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Early voting starts Wednesday

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There are about 263,918 registered voters in Knox County's nine districts and some 18 offices on the ballot for the May 5th primary. Early voting starts this Wednesday, and voters may choose any precinct to cast their

ballot.

Early voting is open through Thursday, April 30.

There are three new voting locations: the Farragut Community Center at 239 Jamestowne Boulevard, the Firestone Building in front of the EXPO Center at 5523 Clinton Highway, and the

Faithway Baptist Church across from the Halls Senior Center at 4402 Crippen Road.

Existing early voting locations are at the City-County Building, Downtown West, Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points, Meridian Baptist Church, New Harvest Park, Gibbs Ruritan Club, the

Carter Senior Center and the Karns Senior Center.

In general, early voting hours are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The City-County Building has

special hours for Saturday, April 25 (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.), and Meridian Baptist has special hours for Wednesdays (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Thursday, April 23 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Please see D4 in this week's Focus to view early voting locations and sample ballots.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Retiring Seymour Fire Chief John Linsensbiger (right) introduced the new chief, Ted Padgett Jr., to the Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee last week. Padgett will represent his department on the body.

Fire and Technical Rescue Committee elects new officers

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The Knox County Fire and Technical Rescue Committee discussed creating a long-term plan and elected officers last Wednesday.

Brad Anders, executive director of the Knox County Emergency Communications District, was chosen as chairman. Brian Townsend, chief of Knox County Rescue, was chosen as vice chairman, and Colin Ickes of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency was elected as finance committee chair.

Anders and Dwight Van de Vate, Knox County Chief Operating Officer, discussed the county budget, with Van de Vate saying that funding applications are changing. He said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will present his

yearly budget proposal on May 11 at 11 a.m. at Covenant Health Park.

The committee discussed the ongoing and future drought and the increasing carbon monoxide deaths in the nation. Also mentioned was the push for "construction-type" burnings when land is being cleared for use.

Anders said that the committee needs to look at 1-, 2- and 5-year plans to prepare for the population growth. At-Large Commissioner Larsen Jay sat in on the meeting and said the jurisdictions need to work together in planning.

The committee may start the effort when it meets in June.

Anders also said that the 911 Call Center's renovation is almost complete, and the staff may be moving back to the Baxter Street headquarters soon.

Gather ye rosebuds



The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society's 58th Spring Plant Sale will take place on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18. The public sale will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the UT Arboretum at 901 S. Illinois Ave. (Hwy. 62) in Oak Ridge. The society's "Members Only" sale will be on Friday evening, April 17 from 4-7 p.m. Janet Bigelow, president of the UT Arboretum Society, said, "We are deeply grateful to the public for its loyal support of the Arboretum and the Arboretum Society over the years. We invite everyone to come out to the sale and purchase beautiful plants for their gardens this spring."

Narrow strip of property may be zoned multi-family residential

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Vacant land is worth a premium in the city these days, and the fate of such a property, a narrow, hilly piece between Broadway and Bill Williams Avenue, is on the Knoxville City Council's agenda for Tuesday.

Knoxville-Knox County Planning is recommending that the strip of land at 2802 North Broadway be converted from General Commercial and Office to RN-6 Multi-Family Residential.

That proposed zoning change will see a vote, while three other zoning

matters are on the consent list and may all be passed with one vote. Property at 963 World's Fair Park Drive could receive a Historic Overlay and 5419 Jacksboro Pike could change residential zoning from RN-1 to RN-2. Also on the consent list is the council's approval of the 2026 One Year Plan prepared by Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

First District Councilwoman Karyn Adams is sponsoring a vote to approve changes to the Rules of Procedure, with Denzel Grant and Debbie Helsley as joint sponsors.

Three Phase Power LLC may be hired for on-call

electric repairs, installation and upgrades to city-owned facilities for \$50,000 for the year. Edison Electric LLC is also on the agenda for that task for an annual \$150,000. Edison Electric could also get a \$1.45 million contract for the city-wide street lighting and high mast maintenance project. Progression Electric LLC is also designated for the same service agreement at \$200,000 for the year.

The council will also vote on a \$416,184 agreement with Bonitz Inc. for new basketball goals at 12 community center gymnasiums.



Knox County Commission Chair Gina Oster visits with Dr. Robert Moye at the Rural Metro Station 15 in Cedar Bluff late last month for a New Engine Push-In. "There were 55 residents in attendance to push the brand-new engine into Station 15! Our first new engine ever!" Oster told The Focus.

Brief meeting for Knox BOE

By Pete Gawda

The Thursday, April 9 meeting of the Knox County School Board was swift and routine.

After a little discussion for clarification, the board passed on first reading Policy J-190 "Code of Behavior and Discipline." Eleven other policies passed first reading with no discussion. The board also approved several grants and contracts.

Savings from various projects totaling \$8,410,406 were transferred to support the Mechanicsville-Lonsdale-Beaumont Project.

The board approved the School Turnaround Program School Improvement Plan for Northwest Middle School and accepted a petition from Prep Public Schools to terminate the Knoxville Preparatory School Charter School Agreement.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Just War

War is hell. War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueler it is, the sooner it will be over.

Union General William Tecumseh Sherman

I am glad that I had to start over on this essay, which I began before President Trump's deadline for Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz or have their bridges and power plants destroyed. Minutes before 8 p.m. last Tuesday, a two-week ceasefire was agreed upon, which allowed negotiations to continue and the strait to be opened to shipping.

No one in their right mind trusts the apocalyptic, terrorist leaders of Iran, if any credible ones still exist. Reports say the newest ayatollah is in a coma. But apparently, some are above ground and able to agree to a ceasefire brokered by Pakistani representatives.

Some Americans were disappointed that the "day of bridges and power plants" was put on hold. Others were worried we would lose the military advantage by postponing the planned attack. I'm not an expert like the talking heads on TV panels, podcasters or politicians with microphones thrust into their faces. When I was practicing medicine, we joked about an expert being someone 50 miles from home with a PowerPoint presentation. That probably wasn't fair. And it seems to me that we have already won the war with Iran and we're just trying to find a way to not lay waste to a country of 93 million, while ending their quest for nuclear weapons and the ballistic missile program to deliver them. We are also demanding that the Persian Gulf be opened to shipping and that Iran stop

supporting their terrorist proxies. This is certainly a heavy lift, but a noble objective.

Nineteenth-century Prussian general and military theorist Carl von Clausewitz said, "War is the continuation of policy by other means." While that may be true, in a democracy, armies move by political capital as well as by military might. The two-week ceasefire was a political decision rather than a military one and I believe an appropriate good-faith gesture. It will garner political capital and I don't believe it will harm our strategic position.

The phrase "Trust but verify" was made famous by Ronald Reagan in his negotiations with Russia and Gorbachev. Of course, we will be carefully observing the Iranians because few people think they can be trusted. And if a peace treaty cannot be hammered out in two weeks or Iran violates the agreement, I suspect there will be no warning to Iran and devastating consequences will result. Iran will have no time to put human shields on their bridges and around their power plants.

Is there such a thing as a "just war"? Since the time of the Roman statesman Cicero, many luminaries

like St. Augustine, Thomas Aquinas and others have written about the legal, moral, ethical, philosophical and religious justifications for war.

There must be a just cause for war. An obvious example is self-defense. Furthermore, only legitimate authorities can declare war and the ultimate goal should be to promote peace and justice. War should be a last resort and have a reasonable chance of achieving objectives. Combatants should distinguish between military targets and non-combatants. And lastly, military action should not be disproportionate to the stated objectives.

Unfortunately, these guidelines of a just war are often ignored or sometimes lost in the fog of battle. General Sherman justified his march from Atlanta to the coast and then through the Carolinas to end southern citizens' support of the Confederate war machine. Mustard gas was used in World War I. Carpet bombing of cities was used in World War II. And atomic weapons were justified in order to save American soldiers in the invasion of Japan.

In my second career as a writer, I've become a stickler for the precise meaning

of the word tools we use for communicating with others. So, is there a difference between murder and killing? In Exodus 20, God gave humans the Ten Commandments and the sixth explicitly says, "You shall not commit murder." Mr. Webster defines murder as "unlawfully and unjustifiably killing a person." Webster defines killing as to "deprive of life."

With this differentiation, I can lawfully and justifiably kill a rat in my house. But what about an intruder who breaks into my home and threatens me or my family? It would not be murder to defend myself from an intruder. And by analogy, it would not be unethical or illegal to defend one's country or allies from the imminent threat of ballistic missiles eventually carrying a nuclear weapon.

There has been much banter among Democrats and their media mouthpieces about whether Iran, currently in possession of ballistic missiles and their continued efforts to construct a nuclear weapon, poses an "imminent threat" to our country and the world. Webster defines imminent as "ready to take place." Should you wait for the intruder to enter your bedroom? Should we wait for a fanatical terrorist regime

to launch ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads on Israel, Europe or just America before deciding it is an imminent threat?

Iran has been at war with the US and a threat to the world since 1979. Iran and its proxies have killed our military personnel, imprisoned our embassy staff and repeatedly threatened the United States and its neighbors. Sanctions of Iran and bribery with pallets of cash by previous presidents have failed to stop Iran's ongoing, escalating and imminent threats.

Fortunately, we now have a president who will not be deterred by political concerns. President Trump is going to do what is right for the American people and the world and eliminate the imminent threat to the Middle East and the world, whether the feckless Europeans, NATO, the United Nations and Democrats like it or not.

I am dubious that the ceasefire will hold or that the apocalyptic Iranians will negotiate with us in good faith or abide by the terms of the agreement. But we must try. And who knows? Maybe President Trump "saved a civilization from destruction" with a return to negotiation.

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Did You Know Knoxville Once Had A Pro Football Team?

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.

The week before last, I told the story of how I became a batboy and how Earl Weaver became a manager for the Knoxville Smokies. Weaver went on to become a Hall of Fame

manager for the Baltimore Orioles.

I said in that column that I thought there were probably very few, even big sports fans in East Tennessee, who knew Earl Weaver started his managerial career as a playing manager right here.

That column was published the opening week of the baseball season, so I thought it was appropriate to write about baseball. It seems, though, that it is always football season around here, and the Orange and White game was this past Saturday.

There are very few places that can draw as many thousands to an intra-squad football game as Knoxville. But just like there are very few who know about Earl Weaver's connection to Knoxville, I bet there are very few even among local sports fans who know Knoxville once had a professional football team.

They were called the Knoxville Bears, and I thought of them a few months ago when I was at the receiving of friends for one of my longtime good friends, Charlie Severance.

Phil Hatcher came up to me and introduced himself, and I told him I knew who he was and even remembered when he played football. I should have explained that it was when he played for the Bears.

Regular readers of my column know that I am disgusted with the ridiculous salaries in pro sports, and now even the NIL money and almost obscene coaches' salaries in college sports. But there was a time in my life when I was a really big fan of all major sports, and I still sort of reluctantly follow most today. I just don't enjoy it as much.

I had not thought of the Knoxville Bears since about the mid-1960s, but it seems like almost everything is on the internet. After I saw Phil Hatcher, I came home and typed "Knoxville Bears" on my phone. I was amazed at all that was on there.

The statistics for the 1965 season were there and showed a record of seven wins, three losses, and two ties. This was good for second place in their league, not counting a victory in a preseason exhibition game.

The Bears had games against the Jacksonville Robbins, Chattanooga Cherokees, Charlotte Vikings, Orlando Thunderbirds and Columbus Mustangs. The team had 16 players who had played for Tennessee, and others who had played for Purdue, SMU, Kentucky, Mississippi, Memphis State

(as it was then) and others.

The head coach was Bert Rechichar, and the assistant coaches were former Tennessee players, Ray Elkas and Gordon Polofsky. Phil Troutman was the leader on offense, with nine touchdown passes, two rushing touchdowns, and one receiving touchdown. Mallon Faircloth scored six touchdowns, one by a punt return. The leading scorer was kicker Charlie Weaver, who kicked 27 extra points and four field goals.

Some other names that old-time Knoxville fans and Tennessee fans might remember include those mentioned above, plus Lon Herzbrun, Mike LaSorsa, Jim Smelcer, Sonny Payne, Frank Kolinsky, Bryant Jarnigan, and brothers Bo and Martin Shafer.

In this day of football giants, with many linemen over 350 pounds, most of the Bears were between 200 and 225, with the lightest being Troutman at 180 and the heaviest being Tom Johnson at 270.

Any mention of Charlie Severance brings to mind possibly the most famous play in Tennessee football history when he, Bill Majors and Wayne Grubb stopped the great running back for LSU, Billy Cannon, at the goal line to save a 14-13 victory for the Vols on Nov. 7, 1959.

LSU had come into Knoxville with a 13-game winning streak, and they were the national champions the

year before. The two-point extra points had also just been added in 1958, and Cannon was on his way to winning the Heisman Trophy as the greatest college football player.

Charlie said over the years he must have had at least 200,000 people tell him they were at that game, but the official attendance was only a little over 47,000. I was one who was actually there. I was 12 and sold programs at the games.

Kids did not get nearly as many clothes as they do now. My Dad had taken me downtown and had bought me a brand new winter coat, light gray in color. I was very proud of that coat. After I sold my programs, I got to sit with Daddy because, for some reason, Mama did not come to that game as she usually did.

The mother of Joe Schaffer, from Cincinnati, sat right behind us and smoked throughout the game, which was not uncommon then. At one point, she dropped some ashes and burned a hole in my new coat. I could not say anything to her, but I remember it even after all these years.

Charlie and Phyllis Severance were always two of my favorite people. Everyone loves Phyllis, and one year I recommended her and she was named Statesman of the Republican Party in Tennessee. I will always be grateful to her for the work she did in some of my campaigns.



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Guest Editorial

Justin Biggs reflects on a successful first term, commits for the 'long haul'

When I first took office as your Trustee, I made a commitment to do things differently—to be accessible, accountable, and focused on real results for the people of Knox County.



By Justin Biggs
Knox Co. Trustee

that goes directly back into our community—supporting schools, infrastructure, and essential services.

We've also taken a responsible, forward-thinking approach to managing taxpayer dollars. By growing our investment portfolio from \$2 million to \$50 million, we've generated more than \$40 million in interest for the Knox County General Fund. That's money working for you—without

raising taxes.

But for me, this job has never just been about numbers. It's about people.

That's why we expanded our mobile office program—taking government out into the community and meeting people where they are. Whether it's visiting disabled veterans, senior citizens, or mobility-limited residents, our team is helping neighbors sign up for tax relief, understand available programs, and even make payments without ever stepping foot in an office.

Because access matters. And no one in Knox County

should be left behind.

We've also worked to strengthen our local economy. By bringing Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) to Knox County, we became just the second county in Tennessee to launch this program—attracting new business, creating jobs, and expanding our tax base in a smart, sustainable way.

At the same time, we've protected those who need it most. By working with our legislators in Nashville, we increased the tax freeze eligibility threshold

from \$41,000 to \$61,920—allowing more senior citizens and disabled veterans to benefit from this critical program. As a result, participation has grown from 9,347 to over 11,000 residents during my first term.

And through it all, we've maintained one of the highest collection rates in the state—consistently at 99%.

That kind of success doesn't happen by accident. It comes from a dedicated team—people who live here, work here, and care deeply about this community. Every member of my staff is a Tennessee

resident, committed to serving Knox County with integrity and professionalism every single day.

Public service should be about service—not stepping stones. It should be about showing up, doing the work, and staying focused on the people you were elected to serve.

That's exactly what I've done—and what I'll continue to do.

Knox County deserves leadership that is present, proven, and committed for the long haul.

And I'm just getting started.

Should county funds be limited to legal residents?

By Mike Steely
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Three commissioners have submitted resolutions for the Knox County Commission's April agenda that seek to change how county funds are used, where guns are permitted, and which students are admitted to public schools.

Seventh District Commissioner Rhonda Lee wants a discussion of a proposed state law dealing with school boards and the admission of non-documented students. The school board has voted 6-3 to continue funding education for all students. The motion was deferred from last October by a majority vote of the commissioners.

Commissioners Andy Fox, District 9, and Angela Russell, District 5, have several resolutions up for first readings on the agenda. One deals with "Defined Service Contracts" with non-profits, or how county grants are allocated. Also postponed from last October, the resolution would place several requirements on nonprofits that apply for county funds. One proposed requirement calls for the executive director of the organization to give a sworn statement that "no funds of the organization are used to benefit any person or persons residing in, staying in, or visiting Knox County while in violation of United States immigration laws."

The two commissioners

also have a proposed ordinance that would limit how hotel occupancy taxes are used by the county, and Fox has a proposal recognizing the right to use self-defense on county-owned property, dealing with carrying a firearm on those properties. That proposal was deferred from February.

Fox also has an ordinance on the agenda creating requirements and limitations on data centers in Knox County.

The Rules Committee is requesting a deadline for drafts of commissioner-sponsored agenda items.

Chairwoman Gina Oster has a resolution to have the Knox County Sheriff's Victims Assistance Fund

receive Victims Assistance Assessment funds from the Knox County Bridge to Safety Program. That program will be the topic of a presentation by Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond to the commission this month.

The commission meets to review the agenda on Monday, April 20, and in full session the following Monday, April 27.

This month, the commissioners may vote to approve a gift of \$1.2 million from the Morgan Wallen Foundation for upgrades to Gibbs High School athletics. They plan to name seven people to the Board of Equalization, with interviews set for Monday and the selections set for the following week.

KNOX REPUBLICAN PARTY STATEMENT CONCERNING CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Recently, persons, groups of persons, or organizations have declared their "endorsement" of specific candidates entered in elections in the upcoming Knox County Republican Party primaries. Some of these persons hold or convey the name "Republican" in their endorsements.

The Knox County Republican Party, whose leadership has been elected by qualified Republicans residing in Knox County, is the only Republican organization in Knox County that is created by and sanctioned by the Tennessee Republican Party.

The Knox County Republican Party DOES NOT ENDORSE candidates who are running for election in its primaries. It is prohibited from doing so in the state party bylaws.

The Knox Republican Party encourages Knox Republicans to become informed as to candidate platforms and positions on the various important issues so that the best candidate may be elected in the upcoming primary to be held on May 5, 2026.

Martin Daniel
Chairman, Knox County Republican Party

Unusual places to visit

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

I've been thinking recently of the many places my wife and I have visited that have left a memory. I had a position for several years that required me to travel

to various southern states and, on those trips, my wife accompanied me.

We visited all the places you might expect, but some places are little-known and worth a mention.

So, here are some interesting places in several surrounding states you might consider, especially if you are in those areas.

The Jefferson Davis State Historic Site in Fairview, Kentucky, near Hopkinsville on Highway 68, caught our eyes from the road. Rising out of the trees ahead was what looked like

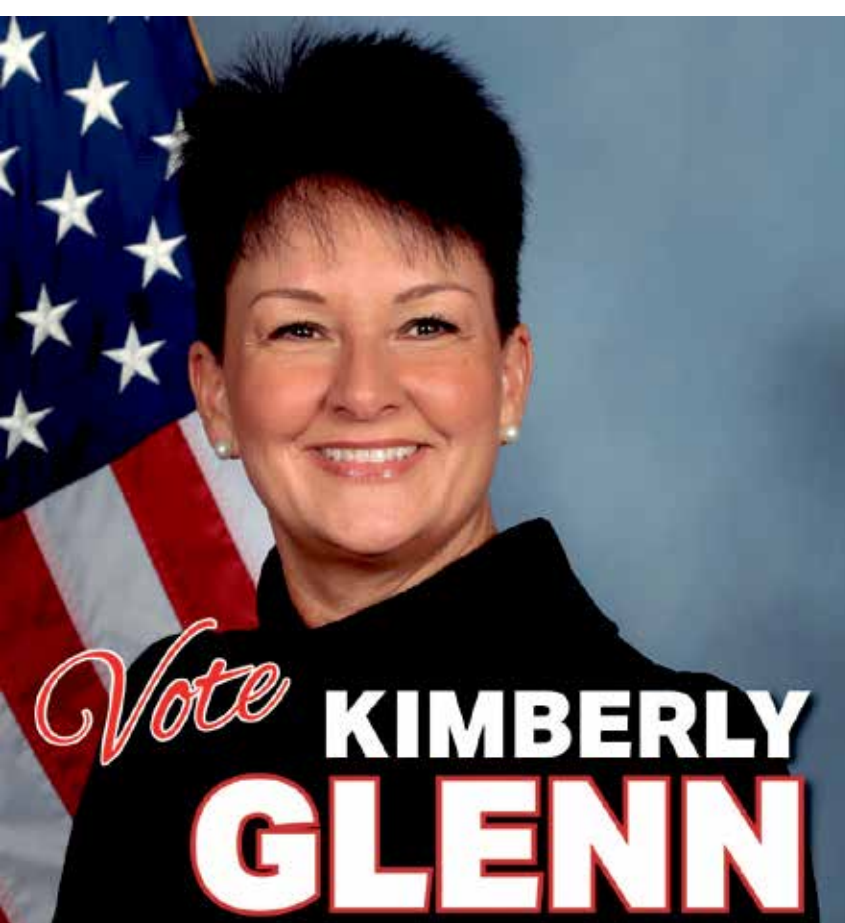
the Washington Monument in the District of Columbia. We just had to stop and see what it was.

The white obelisk stands 351 feet in tribute to the confederacy's only president, who was, like Lincoln, a Kentucky native. The park there has a museum, playground and shelters.

Another Kentucky park we've visited is Carter Caves State Resort Park, with tours, camping, a museum and shelters. One of the caves there has what is believed to be the grave
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The Jefferson Davis monument looks strikingly like the Washington monument and honors the first and only president of the Confederate States of America. It's located near Hopkinsville in Western Kentucky.



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It's Dogwood Season!

The Garden Side of the Fountain City Trail begins on Historic Gibbs Drive, the definition of a story-book neighborhood, noted since the early 1920's for its double row of pink dogwoods. With its linear street pattern, broad sidewalks, and spacious façade lawns, this Historic Neighborhood District reflects the characteristics of an early streetcar and automobile suburb in Knoxville. The houses are mainly Craftsman in style, but all are unique, featuring bungalows, Minimal Traditional, and four squares, an outstanding example of the early twentieth-century trend away from elaborate Victorian-era styles to a more simplified appearance.

Stone columns mark the entrance to another historic neighborhood, Harrill Hills, which dates back to the early 1920s and is an interesting mix of architectural styles, including everything from stone cottages to mid-century ranchers. This charming neighborhood enjoys lots of mature trees with beautiful gardens around every corner.

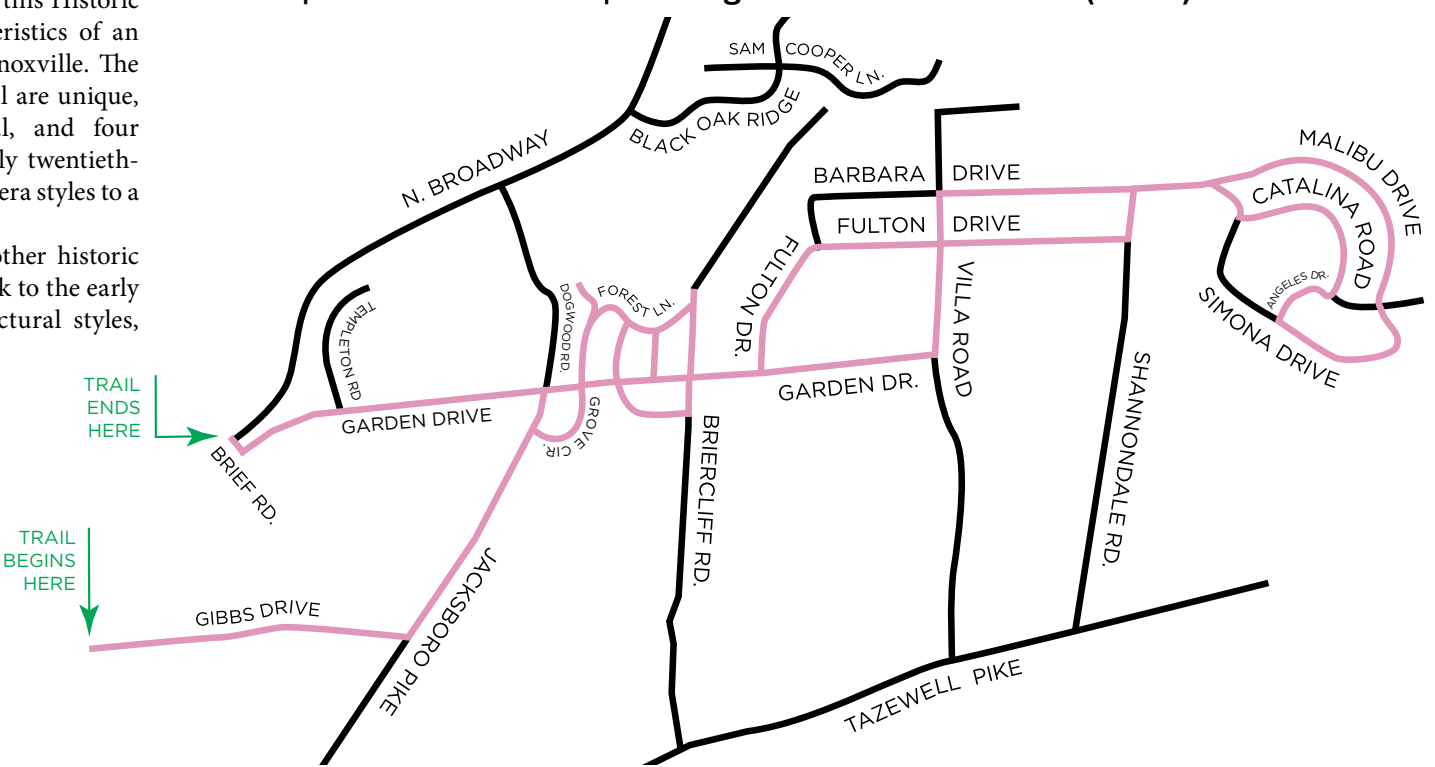
Colorful plantings of mature azaleas, perennials and wildflowers are abundant along Garden Drive, Dogwood, Crestwood and Briarcliff roads.

The trail climbs halfway up the steep side of Black Oak Ridge to enter Beverly Acres, where handsome houses blend into their forest setting and acid-loving azaleas flourish in the rich woodland loam. You might catch a glimpse of a lovely "weeping dogwood," which is unique to the Knoxville area. Its slender, pliant branches sweep down from the top of the trunk. Wherever it chooses to grow, a weeping dogwood must be left undisturbed; it cannot be transplanted.

The route continues across Broadway at Hotel onto the panoramic side of the trail.

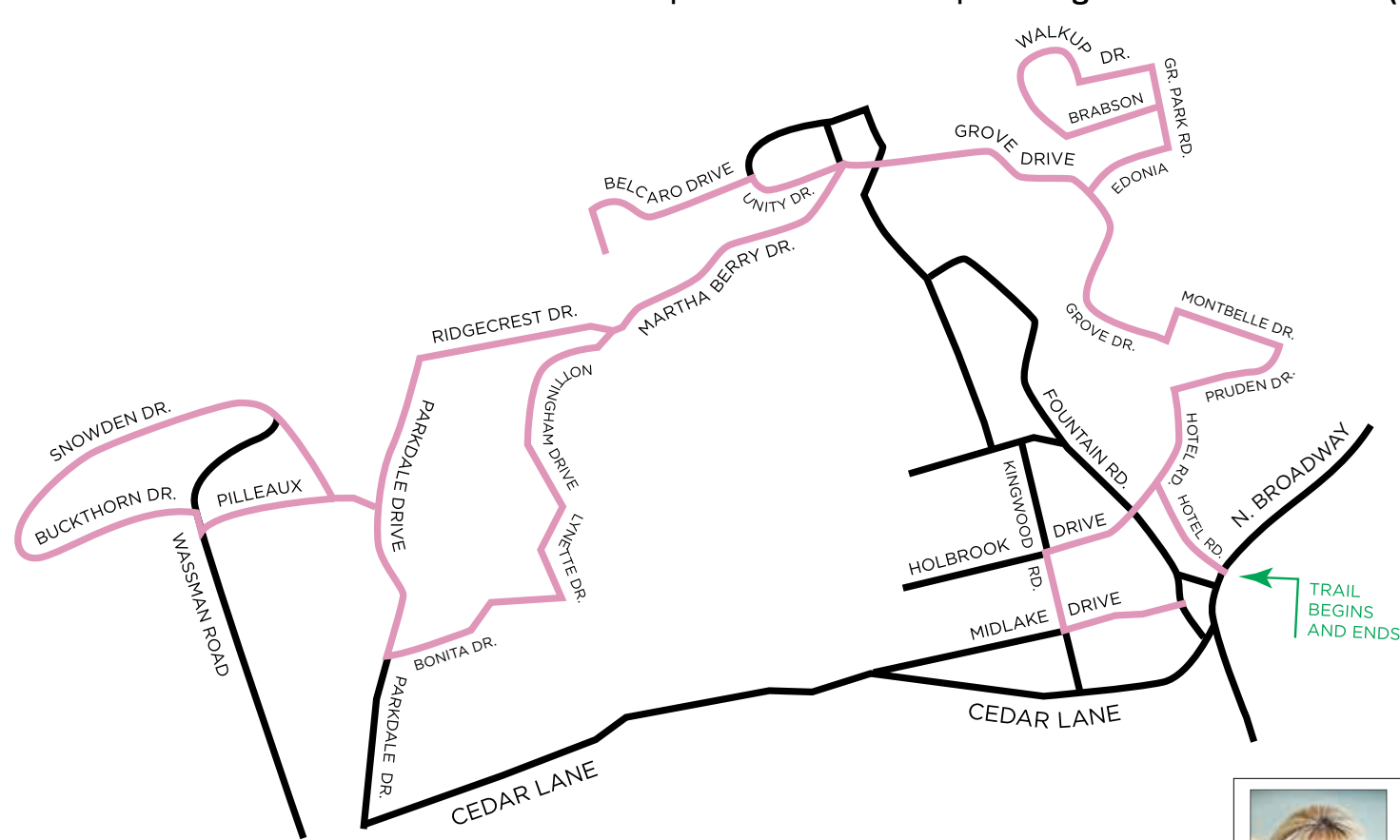
FOUNTAIN CITY EAST

5.5 Miles | Established in 1957 | Trail begins at 2800 Gibbs Drive (37918)



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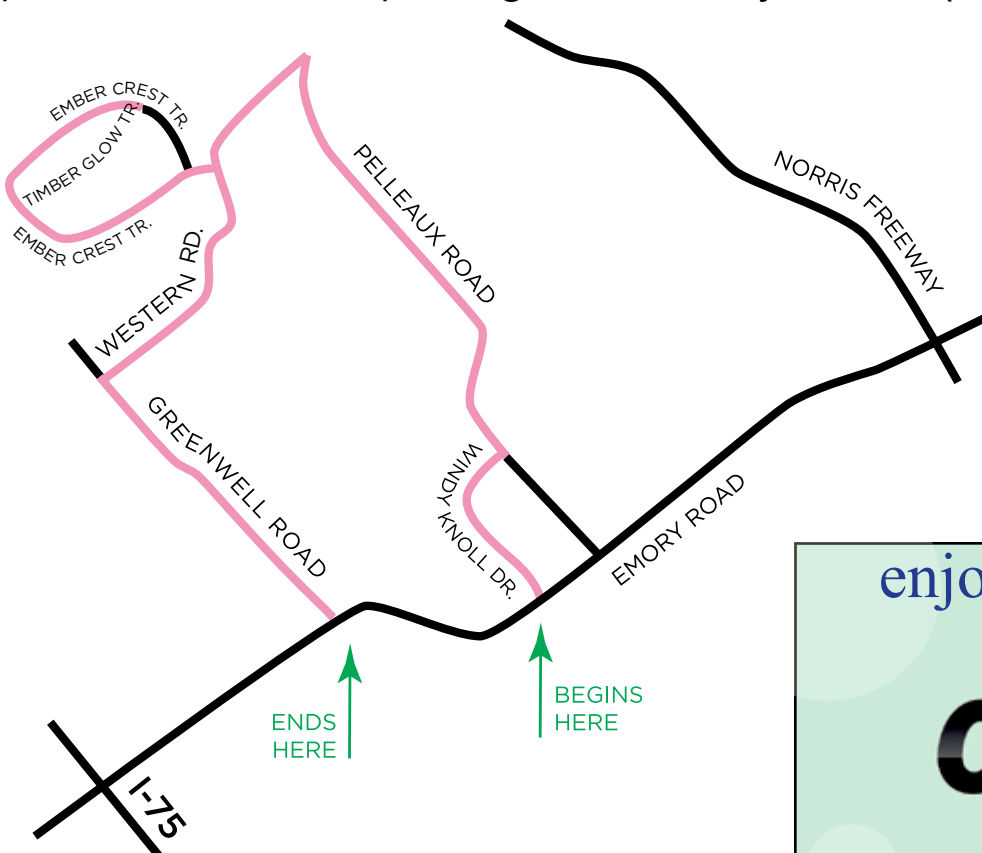
8.9 Miles | Established in 1957 | Trail Begins at 100 Hotel Road (37918)



The panoramic side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail begins and ends in an historic area. Fountain City Park, located on the right, is a community favorite. A clear spring, for which Fountain City is named, bubbles out of a steep cliff of solid rock behind the park. The trail is abundant with pink and white dogwoods as it meanders up the hillside to offer a first glimpse of a panoramic view from Black Oak Ridge across the city to the distant Smoky Mountains. The route skirts the western brow of Black Oak Ridge, where charming homes framed by dogwoods continue into a heavily wooded valley, known as Sherwood Forest. Enjoy another look at those panoramic views of the mountains before winding down from the heights of the ridge to the early-day resort and popular Fountain Lake.

HALLS/TIMBERLINE

3.6 Miles | Established in late 1970s | Trail Begins at 7400 Windy Knoll Drive (37938)



The Halls/Timberline trail begins on Windy Knoll Dr. in the Meadowcrest neighborhood just off busy Emory Road and then winds through the beautiful Halls countryside to Timberline Estates.

Developed in 1979, this community was designed with the vision that every tree possible would be spared during the construction phase. Located north of Knoxville and in the foothills of the Clinch mountains, the beautiful site was abundant with native Tennessee flowering dogwood trees.

Timberline, together with the access roads, Greenwell and Pelleaux, represented Dogwood Arts' first trail outside Knoxville's city limits. Due to its strong support of Bazillion Blooms,

Dogwood Arts' annual tree-planting campaign, which began in 2009, this peaceful neighborhood has added hundreds of blooming trees to the trail.

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Happy Spring!

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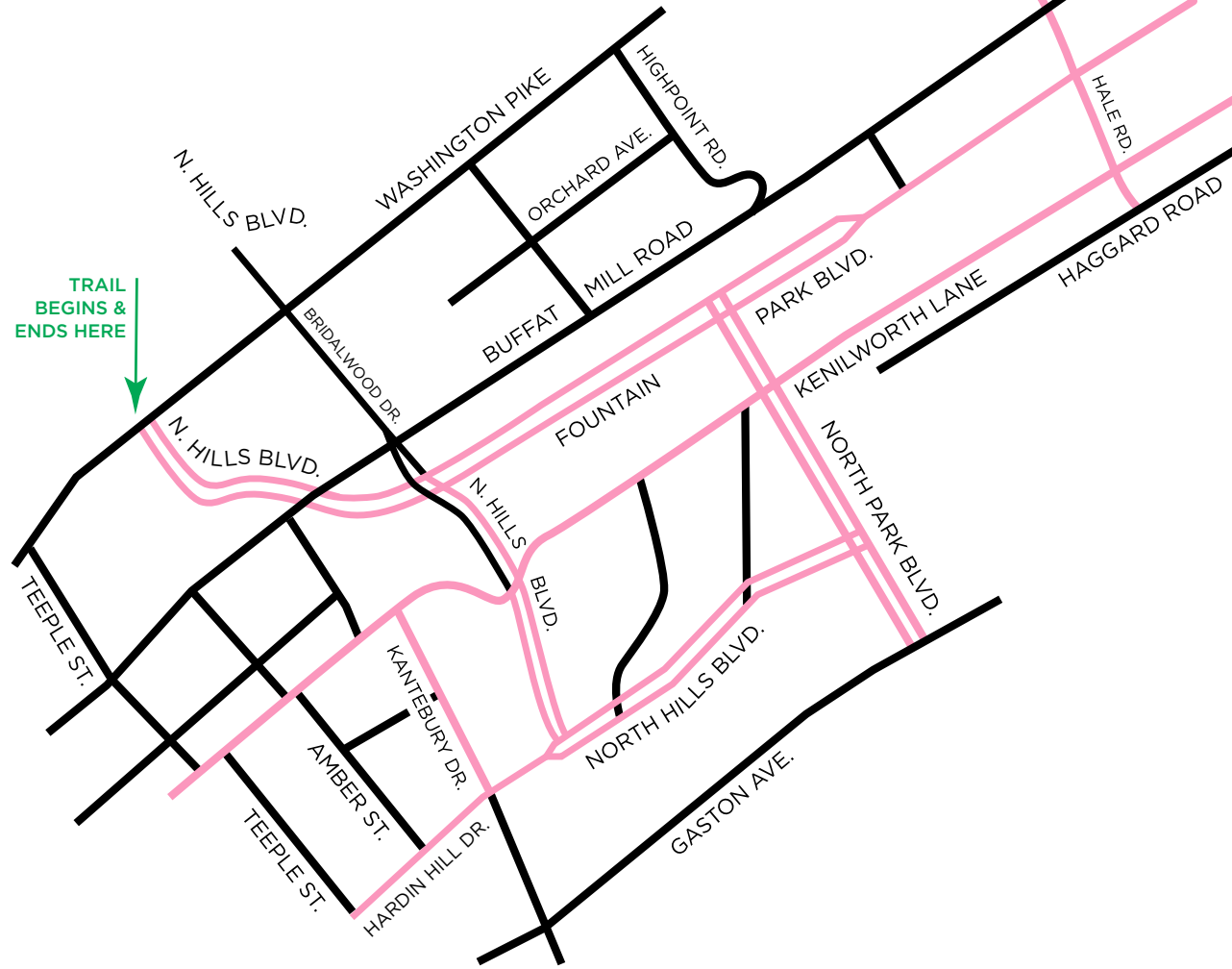
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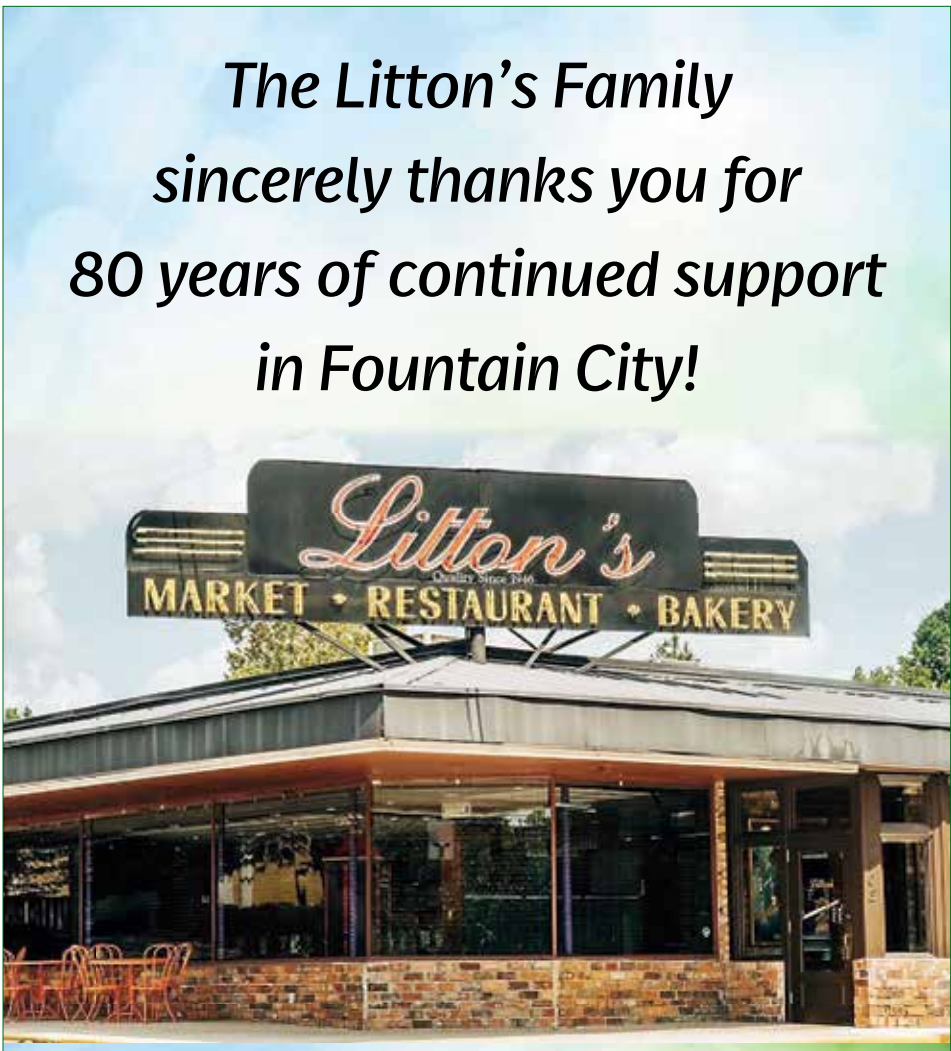
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From its beginning in 1927, North Hills has been a unique one-of-a-kind setting for classic homes. The original 185-acre tract was developed by George, Carl and Hugh Fielden into approximately 250 residential lots for custom-built homes. Since the neighborhood was approximately 2 miles from the streetcar line on 6th Avenue, the North Hills Corporation ran a private bus service for neighborhood families until the city provided a similar service. By 1928, 43 homes were built, and restrictive covenants were established to protect the

area's characteristics. Under those restrictions, homes of Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Foursquare, Spanish Colonial Revival, Bungalow, Italian Renaissance, English Cottage, Neoclassical, and Minimal Traditional were built. Most of the homes include brick, marble, stucco, and other Tennessee native stone in their construction. The first home was the brick Colonial-Revival styled two-story at 1929 North Hills Blvd. The North Hills Garden Club was established in 1932 and remains an active partner in the neighbor-

hood today. The North Hills Dogwood Trail and neighborhood gardens attract much interest during the annual Dogwood Arts spring celebration. In 2008, about 130 homes and 50 acres along the three boulevards were designated a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. As a Level 1 Arboretum, the neighborhood, boulevards, and park exhibit a great diversity of trees, with over 40 labeled species of trees and more than 400 individual trees in the arboretum. The Flowering Dogwoods (Cornus

florida), a primary symbol of Knoxville and focus of a spring city-wide festival, lead the count with over 200 individuals. Other common tree species include oak, hickory, maple, redbud, elm, crape myrtle and magnolia, and the arboretum also contains many labeled shrub species. The North Hills Garden Club and the city's urban forestry program continue to add to the total number and diversity of trees. Also located in North Hills is a tree sanctuary recognized by the state with a collection of all the native magnolias.



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Unusual places to visit

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of a Native American princess. The park is located near Olive Hill off Highway 182.

Micanopy, Florida, is just south of Gainesville and is a pleasant small town that is often overlooked. But if you are a fan of Michael J. Fox and have seen his movie, "Doc Hollywood," you will enjoy seeing the sites that appeared in that memorable movie. The town is just off I-75 along Highway 441.

Just south of Huntsville, Alabama, is the Ave Maria Grotto, on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey in the town of Cullman. A walk through the grounds is inspiring and interesting with a landscaped hillside that holds 128 miniature houses and buildings of stone and cement. A monk created the models over the course of 50 years, beginning in 1891.

You don't have to be Catholic to appreciate the craftsmanship and devotion that goes into such an unusual project.

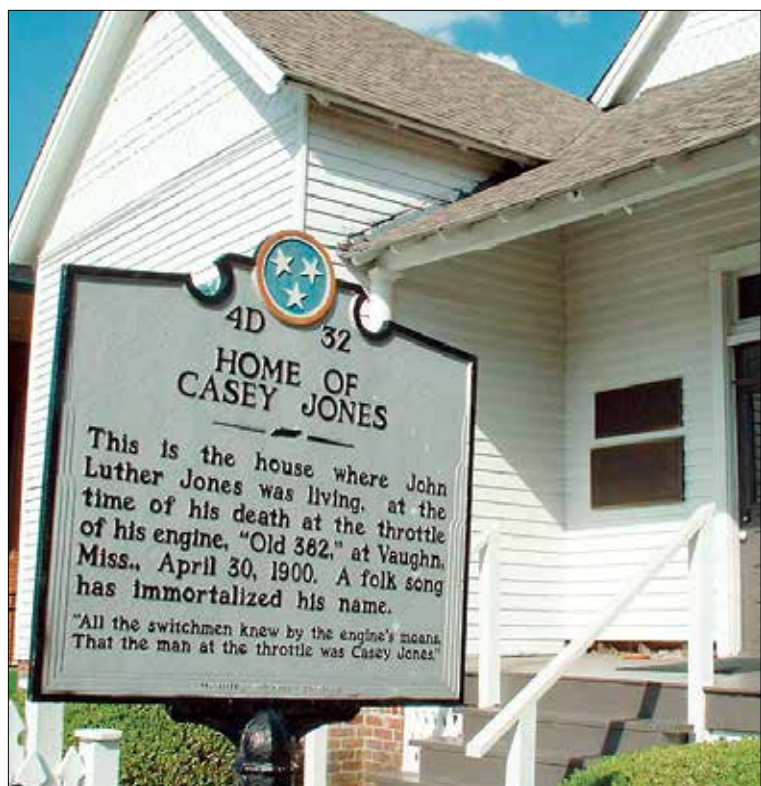
West Virginia's The Greenbrier hotel is located in White Sulphur Springs, east of Beckley along Interstate 64. The upscale hotel has a fine restaurant, well-cared-for lawns, expensive rooms, and a courteous staff. The hotel has a secret beneath the large building: an emergency shelter for our nation's Congress, complete with bunks, a dining hall, and even an assembly room. The shelter's construction ended in 1962, and its existence remained a secret until 1992. Today, it's open to visitors and worth a stop.

Plains, Georgia, is the late Jimmy Carter's hometown. The small town has many attractions dedicated to the late president, such as the Jimmy Carter

National Historic Park, a neat little downtown with a museum in his childhood school building, his boyhood home, and the final resting place for Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. Plains is located west of Americus on Highway 280.

The Casey Jones Village and Museum is in Jackson, Tennessee, the home of the railroad engineer whose tragic collision was captured in a song. Casey Jones Village attractions in Jackson include a museum, a gift shop and a family restaurant that serves tasty food. The complex is located just off Interstate 40 at the Highway 45 exit.

These places are special places for a family to visit, different than most commercial attractions or parks. Each is worth a trip as a destination or a side trip while you're on your way through that area.



The Casey Jones home and village in Jackson, Tn. features a museum, buildings and a good family restaurant. It's just off Highway 40 and makes for a quick visit when you're in west Tennessee.



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Getting to know Steven Goodpaster

By Mike Steely
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If you don't know Steven M. Goodpaster of Powell, you'll hear about him. The Sevier County native is an emerging Knox County leader and is nicknamed "The General." The Knoxville Focus caught up with the Knox County Ethics Committee member and family man.

We asked Goodpaster several questions and here are his replies:

How did you end up in Knoxville?

If there's one thing I know, it's that the mountains provide comfort and contentment. As my graduate studies at the University of Florida neared completion, my wife and I knew we wanted to grow our family among the beauty of East Tennessee. In many ways, it was a return home to my Sevier County roots. I'm proud to be a Sevier County High School Smoky Bear.

Knoxville is a wonderful place to live, work and play. It has a dynamic economic base, benefits from the tremendous

intellectual horsepower in Oak Ridge, and is a genuinely welcoming community. For nearly 15 years, we've been blessed to live in Broadacres and be part of the Powell community.

You attended Berea College in Kentucky. Tell us about that.

Berea College is the most magical place on the planet. Established in 1855, it was the first interracial and coeducational college in the South. Its founders and supporters created a model that allows students of great academic promise and limited financial means to learn and thrive. Berea doesn't just change lives; it changes family trees.

The college has a strong focus on the Appalachian region, and its work-study program allows students to contribute meaningfully to help keep operating costs low. That model, combined with a well-managed endowment, supports the majority of the institution's operations.

As always, Berea continues to lead and innovate. It has recently developed a

hydroelectric system that offsets a significant portion of campus energy use, and with additional sustainability efforts like LEED certification on many buildings and carbon sequestration across its 9,000-acre forest—the college is working toward becoming carbon negative.

Berea encouraged me to be fully myself, to try new things and stretch my horizons. While there, I designed and secured approval of an independent minor in Real Estate and created a labor position as an assistant to the Vice President of Business Administration. In that role, I conducted complex real estate research and assisted in managing the college's commercial, agricultural, park land, and residential holdings. There is so much more I could say. I encourage anyone to visit the Boone Tavern, tour the campus, connect with students and faculty, or hike the Pinnacle trails. They'll be thankful they did.

As an immensely proud alum, I remain deeply grateful to those who made my



Goodpaster and his wife, Jennifer, met in college and the Powell couple has two children. Steven Goodpaster is an emerging Knox County leader and Ethics Committee member.

experience possible.

Tell us about your family.

I'm the son of Donald and Patricia Goodpaster—parents who love me dearly. My family's story traces from Europe and

Scandinavia down the Shenandoah Valley to East Tennessee, and later northward into Kentucky and Indiana.

My wife, Jennifer, and I met in our early college

years and have been married nearly 25 years. We have two wonderful children who continue to make us proud, and two rescue dogs who keep us busy and

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The Old Days with Stitches

I ran across a new comedian on YouTube. His schtick covered games children played years ago. That fired my memories about those things that we used to do for fun or amusement back in my childhood. Some of those activities were absurd, while others were downright dangerous. The fact that we survived them is a miracle.

Most of our games were played outside. They involved certain levels of personal pain. One involved taking turns smacking each other on the underside of the forearms. Players would lick their index and middle fingers; then they would make contact with those forearms in a whipping type of motion. Players took turns



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striking each other until welts appeared. The loser was the player who "cried uncle" and ended the game. The winner received nothing more than bragging rights.

A similar game was played by punching another's upper arm. This occurred when

two persons said the same thing. The first one to utter, "Jinks," was allowed to hit the other. In another version, one player would draw attention to the "okay" symbol he'd made with his fingers. If the person looked at the symbol, his opponent could hit him on the arm. The key was to wipe the arm with the hand after punching. Not doing this gave license to the other person to return the punch. If the person saw the symbol and

could stick a finger inside the "O" formed by the hand, he became the puncher.

I've seen some males arm-wrestling on top of desks. Wiry-built teens could sometimes defeat muscle-bound opponents, but most of the time, the bigger guy won the match. I have also watched as one teen's forearm snapped during a contest.

As goofy teenagers, we always were finding ways to pinch, twist, and backhand parts of our buddies' bodies. Times were especially dangerous for those boys who failed to keep their heads on a swivel to detect friends who meant them harm.

One dangerous thing we did was pop another's back. A strong guy would stand behind a person and pick him up. While holding him, the boy would suddenly lift up and then down. The ensuing

sounds of cracking backs sent shivers through those who watched. It's possible that those back-breaking games contributed to the bad backs with which we had to deal in later years.

My brother Jim and I decided to play a game of stretch one summer. One of us would toss a pocketknife toward the ground that was supposed to stick in the ground. Then we would have had to step to the place where the knife was located. If the knife didn't stick in the ground, the thrower would lose his turn. We played several games, and when they ended, Jim and I both reached for the knife. He got there first; my right wrist arrived a split second later. I looked at it and saw a gash. Our game had turned into one that ended in stitches and a loss of summer activities for several weeks.

We boys did plenty of dumb and dangerous things during those summers. The summer vacations included stitches, abrasions, bruises, and bug bites. We had no air conditioning, so the yard, the woods, or the fields were cooler places to spend time. Under the shade of a giant water maple is where we played many of those games. Today's children will never have the same dangers because most of them stay inside as they play on game systems or computers. Too many of them couldn't play outside because their homes were built on postage-stamp-sized lots with minimal green space. Yes, today's children are much safer, but they have fewer adventures and not near as much social interaction. I'll take the old days with stitches.

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By Justin Pratt,
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across the continental United States, it would stretch from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Yet, what is interesting is that for all of its size and presence, it produces no light of its own. Not one single ray or flicker. Every glow we see from our Earth is borrowed.

As the world watches lunar exploration with renewed interest, NASA's Artemis program reminds us again of the moon's quiet role in the cosmos. While engineers study it, astronauts prepare for it, and nations compete to reach it, amid our fascination, one truth remains unchanged: the moon is only a reflector. No generation of light. It was designed that way.

Its surface, composed of rock, dust and metal, is not inherently radiant. It is cold, dark and lifeless on

its own. However, when the sun's light strikes it, something remarkable happens. It reflects. It refracts. It turns borrowed brilliance into something that lights up our night sky, guides travelers, marks seasons and even pulls the oceans in rhythmic tides. From the dawn of God's marvelous creation, the moon does not strive to generate light; it simply positions itself to receive it. That design is not accidental. It is instructive. Because in many ways, we are the same.

We live in a social media-driven culture that often demands self-generated brilliance. "Be your own light, create your own truth,

and manufacture your own identity" seems to be the buzzword of the day. The pressure is relentless to shine, to stand out, to prove that what's inside us is enough to illuminate the darkness around us. Let's be honest, we know better. Left to ourselves, we are far more like the moon than the sun. We are finite. We are flawed. We are inconsistent. Capable of great things, yes, but not self-sustaining sources of true, lasting light. We often try, we strive to, but come short and burn out.

Remember, we were never designed to be the source of light. John 1:5 clearly reveals to us that "God is light." Jesus, in agreement, because He was God in the flesh, testified of Himself in John

8:12, "I am the light of the world." Because Jesus is light, we, as people of faith, are designed to reflect His light. Just as the moon turns its face toward the sun, our lives were intended to be oriented toward something greater, toward God Himself. When His presence shine into us, it doesn't stop there; it reflects outward. It touches others. It illuminates dark spaces we could never light on our own.

From the dawn of creation until this day, the moon has never competed with the sun. It never attempts to replace it. It simply reflects it so well that in the darkest hours of the night, people can still see clearly. Imagine if we lived that way. Not striving

to be the source, but only committed to reflecting it. Not drawing attention to ourselves, but to the One who gives us The Light. Not exhausting ourselves trying to glow in our own power, but faithfully positioning ourselves in alignment to receive and redirect what was never ours to begin with.

The world doesn't need more self-made light. It just needs better reflections properly aligned. And maybe, just maybe, as spaceships rise and humanity once again fixes its gaze and attention on that distant, glowing sphere we call the moon, we would do well to remember: its greatest impact is not found in what it is made of, but in what it reflects.

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Correction

In April 6 edition of The Focus, Pete Gawda's story "The Eugenia Williams House to open Saturday," incorrectly stated the schedule for tours. Knoxville Walking Tours will manage tours inside the estate on Thursdays and Saturdays, and the grounds will be open to the public on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, architect John Fanz Staub's name was misspelled. We apologize for the errors.

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The Gentleman From Georgia

E. E. 'Gene' Cox

Pages from the Past



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Edward Eugene Cox represented Georgia's Second Congressional District for more than 25 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. In time, Cox would become one of the most powerful members of Congress. Those who knew him well described the fiery Georgian as "fearless," "forthright and outspoken," as well as one who "despised any form of hypocrisy, sham and pretense." Strong-minded and an able orator, E. E. "Gene" Cox could have served as a prototype for the ideal Southern congressman of this time.

Unlike many of his colleagues from Georgia and the South, Cox was not a follower of Franklin Roosevelt and by and large, he was an opponent of the New Deal. Profoundly conservative at heart, Gene Cox became a leader of the formidable coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives.

Born near Camilla, Georgia, on April 3, 1880, Gene Cox was educated in the public schools and attended Mercer University, where he earned both undergraduate and law degrees. Cox commenced the practice of law after he graduated from Mercer University, but it was not long before he found his true calling. Just two years out of law school, Cox was elected mayor of Camilla in 1904 at age 24. E. E. Cox served two years as mayor, but his interest in politics was as intense as ever. He attended the Democratic National Convention that nominated William Jennings Bryan to make the last of his three campaigns for the presidency in 1908.

When Circuit Court Judge Frank Park won a special election for Congress, E. E. Cox was appointed to take his place. Cox was elected to retain his judicial post and remained in office until 1916, when he abruptly resigned to run against Frank Park for Congress. Despite waging a hard-fought campaign, Gene Cox lost the Democratic primary. Cox, out of office, returned to his law practice but remained politically active.

Sensing the time was right, Cox announced he would make yet another bid for Congress in 1924. This time, Cox was successful in ousting the aging Congressman Park, who died shortly after the election. It was the first of 13 successful campaigns for Congress and Gene Cox would remain in Congress for the rest of his life.

Like so many others of his generation and colleagues, Cox was usually referred to as "judge" rather than congressman. It seemed the favored honorific of many, especially in the South.

Taking office on March 4, 1925, Gene Cox worked hard for his district and quickly established a record of effective constituent service. There were occasional rumblings about Cox and nepotism, and it was said at one time or another that there were nine relatives on his Congressional payroll. The charges did little to damage his reputation inside the Second Congressional District and Cox was responsible for the appointment of the first female page in the House of Representatives, although it certainly involved nepotism. Cox's daughter, Gene,

became the first female page in 1939.

A member of the powerful House Rules Committee, Gene Cox soon accumulated enough seniority to influence legislation in that body. Staunchly conservative and oftentimes antagonistic to much of the New Deal under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gene Cox helped to form a coalition between conservative Southern Democrats and Republicans. Even though Cox was not the chairman of the Rules Committee, many believed him to be the single most influential member of the committee due to his prominence inside the coalition of Democrats and Republicans.

The chairman of the House Rules Committee was Adolph Sabath, who represented the Jewish west side district of Chicago and had been in Congress since 1907. Sabath was not considered an especially effective chairman and recognized Cox's influence on the committee. The late Robert V. Remini, a former historian of the U.S. House of Representatives, told an amusing story in his book on the House about the wily Sabath and Gene Cox. The coalition had been quite successful in blocking consideration of bills they opposed, and when Congressman Cox declared he intended to move a resolution through the Rules Committee to allow its membership to call up bills that the Chairman was against, Adolph Sabath was aghast.

Chairman Sabath immediately begged Cox not to bring up his resolution, claiming that if it passed the committee, it would kill him. "I don't care," Cox airily replied.

Sabath then promptly fell out of his chair and sprawled on the floor.

"Oh, my God! I've killed him!" the stunned Cox cried.

The ailing Sabath was gingerly carried to another room and tenderly placed on a sofa by committee members, who hurried off in search of a doctor. Congressman Clarence Brown of Ohio, a Republican, remained beside the apparently unconscious Sabath,



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Congressmen E.E. "Gene" Cox of Georgia (left) and Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois (right) apologizing after a fist fight on the floor of the House in 1949.

who finally began to revive. Sabath's eyes flew open, and it slowly began to dawn upon Brown that the chairman was faking it.

"Why, you old rascal!" Brown chortled.

Sabath smiled and pointed out that Gene Cox hadn't introduced his resolution after all.

The Chicago congressman and the fiery Georgian once disagreed so violently that they came to blows. When Sabath denounced the coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans, Cox jumped to his feet and called the 83-year-old chairman a liar. For good measure, Cox, who was then 69 years old, punched Sabath, knocking off his glasses. Congressmen quickly separated the two, and apologies were soon forthcoming from both of them.

Cox's temper frequently got the better of him, and physical altercations with the high and the low were not uncommon for the Georgia congressman. A member of the Workers' Alliance who was highly critical of Cox for opposing a \$150 million relief bill screamed that the people of Georgia "would remember it at the next election." Gene Cox then drew back and slapped the man across the face, snarling, "Remember that, too."

One heckler in Boston sniffed that he couldn't be bothered with shaking hands with "cheap little politicians" and was slapped so hard by Cox that he fell to his knees.

Cox's rhetoric frequently matched both his personality and his one-time red hair, and he once warned labor leader John L. Lewis and his "communistic cohorts" to stay away from Georgia. Congressman Cox told Lewis that Georgia would not stand for another invasion by carpetbaggers, especially one that flew "under the red banner of Soviet Russia."

Congressman Cox lambasted the Roosevelt administration's proposed wage and hour bill, violently denounced FDR's attempt to pack the U.S. Supreme Court, damned numerous bills designed

to aid organized labor, as well as the conduct of the Federal Communications Commission, which led to the greatest personal embarrassment of his long career.

In 1942, Cox launched an investigation in the Federal Communications Commission, with the express intention of driving Chairman James L. Fly out of office. The investigation was to have serious consequences for the congressman.

Cox had been approached to help radio station WALB get a license; it was not at all uncommon for radio stations (and later television stations) to seek help with licensing problems from local congressmen and senators. What was unusual was that Cox apparently accepted a \$2,500 fee from the owners of WALB to pursue the license. Under the law, it was illegal for members of Congress to accept payment for what was ordinarily a routine constituent service.

Obviously, when Cox launched the special investigation into the FCC, he had no idea the payment would come to light. He denounced FCC Chairman James Fly as "the most dangerous man in Washington." Cox went on to compare the FCC to the Gestapo, a mighty serious charge when one considers World War II was then raging across the globe.

After enduring relentless attacks, another member of the FCC, Commissioner Clifford Durr, himself a Southerner, found a copy of the endorsed check paid to Congressman Cox. Durr made hundreds of copies of the cashed check available to members of the press, House Speaker Sam Rayburn and the Department of Justice.

While neither Speaker Rayburn nor the Justice Department paid much attention to the evidence, when the press was notified, all hell broke loose.

Eugene Meyer, owner and publisher of the Washington Post, wrote an editorial that took the hide off Gene Cox. Just days after the editorial roasting by Meyer, Cox made a tearful speech

resigning as chairman of the special committee investigating the FCC. Clearly, Cox had suffered a serious loss of credibility and his position was no longer tenable with his colleagues. It was the low point of Cox's congressional career, although he was never prosecuted.

Gene Cox's congressional career did not suffer much from the embarrassing revelations during his investigation of the FCC, nor did his standing with the people of his district. Cox was routinely reelected, oftentimes without opposition. Cox returned home to Georgia frequently and worked hard at constituent service, and the South especially prized seniority, so it was not often that incumbents lost elections.

With the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the feisty little man from Missouri, Harry S. Truman, succeeded to the presidency. Cox had been a sharp critic of much of the New Deal, and despite Roosevelt's enormous popularity in Georgia, the congressman remained highly popular as well. Roosevelt, who had a home in Warm Springs, regularly referred to Georgia as his "second home." FDR tested that popularity in 1938 when he set out to purge Senator Walter F. George. Many Georgians resented the idea of the president attempting to select their officeholders and Roosevelt's candidate ran third.

Gene Cox got along with Harry Truman no better than he had with FDR and was oftentimes highly critical of the Fair Deal administration. Cox remained an important cog in the coalition between conservative Democrats in the House and Republicans. Cox gave out the names of eight individuals whom he claimed were "Communist sympathizers, socialists and collectivists" who were vital to

designing the Marshall Plan, named for General George Marshall. Highly esteemed, Marshall served as both Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State during the Truman administration. The Marshall Plan was to help revive a war-stricken Europe following World War II. The United States of America pumped billions of dollars into rebuilding Europe, in part to help stop the cancer of Communism from spreading. Most of the individuals named by Congressman Cox were driven out of government positions.

Cox began another investigation in 1951 when he sponsored a resolution to investigate private educational and philanthropic foundations with the purpose of "social reform" as well as those involving "international relations." Tennessee Congressman B. Carroll Reece questioned the motives of many of the foundations, considering the wealth and power available to them. Both Cox and Reece worried that the foundations encouraged universities and institutions well to the left of the political spectrum to indoctrinate their students with the same philosophies. Cox believed and, in fact, proved that funds were being used by the tax-exempt foundations to subsidize what he and some of his colleagues believed to be subversive causes.

Gene Cox did not have the opportunity to make much of this particular investigation. Time was running out for the fiery Georgian. The real contest at the time was inside the Democratic primary, and the voters inside his district showed no inclination to retire Gene Cox. The congressman was reelected in November at age 72 to a fifteenth term, but Cox was ailing. At the time of his election, Gene Cox was being treated for a heart ailment at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Cox was admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital in December. Cox died from a massive heart attack on Christmas Eve 1952, ending a long and contentious Congressional career.

The Atlanta Constitution remembered Gene Cox as a man of courage who had stood up for the farmers, fought for states' rights, and supported the cause of private enterprise. The urban daily newspaper readily acknowledged with gross understatement that while it did not always agree with the late congressman, "We always knew where Gene Cox stood." The newspapers admitted, "He was a man who had the courage of his convictions."

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What is your profession?

My academic training includes a bachelor's degree in business administration from Berea College and a master's degree in real estate and urban Analysis from the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business. I've long been fascinated by the built environment – all aspects of it.

That training and interest led me to a career in commercial real estate appraisal beginning in 2008. Over time, I've developed a particular interest in conservation easements and park development. Conservation easements protect land in perpetuity for the benefit of us all. They are often complex and require detailed analysis—work I

find especially rewarding.

I believe strongly in developing well-supported, credible opinions of value that can be relied upon by all parties. And I especially love sharing about and celebrating Powell's ever-growing list of parks.

How has it been working on the Ethics Subcommittee?

Serving the public is part of what it means to be a citizen, and it has been a privilege to serve on both the Ethics Subcommittee and the full committee. I am now in my fourth year.

At the request of the County Commission, the subcommittee was tasked with recommending updates and amendments to the Knox County Code of Ethics—an effort that has required significant time and care. I sincerely hope the committee's efforts will serve the citizens of Knox County

well.

What are your interests or hobbies?

A quick look at my podcasts and bookshelves shows a wide range of interests to include U.S. and ancient history, science, business and entrepreneurship, leadership, governance, and more. Programs like "In Our Time," "Clear and Vivid," "Hidden Brain," "You Might Be Right," and "On Being" are a few that continually challenge and inspire me.

I've also valued volunteer work with Enhance Powell, the Berea College Young Alumni Advisory Council, the Broadacres Homeowners Association, and the Appraisal Institute. Working alongside people who care deeply about their communities and organizations is very meaningful to me.

And I'd be remiss not to

mention my love of playing volleyball with the fine folks at Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There's nothing better than being around people who are genuine and genuinely fun.

Why is your nickname "The General"?

As a freshman at Berea College, I noticed a simple problem and market opportunity: the dorm vending machines were often empty. So, I put on my entrepreneurial hat and took a small risk. With a mini-fridge and a few well-stocked drawers under my bed, I opened "The General Store" on the fourth floor of Dana Hall. I sold drinks, snack cakes, candy, and other sundry items, and extended credit to help fellow students get through to the next payday. It was a fun and successful venture, which eventually led me into the book-buying

business—but that's a story for another time.

I also carry a deep respect for our military and am proud to be an American. Andrew Jackson Goodpaster, a four-star general who served as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, shares my last name, though I'm still looking into whether we're kinfolk. My father, grandfather, and many others in my family have served in the military, and for a time, I had the opportunity to work with the United States Department of the Treasury. I'm grateful for that experience serving the nation.

Goodpaster's closing thought:

I believe in each of us doing our part to sustain and improve our communities for those who come after us. There's so much good in that.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



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Farragut's Brody Dickerson dribbles past West High's Devid Aresu in Thursday's District 4-3A match at Farragut. The game ended in a 0-0 draw before the Rebels won a penalty kicks shootout.

After scoreless tie, Rebels win shootout at Farragut

By Ken Lay

A District 4-3A soccer match couldn't be decided in 80 minutes of regulation play and 20 more minutes of golden-goal overtime Thursday night.

So, when the final whistle sounded, ending a 0-0 draw at Farragut Soccer Stadium between West High and the host Admirals, the outcome had to be decided on penalty kicks by league rules.

The match was declared a tie, but West won the penalty kicks, 4-3, after Rebels' goalkeeper Ben Laing stopped Farragut's final shot in the shootout before a celebration by the visitors.

For both West High coach Nick Kim and Farragut's Bradley Culbreth, the outcome wasn't a big surprise.

"All credit to Farragut. That's a great team over

there and they had a game plan," Kim said. "Every match in this district is going to look like this.

"And it was big for us to come in here and get a tie or a win or whatever you want to call it, and I want to give a shout out to my keeper, Ben Laing, for making a couple of big saves during the shootout." Culbreth agreed.

"We had our chances and they (the Rebels) are a quality team. You don't get 10 wins if you're not when you play that kind of schedule, the kind of schedule that they play," he said. "I'm happy with where we're at.

"This goes down as a tie, but we did this to break ties and we did this to make it exciting. It's tough when you lose, but it's exciting when you win. We'll learn from this. Whether you win



Farragut's Nathan Chi battles West High's Gavin Jones for the ball in a district soccer match at Farragut. The game ended in a 0-0 draw before the Rebels won a penalty kicks.

or lose, you always learn from it."

The two defenses and midfield units, along with Laing and the Admirals' netminder Matthew

Burney, took center stage on the pitch on this cool night in West Knox County.

West (10-1-2, 1-0-1 in the district) got the winning **Continue on page 6**

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL

Johnston and Wilson lead Halls past Powell

By Steve Williams

The latest chapter between old rivals Halls and Powell was a good one from start to finish.

The Lady Red Devils' power hitter, Adrie Johnston, smacked a pitch over the left-center field fence to lead off the top of the fourth inning and Alle Wilson hurled a 2-0 shutout on a sun-splashed Thursday afternoon at Powell last week.

In the end, that's all it took. The Lady Panthers had their chances but just couldn't get that big hit.

The visitors got the only

other run when Brooke Johnston singled up the middle, stole second base and scored on a wild pitch.

The victory lifted Halls to 15-3 overall and 9-0 in District 3-4A as the season heads down the stretch.

"We got a timely home run and a timely hit on a passed ball," said Coach Bryan Gordon. "We manufactured a couple.

"But we had them loaded there with nobody out (in the fifth inning) and we got to do better there. We've got to score in that

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Halls' Alle Wilson cranks up for a pitch in the Lady Red Devils' 2-0 win at Powell Thursday.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

HVA sweeps on special Senior Night

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley Academy's track and field team had a special Senior Night last Wednesday.

"This was the first class that has gone all four years since coming to Hardin Valley Academy with me as their head coach," said Chris Kane. "Seeing them grow from freshmen into the leaders of this team has been special. They have all had an impact on our program in their own way and our team is better because of them."

Kane started at HVA in the fall of 2022 when this class were freshmen.

Last week's action on the track and field also was special as the Hardin Valley boys took first place in the team scoring. The Hawks totaled 144 points, followed by Concord Christian (85), Farragut (78), Austin-East (52) and Bearden (24).

The Lady Hawks and Farragut tied for first place with 120



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Some of the runners set their watches as they take off in the 800-meter run at Hardin Valley last week. Concord Christian freshman Kohbe Ward (in white third from inside) won the race with a PR time of 2:02.92.

points. A-E came in third place (61 points) followed by Bearden (48) and CCS (32).

In a featured race, Hardin Valley junior Nicolas Rivers edged Concord Christian freshman Dasani Moulden by one hundredth of a second 11.05 to

11.06. In the 200, Moulden got a little revenge by winning with a time of 22.54 to Rivers' 22.56.

CCS sophomore Rush Mills and junior teammate Reese Franklin went 1-2 in the 400, with Mills winning in 53.73 to Franklin's

54.61. Kohbe Ward, another CCS freshman, took first place in the 800 with a 2:02.92, while Hardin Valley senior Zathan Socha was close behind at 2:03.18.

Other boys' winners were HVA's Aiden Rufi (4:37.01 in the 1600),

Austin-East's Deandre Adair (53.99 in the 300 hurdles), HVA's Colson Crutch (5-4 in high jump), Farragut's Chase McAvoy (11-0 in the pole vault), Crutch 20-9 in long jump, Farragut's Jakob Ovalles (41-3 1/2 in the shot put) and McAvoy 136-6 in the discus.

Girls' winners on the track included HVA's Alia Cummings-Scott in the 100 (12.93) and 200 (26.86), Farragut's Ada Becker in the 400 (1:02.27), Concord Christian's Presley Horst (2:39.24 in the 800), HVA's Tentanya Willie in the 1600 (5:54.76), A-E's Kalani Wells in the 100 hurdles (18.99) and A-E's Alexionna Hinton in the 300 hurdles (52.63).

Girls' winners in field events were Wells' 4-8 in high jump, Farragut's Harper McAvoy 8-0 in pole vault, HVA's Naomi Burum in the long jump (16-11), A-E's Ari'AJia Gadison's 35-10 3/4 in the shot put and Farragut's Jaina Hereford (70.09 in the discus).

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Bearden boys basketball coach Jeremy Parrott praised Harrison Lynn, a senior and team captain, for his contributions to the team this season.

Harrison Lynn

"Fantastic young man who daily exemplified a servant leader and wonderful example of our Bearden Basketball culture. Harrison was one of our team captains, a role that carries a lot of responsibilities and expectations in our program. He often exceeded those expectations."

-- Bearden boys basketball coach Jeremy Parrott



Smiles all around!

From left to right: Farragut basketball players Parker Lane, Dan Lanning, Reid Vining, Aidan Foshie, Hayden Duncan and Britton Lewis. Coach J.P. Burris' son Judah is sitting in the chair in front of Parker.

From the heart, Admirals 'care' about Judah

"These seniors have just included my son and loved him the last four years with their kindness and constant interaction with Judah daily whether it was at practice, team functions or just any time he's with me."

"I would consider them a part of 'Judah's tribe' which has meant the world to me but more so to him. He was a baby when these seniors and myself all arrived at Farragut four years ago, so in my eyes these young men have helped him grow and more so taken the time to truly meet him where he is at.

"Some of the most supportive people on Judah's journey with Autism have been these young men."

- Farragut boys basketball coach J.P. Burris.



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Game-changing defensive plays over the years

Here's the question for today. If "The Stop" against LSU in 1959 is the greatest defensive play in Tennessee history, what play comes in second?

Here's one man's opinion of such game-changing defensive plays, starting with a second look at "The Stop."

No. 13 Tennessee 14, No. 1 LSU 13, Shields-Watkins Field, Knoxville, Tennessee, Tenn., Nov. 7, 1959: Without Jim Cartwright's interception and touchdown run covering 59 yards, "The Stop" might never have happened. That was the opinion of Vol fan Doug Jones, and, on reflection, his assessment makes sense. No Cartwright, no "Stop." If LSU had gone ahead 14-0, or even 10-0, that would have been the game. Even LSU head coach Paul Dietzel said so.

No. 20 Tennessee 16, No. 15 Alabama 14, Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 19, 1985: It was Dale Jones point-blank against Mike Shula late in the 1985 game. "Shula back to throw, left-handed, out into the flat...Broken up... Was that intercepted in mid-air? Ladies and gentlemen, what a play by Dale Jones!" That's how John Ward called the play.

No. 13 Tennessee 35, No. 5 Notre Dame 34, Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind., Nov. 9, 1991: The greatest comeback in Vol history,



Steve DeLong (65) and Frank Emanuel (50) led the way at LSU in 1964 as part of a memorable goal line stop. Also shown in this picture is defensive tackle Joe Graham (72).

bar none, marked by two big-time defensive plays. The Vols trailed 31-7 in the second quarter, before Darryl Hardy blocked a field attempt, and Floyd Miley returned the block for a score. The Vols later led 35-34 after a perfectly executed screen pass from Andy Kelly to running back Aaron Hayden. Jeremy Lincoln, from just down the toll road in Toledo, blocked a final field goal attempt

with his rump to cinch the win. **Tennessee 3, No. 2 LSU 3, Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 24, 1964:** In a rare afternoon contest at LSU, thanks to NBC's game telecast, the Vols and Tigers fought to a deadlock highlighted by a memorable goal line stand led by eventual Outland Trophy winner Steve DeLong. Sophomore punter Ron Widby played a

key role, kicking five times for a 52-yard average in the second half keeping LSU off-balance. The Tigers had recovered a Vol fumble at the 15 before Vol defenders saved the day.

No. 11 Tennessee 21, Kentucky 7, Stoll Field, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 20, 1971: Carl Johnson saved the game, the last contest at

Stoll Field, intercepting a pitchout and lumbering 87 yards for a score, when the Big Blue seemed poised to tie the score or go ahead late in the contest. "The quarterback came down the line on the option," Carl said. "I punched him with my left arm, and he pitched the ball at the same time. I ran it back some 87 yards. Half the team caught up to me because I ran out of steam about halfway there."

No. 1 Tennessee 28, No. 10 Arkansas 24, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee, Nov. 14, 1998: Tennessee looked dead in the water, given the weather conditions, in a battle of Top 10 teams. Quarterback Clint Stoerner brought his team to the line, with second-and-12 and 1:47 left, leading 24-22. As the play started, Billy Ratliff pushed offensive guard Brandon Burlsworth into Stoerner's path, with Stoerner tripping and trying to brace his fall with the ball. The ball came loose, Ratliff recovered at the UA 43, and the Vols scored in five plays. It was an amazing turn of events, as the Vols won when all seemed lost.

Tennessee 35, No. 2 Alabama 28, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee, Oct. 16, 1982: The yoke was lifted as the Vols broke an 11-game losing streak to Alabama with a 35-28 win in Bear Bryant's final appearance in Knoxville. The Tide had closed the margin and was moving to the North end in the final moments,

as it came down to fourth down. Lee Jenkins tipped a Walter Lewis pass, and Mike Terry grabbed the football. The Vols had the ball... and the game. Then, pandemonium reigned.

No. 1 Tennessee 23, No. 2 Florida State 16, Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 4, 1999: Tennessee punter David Leaverton made one of the key plays in the first BCS National Championship Game, tackling FSU's Peter Warrick just as it appeared he might break the return for a score. Leaverton called the tackle "textbook," and said he remembered "seeing stars" after the tackle and didn't "realize how big the play was at the time."

No. 12 Tennessee 31, No. 5 Penn State 11, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee, Dec. 4, 1971: Tennessee was a definite underdog, and Penn State (10-0) looked ready to take control of the game in the first quarter, until Jackie Walker and Conrad Graham took charge. "It didn't look like we could stop them," head coach Bill Battle said. "They ran a counter-option to their right. Jackie Walker hit John Hufnagel as he pitched the ball. Conrad Graham came up on run support, and the ball popped up. He grabbed it, and ran 76 yards for a touchdown."

There are others, but none as significant as these.

Trying Times for Lady Vols

By Mark Nagi

What in the name of Abby Conklin is going on here? The Tennessee Lady Vols, one of the most revered and history-making programs in all of women's basketball, has seen a mass defection. Four players (Janiah Barker, Zee Spearman, Nya Robertson, Jersey Wolfenbarger) have graduated. Hey, this is college. That happens. The concern is what you see from the rest of the roster and the team's future. However, eight players from the 2025-2026 squad have entered the transfer portal. That's two juniors (Alyssa Latham, Talaysia Cooper), a sophomore (Kaniya Boyd), and five freshmen (Jaida Civil, Mia Pauldo, Mya Pauldo, Deniya Prawl, Lauren Hurst). There was also the dismissal of senior guard Ruby Whitehorn last Fall after two arrests within four months, and fifth-year guard Kaiya Wynn quit the team before the post-season. Not one player from last year's roster will play for the Lady Vols in 2026-2027. Now, you could say that the on-court results show that they weren't living up to their potential. The Lady Vols finished the season with an eight-game losing streak. They went 16-14 and lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to North Carolina State. That

was only the third time since 1982 that they didn't win a first-round game in the NCAA tournament. Tennessee lost seven games last season by at least 15 points, the most in 40 years at UT. But remember, those incoming freshmen were so sought after that they were the number two recruiting class in the country. The future should have been bright for the Lady Vols. But even the incoming players are backing away. Five-star forward Oliviyah Edwards, the number five recruit for the Class of 2026, asked Tennessee for a release from her National Letter of Intent last week. Her mother, Jordan West, told ESPN the following: "As a family, we are so thankful to the University of Tennessee for the time that was spent recruiting Oliviyah. At this time, with all the current changes to the women's basketball team, I believe it's in my daughter's best interest to part ways and reopen her recruitment." It sort of goes without saying here... but Lady Vols head coach Kim Caldwell has had better times than what she's dealing with lately. Caldwell also recently fired assistant coach Roman Tubner and saw assistant coach Gabe Lazo resign and take an assistant coaching job on Kim Mulkey's staff at LSU. A few

days later he quit that job to become the head coach at Central Florida. Even video coordinator Josh Theis left to follow Lazo to UCF. Tennessee AD Danny White is also feeling pressure. ESPN's Holly Rowe, who is as dialed in as any reporter in the world of women's basketball, tweeted, "What Danny White is allowing to happen to @LadyVol_Hoops is making me so sad. Gut wrenching to watch him let one of the greatest programs in womens sports history disintegrate. I am devastated." White has given Kim Caldwell a vote of confidence, but she has so much work to do in the same transfer portal that has decimated her roster. She started by picking up All-Conference USA guard Avery Mills from Liberty. But there is much more work to be done. It's a bold new world in collegiate athletics, one that looks nothing like the decades when Pat Summitt was in charge. Tennessee won eight national championships during her tenure. But the last of those titles was 18 years ago, and they haven't been back to the Final Four since that 2008 season. If Caldwell can't show improvement in this difficult landscape, her third season at Tennessee that starts this fall likely will be her last in Knoxville.

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Seventeen Scholar-Athletes from Knox County honored

By Steve Williams

Seventeen area high school seniors, who excelled in academics and varsity sports in 2025-26, received the annual Johnny Mauer Award Friday at the Bearden Banquet Hall.

The longtime award is named in honor of the late Mauer (Sept. 4, 1901–Dec. 20, 1978), who was a UT coach in basketball, baseball and football and an Optimist Club member during his career.

Tony Cosey, a former Central High and UT standout and an Olympian in the steeplechase, was this year's featured speaker.

Here is a thumbnail on each of this year's honorees:



Sixteen of this year's 17 Johnny Mauer Scholar-Athlete honorees after Friday's awards presentation at the Bearden Banquet Hall. Webb School's Wilson Luton is not pictured.

and Morehead-Cain Scholarship Finalist, he has earned numerous academic honors, including perfect ACT scores and national recognition in math and science.

He is the founder and coach of a MATHCOUNTS program and a leader in Robotics Club and Science Olympiad. A varsity tennis co-captain and accomplished musician, Yejoon also dedicates significant time to mentoring and community service.

Ham will attend Princeton University.

Timothy Oyer Career Magnet Academy

Timothy Oyer is a senior at Career Magnet Academy who has earned a 30 ACT score and is graduating with an associate degree in Finance while also achieving Dean's List honors.

A three-year varsity tennis player, Timothy demonstrates dedication

both on and off the court. He also serves his community through his church's media team and by helping provide meals for those in need during the holidays.

Zane Dukes Carter High School

Zane Dukes is a senior at Carter High School with a 3.8 GPA, balancing honors, AP, and dual enrollment coursework. He has earned A/B Honor Roll recognition, a 22 ACT score, and maintained perfect attendance.

A participant in both baseball and bowling, Zane also serves his community through Lyons Creek Church.

He plans to attend Carson-Newman University.

Marley Lett Central High School

Marley Lett is a senior at Central High School with a 4.54 GPA and a top five class rank. A leader on campus, she serves as HOSA President and Vice President of Student Ambassadors.

A four-year letterman and team captain in soccer, Marley has earned recognition for both her performance and leadership.

She has completed over 125 hours of community service and played a key role in organizing

school events. Marley will attend the University of Tennessee.

Gabriel "Gabe" Linkous CAK

Gabe Linkous is a senior at the Christian Academy of Knoxville with a 4.1 GPA and a strong academic foundation, including multiple dual enrollment courses.

A team captain and standout football player, Gabe earned First Team All-State and All-Region honors and was named to the All 5 Star Preps Team. He also competed in the Rivalry Thursday All-Star Game and was the only player in the region ranked in the top 10 across eight statistical categories.

Gabe is active in leadership and service through Youth Leadership Knoxville, youth football camps, and church involvement. He will attend Morehead State University.

Jake Harris Farragut High School

Jake Harris is a senior at Farragut High School with a 4.0 GPA and an outstanding record of achievement. A three-time state champion in baseball and a Division I commit to Eastern Michigan University, he has earned numerous honors including

team MVP, All-District, and Perfect Game All-American recognition.

A leader in his school community, Jake has been actively involved in student leadership and service, including raising over \$12,000 for breast cancer research.

Noah Lyons Fulton High School

Noah Lyons is a senior at Fulton High School with a 3.5 GPA and a strong record of athletic achievement. A standout in both football and baseball, he has earned All-Region honors in football and multiple distinctions in baseball, including All-State and Tennessee Baseball Report Junior of the Year.

He will continue his baseball career at Milligan University. Noah is also active in community service through youth programs, reflecting his commitment to giving back.

Mikel Van Pelt Gibbs High School

Mikel Van Pelt is a senior at Gibbs High School with a 4.46 GPA and a strong record of academic achievement. A two-sport athlete in soccer and football, he has earned multiple honors including All-State, All-Region Specialist MVP, and All-Knox County

recognition.

Mikel serves as senior class president and is an active member of the student council, contributing over 45 hours of service. He is also deeply involved in community outreach through mentoring and volunteer work.

He plans to attend Carson-Newman University.

Brody Foster Halls High School

Brody Foster is a senior at Halls High School and one of the nation's top track and field athletes. A 3.7 GPA student and NFHS Award of Excellence recipient, he is the 2025 State Champion in the decathlon and the #1 ranked decathlete in the United States.

A two-time All-American, seven-time All-State honoree, and 2025 All PrepXtra Track Athlete of the Year, Brody has earned a full scholarship to the University of Virginia.

He also serves his community through disaster relief efforts, international service work, and as a CPR-certified lifeguard.

Samuel Mann Hardin Valley Academy

Samuel Mann is a senior at Hardin Valley Academy with a 3.73 GPA and a strong record of academic and athletic achievement. A First Team All-Region linebacker, he has earned honors including Mr. HVA Football and the team Effort Award.

He has completed over 40 hours of community service through his football program, reflecting his commitment to leadership and service.

Samuel plans to attend Mississippi State before transferring to Tennessee.

Hunter Jenkins Karns High School

Hunter Jenkins is the valedictorian of Karns High School with a 4.28 GPA and a 30 ACT score. A Student Council President and National Honor Society member, he has been recognized for his leadership and academic excellence.

A multi-sport athlete and team captain, Hunter has also demonstrated outstanding commitment to service, volunteering through school, church, and community programs while mentoring younger students.

He will attend UT-Knoxville.

Gavin Jones Catholic High School

Gavin Jones is a senior at Knoxville Catholic High School with a 4.35 GPA and a strong record of academic achievement, including membership in multiple honor societies.

A standout football player, Gavin earned First Team All-Region honors and served as team captain. He has also received multiple Football Academic Awards for his performance on and off the field.

Gavin is active in his

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Johnston and Wilson lead Halls past Powell

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 position, especially in this district. You're never safe, especially against Powell. (They're a) great team, rivalry game and it can go either way. When you get a chance to put them out, you got to take that shot and we didn't. It's kind of upsetting."
 Powell's Langston Coggins relieved Rianna Boone in the circle in the fifth inning. She got a force out at third and then a 1-2-3 double play to get out of a jam.
 The Lady Panthers also turned a 6-3 double play to get off the field in the seventh.

Powell was still in the game when Emersyn Mayes drilled a one-out hot single up the middle. A home run was still in the cards to tie the game for the Lady Panthers. But Halls turned a 6-4-3 double play to end the game.
 "We got to hit it," Panther Coach Jeff Inman said after the loss. "That's what it boils down to. Their pitcher does a good job of making you hit what she wants you to hit. You've got to be real disciplined at the plate and hit good pitches. Unfortunately, she would get ahead and then we would chase everything

she wanted us to chase. She did a good job and she did a good job the last time we played them."
 "We've just got to do a better job at the plate. I thought our pitching was good enough to win. I thought our defense was good enough to win. We've just got to swing the bat."
 Powell is 14-5 overall and now has two losses to Halls in the district.
 The Lady Panthers only had three hits in the game, with two singles coming from Mayes. Kayden Bryant had the other single.
 Wilson struck out five. Boone fanned six in her

four innings in the circle.
 In addition to Johnston's home run, the Lady Red Devils got two singles from leadoff batter Bella Wires, one single from Baylee Cooper and a bunt single by Khloe Lawson.
 Halls will host perennial state power Gibbs Thursday in a non-district showdown.

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Concord Christian track team gaining respect

By Steve Williams

Concord Christian, with only 120 boys in its school, is rapidly attracting notice on the high school sports scene and recently the Lions' track team has been gaining a lot of respect.

On April 2, Concord's boys won the Roadrunner Invitational at Austin-East High School, racking up 117 points to runner-up Lenoir City's 102 points. Carter placed third with 78 points.



Other teams in the running included Grace Christian (69 points) and A-E 68.

In girls' action, GCA took first place with 121 points, followed by Austin-East (85), Fulton (81), Clinton (59) and Carter 41.

Fulton on top in District 2 varsity girls flag football

Coach Trey Sewell's Lady Falcons beat Carter 39-7 Thursday. The win gives Fulton a 6-0 overall record and a 4-0 district record.

The Lady Falcons will host Austin-East Wednesday.

Other teams in District 2 are Anderson County, Bearden, Central, Farragut and South-Doyle.

Girls' flag football will be part of this year's Spring Fling 32 in Murfreesboro.

Knoxville Smokies play this week at Pensacola

Knoxville will play its first game on the road this season Tuesday in Florida against the Pensacola Wahoos.

The Smokies were 4-3 at home through Friday's games.

Knoxville will return home April 21 and begin a 6-game series against the Chattanooga Lookouts.

Chicago Cubs outfielder Seiya Suzuki played with the Knoxville Smokies last

week before concluding his MLB rehab.

TSSAA Legislative Council to meet Tuesday in Mt. Juliet

Highlighting the "Old Business" section is a request for clarification on a new rule allowing coaches in various sports, including football, basketball and soccer, to coach their own children during the preseason and offseason, provided no other students from their school are

present.

Other notable items include a proposal from Cleveland High to create a tiered disqualification structure for ejections and a recommendation from the TSSAA staff to establish strict deadlines for new schools joining the association to prevent scheduling and seeding complications.

The Council also will discuss clarifying the Amateur Rule to ensure NIL compensation is not tied to a student's participation at a specific school.

After scoreless tie, Rebels win shootout at Farragut

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goal in the shootout from senior Oscar Wimmer in the fourth round of penalty kicks. The outcome went the Rebels' way when the Admirals (9-0-1, 1-0-1) missed on their final opportunity.

West also got shootout goals from Oliver Bankston and Musa Kromah before Devid Aresu missed on his chance. Grayson Huffaker also tallied before Wimmer scored to

win the shootout.

During the penalty kicks, Tyden Sanchez, Uday Sujithkumar and Lincoln Unger found the back of the net against Laing.

The Rebels and Admirals both had one shot on goal in extra time, with Farragut's coming in the first half of the overtime frame. West had a shot in the second half of the 20-minute period.

Seventeen Scholar-Athletes from Knox County honored

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community through volunteer work and will attend Brown University.

Caleb Lanus Powell High School

Caleb Lanus is the Valedictorian of Powell High School's Class of 2026, graduating with an outstanding 4.67 GPA.

A member of the football team and leader across multiple organizations, Caleb serves as President of the Special Olympics Unified Club and is active in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Youth Leadership Knoxville. His dedication to service includes volunteering with

Special Olympics, tutoring peers, and supporting local charities.

Recognized as a Rising Scholar, Scholar Athlete, AP Scholar with Distinction, and Boys State Representative, Caleb is known for his reliability, leadership, and character. He will attend UT-Knoxville.

Isaiah Mitchell South-Doyle High

Isaiah Mitchell is a senior at South Doyle High School, graduating as Salutatorian with a 4.0 GPA and a top 10% class rank.

A four-year athlete in football and soccer, he earned All-Region honors in football and served as captain of the soccer team his senior year. He also gives

back by volunteering as a Sunday school teacher at his church.

Isaiah is a driven student-athlete and leader, prepared to make an impact wherever he goes.

Wilson Luton Webb School

Wilson Luton is a senior at Webb School of Knoxville with a 4.42 GPA and a strong record of academic and athletic achievement. A four-year varsity athlete in basketball and baseball, he has earned All-Region honors in both sports.

A member of the National Honor Society and a TMTA statistics competition winner, Wilson also dedicated four years to volunteering at Camp Webb.

He plans to attend Tennessee.

Maisey LeClerc West High School

Maisey LeClerc is a senior at West High with a 4.62 GPA and a top 10 class rank. An IB Diploma candidate and Johnson Scholar at Washington and Lee University, she has also earned the Tennessee Seal of Biliteracy.

A varsity volleyball co-captain and multi-sport athlete, Maisey has demonstrated leadership both on and off the field. She is also active in service through National Honor Society and community involvement.

Maisey will attend Washington and Lee University.

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 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of The Sayer Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr. Resident of Davidson County, TN, as trustee for MEB Loan Trust VIII, will, on 05/20/2026 at or about 12:00 pm, at the North side of the City County Building, 400 Main St SW, Knoxville, TN 37902, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:
SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 20, Corrected Final Plat WILLOW CREEK, Unit 2, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet N, Slide 91-C, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Kenneth D. Church, Surveyor, dated January 31, 1994 and bearing Work Order No. 94-02-51.
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Book 2078, Page 871 and Deed Book 2130, Page 102, as corrected in Deed Book 2130, Page 677, as a member of the Willow Creek Homeowner's Association, Inc.
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IN RE: DANIEL KEITH HURST, Plaintiff
 Vs.
DARLIS LAVADA HURST, Defendant
NO. 212589-2
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, DARLIS LAVADA HURST, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Misty Kennedy, BPR, an Attorney whose address is PO Box 428, Tazewell, TN 37879, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
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 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master
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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915
IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., Plaintiff
 Vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, Defendant
NO. 212809 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 28, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, an Attorney whose address is 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, TN 37919, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
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 Clerk and Master
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE B. HITT
IN RE: MELVIN E. FARMER, Plaintiff
 Vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE B. HITT, Defendant
NO. 212014-3
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE B. HITT, 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 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE B. HITT, it is ordered that said defendant, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE B. HITT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark, BPR, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, 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.
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 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
TO: AMANDA DAWN KEITH
IN RE: HENRY ALEXANDER KEITH, II, Plaintiff
 Vs.
AMANDA DAWN KEITH, Defendant
NO. 212826 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, AMANDA DAWN KEITH, 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 AMANDA DAWN KEITH, it is ordered that said defendant, AMANDA DAWN KEITH file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daisey Lovin, an Attorney whose address is 607 W. Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 25th day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
TO: SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY
IN RE: DEJOHN LAMOUNT RIDLEY, Plaintiff
 Vs.
SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, Defendant
NO. 176755 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, 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 SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master

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 J. Scott Griswold
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
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IN RE: MITCH WINTERS, Plaintiff
 Vs.
DEE-ANNA JOHNSON, MACIL BROOKS, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF MACIL BROOKS, Defendants
NO. 176757 Part I
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, DEE-ANNA JOHNSON, MACIL BROOKS, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF MACIL BROOKS, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DEE-ANNA JOHNSON, MACIL BROOKS, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF MACIL BROOKS, it is ordered that said defendants, DEE-ANNA JOHNSON, MACIL BROOKS, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF MACIL BROOKS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 25th day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
TO: AMANDA DAWN KEITH
IN RE: HENRY ALEXANDER KEITH, II, Plaintiff
 Vs.
AMANDA DAWN KEITH, Defendant
NO. 176755 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, 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 SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master

NO. 212826 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, AMANDA DAWN KEITH, 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 AMANDA DAWN KEITH, it is ordered that said defendant, AMANDA DAWN KEITH file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daisey Lovin, an Attorney whose address is 607 W. Summit Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 25th day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
TO: SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY
IN RE: DEJOHN LAMOUNT RIDLEY, Plaintiff
 Vs.
SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, Defendant
NO. 176755 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, 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 SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 23rd day of MARCH, 2026.
 J. Scott Griswold
 Clerk and Master

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JENNIFER SHANNON

IN RE: WHISPERING WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff
Vs.
JENNIFER SHANNON, Defendant

NO. 212335-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JENNIFER SHANNON, 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 JENNIFER SHANNON, it is ordered that said defendant, JENNIFER SHANNON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Matthew Wing, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2500, Knoxville, TN 37929, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 27th day of MARCH, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERESA E. BARNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 92155-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TERESA E. BARNETT, who died January 6, 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF TERESA E. BARNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES C. DUNWOODY, III
5809 COLD HARBOR DRIVE
GREENSBORO, NC 27410

BARBARA W. CLARK, ATTORNEY
2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLYDE EDWARD BRADEN
DOCKET NUMBER 92271-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLYDE EDWARD BRADEN, who died Feb. 15, 2026, 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 24th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF CLYDE EDWARD BRADEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WENDI MICHELLE BRADEN
127 OXFORD LANDING DRIVE
GEORGETOWN, KY 40324

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE L. BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 92264-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANICE L. BROWN, who died Oct. 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 26th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANICE L. BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMI LYN WARD
2017 KNOX TREE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

JAMES CLINTON BROWN
636 GULFWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHRYN V. CHASTANG
DOCKET NUMBER 92230-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of ELIZABETH D. JOHNSON, who died January 9, 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 26th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN V. CHASTANG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL D. CABBILL
10206 THIMBLE FIELDS DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

BRENDEEN S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DR., SUITE S700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANGKOOK CHOI
DOCKET NUMBER 92278-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of MARCH, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SANGKOOK CHOI, who died Feb. 3, 2026, 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 24th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF SANGKOOK CHOI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHONGLON CHOI
9018 CANDEWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANGELA CLENDENING
DOCKET NUMBER 92247-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of MARCH, 2026, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ANGELA CLENDENING, who died June 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF ANGELA CLENDENING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WAYNE CLENDENING
8346 SHOREGATE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES DENNIS GRAVES
DOCKET NUMBER 92109-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLES DENNIS GRAVES, who died DECEMBER 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 27th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES DENNIS GRAVES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERRI VAIL
4164 WARD COVE DRIVE
NICEVILLE, FL 32287

KELSEY R. REILLY, ATTORNEY
800 S. GAY STREET, #1400
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH D. JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92261-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of ELIZABETH D. JOHNSON, who died January 9, 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 25th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH D. JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SALLY JOHNSON SHARP
422 HARDWICK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

FRED J. JOHNSON, JR.
1633 BOTSFORD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

BRENDEEN S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DR., STE. S700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FAYE JONES
DOCKET NUMBER 92238-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA FAYE JONES, who died Dec. 7, 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA FAYE JONES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIELE KEITH, ADMINISTRATRIX
4703 DEVON SPRINGS WAY, APT. 1908
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEANE S. KISER
DOCKET NUMBER 92266-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEANE S. KISER, who died Jan. 13, 2026, 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 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 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF DEANE S. KISER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHARON WILLIAMS
2091 WATT CEMETERY RD.
LOUDON, TN 37774

TIMOTHY KISER
1928 CHESTNUT GROVE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE ELLEN LONG
DOCKET NUMBER 92301-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE ELLEN LONG, who died December 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 26th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE ELLEN LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MACKENZIE SHAYE WALLACE
597 SEMINOLE AVENUE, APT. D
ATLANTA, GA 30307

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. MCGEE
DOCKET NUMBER 92225-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT A. MCGEE, who died Feb. 6, 2026, 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. MCGEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES M. MCGEE, EXECUTOR
9009 GNARLED PINE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. PATTERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92181-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY A. PATTERSON, who died October 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 11th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. PATTERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHEN L. PATTERSON
1350 YARNELL STATION BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LORI KATHERINE PETTWAY
DOCKET NUMBER 92231-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of LORI KATHERINE PETTWAY, who died on December 23, 2025, were issued to the referenced Personal Representative by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 26th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF LORI KATHERINE PETTWAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT PETTWAY
1168 LAKESHORE DRIVE
NEW LONDON, NC 28127

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHEILA PITT POWER
DOCKET NUMBER 92233-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHEILA PITT POWER, who died Jan. 14, 2026, 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHEILA PITT POWER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS E. POWER, JR., EXECUTOR
4513 BRITANNY HILLS WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JESSIE RUTH ALLEN DOCKET NUMBER 92336-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JESSIE RUTH ALLEN, who died December 15, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 6th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JESSIE RUTH ALLEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BESSIE CAMPBELL
2239 DUBLIN DRIVE
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD G. ANDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 92279-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of RICHARD G. ANDERSON, who died on February 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) 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 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICHARD G. ANDERSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENISE M. ANDERSON
409 KITUAH TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA W. ARNOLD DOCKET NUMBER 91781-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of PATRICIA W. ARNOLD, who died on June 05, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) 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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA W. ARNOLD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHEN GRADY ARNOLD
1500 BOTSFORD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

AMY ARNOLD CARTER
1424 KNIGHTSBRIDGE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOUISE S. BARTLETT DOCKET NUMBER 92269-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOUISE S. BARTLETT, who died Feb. 11, 2026, 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 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF LOUISE S. BARTLETT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

MICHAEL A. BARTLETT, EXECUTOR
12401 BUTTERMILK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA K. BELL DOCKET NUMBER 91663-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLORIA K. BELL, who died on September 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 the first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 8th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF GLORIA K. BELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA D. RIDGELL
1525 WHITOWER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

G. MADISON ROBERTS, ATTORNEY
422 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 302
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PRISCILLA WHITE BLANTON DOCKET NUMBER 92308-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PRISCILLA WHITE BLANTON, who died Feb. 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF PRISCILLA WHITE BLANTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENJAMIN D. BLANTON, CO-EXECUTOR
701 TAYLOR STREET
NASHVILLE, TN 37208

JANELLE BLANTON, CO-EXECUTOR
2012 FAIRMONT BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

COURTNEY D. SCOLLARD, ATTORNEY
10004 MEADOW VISTA CIRCLC
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DINAH FAYE WHITTAKER BLONDELL DOCKET NUMBER 92285-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DINAH FAYE WHITTAKER BLONDELL, who died February 2, 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF DINAH FAYE WHITTAKER BLONDELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW W. BLONDELL, EXECUTOR
3112 LINDEN AVENUE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

R. JAREK HALL, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FAYE LAKEY COLE DOCKET NUMBER 92259-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FAYE LAKEY COLE, who died Nov. 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 27th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF FAYE LAKEY COLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ESTATE OF FAYE LAKEY COLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL CASON
8728 S. NORTHSORE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JAMES CHUBER
3407 ROYAL CREST DR.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28210

LAUREN S. BROWN, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD KEIR DOUGALL DOCKET NUMBER 92260-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD KEIR DOUGALL, who died Dec. 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONALD KEIR DOUGALL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHAWNA DOUGALL COX
3924 SHIPWATCH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS FERGUSON DOCKET NUMBER 92252-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS FERGUSON, 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice To Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice To Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS FERGUSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY ALLEN GRAYBEAL, EXECUTOR
4204 LONDON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIMMIE EUGENE GORDON DOCKET NUMBER 92250-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JIMMIE EUGENE GORDON, who died January 23, 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF JIMMIE EUGENE GORDON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BELINDA D. FERRELL
7480 RAVENCREST LANE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

MELINDA BUCK BROWN, ATTORNEY
162 TALMEDA RD.
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY LEWIS GRAHAM DOCKET NUMBER 91994-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY LEWIS GRAHAM, who died November 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY LEWIS GRAHAM
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
MICHAEL D. GRAHAM
106 ACORN DRIVE
DICKSON, TN 37055

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT BEN LEWIS DOCKET NUMBER 92258-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT BEN LEWIS, who died December 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of 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 8th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT BEN LEWIS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REGINA SMITH
7517 S. WHISPERING OAK CIRCLE
POWELL, TN 37849

R. ALEXANDER JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
150 COURT AVE.
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMA WEATHERLY MIKELS DOCKET NUMBER 92204-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NORMA WEATHERLY MIKELS, who died January 16, 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 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF NORMA WEATHERLY MIKELS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES RICHARD MIKELS
6122 GALLANT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JAMES T. NORDMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 6197
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICK CARROLL MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92108-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of MARCH, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICK CARROLL MOORE, who died Sept. 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 31st day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICK CARROLL MOORE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TABATHA KNIGHT, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
827 ISLAND FORD ROAD
ROCKY TOP, TN 37769

JENNIFER MOORE, CO-ADMINISTRATOR
1409 LAKESHIRE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DENISE PEIRCE DOCKET NUMBER 92312-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DENISE PEIRCE, who died February 10, 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 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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

(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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF DENISE PEIRCE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA MARIE PEIRCE
329 WOODLAND TRACE DRIVE
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LULA C. POWELL DOCKET NUMBER 91054-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LULA C. POWELL, who died April 22, 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:

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(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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF LULA C. POWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALLWYN V. POWELL
1937 SAXTON AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NELLIE B. PRATER DOCKET NUMBER 92200-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NELLIE B. PRATER, who died January 3, 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 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF NELLIE B. PRATER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES S. PRATER
246 MILLER RD.
CLINTON, TN 37716

CURTIS W. ISABELL, ATTORNEY
251 SHORT ST.
CLINTON, TN 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK EDWARD RAMSEY DOCKET NUMBER 92333-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of APRIL, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARK EDWARD RAMSEY, who died November 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



Notice of Early Voting Knox County Primary Elections

April 15
through
April 30, 2026

EARLY VOTING	Republican Primary	GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE DIVISION IV	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 10	REGISTER OF DEEDS
April 15 through April 30	CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION I	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Kline <input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Lee <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Crateau <input type="checkbox"/> Lee Ann Eaves <input type="checkbox"/> Thierry Sommer <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Katina Sharp <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Emily F. Abbott <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	SHERIFF	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 7	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 11	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1
10 am to 6 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	COUNTY MAYOR	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> David Amburn <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Davis <input type="checkbox"/> Brent Gibson <input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy "J.J." Jones <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Triplett <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Vivian Underwood Shipe <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> John Butler <input type="checkbox"/> O'Tavais "OT" Harris <input type="checkbox"/> Breyana Holloway <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
10 am to 7 pm - Wednesdays	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Frazier <input type="checkbox"/> Betsy Henderson <input type="checkbox"/> Larsen Jay <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	CIRCUIT, CIVIL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURT CLERK	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9	COUNTY TRUSTEE	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4
10 am to 1 pm - Saturdays	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Susano <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Kristi Kristy <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Sofield <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Hood <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Katherine Bike <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
Closed Sundays	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Oster <input type="checkbox"/> Sheri Super <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	CRIMINAL COURT CLERK	Democratic Primary	GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE DIVISION IV	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6
Special hours at City County Building and Meridian Baptist Church (see below)	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 7	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Hammond <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION I	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Ben H. Houston II <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cadence Collins <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
NEW - FARRAGUT Farragut Community Center 239 Jamestowne Boulevard, Farragut	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Beeler <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Burkhardt <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Mash <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	COUNTY CLERK	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	SHERIFF	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 7
NEW - HALLS Faithway Baptist Church (across from Halls Senior Center) 4402 Crippen Road	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 10	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Richie Beeler <input type="checkbox"/> John J. Duncan <input type="checkbox"/> Rodney Lane <input type="checkbox"/> John R. Whitehead <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	COUNTY MAYOR	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9
NEW - NORTHWEST KNOXVILLE Old Firestone Building (in front of Expo Center) 5523 Clinton Highway	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Cofer <input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Glenn <input type="checkbox"/> Ronnie Rochelle <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	REGISTER OF DEEDS	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Beau Hawk <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9
NORTHEAST KNOX COUNTY Gibbs Ruritan Club 7827 Tazewell Pike, Corryton	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 11	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Frazier <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3	CIRCUIT, CIVIL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURT CLERK	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Fenner <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
EAST KNOX COUNTY Carter Senior Center 9040 Asheville Highway	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Garrett Holt <input type="checkbox"/> Liz Tombras <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Huckaby <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9
WEST KNOXVILLE Downtown West 1645 Downtown West Boulevard, Unit 40	COUNTY TRUSTEE	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 7	COUNTY CLERK	Knox County Election Commission Hannah Hopper, Chair Julie Gautreau, Secretary Bob Bowman Eddie Smith Adronicus Thomas Christopher S. Davis, Administrator
EAST KNOXVILLE Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points 2410 Martin Luther King Avenue	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Biggs <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Hawkins <input type="checkbox"/> Nick McBride <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Sartelle <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> William Cooper <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	Knox County Courthouse, Room 229 300 Main Street • Knoxville, TN 37902 P: 865-215-2480
NORTHEAST KNOXVILLE New Harvest Park 4775 New Harvest Lane					Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.knoxvotes.org
NORTHWEST KNOX COUNTY Karns Senior Center 8042 Oak Ridge Highway					<small>A federal or State of Tennessee issued photo ID is required to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. To learn more about the law and its exceptions, please call 865-215-2480 or visit www.GoVoteTN.com</small>
SPECIAL HOURS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS					
DOWNTOWN City-County Building, Small Assembly Room 400 Main Street (SPECIAL HOURS: 8 am - 4 pm on Saturday, April 25)					
SOUTH KNOXVILLE Meridian Baptist Church 6513 Chapman Highway (SPECIAL HOURS: 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesdays; 10 am - 5 pm on Thursday, April 23)					

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACKIE C. TAYLOR, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92239-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACKIE C. TAYLOR, JR., who died Jan. 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF JACKIE C. TAYLOR, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CRYSTAL D. TAYLOR
7509 BERKSHIRE BLVD.
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHANIE M. WALKER
DOCKET NUMBER 92277-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MARCH, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHANIE M. WALKER who died Feb. 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF STEPHANIE M. WALKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT M. WALKER, EXECUTOR
7826 HOLLYBROOK COURT
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA JO WEST
DOCKET NUMBER 92146-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MARCH, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DIANA JO WEST, 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 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 27th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF DIANA JO WEST
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHAWNNA JEAN KETTLEMAN
2626 SWEEPING RAIN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items and services:
BID 3729, ROLL-OFF HAULING SERVICES, Due 5/13/26
RFP 3735, SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING SUPPORT, Due 5/13/26
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern:
Admiral Communities Home Sale LLC is seeking to claim ownership of a mobile home located at 2139 Dougs Way, Heiskell, TN 37754. The mobile home appears to be abandoned, and the last known occupant or owner is unknown or has not responded to contact attempts.
Any party who believes they have a legal claim of ownership or interest in this mobile home must contact Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC within 10 days of this notice's last publication. Failure to respond within this timeframe may result in the mobile home being declared abandoned and

claimed by Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC under applicable Tennessee law.
To assert a claim or obtain more information, please contact:

Admiral Communities Home Sales LLC
Phone: 865-427-5009
Email: sheri@admiralcommunities.com
Mail: PO Box 22284, Knoxville TN 37933

This notice will be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper. Publication dates: 4/13 and 4/20/2026.

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 lot of East Tennessee Truck Repair. 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 April 28, 2026, at 6221 Old Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2017 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA
VIN # - 1FUJGLDR3HLHW7003 (CT TRAILS EXPRESS, LLC / LAKE EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to

reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on April 20, 2026 at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917.

- '04 CHEVY EXPRESS 1GBHG31V341184123 PROMINENT CHAPTERS CORP.
- '07 FORD 500 1FAHP24157G143501 DEREK WEAVER
- '21 KIA SOUL KNDJ23AU2M7790271 CAYLA BLAIR / CREDIT ACCEPTANCE
- '08 SUBARU FORESTER JF1S66668H731540 DUSTIN or LORNA KELLY
- '21 KIA FORTE 3KPF24ADOME333745 ACTION CAR RENTAL / 1ST SOURCE BANK
- '03 MERCEDES C32 WDBRF4A7J33F347429 MOKEY WILSON
- '07 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM27307A015864 SHERMAN STATUM
- '06 NISSAN TITAN 1N6BA07A56N538397 GERARDO ARIAS
- '04 INFINITY G35 JNKKCV51F44M703550 JOHNNY SANDS
- '01 DODGE RAM 1B7HF16Y61S129175 SIMON FLOWERS / TITLEMAX
- '06 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE 4A3AK34T16E012655 ALEX HUEZO / TITLEMAX
- '18 KIA FORTE 3KPF4A70JE188564 KYLIE CLAWSON
- '18 KIA FORTE 3KPF4A78J273784 MICHAEL MOWDY / CHRISTINA THAXTON
- '09 TOYOTA MATRIX 2T1KE40E19C008558 JAIME CEPEDA
- '15 INFINITY Q50 JN1BV7AP2FM348644 LADONNA LOYD / ROBERT RANDLE
- '02 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER JTEGF21A720047962 TYLER HEMRY