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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Circuit Court Clerk Charlie Susano, center, poses with veteran members of his staff who stress service in the Knox County Circuit Court Clerk office at his campaign event last Thursday at Calhoun's On The River. Susano is running unopposed for reelection this year.

More politics and religion during long commission meeting

By Mike Steely
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More than two dozen speakers gave their views on religion being expounded in a public meeting during the Wednesday meeting of the Knox County Commission.

District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox took the podium and talked for about 30 minutes about his values and why he believes the Bible supported the deportation of undocumented citizens. The audience was split between supporters and opponents, some of whom held handmade signs. The meeting ended with a Fox proposal promoting open-carry handguns in county-owned and leased buildings.

The contentious meeting lasted almost six hours.

Fox's 'Christian View of Illegal Immigration'

The meeting began with a devotional message by Imam Dr. Khalid Shahu of the Knoxville Muslim community, invited by District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett. His message was one of compassion and

understanding between citizens, and Durrett felt that having him speak was a reaction to Fox's anti-immigrant speech.

Initially, Fox was given 10 minutes to address the commission and was warned by Chairman Gina Oster when he had 3 minutes left. Fox retorted that he could not be limited in speaking time and threatened to come back to future meetings and continue his speech. Oster relented, and Fox continued with what he called "A Christian's Biblical View of Illegal Immigration."

Fox cited Old Testament verses and said the Good Samaritan teachings in the New Testament were more about giving medical attention to a victim rather than teaching acceptance of foreigners. He contended that America is a Christian Nation and quoted President Donald Trump. He quoted the dating of the adoption of the U. S. Constitution as being "In the year of our Lord" as proof.

Of undocumented residents, Fox said, "They are not our neighbors." Several times during his speech, Fox had feedback from District 4 Commissioner **Continue on page 3**

Charlie Susano hosts campaign appreciation event

By Ken Lay

Charlie Susano may be running unopposed as he prepares for a third term as Knox County Circuit Court Clerk, but that doesn't mean that he's becoming complacent.

He could be sitting back idly and waiting patiently to be sworn in after the primary in May and the general election, but he's just not

going to do that.

He took an opportunity to thank his office staff, his wife and his supporters as the afternoon transitioned into evening at a gathering at Calhoun's On The River Thursday.

"This is a campaign appreciation," Susano said in his brief remarks to his supporters late last week. "I'm a very blessed person and I'm lucky to be where I

am. You're the reason why I'm here.

"It's not about me. It's the way that the office is run. We have a credo and that's that the most important person is the one that's standing in front of you. I have a great staff and we want to be effective, efficient and friendly to the people in Knox County and beyond. I have a very dedicated staff, and I couldn't

do what I do if it weren't for them."

In his duties, Susano serves as circuit court, sessions court and juvenile court clerk, and his job is to maintain the paperwork and filing in those areas for the Knox County court system.

He chose to greet and thank his supporters as he's not taking anything **Continue on page 4**

Knox Co. Ethics Subcommittee discusses 'personal relationships'

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The Knox County Ethics Subcommittee continued its work reviewing and revising the code of conduct for elected county officials and county employees last Wednesday.

Chairman Michael Bittel continued the subcommittee's discussion on nepotism that could include a household member not related to the official and any romantic involvement an official may have that could lead to favors to those persons. The question is whether or not to include those terms in the oath that each official takes about being fair in hiring, promoting or favoring that person in public and private decisions.

Deputy Law Director David Sanders said the policy could include stepchildren. Bittel asked if a "romantic relationship" is included in the county ethics codes, and Marcus Kennedy, the Knox County

Mayor's subcommittee representative, said the terms would be included in the employees' handbook. The term could also be included in a conflict-of-interest disclosure form. The subcommittee is also suggesting that the full ethics committee review the ethics codes every five years and review the online training each year.

A brief discussion was held on how ethics complaints are filed and how anonymous complaints are handled when submitted to the county's internal auditor or human resources.

Currently, the law director's office investigates reports of ethics code violations. There were some questions about whether the full ethics committee could hold hearings on minor complaints, but Bittel reminded the subcommittee members that the ethics committee has no investigative powers.

Garrett Holt making another run at public service

By Ken Lay

After a failed bid for city council and for the District 4 seat on the Knox County Commission, Garrett Holt is making a third attempt at public service.

Holt is back.

This year, he is making another run at Knox County Commission, running for At-Large Seat 11, a seat being vacated by Kim Frazier, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Knox County Mayor after being term-limited on the county commission.

Holt and his campaign hosted a meet-and-greet Wednesday night at Scrambled Jake's in West Knoxville, where he saw plenty of familiar faces.

"I was going to come up here and tell you my name, but I feel like I already know everybody in this room,"



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Commission candidate Garret Holt visits with supporters at a meet-and-greet Wednesday at Scrambled Jakes in West Knoxville. Holt is running for the commission's No. 11 at-large seat.

Holt said to open his brief remarks to his supporters. "I've had a heart for public service since I was young, and there are a lot of people in this room who have had a big impact on

me." On this night, Holt said he knows his third run could be even more difficult than the previous elections as he is one of six candidates seeking the at-large

seat, which represents the entire county.

"When I ran for city council, it was the hardest thing that I've ever done in my life," he said. "Then in **Continue on page 4**

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Miracle in Milan

This represented blood, sweat and tears.
Emily Compagno.

I rarely begin writing a column on Monday, but after the US men's and women's ice hockey gold medal victories, I can think of little else.

It had been 46 years since the Miracle-on-Ice gold medal victory of the US men's hockey team over the Russians at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. I vividly remember that game and remain a hockey fan.

I began playing hockey as a kid when the Knoxville Knights professional hockey team came to Knoxville in 1961. I continued playing through high school and my sophomore year with the University of Tennessee hockey team before deciding that if I wanted to get into medical school, I needed to spend more time

in the library and less time hanging with hockey bros.

Sports and the Olympics serve as welcome distractions from the mayhem in national and world news. I love cheering for our Vols and for athletes representing our country at the Olympics. It sickens me that some find it objectionable to cheer for our country. And one American even skied for communist China! These American-hating, useful idiots of the left are dead to me.

This year is the 250th anniversary of our country's liberation from tyranny, so I choose to celebrate hockey athletes and Alysia Liu, who won the women's gold medal in figure skating. Her father escaped Communist China after being in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, where the communists killed 10,000 seeking freedom. How similar

to the recent slaughter of more than 30,000 protesters in Iran. I won't mention the names of the US skiers who chose political theatre over performance and relegated themselves to scorn and obscurity.

I was thrilled to discover that women's ice hockey was so good. Megan Keller's brilliant move around the defense in overtime and her "golden" shot past the Canadian goalie will remain the stuff of legends. The fast and skillful Olympian women were far better than I ever was or once hoped to be. I was proud of their sportsmanship as well as their gold medal victory over Canada. And I was proud watching them sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" with their gold medals.

You've undoubtedly read of or seen the overtime goal scored by Jack Hughes of the US men's team. But great stories and championship moments bear retelling. During the third period, Hughes was struck in the mouth with a stick, bloodying his lip and breaking several teeth. But despite the blood and sweat, Jack didn't quit, and, with the score tied, he struck gold in overtime, bringing tears of joy to patriotic Americans. But there is more to

this story and the golden victory.

His teammate and brother, Quinn Hughes, scored the winning overtime goal against Sweden in the semifinals to propel the US to the championship game with Canada. Players who score goals often get the attention, but in the gold medal game, US goalie Connor Hellebuyck was the deciding factor. Hellebuyck kept the US in the game with repeated near-miraculous saves, stopping 41 out of Team Canada's 42 shots on goal. In baseball, it is said that "pitching wins pennants." Without Hellebuyck, the US team could not have weathered the blistering attack of the Canadians to ultimately win the gold medal for the US. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth awarded Hellebuyck the honorary title, Minister of Defense!

Do you remember the TV show The Wide World of Sports? Dramatic background music of trumpets heralded the spectrum of competition as the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." The joy of the men's victorious team rushing onto the ice and celebrating the Jack Hughes tiebreaking goal was dramatic. And the faces of the Canadian team receiving

the silver medal were even painful for me to watch.

And how wonderful that after the medals were awarded, the US team honored team member Johnny Gaudreau, who was killed by a drunk driver. And pictures of team members with Old Glory, their thankfulness of being Americans and representing the country at the Olympics should move everyone to patriotism. Tragically, some liberal loons are driven by hatred and anti-Americanism.

The Lake Placid victory in 1980 ushered in a spirit of patriotism in America. I am hopeful that our hockey team's glorious victories and the best winter Olympic performance of US athletes will usher in a new wave of patriotism in our 250th anniversary.

What irony that the US men's hockey team was not able to fly to New York because of a blizzard. Instead, they returned home to a hero's welcome and celebration in functional, sunny Miami.

The Olympics are over, but additional medals were awarded by President Trump at the State of the Union to heroes of WWII, the Korean War, the operation to capture narco-terrorist Maduro, and to

officers rescuing children in the Texas flood and in the defense of Washington, D.C., against criminals. And President Trump awarded goalie Connor Hellebuyck the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our highest civilian honor!

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). And President Trump rightly gave medals to our heroes during his wonderful, optimistic and patriotic SOTU address. It was the New York Post that rightly awarded the president with the headline, "Trump Wins Gold." I award the pathetic, petulant, disrespectful and dysfunctional Democrats who have lost their minds, the cheap Chinese Temu medal for Lack of Common Sense.

I do not fear Russia, China, narco-terrorists, etc. I fear modern Democrats. Their hatred has made them deranged and dangerous. The solution is simple: If you want safety, prosperity and peace, support Trump and Republicans. If you want a return to open borders, crime, drugs and corruption, vote for any Democrat.

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Jeff Hagood Is A Great Choice For The TVA Board

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending Knoxville lawyer Jeff Hagood's swearing in ceremony as the newest member of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors.

I think President Trump made an excellent choice in appointing him to this board. When Jeff was first starting in law practice, he appeared in my court when I was a criminal court judge.

His practice quickly developed to be mostly civil, and he earned a well-deserved reputation as a kind, intelligent, very hard-working and very successful lawyer.

Jeff has a real heart for service and wants to help people in every way that he can. He grew up in Hawkins County and seems to have small town, conservative, patriotic values. I don't

believe he will ever forget the many lower-income ratepayers who have difficulty paying their utility bills.

When he was kind enough to call and invite me to his swearing in ceremony, we had a lengthy conversation about TVA. I told him that many times over the years while I was in Congress, I would complain about the salaries being paid to the top TVA executives.

I don't know what the top salary is now, but AI reported that in 2024 and 2025 it was about \$10.5 million. TVA has fought

efforts to publicly disclose its top salaries, and in the past has attempted to cover up exact amounts by hiding some compensation as retention incentives, deferred payments, performance awards, etc. Now Rep. Burchett and two others have introduced a bill to at least require disclosure.

One time, Bill Johnson, who was president and CEO of TVA from 2013 to 2019, came to see me in my Knoxville office. I told him: "Mr. Johnson, I have no complaints about the job you're doing. I just think you are paid way too much."

I guess he knew of my concerns beforehand, because he immediately replied, "Well, I think you are paid way too little." A few months later, I ran in to him at the Knoxville airport, and I jokingly told him that he was going to be in my book because of that answer.

When I brought up my longtime opposition to TVA's excessive salaries to Jeff Hagood, I told him the huge salary at the very top meant that many close to the top were being overpaid, too. He laughed and said, "You sound like Trump."

While I frequently complained about the salaries, I knew there was nothing I could do about it because no one else in the Tennessee congressional delegation, all good friends of mine, really cared about it and were afraid to criticize

TVA.

So, it was music to my ears when President Trump blasted the CEO salary in April of 2020 not long after I left office. And I was very pleased when Jeff told me the president mentioned this to him when he talked to him about his appointment to the board. The president can do something about this through his appointments if he chooses to do so.

I recently had dinner with the current head of TVA at a Knoxville charity event, and he could not have been nicer. But if all the top executives at TVA made half of what they are now making, they still would be making some of the highest salaries in Tennessee.

And Tennessee is not North Dakota. This state is one of the most popular in this country, and the Knoxville and Nashville areas are also two of the most popular areas to move to. And with no state income tax, you don't have to pay ridiculous salaries to get people here.

People, and especially federal bureaucrats, can rationalize almost anything. Some say TVA has to pay excessive salaries because Duke Power and some other utilities are paying even higher salaries. Well, two wrongs don't make a right. The problem is that these big utilities don't have any competition. No one likes competition, but it makes everything better.

Finally, two TVA stories: First, we live part of the

time in Grainger County on Cherokee Lake. The annual meeting of the Appalachian Electric Co-op usually draws about 2,000 people because of free food and other giveaways.

One year, TVA's Bill Johnson was the main speaker, and I spoke briefly just before him. I think one of the biggest rounds of applause I ever received was when I said: "Mr. Johnson, you seem like a nice man. I just think you lower this lake too much and too soon."

Second, in 1964, Sen. Barry Goldwater was running for president and was flying to Knoxville to speak at the airport. Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal, got an advance copy of his speech, in which Goldwater advocated the sale of TVA.

Howard Baker was running his first (and losing) race for the U.S. Senate, and my father was running his first (and winning) race for the U. S. House. They both agreed that they should not even go to the airport if Goldwater was going to devote an important part of his speech to TVA.

So then lawyer Baker, who was elected senator in 1966, called his father-in-law, Sen. Everett Dirksen, the Republican Senate Leader, who called the Goldwater plane and got him to delete the TVA part of speech on his way into Knoxville.



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Publisher's Position

Democratic-Socialists Hate America



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For a person of my generation, it is particularly upsetting to witness so many people living in this country who hate America and everything about our country. The history of every country in the world is flawed with instances of injustice, strife and tragic events. The people who run around in today's America spouting off about "Nazis" and "fascists" and squealing about authoritarianism under President Trump are too ignorant to realize there was NO dissent under such regimes. It was not permitted nor tolerated. None of those squealing about the modern-day Gestapo aren't doing it from concentration camps or before a firing squad. That is where protests took place under authoritarian regimes. Ironically, the very same people squalling about "fascism," "Nazis" and the like are against all free speech but their own, tolerate no divergence from their own beliefs, and want to destroy those who don't agree with them by any means necessary. Those are the people in this country who constitute the great majority of those who could best be described as

Democratic-Socialists. By and large, they are illiterate when it comes to history, devoid of understanding, and long ago stomped on reality and embraced delusion.

Everybody knows New York City elected a Socialist mayor last year, and Zohran Mamdani is well on his way to ruining what's left of NYC. Clearly, socialists don't understand math, much less economics. The root of socialist math is the notion of trying to trade off much lower incomes for much higher taxes. That is a formula that not only doesn't work but will eventually bring about disaster and collapse. The fallacy in calculating socialist math is that there is no such thing as "free" stuff. It might be free to you, but be assured someone is paying for it, and it's not some faceless billionaire or corporation. The bubblehead in the mayor's office in NYC apparently thinks it's a good idea to close the natural gas plants, which supply residents with reliable energy. The planned retirement of those plants was extended during the winter due to the fact that the city would suffer blackouts in the freezing cold otherwise, which would have created numerous other problems aside from allowing people to freeze to death. Europe is already finding out that woke is making them broke. Germany had to buy up and import coal to keep the heat and lights on. Just to be clear, if Germany hadn't imported that coal, there would have been no power whatsoever for the people there.

We all know self-styled

"progressives" change the meaning of words to suit their purpose and needs. One big example is "gender affirming care." As I have said in previous editorials, the definition of gender affirmation would be affirming and accepting the gender one was born with. Gender altering care is what progressives are pushing. It is the height of irony that the progressives are, in reality, anti-progress. Let's call "progressives" what they really are: socialists. They are anti-capitalist, anti-progress, always ready to expand the welfare state, anti-American, anti-Christian, pro-open borders, and ever ready to defy reality and adopt pretense as fact, all the while raising taxes in the name of "affordability." It defies logic and reason but some people believe it. They never admit the failure of what passes for their ideas, even when it is as dead as roadkill. We have it here in Knoxville, too. Many people are now struggling to pay their mortgages and balance their household budgets because Mayor Indya Kincannon and the Knoxville City Council raised property taxes - and not just a little bit. Kincannon and her minions on the council cried "affordability" and "affordable housing" while jacking up property taxes 40%. Every time property taxes rise, rents rise with them. When the costs of maintaining properties, whether a rental house or an apartment building, go up, so, too, do the rents. Renters almost never have to pay for the normal maintenance required to keep

up the property they are renting. When the roof leaks, the landlord has to fix it, even if it means putting on a new roof. If appliances fail, the landlord must replace them. When the heat and air unit goes out, the landlord must have it fixed or replaced. It is a sad fact of life that maintenance isn't free to the landlord. Nor do landlords exist to charge nominal rents to renters in need of a place to live. Landlords pass on the costs of maintaining their property, as well as the cost of property taxes, to renters. Socialists seem to have devolved into yet another moronic delusion that anyone who is well off should simply subsidize others less fortunate, which we already do abundantly. The United States spends trillions of dollars annually providing health care, housing, food, and other necessities to individuals and families - helping those who genuinely need it. Unfortunately, however, that money also enables a lot of people who simply choose not to work and who continue to produce children and create more need for others to pay. The staff at the Washington Post gripes that Jeff Bezos should continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars annually to keep the newspaper afloat so that they will have jobs. They also think they should dictate the tone and decide the content of the newspaper to suit their socialist beliefs.

When Democratic-Socialists in Congress won't stand up for Americans, refuse to speak the names of those raped, maimed or

murdered by illegal aliens, all in the name of politics, it's a disgusting display of their hatred of our country. That hatred fuels their politics, ironically, just as it did the Nazis. We see that hatred all too well as we witnessed average Americans actually celebrate the death of Charlie Kirk, who fought for free speech and dialogue among those who disagreed. It is why we have seen nurses - people who pledge to help patients - say vile and unspeakable things in wishing tragedy and trauma on those with whom they disagree politically. Hatred is a cesspool that will engender even more hatred and division.

Class hatred is part and parcel of the Left's solutions in their quest to grow the welfare state and make people utterly dependent upon Big Brother government.

As California is considering a 5% tax on the net worth of billionaires, we see many of them leaving, and of all the names I've read in the exodus from the state, I've not noticed a single Republican amongst the fleeing billionaires. In fact, most of those I've seen running as fast as they can are well-known donors to the Democrat-Socialists. Now, some are trying to make that tax retroactive.

New York City is one of the most highly taxed cities in the country and the public services provided are woefully lacking considering the high tax rate. That is becoming true in Knoxville as well. Our city mayor's 40% property tax increase brought no new services, nor did it restore the much-needed service

of sending police officers to the scene of auto accidents without serious injury. It was a money grab in the name of affordable housing while increasing rents and mortgages for people who work for a living.

Abigail Spanberger in Virginia is marketed by the corporate news media as a "moderate" Democrat, but that's how they labeled Joe Biden, too. Currently, Spanberger's Democratic legislators are introducing a bevy of new taxes to spend, all in the name of "affordability." The new taxes include new income tax brackets, a dog walking and grooming tax, a dry-cleaning tax, a home repair tax, a storage facility tax, and a gun and ammunition tax. Doubtless, those would be on top of the sales tax and in addition to the state income tax Virginians already pay.

Socialism has never worked anywhere in the world; socialism has never developed a cure for any disease, innovated any business, nor created any jobs outside of bureaucracies that have done nothing except fail those who should have been served. Letting these people decide everything will return people to caves, gullies and holes in the ground, rubbing sticks together at the cost of \$10,000 per twig, if we allow it.

As the old-timers used to say, never buy a pig in a poke. "Affordability," as conceived by the Left, costs everybody more, every day.

New voting places announced for county

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Knox County Election Commission Administrator Chris Davis announced several voting precinct changes for the May 5 county-wide primary.

The election commission voted to move four precincts and consolidate two locations, so voters will have five new voting places.

Precinct 61E moves from Halls High School to the Faithway Baptist Church at 4402 Crippen Road. However, Precincts 60 and 61W will continue to vote at Halls High School.

Precinct 63, formerly at Karns Elementary School, moves to Karns High School at 2710 Byington Solway Road.

Precinct 66SE moves to the Korean Church of Knoxville at 108 Farlow Drive. Until now, Precinct 66SE voters reported

to Farragut High School. Voters at Precinct 66W will continue voting at the high school.

Precinct 68, formerly located at Cedar Bluff Elementary School, is being moved to the Election Commission's Downtown West office at 1645 Downtown West Blvd., Unit 40. Precinct 67 voters will continue to vote at the elementary school.

Precinct 77 has been merged into Precinct 78, which votes at Marbledale Baptist Church at 5935 Thorn Grove Pike, replacing Asbury United Methodist Church, which is no longer a voting place.

All voters must vote in their assigned precincts on Election Day, but may cast a vote at county-wide designated places during early voting. Those locations will be announced on March 12, Davis told The Knoxville Focus. Early voting begins on Wed., April 15.

More politics and religion

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Shane Jackson, who promoted "enforcing the law with kindness" and promoted a middle ground in dealing with resident foreigners "in a Christian manner."

The Fox presentation required no action by the commission, which then moved on to other agenda business.

Farragut area housing development approved

The commissioners approved, in a split vote, the pass-through funding from the federal government for Everett Pointe, a proposed four-building complex of multifamily rental units. District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell objected to the Housing and Urban Development funds being used with no local financing from the county. At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier questioned the potential

increase in the number of students at the future complex and cited the overflow student capacity already in the area. The \$744,983 HUD funding was approved in a 6-3-2 vote with Commissioners Rhonda Lee, Fox and Russell voting no and Frazier and Adam Thompson abstaining.

Juvenile service center reorganization passes first reading

Another split vote approved the reorganization of the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center, passing leadership of the troubled facility to Juvenile Judge Tim Irwin and creating an advisory board.

The ordinance will need another reading at the March commission meeting for final approval, and if it passes, it will take effect on April 1.

At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay, who chairs the current administrative board made of Commissioners Jackson, Lee, Damon Rawls and Terry Hill, suggested that Irwin select five of the seven members of the advisory board, with the county mayor selecting the other two. Russell said the seven-member board should be appointed by the commission.

Jay responded that the proposed board was only advisory in capacity, but agreed to alter the proposal after other commissioners chimed in wanting to have the board members appointed by the judge be confirmed by the commission. A substitute motion by Russell failed, 3-8, and a motion from Fox regarding the makeup of the board also failed, 3-8.

The commission then approved the first reading of Jay's amendment 8-1-2 with Lee voting "No" and Russell and Fox abstaining.

Gun policy for county-leased buildings

A visit to the East Tennessee History Museum raised some questions in Commissioner Fox's mind when he saw a public notice poster prohibiting the carrying of licensed guns inside the building. He said the policy was a violation of state law and introduced an ordinance labeled "Recognition of Right to Self-Defense on Knox County-Owned Property."

His new ordinance would place a \$500 daily fine on a county lessee until a proper notice is placed in the building. Jay responded that Fox was a "solution looking for a problem" and called the Fox motion "very overdone."

Jay moved to postpone any discussion of the ordinance for 60 days, and that idea passed 7-4, with Fox, Lee, Russell and Jackson voting against the postponement.

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Council to hear zoning appeal for Clinton Highway building

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The future of a former bank building on Clinton Highway in front of Food City may be determined when the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday. On the agenda is an appeal filed by David Hamilton for the Norwood Homeowners Group, Humberto Rodriguez for H&M Clinton Hwy LLC, Morris Shaso for Clinton TN LLC, and Jason Sorrell for Knoxville

Combatives LLC. A zoning change to the building at 5200 Clinton Highway had been approved by Knoxville-Knox County Planning for a social service center for homeless people managed by CareCuts, a non-profit organization.

The planning commission approved the use in a 13-0 vote, and the council could vote to uphold the decision or approve the appeal.

The council will also hear two

proposals to fine-tune the minimum temperature thresholds for emergency warming and cooling centers, increase their funding and support, and add temporary emergency shelters to the city's zoning code.

The late Diane Jordan, a longtime member of the Knox County Commission and community leader, will be memorialized. Councilman Denzel Grant will be named to the Rules Committee on a motion by Vice Mayor Lynne

Fugate.

The council is also being asked to increase the contract with Public Consulting Group LLC for services to the fire department, including an operational assessment. The new contract goes to \$103,550, an increase of \$18,500.

The police department is asking for a contract with Carman Forensics LLC to provide evaluation and training services as a firearms expert for \$139,065. An

agreement between the city and the state for \$80,000, in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, may get approval to cover Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force investigator travel and training

Keep Knoxville Beautiful may get an annual agreement for \$396,611 for staffing four recycling drop-off centers. The council may also vote on supporting and endorsing the South Waterfront Down River Master Plan.

Charlie Susano hosts campaign appreciation event

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for granted, even though his election is all but a foregone conclusion.

"These are important whether you're facing five opponents or whether you're running unopposed," Susano said. "People need to know that you mean what you say and you say what you mean."

Susano hails from a family of public servants. His father, the late Charles D. Susano Jr., served as a judge in Knox County.

"I come from a family of public servants," Charlie said Thursday. "It's really meaningful work."

The theme for the night was gratitude, and while

Susano made sure to thank those in attendance as well as some people who couldn't attend, his biggest thank you went to his wife, Robin.

"My family has been very supportive," he said. "I want to thank my wife. She's my campaign manager, and she's my best friend, and she's my 'get your butt in gear' person."

Several candidates and county officials were in attendance, along with U.S. Representative Tim Burchett.

The primary election will be held on May 5, and the general election will be conducted in August.

Parker, DeBardelaben seeking to improve temporary weather shelters

By Mike Steely
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Currently, the various warming centers in Knoxville have a policy of opening to the homeless when overnight temperatures sink to 25° or below.

Knoxville City Councilmembers Amelia Parker and Matthew DeBardelaben are cosponsoring two resolutions for the March 3 city council meeting to raise the warming centers' temperature threshold from 25° to 32°. The first resolution also calls for evaluating the current policy and increasing the weather-related emergency shelters and their capacities; the second resolution seeks to amend the current city code's land use policies to allow more temporary emergency shelters.

Parker is urging city voters to email their council members at KnoxvilleCityCouncilmembers@knoxvilletn.gov to support their efforts. Parker is also pushing review the current 90° heat index

threshold for the summertime cooling centers, increase the free KAT transportation to the shelters and find ways to help certain homeless people banned from nonprofits during weather-related emergencies.

Currently, warming and cooling centers are only permitted in four zoning districts, and the resolution sponsors want more service providers to open shelters with the idea of increasing emergency shelter capacity by about 35% by 2028.

Warming centers are active in Knoxville during extreme cold, with key locations including the Church Street United Methodist downtown, Cokesbury Church on Kingston Pike, and the Eternal Life Harvest Centers on Martin Luther King, Jr. and Western Avenue. The program is managed by the Knoxville-Knox County Joint Office of Housing Stability and partners. The Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries and Relaunch also provide shelters.

"The resolutions are on the agenda. I was hoping to have more



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

At-large Councilwoman Amelia Parker hopes her weather-related emergency shelter proposals pass the Knoxville City Council meeting on March 3 to raise the temperature threshold to a 32° Fahrenheit wind chill minimum in the winter.

cosponsors going into the meeting. However, I'm still hopeful the resolutions will pass," Parker told The Focus.

Garrett Holt making another run at public service

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2024, I ran for county commission, and that was the hardest thing that I've ever done.

"Then three-and-a-half or four weeks ago, I had a big development in my life, and I decided to do this."

Holt will face a Republican Primary on May 5, where he will have three opponents, including Michael Baer, Matthew Parsons and Liz Trombas. Should he prevail in the primary, he'll face Democrat Vivian Shipe and Independent David Velarde in August.

"Looking at this, we think we have a pretty good chance," he said.

While he didn't directly address his stance on the issues on this night, Holt did discuss why he threw his hat into the ring for political office for a third time. And he emphasized that he is not a politician. Rather, he's seeking to be a public servant who feels that it's important for his supporters and him to participate in the process of local government.

"I am a product of this community and a product of Knox County, and I want our kids to have the same or a better county than we did," he said. "People have asked me why I'm doing this again, and I tell them that I want to leave something

better than I found it.

"We need good people. Knox County is a great place to live, but I want to make it better, and everything that happens to you when you leave this room is a result of local government. The roads, the infrastructure and education are all a result of local government, and Knox County is growing. We're getting 5,000 or 6,000 new people every year."

And he's hoping for an opportunity to serve Knox County residents, both old and new.

"I am a public servant," he said. "I am not a politician."

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Our Eastern Bluebird, A Conservation Success Story

UT Arboretum Society Zoom Program, Thursday, March 5



Your backyard bluebirds will soon be looking for a nestbox to raise a family. Photo by Betty Thompson

In the 1920s, the Eastern Bluebird population was in decline because of habitat loss. The beloved sky-blue bird was becoming rare until one man started a movement to set out thousands of nest boxes all across eastern North America. This effort helped rescue the Eastern Bluebird and is a conservation success story!

With bluebirds considered to be rare, in 1926, retiree Thomas Musselman of Quincy, Illinois, took it on himself to build bluebird nestboxes and to speak to civil groups and schools about the need to build more. Musselman is credited with establishing the concept of a "bluebird trail."

Join Michelle Campanis, education coordinator at UT Arboretum, and local naturalist and author, Stephen Lyn Bales, for a look at these beautiful birds, their comeback, and things you can do at home to support all of our birds.

The class is free, but you must register to receive the Zoom link and recording to watch at your own convenience. To register, go to Programs - The University Of Tennessee Arboretum Society. If you are unable to watch at the scheduled time, the program will be recorded and sent to everyone who registers. Closed captions are available. For questions or registration issues contact Michelle

at mcampani@utk.edu.

The bluebirds' survival seemed unlikely until Musselman proved that local action could solve a continental crisis. Today, we celebrate the bluebird not just for its beauty, but as a living testament to the power of community-driven conservation.

A retiree with a mission, Musselman didn't just build birdhouses; he built a movement. By teaching everyday people—from students to social clubs—how to provide a home for these birds, he laid the groundwork for a recovery that continues to inspire naturalists today.

This program is co-sponsored by the UT Arboretum Society (UTAS) and The American Museum of Science and Energy as part of their ongoing Citizen Science Birding Program.

Lisa Duncan retires after 26 years at Windsor Ridge

By Pete Gawda

An era ended at Windsor Ridge Senior Living on Thursday, February 26, with the retirement of Lisa Duncan. Residents and staff gathered in the lobby to bid her farewell and to present her with several plaques, along with 26 roses symbolizing her 26 years of service.

"You have touched the lives of over 800 residents and their families, providing exceptional care and compassion," wrote David McHarg, CEO of Inspirit Senior Living, the parent company of Windsor Ridge, in a letter that was read by Johnathan Thompson, director of innovation and operational excellence for Inspirit. McHarg's letter went on to say, "Your colleagues admire you and love working with you, and your infectious laugh has brightened countless days. Your legacy of love, dedication and compassion will not be forgotten."

Marinel Edward, the resident poet of Windsor Ridge, composed the poem "For Lisa With Love and Gratitude," which says in part, "Though now you've earned your time to rest, please know you gave



PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA.

Upon her retirement from Windsor Ridge Assisted Living, Lisa Duncan was presented with 26 roses representing her 26 years of service. Lisa is pictured with her son, Thomas Duncan.

your very best. And while you go, part of you stays within our hearts throughout our days." The poem was read by Kevin Buhl, maintenance director for Windsor Ridge.

"She loves to take care of people," said Bridgett Burchfield, executive

director of Windsor Ridge, about Duncan. She went on to say that Duncan was always dependable, goes the second mile and does her job with trust and integrity. "We were really blessed," she said of having Duncan on her staff

"I recognize a good

nurse when I see one," said one of the residents, who is a retired nurse.

"You set the example," Brent Brewer, regional director of operations for Inspirit, said to Duncan. "You taught Bridgett (Burchfield) a whole lot."

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Fort Southwest Point becoming a state park

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

There's an online survey asking for public input on the transition of Kingston's Fort Southwest Point to a state park. The historic fort was built before statehood and is the only pre-Civil War fort to be reconstructed on its original site. You can comment on the change from local to state park online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/FtSwPtPlan.

The fort, built in 1797, was so named because it was the furthest western boundary of the Southwest Territory, the pre-statehood federal area that included most of what is now East Tennessee. The fort and Knoxville have a direct connection through territorial governor William Blount. Colonel Arthur Campbell suggested a fort be located there to protect

travelers and settlers on the Avery Trace across the Cumberland Mountains between what was to become Knoxville and the central settlements near Fort Blount, today's Nashville.

At first, the Cherokee were attacking travelers, and then the tribe created a ferry cross the river between what is now Kingston and Rockwood. That ferry was assumed by the Clarks and other owners following a treaty with the tribe. Southwest Point sits atop a knoll overlooking the junction of the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers, an ideal location to observe traffic on both streams. Evidence and relics have been unearthed there from a Native American settlement.

Now on the National Registry of Historic Places, the fort was reconstructed after precise efforts to find the location of buildings and walls there. The site of the blockhouse, barracks, well and palisade was located. The workers reconstructed the place

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Lisa Duncan retires after 26 years at Windsor Ridge

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Duncan grew up attending what was then Brickey Elementary School and graduated from Knoxville Evening High School. She began her working career in textile mills, working for two different mills. After that industry began moving away, she attended school to become an LPN.

Duncan was one of the first employees of Windsor Ridge. She actually began working there in December of 1999 before the facility opened. She helped the facility become operational in February 2000.

Duncan said that her 26 years at Windsor Ridge were really not like work. She found her experience very rewarding and regarded the residents as family. She loved to hear them reminisce about their earlier days. It was evident that residents and staff felt

the same way about her. Several staff and residents paid tribute to her, sometimes getting emotional.

Now she will have more time to devote to vegetable gardening. "I love my tomatoes," she said. Duncan is also looking forward to spending more time with her two dogs, Buddy, a German Shepard, and Gus, who is half Blue Heeler and half Aussie. Maybe after some time off, she will come back to Windsor Ridge a few hours a week.

About this time last year, Windsor Ridge celebrated its 25th anniversary and recognized Duncan for her 25 years of service at that time.

Windsor Ridge provides 24-hour on-site nurse service, healthcare management, restorative rehabilitation programs and nightly and hourly room checks.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Fort Southwest Point is becoming a Tennessee State Park. The historic fort, which was built before Tennessee's statehood, stood on a hill near Kingston overlooking the Clinch and Tennessee River junction.

Fort Southwest Point becoming a state park

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using historical records and findings that echo their 18th century designs.

Artifacts and the reconstructed fort are on display for free, and a museum invites visitors to see the history of the fort. Two years ago, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced that the fort, operated by the City of Kingston, would become a state park.

Historically, the pioneer fort was called Fort

Butler, after the original commander. Nine companies of militia, 400 to 500 troops, were housed there. Major Robert King, for whom Kingston is named, took command. Col. John Sevier's troops were housed there for a while and completed building the garrison house. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs was stationed there in 1801 until he moved his Indian Agency to the Hiwassee River. The fort closed in 1811.

Fort Southwest Point Park is located south of Kingston off I-40 by taking North Kentucky Street south through the right for the entrance. While in Kingston, you may also want to view the historic Old Roane County Courthouse, where the town became capitol of Tennessee for one day to fulfill a treaty with the Cherokee, see the historic Gideon Morgan House or the Cornstalk Heights

neighborhood of early 19th-century homes.

More information about the fort, Roane County, Kingston or the history of the ferry service at that old crossroads between the Southwest Territory and the Cherokee lands to the west can be found online at several sites, including www.roanecountytn.gov/.

It might make an interesting trip to the fort now, before the state takes it over, and again afterwards to see the difference.

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support they have offered over my tenure with The Focus.

Most of the columns that I've submitted have been cleaned up and published. On occasion, I step a bit over the line, and it's then that the reins are pulled in. I acknowledge my mistake and continue to write freely. The keyword here is "freely." My leanings and those of others aren't always the same. Even so, I feel comfortable taking on most any topic that comes to mind.

I'm worried right now about the right of free speech in our country. For those who haven't read that constitutional amendment, it "protects the right to express opinions without government interference." Of late, that doesn't seem to be what's happening.

For most of my life, I've known that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has overseen the media, which includes radio, television, the Internet, and cable sources. The commission assigns licenses to those entities that meet specific qualifications.

My only dealings with the FCC came when I traveled to Atlanta to take a test to

become a disc jockey. I'd studied information that others had given me, and I felt sure I would soon be booming my voice over the airwaves of WTTU in Cookeville. When I began

the test, panic set in. None of the materials others had given me included a single thing about Ohms. However, the test I took was loaded with questions about them. I had no idea what an ohm was, and my failing score proved it. I still don't know why I needed to know about ohms, units of electrical resistance. I wanted to spin records and talk, not become an electrical engineer.

I know that licenses can be pulled by the FCC for breaking certain rules. The one I most often think about is the use of profanity over the airwaves. "The Late Show" with Johnny Carson sometimes had its plug pulled when a guest used a bad word or told an offensive joke. Other than that, I don't know of any other punitive actions taken by the commission.

Now, however, the FCC seems to be overstepping its bounds. It has begun using a heavy hand to keep programs in line. Late night talk shows have been the main targets. Jimmy Kimmel was removed from the air when his monologues proved too much for some to take. Steven Colbert has been dismissed completely

from his television show. Supposedly, the program is not profitable, but more than likely, Bari Weiss, the new editor-in-chief at CBS, is pulling back the way the network works. She has curtailed news reporting to a "more fair and balanced presentation." Many suspect political influences have pushed such an approach. Colbert's interview with candidate James Talarico was pulled by the network after pressure from other sources. For years, talk shows have interviewed guests from both sides of the aisle. Not until now has the cry for equal time been raised by the FCC.

I, for one, abhor the intrusion of the FCC into such small things as late-night interviews. When a government institution begins fiddling with such matters, I see it as the beginning of our loss of free speech. The way of handling objectionable interviews is much simpler: change the channel. My right to speak freely should not be interfered with by the government or institutions or individuals. Our papers should never be censored, nor should our television newscasts or talk shows be politically correct in order to be aired.

I know that if we Americans ever become so complacent that we fail to fight for our freedom of speech, our country will sink into a form of government that is much like the one in Russia or China. Freedom of speech is what makes the bells of liberty ring.

Edouard V. Izac of California

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Readers are likely not familiar with Edouard V. Izac, who led a life filled with adventure and heroism, service and sacrifice, danger and deprivation. When he died, Izac was the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the First World War. A graduate of the Naval Academy, author, congressman, newspaperman and gentleman farmer, Ed Izac accomplished much and was devoted to his large family, which eventually included five children, 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

A tall man with a striking appearance, Edouard Victor Michel Izac was born in Cresco, Iowa, a tiny, rural hamlet. Izac knew the thrill of success and the valley of loss and anguish. Izac altered his age, making himself two years younger to get into the Naval Academy. Izac was on board the U.S.S. President Lincoln, a troop ship, crossing the Atlantic when it was torpedoed by a German submarine, U-90. Three torpedoes hit the USS

President Lincoln, causing the ship to sink. Izac was taken aboard the submarine, where he was well treated by the Germans, who allowed him to sleep in the area reserved for officers, fed him, and even invited him to play cards with them. While being taken into Germany as a prisoner of war on a train, Izac attempted a daring and highly dangerous escape by trying to jump through a window while the train was still moving at a moderately high speed. Injuring his head and knees, his escape failed and he was beaten for his trouble. Once inside a prisoner of war camp, Ed Izac was maltreated with poor food and further beatings by angry guards.

Izac repeatedly attracted attention to himself and drew the fire of guards so that others could escape the camp. He eventually got away himself, walking through the mountainous area of southwest Germany and swimming across the Rhine, living on raw vegetables and whatever he could find. At the time of Ed Izac's death, Gene LaRoque, a retired rear admiral, said, "Even among Medal of Honor winners, Izac stands out as a particularly heroic figure."

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt presented Izac with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Yet for the entirety of his long life, Ed Izac remained humble about his bravery and exploits. "He never considered himself a hero; he said he did what anybody would do," Suzanne Quinlan, his daughter, said after her father's death.

Izac, unable to continue serving in the Navy with the injuries he sustained during the war, was retired

with an embarrassingly small pension. Clearly a man of tenacity and determination, Ed Izac sued the German government for brutality. One piece of evidence Izac cited during the trial was the court martial of the guard who had broken the stock of his rifle on Izac's head and had been convicted of destruction of government property. Izac won an award of \$27,000 (almost \$447,000 today) and penned a book, "Prisoner of the U-90."

Izac was married to the daughter of General DeRosy Caroll Cabell, whom he met at a dance. Agnes Cabell and Ed Izac married the day after the young man graduated from the Naval Academy. The couple's daughter, Cabell Berge, recalled, "Grandfather Cabell ordered his daughter to San Diego." The general also helped his son-in-law find a job at the San Diego Union newspaper. Izac sold advertisements for the newspaper but also became something of a freelance writer, covering a myriad of topics.

Ed Izac had lost his job with the onset of the Great Depression and left San Diego for a short time. He had returned and was urged to run for Congress in 1934. Izac challenged Republican Congressman George Burnham, who had originally immigrated from Great Britain after having been encouraged to run by other veterans. California's Twentieth District consisted of two counties, San Diego and Imperial. Izac very narrowly carried Imperial County by 128 votes, while Congressman Burnham won San Diego County by a healthy enough margin to be elected by 4,725 votes.

Burnham chose not to run again in 1936, which was the pinnacle of the New Deal era, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt carried every state in the country except Vermont and Maine. Democrats had consistently increased their majorities in both houses of Congress in 1932, 1934, and again in 1936. Once again, Edouard V. Izac was the Democratic nominee for Congress from California's Twentieth District. Facing Republican Edward Sample, Izac won a decisive victory, polling more than 56% of the ballots.

Once a member of the House of Representatives, Ed Izac was assigned to the Naval Affairs Committee, a plum assignment for a congressman representing San Diego. Like the great majority of the American people and many of those who had fought in the First World War, Congressman Izac was quite wary of involving the United States in any entanglements that might lead to war. Izac lent his voice to the powerful non-interventionist bloc, which critics referred to as "isolationists." Congressman



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Congressman Ed Isaac (right) with General Omar Pfeiffer on a Naval vessel in 1946.

Izac was a liberal voice in the House and, as might be expected, his record reflected his strong support for veterans. Izac regularly attached amendments to pending bills benefiting veterans and their dependents to appropriation legislation.

Izac proved to be popular and increased his margin of victory in the 1938 election to just over 60%. During the presidential year of 1940, Izac's majority fell when he faced a stiff challenge from Ed Fletcher, a state senator. Congressman Izac was reelected by 3,742 votes. Redistricting eliminated Imperial County from the newly redrawn Twenty-Third Congressional District in California. Izac represented San Diego County in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It was a very different time, and Edouard V. Izac was not as well known then as he likely would be today as a congressman. Even today, flying home every weekend from Washington, D.C., is arduous for many congresspeople. When Ed Izac was in Congress, he did not return home every weekend, but rather remained in Washington, D.C., most of the time. "Izac was the last of an era of congressmen ... unable to frequently fly back and forth," said former Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin in 1990. "He thought he had been elected to help run the country and didn't pay that much attention to running his district."

It was likely easy for a congressman, especially one who was rising in seniority, to feel he carried the weight of the world on his shoulders during a critical period in American history. With his role on the House Naval Affairs Committee, Izac toured the Pacific war theater to visit American bases.

There was also a growing feeling inside the Twenty-Third district that Congressman Izac took very good care of the Navy, while doing little for San Diego. Running in the newly redistricted Twenty-Third Congressional district of California, Congressman Ed Izac faced Republican James B. Abbey, a former district attorney general who waged a campaign sharply critical of the incumbent. Abbey

said the congressman was "adept at fence straddling" and pointed to Izac's stand on the draft bill. "He was quoted by the newspapers as terming the bill an obnoxious measure, and saying that while congress could not fail to carry out the desires of the President, he protested the recommendations of the President's advisors," Abbey complained. The challenger pointed out Izac had said it was "wrong to draft 18-year-olds, but he voted for it in spite of his convictions." Abbey said the congressman wanted to have his cake and eat it, too. That, at least according to James B. Abbey, was the hallmark of Congressman Edouard Izac's service in the House of Representatives. "The Izac technique is to go on record both ways, just to be safe," Abbey grumbled.

At the time, the congressman had said, "I bow to the will of my commander-in-chief but I protest the recommendation of his military advisers.

"My voice may be the only one raised in protest on this floor, but I cannot remain silent when my better judgment, my own experience, tells me they are wrong."

1942 was the most difficult year of the war for the United States, both in terms of morale and progress. It seemed the newspapers brought reports daily of new losses and reverses across the globe. The discontent and unrest of the people were reflected at the polls. The voting was light as the able-bodied men were dispersed to the far corners of the earth to fight for freedom, while many womenfolk took the places of fathers, husbands, brothers and sons in factories to help produce the desperately needed war materials to fight the Axis powers. Republicans picked up nine seats in the United States Senate and 47 seats in the House.

Congressman Ed Izac only barely managed to turn back James Abbey, winning by 777 votes.

If there was a message in the vote totals for the congressman, Ed Izac ignored it, giving his complete attention to his duties as a Member of Congress and especially to his work on the Naval Affairs Committee. In 1944, James Abbey sought a rematch with Congressman Izac, and in a presidential election year and with America faring much better in the war, the incumbent won a clear victory with 55% of the total votes and a winning majority of almost 16,000 ballots.

Izac had always said he was willing to serve in the House of Representatives as long as his people seemed to want him there. It was no surprise when he announced he was seeking another term in 1946. The congressman pointed to his service on the Naval Affairs and Foreign Affairs committees, posts he insisted were of vital importance to the future of San Diego.

Izac's opponent in 1946 was Charles K. Fletcher, a member of the Naval Reserve, a successful businessman and civic leader. "Too many congressmen have been too close to the Washington scene too long and should be retired in favor of men who know the acute conditions and problems on the home front," Fletcher said. It was the theme of his entire congressional campaign.

The crisis of the Second World War was past, and there were numerous challenges facing the American people as the members of the armed forces returned home to their families or to start a new life and family. Americans were more than eager to be done with the sacrifices imposed by the war effort, the shortages of goods and products. Detroit had not made automobiles, having retooled its factories to produce

tanks, airplanes and military vehicles. New tires were almost impossible to procure as rubber was a scarce commodity utilized for the American war machine that brought down Hitler and the Japanese Empire. Employment, one of the most notable effects of the Great Depression, was still at more than 14% in 1939 but had fallen to 1.2% by 1944. It remains the record for the lowest unemployment in the history of the United States.

1946 was the best year the Republican Party had enjoyed since 1928, winning control of both the House and the Senate. One of the Democratic casualties was Edouard V. Izac, who lost, polling less than 44% of the vote.

In retirement, Ed Izac lived in Virginia, where he kept a cattle farm in Gordonsville for some time. Later, after the death of his wife, the former congressman moved into the home of his daughter, Susie Quinlan. Izac grew strawberries and tomatoes, which he shared with neighbors. A man who believed in punctuality, Izac left Saturday night for evening mass at the same time with remarkable precision each week.

Izac also had to endure probably the worst tragedy of his life when his 19-year-old son Forrest committed suicide, citing his belief that he could never be the hero his father had been. One can only imagine how that must have tormented a grieving father. A devout Catholic, Ed Izac retreated to his faith and his family.

The former congressman remained hale and hearty even unto his 98th year when he died on January 18, 1990, in Bethesda, Maryland.

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**By Justin Pratt,
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Church Senior Pastor**

A master carpenter once said that when you study a finished table, you are not just looking at wood, you are looking at every hand that shaped it. They selected the timber, planed it smooth, and sanded the edges no one else would see. In the same way, when you look at a person, you are not just seeing an individual; you are seeing the fingerprints of many people.

God makes a man, but people are among the primary means He uses to shape him.

Yes, our parents are foundational. Their love, correction, and investment form the earliest contours

of our character. Beyond family, however, God strategically places voices in our lives, both men and women who invest intentionally, who call out potential we cannot yet see, and often who create opportunities that stretch us beyond our comfort.

For the first 27 years of my life, one of the greatest gifts God gave me was a mentor in the form of a pastor named Dewey Cooper. He was a simple man, a faithful pastor and a quiet giant in my life. He didn't stand on national stages. He didn't write books. But he etched his legacy into hearts. He pastored faithfully for decades,

and to me, he was more than a pastor; he was an intentional investor. I can remember many post-service Sunday nights at Shoney's on Broadway, where he gave a young preacher a seat at the table. He let me sit with seasoned pastors, influential and godly deacons, and saints three times my age. He invited me to ride along to funerals and revivals. He placed me in preaching lineups I had no business being in. He even handed me a microphone on his "Presenting Jesus" broadcast on WKXV when I was still trying to find my voice.

Those moments didn't just influence me; they made me.

Scripture says, "One generation shall praise thy works to another." That is not just poetic language; it

is God's design. The faith and faithfulness of one generation fuel the next. Every life I now touch carries the fingerprints of Pastor Dewey. Every person I pastor is, in some sense, still being pastored by him.

That is legacy. It lives beyond breath. It speaks after silence.

And he was not alone in shaping me. Men like Lawrence Cross and Earl Seeber, both godly deacons at my church growing up, are staples in my life. Romie Mitchell has passed away, but her lessons on intercessory prayer continue to guide me in praying for others even now. Though their voices are now silent, their words still echo. Their counsel still steadies me. Their convictions still guide me. They are proof that influence

does not end at the grave. When I read Hebrews 11 and 12 and come to that phrase, "so great a cloud of witnesses," I cannot help but think of men and women like these. I do not claim to understand all that means, but I know this: they invested in me, and that investment is still bearing fruit.

"He being dead yet speaketh."

If this is what legacy looks like, then they are still running their race through the lives they shaped. Their legacy was the trees they planted, but they were not around long enough to enjoy the shade of what they established. I hope, from heaven, they can see the value they left behind because of how they chose to live.

That realization does

something to me. It makes me want to run well. It makes me take seriously every conversation, every opportunity to encourage, every young person who needs a seat at the table. Because people make people. God uses human hands to mold human hearts.

One of my regular prayers is simple: Lord, let my legacy live on through the lives I touch. If anything good comes from my life, may it multiply beyond me. May I, too, plant trees whose shade I may never get to sit under?

Because one day, someone else will stand where we stand, and we'd better hope they will carry our fingerprints the way we carry theirs.

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It's Green on Green for All-Knox County team



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Webb School's Meeyah Green plays the game hard and she's been selected The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Player of the Year for the girls.

By Steve Williams

Neighboring counties may envy the talent that Knox County has this season.

Webb's Green and White Lady Spartans may very well pick up where they left off last year when they hoisted the Gold Ball in Division II-AA.

Much of their talent returns, starting with this season's Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Player of the Year Meeyah Green, Webb's senior point guard.

Green, a Clemson signee and again a Miss Basketball finalist, had another good year for Coach Greg Hernandez as she averaged 14 points, 6.7 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2 steals.

Team mate Kyndall Mays also gives Webb a physical presence under the boards as she averaged 13 points and 9.6 rebounds.

While the 1-2 punch of Green and Mays



ALL-KNOX COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM 2025-26 FIRST TEAM

Avery Brewer, Central High 5-6 Senior Point Guard

Nya Burns, Grace Christian 5-8 Senior Point Guard

Meeyah Green, Webb School 5-9 Senior Point Guard

Lexi Hammock, CAK 5-5 Junior Point Guard

Natalya Hodge, Bearden High 5-7 Senior Point Guard

Kyndall Mays, Webb School 6-1 Sophomore Forward

KJ McNealy, Farragut High 6-1 Senior Guard

Malia Moore, Central High 5-7 Sophomore Forward

Payton Rollins, South-Doyle 5-9 Junior Guard

Emory Thomas, Concord Christian 5-7 Sophomore Guard

is a lot to deal with. Knox County also has more.

Natalya Hodge of Bearden is again this season's top scorer in Knox County by far, averaging 27.1 points. A 4-star point guard and again a Miss Basketball finalist like Green, Natalya has signed with the University of Missouri.

Knox County also has two other college signees this season, with Grace Christian's Nya Burns going to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Farragut's KJ McNealy headed to Grand Canyon University.

South-Doyle's Payton Rollins has a Division 1 offer, but the junior still has one year left with the Lady Kees. The physical point guard

averaged 20.1 points, 6.7 rebounds and three steals this season.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Central girls' historic run comes to an end

By Steve Williams

It was a Cinderella season for the Central Lady Bobcats. Rags to riches, if you will. They had their moment in the spotlight. And even though they lost, they will never forget it.

In his office after the game Friday night, Coach Lebrandon Marie said, "This team right here made so much history this year, going 19-12. I believe that's the third or fourth most wins that's happened at this school."

"So no, this game does not take away anything. Yes, we would love to play and advance. We were one of the last 32 teams in our division. That's a huge accomplishment for us. So we're thankful to be where we were. But we would have loved to win, though."

After leading by only two points at halftime, Oak Ridge pulled away in the second half for a 57-38 victory in the first round of the Region 2-4A tournament at

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The Central High Lady Bobcats had a wonderful time Monday, Feb. 23 celebrating the school's first girls' district basketball championship since 1953. Photo by John Valentine.

THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS ALL-KNOX COUNTY GIRLS TEAM

More Underwoods could be on the way for even more success

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's Justin Underwood is The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Girls Basketball Coach of the Year for the 2025-26 regular season. But when it comes to the Underwood family, basketball doesn't stop there.

His daughter Reese Underwood was the point guard for West Valley Middle School, which recently captured the TMSAA state championship for the second year in a row.

Coach Underwood said the Lady Wolves were "pretty excited and had a really good year ... so I'm proud of her for that."

Hold on. There's still more about this basketball family.

"Reese is a good little ball player like her momma was," added

Justin.

"Beth (his wife) was a guard at Farragut and then ended up playing at King College. That's kind of funny. My daughter has grown up in a different household as far as her momma did. But she's got a lot of her skill sets from her momma."

Beth now is still involved in basketball as the Lady Bulldogs' scorekeeper at the games.

An eighth grader, Reese played the point guard position for West Valley.

Coach Underwood also has a son (Landon) in the fourth grade. "He's still coming up," said Justin.

One has to think there will be more Underwoods at BHS in the near future.

The Bearden girls were 28-3 overall and 12-0 going into region play Friday.



Bearden Coach Justin Underwood (right) works the Alcoa vs Bearden game Feb. 10. He has been voted The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County girls' basketball Coach of the Year.

PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

It's Green on Green for All-Knox County team

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CAK junior point guard Lexi Hammock also earned a spot on the first team as she averaged 17.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 5.6 assists and 3.1 steals.

Having one of its best seasons in years under Coach Lebrandon Marie, Central had two players to land on the first team in senior Avery Brewer and up-and-coming Malia Moore, who averaged 18 points and eight rebounds. Brewer, the veteran on the squad, averaged 15 points

and five boards.

Last but not least, Concord Christian's Emory Thomas also took a spot on the first team. The 5-7 sophomore guard averaged 16.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.2 steals in a season that saw her claim Player of the Year honors in Division II-A District 1.

"Emory is the engine of our team ... She plays with toughness and leadership that sets the tone for our group," said Coach Brad Cochran, whose Lady

Lions have been coming on strong.

The Second Team also had some players who deserved extra recognition, starting with Gibbs' 5-10 Rebekah Spierdowis.

"She battled a quad injury and an ankle injury, yet still averaged a double-double as a freshman," said Coach Kendell McGill.

Fulton's 5-9 Sha' Nary Cobb averaged 13.4 rebounds and three blocked shots as a sophomore.

"Catholic freshman Emery Haws has had an

outstanding season leading our team from the point guard position," said Coach Micah Scheetz. "Her current season averages include 17 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists per game.

"Notably, Emery is only 19 points away from reaching her 1,000th career high school point. Early this season, she also set a new school record for the most points in a single game, scoring 52 points against McMinn County, which included eight 3-pointers."



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Sydney Adams, S-D, So.
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Neylan Wilcox, West, So.

Central girls' historic run comes to an end

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Evaiya Mitchell, a 5-foot-5 guard who played on Knoxville Catholic's team her first two years in high school before returning home to play her last two years, scored 17 of her game-high 27 points in the third quarter to give Oak Ridge a 10-point advantage (39-29).

When asked the difference in the game, Coach Marie said, "No. 5 for them. She played very good."

Central could get no closer than eight points in the final quarter, and the Lady Wildcats kept adding on.

Jenayah Pippins and Aiani Mitchell chipped in 11 and 8 points, respectively, to OR's total.

Central was led by freshman Sasha Foster (12

points) and senior Avery Brewer (10).

"We didn't shoot the ball well tonight, and that hurt us," said Marie. "We probably shot 25 percent, and they shot 45 percent."

How the Lady Bobcats' historic start began ...

In the District 3-4A tournament semifinals on Feb. 19, the Lady Bobcats got their first shot at a district title in 26 years when they scored the game's last 11 points to break a tie and defeat Campbell County 62-51.

Then the following Monday night (Feb. 23) in the district finals, Central overcame an 11-point deficit early in the fourth quarter and roared past Powell for a 57-48 win that earned the Lady Bobcats their first district championship since 1953 ... 73 years ago!

'I have to be at practice'

Writing assignments often appear as if by magic. That's been the case in my writing career over the years. You'll likely recognize many, if not all, of the names mentioned in this column.

One memorable contest came in November 1971, when a crowd of 31,300 showed up at Neyland Stadium for a freshman game, the Vols versus Notre Dame's rookies.

The mercurial Condredge Holloway led the "Baby Vols." Opposing defenders thought they had him under wraps. Then they didn't. That day, Holloway went over, under, around, and through the Notre Dame freshmen to a 30-13 victory. In his senior season, Battle offered him a mid-October opportunity to leave the team to begin preparations for a major league baseball experience. Condredge had a cogent response: "I have to be at practice." He was an exceptional player, but even a better person.

When John Majors went to Franklin, Ky., to visit heralded lineman Donnie Evans in 1977, he had company. John Underwood of Sports Illustrated was on the trip for the magazine and for a later book. Evans later signed with the Vols, making both Majors and assistant coach Robbie Franklin happy campers. Things didn't work out

for Donnie at Tennessee, but Majors letting a big-time journalist tag along on a recruiting trip was an out-of-the box move by a legendary coach.

In 1991 at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville in the season opener, tailbacks Aaron Hayden and James "Little Man" Stewart had a debut for the ages, each gaining more than 100 yards rushing. Hayden had 109 and Stewart 101 as the Vols won, 28-11.

Quarterback Andy Kelly and wideout Carl Pickens hooked up on the game's third play for a 75-yard TD. Pickens added a 67-yard punt return as the Vols led from the get-go. For his part, Kelly led the Vols to SEC titles in 1989 and 1990 after taking over midway in the 1989 Alabama game.

Wide receiver Stanley Morgan had a breakout game when the Vols played Army at West Point in the second game of the 1973 season. Stanley caught touchdown passes of 52 and 29 yards and led the team in receiving that season. He was excitedly personified whenever he had his hands on the pigskin.

When the Vols lost at Georgia (44-0) and Southern Cal (43-7) to start the 1981 season, Majors turned to freshman quarterback Alan Cockrell to steady the team. After piloting a 42-0 win over Colorado State, Cockrell injured a knee against Auburn, but returned to lead breakthrough victories over Alabama in 1982

and 1983.

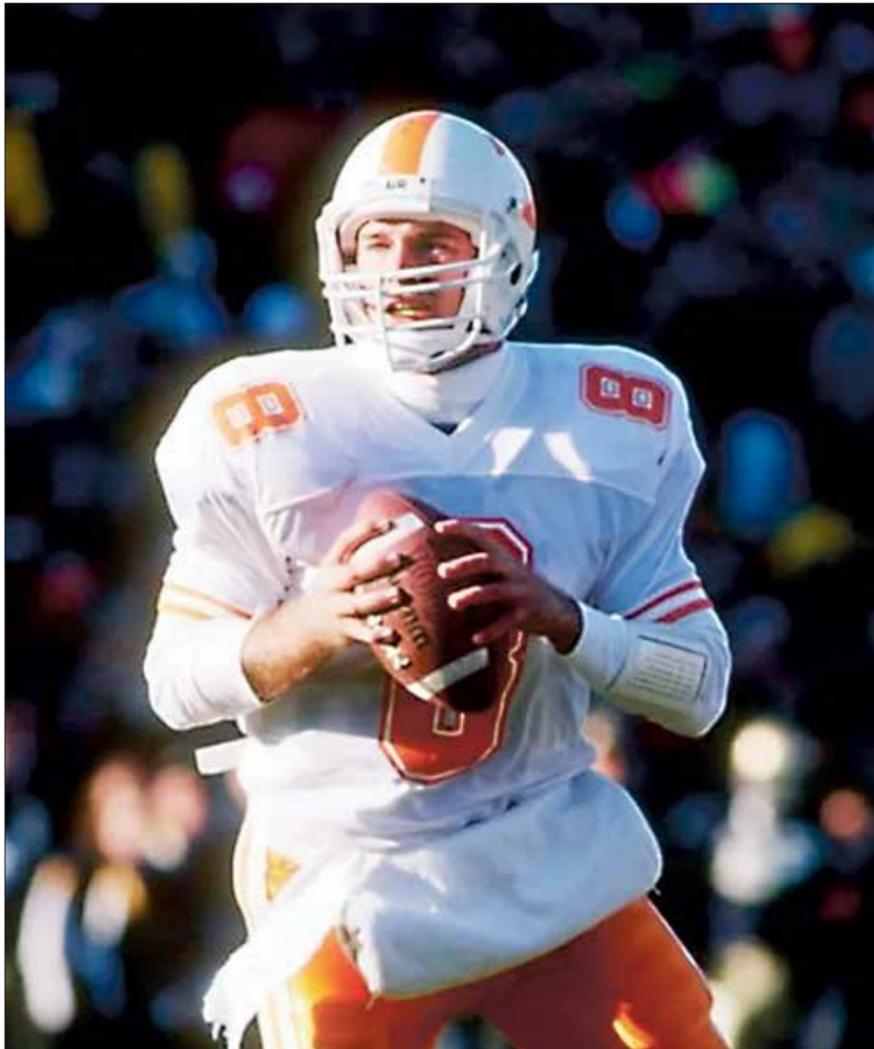
Wide receiver Willie Gault showed Tennessee fans a flash of his potential when he caught a 69-yard touchdown from quarterback Jimmy Streater against Utah in the second game of the 1979 season. It was his first catch in a career that would find his name mentioned prominently among the best wide receivers in Vol history.

Tailback Reggie Cobb, consigned to redshirt status in 1986, earned his first chance with the varsity in the season opener against Iowa in 1987, carrying 25 times for 138 yards in a 23-22 victory in the Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands.

Peyton Manning's first touchdown pass at Tennessee came in the 1994 Mississippi State game at Starkville, when he connected with wide receiver Kendrick Jones for 76 yards and a touchdown. Peyton was named SEC Freshman of the Year that season.

Casey Clausen was a true "road warrior," who led the Vols to victories at Arkansas, at Alabama (twice), at Notre Dame, at Kentucky (twice), and at Florida (twice), not to mention a neutral site pasting of Michigan in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2002.

Tailback Jamal Lewis burst on the Tennessee scene in the 1997 Ole Miss game with 155 yards rushing and the game-clinching score. He later added 232 yards rushing against his home state Georgia



Andy Kelly led the Vols all the way back from a 31-7 deficit to a 35-34 victory in the 1991 Notre Dame game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Bulldogs. He ended his freshman season with 232 carries for 1,364 yards and seven touchdowns.

Fullback Steve Wold made a key run when the Vols trailed South Carolina late in the 1970 game. With the Vols trailing 18-17 in the waning minutes, Wold got loose on a 22-yard draw play that moved the ball into position for George Hunt's

game-winning field goal. That gave the Vols a 20-18 win on their way to an 11-1 season and a win over Air Force in the Sugar Bowl.

In 2001, Kelley Washington broke Johnny Mills's 1966 record of 225 yards receiving with 11 catches totaling 256 yards against LSU in Knoxville. Terming himself "The Future," he wasn't bad in the present, with 140

yards receiving in the SEC title game against LSU and 108 earlier in the season against Georgia.

These memorable players are among those wearing orange and white who have contributed mightily to the Tennessee tradition.

IN MEMORIAM: Wes Rucker (1983-2026), WBIR Television journalist.

It's OK to Hate (In Sports)

By Mark Nagi

Regular readers of my columns understand that I am a big fan of good old-fashioned sports hate. Not real-world hate, which has cost millions if not billions of lives over the centuries, but hate about a player, a team, or even a group representing a country.

I thought of this while watching the USA Men's hockey team face off with the Canadiens during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy. Over the last few decades, the Americans have made this a competitive rivalry. Hockey might not be our national sport, but the red, white, and blue have produced so many historically good players.

I'm a hockey guy, so this is right in my wheelhouse. Brian Leetch, Mike Modano, Jeremy Roenick, Pat LaFontaine... these are players whose success in the 80s and 90s helped set the stage for the growth of the sport in the States.

But except for the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, when the United States and Canada faced off in a major tournament, our friends north of the border have been the better side.

In 2002, the Canadiens beat the USA 5-2 in the gold medal game in Salt Lake City. At the Vancouver games in 2010, once again the Canadians broke American hearts, this time 2-1 in overtime

on the "Golden Goal" by their favorite son, Syndey Crosby.

Last year, something called the 4 Nations Face-Off matched the USA, Canada, Finland, and Sweden in a mini tournament to replace the NHL All-Star Game. This time, Team USA was trying to shift the power dynamic. Matthew Thachuk, his brother Brady Thachuk, and J.T. Miller picked fights at the start of their preliminary game. The Americans used that momentum to pick up the victory. But Canada got its revenge in the title matchup. Connor McDavid, the best player in the world, scored in sudden death, giving his team a 3-2 victory. Once again, the Americans were runners-up.

It's an interesting dynamic because all these players are together during the regular season and playoffs in the NHL. But they must take a break, sometimes from their own teammates, to compete against them for their country.

The NHL stars took a break from the Olympics for a couple of turns but were back in a big way in 2026. And yet again, it would be Canada versus the USA for the biggest prize.

Decades of coming up short were weighing on this Star-Spangled Banner group, and it showed. This was a team on a mission,

breezing through the prelims, escaping Sweden in the quarters, and was ready for arguably the biggest game of their lives in the finals. Canada looked vulnerable, getting scares in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

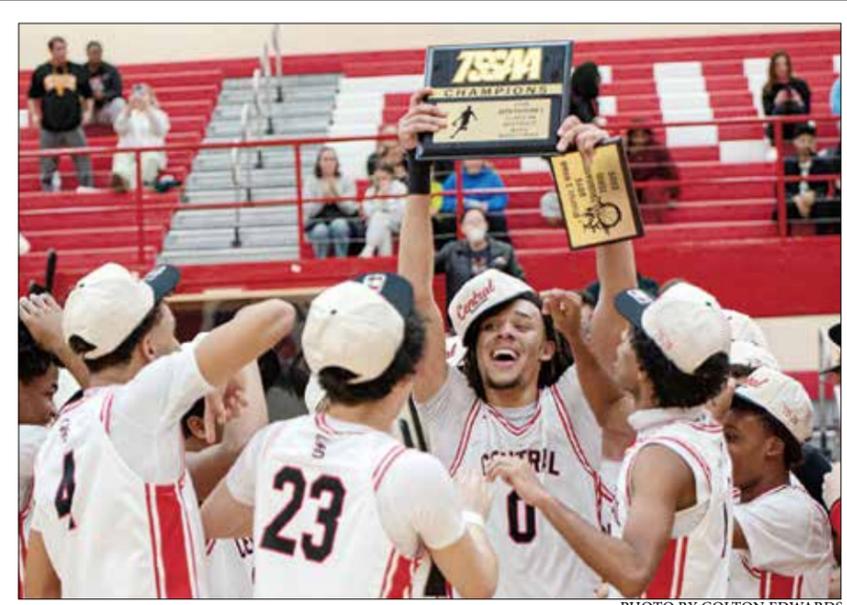
Team USA hadn't won gold since the Miracle on Ice group of amateurs did so in 1980 in Lake Placid. In 2026, we saw one of the best hockey games ever played. Ferocious hitting and blinding speed were on display throughout the game.

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Central celebrates after beating West, 70-55, to win the district tournament on Tuesday, February 24. Central lost to Hardin Valley, 57-55, Saturday night in the regional quarterfinals and Hardin Valley goes on to face Farragut in the semifinals Tuesday evening.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL MEDIA DAY

CAK returns key pitching, talented youth

By David Klein

The Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) Warriors return four seniors and will have a lot of young talent this season. CAK head coach Tommy Pharr is entering his 17th season as head coach of the Warriors and said this team is made up of 2/3 freshmen and sophomores. "They are great examples on and off the field; they take care of each other," he emphasized.

Senior pitchers Joey Sulish and Brody Waller bring leadership and experience, with Sulish being the Day 1 starting pitcher in district play for the Warriors. Waller has signed with Lincoln Memorial University to play college baseball next year.

Sulish said about pitching, "I love pitching. We're

really lucky this year just learning how to attack the zone, not giving up a lot of walks. Really getting after it, being aggressive."

Sulish said he views the offense as being ahead of the defense right now. "Our bats are really, really hot right now. We have a lot of guys that can swing it throughout the lineup. Not just upperclassmen, but we've got some freshmen, some sophomores that can really, really swing it. We don't strike out a lot. We hit a lot of balls hard, put a lot of balls in play and that's the biggest thing. Cutting out strikeouts. Just making other people having to make plays. That's really how you win a baseball game."

Talking about the team chemistry, Waller, who also plays first base, said, "The team is really close.

We're like a brotherhood, brotherly love. When we're together, nobody can beat us."

Relief pitcher Alex Trimble, who also plays second base, said, "Brody and Joey are our 1 and 2. I haven't pitched in a while, but they asked me to come back and throw strikes. We have one more (pitcher) that's a sophomore, JT Slack. I'll come in as relief most of the time. I'll close probably district games; I'll relieve two games a week."

Trimble had nothing but praise for Pharr. "He's an unbelievable coach," Trimble said. "He's been doing this forever. His resume is one of the best in the country. The way he coaches, what values he puts into us has really helped both me as a person and me as a player as well. We really build,

and we take well what he has to say because we know he knows so much."

CAK plays in Division II-A East 1 District. Pharr considers Grace Christian Academy (GCA) one of CAK's toughest foes. "They only had one senior last year," Pharr said. In addition, he said The King's Academy (TKA) always has quality players. Besides those two teams, Concord Christian, Lakeway Christian Academy, and Providence Academy are in the district.

CAK plays its first game of the season today against Elizabethton in a doubleheader at Walters State Community College in Morristown.

"It will be a fun little day. It will be tough competition," Sulish said.

Webb, Catholic look for success on the diamond in 2026

By Ken Lay

As the 2026 high school baseball season gets underway, two local teams will look to be a factor in the Division II-AA East Region race as Knoxville Catholic and Webb School of Knoxville, both with veteran coaches, look for success this year.

Catholic will open its new campaign today (March 2) as it hosts four-time defending Class 4A State Champion Farragut at Gaylor Field.

First pitch between the Admirals and the Irish is slated for 5:30 p.m.

The Spartans will open their season Tuesday at home against Sequoyah Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

At Catholic, Caleb Moore begins his 11th season. He has some simple expectations.

"Our biggest expectation is just to compete every day," Moore said. "We'll take that, and if wins happen from that, that's great; if not, we'll just keep working.

"I just want to help these players get better. My job is to make these guys better baseball players."

The Irish, who compete in one of the toughest and deepest regions, Division II-East, in the Volunteer State, so Moore knows that Catholic must show up ready to compete in every game.

"We'll play in some tough games and our region is extremely tough," Moore said. "It has a lot of great teams and those teams have a lot of Power Four talent and Power Four pitchers."

The region schedule will present some challenges for the Irish. That, however, is nothing new, and in his previous decade at the helm, Moore has guided KCHS to multiple state tournaments and a state championship in 2023.

Top returners for the Irish include D.J. Lowery (junior, infielder), Connor York (senior, infielder/pitcher), Cole Scraggs (junior, outfielder), Logan Tompkins (junior, pitcher), Edward Brabham

(sophomore, outfielder) and senior pitcher Lex Lucier, who was injured last season.

That savvy group of veterans will be joined by key newcomers Rylan Jessee (a junior outfielder who transferred from The Baylor School in Chattanooga), T.J. Renker (a junior infielder who transferred from Farragut), Carter Muth (senior, pitcher), Gabe Ronca (freshman, infielder/pitcher) and Quentin Cooper (freshman, infielder/pitcher).

MEANWHILE, AT WEBB, the Spartans have had their share of struggles over the past couple of seasons as they faced the rigors of a difficult region schedule.

But the Spartans are looking for big things this year as they've worked tirelessly in the weight room and on the field.

Jordan Wormsley begins his 15th season as head coach at his alma mater and he's been pleased with his squad's work ethic.

"We have a lot of people back and we have a lot of seniors back and they've worked really hard," said Wormsley. "They've worked hard on the field, and they've worked hard in the weight room, so any success we have will be earned."

Top returners for Webb include: Wilson Luton (senior, infielder/pitcher); Hunter Rayson (senior, pitcher); Grayson Gregory (senior, catcher/pitcher/infielder); Parks Lederer (sophomore, infielder/pitcher); Colten Collier (senior, outfielder/pitcher); Ben Lupo (sophomore, infielder); Ethan Walls (senior, infielder/pitcher); Andrew Pruett (junior, infielder/pitcher); Beckett Rivers (sophomore, outfielder); Brayden Rivers (junior, outfielder) and Brady Morgan (junior, pitcher/utility player).

Grace Christian loaded for another title run

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy placed third in the TSSAA Division II-A baseball state tournament last year and will have six starters returning and two newcomers who will also start this season.

For GCA fans, that should sound very promising.

"We were really young last year and return most of our starters," said Coach Brent Walsh. "I think we were one of the youngest teams in the state of Tennessee. We had one senior. We've got a lot returning, and with that comes some expectations. We're excited about the outlook and our potential this year."

The eight players that are expected to start are sophomore Max Misenhimer (3B, C, RHP), junior Treyson Derry (OF, 1B, LHP), freshman Easton Housewright (SS/2B), senior Artur Brito (C/1B), senior newcomer Parker Blankenship (OF), junior Chase Collin (RHP, IF, OF), sophomore Ben Hamilton (OF/IF) and sophomore newcomer Hudson Burnett (OF/RHP). "CAK probably will be the team to

beat (in the district)," said Walsh.

"Our district prepares us very well for the post-season. I think it's the best district in the state of Tennessee, so we're really prepared once we get out of the district, play in the region, and then the state tournament and do well."

The Rams' season opener will be at Jefferson County on Tuesday.

Derry and Collin represented GCA at the Baseball Media Day last week.

Roberts' Bobcats look to bounce back

After an excellent season in 2024, Central Coach Brandon Roberts feels "pretty positive" about the outlook this spring after a dip last year. "We have a lot of guys coming back, and I'm very optimistic."

Senior shortstop Nick Riordan, a Missouri State commit, is one of the best hitters in the area and the state, added Coach Roberts.

Jack Goode, a Pellissippi State commit, is a senior catcher and second baseman for the Bobcats.

Both he and Riordan represented Central at the Media Day.

Central will host Maryville Monday at Schumpert Park.

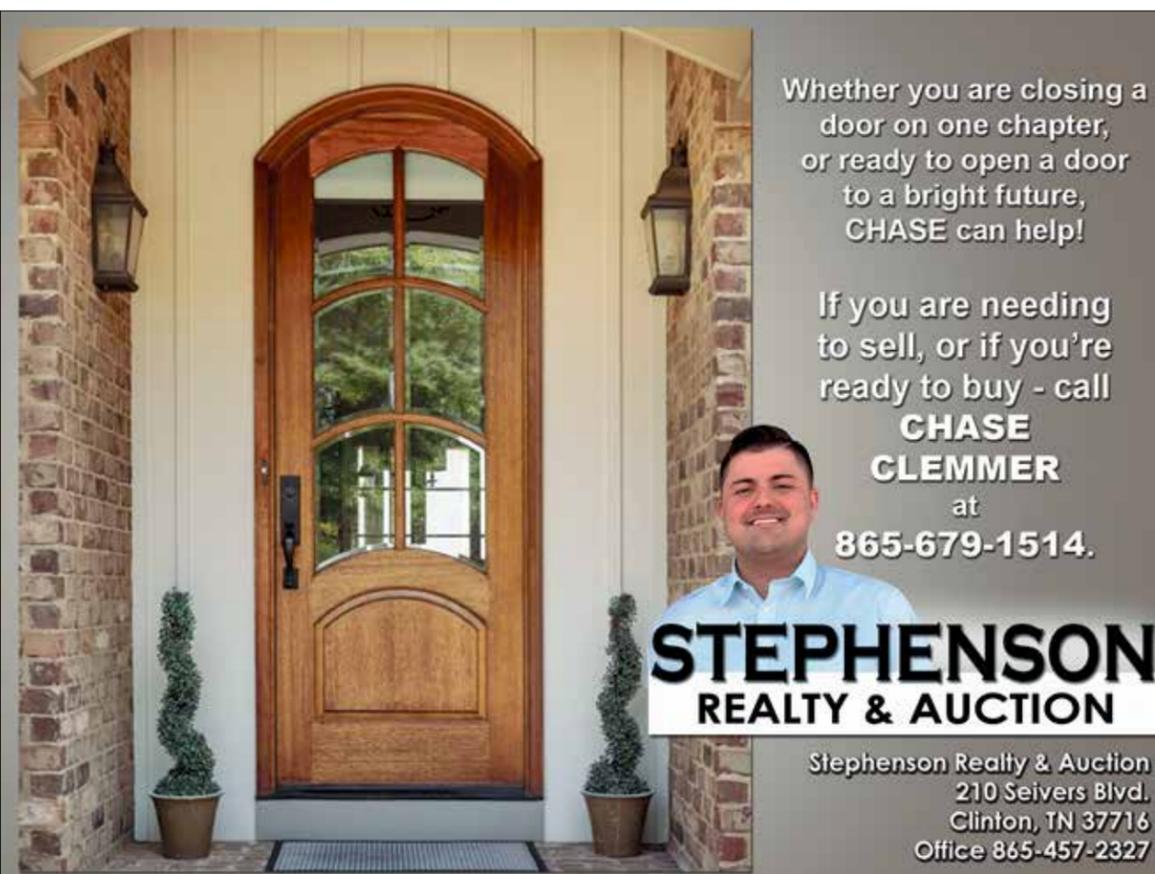
Rebels want to climb higher in new District 3-4A

West High finished 18-18 last season, an improvement over the preceding two years, but Coach Rob Stacy said, "We still feel like we didn't get where we are supposed to get to. Our guys want to play the toughest schedule as possible."

West has seven returning starters that includes 20 of 21 home runs from last season, plus four transfers.

The Rebels are now in District 3-4A with Campbell County, Halls, Central, Karns and Powell. Central and Halls are expected to be the favorites this spring.

Senior third baseman Mason Dugan and senior pitcher/catcher Griffin Smith represented the Rebels at Media Day.



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The 3rd annual ETBCA Baseball Media Day took place Wednesday (Feb. 25) at DICK'S House of Sport in West Town Mall. Knoxville area sports reporters and photographers were on hand to meet with 41 high school teams' coaches and players. The opening day of the season is today (March 2).

Gibbs hopes to bounce back this season

By Steve Williams

Geff Davis, one of the longest-running baseball coaches in the state, will be in his 33rd season this year. He was the head coach at Karns for three years before coming to Gibbs in 1997. Davis' Eagles had an "early exit" in the postseason last year, finishing in third place in District 3-3A. Anderson County advanced to the state out of that district. As for the outlook this season, Davis said, "Hopefully we can win our district. That's what our goal is every year, get in the post-season and advance from there. And

every day we try to get better at something."

Davis expects a "three-way dogfight. It will be very competitive." Pitcher Will Price and catcher Zaydin Ivey represented Gibbs at last week's Baseball Media Day.

Armstrong to make coaching debut at PHS

Powell will play its season opener today (March 2) with Chris Armstrong as the Panthers' new head coach. Anderson County will be the opponent with the first

pitch at 6.

Armstrong previously coached at Carter High. His first roster at Powell does not include a senior and includes only one returning starter in Ethan Bates, a junior catcher.

"We've got a lot of young guys that we are going to have for multiple years," said Armstrong. "So that's a good thing when you're trying to build it and change a few things and make the culture how you want it."

Bates and junior Carter Lancaster, a shortstop and pitcher, were on hand at last week's Media Day.

New A-E coach says every day is a 'learning process'

"I think we'll be alright," said Austin-East Head Coach Sanford Smith.

"Every day is a learning process for them, and we're bringing the IQ up for learning baseball more than anything. And we're getting our basic fundamentals down. We had a couple of pitcher coaches come out and help. The more that we can work with our kids (the better). They haven't

been exposed to a whole lot of baseball. So the more we can get our basic fundamental camps out there and get the word out about baseball, we're going to be okay."

Austin-East has 24 players on its roster. Five of those are currently playing on the basketball team.

Senior shortstop/pitcher Tyler Scott and junior Jeffery Minor, a P/OF/INF, represented A-E at Media Day.

The Roadrunners play their first game Tuesday at Eagleton.

Hardin Valley brings back experience and good pitching

By David Klein

The Hardin Valley Hawks are bringing back lots of seniors and pitching experience for the 2026 baseball season. Aaron Simmons, head coach for the Hardin Valley Hawks, said there is a lot of quality pitching coming back this year for the Hawks. In particular, Simmons mentioned starting pitchers Jax Sparks and Camden Huckaby. "Our biggest strength right now is on the mound," Simmons said. "We've got a group of guys that have been together for a long time. (Since) middle school ages, they've run the gauntlet. They've worked their tails off to get to where they are now. Returning guys like Jax Sparks and Camden Huckaby. Sparks is going to Tennessee Tech, Huckaby Walters State. Some relief guys, Kenny Lane committed to Chattanooga State. He's also a catcher. Wyatt Fellers, senior, committed to Pellissippi State. Nathan Emard, good middle relief pitcher to come in and close the gaps. We've also got some young talent to come along as well on the mound to help us compete."

Hardin Valley competes in District 4-4A baseball, a competitive district that includes Farragut and Bearden. "To me, it is the most complete district in the state of Tennessee, when it comes to competition in my mind," Simmons said. "It's a seven-team district, very competitive and a long season and a lot of things can happen. Every week, it's going to be putting your life out on a line to win a game, in a sense."

In addition to pitching, Sparks will play at shortstop. "Last year I played mostly third (base)," he said. "Shortstop, you got a lot more control over the infield. It's definitely different. I like being out there. I like being in control of everything," he added.

Senior Cameron Dillon will play a little bit of everything this year: second base; shortstop; left center field; right center field. "It's a lot more freeing, I kinda just go with the flow and wherever I'm told, I just do my best," he said. "I like outfield, I feel like it allows my athleticism to play in more a little bit. When I'm in the outfield, I feel like I can free myself up at the plate and just stop worrying about fielding so much and just focus on hitting. In the infield, don't overcomplicate stuff and just go with the flow."

Hardin Valley opens the season at home against McMinn Central tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Carter Hornets, Seymour Eagles have lofty expectations in District 3-3A

By Ken Lay

When Carter High School opens its 2026 baseball season, it will do so with several familiar faces on the diamond.

The Hornets, however, have a new head coach as Brayden Taylor takes the reins of the program.

Taylor, who is likely the youngest high school coach in the area, takes over for Chris Armstrong, who is now at Powell. He's not much older than some of his players, but he's studied the teams in District 3-3A enough to know that the league is on the rise on the East Tennessee high school baseball scene.

"I think in Tennessee, you have power districts and non-power districts, and I think people look at our district and think it's a non-power district," said Taylor, 22, who takes the job in Strawberry Plains just out of college.

"Seymour has a great program. Fulton has gotten better, and Northview (Academy) has a solid program, and Cocke County has a couple of good arms."

The Eagles made a trip to the state sectionals in 2025, and they were district regular-season and tournament

champions. The Hornets went 22-9 last season and have some talented players back from the 2025 squad.

Key players include: Mayson Lang (junior, pitcher and middle infielder); Jeremiah Evans (junior, outfielder/pitcher); Miguel Fernandez (sophomore, pitcher/infielder); Matthew Yeo (freshman, middle infielder/catcher/pitcher); Chandler Bowman (junior, infielder/pitcher/catcher) and Kingston Griph (junior, pitcher/utility player).

The Hornets will open the 2026 campaign today (Monday) at Pigeon Forge at 5 p.m. Carter will have a busy opening week as it will return to action Tuesday at home against Union County. The Hornets will also be at home Thursday against Karns and Friday as they host Oneida.

MEANWHILE, AT SEYMOUR, Kyle Koeneman returns for his 11th season as the Eagles' head coach.

He guided his team to an appearance in the state sectionals.

Koeneman's expectations are simple.

"Obviously, we want to get to the state tournament," he said. "But we want to make sure that these guys and these seniors have a good year and continue to get better."

Top returners include: Braylon Williams (junior, shortstop); Reece Wilson (senior, infielder/outfielder); Elijah Miller (senior/center fielder) and Corbin Johnson (senior, first baseman/right fielder).

Seymour will open its season Tuesday at Morristown East. First pitch is slated for 5:30 p.m.

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NO. 212209-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), CHRIS DOTY and NETTIE DOTY, 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 CHRIS DOTY and NETTIE DOTY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, it is ordered that said defendant(s), CHRIS DOTY and NETTIE DOTY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Melanie E. Davis, an Attorney whose address is 217 E. Broadway Avenue, 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 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 30th day of JANUARY, 2026.

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ESTATE OF CARLA ANTOINETTE DUBOSE
DOCKET NUMBER 91926-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARLA ANTOINETTE DUBOSE, who died Aug. 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 5th day of February, 2026.

ESTATE OF CARLA ANTOINETTE DUBOSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CORNELIUS DUBOSE, ADMINISTRATOR
544 SUSAN RENEE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD DUNN
DOCKET NUMBER 92020-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID EDWARD DUNN, who died November 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 first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days after 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 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD DUNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES MADISON DUNN
6404 BEELER RD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

J. NOLAN SHARBEL
9111 CROSS PARK DR., BLDG. D, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAM CARLTON EREXSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92068-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAM CARLTON EREXSON, who died November 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026

ESTATE OF SAM CARLTON EREXSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOYCE G. EREXSON
6919 WYNDHAM POINTE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

M. CATHERINE WARMBRO, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK EDWARD GLENN
DOCKET NUMBER 78085-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARK EDWARD GLENN, who died on August 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice 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 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARK EDWARD GLENN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN R. GLENN
7 MUSTANG COURT
GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030

DAVID A. MONTGOMERY, ATTORNEY
112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 4
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD GREEN, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92055-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL EDWARD GREEN, JR., who died Oct. 28, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 5th day of February, 2026.

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD GREEN, JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAULA L. SNELLING, ADMINISTRATRIX
2145 RAMBLING ROSE LANE
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARC ALAN HARRISON
DOCKET NUMBER 92074-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARC ALAN HARRISON, who died December 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARC ALAN HARRISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAUREL SHANNON HARRISON
3509 SPARKS SCENIC WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 4415
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKI J. HINDMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92054-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VICKI J. HINDMAN, who died September 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF VICKI J. HINDMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE
ATTN: LEIGHANNE K. COVINGTON
515 MARKET ST., SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LULA ELIZABETH MASSIE JONES
DOCKET NUMBER 91434-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JANUARY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LULA ELIZABETH MASSIE JONES, who died on July 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 30th day of JANUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LULA ELIZABETH MASSIE JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY MASSIE
2207 HAY MEADOW TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

WILLIAM A. MASSIE
322 ELDORADO CIRCLE
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES B. LANDGUTH
DOCKET NUMBER 92081-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES B. LANDGUTH, who died November 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 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 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES B. LANDGUTH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BEVERLY J. LANDGUTH
570 WINDHAM HILL RD.
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE S. LEES
DOCKET NUMBER 92080-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE S. LEES, who died December 28, 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 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE S. LEES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY CORNELIA (CONNIE)
SHIFLETT WALLACE

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONRAD LOY
DOCKET NUMBER 91958-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CONRAD LOY, who died Nov. 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CONRAD LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONNIE LOY MCNEILL, EXECUTRIX
1820 EDWARD DRIVE
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

MICHAEL TROTTER, ATTORNEY
1148 WAGNER DRIVE, SUITE 201
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD DOUGLAS MYSINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 91851-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD DOUGLAS MYSINGER, who died September 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:



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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROSALYN NINA SCHRADER DOCKET NUMBER 91511-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JANUARY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROSALYN NINA SCHRADER, who died on July 11, 2025 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this 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) 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 30 day of JANUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROSALYN NINA SCHRADER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK A. SCHRADER
10308 BLUEGRASS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
8517 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLIE M. SHELBY DOCKET NUMBER 78149-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BILLIE M. SHELBY, who died December 23, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BILLIE M. SHELBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

KAITLYN A. SELL, ATTORNEY
P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT TAYLOR, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92046-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES ROBERT TAYLOR, JR., who died on Nov. 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT TAYLOR, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEWELL BROWN, ADMINISTRATRIX
3324 BYINGTON BEAVER RIDGE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD OLIVER THOMSON DOCKET NUMBER 91722-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of EDWARD OLIVER THOMSON, who died August 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF EDWARD OLIVER THOMSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHERINE UMALI
908 SHEVLIN DR.
EL CERRITO, CA 94539

FELICIA F. COALSON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEROY WARFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 78150-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LEROY WARFIELD, who died January 25, 2026, 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 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LEROY WARFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY WARFIELD GUINN
508 UNION AVENUE, UNIT 505
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

WAYNE WYKOFF, ATTORNEY
SUMNER GARLAND, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 31526
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- BID 3712, FLOOR TILE AND RELATED SUPPLIES, Due 4/1/26
- BID 3719, E. BEAVER CREEK DR. WIDENING AND SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION, Due 3/25/26
- BID 3720, RESIDENTIAL LEAD SAFE & HEALTHY HOME SERVICES, Due 3/30/26
- BID 3721, WEST HIGH SCHOOL SECURITY VESTIBULE, Due 3/31/26

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Cedar Bluff Towing. 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 March 16, 2026, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

- 2016 Chevrolet Trax 36NCJKS16L221096 (Clarice Williams / Titlemax of TN, Inc. DBA Titlemax)
- 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 16CRKSE73C2202639 (Margarito Zarate-Castillo / First Help Financial LLC)
- 2008 Scion xB JTLKE50E981048481 (Patricia D. Stansberry / TMX Finance Of TN, Inc. DBA Titlemax)
- 2015 Nissan Pathfinder 5N1AR2MM1FC614044 (Carie Madison / Gateway Financial Solutions)
- 2008 Acura MDX 2HNYD28328H515133 (Ishaiah Sheppard)
- 2010 Kia Forte KNAFU4A23A5055386 (Yonathan Suarez)
- 2015 Nissan NV200 3N6CM0KN8FK716539 (CT Install America LLC)
- 2009 Acura TSX JH4CU26659C021378 (Andrew Alba)
- 2003 Honda Civic 1HGEM22593L018936 (Robert P. Mcneal)
- 2007 Acura MDX 2HNYD28347H534054 (Manuel Cabrera)
- 2014 Nissan Maxima 1N4AA5AP6EC499439 (Miguel Manuel Apolonia / Mina Automotive LLC)
- 2003 Honda Accord 1HGCM82643A005140 (Johnathan Millan Centeno)
- 1996 Honda Accord 1HGCD5630TA140291 (Juan A. Parra)
- 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage ML32A4HJ2E025813 (Kristin / Minnie Pearce)
- 2006 Kawasaki ZX1400 JKBZXA126A007354 (Justin Max Trantham / Dan Max Trantham)
- 2002 Toyota Camry Solara 2T1CE272C005080 (Melissa Mueller)
- 2013 Toyota Avalon 4T1BK1EB5DU033833 (Glenda G. Wilkerson / TMX Finance Of TN, Inc. DBA Titlemax)
- 2005 Buick LaCrosse 264WC53275128957 (Tasha Hicks)
- 2011 Dodge Charger 2B3C11CT9BH588996 (Michael D. Smith / Amy Ford)
- 2004 Toyota Camry 4T1BE32K24U817667 (Rosa Rodriguez)
- 2006 Toyota Matrix 2T1LR30E06C552998 (Cody Glenn / Southern Car Emporium)
- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 16CCE19V52Z308975 (Andrea / Alfredo Matias)
- 2014 Toyota Prius v JTDZ3NEU3EJ015132 (Adam T. Hughes)
- 2017 Chevrolet Sonic 1G1JD5G8H4123087 (Norma J. Whittle / Bridgecrest Acceptance Corp)
- 2015 BMW 328xi WBA3B5G54FNS12270 (Clinton A. Luna)
- 2005 Honda Odyssey 5FNRL387X5B071166 (Jeremy or Darnetha Myers)
- 2003 Honda Pilot 2HKYF18153H531755 (April Troutt or Haley Shipley / TMX Finance Of TN Inc. DBA Titlemax)
- 2017 Kia Sportage KN0PMAC3H7177786 (Jessie L. Pugh / Global Lending Services LLC)
- 2015 RAM Ram 1500 1C6RR7GG7F5S11329 (Heather Callin / Jesse Reyna / Onemain Financial Group LLC)
- 2004 Nissan Maxima 1N4BA41E54C808426 (Doneisha Ramsey / TMX Finance Of TN, INC. DBA Titlemax)
- 1998 Chevrolet Blazer 1GNDT13W1W2291093 (James / Chancey Green)
- 2013 Nissan Rogue JN8AS5MV2DW640221 (Deborah G. Richardson)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Western Avenue Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, 8:00 A.M. at 1404 N. Central St., Knoxville, TN 37917.

'08 ACURA MDX - VIN# 2HNYD28388H523642
'19 NISSAN ALTIMA - VIN# 1N4BL4BV6K228768
'05 LEXUS RX330 - VIN# 2T2GA31U65C034113

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Your Extra Storage at 7144 Clinton Highway, Powell, TN 37849 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Tennessee Code Title 66, Property

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Sale Concerning County Property

Knox County has entered into contracts to sell the parcels of surplus real property below, acquired by Knox County in previous tax sales, via online public auction. Each parcel number is associated with a property description on file at Knox County Procurement.

This property will be sold by Knox County (pending approval of County Commission) absent a bid received from another party within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice which increases the price to be paid for the property by 10% or more. Any such increased bids must be submitted to the Knox County Procurement Division, 1000 North Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 in writing in a sealed envelope identified on the outside referencing a supplemental offer and the parcel number/address of the property by Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Rebids must be signed and include the bidder's contact information with mailing address, phone number, and current email address. Bidders acknowledge by submission of their bid that they are current in their respective Federal, State, County, and City taxes. Bids from bidders who are found to be delinquent will not be considered.

In the case of any increased bids, the original purchaser and any party making an increased bid will be able to appear and make a final offer at a live rebid auction. The rebid auction will take place at 12:00 p.m. Noon, Monday, March 30, 2026 at Powell Auction & Realty, 6729 Pleasant Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN 37921. Knox County maintains the right of refusal on any additional bids based upon best and highest land use. For more information, contact Mandi Benedict, Deputy Director of Knox County Procurement, at (865) 215-5777 or mandi.benedict@knoxcounty.org.

Note: 5% buyer's premium added to all final bids/rebids to establish total contract sales price.

Parcel	Purchaser	Amount
068KA034	Easter	\$39,050.00
069AF007	McClary	\$63,250.00
069EA019	Beaty	\$16,800.00
070MH015	Waters	\$31,050.00
071AD001	Newkoop	\$15,500.00
080LE019	Allen	\$60,050.00
081AA016 & 081AA017	Carrelli	\$52,200.00
081BA005	McCarter	\$10,300.00
081OF044	McCarter	\$17,850.00
081OK013	Benkhayal	\$26,650.00
081OR003	Benkhayal	\$20,050.00
082DH001	McCarter	\$19,450.00
082EG042	Beaty	\$17,050.00
082FM019	Hall	\$25,050.00
082HD023	Quynh	\$27,850.00
082JB035	Kings Plumbing Services	\$25,850.00
082JJ002	Tabares	\$28,050.00
082KG042	Ahmed	\$28,050.00
082KH015	Allen	\$39,950.00
083AH014	Beaty	\$17,150.00
083HJ010	Hudson	\$27,100.00
093CC006	Ball	\$60,150.00
094CM023	McCarter	\$18,250.00
094GB001	Ahmed	\$40,000.00
094HJ009	Paiz	\$9,800.00
109BE016	Seemer	\$57,050.00
109DK018	Guess	\$55,050.00
123HL002	Ferrara	\$28,300.00
123HP028	Ferrara	\$34,300.00
070MH042	Quynh	\$18,550.00
082NJ02401	Cue	\$16,600.00
095CF012	Lewis	\$23,050.00
081OE035	McCarter	\$11,600.00
123BD024	Summitt	\$11,300.00
033037	Cochran	\$1,000.00
121OC017	Wise	\$1,000.00

§ 66-31-105). The sale will be held online at StorageTreasuries.com on 03/20/26 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to additional terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.

Unit G07 – Deborah Waddell

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254 Harry Lane Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37923:
A27 – Jacob Stanford; D02 – Dan Higley / Daniel A. Higley; G12 – Patricia Bower / Patricia Ruth Bower / Patricia R. Bower; G51 – Kevin Caddell / Kevin D. Caddell, KC Autoglass Repair; I40 – Kimberly Christensen; J16 – James Pelter / James Vernon Pelter II; L05 – Sean McGavic; M13 – Kimberly Christensen

4303 E. Emory Road, Knoxville, TN 37938:
D36 – Karla Cabrera; G25 – Jason Banaszewski; H18 – Todd Presley; K12 – Chelsea Strader

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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 March 16, 2026, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2001 Chevrolet Tracker 2CNBJ13C316908567 (Yvette Henry / United Auto Credit Corp)

2007 Nissan Sentra 3N1AB61E27L649813 (Jacob Denault)

2000 Ford F-150 1F7ZF1720YNB04926 (Kathy Richmond)

1999 Dodge Ram 1500 1B7HF16Y0XS111862 (Jacob Denault)

2015 Nissan Altima 1N4AL3AP5FC201446 (Jesus A. Patlan / Cash Express LLC)

2011 Honda CR-V 5J6RE4H7XBL072756 (Benjamin Kolet)