon returning good for evil as well. "Don't hold grudges," Governor Carvel frequently advised associates, oftentimes to their dismay.

Oddly, when Elbert N. Carvel became governor, Delaware had no state supreme court. That threatened Delaware's status as a tax haven for some of the biggest corporations



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**Governor Elbert Carvel of Delaware looms behind Governor Henry Schricker of Indiana at the 1952 Democratic National Convention.**

in the world. Governor Carvel pushed to create a supreme court for the First State.

The governor was also a crusader and outspoken advocate for civil rights throughout his political life. It is well to keep in mind that Delaware was a segregated state when Elbert Carvel was first elected governor. It was during his second term as governor that Carvel appointed a Human Relations Commission and pushed the reluctant General Assembly hard to approve a public accommodations bill in 1963. The Reverend Maurice Moyer, who was the head of the Wilmington branch of the NAACP, praised the governor, remembering him years later. "He was a big man and he had a big heart," Reverend Moyer said.

Robert F. Gilligan, the House minority leader in Delaware at the time of Elbert Carvel's death, said of the former governor: "He was liberal when it wasn't politically popular or politically correct to be a liberal."

It was Governor Carvel who caught Senator Curt Steen, one of the most influential members of the Delaware State Senate, hurrying out of the Chamber, clearly intending to skip the vote on the public accommodations bill. "Curt, where in the hell are you going?" Carvel's voice boomed throughout the legislative hall. The sheepish Steen looked at Carvel for a moment and then cried, "Governor, if I vote for that bill, they'll hang me when I get back to Dagsboro." "Hang and be damned," Governor Carvel snapped. Curt Steen went back into the Senate Chamber and voted for the public accommodations bill.

During Elbert Carvel's electoral career, Delaware was most certainly a swing state. When Governor Carvel sought a second term in 1952, the tide was rising for Republicans. Dwight D. Eisenhower, almost certainly the most popular individual in America, was the GOP

presidential candidate. Delaware Republicans had also nominated their most popular statewide official to run for the governorship in Congressman Caleb Boggs. The congressman had been the only statewide Republican candidate to survive the 1948 defeat. Carvel's liberalism wasn't as welcome in a Republican year, and Boggs beat the governor by 7,205 votes.

Few observers believed Elbert N. Carvel was done with politics. For six years, Carvel concentrated on his business interests, but he kept his hand in politics and remained active. It was 1958 when the former governor announced he would try to make a comeback by challenging Senator John J. Williams, who was seeking a third term in the United States Senate. The former governor had been critical of Senator Williams, who had earned a well-deserved reputation as the Senate's best inquisitor. "Honest John" Williams was frequently lauded for having rooted out corruption during his 12 years in the United States Senate. Some of the corruption Williams had ferreted out involved unions, which made the senator an intensely disliked figure with much of organized labor.

Elbert N. Carvel was the consensus choice to run against Senator Williams, and the campaign was hard fought. Delaware Democrats made an all-out assault upon the political record of Senator John J. Williams. While Democrats waged a scorch earth campaign against Senator Williams, the Republican senator was a resourceful campaigner who paid close attention to the

needs and concerns of his constituents, making him a difficult target. The country was in the middle of a recession, and 1958 was a terrible year politically for Republicans, who lost 13 seats in the U.S. Senate. That of John Williams was not one of them. The senator carried all three of Delaware's counties and beat former Governor Carvel by more than 10,000 votes.

Two years later, Elbert N. Carvel announced he was running to reclaim the governorship. Incumbent Cale Boggs was running against Senator J. Allen Frear. The people of Delaware showed they knew how to split tickets as John F. Kennedy narrowly beat Richard Nixon by just over 3,000 votes. Elbert Carvel won the governorship, beating Lieutenant Governor John W. Rollins by 6,749 votes. Cale Boggs proved yet again that he was able to buck the tide, ousting incumbent Senator J. Allen Frear by 2,784 votes.

At the conclusion of his four-year term as governor, Elbert N. Carvel opted not to seek a second consecutive term, which he almost certainly would have won. Instead, Governor Carvel sought a rematch with popular Senator John J. Williams in 1964. Once again, the campaign was hard fought down to the last vote. Governor Carvel believed during the last week of the race that he would win.

While Lyndon Johnson was swamping Barry Goldwater by more than 44,000 votes in Delaware, John Williams yet again demonstrated his personal popularity with the people of the First State, winning reelection by just under 7,000 votes and

again carrying all three of Delaware's counties. In a telephone call with President Lyndon Johnson, Governor Carvel attributed his defeat to having been "cut" by Democrats throughout the state.

Governor Carvel acknowledged that Williams retained a formidable national image for his continuous search for waste and corruption. That national reputation was too much for him to overcome, Carvel said. "The people decided to return a nationally known senator," Carvel thought. "I enjoyed the campaign. I feel no bitterness toward my opponent nor toward anyone else. I have only gratitude for serving four years (as governor) and for the associates who did so much to help me with the campaign," Carvel stated.

Asked if he would accept a federal appointment of some kind from President Johnson, the governor replied, "It depends on the job." "I'm not looking for a job," Carvel said firmly. "If my country or state ever needs me in any capacity, I'll do what I can to help." The governor emphasized he would be happy to return to his business.

Elbert N. Carvel did exactly that and assumed the status of an elder statesman of his political party for the next 40 years. There is much good to be said for being an elder statesman rather than an active officeholder. For decades, Elbert Carvel imparted the accumulated wisdom of his years and experiences to a host of young Democrats who made their way to his office and home.

It is certainly true time stands still for no man, and Elbert Carvel was no exception. The 94-year-old former governor was confined to a wheelchair at a ceremony dedicating the new agricultural conference center in Georgetown, Delaware. Carvel and his wife Ann had donated a hefty sum towards the completion of the center, and the old political warrior managed a smile and a wave to the crowd.

Throughout his long life, Elbert N. Carvel never forgot his father's insistence that a person should always remain busy and have things to do and remain occupied. Carvel tried to follow that advice until the last few weeks of his life, when he finally let go. The former governor died three days shy of his 95th birthday. Governor Elbert Carvel was buried on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, laid to rest in a family plot near the family farm he loved so well for decades.

At the time of Carvel's death, Governor Ruth Ann Minner recalled, "The biggest lesson Bert taught me was to look in your heart and do what you think is right." © 2025 Ray Hill

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## COURT NOTICES 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. 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

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JACKIE L. BRUNER  
IN RE: CHARLOTTE SUE BRUNER,  
BY HER CONSERVATOR, EAST  
TENNESSEE PUBLIC GUARDIAN  
PROGRAM, BY LYNETTE EDWARDS,  
REPRESENTATIVE AGENT, Plaintiff  
v.

ESTATE OF KYLAH C. ADAMS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91691-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of

JACKIE L. BRUNER, Respondent

NO. 211668-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JACKIE L. BRUNER, 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 JACKIE L. BRUNER, it is ordered that said defendant, JACKIE L. BRUNER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with William A. Reeves, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 625 S. Gay St., Suite 160, Knoxville, TN 37902, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 27th day of October, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL  
IN RE: PRAGATIBEN VIMAL PATEL, Plaintiff  
v.

VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, Defendant

NO. 211520-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL 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 VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, it is ordered that said defendant, VIMALKUMAR RAVINDRABHAI PATEL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with K. Abigail Jones, an Attorney whose address is 2125 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 28th day of October, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHAEL A. FANNON  
and ROBERT FANNON  
IN RE: THE PALISADES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff  
v.

MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, Defendants

NO. 209728-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, non-residents 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 MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, it is ordered that said defendants, MICHAEL A. FANNON and ROBERT FANNON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 550 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, Knoxville, TN 37902, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.  
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN,  
CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE  
RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN,  
OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON  
ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920  
IN RE: BETTY J. HENSON, Plaintiff  
v.

ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING  
ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE  
RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE,  
LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON  
ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, Defendant(s)

NO. 211977-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, is ordered that said defendant, ALL PERSON'S UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 307 HAMILTON ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jacob S. King, an Attorney whose address is 300 Montvue Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 5th day of November, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KYLAH C. ADAMS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91691-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of

OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KYLAH C. ADAMS, who died Sept. 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 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KYLAH C. ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELDRIDGE GARY DOUBLEDAY IV, CO-EXECUTOR  
1921 W. SUPERIOR STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60622

JENNIFER BETH DOUBLEDAY,  
CO-EXECUTOR  
5294 AVERY WOODS LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD LANE BERRY  
DOCKET NUMBER 91695-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD LANE BERRY, who died Oct. 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF EDWARD LANE BERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOLLIE LANE BERRY, ADMINISTRATRIX CTA  
3303 MARYVILLE PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED NAOMI BROOKS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91607-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED NAOMI BROOKS, who died July 29, 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 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF MILDRED NAOMI BROOKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM H. BROOKS, EXECUTOR  
12624 LOVELACE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENDA CHESNEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 91063-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLENDA CHESNEY, who died Dec. 30, 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 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF GLENDA CHESNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ALBERT ALLISON, JR., EXECUTOR  
533 N. BEAMAN STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

JOHN P. VALLIANT, III, ATTORNEY  
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 1650  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL BRITTON COOK, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 91681-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in

respect of the Estate of CARL BRITTON COOK, SR., who died August 13, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARL BRITTON COOK, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CARL BRITTON COOK, JR.  
2054 CRESWELL RD.  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

P. ANDREW SNEED, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMIE S. CROSS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91649-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMIE S. CROSS, who died September 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JAMIE S. CROSS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MONIQUE M. WAGNER  
813 GARRISON RIDGE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER, ATTORNEY  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ROSE DIXON  
DOCKET NUMBER 91659-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA ROSE DIXON, 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.

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA ROSE DIXON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TAMIKO DIXON, ADMINISTRATRIX  
2232 CITYVIEW AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANN FAULKNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 91656-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANN FAULKNER, who died Aug. 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANET S. BOWER, EXECUTRIX  
7020 OLD KENT DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DANA ROSCOE FOUST  
DOCKET NUMBER 91631-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DANA ROSCOE FOUST, who died

Aug. 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 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 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DANA ROSCOE FOUST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANA RONALD FOUST, CO-EXECUTOR  
P. O. BOX 9696  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37940

JON TIMOTHY FOUST, CO-EXECUTOR  
120 STEKOLIA LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

BARRY A. EUBANKS, ATTORNEY  
209 CHILHOWEE SCHOOL ROAD, SUITE 16  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THELMA MARIE

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PAMELA SUE TALLEY MURPHY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91634-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAMELA SUE TALLEY MURPHY, who died Sept. 11, 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 17 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GERALDINE SUE PATTY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91632-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GERALDINE SUE PATTY, who died Sept. 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY  
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALFRED WANDERLINGH, III**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91638-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALFRED WANDERLINGH, III, who died August 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (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 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RANDALL W. FISHER  
P. O. BOX 70  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES B. WATSON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91653-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES B. WATSON, who died September 23, 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 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DARREN WATSON  
4716 DAYSTAR LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

EDWARD A. COX, JR., ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NANCY PORTER WEBB**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91608-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY PORTER WEBB, who died Aug. 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEORGE SAMUEL TATE, JR., EXECUTOR  
3609 KRANBROOK LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID G. WHISMAN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91637-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID G. WHISMAN, who died on August 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 28th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF DAVJD G. WHISMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LORI L. WHISMAN  
820 VANESSA WAY  
HEISKELL, TN 37754

AMANDA M. BUSBY, ATTORNEY  
116 AGNES ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLAUDE EDWARD WHITSELL**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91639-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of CLAUDE EDWARD WHITSELL, deceased, who died on September 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred;

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.
- This the 24th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37754

ESTATE OF CLAUDE EDWARD WHITSELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIEL EDWARD WHITSELL  
350 BENT WILLOW WAY  
HEISKELL, TN 37754

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD LANE WILLIAMS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91610-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RONALD LANE WILLIAMS, who died July 24, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 24 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ESTATE OF RONALD LANE WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REGINA R. WILLIAMS, ADMINISTRATRIX  
6025 BROOKGREEN COURT  
SPARTANBURG, SC 29301

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID L. BUCKNER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91676-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID L. BUCKNER, who died September 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County 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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ESTATE OF DAVID L. BUCKNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FIRST HORIZON BANK  
800 S. GAY STREET, 5TH FLOOR  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

LISA W. GARNMELTOFT, ATTORNEY  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JESS DAVID CLINE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91440-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JESS DAVID CLINE, who died April 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.

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

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

This the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JESS DAVID CLINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHANNON LEIGH ANDERSON  
3334 CRUZE DR  
POWELL, TN 37849

J. BRENT NOLAN, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 217  
POWELL, TN 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEFFERY B. FOUST**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91486-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEFFERY B. FOUST, who died on the 7th day of May, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 6th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ESTATE OF JEFFERY B. FOUST

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CASSANDRA L. CALLOWAY  
2090 EASTHAVEN DRIVE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43232

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BEVERLY JANE GRAVES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91677-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY JANE GRAVES, who died JULY 28, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

ESTATE OF BEVERLY JANE GRAVES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL K. GRAVES  
3231 KINGSMORE DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY  
1810 MERCHANT DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY J. SKIDMORE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 91667-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. SKIDMORE, who died September 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

ESTATE OF BETTY J. SKIDMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WILLIAM S. PHILAGE  
3128 KINGSMORE DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY  
1810 MERCHANT DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivered no later than Monday, December 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to:  
**Office of the Knox County Commission**  
Suite 603, City County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
Phone: 215-2534  
FAX: 215-2038  
E-mail: [commission@knoxcounty.org](mailto:commission@knoxcounty.org)

A Public Hearing for the purpose of conducting public forum and interviewing candidates and a Special Session meeting to fill the vacancy will be scheduled at a later date.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumes from candidates seeking appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Ethics Committee for a four (4) year term ending October 31, 2029. Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand delivered no later than Monday, December 1, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to:  
**Office of the Knox County Commission**  
Suite 603, City County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
Phone: 215-2534  
FAX: 215-2038  
E-mail: [commission@knoxcounty.org](mailto:commission@knoxcounty.org)

The Knox County Commission shall interview candidates on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. during the Optional Agenda Review Meeting in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street. The Commission appointment shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

## LEGAL SECTION

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

BID 3695, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT, Due 12/11/25

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

- ROLL CALL:**
  - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**
  - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**
- NOTE:** Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at [commission.knoxcounty.org](http://commission.knoxcounty.org), by emailing [kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org](mailto:kathy.dailey@knoxcounty.org) or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY: APPLICATIONS:**
- 6a. Country Burrito Express LLC .....  
Country Burrito Express, Inc.  
1606 Lovell Rd.  
Knoxville, TN 37932  
On Premises (District 3)
- ADJOURNMENT:**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids - KCDC, the Public Housing Authority for Knoxville & Knox County, posts all of its solicitations at [www.kcdc.org/procurement](http://www.kcdc.org/procurement). Click on 'Open Solicitations' and follow the link.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on November 25, 2025 at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

- '08 CHEVY SILVERADO 1GCEK13C281206366 APRIL SEIGLER
- '13 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF1FK6DU17048 KELEE MAYNS / DALTON MOTORS
- '03 FORD EXPLORER 3FMZU63K83UA82435 GREGORY LUCA / TITLEMAX
- '10 CHEVY EQUINOX 2CNALDEW7A6280214 AMIE MYERS
- '10 HONDA ELEMENT 5J6YH27H0AL005489 KIRSTEN KOONTZ
- '00 FORD TAURUS 1FAFP5328YA141622 CLINTON GRAHAM
- '12 MERCEDES GLK WDCGG56B3AF481207 TONY PACK
- '08 MAZDA MIATA JM1NC26F580154915 DAVID BURCH
- '10 JEEP PATRIOT 1J4NF26B5AD591566 SAMMY SABINO
- '13 KIA OPTIMA 5XJGM4A77DG132828 MICHAEL or TIFFANY COLLINS / MOTO NOW
- '22 HYUNDAI ACCENT 3KPC24A66NE160710 JUSTIN SWIFT / SANTANDER
- '16 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3APXGC160071 HAROL REYES or JENNIFER BRAVO / MG AUTO SALES
- '12 CHEVY CAMARO 2G1F1E38C9181226 MAJOR STEADMAN
- '95 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1SK12C8SU657743 SAMUEL LOVEDAY JR / CHECK INTO CASH
- '03 TOYOTA SOLARA 2T1CF22P43C607921 AMJED MUGHTAFARI
- '12 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZC5E02CF194318 MORGAN or AMANDA GOFORTH
- '17 ACURA MDX 5FRYDH480HB023279 FAUN RAIFORD DAVIS / CARMAX
- '14 MERCEDES E350 WDDHF5KB2E8033340 ROXELLA RAMIREZ or RUBEN VARELA / GM FINANCIAL
- '18 LANDROVER SALVD2SXXJH312578 EVANGELA MADISON / TN MEMBERS 1ST FCU
- '18 HONDA CIVIC SHHF7K4H0J222298 LANSING SHELTON
- '10 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3GNXAW147609 LAUREN BURCHAM
- '11 HYUNDAI ELANTRA KMHDH4A3EUB099917 ROMERO ADONAY ADEEN
- '14 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BK1E9EU11158 KRIS LAWSON

# Gratitude: A Gateway to God's Will

Gratitude is one of the rarest forms of faith. Anyone can praise God when life feels full, but it takes a deeply trusting heart to lift thanks when life feels empty. Real gratitude was never intended to be built on what we hold, but rather anchored in Who holds us. It's easy to give thanks when prayers are answered, doors swing open, and blessings are coming our way, but mature faith learns to whisper "thank You" even in the waiting room of silence. True gratitude says, "God, I may not understand this season, but I trust that You are good in it." When we thank Him not just for the blessings but despite the burdens, we are proclaiming our confidence that He wastes nothing. The most grateful souls are not



**By Justin Pratt,**  
Clear Springs Baptist  
Church Senior Pastor

those who have seen the most miracles, but those who have learned that every breath, every sunrise, and every unseen mercy is proof that God is still faithful.

When the Apostle Paul, inspired by God's Spirit, wrote, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," it was never intended to be a polite suggestion for happy Christians; it was a revealing secret for steadfast believers. It's essential to remember in this season of thanksgiving that the will of God is not only in the big decisions of life, but also in the daily disposition of the heart. Gratitude is the Lord's way of realigning our perspectives from all that we see happening around us, to intentionally seeing

what God is doing inside of us. It's not just saying 'thank you' for what we can see, it's trusting God for what we can't.

Giving thanks "in every thing" doesn't mean that we necessarily have to be excited or grateful for all the things that happen in our lives, but that we learn to thank Him through everything that happens. It's not an expectation on the part of anyone to be thankful when you lose someone you love or has just been given a death sentence from a cancer diagnosis. No one expects the grieving man or woman whose spouse just walked away to express gratitude for that. Thankfulness is probably the last thing that comes to mind when you just learned that one of your children made a bad decision that landed them in jail for a few nights. The giving

of thanks in everything is a defiant act of faith that says, "My situation may not be good, but my God still is." Thankfulness in the storms of life becomes our declaration that the Lord remains sovereign and worthy when nothing else makes sense. It was this truth that allowed Job to declare, "the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" in the absolute hardest season of his life.

Never forget that true gratitude reaches deeper than just the appreciation for the blessings that we hold in our hands; it's the quiet confidence that even the unseen, the unanswered, and the uncomfortable are being used by the hand of a faithful God. Gratitude, then, is not reactionary; it's revolutionary.

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title: CAROLISSA CROSBY hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2002 Mercury Mountaineer, Vehicle Identification Number 4M2ZU66W12UJ34953. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact CAROLISSA CROSBY by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 1238 Austin Homes Blvd., Apt. B-424, Knoxville, TN 37915. Published in The Knoxville Focus Monday, November 10, 2025.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday, December 4, 2025 - 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

- 2018 BMW 330I WBA8B9655JNV00482
- 2018 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZD5ST8JF244423
- ? CF MOTO CF250T-V3 NA
- 2004 CHEVY IMPALA 2G1WP521849237445
- 2012 CHEVY CTV 3GNAL2EK5CS645703
- 2014 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3F24EL377434
- 2017 FORD FUSION 3FAGP0G78HR339146
- 2010 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3FN9AW237514
- 1964 FORD FAIRLANE 4F43F220261
- 2015 FORD FIESTA 3FADP4F3FM114249
- 2004 FORD MUSTANG 1FAFP404X4F105976
- 2013 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0J2DU075915
- 2000 FORD MUSTANG 1FAHP3FN9AW237514
- 2018 FORD FUSION 3FA6P0H97JR170954
- 2007 GMC ARCADIA 1GKER13767J147037
- 2003 HYUNDAI ACCENT KMHC645C73U48238
- 2015 HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPE34AF5FH136191
- 1999 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCG2250XA012135

1983 HONDA NIGH7HAWK JH2PC0904DM007791  
2006 JEEP COMMANDER 1J8HG58206C139689  
2014 MAZDA M6G JM1GJ1U63E1158379  
2010 MAZDA CX7 JM3ER2W5XA0329727  
2015 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB7AP8FY266113  
2003 PONTIAC SUNFIRE 1G2JB12F737387720  
2006 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX 2G2WP552561201861  
2011 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF3EK8BU206757  
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2005 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BE32KX5U043346  
2015 DODGE JOURNEY 3C4PDCB86FT595709  
2008 FORD F150 1FTPW14V58FA88450  
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2016 KAWASAKI NINJA JKAEX8A 16GDA28490  
2021 KIA FORTE 3KPF24AD2ME347548  
2004 MAZDA M3 JM1BK123141195302  
2015 TOYOTA PRIUS JTDKN3DU1F1885028

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Tennessee Code Title 66, Property § 66-31-105). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 11/21/25 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to additional terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.

254 Harry Lane Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37923:  
C33 (Ariel Lanier); C41 (Calyisia Franklin / Calyisia S. Franklin); F28 (J. W. Dukes / J. W. Dukes Jr. / Faith Temple); H37 (Brandon Godwin / MS International); M57 (Willie Suggs)

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# Getting to know Veteran Marilyn Childress

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Cherry Point Marine Base to prepare for Vietnam in case they needed to go. I was the only female corpsman at NAS Glynco, so I was on call 24/7 for almost a year, except when on leave. I then got sent to the hospital at NAS Millington, Tennessee, actually working in an operating room. I learned a lot while in the Navy and cherish what I was honored to do.

### What is the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation?

The Veterans Heritage Site Foundation was formed in 2016 in response to Jessica Hodge's wanting to change the name of Sharp's Ridge Memorial Park to Sharp's Ridge Veterans Memorial Park, as it was intended when it was formed in 1953. The city wanted to work with a nonprofit. Our mission is to honor and maintain veteran heritage sites, which include monuments, parks, battlefields, grave sites and cemeteries. We were successful in having "Veteran" added to the name of Sharp's Ridge Veterans Memorial Park. We also did some improvements to the park, including having eight covered boards with the stories of four veterans who were in the conflicts from the Civil War to the present. We host a 5K and 10K every year to bring awareness to the park.

We are also the leading veterans group working with Legacy Parks in the formation of the new French Broad Veterans Memorial Park. In 2020, we started recognizing and finding veterans'

graves in the Smokies. In 2022, we started honoring Revolutionary War veterans' graves throughout the Knox Metro area. A couple of years ago, we started working with small churches and communities to honor the smaller cemeteries in the area as well.

We are one of the very few groups that concentrates on recognizing veterans in smaller cemeteries outside of the three big veteran cemeteries in Knox County. We currently go to almost 100 small cemeteries in nine counties, with an additional 65 cemeteries in the Smokies. Our goal is to make sure every veteran in East Tennessee is honored and remembered every year.

### What was the most interesting veteran's grave?

Most recently, our cemetery committee was asked to find the grave of Major James Grant. Our team found his grave in the Anderson County Park. Next year, there will be a major 250 ceremony (the United States Semiquincentennial), in honor of this hero who fought with George Washington.

Also, we keep finding veterans in the Great Smoky Mountains. This past winter, I was speaking at a veterans' group, and one of the veterans raised his hand and said he had the picture of his ancestor, who was a Union soldier. He said that he was buried in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We did not have his name on our list. Sure enough, after researching, we found Johnny Ramsey is buried by

himself on the side of the mountain near the Sevier-Cocke County line, up the side of the mountain about three miles. We also found that he was a POW during the Civil War.

We also found where those soldiers who fought at Fort Weir in Pigeon Forge were buried. We found over 1,000 missing graves just this year. We recently went to the Cunningham-Flenniken Cemetery in South Knoxville and cleaned up the brush, trees and ground cover to reveal the graves of one of the founders of Knoxville and a Revolutionary War veteran.

### Tell us about those volunteers.

We have over 400 volunteers who have helped in various ways, from fundraising to helping with the Ridge Run and some of our other activities. We have about 80 volunteers who help with placing wreaths. Our cemetery committee is made up of very dedicated volunteers, including retired forensic specialist and Vietnam veteran Art Bohanan, the chair of the committee. Michelle Disney, a Marine veteran, is also on the committee and is great in finding the lost graves. Our members help in marking and mapping the graves. Some help with the cleaning of headstones. We have cleaned many cemeteries throughout East Tennessee. We have cleaned more than 100 veterans' graves in the Smokies.

Our hikers for the Smoky Mountains are folks who just want to go to places such as Cades Cove and others, who make the

18.5-mile round trip hike to place seven wreaths at two cemeteries, tell me they love doing this, as this is "Hiking With A Purpose" to remember and honor our veterans of the past. We have veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Vietnam buried in 65 different cemeteries. We have currently found 250 veterans buried in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

### How did you become interested in searching for graves?

I went to place flags in Cades Cove in 2019, and then went to place wreaths in Knoxville National Cemetery that same year. I wondered why the veterans buried in the GSMNP were not part of this, as they are in a national park.

So in January, I was at a luncheon for veterans where Joe Emert was talking about Sam Houston. Joe announced that he was on the National Park Advisory Committee, so after his speech, I asked him if he knew if there was a list of the veterans buried in the GSMNP. He did not and would get back with me.

Two weeks later, he called me and said there was not one, so we started working on a list, and by July, we had identified 166 with our Smoky Mountain Genealogy committee. As said above, we are at 250 veterans, and we have a couple we are trying to verify.

### How do you learn where the lost graves are?

We have folks asking us to come find graves in

their family plot. We search out old cemeteries and Revolutionary War veteran cemeteries to find veteran graves. Also, groups have asked us to help them in the cemeteries that they take care of.

### What is the earliest grave your team has found?

Our Revolutionary War veterans are the earliest, looking at 1800 or so. Elizabeth Carrick was buried in Lebanon in the Forks Cemetery in 1793. I will see if I can find you some dates. We are now at over 175 Revolutionary War veterans, and we keep looking.

### Tell us about your family.

My parents were very influential in my life. My mother, June Maples Duval, made sure that I was a Girl Scout and a Y teen when I was growing up. My father, Ed Childress, was very supportive of all my activities and chauffeured me to my sports endeavors through

childhood to my volleyball career at UT. My brother was Ron Childress, who started Knoxville Heritage, which saved many buildings in downtown Knoxville, including the Bijou. I dedicate my work to him.

### What other organizations are you involved with?

President, Veterans Heritage Site Foundation; vice president, United Veterans Council of East Tennessee; vice president, East Tennessee Women Veterans Foundation; board member, Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078; board member, East Tennessee Military Affairs Council; commissioner, TriStar and Stripes Commission for Service Members, Veterans, and Family members; vice regent, TNDAR Cavett Station Chapter; and state chair for DAR Service for Veterans.

## Gratitude: A Gateway to God's Will

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It shifts our focus from what's missing to who's present. When we thank God in all things, not just for all things, we declare that His goodness outweighs our circumstances.

The mature believer doesn't view the will of God as a mystery to be solved, but a posture to be lived. When our lives stay thankful, even in hardship and adversity, according

to the Bible, we are walking in the center of His will. Gratitude is the turning point of the heart where our fears can be transformed into faith, our worry becomes worship, and we trust the hand of God even when we cannot trace it. Thanksgiving is the place where we refocus on the importance of loving Jesus and following God, not for what He gives, but for who He is.

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# Talent Shines at the 5th Annual Morning Pointe Seniors Got Talent – Knoxville

## Nearly \$43,000 Raised for the Morning Pointe Foundation

The spotlight was shining bright at the historic Bijou Theatre as the 5th Annual Morning Pointe Foundation Seniors Got Talent – Knoxville lit up the stage with laughter, music, and moments that moved the audience to their feet. The show celebrated the creativity of East Tennessee’s senior performers while raising nearly \$43,000 for the Morning Pointe Foundation’s caregiver scholarship fund – including more than \$4,000 through the People’s Choice Award.

From soulful singers and lively a cappella harmonies to uplifting piano performances, the evening proved that talent and joy know no age limit.

This year’s winners included:

1st Place – Pianist Beverly Kerr performing “Ode to Joy”

2nd Place – The Sapphires, a cappella quartet performing “Sweet Dreams” and “Heatwave”

3rd Place – Singer Joel Dupré performing “New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra

People’s Choice – Musical Group Better with Every Breath performing “This Train is Bound for Glory” by Sister Rosetta Tharpe

Beverly Kerr, who took home first place, said the experience left her both



Seniors Got Talent Knoxville host Kim Hansard introduces this year’s winner, pianist Beverly Kerr.

humbled and grateful. “I’m amazed and I just cannot believe this. I felt very honored in front of so many talented senior people and just felt so lucky that I was one of the contestants. I was very nervous, but everybody from Morning Pointe was so nice and helpful – you can just feel the spirit of the Lord here in this event tonight. Thank you Morning Pointe Foundation, thank you for all that you do. God bless you all.”

Third-place winner Joel Dupré brought the audience to their feet with his classic Sinatra flair, sharing, “It’s just exhilarating to be back on stage again. Honestly those folks out there is the only reason

why I was here – the rest of this is just a bonus. You know, that old stuff, nobody does it anymore, and I hope some of the younger generation picks it up because that old style of music just never dies and it never gets old to me. Thank you Morning Pointe for the opportunity.”

Better with Every Breath, a group from Clinch River Health made up of friends, earned the People’s Choice Award for their rendition of “This Train is Bound for Glory.” “It’s incredible to be named the People’s Choice by the people – and what an honor,” said Ed Harper, one of the group’s founding members. “We started this project of wellness at the end of May, and for me to

be standing on stage with the People’s Choice award tonight just four to five months later, it’s incredible – a big wow. Proud is the word.” Group member Andy Sims added, “We had fun doing this. It’s out of our wheelhouse, but here we are on stage – it was real fun.”

Their Clinch River Health representative, Jill Dismore, shared how the group’s music serves a greater purpose. “This group are former Oak Ridge workers who have lung deficiencies, and we use this group to strengthen their lungs. We meet a couple times a month to help them do that – to live better and healthier lives.”

Throughout the evening,

the variety of performances brought the audience through an incredible journey of artistic appreciation – from laughter to tears to standing ovations. Every act carried its own story, style, and heart, showcasing not just talent but a lifetime of experience and passion.

The judges were equally moved by the artistry on display. “It was amazing – I mean, there is so much talent in Knoxville and I was really privileged to be a part of this tonight,” said Rachel Schlafer-Parton. “I love the ensembles that sang together and played together – they just seemed to have so much fun and camaraderie. It was super hard being a judge because

some things were so very close and everybody’s so different, but I was just thrilled to be part of it and thought everybody did a super job.”

Morning Pointe Foundation executive director Miranda Perez said the evening perfectly captured the Foundation’s purpose. “Knoxville’s show continues to amaze us every year. The performers pour their hearts into every note, and the community shows up in full force to support them. Every dollar raised tonight helps us invest in the next generation of caregivers right here in East Tennessee.”

## A Fundraiser with Purpose

Proceeds from Morning Pointe Seniors Got Talent directly support scholarships for East Tennessee students pursuing careers in healthcare and related fields at local partner schools.

Since its founding in 2014, the Morning Pointe Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has awarded more than 170 scholarships to students across the Southeast, helping prepare the next generation of caregivers who will make a difference in the lives of seniors.

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## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# Calysta tops Knox girls' strong showing at state

By Steve Williams

Calysta Garmer capped her TSSAA cross country career with the top girls' time in the state Friday.

The Webb School senior won the Division II Class AA race with a time of 17:05.62 at the 5,000-meter Shelby Farms course in Memphis.

Six of the top nine in the race were from Knox County.

Baylor freshman Addy Cotter was runner-up with a time of 17:28.23.

Calysta's twin sister, Jazzlyn, placed third at 17:30.34.

Two other Lady Spartans, senior Carolina Areheart and junior Emma Cissna, finished fourth and ninth, respectively, to help lead Webb to the team title with 33 points.

Knoxville Catholic took second place with 66 points. Kacey Holliday finished sixth and Drew Gerken eighth for the Lady Irish. Catholic's Caitlin Daniels also earned All-State honors by placing 15th.

The Knoxville area also had

other state individual champions and runners-up at the state meet on the girls' side.

In Division II Class A, Grace Christian freshman Sophie Lee was the state runner-up with a time of 19:03.16. She and freshman teammate Ella Cox helped the Lady Rams come in second place in the team scoring.

Anderson County senior Ava Moody won the state title in Division I Class AA with a time of 18:20.45.

## TKA's Oshumu wins state title

Sophomore Duncan Oshumu of The King's Academy brought back top honors in boys' Division II Class A with a time of 15:48.47.

CAK junior Talan Sturdevan finished 14th to lead the Warriors to a sixth place finish in II-A.

In Division II Class AA, Cade Duncanson (16:07.42) led Catholic to a third place showing. The Irishmen had four runners timed between 16:22.64 and 16:44.80.

Andrew Beroset led McCallie to the II-AA championship with the best time in the meet (15:03.6).

West senior Nicholas Burke came in 12th in Division I Class AAA with a time of 16:03.48. Farragut senior Sam Shagan was 14th in 16:12.10.

Cleveland's Owen Clemons won the I-AAA race in 15:06.37. Farragut and Hardin Valley were fifth and seventh in the team scoring.

Greeneville junior Trey Bailey took first place in Division I Class AA with a time of 15:12.89.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Grace Christian running back JV Stinson sprints around St. George's defenders in Friday's 49-0 playoff win.

## A GLANCE BACK

## AND A LOOK AHEAD

# Knox County teams go 7-3 in first round

By Steve Williams

Knox County teams can be right proud of themselves for their play in the first round of the TSSAA playoffs this season.

The locals' 7-3 record included winning four games on the road and a near major upset as Farragut Coach Geoff Courtney's 3-7 Admirals took homestanding Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett (9-1) into overtime before falling 27-21.

Gibbs, Halls, CAK and Catholic all won tough games on the road and Grace Christian, Powell and Central won by big margins at home.

The TSSAA's new second-round playoff bracket

will be tested this week.

## Five Knox County players are Mr. Football semifinalists

The TSSAA announced the Tennessee Titans' Mr. Football Semifinalists last week and Knox County has five in the running for the annual awards.

The local nominees for the award are Kaden Long of Central in 5A, Jace Ballard of Grace Christian and Shavar Young of Webb in Division II-AA, Tyreek King of Catholic in Division II-AAA and Kicker of the Year Mikel Van Pelt of Gibbs.

# Rams run past St. George's in weather-shortened first-round playoff game

By Ken Lay

Whenever Grace Christian Academy's football team prevails in a playoff game, coach Justin Price wants the Rams to relish the victory.

"We work so hard and anytime our kids win a playoff game, we want our kids to enjoy it," Price said after Grace ran past St. George's, 49-0, in the first round of the Division II-AA playoffs Friday night at the Jerry Disney Family Sports Complex. "Winning is hard, but if you were at the game

tonight, you saw our guys make this look easy.

"Sometimes, they do that because they're so talented. You want to be playing your best football late in the year, and I think we are."

The Rams (9-2) had plenty to enjoy against the Gryphons (6-5), who hail from Collierville. They scored on their first seven possessions, and the Grace defense notched its third consecutive shutout.

"We're playing well in all three phases of the game, offense, defense and even

special teams," Price said. "And St. George's, they're a good team and they have a new coach and he's turning things around for them."

"But our defense has just been amazing, and this is our third straight shutout," Price said.

The Gryphons, who won just one game in 2024, certainly had a tough night against the Rams, who led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter and put up four more touchdowns in the second stanza.

After halftime, most of the Grace starters got a

well-deserved rest as the game was played with a running clock. The Rams punted once in the third quarter. Other than that, the only thing that halted the party was the thunder and lightning that forced the game to be called approximately a minute into the final frame.

Grace wasted little time finding the end zone against the Gryphons, scoring less than two minutes into the game when quarterback Cooper Brayman connected with

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Halls High players and ball boy at the Stone Castle before last Friday's game at Tennessee High. Left to right: Cooper Faust, Jarrell Chandler, ball boy Dawson Black, Amari Lethgo and Brody Rogers.

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# Gresham's club tennis teams complete successful season

By Ken Lay

Gresham Middle School's club tennis team recently completed a successful 2025 season.

Its advanced team finished first in its division and also won five postseason matches in the Greater Knoxville Tennis Association Tournament Middle School Championships, and it was one of three teams fielded by Gresham, which resurrected its tennis program in 2024 after seven years of not having tennis.

The program had 12 players sign up for the 2025 campaign and coach Allie King divided the players into three coed teams of four players.

The advanced team was comprised of Corbin Waddell, Ivey King, Elin Clifton and Averett Hurst.

"Our advanced team finished first in their division, then fought hard to win five matches in the tournament to win the GKTA Tournament," King said. "They were undefeated in the tournament.

"We brought the team back last year and they made it to the (tournament)



In photo, left to right: Garrett Hodges, Amelia Picquet, Joshua Bivens, Averett Hurst, Lucy Nicaud, Ivey King, Coach Allie King, Corbin Waddell, Brooklyn Walker, Elin Clifton, Avery McGimsey, Juni Jordan and Shepard Andrews. Image provided.

semifinals." Gresham's intermediate team featured Garrett Hodges, Joshua Bivens, Lucy Nicaud and Shepard

Andrews. That team finished in first place in its division and was undefeated during the regular season before

injuries derailed its postseason run.

"In the tournament, we had some injuries or we would have done better or

won," King said.

The beginner team consisted of Amelia Piquet, Juni Jordan, Brooklyn Walker and Avery McGimsley.

Since middle school tennis is a club sport (not sanctioned by Knox County Schools) Gresham Middle does not promote its team, but King said that it doesn't diminish the program's accomplishments in 2025.

"Because tennis isn't a sanctioned Knox County sport, our school and principal doesn't share news about of the team or promote the team," King said. "Nevertheless, these kids have huge hearts and wore the Gresham logo with pride.

"I just want them to be celebrated."

King, who played high school tennis at Central, is hoping to help the Bobcats and Lady Bobcats rebuild their one-time proud programs.

The Bobcats had just one boy on their team last spring.

"We're looking to become a feeder program for Central," King said. "I played at Central and it broke my heart to see the boys have to forfeit all of their matches because they only had one player and couldn't field a full team."

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Central senior defensive back Kaylin Chesney reaches the end zone after a 60-yard interception return gives the Bobcats a 14-0 lead against David Crockett Friday night in the TSSAA Class 5A playoffs and fans cheer in the background at Dan Y. Boring Stadium / Joel Helton Field. Central won, 49-10.

# Defensive-minded Central tops David Crockett, 49-10

By Steve Williams

Everything seemed to go right for Central's football team Friday night.

The forecast of rain and lightning didn't show up until well into the fourth quarter and by then the mercy rule was in effect with the Bobcats enjoying a 49-7 lead against David Crockett High School in a TSSAA Class 5A opening round playoff game.

And when the lightning and thunder did arrive with 4:55 on the clock in the final quarter, both coaches agreed to call it an official game instead of waiting through long weather delays before play could be resumed. The final score was 49-10.

Central Coach Kevin Lane felt the Bobcats' defense was the key to the win.

"We've been talking about our defense the last few weeks and stopping the run and getting after people," he said. "People

have had success running the ball. We knew Crockett was going to come out here and try to run the football on us and defensively we stood up many times and made some real good plays. We had several tackles for loss. I thought our kids were physical. We lined up well and that was really the key to the game so we could get our offense on the field."

Not only was it a big win in the post-season bracket for Central, it was the 200th win at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

The Bobcats got a big break in Crockett's game-opening possession when the Pioneers fumbled a fake punt on fourth-and-six and Central recovered the ball on the Crockett 27-yard line. Two plays later, Javaston Badgett ran around right end for 15 yards and a touchdown.

On Crockett's next possession, quarterback AJ Wynn's pass was picked

off by Kaylin Chesney and returned 60 yards for a TD to make it 14-0.

At that part of the game Crockett was very generous.

Badgett upped Central's lead to 21-0 at the start of the second quarter when he ran up the middle and then to the right for a 12-yard TD run.

Finally, Crockett got a break when Wynn, who plays the hammer position on defense, jumped into Kevin Long's passing lane at the 35, intercepted the ball and took off with nothing but green grass in front of him. That made it 21-7.

Long answered with a 4-yard scoring pass to Tnaj Taylor to extend the margin back to 21.

The Bobcats' QB tallied again as he went into the endzone untouched from five yards out. Now it was 35-7.

Wynn strung three first down passes together to move the Pioneers past the

50. Taylor ended this drive, however, as he stopped Wynn for a seven-yard loss.

Long hit Bryce Johnston with a 25-yard pass and Badgett with a 53-yarder that upped the scoreboard numbers to 42-7.

Crockett went three-and-out and punted.

After being stacked up on a 4-yard run, Jaedyn Harris muscled in from the 1 and it was 49-7 after McGaha kicked his seventh extra point of the night.

On fourth-and-goal from the 14, Ruben Ibarra-Flores kicked a 31-yard field goal for Crockett.

Reserves took the field for Central and got in two plays, including a hard-nosed 13-yard run by Jaylin Johnson, before the game was called by lightning.

Central will travel to Columbia for the second-round game Friday. Columbia advanced with a 70-42 win over East Hamilton.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

### First Round Playoff Results

#### Class 4A

Greeneville 56, Carter 10

Gibbs 24, Elizabethton 17

#### Class 5A

Sevier Co. 34, West 9

Powell 44, Morristown West 0

Halls 31, Tennessee 23

Central 49, David Crockett 10

#### Class 6A

Dobyns Bennett 27, Farragut 21

#### Division II-A

Jackson Christian 27, Concord Christian 13

#### Division II-AA

CAK 42, Goodpasture 35

Grace 49, St. George's 0

#### Division II-AAA

Catholic 21, Christian Brothers 18

### Second Round Playoff Games

Kickoff at 7 Friday unless noted

#### Class 4A

Gibbs at Red Bank

#### Class 5A

Lincoln County at Powell

Lawrence County at Halls

Central at Columbia

#### Division II-AA

Battle Ground Academy at Grace

CAK at Lausanne

#### Division II-AAA

Catholic at Baylor

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# 'The Hurrying Hungarian'

When I once asked Vol fans to name the legendary figures over the course of Tennessee football history, the first fan who responded

By Tom Mattingly

nominated George Cafego, the legendary Vol tailback from 1937-39 and equally legendary assistant coach from 1955 to 1884 under five different head coaches: Bowden Wyatt, Jim McDonald, Doug Dickey, Bill Battle, and John Majors. There are numerous others, both on and off the field, but George Cafego is a good lead-in to the list of those who stood tall during their days wearing the orange jersey.

A true assessment of Cafego's influence on the Vol program rang true in 1998 at Vanderbilt, when Cafego's name ended up on a chalkboard in the Vol dressing room before the game. It said, simply, "Coach Cafego."

No one in Vol history has taken the Tennessee-Vanderbilt gridiron series more seriously than the "Hurrying Hungarian," as various media types over the years have called him. He once refused to converse with a fellow Vol offensive coach who was considering a move to the Vanderbilt coaching staff, only relenting when the move didn't happen.

There are numerous stories told about Cafego's journey to Knoxville from



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1938 "SEC Player of the Year" George Cafego (L) shown with 1938 "SEC Coach of the Year" Robert R. Neyland (C), and tailback Babe Wood (R).

Scarbro, West Virginia, starting with an all-night bus ride to Knoxville. He became a two-time All-American selection during Bob Neyland's second tenure as head coach. He's also in the College Football Hall of Fame.

"He was the only practice bum I ever coached who was a true All-American football player," said Neyland about Cafego. "He couldn't do anything in practice, but, for two hours on a Saturday afternoon, he did everything an All-American player is supposed to do."

George was featured in a Look magazine spread on the lure of college football centered around the 1939

Alabama game. He was a No. 1 NFL draft choice in 1940 by the Chicago Cardinals.

George coached the backs, kickers, and scout squad. He earned great loyalty from his scout team members.

Marvin West gave insight into the Cafego persona. "There was a soft spot in George's heart for B-teamers. He could see himself in 1936, two pairs of pants in his whole world, his best shirt split at the elbow."

George challenged his scout team charges to make the most of their opportunities on the practice field.

"Sometimes we moved

the ball down to the five-yard line, and there was the varsity defense across the line," said George. "I put the monkey on their backs. I told them every man on the field was watching to see what they can do. If they wanted to get on the varsity, right there was the place to make it. Take that ball and stuff it down their throats."

Nicknamed "Bad News," George had worn No. 72 during his time on campus, rising from obscurity to be a true Tennessee legend on and off the field. That happened in the days a center wore No. 90 (Bob Davis), a fullback wore No. 86 (Andy Kozar), and a guard wore No. 38 (John

Michels), among others. There wasn't great uniformity about jersey numbers in those days.

The night of Feb. 11, 1998, the Tennessee Vol community honored George's life at Rose Mann Heritage Chapel in West Knoxville.

On the sign-in book outside the chapel, the following signature stood out: "Frank Kolinsky, No. 72." Frank Kolinsky had worn it during his time as a Vol offensive tackle from 1955-57.

"I was proud to wear his number," said Frank. "It was an indication of the respect and admiration I had for him, on and off the field. I wanted people to

know how honored I was to share that number with him."

Keith Jackson paid tribute to George on ABC's broadcast of the 1999 Fiesta Bowl, noting his passing from almost a year earlier. Here's what Keith said: "Phillip Fulmer went to see George Cafego, who is an absolute legend in Tennessee football history, two days before he passed away. George said, 'Good luck. I'll be watching.' Good night, George... and thanks. Nobody's name rests higher in Tennessee football than George Cafego."

When you think about the numbers and those Vols who wore them, No. 16 will always be Peyton Manning. No. 45 will always be John Majors. No. 57 will always be Steve Kiner. No. 64 Jack (Hacksaw) Reynolds, and No. 92 Reggie White.

No. 72 will always be George Cafego. Frank Kolinsky and many, many others would definitely second that nomination.

"Whenever they write the definitive history of Tennessee football," one journalist has written, "the name George Cafego will have to be on p. 1."

Players wearing No. 72 may come and go, but, for one night in 1998, there was an entry in a funeral home guest book that revealed special truths about the life and example of a great man and his impact on Tennessee football.

## Realistic Expectations? Unrealistic for a Few

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee will not be in the College Football Playoff this season. In fact, they might finish 7-5, closing with losses to Florida and (gulp) Vanderbilt.

And even if that does indeed happen... the sky is not falling in Knoxville.

I'm no longer amazed by the irrational nature of some fans. Following the Vols' loss to Oklahoma, a few took to social media to call for the job of head coach Josh Heupel.

These yellers were in the minority, of course. But it's funny how the yellers get their voices heard the most.

My only assumption is that the people who want Tennessee's football program to clean house have chosen to forget about everything related to the Vols between mid-2008 and early 2021.

I can help because I lived it, as did many of you, I'm sure. From Lane Kiffin's midnight run to Derek Dooley's incompetence to Butch Jones's ego to Schiano Sunday to Jeremy Pruitt's asparagus, Tennessee's football program was the dumpsteriest of dumpster fires. They were a laughingstock, didn't win many big games, and sat in college football purgatory.

Back then, you'd tell stories of the triumphs of Peyton Manning, Tee Martin and Al Wilson, all

while knowing that the Vols were not even in the same stratosphere of those halcyon days of the 1990s. Back then, Neyland Stadium would get taken over by opposing fans from Alabama and Georgia, who made the trip to Knoxville knowing that a victory for their teams was almost always assured.

Those were the dark times.

Since Heupel took over, Tennessee is 43-18. They've won three bowl games, made it to the College Football Playoff, and turned Neyland into a fortress once again. They've beaten two of their biggest rivals, Florida and Alabama, multiple times since 2022. Yes, the paint peeled a bit due to the Sooner loss, but the Vols are at the very least back in the national conversation.

And when Tennessee was in the middle of its "Decade of Dysfunction" (trademark, me), Tennessee fans would have given up Christmas just to be in that national conversation.

Fortunately, it appears

that as the week following the OU loss dragged on, the voices of reason took more of a front seat. Tennessee had to replace its starting quarterback AFTER spring football. They replaced just about their entire offensive line. Their secondary lost its two best players due to injury. This was going to be a tough season, but the solid start got everybody hoping for bigger things.

One person I follow on Twitter put it perfectly when it comes to the belief that Tennessee's fan base was in full revolt saying (paraphrasing here) that when #VolTwitter was wanting a change at the top... you'd know about it.

That's the fan base that pushed Derek Dooley and Butch Jones out the door, and stopped the Greg Schiano hire dead in its tracks. What you are hearing now are the disgruntled rants of an angry few.

Try to enjoy the rest of the college football season. We are only guaranteed 12 of those games a year, so make them count.

## Rams run past St. George's in first-round playoff game

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Jace Ballard on a 20-yard touchdown pass. Braden Walker added the extra point, making the score 7-0, with 10 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Just over three minutes later, the Rams extended their advantage to 14-0 on a 17-yard touchdown scamper by freshman JV Stinson, who was key to Grace's success last season as an eighth grader.

And Grace was far from finished as it scored again when Brayman hooked up with Kaden Webber from 57 yards out, making it 21-0.

Brayman was one of two quarterbacks used by Grace before halftime. He was 6-of-7 through the air for 120 yards and threw three touchdown passes. Treyson Derry, who recently returned from injury, completed 4-of-7 passing attempts for 69 yards and a touchdown.

In the second quarter, Stinson had a 39-yard touchdown run, and Ballard scored on a 39-yard run and caught a touchdown pass.

Derry also threw a 19-yard scoring strike to eighth grader Braylen Mathis in the frame.

In the first half, Grace amassed 322 yards of

total offense. The Ram defense was particularly stingy as it surrendered just seven yards before halftime.

The Rams will be home for a second-round game Friday when they host Battle Ground Academy. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The Wildcats, who hail from Franklin, enter the game with a 10-1 record after winning an opening-round postseason tilt against Notre Dame, 56-7, on Thursday.

"Things will get tougher (this) week against BGA," Price said. "They're a good team, and we'll have to be good in all three phases of the game."

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Falcons are already a work in progress

By Steve Williams

For years, Fulton basketball coach Jody Wright had to give up half of his team so they could get ready and play in the football playoffs.

That wasn't the case this season as the Falcons fell short of qualifying for the football playoffs.

"I think this is the first time since maybe 2008 or 2009 that I started practice with all 12 guys," said Wright.

The Falcons started practice on Monday (Nov. 3) and also practiced Tuesday, when it was a holiday for Knox County students. Last Wednesday was Day 3.

If he had his druthers, Coach Wright said he would have preferred seeing Fulton in the football playoffs. That would have meant more victories for the Falcons.

"We were used to it," he said. "No. 1 because we share so many athletes.

We've done it for so long, it's kind of just old hat."

And you don't get a lot done with a "skeleton group" anyway, said Jody.

Wright had 16 players at practice on Wednesday, plus freshmen on the other end of the court. A couple of transfers have also joined the team.

"We are trying to improve



Fulton's Jody Wright coaches his players in an early preseason practice last week. This is Wright's 41st season and he's only 12 wins away from the 900 plateau.

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

some areas that we were not strong in last season," said Wright. "We're in the weight room right now. We're trying to get stronger. We weren't able to play a physical game last year. And we got bullied a lot just because of our youth and

lack of strength.

"Guys get older just by the calendar. They don't get stronger by just waking up in the morning. You got to work on that. So we work pretty hard on getting stronger."

Junior standout Nick

Steen and senior Rejuan Womble are two returning starters. Womble was on the sideline Wednesday due to an ankle injury late in Friday's final football game of the season. He is expected to be back this week.

Jymari Martin, a big and strong sophomore, attracted some attention. "I like Jymari," said Wright. "I think he's got a chance to be a good basketball player here. I really do."

This will be Wright's 41st season as a high school

head coach. His career win total is 888.

The Falcons lost in the first round of the TSSAA state tournament last season and finished with an 18-17 record.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Young Panthers come up just short against Norris

By Ken Lay

Powell Middle School's boys basketball team suffered its first loss of the 2025-26 season Thursday night.

But Panthers' coach Tyler Howell wasn't about to complain about his young team's effort.

"I only start two eighth graders, and we have a really young team," Howell said after Powell came up on the short end of a 27-26 decision against Norris in a non-league game at Powell Middle School. "Our kids were right there, and we just didn't execute at times.

"I thought we rebounded well, but we missed some bunnies around the rim, and we were 4-for-11 from the free throw line, and you just can't have that when you're in a tight game."

Both the Panthers (4-1) and the Senators (3-0) struggled offensively.

Norris, however, led 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Senators led, 15-14, at halftime and held a slim 22-21 advantage after three quarters.

Powell scored first in the final frame when Dennis Frazier made a basket, giving the Panthers a 23-22 lead, with 5 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the contest.

Powell and the Senators then exchanged turnovers before Norris regained the lead on a bucket by Eli Lindsay. Lindsay later converted 1-of-2 free throws to give the Senators a 25-23 lead with 1:58 to play.

The Panthers pulled even when Frazier scored with 1:31 left, knotting the score, 25-25.

Norris took the lead for good when Hunter Wade converted an offensive rebound into a bucket at the

1:02 mark.

Frazier's foul shot with 1.8 seconds remaining made it 27-26. On their ensuing possession, the Senators turned the ball over, giving the Panthers one last opportunity with 1.4 seconds to go. But the Senators were able to hang on.

Frazier led Powell with nine points. Like the Panthers, Norris has a young team.

"These kids played hard," Senators' first-year coach Trey Bingham said. "I've got guys who have never played basketball before.

"This game could've gone either way. I thought we rebounded well and we had some guys who rebounded well who haven't rebounded as well as they could have."

# 'Rebuilding' Lady Panthers struggle in loss to Norris

By Ken Lay

Powell Middle School girls basketball coach Torey Hyder knows that her team will be in a rebuilding mode this season. And she watched her team struggle Thursday afternoon in a loss to Norris.

"We're going through our rebuilding years," Hyder said after her team lost, 31-20, to Norris in a non-league game at Powell Middle School. "A couple of years ago, my first year, I had a true point guard.

"This year, we don't really have that, and you have to have that to be successful in middle school basketball."

Powell's plight was made more difficult against the Lady Senators as the Lady

Panthers dressed only eight players. Powell, however, has not been hindered by injuries.

"We dressed eight players, but we don't have any players hurt," Hyder said. "We have some players who are not doing what they're supposed to do in the classroom.

"We have certain standards, and if the players can't meet them, they're not going to play. I brought some girls up from JV, and they were able to get some playing time. It's not only my job to coach basketball. It's also my job to build character."

Powell (0-4) fell behind the Lady Senators, 7-2, in the first quarter and Norris was able to extend

its advantage to 16-4 by halftime.

Despite being seemingly outmatched, the Lady Panthers (0-4) continued to battle. They outscored Norris, 11-6, in the third quarter, and pulled to within 20-15 when Kensli Grimes scored with 2 minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the frame.

"I thought Kensli was tough and made some shots to keep us in the game," Hyder said.

Grimes finished the contest with 17 points to lead all scorers.

Esa Minor led the balanced Norris offensive attack with 10 points. Addison Willoughby added six points. Emerson Irwin finished with four.

## Knox County Basketball Jamboree tips off November 17

By Steve Williams

Ready for some high school basketball?

There will be plenty to see next week in the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic's Knox County Jamboree Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 17th and 18th).

Monday's schedule will include eight contests at South-Doyle High School:

5:30 – Webb vs. Powell (boys)  
6:00 – Webb vs. Powell (girls)  
6:30 – Halls vs. Carter (girls)  
7:00 – Halls vs. Carter (boys)  
7:30 – Fulton vs. Karns (girls)  
8:00 – Fulton vs. Karns (boys)  
8:30 – S-Doyle vs. West (girls)  
9:00 – S-Doyle vs. West (boys).

Tuesday's schedule will include six contests at Austin-East High School:

5:30 – Gibbs vs. Bearden (girls)  
6:00 – Gibbs vs. Bearden (boys)  
6:30 – Central vs. Farragut (girls)  
7:00 – Central vs. Farragut (boys)  
7:30 – Austin-East vs. HVA (girls)  
8:00 – Austin-East vs. HVA (boys).

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