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## Optimist Club of Knoxville salutes 18 students for community service

By Steve Williams

The Optimist Club of Knoxville's annual recognition of local high school students for their outstanding community service was held Friday, Dec. 5, during a luncheon at The Bearden Banquet Hall.

School counselors and administrators selected their most deserving students based on the hours of service given to their school and community. One student from each of the 18 high schools were honored.

The Optimist Club of Knoxville has had this recognition since 1957.

"The ceremony was inspirational to everyone in attendance," said John Meade, who is on the Optimist Club of Knoxville Board and headed up the Youth Appreciation Week event. "Thank you students for a job well done."



**Front Row (left to right): Vanae' Brown, Austin-East; Thatcher Ella, Bearden; Jenna Wilson, Carter; Kailin McEnery, Catholic; DJ Smith, Central; Brooke Atkins, CAK; Ella Schlomer, Farragut; Aracely Bartolo, Fulton; Mikel Van Pelt, Gibbs; Landon White, Grace. Back row (left to right); Ty Davis, Halls; Minh Nguyen, Hardin Valley; Capri Coomer, Karns; Harshita Nagar, L&N STEM; Caleb Lanius, Powell; Charity Davis, South-Doyle; Evelyn Peterson, Webb; and Lily Segars, West.**

The 18 honorees were:  
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## City Council advances more affordable housing

By Mike Steely  
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In Tuesday's meeting of the Knoxville City Council, a \$1.5 million grant for the development of 30 affordable permanent rental units is on the agenda. Beaman Lake II LP plans for a development at 1213 Beaman Lake Road, and the funds come from the Affordable Rental Development Fund.

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program may get some reallocated grant money from the federal government's HUD if the Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department's request is approved by the council.

The East Tennessee Housing Development Corporation may be issued a quitclaim deed for property at 1509 North Fourth Avenue under the Homemakers Program, and the council is being asked to approve the condemnation of 3910 Carnation Drive as an abandoned, blighted or vacant property.

Zoning change requests on the consent list, which would pass with one vote, include properties at 4900 Buffat Mill Road, 207 Hidell Road, Zero West Depot Avenue, 100 West Depot Avenue, and Zero Global Way.

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Rebecca Harman, pictured in February, led the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood project to "ReOak" the historic neighborhood.

## Oakwood-Lincoln Park's ReOak Project revitalizes historic oak canopy

Trees Knoxville, in partnership with Keep Knoxville Beautiful and the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, proudly announces that the ReOak Oakwood-Lincoln Park Project has been recognized with an Orchid Award for Environmental Stewardship at the 46th Annual Keep Knoxville Beautiful Orchids Awards, held last month.

The annual Orchids Awards celebrate buildings, public art, and outdoor spaces that beautify and elevate Knoxville's landscape. This year's event highlighted the ReOak project for its creativity, sustainability, and positive neighborhood impact, recognizing it as a model for community-led reforestation efforts across the city.

The ReOak project began in summer 2024 when Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood leaders reached out to local partners to reestablish the oak trees that once defined the area. Through months of collaboration, Trees Knoxville, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, and community volunteers developed a neighborhood-scale reforestation plan focused on both private yards and public spaces.

On February 22, 2025, residents and volunteers came together to plant 45 native oak trees throughout the neighborhood, with 40 distributed to residents and five planted at the Christenberry Community Center, a key gathering place for families and youth programs. Trees Knoxville and Keep Knoxville Beautiful provided funding, trees, and volunteers for the event, while Keep Knoxville Beautiful also organized a litter cleanup of the surrounding area.

"Oakwood-Lincoln Park is a neighborhood with deep roots," said Melissa Hinten, executive director of Trees Knoxville. "ReOak honors that history by helping residents restore the oaks that gave their neighborhood its name and character. This project shows the power of community-driven action in growing Knoxville's urban forest."

By restoring the oak canopy, ReOak helps reduce heat, improve air quality, enhance walkability, and strengthen community pride. Native oak trees also provide critical habitat for wildlife and long-term environmental benefits for future generations.

## Education for immigrants main legislative topic at BOE meeting

By Pete Gawda

Illegal immigration is certainly a big topic these days. The issue of whether or not to educate children who are in this country illegally was a major topic of discussion at the Thursday evening, December 4, meeting of the Knox County School Board. The board was considering that topic as one of its seven legislative priorities.

The controversy was caused by proposed

Tennessee legislation, 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. Although this topic was number 6 on the list, it certainly received the most attention.

The issue has also aroused considerable public interest. That was evidenced by the fact that shortly before the meeting

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## Subcommittee continues to review Knox ethics policy

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The Knox County Ethics Subcommittee met Wednesday morning and continued to wade into the waters of its guiding mission and regulations and question how they might be updated. The current policy was set in 2018; the ethics committee was created in 2007.

For instance, can the ethics committee consider charges or complaints filed against county officials without a notice of a possible violation from the law department? How often should the ethics policy be reviewed? Should the ethics training, now required of all county officials and employees within 90 days of starting employment, be required once a year?

Those and other questions saw lots of comments from the subcommittee members, chaired by Michael Bittel, who suggested reviewing the county's ethics training video once every five years. At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier sat in on the meeting and suggested an ethics training session for any reorganization meeting.

Public notices of ethics committee meetings are now published in free newspapers, and the

subcommittee members want to have the notices posted on the county's website as well.

Attorney David Sanders discussed anonymous ethics violation complaints and reminded the group that the ethics committee "is not an investigative body." All complaints currently go to the Knox County Law Department and then to the ethics chair if the law department deems the complaint has merit. Anonymous charges are routed to internal affairs. The full ethics committee may hear a charge and make a decision, but it has no power other than passing along its decision to the appropriate county department.


Zac Fullerton, Knox County Internal Auditor, will be invited to join a future subcommittee meeting.

The group also discussed some of the language in the current ethics policy, with Sanders giving them red-line and blue-lined copies of their suggested changes with his comments. One of the issues being reviewed is that of county employees with family members who may have a financial interest in county business. The language in the current policy may be changed to drop "his" and add "his or hers."

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Clickbait Observations

Not all Democrats are crazy, but the left that controls their party is. Congressman Jim Jordan

The title of this essay is only partly true. In 2006, blogger Jay Geiger combined the words “click” and “bait” as a portmanteau, creating the term clickbait. Click refers to the action of clicking on a link attached to an online article.

I used to fish, but these days the only fishing I do is at Kroger. I know how to bait a fish hook, but you are the fish in clickbait, where the reader is lured to “bite” or click on links, which often entice with sensationalized headlines.

You needn’t search for a link in this essay, even if you’re reading online. I don’t lure readers, but I entice. What I offer are my observations and opinions on diverse issues. And this

week’s title is what writers call a hook, something that gets your attention. Recently, a reader paid me a nice compliment regarding my essays, stating he was “amazed at how well I keep up with so many different things.” Everyone wants to be appreciated. Not wanting to appear boastful, I have sometimes deflected compliments. However, I have learned to just say thank you. Compliments, like gifts, are good for the receiver as well as the giver.

Is there a difference between pride and being prideful? To take pride in one’s efforts, work or children is different than being haughty, pompous, or projecting arrogant pride, which the ancient Greeks called hubris. In fact, the purpose of Greek tragedies was to educate citizens. By observing the acts of noble and ignoble (dishonorable)

characters, citizens were taught the cardinal virtues of courage, common sense, moderation and justice.

I’m certainly not advocating a study of Sophocles or Euripides. I have survived plays like “Antigone” - which is better than most - but Greek tragedies are not my fare. Twenty-four hundred years later, we have our own tragedians, including pompous sluggards in Congress and disdainful judges who pretend to be president. Our real President Trump works 50-plus hours a week for the American people and takes no salary while battling Legislative and Judicial wannabes, the vile legacy media and the vacuous, pseudo-intelligentsia. As Greg Gutfield says, “We don’t deserve him” (Trump).

The latest political brouhaha is the Democrats’ indignation that Trump and the Department of War are blowing up narco-traffickers in the Gulf of America and the Pacific Ocean. President Trump has identified illicit drugs as a threat to Americans, and the number one job of the president is to protect us. President Trump and Secretary Hegseth are taking action to protect the country. I’m sorry terrorists are being killed trying to bring drugs to America. Unlike the Progressive

Democratic Socialist party, I side with my countrymen rather than aliens who are trying to bring poison to our shores.

I even heard one “journalist” defend the traffickers, alleging the boater’s families are being held hostage, so they have to run the drug boats—typical liberal bilge without evidence. The Dems have found another 10% issue to champion, where most Americans have little sympathy for narco-terrorists who kill 100,000 Americans a year with their poison, destroy families and generate other criminal enterprises.

Another observation: I don’t believe anyone is coming to rescue Tampon Tim Walz, governor of Minnesota. On his watch, Somali scammers, refugees and activists managed to steal more than a billion dollars of taxpayer money. Some of the money was allegedly even transferred to Somali Al-Shabaab terrorists overseas. Minnesota may be the land of the loons, but the handsy, mincing Timmy is finished.

Walz and his Democrat cronies even suppressed the investigation of fraud and punished whistleblowers because the Democrats were afraid of the Somali voting community. Are these refugees even

citizens with voting rights? President Trump is on it, adding this to his to-do list. Can you imagine where our country would be if Momala and Timmy had been elected?

Readers have noted that I typically address multiple topics in my essays. As the French would say, “Touché,” or point acknowledged. I’m interested in a lot of things, and I write about what interests me at the moment. The job is to show how the topics are related by weaving them together. I refer to this as synthesis, defined as the “combination of parts to form a whole” (Webster). I honed this technique while practicing medicine, and as a writer, it has become my modus operandi (style).

Last week, we dodged a bullet. In the special election for Tennessee Congressional District 7, Republican Matt Van Epps defeated Democratic Socialist Aftyn Behn. I don’t know a lot about Behn other than she said she hates Nashville, country music and wants to defund the police. Van Epps is a Christian, a husband and father, a combat veteran and helicopter pilot and he has experience, having served in state government. The election was not about Republicans vs. Democrats because there are few Democrats

left other than Schumer, Pelosi and the old guard who are actually controlled by the Democratic Socialist cabal of AOC, Mamdani and Bernie. The Tennessee AOC was hoping to join the crew in Washington.

My last observation this week concerns identity. My identity is formed upon the foundational principles of faith, family, friends and country, in that order. Though I am a conservative, that ideology does not define my identity. I’ve wondered, what if someone had no sense of the sacred, limited nuclear family connections or identification with our country? Perhaps new friendships, connections and identity might be constructed around ideology, party or even dependence on government.

Prophetically, Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33). He was right. My faith sustains me and prevents me from having DSDS, Democratic Socialist derangement syndrome. So, when Democrats, socialists and communists assault our favorite president and our country, I refocus on my litany of trust: I trust in God, I trust in Becky and I trust in Trump - in that order!

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Education for immigrants main legislative topic at BOE meeting

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a crowd of people gathered across the street from the board meeting room and listened over a loudspeaker system to speeches in favor of educating illegal aliens.

The meeting room was packed, and some people were holding up signs such as “Public School For All,” and “Education Lifts All Our Boats,” and wearing blue T-shirts or blue stickers stating “Public School Strong.”

Public comments on the issue were heard before

the board discussion. There were 13 speakers. Of these, 11 were strongly in favor of public education for all children, regardless of citizenship status. They included a minister, a social worker, teachers and parents. Some of the speakers were of foreign ancestry

One speaker stated that illegal aliens pay taxes and that charging them tuition, as the proposed legislation would allow, would be “double dipping.” “We cannot punish children for a political agenda,” was one opinion stated.

One speaker asked what

would happen if these children were removed from schools. Another speaker stated that such a move would result in substance abuse and unwanted pregnancies. Many of the speakers received rousing applause.

There were two people who expressed an opposing view. One of them said that educating illegal aliens was rewarding illegal behavior. He compared the situation to the practice banks had at one time of giving a toaster to someone who opened an account. The banks did not give a toaster

to someone who robbed them. The other negative speaker stated that failure to pass the proposed legislation would take away from schools the power to decide what is best for them and that it would be degrading education for all children. Both speakers received applause. They also received some heckling, which prompted board chair Kristi Kristy to threaten to have security remove the hecklers from the meeting.

Several school board members stated that they had struggled with the issue. While they were in favor of educating all children, they felt it had become a political issue.

Board member Steve Triplett expressed the opinion of several other board members when he said, “It is a political situation. I do not support the politics

around it, but I do support the children.”

The legislative priority passed with three dissenting votes, Triplett, Lauren Morgan and Betsy Henderson.

Priority Number 6, “Free Education for All Children,” states: “The Knoxville Board of Education urges the General Assembly to oppose any proposals requiring school districts to collect or monitor immigration status, as they create legal risks, add administrative burdens and distract from teaching and learning. The Board affirms the Tennessee Constitution and Supreme Court rulings guaranteeing a free public education for ALL children in Tennessee and opposes any measure that excludes or seeks to exclude- any child from our schools.”

The other priorities were unanimously passed

without any discussion. The first priority on the list requested funding for all preschool students in the state’s new school funding system. The second priority requested permission for boards of education to conduct lotteries or lottery-type events for fundraising purposes. The third priority urged permission for local school boards to make retention decisions and also requested dedicated funding for second-grade literacy programs to prevent third-grade retention. The fourth priority requested an adequate and fair teacher evaluation system. The fifth priority urged the General Assembly to guarantee funding to backfill any reduction in federal education programs. The last priority urged the General Assembly to support initiatives that enable local school districts to establish and expand community schools that integrate academic, health, social and family support services while engaging parents and caregivers as essential partners in student learning.

The board unanimously approved an opening statement to these priorities, urging legislative bodies and regulatory agencies to seek input from local school boards and requesting that no unfunded mandates be imposed on local school boards.



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City Council advances more affordable housing


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Also on the consent agenda are three resolutions involving state grants and corresponding city matches for the Knoxville Area Transit for next year and fiscal years 2018, 2021, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The council agenda calls for honoring Fred D. (Tony) Thompson II for his 29 years of service as the city’s legislative advocate.

The lobbyist has retired. Then the council will consider hiring Calyptus Consulting Group, Inc. to consult for Knoxville Area Transit and Kim Adkins of Capitol Strategy Group to provide government relations services for the city.

The mayor may be authorized to hire Knoxville-Knox County Planning to update the city’s comprehensive plan in a \$700,000 agreement.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Was Tim Walz Minding The Store ... I Think Not

There's not a rational person in the country who believes Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota is competent. With the billion-dollar scandal growing in Minnesota, the scope of Walz's incompetence is becoming harder for even Democrats to deny. Even the leftist New York Times is describing how fraud swamped Minnesota's "social services." There has been a decade of fraud schemes that may have stolen billions of taxpayer dollars. Evidently, some taxpayer money may have been funneled to a terrorist group, Al-Shabaab, in Somalia. What appear to be somewhat sophisticated criminal

enterprises began milking Minnesota's mighty generous social welfare benefits for all they were worth and more besides. How they were able to avoid any kind of scrutiny is going to be a question in search of an answer. I would say scrutiny was scarce or not applied at all to the Somali community in Minneapolis, which is a very powerful voter bloc there, largely made up of Black and Muslim residents. In other words, there was no scrutiny so no one would be called a racist. Meanwhile the treasury was being looted.

As always, the corporate mainstream media has tried its best to ignore the story. That failed when the New York Times confirmed several aspects of the story, which many on the Left tried to claim were misrepresentations by conservatives. CBS made a feeble effort to try and debunk the accusations and was eventually put in the embarrassing position of having to correct itself. The idea of mass migration to this country and hooking up everyone who crosses the border with social welfare benefits is hailed by the Left, as they believe the recipients will religiously vote for their candidates. The

Democratic Party is being hijacked by those soft on crime and void of common sense. Here in Tennessee, Aftyn Behn, the Mean Girl's version of AOC, did her level best to dodge questions about hiring more police officers and public safety. The Far Left in this country is rapidly turning the Democrats into the party of crime, criminals and cartels. The drug cartels have killed some 600,000 Americans, almost as many as died in the American Civil War.

## Congratulations, Matt Van Epps

Speaking of that slice of nutcake known as Aftyn Behn, the polls were wrong about the outcome of the special election in the 7th Congressional District. Matt Van Epps, the Republican candidate, won the race by almost 9%. With a third of Davidson County inside the 7th District, everybody ought to be aware that there are a significant number of Democrats voting. When Republicans in the Tennessee General Assembly gerrymandered Congressman Jim Cooper out of office to squeeze one more congressional district out for

the GOP - - - and both parties do it - - - they divided Davidson County, which is as blue as indigo, into thirds and placed them in Republican districts. The end goal of getting rid of Jim Cooper, a Democrat, was accomplished, but at the same time, the three districts became slightly less Republican. The special election saw tens of thousands of voters participate in an election held in December while it was snowing and sleeting in much of the 7th District.

It wasn't an especially close election and there wasn't an uptick in the number of insane people willing to vote for a candidate as crazy as Aftyn Behn. It was the same number of deranged voters from Davidson County who voted 3 to 1 for Behn. Considering how Behn has said she hates everything that makes Nashville the city that is Nashville, there must be a lot of self-loathing people in Davidson County. Despite having said she hates country music, Behn dressed herself in an outfit making her look like a drag queen version of Porter Wagoner, for an election night that didn't turn out as the narrative had projected.

When she called Matt Van Epps to concede, she had the poor taste to try and force her own view of healthcare down his throat instead of acknowledging she lost the election like a gracious human being.

The poster child for Democrats' version of "affordability" is the social welfare network in Minnesota. Squeeze, and ye shall receive. The taxpayers' pockets are bottomless. There's not a thing affordable about that.

## Randy Tyree Was A Good Man

Former Knoxville Mayor Randy Tyree passed away on November 24, 2025, at age 85. Tyree was elected mayor in 1975, when he upset incumbent Kyle Testerman. Reelected in 1979, Tyree was the Democratic nominee for governor in 1982, defeating state Senator Anna Belle Clement O'Brien in the primary to face Governor Lamar Alexander in the general election. Tyree was the mayor of Knoxville during the 1982 World's Fair here.

Born in Gordonsville in West Tennessee, Tyree eventually worked for the FBI and came to Knoxville with the idea of attending

the University of Tennessee. Tyree became a patrolman in the Knoxville Police Department and later became a detective. Mayor Leonard Rogers made Tyree Knoxville's Police & Fire Commissioner. Old-timers here still can recall "Operation Aquarius," which was the largest police raid on illegal drugs in Tennessee at the time.

Replaced as Knoxville's Police & Fire Commissioner by Mayor Kyle Testerman, Tyree began practicing law. Tyree's defeat of Testerman was considered astonishing at the time.

Tyree ran two other races for mayor of Knoxville as well as campaigns to become Knox County Sheriff, all of which were unsuccessful. Throughout the highs and lows that comprise most lives, Randy Tyree remained a pleasant and gracious man. Moreover, Tyree was a good man and was well-liked by political friends and foes alike.

To Randy Tyree's family and many friends, The Knoxville Focus joins in expressing deep regret and sorrow at his passing. Knoxville is a poorer place without Randy Tyree.

## Beer board: Check ID first, then provide service

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A young woman goes into the tavern on a UT game day and works her way through the crowd to order a beer. The business's bartender opens a bottle as the customer hands him her ID. He places the open beer on the counter in front of the customer and takes her ID to look at it.

The bartender just violated the law.

That's what happened to Bucket Head Tavern on Ray Mears Boulevard recently. Charged with the illegal sale of beer to an underage agent, co-owner Troy Hale spoke before the Knoxville City Council's beer board last month. It was the tavern's second offense in a one-year period.

The owner explained that the bartender was remorseful and said that all employees tending bar undergo Metro Drug training on service, and all are

currently certified. Councilman Andrew Roberto asked Hale if the business has software to check identification, and Hale said, "We are spot on and will look into that."

Officer Lesley Pressley explained that setting a beer down in front of a person before checking their ID is a violation.

Hale explained that Bucket Head Tavern has a new co-owner and asked if he or the new co-owner would be held accountable. Council attorney Rob Frost said the law department will make that determination.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie applauded Bucket Head's 13 years of service and noted the huge crowds there on game day. The tavern, in a vote by the beer board, now goes to an administrative hearing with either Hale or the new owners appearing for a decision.

## Patient transport funds decision before commission

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One of the more interesting items on the Knox County Commission's agenda for its December 15 session is a request from the Knox County Sheriff's Office to approve funds for transporting mental health patients.

Currently, the sheriff's office must transport inmates with mental

problems all the way to Moccasin Bend in Chattanooga or to West Tennessee. That requires an officer with special training and a vehicle.

The resolution before the commissioners is an approval of an agreement for \$575,059 between the county and the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice. The incoming funds require no local match, and the funding from the state covers July of this

year through June of 2026.

Other agenda items from the KCSO include acceptance of \$40,000 from Knoxville Wholesale Furniture for its Employee Assistance Fund, approval of a \$14,598 state grant for training equipment, and an agreement with Robert G. Campbell & Assoc. L.P. for \$132,200 for engineering services at the new Driver Training and Certification Facility on Foote Mineral Road.

## Hero's Hill will house 20 Knox Co. homeless vets

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Operation Hero's Hill, an effort to build 20 tiny homes for homeless veterans, gets a boost when the Knox County Commission meets on the 15th. The William T. Morris Foundation is donating \$6,000 to the project.

The idea is being promoted by Mayor Glenn Jacobs, and funding is being sought on the Operation Hero's Hill website. Jacobs noted that about 140 homeless military veterans are in Knox County,

and the project will provide safe, stable and dignified housing for 20 of them in the initial effort.

The exact location of the complex hasn't been announced, but the homes are being built by students from the Knox County Schools' Career and Technical Education programs at various schools in partnership with the Skilled Trades Academy Regional Training Center and Associated General Contractors of TN Knoxville Region.

All of the building supplies are being donated by D.R. Horton. Construction

began in August, and when complete, the small homes will be transported by trailer to an unspecified site. The complex will also include a central community center that houses a computer lab, washers and dryers, a meeting place and furnishings like kitchen essentials and other items.

"We are making good progress on the project—currently, 17 of the 20 tiny homes are under construction. Electrical and plumbing rough-ins are underway on many of them, and we hope that some will be in

the drywall stage by the end of the year. While we can't share the location until the environmental review process is completed, we anticipate announcing it in the near future," said Jennifer Holden, senior director of Grants and Community Development for Knox County.

Once the homes are in place, they will be turned over to KCDC, which will work with the Veterans Administration on selecting the veterans. Anyone can donate to the effort online at [www.knoxcounty.org/operationheroshill](http://www.knoxcounty.org/operationheroshill).



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# What would you do with this historic building?

**By Mike Steely**  
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The stately structure that once served as the only Black hospital in Knoxville needs a new owner

The city held a public meeting last week to reintroduce what is now known as the Serene Manor and to begin seeking out someone to submit a request

for proposal. The ideal use desired by the city would be for permanent supportive housing or transitional housing for near-homeless people.

The city acquired the property, located at 970 Wray Street, in 2024 to satisfy debt. The vacant three-story building was built in 1933 as the Rosenwald Wing of the old Knoxville

General Hospital. Many notable people were born there, including the late community leader, writer and activist Bob Booker.

A public input session was held at the Knox County Health Department on Wednesday with Kevin DuBose, director of the City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development.

The city wants a buyer by the first of the year, and more information is available by contacting Jillian Love, Economics and Community Development Project Director, at (865) 215-2042 or online at [jllove@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jllove@knoxvilletn.gov).

*The Serene Manor sits empty and the city is looking for proposals to preserve and use the historic building.*



## What's ahead for the five departing city council members?

**By Mike Steely**  
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Five of the nine Knoxville City Council members will be leaving office this year. Their terms in office had been extremely productive, eventful and successful in moving the city forward. Their last regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, and The Focus asked each for a comment on what they are looking forward to after leaving office.

**Lauren Rider:** "I'm sure I'll be involved in some way in the future. Right now, I'm looking forward to spending a little more time with family (both in and out of town). It's been a busy eight years. Thank you for always paying attention and keeping up with where our city is going!

**Andrew Roberto:** I will continue to be involved and will be returning to my work in the community through volunteering efforts with local non-profits, as I had been doing prior to serving on city council.

My focus will be on working with the Kylie Roberto Foundation, an initiative started by my wife, Sarah, and me, and supported by our family, friends and neighbors. The foundation honors the life of Kylie, our 21-year-old daughter, whose life was lost in an impaired driving car crash in April of 2024. Our mission is to love animals, the arts and people the way Kylie does. We have

done that through a series of efforts, including Kylie's Kitten Fund with Young Williams Animal Shelter, raising over \$30,000 to provide critical care for vulnerable and abandoned kittens in Knoxville over the last year.

**Gwen McKenzie:** I've really enjoyed serving on the city council for the past eight years. We've seen significant growth in the city, along with high demand for diverse housing options to include housing for our homeless population!

What's ahead? Great question, and I'm exploring options. I will definitely stay involved and engaged in the future of my district and the city.

The 6th District has seen intentional investment, which hopefully will attract businesses back to the Magnolia Corridor.

**Seema Singh:** I'm just not sure how I want to move ahead as my term ends. I will be looking at opportunities and offers, but first, I'm relaxing through the holidays.

**Tommy Smith:** It has been a joyful chapter serving the residents of Knoxville on city council, and now I'll pivot to be more attentive to four very important constituents at home. With that said, we are involved in our neighborhood schools, and I will always be involved in reducing homelessness and helping those who need it most.

## Pearl Harbor program presented in Farragut

**By Pete Gawda**

"If we remember Pearl Harbor, we can get through anything," retired history teacher Frank Galbraith told the audience gathered at Farragut Town Hall last Monday evening. For about 20 years, he has annually presented a program in remembrance of what happened on December 7, 1941. That was the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and forced the U.S. into World War II. It was personal to him because he had a cousin killed at Pearl Harbor. Through narration and a PowerPoint presentation, Galbraith related events leading up to and following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

There were about 75 people of all ages in attendance.

"We were plunged into war in 1917," Galbraith began as he described the trench warfare of World War I. One of the photographs he displayed was of wounded German soldiers, one being Adolph Hitler. Galbraith mentioned the holiday originally called Armistice Day, now called Veterans Day, that celebrated the end of World War I "on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

"After the war, things changed," Galbraith said. "There was a new Europe after World War I." He then talked about the events leading up to World War II. In this country, there was a period called the Roaring Twenties followed by the Great Depression. "It was a rough time," he said of the Great Depression. "Then, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt came up with the New Deal. The TVA was one of the organizations that came out of this." Before TVA, only 3 out of every 100 farms in this area had electricity because it was so expensive.

"Hitler had the gift of talking," Galbraith said, and he went on to tell how Hitler incited the masses in



*On Monday evening, December 1, retired history teacher Frank Galbraith gave a presentation on the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. Behind him is a depiction of the bombing which was part of a PowerPoint presentation.*

Germany, which resulted in the rise in power of the Nazis.

"One of the most arrogant characters in history" is how Galbraith described Italy's Benito Mussolini.

He went on to describe the conquests Japan made in the Pacific and stated that Americans did not think Japan would invade Pearl Harbor because it was so isolated. "Duty was good on Hawaii," he asserted.

At one point after relating an important fact, Galbraith reverted back to his teaching days as he promised, "That's on a test later on."

A coded Japanese message intercepted shortly before December 7 referred to 7:30, which turned out to be the hour of the attack. On December 2, radio signals between ships of the Japanese fleet stopped.

"We knew something was coming, but we didn't know what," Galbraith asserted.

He related the story of two radar officers who reported incoming planes early on Sunday morning, December 7. It was thought that they

were U.S. planes coming in from the West Coast.

The famous phrase "Tora, Tora, Tora" was a radio code word the Japanese used when they attacked Pearl Harbor.

"This event shocked the U.S. more than anything before," Galbraith asserted. "It was tragic. It was astounding."

After showing photographs and paintings of events of the day, including the bombing of the USS Arizona, Galbraith stated, "We started rebuilding immediately."

Galbraith's neighbor, Eric Johnson, spoke of a person he knew who was living near Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He said that the Japanese indiscriminately shot at civilians. According to Johnson, everyone in Hawaii was afraid the Japanese would attack again. In preparation for another attack, civilian men were taught to fire a gun to defend themselves.

The bombing brought out the patriotism in Americans, causing long lines at military recruiting stations. Even boxer Joe Lewis, the Brown Bomber, enlisted. Lewis was quoted as saying, "I am doing what any red-blooded American would do."

Galbraith displayed the famous poster of Rosie the Riveter.

Superheroes also went to war. Superman, Captain America and Wonder Woman were fighting fictional Nazi supervillains in the pages of comic books.

Galbraith stated that if America had not ended the war by dropping the atomic bomb on Japan, an estimated 500,000 American lives and 2 to 3 million Japanese lives would have been lost from invading the island nation.

Galbraith related the "rest of the

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# Keeping my fingers crossed

The last six weeks have been a rough time at the Rector household. Amy fell ill with a terrible cough and a chest and head filled with congestion. She barked as her body tried to clear her lungs of the stuff, and for a while, she ran a temperature of 101. A trip to the doctor came too late as Amy was in the final stages of her illness, and except for an occasional cough, she's back to herself.



**By Joe Rector**  
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On the Sunday after she began to feel better, I began to feel worse. By Monday morning, I was miserable. The same cough hit me, and I sometimes hacked so hard that I thought I would pass out. Amy demanded that we go to the doctor after a week, and as usual, she was right to do so. I was diagnosed with acute bacterial pneumonia. I'd taken vaccinations for pneumonia, but evidently,

this stuff isn't affected by such preventative care. I've felt miserable several times in my life, but nothing has laid me any lower than this stuff. The constant coughing and wheezing, mixed with an overall achiness, knocked me flat. The doctor prescribed some "horse pill" antibiotics and cough medicine, and for a month, I slept in a recliner in the family room.

My sweet wife has hovered over me to make sure I have everything to feel comfortable. Our two dogs sensed I was sick, and they cuddled with me and

slept with me. In fact, Sadie whines and paws at me when I won't sit with them on the couch. Nothing is as loyal and loving as a dog that loves its owner.

The cough has ended for the most part, and I suspect I'm on the mend. However, this recovery period has its own problems. I sleep constantly. After being in bed for 10 hours at night, I rise, walk to the kitchen for my cup of coffee, and sit down in my spot. The dogs crawl up, and I immediately fall asleep again. It's enough to make me wonder if I've been bitten by a tsetse fly.


The neighbors have commented to Amy about me. They wonder if I'm alright since I've not been outside getting the leaves out of the yard every day. I want to take care of things, but my "get up and go" has "got up and gone." Fresh air feels good in my lungs, but I can't stay outside long enough to enjoy it. The list of things to do is mounting, but I just can't get to them. My twin brother saved me last week. He came and shoveled most of the three tons of gravel I'd ordered onto the pathway leading to the basement.

I have to get better because Amy and I have a trip to Key West planned. Each of us has picked out places we'd like to visit, and the weather predicts highs in the 70s and 80s. I want to have the strength and endurance to see the sights and enjoy the time.

I always thought pneumonia was an old person's disease. What a shock it was to me to discover that I am, in fact, an oldster. I'm hoping to pull out of this extended illness so that the trip and the rest of the month will be enjoyable. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

# Christmas Means In The End We Win

Our Bible begins with, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," setting the tone for scripture and our world. Genesis offers a creation account with foreshadowing of Christmas and redemption. Adam and Eve, created by God to steward the planet, lost their role through disobedience, surrendering it to Satan. God warned that despite Satan bruising humanity's heel, through the 'seed of a woman,' He would crush his head (Genesis 3:15). This is the first prophecy of a coming Messiah to restore what the enemy broke. Though the world was God's by creation, Satan established a counter-kingdom,



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

making Earth a battlefield between two kingdoms. But this is not the whole story.

God was determined to win back the world at any cost, using kings, prophets and a small nation to bless the entire world. He entered humanity as Jesus Christ to reclaim it from Satan. Though it seemed Satan had won when Jesus was crucified, the resurrection proved Jesus the victor. Since Easter, Satan tries to hold onto a planet Jesus has reclaimed, but Jesus has planted light in the darkness, promising better days.

We who believe are eagerly waiting for the same Son who appeared

in Bethlehem to one day return personally and visibly to this earth. When He does come at last, He will trample Satan under his feet, judge the workers of iniquity, set everything right that is currently wrong, and reign from His Father's David's throne in Jerusalem. That day has not yet appeared, but the signs of time tell us that it is not so far off in the distant future.

What does all of this have to do with Christmas? Revelation chapter 12 reminds us that this battle began in Bethlehem. Angels proclaimed to the shepherds in that same city that this babe, who would be wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, would be the long-awaited Messiah who would bring "peace on earth and goodwill toward men." But

it's important to realize that peace on earth meant war in heaven. At Bethlehem, God struck a blow on the enemy, and His frontline soldier was not clad in the armor of a 1st-century warrior; He was not embellished in the garments of a king and didn't have the covering or weaponry of a battle-experienced knight. No, the frontline soldier was a tiny baby boy, born of a virgin, and only given a manger to lie in on His first night on the earth. Yet, in this tiny baby was all the strength of Deity. In those little clenched fists was the same power that framed the worlds. That innocent cry was the same voice that spoke creation into existence. The baby wrapped in rags was also the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah,

the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. By perception, that Child that Mary laid in a manger looked like any other baby, but understand, that this Child is none other than the undefeated Son of God! God had begun His mission to reclaim the world, and it would happen through a little Boy that Mary and Joseph named Jesus.

We need to remind ourselves this Christmas that the Devil will not have the final word. Though he strikes many painful blows, he will not win, and he cannot win, because this battle belongs to the Lord. Be encouraged, for that sleeping Child in a manger will one day rise to battle, and no one or no nation will be able to stand against Him. If Christmas means anything to us, then let it mean this: God wins in the end!

## Pearl Harbor program

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story," as Paul Harvey used to say, about the famous photograph of the sailor kissing the nurse in Times Square at the end of the war. Galbraith pointed out that the sailor's fiancée was in the background of the photograph. When the sailor heard the news of victory, he said he wanted to kiss a nurse because they had contributed so much to the war effort. However, according to Galbraith, the person he kissed was not a nurse. She worked in a dentist's office.

At the conclusion of the program, he asked all veterans to stand and thanked them for their service.

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# Lewis Schwellenbach of Washington

## Pages from the Past



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During his brief political career, Lewis Schwellenbach was a national figure. Loud and partisan, Schwellenbach's failed campaign for governor of Washington State led to his election to the United States Senate at the height of the New Deal in 1934. Coming to Washington in 1935, Lew Schwellenbach took the oath of office with the new U.S. senator from Missouri, Harry Truman. The two became personal friends and Truman was the reason why Schwellenbach made a highly unusual decision and returned to Washington, D.C. "Big and balding," Schwellenbach came to the Capitol as a fervent supporter of President Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Indeed, one observer declared Schwellenbach was "at least as New Dealish as President Roosevelt." Depending upon one's point of view, Schwellenbach was either a stalwart of the Roosevelt Administration in Roosevelt's effort to pack the Supreme Court or a New Deal "hatchet man." A man with a formidable temper, which could and did erupt in public, Lew Schwellenbach was never afraid to denounce the enemies of the New Deal in no-uncertain terms. The senator dismissed the members of the more conservative Liberty League as "leeches, rascals and crooks." Nor was Schwellenbach hesitant to take on the razor-tongued Huey Long of Louisiana, who delighted in puncturing the dignity of President Roosevelt and what the Kingfish saw as the missteps of the New Deal. Bespectacled and oftentimes seen chewing a cigar, Lewis Schwellenbach was a mild man whose political career was a roller-coaster of "the dull and the intriguing." At heart, Schwellenbach was a studious man with a judicial temperament. While undisputedly friendly to organized labor, Schwellenbach was also fair to management and industry.

The Schwellenbach family had moved to Spokane, Washington, when young Lew was eight years old. Even as a boy, Schwellenbach admired the golden-throated orator William Jennings Bryan, three times the Democratic Party's presidential standard-bearer. Lew Schwellenbach worked hard at an early age, selling newspapers and magazines on street corners and saved his money. Even then, Schwellenbach was anticipating going to college. In college, Schwellenbach excelled at debate and was involved in politics before he ever left the classroom. Lew Schwellenbach was a Democrat in a state that was, at the time, largely Republican.

Schwellenbach's legal career began in 1919 when he was earning approximately \$35 per month. The

young attorney first came into local prominence when he represented James A. Mahoney in what was known in Spokane as the "trunk murder." Naturally, such a lurid title riveted the attention of the trial at a time well before television, and the newspapers were avidly following the case in its pages across the entire Northwestern part of the country. Schwellenbach fought hard for his client, although Mahoney was convicted and hanged. Still, the trial made Lew Schwellenbach's name familiar to the people of Spokane and Washington State.

Schwellenbach was involved with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and several of its business enterprises, including a bank and a laundry service. The laundry failed, and its investors lost a considerable amount of money. That allowed political opponents to ridicule Schwellenbach as "Lewie the Laundryman."

Lewis Schwellenbach had been a lawyer who had made his living through working on labor issues and was often employed by unions and union members. When Senator Clarence Dill announced he would not be a candidate for reelection in 1934, Schwellenbach became a candidate to succeed him inside the Democratic primary. Two years earlier, Schwellenbach had run third in the primary, but had run a good race. Organized labor got behind Schwellenbach's candidacy, and he won a six-man Democratic primary decisively. The general election was never in doubt. The people of Washington State strongly supported Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Schwellenbach won a seven-man race and won more than 60% of the votes cast. Lewis Schwellenbach carried every county in the state except for one, where he tied with his GOP opponent, Reno Odlin.

Once in the United States Senate, Schwellenbach became especially good friends with Sherman Minton of Indiana, Joe Guffey of Pennsylvania and Harry Truman of Missouri, all of whom had also been elected in 1934. All of them were avid supporters of Roosevelt and his New Deal. Guffey was once asked what he would do on a given issue and candidly replied, "Why, I'll do whatever Frank Roosevelt tells me to."

During his six years in the Senate, Schwellenbach disliked the extreme humidity of Washington, D.C., and he never considered the Senate to be his career. It was no secret he longed for an appointment to the federal bench. Schwellenbach was also one of the few colleagues who traveled to Missouri to help his friend Harry Truman, who was embattled, facing a popular



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Sec. of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach speaks at a 1946 rally in Madison Square Garden.

governor in the Democratic primary who had the backing of the Roosevelt Administration despite the senator's strong support for the New Deal in 1940. Truman never forgot it.

Franklin Roosevelt was more appreciative of Lewis Schwellenbach, whom he nominated to serve as a federal judge in 1940. Schwellenbach watched with interest as his friend replaced Henry Wallace in 1944 as FDR's vice-presidential running mate. Truman succeeded to the presidency when Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945.

After a month and a half, President Harry Truman elbowed three of Roosevelt's appointees out of his Cabinet. Claude Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, was replaced by Congressman Clinton Anderson of New Mexico. Francis Biddle, Attorney General, was replaced by Tom Clark of Texas, who had been a deputy in the Justice Department. Frances Perkins, the first woman to serve in an American presidential Cabinet, resigned as Secretary of Labor. To replace Madame Perkins, Harry Truman summoned Lewis Schwellenbach to visit the White House. According to TIME magazine, Sherman Minton, a former U.S. senator from Indiana and a member of the Class of 1934, had written the president to suggest Truman appoint Schwellenbach to a high position in his administration. The three had sat together in the rear of the Senate Chamber together. Minton's recommendation confirmed what had already occurred to Truman, who had asked the judge to come to the Capitol. Evidently, Truman told Lew Schwellenbach he wished the man from Washington State to play the same role in his administration as Harry Hopkins had under that of Franklin Roosevelt. Schwellenbach, who was sitting in a lifetime job as a federal judge, politely turned down the offer. Truman persisted and offered Schwellenbach the appointment as Secretary of Labor to succeed

Frances Perkins. Perkins had served in the spot throughout Roosevelt's long presidency, and Schwellenbach was well aware of the labor unrest in the country, which would surely grow as World War II was coming to a close. Schwellenbach refused the offer and hurried back to Washington State. Truman was persistent in his pursuit of Lew Schwellenbach and followed up his offer with several telephone calls. TIME believed what changed Schwellenbach's mind about giving up a lifetime appointment was the lure of another; the president supposedly promised to appoint Lewis Schwellenbach to the first vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States. That was Lew Schwellenbach's ultimate ambition: to serve as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The three years Lew Schwellenbach spent as Secretary of Labor had to be a frustrating experience for the former senator, as his advice was frequently ignored by President Truman. Schwellenbach had never wanted the job and realized the challenges that he would face. One writer labeled the Labor Department "the stepchild" of the Truman Administration. Truman seemed to turn more often to a former official in the Labor Department, Dr. John Steelman, a sociologist and "practical conciliator," for advice rather than to Secretary Schwellenbach.

History was repeating itself. Wages had been high, and unions had begun a steady rise, and as the troops came home after the war had ended, the country's economy had begun a difficult period of readjustment, which caused a fury of strikes. By the end of 1919, 4.1 million workers had participated in 3,630 strikes. By the fall of 1945, just months after the end of World War II, there was widespread turmoil with strikes or unions threatening strikes amongst "miners, oil workers,

longshoremen, telephone operators, auto workers," and others. Worse still, some half a million workers were idle.

As he had feared, all eyes were on Lewis Schwellenbach, who was sitting in the most uncomfortable seat in the country. TIME magazine exulted in pointing out that the Truman Administration was largely ill-equipped, especially compared to organized labor. "One of the reasons was that labor had all the weapons: the New Deal reforms had done that." The government was also hindered by giving up the powers it had enjoyed during wartime and no longer had. Naturally, workers wanted to keep the bigger paychecks they had collected during the emergency wrought by the war and America's urgent effort to fuel its war machine. Schwellenbach had tried hard to negotiate the dispute between oil companies and their workers without success. President Truman responded by seizing the refineries, and the workers came back to work. Technically, the workers were working for the government of the United States.

The Secretary of Labor's failure to arbitrate the dispute caused some to question his ability to do his job. Even on Capitol Hill, questions were raised. Union membership had swelled to 14.5 million members and they desperately wanted to keep their gains made during the war years. Not even union officials seemed to be able to calm rowdy local members.

When auto workers demanded a 30% increase in wages, Charles Wilson (a future member of President Eisenhower's own Cabinet) president of General Motors, refused, saying the demand was "unreasonable and inflationary." "While your union may have the power by coercion to close our plants and those of our suppliers, with or without the approval of a majority of the workmen, it is not clear that your

union can or will live up to its agreements," Wilson snapped.

Unlike his predecessors as Secretary of Labor, Lewis Schwellenbach faced a changing country, as well as a different complex with the union movement. There were numerous labor leaders and even more special interests. Some of the Department of Labor's powers had been eaten piecemeal by the alphabet agencies of the New Deal, including the National Labor Relations Board and the War Labor Board. As soon as he returned to Washington, with the strong support of organized labor, Lewis Schwellenbach hurriedly tried to reorganize the Department of Labor, bringing several agencies either impaired or slowly dying back under the auspices of his own department.

Schwellenbach may have held, outside of the presidency, the most difficult job in the country following the Second World War. Frequently chewing his cigar to pulp, the stress of being Secretary of Labor took a toll on Schwellenbach despite being only 51 when he was first appointed to the office by President Truman.

There were reports in the newspapers that Truman was trying to make it easy for Schwellenbach to resign his office. The Little Man from Missouri angrily said those reports were nothing but lies. Those reports floated around while Secretary Schwellenbach was hospitalized for an "upper respiratory infection" at the Fort Jay Regional Hospital on Governor's Island in Washington State. A hospital spokesman merely said the secretary was "doing as well as could be expected," a not especially encouraging report. Schwellenbach had been plagued since a fall in the shower, which broke one of his vertebrae. That necessitated the secretary wearing a brace, which kept his back in position.

The ailing secretary went to Walter Reed Army Hospital outside Washington, D.C., for a "checkup," allegedly to discover the source of the respiratory infection he had caught on a trip to Panama a month earlier. Details were vague as hospital officials said they did not know when Schwellenbach would leave the hospital or return to the Department of Labor. Schwellenbach never returned to his desk as he suffered a heart attack and died on June 9, 1948. The former senator was only 53 years old.

Ironically, the death of Lewis Schwellenbach may well have paved the way for his friend Sherman Minton to accept an appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court that likely would have been his otherwise in 1949.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

# Carter freshman aiming for a TSSAA state title

By Steve Williams

There's a high school bowler in Knoxville this season who has her sights set on a TSSAA state championship.

And she's only a freshman. Carter High's Zoe Chompff has a 195 average and it's the highest average on the local prep scene, including girls and boys, according to her head coach Ray Wynn.

If Zoe pulls it off, she will be only the second bowler in Knoxville who has won a state title. The other was Devean Littlejohn, who bowled for Hardin Valley Academy and went on to bowl on the college level at Tennessee Wesleyan and now is believed to be eyeing a career in the Professional Bowling Association.

Zoe said she started bowling when she was about 4 years old and was about 8 when she got into competitive bowling.

She enjoys the sport at the high school level.

"High school bowling is really just the team spirit and getting to share achievements with all my teammates," she said after bowling in a match against Gibbs last week at the Strike and Spare lanes in Fountain City.

In that match, she rolled a 211 in one game and then went to the practice lane and scored a 255. "I did pretty good today," she said, taking it in stride.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

*Carter freshman Zoe Chompff is "special," says Coach Ray Wynn. Her 195 average in bowling is tops in her district among the boys and girls, plus her teammates look up to her.*

Chompff is right-handed, but a two-hander when it comes to bowling, which a lot of bowlers are these days.

She's already qualified for the state tournament this season, having won the TSSAA Region 1 Individual Championship with an average of 199.2 over six games.

Growing up, Zoe also has been a champion in Junior Roll for the

Gold in Tennessee.

Her dad, Allen Toth, was instrumental in getting Zoe started in bowling.

"My dad bowled when he was a teenager and he's pretty good himself," said Zoe. "They had to figure out something for me to do. I was a hyper child. My dad thought he could get back into bowling and I was brought back

into it. The first league I got into was an adult-youth league with my dad when I was 5."

Zoe says her mom, Kayla Chompff, "used to bowl and was pretty good, but she doesn't do it a lot. She's a really good supporter. She supports everything I do. She's always happy for me when I'm not."

Coach Wynn feels blessed to

have all three – Zoe, dad and mom.

"Zoe, she's special," said Wynn. "She's been bowling for a long time and to have her on our team this year has been amazing because she brings a wealth of knowledge that she is passing down to the other kids on our team."

"You know, being the coach and the adult, you can say things to kids and they take it for granted because you're the coach, kind of like mom and dad. But whenever Zoe talks to them and helps them and mentors the kids, you can just see it in their eyes the way they light up. And they enjoy watching her bowl and learning from her. So it's been great."

"And her dad, who also is a great bowler himself, brings a wealth of knowledge to help us out altogether for our (boys' and girls') teams."

In addition to bowling, Zoe is involved in Musical Theatre as a stage tech.

"At school, I help build the set and the lights for the shows that we're doing," she said. "And I play clarinet and I play guitar."

Zoe also said she would be running the lights when they have the show "Mamma Mia!" in April.

By then, she may be a state champion, too.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Powell answers challenge, comes from behind to defeat Bruins

By Ken Lay

With his team trailing at halftime, Powell Middle School boys basketball coach Tyler Howell issued a challenge to his players.

And the Panthers responded.

"When we came in here, we challenged them, and we told them that we needed to match their physicality," Howell said after Powell earned a hard-fought 37-30 comeback victory over host Bearden Thursday night. "We told them to be more aggressive on the glass, and I feel like they answered the call."

"We picked up the tempo, and I think that was the difference in the game."

The Panthers got off to a sluggish start, scoring just three points in the first quarter. Powell's only offensive production came on a three-pointer by Parker Henderson.

The Bruins also struggled to hit shots, but they manufactured enough offense to open an early 9-3 lead.

"We struggled to make shots in the first quarter," Howell said. "Then, we made a little bit of a run just before halftime."

Powell was behind 18-14 at halftime before Howell delivered his pep talk. After the chat, the Panthers began chipping away at the deficit as they pulled to within 24-22 on a free throw by Henderson

with 29.8 seconds remaining in the third stanza. Henderson's foul shot represented the final scoring of the frame.

Powell scored first in the fourth quarter after Henderson grabbed an offensive rebound and promptly put the ball in the basket, making it 24-24, with 5:39 left in the game.

Bearden regained the lead on a basket by Koi Fujiwara before the Panthers took control, going on a 9-0 run. After the surge, the Panthers never trailed again.

The Bruins would pull to within 33-30 when Brian Tate Jr. scored. Bearden, however, never came closer. Powell's Dean

Landry scored the final basket of the game with 11.1 seconds remaining in the contest.

Bearden coach Ben Zorio was disappointed.

"Give Powell credit, they did a good job," he said. "But we feel like we let one get away,

"We just couldn't hit the big shots when we needed to. They hurt us on the boards. No lead is safe, especially against a quality team like that."

Caiden Norfolk led Powell with 12 points, while Landry and Henderson scored 10 points each.

Fujiwara had 12 points to lead the Bruins, while Tate Jr. finished with eight.



PHOTO BY BEARDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK STAFF

*Powell's Carsyn Minefield has his shot blocked and recovered by Bearden's Aiden Reed in a middle school basketball game Thursday in West Knoxville won by the Panthers, 37-30.*

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THE PATH TO THE TSSAA STATE FINALS

# Bearden boys and girls are leading the way, but it's still early

By Steve Williams

High school basketball bounces through several seasons.

First, there's the Hall of Fame Week.

Then there's the Thanksgiving tournaments in late November.

Other Holiday tourneys come after Christmas.

Then after New Year's, around Jan. 6, district play really gets going and continues until late January.

About this time Division I and Division II teams begin to go different ways on the tourney trail and end up in two different towns – Murfreesboro and Cookeville.

District tournament action begins in mid-February and that's the beginning of elimination games.

After that, the pressure really picks up with the Region tournaments, followed by the Sectionals or Sub-States as some older fans still call it.

And to wrap it all up, TSSAA state tournament



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Lilly Mullins, a Farragut senior guard, shoots against McMinn Central in the Lady Amirls' 42-35 loss on Nov. 25.*

play decides which teams will go home with the gold or silver.

As of Dec. 4, here are the local teams with the best

won-loss records. One or two or even more may end up bringing home gold or silver in March.

**The boys' frontrunners:**

Bearden 7-0  
Catholic 5-0  
Central 6-1  
Farragut 5-1  
Webb 5-1  
Austin-East 4-2  
Fulton 4-2  
Hardin Valley 4-2

**The girls' pacesetters:**

Bearden 6-1  
Grace Christian 7-2  
CAK 5-2  
The King's Academy 5-2  
Knoxville Catholic 5-4  
Webb 3-2



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Bearden senior guard Justin Nordin goes up for a shot against Greeneville this season.*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



PHOTO BY BEARDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK STAFF

*Bearden Middle's Blaice Davidson (23) attempts a jump shot as Powell's Lucy Stewart defends. Davidson scored two points in the Lady Bruins' 38-19 victory.*

# Defense carries Lady Bruins to win over Powell

By Ken Lay

A stifling defense helped the Bearden Middle School girls basketball team capture a big victory at home Thursday night.

The Lady Bruins toppled Powell, 38-19, in a Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference Class AAA tilt before a boisterous crowd in West Knoxville.

The Lady Bruins (7-3 overall, 6-2 in the KCMSBC) have relied on their defense all season, and Thursday night's win against the Lady Panthers was no exception.

"This game was our seventh win, and that's as many games as we won all last year, and I'll be honest with you, our defense has carried us in all of our

wins," Bearden coach Eric Gray said. "Our defense has been our saving grace.

"We've struggled to hit shots, and our defense has carried us in our six (league) wins."

The Lady Bruins started fast, opening a 9-3 advantage only to see the Lady Panthers rally to knot the contest, 9-9, by first quarter's end.

Bearden kicked its defense into high gear in the second frame and didn't allow Powell to score as the Lady Bruins were on their way to taking a 20-9 lead and all but putting the game away.

Bearden's defense continued to keep the Lady Panthers at bay in the third quarter, outscoring Powell, 7-2, in the third stanza.

Offensively, the Lady Bruins boasted a balanced attack as Aaliyah Robinson and Mikelle Wrancher scored nine points each. Brooklyn Stewart added six points for Bearden, which led 27-11 heading into the final quarter.

Bearden has a young but experienced squad, which recently ended a long losing streak against Farragut in addition to equaling its win total from last season.

"When we beat Farragut, that was the first time that we've beaten them in 10 years," Gray said. "We have a lot of people back, but we don't have many eighth graders.

"If we can ever get to the point where we can make shots, we're going to be a hard team to deal with."



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This the 20th day of November, 2025.

Is/ David Reynolds  
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NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated September 17, 2012 of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument No. 201209250019622, FREDDY E. SMITH AND WIFE, BARBARA SMITH conveyed to C. DAVID ALLEN OR TODD BOLINGER, AS TRUSTEE, FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK, predecessor in interest to UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, certain described property located in 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, to secure an indebtedness owing to United Community Bank, in the original principal sum of \$106,066.71 reference to said Deed of Trust being expressly made for further description of said property and indebtedness as modified in Instrument No. 201606170073845 and the undersigned having been appointed by instrument of record in Instrument No. 202502180042718 in said register's office and default having been made under the terms of said Note and Deed of Trust and all provisions of same having been complied with so as to authorize the Trustee to advertise and sell the property described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

Therefore on December 29, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the front door of the Knox County, Tennessee Courthouse, 400 Main St SW, Knoxville, TN 37902 the undersigned will sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, and hereinafter described, at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in bar of all equities of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, all of which were expressly divested in said Deed of Trust, said property described as follows, to-wit:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and identified on Tax Map 0670B as Parcel 001 in the Property Assessor's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot I, Property of Ross D. Morris, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet 0, Slide 340-A, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Kenneth D. Church, Surveyor, dated May 27, 1998, -bearing Work Order No. 98-05-55, containing 1.0382 acres, more or less, BEING the same property conveyed to BARBARA SMITH ALSO KNOWN AS BARBARA ELAINE SMITH by Quitclaim Deed of record as Instrument No. 201510090022827 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The afore described property is conveyed together with and subject to a Boundary Line Agreement of record in Deed Book 1802, Page 10, corrected in Deed Book 2056, Page 898, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Subject to any and all governmental zoning and/or subdivision ordinances, regulations and requirements in effect thereon.

Property address: 3926 Meredith Road,  
Knoxville, TN 37921-PAR 0670B001

This sale will be made subject to all unpaid taxes, and subject to any applicable easements and restrictions or prior liens or mortgages, if any.  
In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have the option to accept the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or to re-advertise and sell at a later sale.  
The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another date certain without further publication upon announcement on the day of the sale at the time set forth above.

Proceeds of the sale shall be applied as provided for by the terms of the Deed of Trust.  
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, three times on the following dates: December 8, 2025 and December 15, 2025.

Other interested parties:

Discover Bank  
Judgment Liens of record  
as Instrument No. 202310260021714  
and 202502030040377

This the 3rd day of December, 2025.

Timothy E. Scott, Substitute Trustee  
135 W. Main Street, Suite 200  
Kingsport, TN 37660  
(423)247-9376

*This notice will run for two (2) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates December 8 and December 15, 2025, and will be posted online at [www.knoxfocus.com](http://www.knoxfocus.com), [www.tnpublicnotice.com](http://www.tnpublicnotice.com) and [www.foreclosuretn.com](http://www.foreclosuretn.com) for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning December 8, 2025.*

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NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: TERRANCE RAY HARVEY  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF TWO MINOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18:  
Female - M.I.L., DOB 12/25/2015, and  
Female - D.I.L. DOB 07/21/2017  
BY: JON KERRY BIGGS and his wife,  
MARIA NICOLE LOVE, Petitioners  
v.  
TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, Respondent  
NO. 204855-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, 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 TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, it is ordered that said TERRANCE, TERRANCE RAY HARVEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Patrick L. Looper, an attorney whose address is First Tennessee Plaza, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 700, Knoxville, TN 37929, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard Armstrong, Jr., 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 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: KATRINA CHESNEY and KYLA CHESNEY

IN RE: AFFORDABLE HOUSES AND  
REAL ESTATE LLC, Petitioner  
vs.  
DEBRA CHESNEY, ALVIN CHESNEY,  
SHEENA CHESNEY, MARCUS  
CHESNEY, KAYLIN CHESNEY,  
and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS  
UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR  
MAY CLAIM ADVERSELY  
TO 3317 SAVOY STREET, KNOXVILLE,  
TENNESSEE 37912, Respondents

NO. 207683-1  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), KATRINA CHESNEY and KYLA CHESNEY, 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 KATRINA CHESNEY and KYLA CHESNEY, it is ordered that said defendants, KATRINA CHESNEY and KYLA CHESNEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Elizabeth Padgett, BPR, an Attorney whose address is 1001 Summit Blvd. NE, Suite 1625, Atlanta, GA 30319, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 18th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: JARRED GARRETT  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE  
CHILD, M.C.S., DOB 11/03/2022

BY: MELISSA LEORA HODGES  
and RICHARD SCOTT HODGES,  
Petitioners / Maternal Aunt &  
Uncle, and DESTINY HOPE SOLOMON,  
Co-Petitioner / Mother  
v.

JARRED GARRETT, Respondent  
/ Alleged Father  
NO. 211828-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JARRED GARRETT, 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 JARRED GARRETT, it is ordered that said defendant, JARRED GARRETT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jennifer Bjornstad, an Attorney whose address is 448 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., #310, Knoxville, TN 37923, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor 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 19th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: ROBERTO LOPEZ, JR.  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF TWO MINOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18:  
Male - Y.R.L., DOB 10/25/2010, and  
Female - Y.N.L. DOB 08/16/2012

BY: ERIK VILLAGOMEZ LOPEZ  
and DANIELE RENEE MERRITT,  
Petitioners / Step-Father & Mother  
v.

ROBERTO LOPEZ, JR., Respondent / Father  
NO. 211408-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, ROBERTO LOPEZ, JR., 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 ROBERTO LOPEZ, JR., it is ordered that said defendant, ROBERTO LOPEZ, JR., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jennifer Bjornstad, an Attorney whose address is 448 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., #310, Knoxville, TN 37923, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher 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 19th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: KRISTA L. CUMMINGS  
IN THE CASE OF CHRISTOPHER D. HARRIS  
VS.  
KRISTA L. CUMMINGS  
Docket # 164035

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, KRISTA L. CUMMINGS is a non-resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KRISTA L. CUMMINGS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY CHRISTOPHER D. HARRIS, filed by Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with DAVID B. HAMILTON, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 1810 MERCHANT DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, 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 25TH day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Penny Dawson  
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT

NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER  
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE  
CHILD, D. G. L., DOB 04/15/2024

BY: WENDY STAFFORD LOWE and Husband,  
JUSTIN DAVID LOWE, Petitioners  
v.  
KAELYNN MICHELLE LOWE,  
Mother, and KNOXDOWN FATHER,  
Potential Father, Respondents  
NO. 211503-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant is UNKNOWN FATHER, 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 UNKNOWN FATHER, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with William L. Gribble, an Attorney whose address is 550 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 2nd day of December, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRYCE WAYNE ACUFF  
DOCKET NUMBER 91703-1

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

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

This is the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRYCE WAYNE ACUFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAUL WAYNE ACUFF  
6210 JIM FOX LANE  
POWELL, TN 37849

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUBY JEAN AULT  
DOCKET NUMBER 91725-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUBY JEAN AULT, who died on October 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF RUBY JEAN AULT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
EDWIN GLENN AULT  
6000 ADELIA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY  
216 PHOENIX CT., SUITE D  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD LARRY BASHORE  
DOCKET NUMBER 91770-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of HAROLD LARRY BASHORE, who died on 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 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF HAROLD LARRY BASHORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BAILEY BASHORE  
135 EXCELL ROAD, UNIT 202  
CLARKSVILLE, TN 37043

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

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY J. BETHEL  
DOCKET NUMBER 91773-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or

Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of TOMMY J. BETHEL, who died on October 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF TOMMY J. BETHEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVE BETHEL  
CHRISTIE BETHEL  
11313 HARDIN VALLEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

KEELEY N. MORTON, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR  
P. O. BOX 900  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN BLAINE  
DOCKET NUMBER 91719-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMA JEAN BLAINE, who died August 12, 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 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN BLAINE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA LYNN WEBSTER  
9749 LANTERN WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE BRYANT  
DOCKET NUMBER 91643-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WILLIE BRYANT, who died January 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF REBA JO KNOWLES  
DOCKET NUMBER 91730-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBA JO KNOWLES, who died Sept. 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 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 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF REBA JO KNOWLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHERRON E. KNOWLES, CO-EXECUTRIX  
5016 FLINT HILL DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

JENNIFER S. KNOWLES, CO-EXECUTRIX  
653 KIMBALL LANE  
REDLANDS, CA 92373

A. VESTER PARSLLEY, JR., ATTORNEY  
111 WEST MAIN STREET  
SMITHVILLE, TN 37166

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN MURPHY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90744-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY ANN MURPHY, who died on December 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or {2}, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN MURPHY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LAKEISHA NICHOLE CARRINGER  
1548 LORI LEA DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOYCE PRATT  
DOCKET NUMBER 91782-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court (Probate Division) of Knox County, Tennessee for administration of the Estate of JOYCE PRATT, who died October 15, 2025. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file them with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

Claim forms may be obtained by calling the Probate Division of Knox County chancery Court at (865) 215-2555.

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF JOYCE PRATT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA P. CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTRIX

CELESTE H. HERBERT, ATTORNEY  
1368 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LOIS LAWRENCE RUSSELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 91776-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOIS LAWRENCE RUSSELL, who died October 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LOIS LAWRENCE RUSSELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WENDY RUTH RUSSELL, EXECUTRIX  
6527 CYRESS POINT ROAD  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312

WAYNE R. KRAMER, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 629  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TRAVIS ANTHONY SHIELDS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91777-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of TRAVIS ANTHONY SHIELDS, who died September 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF TRAVIS ANTHONY SHIELDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TAFFY SHIELDS RHYNE, EXECUTRIX  
95 HUTCHESON FERRY ROAD  
WHITESBURG, GA 30185

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL TAYLOR  
DOCKET NUMBER 91751-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT MICHAEL TAYLOR, who died July 24, 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 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NANCY C. TAYLOR (AKA NANCY L. TAYLOR)  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY LOU THOMPSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 91686-2**

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

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

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

This the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY LOU THOMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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103 MARQUETTE RD.  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

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OLIVER SPRINGS, TN 37840

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(AMENDED)

**ESTATE OF KEVIN JENNINGS MARGETTS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91466-1**

*PLEASE NOTE: This Notice is published to correct a previously issued Notice to Creditors that ran on October 6, 2025, and October 13, 2025. The prior notice incorrectly identified the date that Letters of Administration were issued in the Estate of Kevin Jennings Margetts as September 25, 2025.*

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KEVIN JENNINGS MARGETTS, who died May 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4th day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF KEVIN JENNINGS MARGETTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BEVERLY GRAY ADCOCK  
DOCKET NUMBER 91808-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of NOVEMBER, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY GRAY ADCOCK, who died on the 27th day of October, 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) 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 26th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY GRAY ADCOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELLEN RAY ADCOCK  
3111 RAMONA ST.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARSHA LYNN AMMONS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91619-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARSHA LYNN AMMONS, who died September 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 2nd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARSHA LYNN AMMONS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LILLIAN GARRETT BEAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 91748-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LILLIAN GARRETT BEAN, who died December 11, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF LILLIAN GARRETT BEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD L. BEAN  
6917 CENTRAL AVENUE PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

LYNN TARPY, ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DR, STE N-290  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD L. BIRD  
DOCKET NUMBER 91724-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD L. BIRD, who died June 27, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or

before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF RONALD L. BIRD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37933

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EVAN SPENCER BOWERS  
DOCKET NUMBER 91783-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of EVAN SPENCER BOWERS, who died July 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF EVAN SPENCER BOWERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIE KATHERINE GUINN  
7802 SETTLERS TRAIL  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ELLEN BROWN  
DOCKET NUMBER 91786-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH ELLEN BROWN, who died October 16, 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 the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ELLEN BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALZA A. COPE  
DOCKET NUMBER 91727-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of ALZA A. COPE, who died August 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALZA A. COPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY H. FERSNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 91652-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY H. FERSNER, who died September 27th, 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 2nd day of DECEMBER, 2025.

ESTATE OF HARRY H. FERSNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FRANCES DEVAULT FRADY  
DOCKET NUMBER 91787-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of DECEMBER, 2025, letters of administration as the case may be in respect of the Estate of FRANCES DEVAULT FRADY, who died August 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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



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 Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on December 15, 2025, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2013 Chrysler 300 2C3CCAAG8DH732162  
(Gloire Mkurunziza / Credit Acceptance Corp)

2016 Hyundai Veloster KMHTC6AE3GU274566  
(Kandis L. Frontcakas / Wells Fargo Bank Na)

2012 Toyota Camry 4T1BF1FK1CU172598  
(Gakumi Mutoni)

2007 Pontiac Vibe 5Y2SL67887Z417452 (Rance Wilson / Southern Car Emporium)

2013 Scion tC JTKJF5C71D3045518 (Robert Fisher)

2016 Honda Accord 1HGCR2F81GA025118  
(Lynda C. Long / Republic Finance LLC)