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Sheriff Tom Spangler Endorses David Amburn for Knox County Sheriff

By Steve Hunley,
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In a significant move for Knox County's law enforcement community, Sheriff Tom Spangler has officially endorsed David Amburn for the position of Knox County Sheriff. Sheriff Spangler, who is term-limited after two successful elections, first took office in 2018, winning with 65% of the vote, and followed up with an impressive 71% in 2022 for his final term and will likely retire as one of the most popular and respected sheriffs in Knox County history.

Sheriff Spangler's endorsement reflects his confidence in Amburn's ability to lead and enhance safety within Knox County. During his tenure, Spangler prioritized community engagement and the development of a strong law enforcement team focused on addressing



David Amburn and Sheriff Tom Spangler

critical local issues.

David Amburn, who has demonstrated unwavering dedication over his 34 consecutive years of committed service, was promoted to Chief of Detectives in 2021. In this role, he expertly oversees

numerous units, including: Major Crimes, Narcotics, Family Crimes, Juvenile Crimes, Gang Unit, Organized Retail Crime Unit, Cold Cases, Property Crimes and Fire Investigation Unit.

Additionally, Amburn serves as

Chief of Fleet Services, the Bomb Squad and all Emergency Operations Liaisons. In 2025, he collaborated with Sheriff Spangler, the late Chief Deputy Bernie Lyon and other key members of the agency to form an Elder Abuse Crimes

Unit, further showcasing his dedication to protecting the community's most vulnerable populations.

Sheriff Spangler confidently stated, "David's extensive experience, commitment to public safety, and leadership qualities make him the ideal candidate to lead Knox County as our next sheriff. I wholeheartedly endorse him and encourage the community to support his candidacy."

As the election approaches, Amburn's deep-rooted commitment to public service and his extensive experience will be crucial in addressing the challenges faced by Knox County law enforcement. With Spangler's endorsement, Amburn stands poised to continue the legacy of effective leadership in the Knox County Sheriff's Office. David Amburn is rooted in Knox County and is committed to protecting it.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Brad Anders, Knox 911 executive director, told the board the facility is in great financial shape and he'll be traveling to Nashville to support an increase in telephone surcharges that would help smaller emergency dispatch units in small counties.

Knox 911 employees to get a bonus

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Emergency Management District (Knox 911) employees will be getting a monetary bonus for their service because Knox 911 is doing

very well financially. Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon chaired the board of directors meeting Wednesday morning at Knox 911 Headquarters on Baxter Avenue.

The facility has undergone a major renovation

and should be ready to open next month for dispatchers to move back in and use the updated dispatch equipment, a quiet room and a fitness room. Dispatch operations have been relocated to the Knoxville Safety Center

during the renovation.

Janette Burgin reported the finance update and told the board the Knox 911 organization is 233 percent above expectations and suggested that \$709,013 be awarded to

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Isaiah 117 House holds fundraising luncheon

By Ken Lay

Knoxville's Isaiah 117 House held its fundraising luncheon Tuesday afternoon at Buffat Heights Baptist Church.

The event was emceed by WVLT news anchor Casey Wheelless, an advocate for the facility.

The Knoxville location of the Isaiah 117 House,

which opened its doors in 2023, sits just yards away from the church.

The non-profit organization serves children removed from their homes and awaiting placement in foster care. Before the Isaiah 117 House, those children sometimes spent days cooped up in

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Knoxville Isaiah 117 House location leader Kristi Whitehead addresses donors at the house's annual fundraising luncheon Tuesday afternoon at Buffat Heights Baptist Church.

North Broadway zoning request withdrawn at city council

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A North Broadway multi-family zoning request was withdrawn during Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting by the applicant. The removal came, according to District 4 Councilman Matthew DeBardelaben, at the request of Heyoh Architecture, as the rezoning would have faced growing opposition from nearby property owners.

The request was for a narrow strip of land at 2802 North Broadway to be rezoned from a general commercial and office designation to RN-6, multi-family residential neighborhood.

Charles Thomas, District 5 council member, said the developer had failed to reach out to neighboring property owners prior to the request, and he was critical of Knoxville-Knox County Planning's approval of the zoning change without due consideration.

The council then quickly moved through the brief agenda, approving an agreement with Volunteer Highway Supply Co. for street pavement on-call service, Edison Electric LLC and Progression Electric LLC for street lighting and maintenance, and adding funds to the contract with Whaley Construction LLC for Old City Streetscapes Phase II.

Edison Electric also was

granted a contract of \$150,000 for on-call electronic repair services and upgrades at various city-owned facilities. Three Phase Power LLC was granted a similar contract for \$50,000.

New basketball goals at 12 community centers were approved in an agreement with Bonitz Inc, in a \$416,184 agreement in a request from the Parks and Recreation Department.

The council also voted to update the City Code dealing with Rules of Procedures in a request by council members Karyn Adams, Debbie Helsley and Denzel Grant.

Two rezoning requests were approved in a consent vote: 963

World's Fair Park received a Historic Overlay designation and 5419 Jacksboro Pike changed zones from RN-1, single-family, to RN-2, single-family residential neighborhood.

Mayor Indya Kincannon reminded the council and the audience of the upcoming public listening sessions dealing with the future City of Knoxville Comprehensive Plan called "What's Next Knoxville?" Public outreach sessions begin Sunday, April 26, with a session at Urban Wilderness Gateway Park at 1 p.m. and one at Christenberry Community Center at 3:30 p.m. Two sessions are planned for Monday, April 27, at Lakeshore Park at 4:30 and

at the Cansler YMCA at 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, April 29, a "What's Next Knoxville?" session is planned for the Public Works Center at 5 p.m. and on Thursday, April 30, two sessions are planned: at the East Tennessee Historical Society at 11 a.m. and the Whittle Springs Middle School at 4:30 p.m. All sessions should take two hours and more information can be found at whatsnext-knoxville.com.

The comprehensive plan is a long-range policy that determines the vision and goals of the city over the next 25 years on land use, transportation and investment priorities.



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

Hope

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness ... it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope.

Charles Dickens

Every spring, my sense of hope is renewed as I marvel at new life and God's special green of springtime. I've written about this before, but I don't care. I write about what is currently stirring my soul.

One of my favorite poetic visions is Robert Frost's "Nothing Gold Can Stay." I discovered this poem in S.E. Hinton's coming-of-age book, "The Outsiders." The protagonist is told to "Stay green, Ponyboy." In other words, stay innocent instead of being corrupted by the evils of the world.

Robert Frost's poem alludes to youthful innocence and reveals God's handiwork:

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.*

*So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.*

Nothing gold can stay.
As I watch my grandchildren grow, I hope I can shelter them from some of the lessons maturity brings. But like the chateaufort of young leaves which lose their golden hue, our children must be allowed to grow up and deal with the complexities of good and bad in life.

Jesus said that in this world we would always have trouble (John 16:33). He continues to be prophetic. Mankind's history is one of ups and downs, where some are seemingly blessed and others are not. I admit that I don't understand this.

For centuries, scholars have debated what is called the theodicy question: if God is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, why do bad things happen? The classical explanations are 1) There is no God to affect reality (naturalism); 2) We are all sinners (separated from God) and get what we deserve; 3) Tragedy makes us stronger (Romans 5:3-5). 4) We will ultimately receive justice in the next life. Admittedly, none of these explanations is very satisfying for me, even the non-classical notion of karma.

In this world of human failures, frailty, war, politics and privation, it's often hard to see the "best of times" or perceive God's mysterious plan (Isaiah 55:8). It is human nature to assume our bodies or things work. And understandably, we are disappointed by aches and pains or when our expectations are not realized. Furthermore, a steady stream of negativity from the media doesn't help and often discolors the joy of another day of life, which is what we should be celebrating.

For reasons I can't explain, I have been blessed with a relatively long and prosperous life. I've gone further than I ever imagined. The Psalmist sang, "Our days may come

to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures" (Psalm 90:10). Even though my aging body is getting stiffer, my strength is holding up well enough (even after serious health challenges) that it looks like I'll make it to my seventy-fifth birthday in May. So, I have trained myself to awaken every morning and thank the Lord for another day of life.

The famous opening lines of Charles Dickens's 1859 novel "A Tale of Two Cities" revealed tough times and "the best of times." I believe we experience the same today. We have the Iran war, our government's ruinous spending, TDS crazies and I could go on, but I won't because there is no shortage of gloom and doom.

I am blessed by so much, including enough resources and to live in a safe and sensible state. I have the "big three:" life, the love of a wonderful wife and salvation of my Lord, Jesus Christ. I have purpose, family, friends and I could go on; and so could you.

Some years ago, I numbered my blessings and compared them to the challenges in my life. I repeated the survey last year and again found I could list twice as many blessings as negatives. I challenge you to try the exercise.

Our country is going through a rough patch lately, but nothing by comparison to the Civil War, the Great Depression or WWII. Remember when everyone groused about the price of eggs? Well, that was resolved when the chickens destroyed for a bird flu scare were replaced. Remember when gas prices peaked at \$5 a gallon in Biden's presidency? Well, they're now \$4 a gallon and falling. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent predicted gas will be down to \$3 a gallon by mid-September. In my opinion, temporary higher prices are worth ridding the world of the terrorist Iranian regime and preventing those fanatics from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

I have recently added to my blessings list a genre of music which I was introduced to at Sevier Heights Church. Being old school Methodist, I loved the old hymns, especially those of Fanny Crosby. Admittedly, I did not like the so-called praise band music I had experienced. But exposure to really good contemporary Christian music has opened my eyes and heart. I recommend you sample the following songs on YouTube as prime examples of quality contemporary Christian music with hopeful and impactful theology:

"Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson and Bethel Music, and "I Speak Jesus" by Charity Gayle.

Since this week's essay is focused on hope, blessings and beauty, I'll close with a few thoughts from my favorite poet, Emily Dickinson. She lived her whole life in Amherst, Massachusetts, never traveled or married. And unlike Robert Frost, Dickinson was largely unknown and unpublished in her lifetime. Yet her typically short poetic visions are now recognized as profound. She once said of poetry that, "If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can warm it, I know that it is poetry." I know what she means. I still get the shivers every time I hear the adagio movement of Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto De Aranjuez."

I have hope for our country and my grandkids. I have hope that Iranians will come to their senses and renounce nuclear weaponry. The author of Hebrews wrote, "Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). And as Emily Dickinson says, "Hope is the thing with feathers - That perches in the soul."

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From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.

Democrats should be very embarrassed that people all over this country are fleeing Democrat-run cities and states as fast as they can.

They are fleeing the high taxes and moving to conservative, low-tax,

Democrats Should Be Embarrassed That So Many Are Fleeing Their Policies

Republican-run cities and states, but it is much more than that.

They are also trying to get away from the high crime that inevitably follows soft-on-crime policies that Democrat city councils and state legislators seem to love.

Defunding the police, passing no-bail laws, and refusing to enforce laws against property crimes,

like shoplifting, have all led to higher crime rates.

Releasing criminals almost as soon as they are arrested discourages police and also leads to more crime.

And nothing shows that a city is on the way down more than allowing drug addicts to live on its streets and openly use illegal drugs and even defecate on those streets.

People don't want their children seeing or even, at times, having to walk by drug addicts doing these sickening things or begging for money or resorting to committing a crime to get it.

Honest, hard-working citizens are fleeing Democrat cities and states where their taxes are being wasted on failed woke social programs that do no good other than provide jobs for those who run the programs.

And people are fleeing cities and states that not only don't help enforce our immigration laws but even encourage it by placing immigrants in nice hotels at taxpayer expense and giving them all kinds of welfare handouts (even cash sometimes).

This is being done because Democrats know they keep losing more and more native born Americans and have to rely on foreign-born people to be able to stay in power.

A large number of Mandani's votes in the recent New York City Mayor's race came from foreign-born citizens. That is why national Democrats are fighting so hard against voter photo ID laws that 80 percent of the American people favor.

Democrats should be most embarrassed

because of so-called exit taxes, which several states are imposing or considering to force people to stay by making it very expensive to leave or by taking one last bite of the tax apple on their way out.

The National News Desk put it this way on April 7: "Across the country, at least ten states are now exploring or have already passed an exit or wealth tax to combat revenue losses from residents fleeing to lower tax areas."

Nonpartisan AI said: "Several high-tax ('blue') states, including California, New York, Washington and Michigan, are exploring or have proposed wealth and 'exit taxes' to combat revenue losses from residents relocating to lower-tax states."

The National Taxpayer Union Foundation said between 2015 and 2025, an exodus of residents from New York and California cost those states more than \$100 billion each in net adjusted gross income, with Florida and Texas reaping many of the losses.

A 2022 study reported by Business Insider found that 352 companies had left California from 2018 to 2021, and several hundred more since then. The primary beneficiaries were Texas, Tennessee, Nevada,

Florida and Arizona.

Gavin Newsom has been the governor of California throughout this massive business exit. Now he wants to be president so he can do for the whole country what he has done for California. He is running businesses out, but welcoming illegal immigrants in.

Several years ago, a man who had moved to Knoxville from New Jersey told me his sister's property taxes in that state were \$20,000 on a 2,500-square-foot house. A man from Wisconsin said his property taxes on a 3,800-square-foot house there were \$11,000, while taxes on a new 5,000-square-foot house on Dale Hollow Lake were going to be less than a third that much.

Democrat elected officials never think of reducing taxes or reducing the number of people on government payrolls. When so many upper-income people leave, the tax burden is harder on middle-income citizens.

Every Democrat needs to be asked this question: If your policies are so good, why are so many trying to get away from them?



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Publisher's Position Democrat-Socialists: The Enemy Of Affordability



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Democrat-Socialists talk about affordability, but actions, as always, speak louder than words. With perhaps as much as \$10 billion in taxpayer money lost to fraud in Minnesota, Democrats in the state legislature stopped an effort to investigate the fraud and abuse in state and federal funds siphoned off by fraudsters claiming to feed hungry children, etc. That money could have been used to fund any number of legitimate necessary expenses or helped to lower taxes on hardworking people.

Voters need to remember the Democrat-Socialists who told us there wasn't a penny of fraud in the expansive welfare programs when DOGE loomed big over federal spending. The fraud and abuse are mind-boggling, and the Somali community in Minneapolis has been using the tax dollars of working Americans like their very own ATM.

There are new reports that American taxpayers are paying for breast implants for illegal aliens who are undergoing gender change surgeries at our expense. Some 1.7 million illegals have received benefits from California's Medicaid program. At last look, the state of California is \$50 billion in debt while having the highest per capita taxes in the country. Gavin Newsom can deny it all he wants, but the tens of thousands leaving California tell the tale. Medi-Cal, the name of California's Medicaid program, is open to all aliens irrespective of their legal status. Newsom's office has acknowledged that illegal aliens

receive the same access as low-wage Californians who are American citizens and taxpayers. We help pay that bill here in Tennessee through federal taxes. But remember, there is no fraud.

The same people who preach defunding ICE, defunding the police, catering to criminals and cartels, can't spend enough on those who have broken the law to come here illegally. And who can wonder why California is broke and \$50 billion in the red?

Hillary Clinton is now publicly squalling about 6,200 children detained by ICE during President Trump's administration. Yet the average number of children detained during her husband's administration was much higher. Hillary Clinton is more likely to win the Miss America pageant than she is to tell the truth.

Four Democrat-Socialist governors have flatly turned their backs on President Trump's directive not to tax overtime wages and tips. Gavin Newsom, governor of California and a

presidential aspirant in 2028, J. B. Pritzker, the billionaire governor of Illinois and 2028 presidential contender, Governor Kathy Hochul of New York, and Jared Polis of Colorado, all have shown their true colors when it comes to working people and making life more affordable. The "Big Beautiful Bill" passed by Congress eliminated the income taxes on tips and overtime pay yet the governors of those four Democrat-Socialist states are forcing workers to report how much they have deducted from their federal taxes so as to be added back to future state taxes, presumably when a Democrat-Socialist Congress rolls back the "Big Beautiful Bill" and starts taxing tips and overtime pay of hard working Americans to spend on welfare programs for illegal aliens and handouts to their allies in the NGOs which help prop up their welfare state.

It is not a coincidence that Illinois, New York, and California are rapidly losing population as tens

of thousands of residents flee the blue states each year. It is also one of the big reasons Democrat Socialists want to count illegal aliens in the census, to bolster their population for the purpose of avoiding a serious loss of representation in the House of Representatives. California alone would lose something like seven seats in the House without counting illegal aliens in the census.

When working people are leaving a state in droves, it is a testament that the people running it don't give a hoot about making life more affordable for working families. Folks have started getting the biggest income tax refunds they've seen in decades. If the Democrat-Socialists retake Congress, that, too, will change. The tax cuts helped working people. The Democrat-Socialists are raising tons of money from Hollywood elites and billionaires while millionaire Communists like Bernie Sanders squall about taxing the rich. The Democrat-Socialists say one thing and do

another. Overtime pay is vitally important for many professions, including law enforcement, first responders, and many blue-collar workers.

The "Big Beautiful Bill" also provided much-needed tax relief to small business owners, who provide jobs and employ workers all across the country. That same legislation helped 15.3 million families in California, as well as 3.1 million small businesses. It helped 8.6 million families in New York as well as 1.5 million small businesses. In Illinois, it helped 5.5 million families and 1 million small businesses.

Americans need to remember Nancy Pelosi talking about the "crumbs" for working people as she pulled a \$12 pint of ice cream out of her \$25,000 refrigerator. These people haven't done anything for working people in 50 years and aren't about to do anything for them now - - except to tax them more when they get the chance.

Isaiah 117 House holds fundraising luncheon

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Department of Children's Services offices while their paperwork was being processed.

The house's mission is to reduce trauma for the children awaiting placement, to lighten the load for DCS workers and to ease the transition for foster families.

It provides housing and a welcoming environment

for children removed from their homes for safety reasons. The Isaiah 117 House also sees that those children are supplied with clothing, school supplies and toys.

"I didn't know anything about removal," said Kristi Whitehead, location leader of Knoxville's Isaiah 117 House. "I know that when the children are awaiting placement, it takes time.

"It may take minutes. It may take hours and it may take days because paperwork has to be processed and phone calls have to be made."

Paula Booker, who has been a foster parent, recalled the difference that the Isaiah 117 House has made for foster parents.

"The first time, three children showed up with all

their belongings in black garbage bags," Booker said. "And then we had one who didn't even have a garbage bag, there was nothing."

After Isaiah 117 House opened its doors in 2023, things changed.

"We had children come to us from the Isaiah 117 House and there were no garbage bags," Booker said. "There were full duffel bags, and they were filled to the top."

"They had clothes, school supplies, toys and

coloring books."

Whitehead is obviously grateful for the community support for the Isaiah 117 House.

"The community has answered the call to help us and to help these children," she said.

Knox 911 employees to get a bonus

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employees based on 5 to 10 percent of their salaries.

Knox 911 has \$49 million in assets according to Executive Director Brad Anders, and the bonus would be scaled so employees will get 5 percent if employed there for six months, 7.5 percent for 3/4th of a year and 10 percent if employed for the past year.

The organization is hiring 10 to 12 new employees, which would bring it up to full staff. New hires at the

call center receive \$20.37 per hour plus benefits.

Anders also reported that he's headed to Nashville to support raising the telephone user fee from \$1.50 to \$1.86, which he said would help fund those smaller county dispatching units that have a hard time financially.

He also reported that the Knox 911 unit handled 56,000 calls last year, many of which were not emergencies, and noted that the organization is working on its annual budget

proposal, adding real-time transcription and translation to incoming calls. He said adding the equipment will help deal with the 30 to 40 spam calls that come in daily on the non-emergency telephone number.

Julia Small of the technical user committee reported that there are some problems with radio coverage in the Cumberland Avenue area around UT. Motorola has a contract with 911 and is being asked to resolve the problem.

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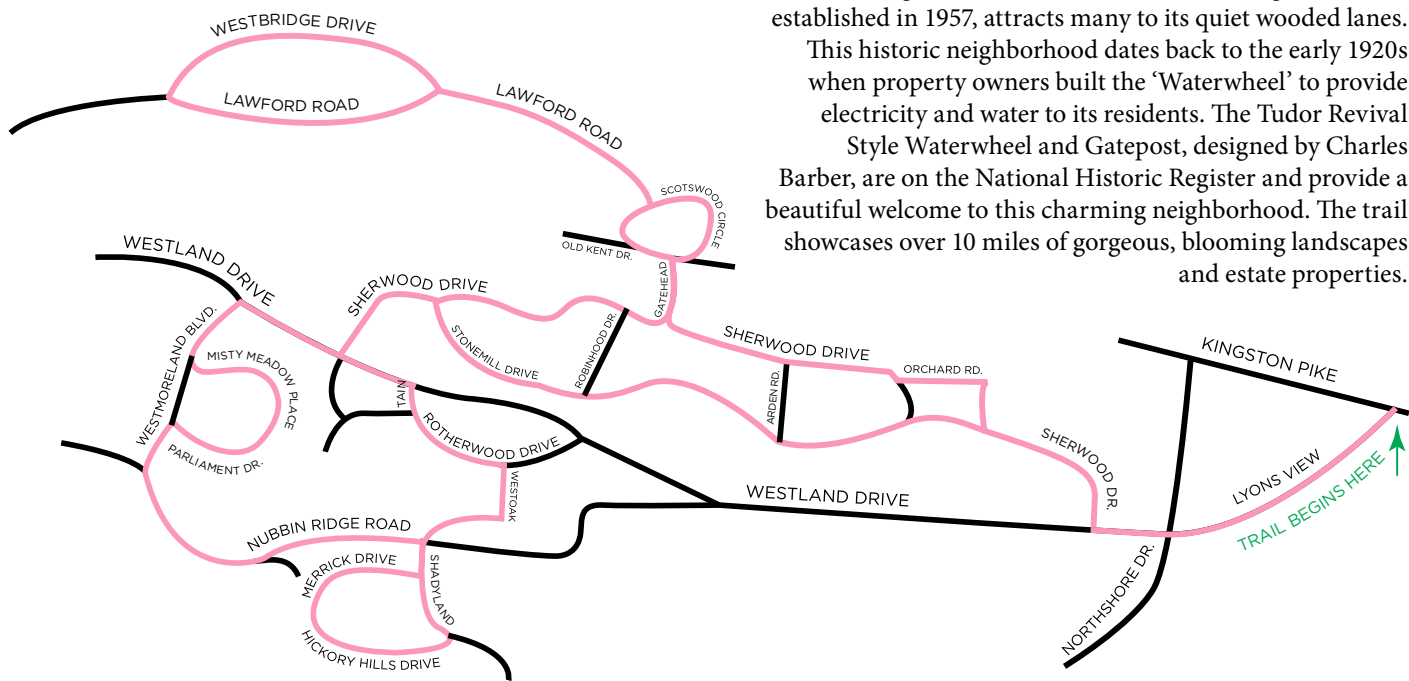
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10 Miles | Established in 1957 | Trail begins at 4501 Lyons View Pike (37919)

The grandeur of the Westmoreland Dogwood Trail, established in 1957, attracts many to its quiet wooded lanes. This historic neighborhood dates back to the early 1920s when property owners built the 'Waterwheel' to provide electricity and water to its residents. The Tudor Revival Style Waterwheel and Gatepost, designed by Charles Barber, are on the National Historic Register and provide a beautiful welcome to this charming neighborhood. The trail showcases over 10 miles of gorgeous, blooming landscapes and estate properties.



Dogwood Arts Festival Returns to World's Fair Park April 24-26

Spring in East Tennessee means blooming dogwoods and the return of one of Knoxville's most beloved traditions: the Dogwood Arts Festival. Now in its 65th year, the festival will take place April 24-26th, filling World's Fair Park in Downtown Knoxville with fine art, live music, hands-on activities, and family fun. Recognized as one of the Top 10 Best Art Festivals in the U.S. by USA TODAY's 10Best Readers' Choice poll, this year's event will showcase 101 injured artists, 23 live performances, a local Maker Market, interactive workshops and demonstrations, and more—all surrounded by the scenic beauty of Downtown Knoxville.

Event Details

Dates: April 24-26, 2026

Location: World's Fair Park (Performance Lawn)
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Festival Hours: Friday & Saturday, 10AM-7PM / Sunday: 10AM-5PM

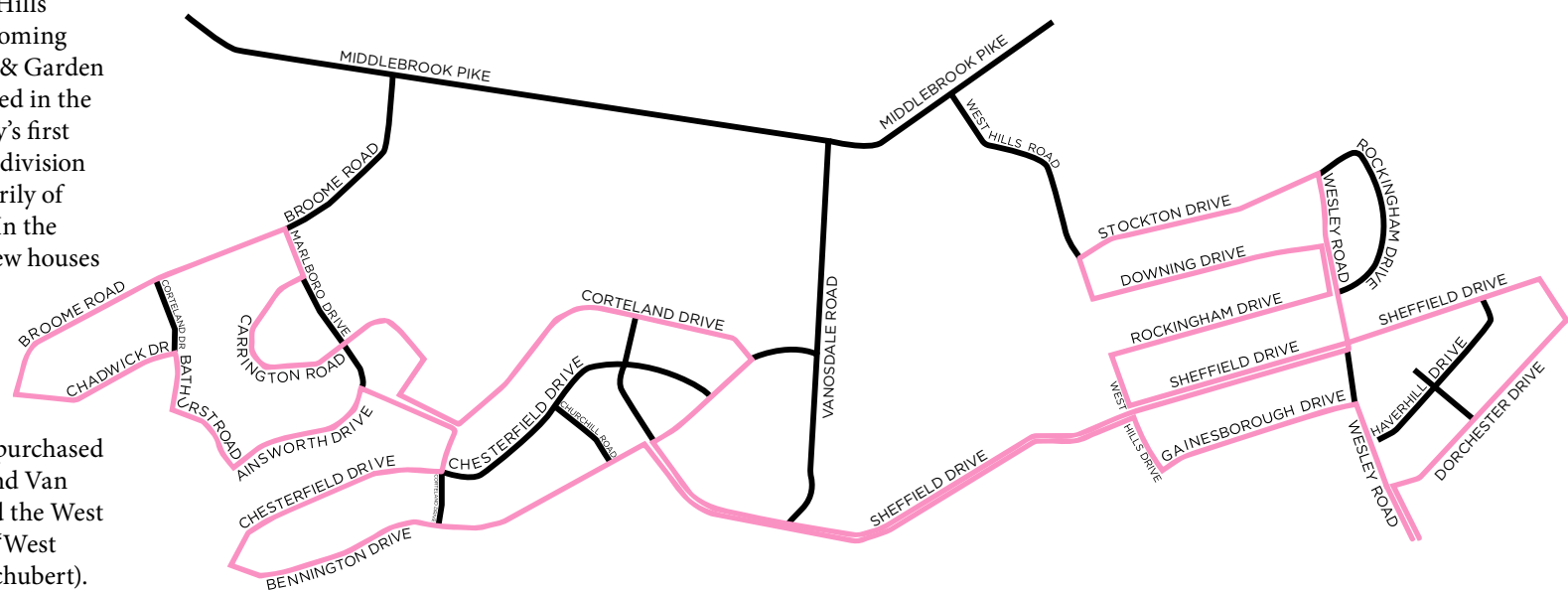
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WEST HILLS

8 Miles | Established in 2022 | Trail Begins at 100 Wesley Rd. 37919

Established in 2022, West Hills added over eight miles of blooming trails to the Dogwood Trails & Garden Program. Originally developed in the 1950s, West Hills was the city's first major post-World War II subdivision and the first to consist primarily of modern ranch-style houses. In the late 1940s, the demand for new houses spiked, and vacant lots in Knoxville's older, pre-war neighborhoods quickly filled up. To meet the rising housing demand, developer Morgan Schubert purchased the Walker, Kirby, Hickey, and Van Osdale farms and established the West Hills subdivision (the name "West Hills" was likely coined by Schubert). Knoxville's 1954 Parade of Homes featured new houses on Stockton Drive in West Hills, attracting many of the neighborhood's earliest residents.

While West Knoxville experienced a boom in commercial development in the 1960s and 1970s, West Hills managed to retain its residential character. This was due in large part to its neighborhood advocacy group, which later became known as the West Hills Community Association. In 1972, this group worked with Knoxville's Metropolitan Planning Commission to create the West Hills Plan, which provided a development model subsequently adopted for all Knoxville neighborhoods.



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West Hills Baptist Church's beautiful gardens are dedicated to the glory of God's creation and with love and thanksgiving to Dr. Robert M. Overholt for his care and commitment to establishing and maintaining a worshipful place of peace for the church and community.

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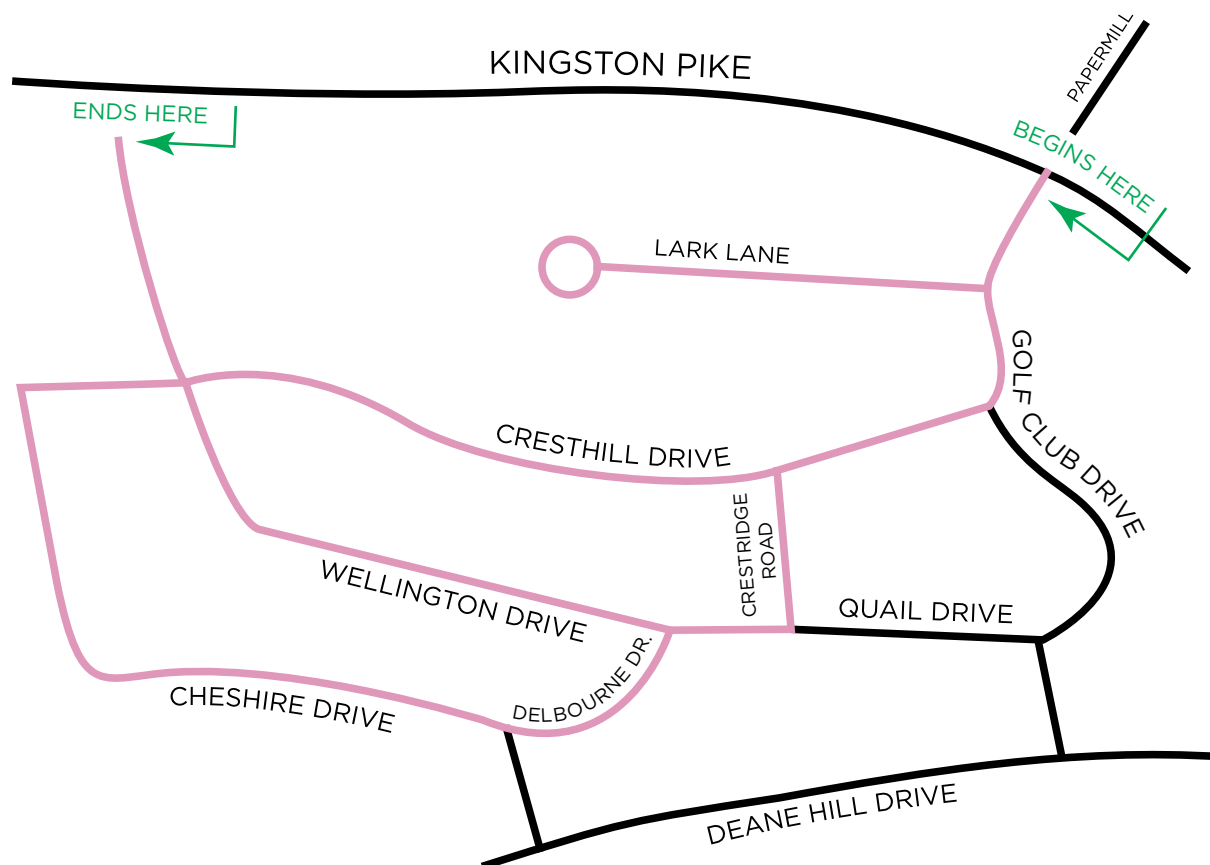
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2.6 Miles | Established in 1978 | Trail Begins at 101 Golfclub Drive (37919)



The Deane Hill Community is named after Thomas Jellis Deane, who owned the Appalachian Marble Co. In 1928, Deane built a 16-room house on 192 acres of farmland where the neighborhood stands

today. The area later became Deane Hill Country Club and was home to a beautiful golf course with rolling hills. Today, Deane Hill is a mid-century modern neighborhood

with most of the classic ranchers and split-level homes dating to the 50s and 60s. The neighborhood has large, well-kept lots with beautiful mature trees boasting gorgeous springtime blooms.

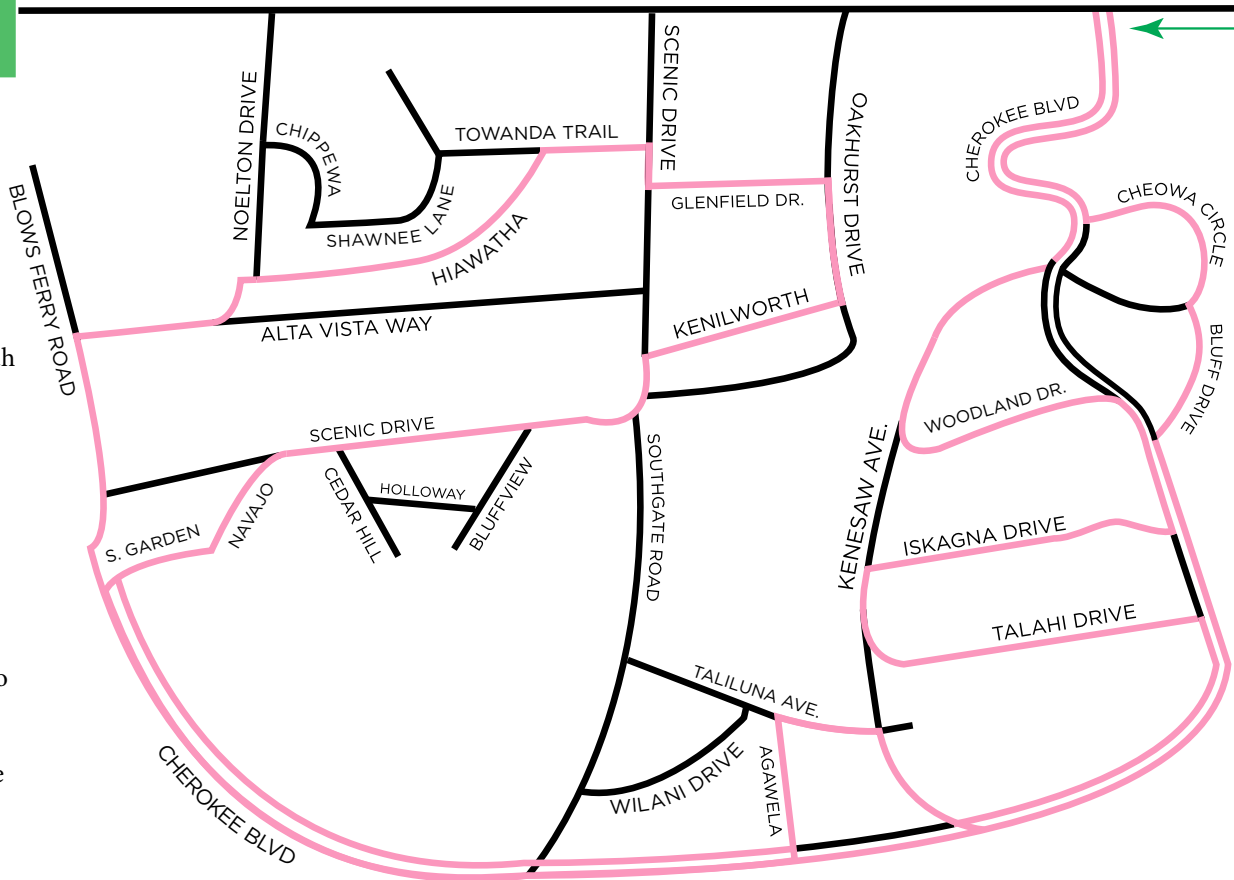
SEQUOYAH HILLS

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6.5 Miles | Established in 1955

Trail begins at 415 Cherokee Blvd (37919)



Knoxville's first dogwood trail was established in Sequoyah Hills in 1955 and includes some of the city's most beautiful scenic landscapes. The trail begins on Cherokee Boulevard, which was named for the Native American tribal lands that became Knoxville. Many of the streets throughout the neighborhood have names inspired by the prehistoric, Woodlands-era culture, such as Iskagna, Agawela, Keowee, Taliluna and Tugaloo, and a 1,000-year-old earthen mound rises in the median of Cherokee Boulevard.

Between 1927 and 1929, several landscape features were built, including gateposts at either end of Cherokee Blvd, two fountains (Sunshine Fountain and Panther Fountain), stone benches and Papoose Park. Cherokee motifs decorate these features, suggesting inspiration from both Cherokee folklore and the Art Deco movement. These early improvements endured as a hallmark of the area and are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the springtime, the neighborhood rolls out the pink carpet with abundant flowering dogwoods, spectacular landscapes, and a line of ancient cherry trees along the boulevard, which is a popular trail for walkers and runners.

While you visit, be on the lookout for homes with 'Open Garden' and 'Camera Site' yard signs (open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).

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Walmart coming to Schaad Road

By Mike Steely
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Development was expected following the four-lane expansion of Schaad Road from Oak Ridge Highway to Middlebrook Pike. What some residents there didn't expect was a new Walmart complex about midway along the route.

At its April 9 meeting, Knoxville-Knox County Planning reviewed an agenda of more than 50 applications for zoning changes for properties across the city and county.

One of those requests was from Orange Knoxville LLC for the development of 14 acres for a new Walmart at Schaad and Bakertown Road.

The request involved three motions and was supported by the planning staff with several conditions. The planners heard from attorney Benjamin Mullins, who spoke for the developer. Bill Walker of Truitt Path Lane represented the Lobetti Landing Subdivision and nearby homeowners.

Walker told the meeting that 40 residents in the

area had sent messages to the planners. He didn't oppose the project but made several requests, including a 620-foot fence between the neighborhood and the proposed complex, a low-level tree buffer of evergreens and keeping the current trees along the property line. He also spoke about the expected increase in traffic.

Mullins responded that the developer would build a fence along the higher level. He suggested a six-foot fence to restrict the light pollution from the development, and agreed



A new Walmart is coming to Schaad Road next to the Lobetti Landing neighborhood. The location, at Bakertown Road, was approved by the planning commission last week and will include some suggestions from nearby homeowners.

to a Class A buffer, which would keep the trees and supplement them with new

plantings.

The planners approved the zoning change concept

plan and the development plan.

12th Open Streets Knoxville is May 17

For the first time, Bike Walk Knoxville brings Open Streets Knoxville to Gay Street!

On Sunday, May 17, from 2-6 p.m., the Knoxville community is invited to walk, bike, jog, or dance their way through town at the 12th annual Open Streets Knoxville event. For the first time in its history, Open Streets Knoxville will be held on historic Gay Street! The route will run from Summit Hill Drive to Hill Avenue and will be completely closed to motor-vehicle traffic, allowing revelers a day of playing, exercising, and socializing in the streets. The route will include the Gay Street Pedestrian Bridge, providing a valuable connection to South Knoxville that fully encompasses the Open Streets spirit: to connect.

Open Streets Knoxville, hosted by Bike Walk Knoxville with support from the City of Knoxville, Downtown Knoxville Alliance, First Horizon Bank, as well as many other sponsors, aims to promote physical

activity and strengthen community during this free, family- and pet-friendly event. The international Open Streets initiative promotes healthy living, local businesses, and sustainable transportation in cities around the world. Open Streets events provide opportunities to reimagine our streets as public spaces for people of all ages and abilities to use. Past Open Streets Knoxville events have brought thousands of people to the streets!

"Gay Street is downtown's vibrant, welcoming corridor, and I'm excited to partner with Bike Walk Knoxville to open it safely to pedestrians only for this event," says Mayor Kincannon. "The Open Streets experience connects participants with our city in a way that's refreshing and transformative, and bringing that energy to downtown's historic thoroughfare will be a highlight of the spring."

At Open Streets Knoxville, attendees of all ages and abilities can participate in activities provided

by dozens of local businesses and organizations, play games, or peacefully stroll the streets while enjoying live music and street performers. Activities can be anything, and this year we are ecstatic to have Slippery Stairs, often featured on ESPN 8: The Ocho at Open Streets being presented by Visit Knoxville! Slippery Stairs is a fun, comedic game show competition where contestants attempt to climb a set of stairs covered in water, soap, or lubricant. The goal is to reach the top and ring a bell while enduring falling, sliding down, and sometimes being hit with more lubricant by others. For more information on Slippery Stairs, visit www.slipperystairs.com.

Food and drink will be for sale from food trucks and businesses located along the route. Strollers, scooters, skateboards, and bikes are welcome – just no cars! You are encouraged to walk, bike, or take transit to Open Streets to be fully immersed in the event.

Ethics subcommittee ready to issue its report

By Mike Steely
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After six months of meetings, the Knox County Ethics Subcommittee wrapped up its deep dive into the current ethics policies last Wednesday and will present its findings to the full committee. If the changes are approved, the revision goes to the Knox County Commission for the final approval.

Some of the decisions being passed along include keeping the one-year prohibition on lobbying for departing elected officials, changing the wording on family members of officials to "domestic," and adding former

spouses and fostered and adopted children to that category.

Changes to the ethics committee's Rules of Procedure include requiring the law department to notify officials charged with violations within 10 days of receipt and to dismiss a complaint if the alleged violator resigns from the public office. In order to hear a complaint, a 7-2 vote would be required, and a unanimous vote would be needed to find the complaint justified.

At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier sat in on the subcommittee's meetings, making suggestions and comments.

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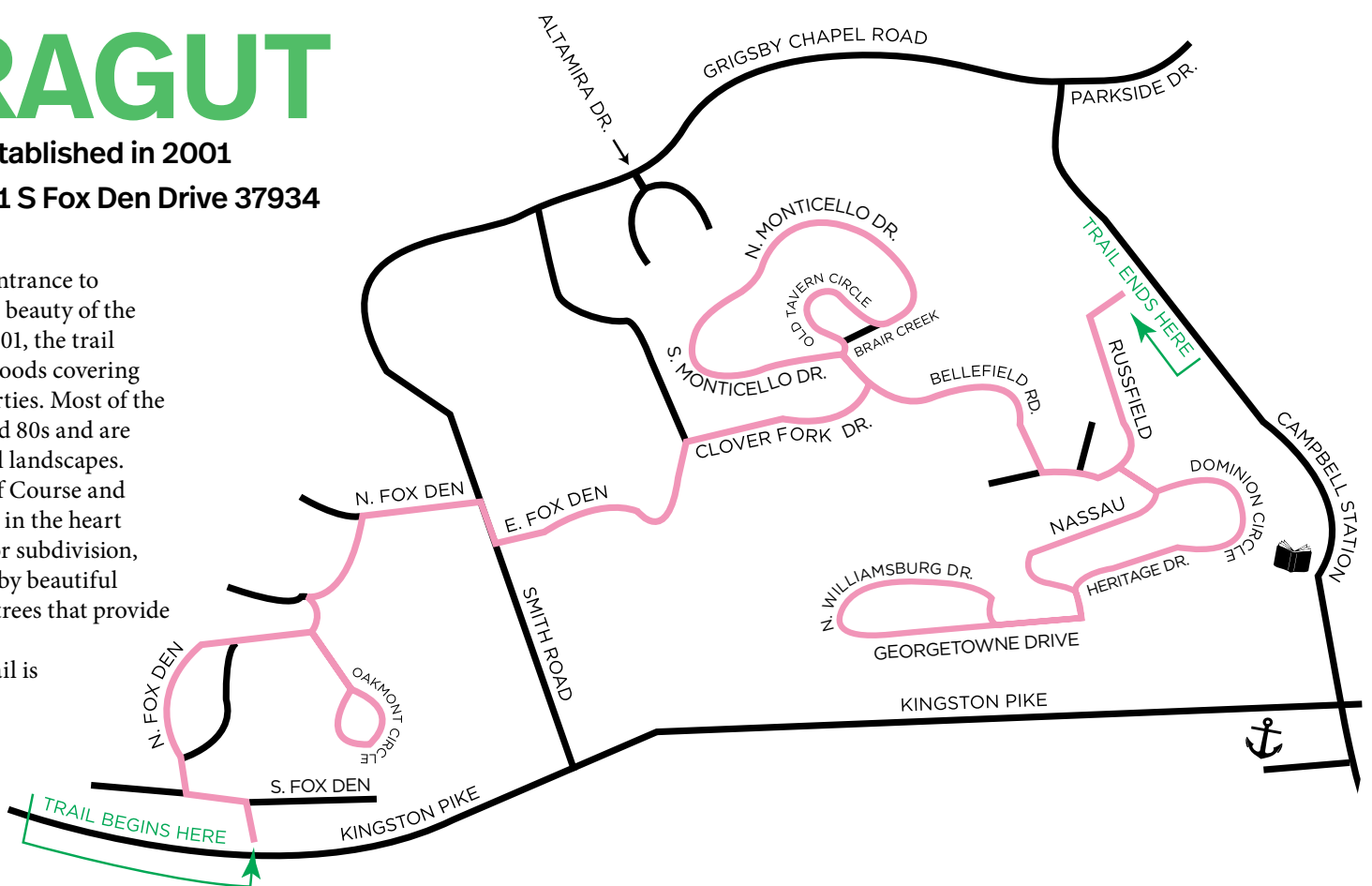
7.9 Miles | Established in 2001

Trail Begins at 12251 S Fox Den Drive 37934

Follow the pink lines beginning at the entrance to the Fox Den community to experience the beauty of the Farragut Dogwood trail. Established in 2001, the trail wanders through three distinct neighborhoods covering 7.9 miles of impeccably maintained properties. Most of the homes in Fox Den were built in the 70s and 80s and are surrounded by mature trees with beautiful landscapes.

The path begins near Willow Creek Golf Course and the entrance to Fox Den subdivision, deep in the heart of Farragut. Continuing to Country Manor subdivision, you'll see newer construction highlighted by beautiful dogwoods, in addition to other flowering trees that provide shade and character to the scenery.

In the Village Green subdivision, the trail is transformed into an historic experience. Modeled after Colonial Williamsburg, the neighborhood features carefully maintained landscapes surrounding homes with classic American features.



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CareCuts moves to Clinton Highway



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Marti Baker, founder of CareCuts, welcomes supporters, including many elected officials, to the opening of CareCuts' new location at 5200 Clinton Highway in front of Clinton Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday, April 11. The ceremony included the introduction of the many organizations and individuals who support the non-profit organization and its new location, which will be open three days a week to serve the homeless.

Halls High School Alumni Association to hold Hall of Fame banquet

By Ken Lay

The Halls High School Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet and Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday at the school's cafeteria.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner will be at 6 p.m. Those attending should bring a covered dish. Admission is free, but the association is seeking donations for its scholarship fund and will give one or two \$2,000 scholarships to a deserving Halls High School senior.

The 2026 Hall-of-Fame inductees include Mark Aycock (Class of 1976) and Johnny D. Staley III (Class of 1988).

Aycock is a martial arts champion and an award-winning screenwriter. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in education. The degree led him to pursue a personal coaching business. He was introduced to martial arts and Wheeler Karate School by a friend and fellow Halls High graduate, Mike Hubbs.

Aycock has earned national and world honors in three martial arts disciplines, including karate, sport jujitsu and continuous fighting.

He has won screenwriting awards for "War Angels" and "Heroes for Innocence," both

faith-based movies.

Staley passed away in 2024, following a brief but hard-fought battle with cancer at the age of 54. He was a lifelong athlete and a member of the school's 1986 state championship football team. After high school, he was accepted into the University of Tennessee Chattanooga's physical therapy program.

Following his graduation from UTC, he returned home to Halls and achieved his dream of opening his own physical therapy business.

He assumed the role of senior vice president of operations there while continuing to lead Tri-State.

He made it his mission to mentor and provide opportunities through internships and jobs.

Staley was the first recipient of the UT Chattanooga Physical Therapy Outstanding Alumni Award in 2012 and was chosen as the UT Alumni Association President in 2018. He established scholarships for both Halls High and UT students.

He was a devoted husband and father and also active in his church.

Celebrate Earth Day with Keep Knoxville Beautiful

Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson and first held on April 22, 1970, to raise awareness of environmental issues following a massive 1969 oil spill. Founded in 1978, Keep Knoxville Beautiful believes Earth Day deserves a whole month of celebration! Join Keep Knoxville

Beautiful on social media this month leading up to Earth Day on April 22 with 22 ways you can take action for Earth Day.

Simple steps include: Pick up litter in your neighborhood. Recycle. Shop with reusable bags. Use a reusable water bottle. Compost your food scraps at the city recycling centers.

Visit a park or community garden.

Make an upcycled craft or donate to Keep Knoxville Beautiful so we can continue to keep Knoxville Clean, Green, and More Beautiful!

Learn much more on the Keep Knoxville Beautiful blog: www.keepknoxville-beautiful.org/kkb-blog



Nourish Knoxville Celebrates Earth Week with the 2026 New Harvest Farmers Market Opening

Nourish Knoxville, in partnership with Knox County Parks & Recreation, will welcome the community to the grand opening of the 2026 New Harvest Farmers Market on Thursday, April 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. at New Harvest Park. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will ring the

opening bell to officially launch the season.

Opening Day will feature an Earth Week-inspired celebration, highlighting the connection between supporting local farms and building a more sustainable regional food system. Visitors can participate in an Earth Week

Scavenger Hunt, stopping by community partner booths to ask questions and collect stamps while learning about sustainability initiatives in Knoxville. Participating organizations include the Knox County Master Gardeners, Beardsley Farm, KAT Transit, Keep Knoxville

Beautiful, and Bike Walk Knoxville. Participants who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered into a drawing to win an invitation for two adults and children to Nourish Knoxville's annual Friends & Farmers celebration on October 18, 2026.

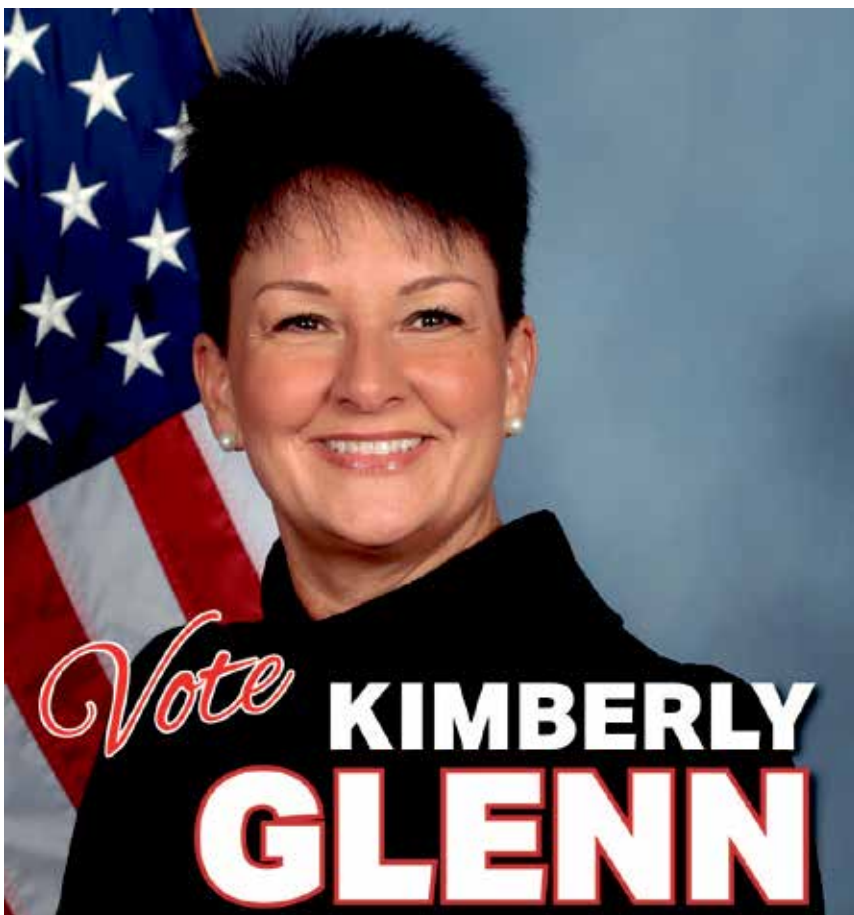
The market hosts more

than 15 local vendors offering seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats and eggs, baked goods, plants, prepared foods, and hand-made artisan products from East Tennessee farmers and producers.

The New Harvest Farmers Market operates every Thursday from 3 to 6

p.m. at New Harvest Park, April 23 through September 24, bringing fresh, locally grown food and community programming to East Knoxville each week.

For more information about the New Harvest Farmers Market, visit www.nourishknoxville.org/new-harvest.



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A STAMP SHOW

OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE



By Harry Brooks
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In the next few weeks, a number of communities and stamp clubs will be hosting stamp shows. Knoxville has already had one show, and I will be traveling to Virginia, Georgia and Kentucky for upcoming shows. Some shows are larger than others. Some may have as many as 15 dealers, while others may have as few as four. The country's largest shows can have as many as 50 stamp dealers.

For the dealer, there is a lot of preparation to get ready for a show. First, we need to make sure we have sufficient inventory to satisfy a variety of collectors' wants and needs. Whether the dealer deals in just U.S. stamps or in foreign stamps, it is important to have sufficient stock. For example, as a U.S. dealer,

I need to have at least 90% of all stamps printed by the U.S. Postal Service. A good U.S. inventory will have items ranging in cost from .25 cents to \$3,000.00. In addition to stamps, some dealers have special items such as postal sheets of stamps, stamps with printing errors, multi-colored stamps, special cancellations, stamp forgeries, and stamp collecting supplies. A good dealer will anticipate what collectors want and continue to add to their collection. My stock includes in excess of 10,000 items. It includes used, unused, pre-cancelled, special cancels, errors in printing, location and date cancels. In addition, I have numbered plate blocks, proofs, large blocks, covers, postal materials, topical stamps, etc. I try to have whatever someone might be looking for, especially if they are interested in U.S. stamps.

It takes time to prepare and set up for a stamp show. Once I decide to attend a show, I have to arrange for lodging at the show location. Sometimes I have friends or relatives who live nearby. Staying with them cuts out the cost of a hotel. Otherwise, one or two nights in a hotel at the show's location can become expensive. Then we must travel to the show site, which is another expense to budget for.

Oftentimes, a venue allows us to set up the night before the show, but there are other venues where we must arrive early on the day of the show to get ready to display our

stamps and goods. It takes two or more people to move everything into the venue and set up the booth. We have storage boxes and notebooks to house the bulk of my inventory. I also have additional bins containing postal sheets, special printing and covers. I display a number of items on tables under plastic. Then I have my sign, "Old Man Stamp Store," that must be set up to advertise my booth. All of this takes about two hours. Shows usually begin about 10:00 a.m. and last until around 5:00 p.m. Most shows are two-day events, but some are just one. There is a lot to be done, and when the show is over, everything must be taken down and packed away in anticipation of the next show.

As I write this article, the astronauts are returning to Earth from their successful moon voyage. Well done, Artemis crew! I predict that this major world event will result in a selection of commemorative stamps being printed in the near future. That's more for us to collect!

If you want to grow your interest in stamp collecting, you are welcome to join us for our monthly stamp collectors' meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Church on Kingston Pike at 6:00 p.m. Our local organization is called the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Feel free to contact me for my information about stamp collecting at hrbrooks68@gmail.com, Old Man Stamp Store, or 865-604-0164. Happy collecting.

Pressure, Perspective and the Power of Standing Still



By Justin Pratt,
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The children of Israel didn't wander into their Red Sea moment by accident; they were led there by God Himself. Scripture is clear that after generations of bondage, they were finally walking in freedom, stepping out of Egypt with hope in their lungs, and promise in their future. But freedom didn't feel like victory for long. With the sun beating down on a massive crowd of people, families, and livestock all pressing forward, their march comes to an abrupt stop.

Before them: the Red Sea, vast, immovable, stretching roughly 1,400 miles long, 220 miles wide, and plunging thousands of feet deep. Behind them: the thunder of chariots. Pharaoh has changed his mind. The ground trembles with the approach of Egypt's army. The sound of iron wheels and galloping horses grows louder by the second. They are trapped.

It's a place that feels all too common. We all have our own Red Sea, Catch-22s, and caught-between-a-rock-and-a-hard-place moments. And here, we must understand something critical: Red Sea moments are never meant to stop us, but to show us that what we could never do, God can. God didn't bring Israel out to abandon them at the shoreline. He does not lead us to hard places to leave us, either. He brought them, and us, to places of pressure to reveal something deeper than deliverance, and that is dependence.

An important principle to remember when you have your own insurmountable Red Sea Moment is that God sometimes allows pressure before purpose. Pressure is not always punishment. Sometimes it is positioning. God knew exactly where He was leading them. That tight space, that overwhelming tension—it was sovereignly orchestrated. Before God could take them into the promise, He needed to show them His power.

Sometimes, the sovereign placement of God that creates pressure is the gateway to the most valuable lessons in life. Without the pressure, they would have never seen the provision. Without the obstacle, they would have never witnessed the miracle. Fear makes situations look big; faith makes God look bigger. When the people saw Pharaoh's army, panic set in. Scripture records they were "sore afraid." It's completely normal for us to feel the trepidation of the obstacles and trials that lie before us. Our problem was theirs; a faulty perspective shrinks God and magnifies the problem. But faith flips the lens. Faith doesn't deny the obstacle; it declares that God is greater than it. The Red Sea didn't change, but their understanding of God had to.

Lastly, remember that standing still doesn't mean doing nothing; it means trusting God fully. Moses speaks into the chaos with a command that seems almost offensive in the moment: "Stand still." Stand still? When the enemy is closing in? When does the future feel blocked? When is anxiety screaming? Yes, the command was to stand still.

Because stillness is not passivity, stillness is an act of warfare. It is the refusal to let fear dictate your response. It is the decision to trust God when every instinct tells you to run, panic, or quit. The greatest way to fight some battles is not with movement, but with surrender. Not with striving, but with stillness. When you stand still, you are declaring: "God, this is beyond me, but it is not beyond You."

And in that moment, when they stopped striving and started trusting, God moved. The waters parted. A pathway appeared where none had existed. And what once looked like a dead end became a doorway. That's what Red Sea moments are about. Not destruction, but demonstration. Not defeat, but revelation. So when you find yourself at the edge, pressed, trapped, overwhelmed, don't assume God has failed you. It may be that He has led you there. On time. On purpose. Because sometimes, the place that looks like the end, is actually where God begins to show you who He really is.

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Eleanor Roosevelt at the UN

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Eleanor Roosevelt was no ordinary First Lady. Separated from her husband, at least emotionally if not literally, by past mistakes, Mrs. Roosevelt set out to recreate herself while living in the White House. If her husband was known worldwide, then quite probably Eleanor Roosevelt was the best-known woman in the world. In the past, most First Ladies were content to preside over teas and stand beside the husband at the appropriate time. Eleanor Roosevelt, due to her husband's inability to walk after having been stricken with polio, became the eyes and ears of FDR outside the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt also managed to keep her own identity, beginning one of the most popular columns at a time when virtually every American got his or her news from the pages of the newspaper. Eleanor Roosevelt wrote "My Day" six days a week from December 31, 1935, until September 26, 1962, when she became too ill to continue.

On April 30, 1940, Eleanor Roosevelt began broadcasting her own radio show over the NBC network. The radio was the prime media outlet, aside from newspapers, at the time, as television was several years away from dominating the airwaves. Prior to the launch of her own show, Mrs. Roosevelt had appeared on the radio as a guest on numerous other programs as well as having been broadcast as a speaker during events carried live for listeners. Mrs. Roosevelt's radio show aired every Tuesday and Thursday, irrespective of where she might be in the country. During its first run, Eleanor Roosevelt's radio program was sponsored by the Manhattan Soap Company, which manufactured Sweetheart Soap. Mrs. Roosevelt's program was quite simple in nature; she talked about her day, a reflection of her daily newspaper column, or those issues that either concerned or interested her. Broadcasting her initial show from station WRC in Washington, D.C., the First Lady was a hit with audiences and critics alike. Mrs. Roosevelt always preferred sitting down while broadcasting rather than standing. The First Lady was also well-versed in the various hand signals used by radio technicians of the day. The length of Mrs. Roosevelt's radio show was fifteen minutes and it aired at 1:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. While her own show did not last long, Eleanor Roosevelt made some 300 appearances over the radio, oftentimes being handsomely compensated. So, too, was the First Lady well paid for her weekly column. It was a different day and age and would now certainly

be considered a conflict of interest, but at the time Mrs. Roosevelt earned her own money, oftentimes more than her husband made as president of the United States.

When FDR died, his widow had announced somberly, "The story is over." She could not have been more wrong. On December 21, 1945, President Harry Truman wrote Eleanor Roosevelt to inform her that he had appointed her as a delegate to the United Nations. "You, as a representative of the United States, will bear the grave responsibility of demonstrating the wholehearted support which this government is pledged to give to the United Nations organization, to the end that the organization can become the means of preserving the international peace and of creating conditions of mutual trust and economic and social well-being among all peoples of the world," Truman wrote in his letter to Mrs. Roosevelt.

A woman of many firsts, Eleanor Roosevelt also became the first woman to represent the United States at the United Nations. When President Truman initially wanted to appoint Mrs. Roosevelt to the U.S. delegation to the UN, she had turned down the offer, feeling that she was too inexperienced for such a role. Truman continued to press her, and eventually, Eleanor Roosevelt changed her mind. "I believed the United Nations to be the one hope for a peaceful world," Mrs. Roosevelt later explained. "I knew that my husband had placed great importance on the establishment of this world organization. So I felt a great sense of responsibility."

President Harry Truman had wisely peppered the American delegation to the first session of the United Nations, which was held in January 1946 in London, with both Republicans and Democrats. Among Mrs. Roosevelt's colleagues were Secretary of State Edward Stettinius and Senators Tom Connally of Texas and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan. The alternates were as distinguished as the delegates. Truman had named Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, along with his GOP counterpart, Congressman Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey; Frank Walker, a Democratic politico who had served as postmaster general under FDR; and John G. Townsend Jr., a former Republican senator from Delaware who was also the chief fundraiser for the senatorial campaign committee. Lastly, Truman appointed John Foster Dulles, a prominent Wall Street attorney and GOP foreign policy expert, who would later become secretary of state under President Dwight D.



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Photo of Eleanor Roosevelt from a post card from the FDR Library & Museum.

Eisenhower.

Following the death of her husband, Eleanor Roosevelt faced a new life altogether. Mrs. Roosevelt had turned down various entreaties, including running for the United States Senate or becoming the head of a university. Yet Eleanor Roosevelt had no intention of remaining silent. With Franklin Roosevelt dead, she would have to speak for herself, and she proved more than able to raise her voice in support of those things in which she believed so deeply.

Eleanor Roosevelt's appointment, as one of the best-known women in the world, as well as a former First Lady of the United States, gave the delegation to the United Nations an even greater standing as representatives of the American government. Still, Mrs. Roosevelt was given an assignment perhaps less meaningful than that given to most of her male colleagues. In truth, some of her male colleagues were less than thrilled by her appointment.

The former First Lady was assigned to a committee which occupied itself with those questions concerning economic, cultural and humanitarian issues. The menfolk were left to wrestle with the more political, legal and financial matters and the atomic bomb, all of which were facing the United Nations. Yet through that assignment where some of her male colleagues thought she could do little or no harm, Eleanor Roosevelt would rise head and shoulders above those same men.

During the years she served as a member of the American delegation to the United Nations, that organization considered the most pressing issues facing mankind. Control of atomic weapons, a proposed armed force for the UN to keep the peace, the

creation of the State of Israel, and the rights of women were all considered by the United Nations during the time that Mrs. Roosevelt represented the United States.

Eleanor Roosevelt made the assignment her own and quickly demonstrated she was not to be underestimated because of her lack of diplomatic experience, much less her gender. To the surprise of some, Mrs. Roosevelt proved to be an effective spokesperson for the American point of view, as well as quite diplomatic in her dealings with those delegates from other countries whose support was needed by the United States. So, too, was Eleanor Roosevelt highly articulate in voicing America's positions on those issues involving human rights and freedoms. Mrs. Roosevelt stoutly argued for the right of self-determination for those all too numerous refugees who had been displaced from their homes during the Second World War. The former First Lady was profoundly opposed to the notion of forced repatriation for refugees, meaning those who did not wish to return to their home countries, many of which had been gobbled up and come under the domination of the Communist dictatorship of the Soviet Union.

Because of her ability and standing, Eleanor Roosevelt was named as the United States' representative on the newly created Human Rights Committee of the United Nations. Throughout her years of service as a member of the American delegation to the UN, Mrs. Roosevelt always maintained that her assignment to the Human Rights Committee remained her "most important task." The diplomatic skill, hard work and talent of Eleanor Roosevelt were recognized by her colleagues, who promptly named her as

chair of the Human Rights Committee. Mrs. Roosevelt took her work as a member of the Human Rights Committee very seriously, and the woman who came from a sheltered and patrician background found herself frequently debating with the usually outraged Soviet representative, especially where the matter of rights for human beings was concerned. The United Nations was tussling with defining just what liberties should be established for human rights. Mrs. Roosevelt wanted the human rights declaration to echo those contained in the American Bill of Rights. The former First Lady also insisted that the document and statement contain language that was both simple and to the point, so that it could be easily understood by everybody who read it. The end result of Eleanor Roosevelt's hard work was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which became the hope of the world in how each country should treat its own citizens. Eleanor Roosevelt had to first convince the United States Department of State to embrace a statement of human rights, which included economic, social and cultural rights instead of solely being focused on civil rights. The state department was, at least in the beginning, if not resistant, it was highly reluctant. After finally dragging along the recalcitrant state department behind her, Mrs. Roosevelt had to use every ounce of her diplomatic skill in order to convince the Soviet Union not to object to and kill the provisions of the declaration dealing with civil and political rights and liberties. Then the former First Lady had to get the declaration approved by the full United Nations. It was a long and difficult path to success. Among those rights were

the freedom of opinion and the right to express those opinions. The freedom of thought and the practice of one's own religion. It was a document full of hope for the world, through which the United Nations had been born, but of course, many of those nations comprising the UN, especially those ruled by Communists, fell far short of the goals stated in the Declaration and still do this day.

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It's that time of year that might be the best. The weather is warm enough to forget about heavy coats, but cool enough to keep a light jacket handy. Yards are mowed and manicured, and shrubs and flowers are bursting with colors.

I am in a transition period of life. The realization of that fact is hard to accept. I look around at others and wonder how they grew so old. Then, a look in the mirror shocks me with the realization that I, too, am old. Yep, my generation is now made up of the old folks. We count our time left in years instead of decades. Too many of our friends have already passed, and accepting their ends is difficult.

I don't think about being in bad health. Still, I can't do what I used to do. Working outside in the yard all day is a thing of the past. I might make it for half the day. The rest of the time, I'm sitting on my couch with the dogs and watching the world go to hell in a handbasket. Breaks come sooner when I do undertake a task. At one time in life, I was driven to complete a job before going inside, and often the end came after dark. Now, I go until my body screams, "Stop." Getting out of bed in the morning isn't that exciting anymore, and I find myself sitting up until the wee hours of the morning. At one point, I could play a round of golf in the morning and then work all day at home. Now, after eighteen holes, I collapse on



By Joe Rector
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something soft and fall asleep. Mother used to complain about not being able to do what she once could, and now I understand that frustration.

The aches and pains that accompany aging have set in. Thumbs and fingers ache with arthritis, joints and once-broken bones now announce changes in the weather. Typing sometimes is difficult since a couple of years ago I

severed a finger, which was reattached. Sometimes this digit cooperates, but sometimes it doesn't move so well. Much of the time in producing pieces is spent backspacing to correct mistakes. Too much physical exercise during the day leads to a night of hopping out of bed when cramps lock up calf and thigh muscles. The worst thing is the burning in my legs and hips when I exert them by walking or working.

My body doesn't work like it once did, and that distresses me. Another thing

that isn't so good is that growing older has caused me to lose my filter. I used to be able to close my mouth and let some things slide. Now, that doesn't happen much. Instead, I react before my slowing mind kicks in, and I say exactly what I am thinking. Honesty is one thing that is good, but tact is also a valuable quality. That second one is gone now. At times, I regret what I've uttered, but most of the time, I say things, stand by them, and let others judge my outburst. Most of the time, I've said what others

are thinking, but with age comes a freedom to speak the truth without worrying how others might react.

One thing is true about my generation. At this point in time, we are in this world, but not of it. Our time, the 60s through the 90s, is long gone. We exist in a world that is filled with technological gadgets we don't understand. I can't work my phone half the time; my grandson Madden has been proficient in such things since he was three. Choosing the correct remote control for the correct item is perplexing.

Features on my car go undiscovered until I hit one by mistake. A world of AI annoys me because I don't know what is real and what is computer-generated.

Too much of my time is spent sitting, sleeping, and trying to remember where I put something or why I walked into a room. No, I've not lost my grip on the world yet. If I do, I hope the good Lord will take me. Until then, I'll do what I can, take my daily handful of pills, and reminisce about an earlier, more exciting time of life.

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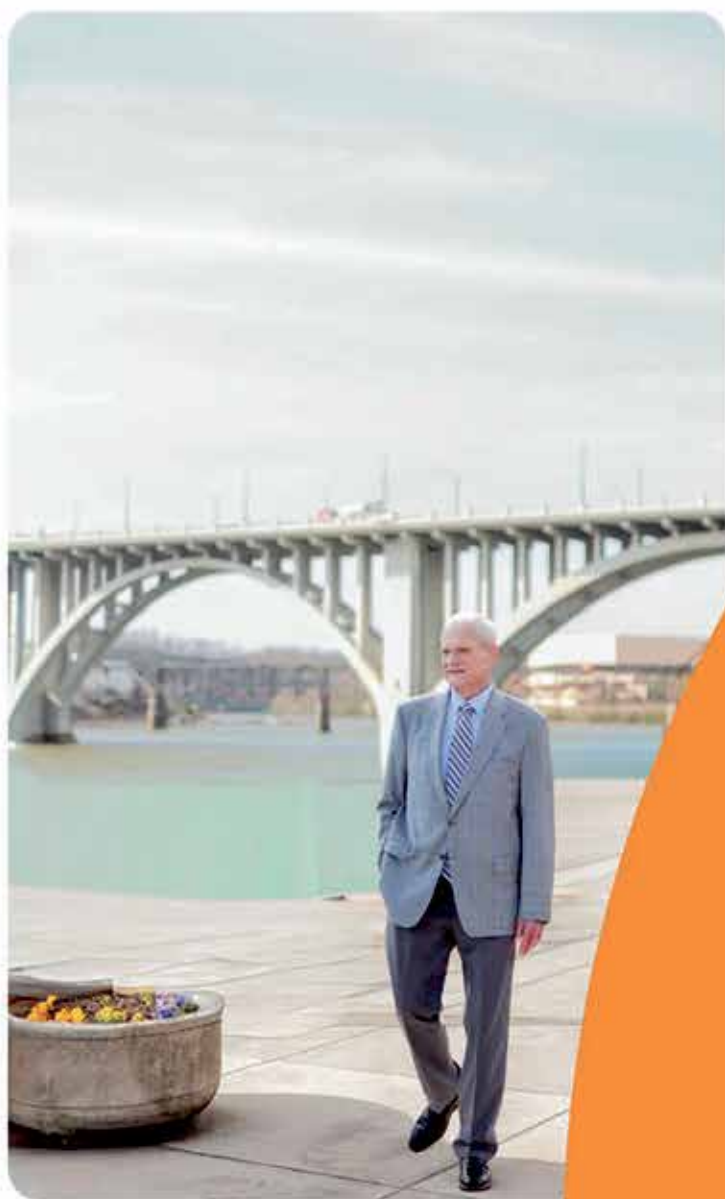
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TRACK AND FIELD



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Two Gibbs High School runners make a clean exchange in a relay event at the Battle for Emory Road on April 14. Both the Gibbs' boys and girls took first place in the team scoring.

Gibbs prevails in the Battle of Emory Road

By Steve Williams

Waylon Spierdowis and Addison Miller stood out in this year's Battle of Emory Road track and field meet at Gibbs High last week.

Spierdowis, a junior, swept top honors in the 110 high hurdles and

300 hurdles and set a PR (personal record) in both events with times of 14.83 and 39.21, respectively.

But when it was all over, Waylon said his second place showing in the discus was his "best event" of the day. "I threw 20 feet farther

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Versatile Gibbs athlete Waylon Spierdowis sets a PR of 39.21 in the 300 hurdles in the Battle for Emory Road last week. The Gibbs junior will compete in the sectional decathlon next week

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Lady Falcons eye trip to first real state tourney

By Steve Williams

Fulton looks like it's on the path to Murfreesboro again, but this time to a real TSSAA state tournament in girls flag football.

Last year's state play wasn't fully sanctioned and was more of a warm-up for the new sport. Regular season district games were played in Knoxville last fall.

This year's Lady Falcons are 7-0 after defeating rival Austin-East 25-8 last week on Senior Night.

"Our defense has been great all year," said Fulton Coach Trey Sewell. "Coming into this game, our defense has given up only five touchdowns. That's always been huge for us.

"And Ra'shya Lee, our quarterback, does a really good job with the offense, getting us out to a good start and scoring on the first drive when we have the ball. I always view those as important. When you get the ball first, it's important to score. And then if you start on defense, I think it's huge if you can get a big stop."

After Lee's 31-yard touchdown pass to Sanai Robinson on fourth-and-goal, Fulton's Zaria Anderson had a "big six" on a 10-yard interception return after she stepped in front of the pass that gave Fulton an early 12-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, Robinson snagged a 32-yard TD pass between two A-E defenders that extended the Lady Falcons' lead to 18-0.

Later in the quarter, Ahmya Peak-Jones caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from Lee and the Lady Falcons led 25-0 at halftime.

Austin-East quarterback Mercy Juan hit Alexionna Hinton in the third quarter with an 11-yard pass, but the Lady Roadrunners' possession ended at midfield.

A-E had good field position later in the quarter, but Juan was stopped by Fulton's Delia Wellington five yards in the backfield. An interception by Jyree Shepard ended the threat.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

West High now competing in boys volleyball

By Ken Lay

As the weather warms in East Tennessee, athletes usually head outside to compete in baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, track and field and flag football.

High school gyms have largely been empty except when inclement weather forces teams to work out indoors.

Not anymore.

For the last three years, two high schools have fielded boys volleyball teams. West High and Knoxville Catholic have competed in the sport for the last three springs.

Karns also added the sport a short time later. First Baptist Academy also has a team in 2026. Farragut and Blount County have hybrid teams that are competing East Tennessee, along with Chattanooga McCallie

The Rebels hosted a pair of matches Thursday night, sweeping a team featuring players from Maryville and William Blount, 2-0. West High also swept the Blue

Tornado in three sets.

High school boys volleyball has long been popular on the West Coast. Schools from Nashville and Northeast Tennessee have also competed for several years.

Rebels' coach Jessica Lee is no stranger to volleyball or building programs, almost from scratch, on Sutherland Avenue.

When she took the reins from the girls program several years ago, Lee inherited a team that had been through years of struggles. Now, the Lady Rebels boast one of the area's most competitive programs.

Now she's coaching the boys, a program that established its roots in gym classes at the school.

"It started when we had some boys monkeying around in gym class," Lee said.

The West High boys program also somewhat developed from the popularity of the girls program when the Lady Rebels became successful.

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The West High School volleyball team is in its third season of competition. The Rebels, who swept Maryville/William Blount and McCallie, winning five straight sets at home Thursday night. They've had success at the state tournament in each of the last two seasons. Photo by Ken Lay.



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Austin-East got the ball back early in the fourth quarter and Juan gained 14 yards on a reverse to the Fulton 12. Taylor Cobb scored a touchdown on the following play and Juan threw a 2-point conversion pass to Kalani Wells to cut Fulton's lead to 25-8.

The Lady Falcons answered with a fun play, as Robinson threw a double reverse pass to Amajsha Saffell that moved the ball to the A-E 29.

"When there is such a rivalry like this and everybody knows each other, they really have to get their nerves calmed down and that's why we had such a better second half instead of the first," said Austin-East Coach Aryiane Carrington, who goes by "Coach Snoop" after the famous rapper.

"Once they got calmed down and understand we need to lock in, it's cool to joke and everything, but this is still a competition. You got to compete. So that's what the difference was."

Coach Snoop said he felt sophomore Erreshae Williams and Cobb stuck out for the Lady Roadrunners.

"Erreshae is my gadget," he said. "She's my Swiss Army knife. She can do everything. I don't throw her out there at the beginning



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Fulton's Sanai Robinson, a versatile offensive weapon, runs for yardage with an escort (No. 7 Tre'mija Davenport) at her side in the Lady Falcons' 25-8 win over rival Austin-East last week at Bob Black Field. Robinson, a senior, caught two touchdown passes and threw for another one. Fittingly for Sanai, it also was Senior Night for the Maroon and White.

because she overthinks things and might take her time to get the play down, but when she's in, she's going to make an impact."

Coach Snoop added: "We're a real young team. Only three of the seniors play."

Sewell addresses flag football's new season

"It's a little bit tougher, competing with track," said the Fulton coach. "I've got five or six that run track that are key players. But me and Dom Williams, the track coach, we do a good job. We have a pretty good relationship and work together coming to this practice and going to that practice. We try to schedule games when there is not a track meet. That's really the only thing. I mean the weather is a lot better. We played in the snow last year."



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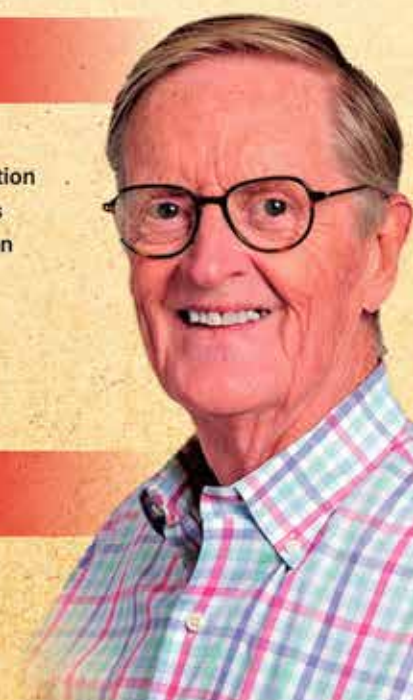
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SEC titles and bowl wins came the next two seasons

The date was Oct. 22, 1988, when an 0-6 Tennessee team took the field at the Liberty Bowl to play the home-standing Tigers, as they were known in those days.

By Tom Mattingly

No one on either side knew what to expect. No one across the length and breadth of Big Orange Country could fathom heading eastward on I-40 out of Shelby County with a loss to "Tiger High" in the rear view mirror and a 0-7 record on the dossier.

The Vols had lost to Georgia (28-17), Duke (31-26), Auburn (38-6), LSU (34-9), Washington State (52-24), and Alabama (28-20).

Things weren't peachy keen in Knoxville that fall. There was a major shake-up on the coaching staff after the Washington State game, with the legendary Ken Donahue out as defensive coordinator and Doug Mathews in. Radio guy Duncan Stewart camped out on a billboard in Nashville and refused to come down until the Vols won a game.

In the Tennessee media guide, Haywood Harris

cogently foreshadowed what might happen in the 1988 season, though not intentionally.

"The prospect of playing four Southeastern Conference schools by mid-October has underscored the need for coach John Majors to have the Tennessee Vols in fine fettle when they burst out of the starting blocks for the 1988 season," Haywood wrote.

Then came a very specific word of warning, with the special literary touches that were part of Haywood's writing style.

"By the time the leaves have turned deep orange in the nearby Smoky Mountains, UT will either have some very impressive scalps on its belt or will have been bloodied by some of the biggest ogres in college football."

The ogres, and a few non-ogres as well, won out.

The Vols hadn't lost six in a row since 1909.

On their arrival at the stadium, there were the obligatory "one-finger salutes" and the other accoutrements of life on the road, including a barrage of oranges.

There was the not-so-original cheer of "O and 6, O and 6" from Tiger partisans. That fact was well known from Ducktown to

Tiptonville, from Mountain City well into the corporate boundaries of Shelby County.

Being unimaginative types, most Tiger fans acted as if they had invented the cheer and flung it with great relish at the Vols on the field.

The denizens in the Tiger student section also serenaded the Vols and their fans with a more imaginative, albeit risqué, cheer: "We're going to kick some Vol a--."

That had an impact on the guys wearing the white shirts and orange pants.

"We went to the dressing room before kickoff, and a lot of the guys were ticked off that had happened," said Vol quarterback Jeff Francis.

After a 10-10 first half, the Vols jumped on the Tigers in the second half, taking a richly deserved 38-25 victory, their 12th in as many tries in the cross-state series.

The Vols scored on four consecutive possessions after the second half kickoff. Those who wanted the ball thrown to the tight end got their wish, with Von Reeves and Nate Middlebrooks each catching a TD pass.

Tony Thompson, buried deep on the depth chart,



John Majors prepares the Vols for gridiron action. The team is shown wearing its white jerseys and orange pants.

came off the bench when Reggie Cobb was injured and rushed for 124 yards on 28 carries. He scored twice and had a two-point conversion run.

Whenever his number was called from that point on, Tony produced.

He would get a call again in the 1989 Vanderbilt game, replacing the injured Chuck Webb and gaining 128 yards on 33 carries. He took over the tailback position for good in the second game of the 1990 season after Webb was injured, rushing for 1261 yards to lead the SEC, earn All-SEC honors, and be named

team captain. His was a unique Tennessee success story.

The Tennessee fans in the crowd, and there were a bunch of them, had their own battle cry after the game: "O and 12! O and 12!" referring to Tennessee's 12 victories in as many tries in the series that began in 1968.

Vol fans hit I-40 and other routes out of town with a renewed sense of purpose, believing that better days were ahead.

The victory led to a five-game winning streak to end the season. Each game was tightly contested, going

well into the fourth quarter before being decided.

"Coming back with five straight victories at the end of the season is something I couldn't have predicted," Majors said. "But I could see every week where we were getting better, and a coach can't ask for much more than that. I am proud of the way the team bounced back from a terrible start and came within one victory of evening the score for the season."

SEC titles and bowl wins came the next two seasons.

Tennessee was "back," after a one-year bump in the road.

QB Competition Continues for Vols

By Mark Nagi

Spring practice is now complete for the Vols. Back on April 11, over 48,000 fans showed up at Neyland Stadium to watch the Orange & White Game on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

Those who witnessed the scrimmage might have their own opinions on who the starting QB should be in the Fall, but the only opinion that matters is held by Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel. And if he has decided, he isn't letting anyone know.

The battle will be between redshirt freshman George MacIntyre, true freshman Faizon Brandon, and junior Ryan Staub, a transfer from Colorado.

"I love the way that they've competed with themselves, with each other," said Heupel. "I love the way that they've grown every single day. Each of them, maybe, had a day where it was

a little bit below what they had shown and their expectations too. They responded and came back the next day, and were a lot better... I like the work that they've put in and where they're at. Now we got to continue to grow here. We have four weeks before we break from school, and then we get back to our summer schedule and the routine that they have to go through to continue to grow and (I) expect everybody on this roster, and the quarterbacks, included to be a lot better when they come back, and we start in August."

The offseason is always huge for every football player, but especially for young quarterbacks. MacIntyre discussed what he'll be working on over the next few months.

"I would say just keep building a relationship with the receivers," said MacIntyre. "Over spring ball, I feel like we installed almost the whole offense,

so we have that to look at and to watch throughout the offseason. We've got all these plays that we've already ran, and all this stuff to continue to grow in, and then just growing in it with the receivers, the tight ends, the running backs, and the pass game as well, getting that chemistry."

Staub also understands that there is a lot of work to be done before the entire roster regroups in mid-summer.

"I think for me, the biggest thing I need to improve on is my feet," said Staub. "There's a lot of changes. I've got some

old habits that I have to get rid of with this new system and just continue to grow and continue to get better every day. For me, it's defining my feet, defining my eyes, and I'll be in the right spot."

Of course, MacIntyre is the only player in this trio who has any experience in this system.

"Things definitely surprised me a little bit," said Brandon of the transition from high school to college. "I will say it's definitely slowed down for me as where I am now. I feel like it has slowed down, but I still think there

are a lot of things I have to work on to make me better throughout this process."

Heupel said, "Each of them has to be on their journey of building and mastering their fundamentals, their technique, ownership,

and the scheme, and that's what we do, and then mastering what's happening on the other side of the football too."

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One Knoxville Soccer Club records historic win

One Knoxville Soccer Club pulled off an historic win last week by taking down D.C. United, a Major League Soccer (MLS) team, 6-5 in a penalty shoot-out and advancing to the Round of 16 in the 2026 Lamar Hunt Open Cup.

This marks a significant achievement for the team, highlighting their growth and competitiveness in the tournament.

S-D's Mills and Jacobs sign college scholarships

South-Doyle has two student-athletes who have signed college scholarships. Cooleon Mills signed Thursday with Maryville College to play football and Zoe Jacobs signed with Bryan College Friday to play volleyball.

Farragut High School names new head volleyball coach

Coach Whitney Lee teaches Freshman Seminar at Farragut and is one of its Assistant Athletic



Directors. She brings a wealth of experience to her new position as head volleyball coach.

Lee was introduced to the returning and prospective players Friday by FHS Principal Dr. John Bartlett.

TIDBITS: The UT football team was awarded with a trip to Dollywood Friday ... The Knoxville Smokies return Tuesday and will play the Chattanooga Lookouts in a six-game homestand ... Greenlee Bicycle Shop on Broadway decades is closing ... The annual KIL Track and Field Championships will be held April 27 and 28.

Recognition of Good Character: CSA Star Athletes

HALLS BOYS BASKETBALL
Kegan Wayland and Wade Van De Griff - Attended the Special

Olympics Basketball event in Knox County, Assisted with Tuesday Night Lights Basketball (Basketball event for students with disabilities)

Samuel Watlington - Coached a kindergarten team in the Halls Youth League.

TSB BOYS BASKETBALL

Will McKinney (#30) - Leadership. He is the backbone of the team. He wants to win as a team and always supports and encourages his teammates. He leads by example with his attitude and effort.

Cruz Ramirez (#10) - Most Improved. He started the season as a bench player, but he had a strong desire to learn and improve. He worked hard, grew his skills, and earned a spot as a starter.

Brandon Guzman (#1) - Grit. He plays hard until the final second of every game. In one game, he got poked in the eye but still wanted to keep playing, showing how tough and determined he was.

-Compiled by Steve Williams



Two Knoxville coaches were included in the group of eight new members inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame at the annual luncheon at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on Monday, April 13, 2026. The members of the 2026 class are: Mike Ellson, administrator from Nashville; Gene Menees, administrator from Madison; Robert Black, coach from Knoxville; Robert "Bobby" Broyles, coach from Chuckey; Eddie Courtney, coach from Knoxville; Ken Melton, official from McMinnville; Charles Watkins, official from Nashville; and Rick Colbert, contributor from Brentwood. Coach Black currently serves as an athletic director at Fulton High School, along with fellow TSSAA Hall of Famer Jody Wright. The football field at Fulton is named after Coach Black's father, the late Bob Black, who is a member of the 2008 Hall of Fame class. Coach Courtney stepped down as the head coach of the Farragut High Admirals in 2024, but he continues to serve as an assistant coach under his son, Geoff. Serving the school for 45 years as a teacher and coach, and leading the program as head coach since 1996, Courtney has built a legacy defined by integrity, resilience, and championship excellence.

Gibbs prevails in the Battle of Emory Road

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than I ever have in the discus."

Spierdowis, who also placed fourth in the shot put with a mark of 37-7½, will be competing in the sectional decathlon this week at Hardin Valley. "He did it his freshman year and he was hurt his sophomore year," said Gibbs Coach Todd Atkins. "He's changed a lot. He's blowing up. Every week he's getting PRs."

Incidentally, Spierdowis' younger sister, Rebekah, a freshman, also came away from the meet with a first place in the triple jump (34-10½) and second place in the 200 and 400.

Gibbs senior Addison

Emily Yu, a seventh grader at Halls Middle School, looks like future varsity talent as far as flying high and far after leaving the takeoff board in the long jump in the Battle on Emory Road. Her mark last Tuesday was 13 feet, 10.75 inches. The week before she soared 14-10. Photo by Steve Williams.

Miller was the meet's only triple winner. She won the 100 dash in 12.65, the 200 in 25.68 and the 400 in 58.16.

The Eagles' Da'Juan Harris doubled with victories in the 100 (11.11) and 200 (22.90).

Other Gibbs winners among the boys were freshman Braxton Swift in the 400 (53.56) and sophomore Ethan Booker in the 800 (2:09.66).

Gibbs won all six of the boys' field events. Freshman Bryson Ingle prevailed in the high jump (6-2) and long jump (20-5). Sophomores Austin Sweatman and Graham Atkins posted marks of 35-0.50 and 10-6 in the triple jump and pole vault, respectively, while Seth Seiber swept the discus (131-9½) and shot put (44-2).

In the boys' relays, Gibbs finished first in the 4x100 (45.08) and 4x200 (1:34.41). Karns' 4x400

and Halls' 4x800 got their batons across the finish line in 3:45.25 and 8:58.44, respectively.

In girls' action, Karns' eighth grade middle schooler Shiloh Mays took top honors in the 800 (2:33.98), while Gibbs senior Madeline Cottrell led the high schoolers with a time of 2:52.82.

Bella Courtney, a Powell freshman, won the 1600 in 5:29.65.

Another middle schooler, Karns' Esperanza Marcillo, who is in the seventh grade, took first place in the 3200 run with a time of 14:41.07. Madelyn Henry, a Gibbs eighth grader, kept the middle schoolers rolling with her 18.7 time in the 100 hurdles and ahead of Halls junior Maddie Lance (20.10).

Gibbs sophomore Bellatrix Willets skimmed over the 300 hurdles with a winning time of 54.86.

In the relays, Karns won the 4x100 in 53.25 and the

4x200 in 1:51.77. Gibbs got the baton across the line in the 4x400 (4:27.14). In the 4x800, Karns Middle (11:38.47) finished ahead of Gibbs High (11:54.34).

In the field events, Halls senior Marley Baines set a PR with a leap of 15 feet in the long jump, while Halls seventh grader Emily Yu led the middle schoolers with a 13-10¾ mark. Gibbs soph Taylor Barfield got over the cross bar at 4-8 in the high jump. Karns senior Gracie Schoenfelder spun the discus 100 feet, 3 inches and soph teammate Madison De Witt heaved the shot 31-0.75 for their wins.

Combining boys' and girls' points, Gibbs took first place in the high school division with 480, followed by Karns 216, Halls 155 and Powell 123. The final standings were the same in the middle school division, with Gibbs tallying 301, Karns 252, Halls 243 and Powell 80.

West High now competing in boys volleyball

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"We had some guys who traveled and came to every match with the girls, not knowing if they would ever get a chance to play high school volleyball."

Two former Rebels are now playing college volleyball. Mauricio Candelas-Tecero is at Reinhardt University in Georgia, and Dom Smith is playing for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana.

Other former West players are playing club volleyball and have come back to work with the program.

Lee noted that there is interest in seeking TSSAA sanctioning of boys volleyball.

"You have teams in Nashville and you have Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett that has been playing organized volleyball for six or seven years," she said. "We are looking for sanctioning

from the TSSAA."

In its first two seasons, West has had success in the state tournament.

"Our first year, we finished third in the state tournament, and last year, I think we finished third in the Silver Division, but the tournament was a lot bigger," Lee said. "I have two (graduates) playing college volleyball."


"One is at Reinhardt in Georgia and one is at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana. We have others who have gone on to UT and they've come back to help us."

The Rebels have 14 players on their 2026 roster and are 5-2 after their two wins Thursday night.


West will next play at Catholic on Thursday at 6 p.m.




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 IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., Plaintiff
 Vs.
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NO. 212809 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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 IN RE: MELVIN E. FARMER, Plaintiff
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 IN RE: MITCH WINTERS, Plaintiff
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 DEE-ANNA JOHNSON, MACIL BROOKS, AND

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 NO. 176757 Part I
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
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 IN RE: DEJOHN LAMOUNT RIDLEY, Plaintiff
 Vs.
 SAMANTHA DAWN RIDLEY, Defendant
 NO. 176755 Part III
 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JESSIE RUTH ALLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 92336-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th 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 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 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) 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 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 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 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 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 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 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLIS 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 PHYLIS 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 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF PHYLIS FERGUSON

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

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 CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DINAH FAYE WHITTAKER
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 30th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF DINAH FAYE WHITTAKER BLONDELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

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 27th day of March, 2026.

ESTATE OF FAYE LAKEY COLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL CASON
8728 S. NORTHSHORE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ROYAL CHUBER
3407 JAMES 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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD KEIR DOUGALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHAWNA DOUGALL COX
3924 SHIPWATCH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLIS 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 PHYLIS 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 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLIS FERGUSON

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

ESTATE OF PHYLIS FERGUSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES RICHARD MIKELS
6122 GALLANT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ESTATE OF PHYLIS FERGUSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES T. NORMAND, 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 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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

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 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 31st day of MARCH, 2026.

(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 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 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

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 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

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 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 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF NORMA WEATHERLY MIKELS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES RICHARD MIKELS
6122 GALLANT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARA R. SUAREZ DOCKET NUMBER 91998-2

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 SARA R. SUAREZ, who died December 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF SARA R. SUAREZ

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEVEN ALLEN 3217 DIVISION STREET EASTON, PA 18045

KEITH H. BURROUGHS, ATTORNEY 900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR P. O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

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 27 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 27 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATSY SUE BARNES DOCKET NUMBER 92331-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st

day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate PATSY SUE BARNES, who died February 15, 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 1st day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATSY SUE BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KELLY ALLEN BARNES 4120 SHERRY DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL FRANCES BREWER DOCKET NUMBER 92323-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of CAROL FRANCES BREWER, who died March 14, 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) month s from the decedent's date of death. This the 1st day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF CAROL FRANCES BREWER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPH LEONARD BREWER, JR. STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY 707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA DARLENE BUNCH DOCKET NUMBER 92306-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LINDA DARLENE BUNCH, who died September 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 10 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF LINDA DARLENE BUNCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TY ALLEN GULLIAMS 4503 SCARLETT LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

T. SCOTT JONES, ATTORNEY CHRIS W. BEAVERS, ATTORNEY MARIEVE K. WEBB, ATTORNEY 2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID EARL DOWDY DOCKET NUMBER 92327-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID EARL DOWDY, who died January 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID EARL DOWDY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BETTY LONG 7040 POSKITA LANE CORYRYTON, TN 37721

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY 5344 NORTH BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAM GODWIN DOCKET NUMBER 92337-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ROBERT WILLIAM GODWIN, who died on the 26 day of January, 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 such notice at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication or posting as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 1st day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAM GODWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAREN HASENAUER GODWIN 5006 JACKSBORO PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DANIEL KIDD, ATTORNEY 1308 WILSON ROAD, SUITE 102 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DEAN HEATH DOCKET NUMBER 92313-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY DEAN HEATH, who died March 14, 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 2nd day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DEAN HEATH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STEVEN M. HEATH

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DANA CAROLE MAYNOR DOCKET NUMBER 92316-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DANA CAROLE MAYNOR, 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 the 2nd day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF DANA CAROLE MAYNOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DANIEL CRUSOE WILSON, ADMINSTRATOR 546 INDIAN RIVER BOAT DOCK ROAD JACKSBORO, TN 37757

ADAM M. BULLOCK, ATTORNEY 124 INDEPENDENCE LANE LAFOLLETTE, TN 37766

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANTHONY ROBERT MILLER DOCKET NUMBER 92206-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY ROBERT MILLER, who died Oct. 23, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF ANTHONY ROBERT MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MICHAEL RAY MILLER 19426 JOHNSON DRIVE

ABINGDON, VA 24211

ALTA MARLOWE MILLER 1608 STONE HENGE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA L. PRITCHARD DOCKET NUMBER 92319-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANNA L. PRITCHARD, who died March 21, 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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF ANNA L. PRITCHARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES R. LAWSON, JR. 3640 PROMONTORY POINT LOUISVILLE, TN 37777

SARAH Y. SHEPPEARD, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2425

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAREN ELAINE REYNOLDS DOCKET NUMBER 92293-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAREN ELAINE REYNOLDS, who died September 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF KAREN ELAINE REYNOLDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TERRY ANN MOORE 3725 LUCINDA DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

CHRISTOPHER "KIT" RODGERS, ATTORNEY 103 SUBURBAN ROAD, SUITE 301 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF INEZ WEAVER ROSE DOCKET NUMBER 92335-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of INEZ WEAVER ROSE, who died January 27, 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 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.

ESTATE OF INEZ WEAVER ROSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GLENDA J. HUFFMAN 6011 MALONEYVILLE ROAD CORYRYTON, TN 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH G. SATTERFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 92325-1

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

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

- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JUDITH G. SATTERFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JADE WILSON 7901 NORTH FOREST ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

SOPHIE MARTIN, ATTORNEY PATRICIA E. CROTWELL, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 3804 KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE G. TATE DOCKET NUMBER 92328-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE G. TATE, who died December 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates described 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 2 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOE G. TATE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TRACEY TATE VAN HOOK 10142 DOYLE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MARSHALL H. PETERSON, ATTORNEY ADAM B. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY 550 MAIN ST., 4TH FLOOR KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY BRUCE WINKLES DOCKET NUMBER 92290-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BILLY BRUCE WINKLES, who died on November 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF BILLY BRUCE WINKLES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAY CARL WINKLES 614 LICHEN LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

LAWRENCE P. LEIBOWITZ, ATTORNEY BRANDON J. TINDELL, ATTORNEY 608 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MISC. NOTICES

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.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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Did Apostle Paul Keep the Seventh Day Sabbath?

April 2026

By Ken Swiger, Pastor

Did Apostle Paul teach new covenant believers to abandon the law of God as given to Moses? Many professing Christians might quickly say "Yes, yes he did!" Did the man responsible for writing the largest part of the New Testament consider God's law as a burden or bad for believers? Let's permit Paul to answer in his own words from the holy scriptures.

Romans 7:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹ I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

¹⁰ And the commandment, which was to bring *life*, I found to bring death.

¹¹ For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

¹² Therefore **the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**

We see that Paul understood the 10 Commandments and God's Law to be good and holy. The problem is how our sins put us in opposition to God through breaking His law. But we know that we are saved by faith. Doesn't salvation by faith do away with the law and make it void? Again, let's allow Paul to answer in his own words:

Romans 3:31 (NKJV)

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

The KJV reads "**God Forbid**". Paul did not mince words. He said we as believers do not abandon the law, rather we establish it. So, did Paul himself keep the 10 Commandments, including the Seventh Day Sabbath?

Acts 17:2 (NKJV)

² Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures.

So, we see that Paul's personally worshiped on Sabbath and taught from the scriptures. But some might argue that when he left fellowship. Did Paul only recommend Sabbath for the Jews? Acts 13:42 indicates that the Gentiles begged Paul to teach the ways of salvation on the Sabbath day as well.

Seventh Day Christian Assembly, 1700 Woodson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920 on Sabbath [Saturday] at 9:45 AM for Bible Study & 11 AM for worship. We also meet on Wednesday evening for Bible study. We welcome you to visit with us.

NEXT TIME:

Is the fourth commandment a test? Does our obedience to God's laws mean we have insulted the salvation bought for us by the blood of our Savior? If we are NOT saved by obeying, why should we be obedient?



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