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## Guest Column

# Don't Be Fooled By Lies & Empty Political Promises



By Larsen Jay  
Knox County Commissioner,  
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misdirection, and hate, I've had enough. So let me shed some light on her deceit.

Mrs. Henderson says I (and our shared opponent) will raise your taxes. She wants to scare you into thinking that the mayor has a magic tax-raising wand to waive over your property. The truth is that only the Knox County Commission can raise taxes. Period.

Betsy Henderson lied to you.

Mrs. Henderson tells you I voted to raise taxes in hopes that you'll believe I supported a property or sales tax increase. I didn't and never have. In fact, Mrs. Henderson was nowhere to be found when I stood up against the City of Knoxville tax increase in 2022.

In her hateful mailers and social media posts, she hopes you don't pay attention to the tiny footnote that tells the real story: I, along with my colleagues on County Commission, unanimously voted to increase the Mineral Severance Tax, which is a tax you probably have never heard of, because you don't pay it.

At least not unless you're a corporation engaged in mineral mining. Mining companies pay this tax to offset the cost of the wear and tear their heavy trucks cause on our roads.

Mrs. Henderson knows I have never supported raising your taxes, but she hopes she can fool you into believing her lies.

Betsy Henderson misled you.

Mrs. Henderson likes to say she's a "conservative Republican" who is going to "cut waste, fraud and abuse" and "look after your tax dollars," but the hypocrisy of her rhetoric is in the seven years I've chaired the county's finance committee, she's never attended a single meeting. At this point, it probably wouldn't surprise you to know she has also never bothered to show up at a single county audit committee meeting, where issues related to waste, fraud and abuse are discussed.

If fiscal conservatism were truly a core value for her, you'd think she would have stood up for those

values long before campaign season.

She's spent nearly seven years on the Knox County Board of Education and has even served as Board Chair. During that time, the Knox County Schools' budget has ballooned from \$515 million to over \$700 million - more than 36 percent. During the same time, however, student enrollment has dropped by over 1,300 students.

Despite her rhetoric on the campaign trail, Mrs. Henderson has never personally proposed cuts to the School Administration's spending or identified or called out a dollar's worth of waste, fraud or abuse, even though she presided over the body that oversaw two-thirds of the entire Knox County budget.

Betsy Henderson is a politician.

Here's the truth about Politician Betsy Henderson:

She has no experience beyond serving as a mid-level federal government bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. She's never balanced a budget. She's never created

a job or managed employees. She has no experience serving the community except when it suits her political needs.

Although I am the candidate with the most extensive professional and community service experience, both I and the third candidate in this race, Kim Frazier, had extensive backgrounds in helping our neighbors well before either of us considered running for office. Mrs. Frazier has run a fair, clean race. But Betsy Henderson has run a campaign based on lies.

The sad truth about the state of politics today is that some candidates will say or do just about anything to win an election. Betsy Henderson sure has. However, she has no actual plan for governing. She's never told the voters what she hopes to accomplish in order to have a positive impact on Knox County.

After serving two terms as your Knox County Commissioner, I'm proud of my accomplishments and can show the positive impact I've helped make on our

community. I have a clear vision for my priorities as your next Knox County Mayor: Fix the roads and improve traffic; invest in our law enforcement and keep our neighborhoods safe; and ensure that our education system serves our students and prepares them to meet the demands of a thriving economy where great jobs and opportunities are available to them.

Don't be fooled by a politician like Betsy Henderson, who will spread lies and deception, and offer empty political promises all in her quest for power in elected office. You deserve better. Knox County deserves better.

As your next Knox County Mayor, I'll remain focused on being a public servant and I'll lead the way I've always led: with honesty, integrity, and by focusing on the job at hand rather than future political plans.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 5. I encourage you to visit my website, LarsenJay.com, to learn more about me, and I humbly ask for your vote.

Leaders lead and politicians lie. Betsy Henderson is a politician.

Betsy Henderson has continuously lied to you throughout her campaign for mayor, and she's counting on you not figuring it out. Sadly, I'm not surprised. She's a former Washington, D.C., bureaucrat who learned her tricks in the heart of the "Swamp."

Don't elect a Knox County Mayor who lies to you.

East Tennessee voters are smart, but she thinks you're not smart enough to see through her deception. But I believe you are, and after watching her campaign using lies,

# More than 34,000 chose to vote early



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

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Early voting for the Knox County Primary ended Thursday with a total of 32,418 people voting in person and 1,794 voting by absentee ballot. Those who chose to vote in the very competitive Republican primary, 28,459 people, far outnumbered the 5,753 people who chose the Democratic primary ballot.

The Republican primary had many challengers and only one school

board race in the Democratic primary had two people seeking the seat.

The Downtown West precinct saw the largest turnout, with 7,313 ballots cast, followed by Farragut with 5,316, Halls with 3,462, and New Harvest Park with 3,444. Karns had 3,301 voters, Clinton Highway 3,046, South 2,135, City-County Building 1,399, Carter 1,179, Gibbs 995, and Eternal Life 828.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 5, and registered voters must vote in their assigned precincts.

"Early voting in this year's Knox County primary election was very smooth overall, and voting was up about 30% compared to the early voting totals from 2018, which is the most comparable election to this year's election," Knox County Election Commission Administrator Chris Davis told The Knoxville Focus.

Please see sample ballots for Tuesday's election on A4 and a list of precinct locations on B4 of this week's Focus.

# Central High Alumni to host Wall of Fame induction breakfast

By Ken Lay

Central High School will host its Wall of Fame induction breakfast on Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m. in the school's commons.

This is the first induction ceremony since 2019. The once annual event hasn't taken place since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's inductees include: Gaylon E. Wilson, Don Carringer, Jon Miller, Justin Cox, Andrew (Andy) Ramsey, Marianne Worthington and Elizabeth Huling.

Wilson (1925-2025) graduated from CHS in 1944. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and chose to forgo officer training school to 'get into action' as soon as possible.

He served aboard the CV-32 Bon Homme Richard (the Bonnie Dick) as part of the anti-aircraft gunnery crew. He sailed alongside the USS Missouri "Bug Mo." He witnessed the surrender ceremony at Tokyo Bay.

He played for the University of Tennessee when the Vols reached the 1947 Orange Bowl. His football career was cut short when he aggravated a wartime

injury. He entered the workforce and helped AT&T establish the Yellow Pages.

He later went into the insurance business, heading Gaylon Wilson Insurance Agency in Fountain City. He and his wife, Bobbye, raised five boys and were deeply involved in Fountain City Baptist Church.

He was the first president of the Fountain City Optimist Club. He was a baseball coach and was named the honorary mayor of Fountain City. He was also Santa Claus in the Fountain City Christmas Parade.

Carringer is a lifelong member of Central Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School and served in the door ministry for years.

He was class president during his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was a football manager for the Bobcats and at UT.

He served in the Army and worked as a food broker. He also started the Kick-Off and Tip-Off UT pocket schedule books in 1963. It would later expand to other schools and to cover high schools throughout Knox County and Upper East Tennessee.

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Central High School Alumni Association board members R. Larry Smith, Jean Payne, Pam Ellenbugh Eubanks and Robby Temple are pictured in front of the school's Wall of Fame.



## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### Sickness

Physician, heal yourself!  
Jesus Christ

Perhaps I should stop trying to make this once-a-week column contemporaneous. Instead of writing about current events, maybe I should just write about things that interest me, like poetry, science, history, spirituality or philosophy.

But then another radicalized agent of the progressive Democrat cabal tried to kill the president. So I begin this essay three days after the third assassination attempt on President Trump's life.

I am operating within the bounds of the "three day rule" which I described in last week's essay. Therefore, you may never read of my current anger, which borders on irrationality. So at the moment, I am ventilating on my computer screen.

Years ago, I discovered that my thinking becomes clearer when I organize jumbled thoughts and emotions

into sentences, paragraphs and essays. So, if you read this essay about our national sickness, you will have some inkling of this physician's struggle.

I have previously explained that the word politics derives from the Greek word polis for city-states like Athens. In other words, politics is the workings of the polis, or the modern-day city, state or country.

At times like these, I identify with Erica Kirk, who was at the White House Correspondents' dinner. In the aftermath of the shooting, she said, "I just want to go home." I often feel similarly and just want to escape the hatred, villainous rhetoric and pernicious political combat.

Founder Patrick Henry decried the notion of peace in a speech before the Virginia Convention, building on the words of the Biblical prophet Jeremiah. "Gentlemen, cry, peace, peace! But there is no peace. The war has already begun."

Similarly, I cannot shirk my responsibilities as a citizen and patriot. One year later, in 1776, Founder Thomas Paine wrote, "THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered."

So, as a member of this "polis," it is my duty to oppose the great evil that has come to our land. In my travels, I have searched for refuge, but I found there was no place of retreat. I did consider Wellington, New Zealand, and Victoria, British Columbia, as I traveled while reflecting upon Edna St. Vincent Millay's poem:

How shall I know, unless I go

To Cairo and Cathay,  
Whether or not this blessed spot

Is blest in every way?  
Now it may be, the flower for me

Is beneath my nose:

How shall I tell, unless I smell

The Carthaginian rose?

I've been to where the ancient capital of Hannibal's Carthaginian empire once stood. I found no rose better than Knoxville, Tennessee, and my American homeland. And I will not stand by and let it be taken by the forces of evil.

Denying that the media and Democrats have not radicalized fringe elements of our country is to deny observation and reason. I've decried President Trump's reactionary late-night tweets, but the comparison to the left's proclamations that he is Hitler, a king, a fascist, a racist, a pedophile, an authoritarian and I could go on, is far worse than ridiculous political hyperbole. These statements are pernicious, seditious lies. These lies are designed to incite marginal people to violence.

The murderer of Charlie Kirk, with the psychiatric syndrome of gender dysphoria, is an obvious example. But the latest assassination attempt of President Trump and his Cabinet was not by an insane person, but by an educated California teacher who had nonetheless become radicalized to murderous rage and became a soldier for the left. This assassin's manifesto was an anti-MAGA, anti-Christian screed proclaiming Trump the anti-Christ. I see little difference between the Democrat radicalization of the unsound and radicalized Islamic terrorists.

The old cartoon serial Pogo once opined, "We have met the enemy and he is us." We listen to the serial-lying media and Democrats, the very people who preached Covid lockdowns,

Biden is not demented, Kamala is competent, Russian and Ukrainian collusion hoaxes, political lawfare and two bogus impeachments. We listen to pseudo-comedians and actors whose lives are facades of reality. We elect leaders, many of whom are otherwise unaccomplished, dull and reprobates.

Arguably, we are a sick nation. As a doctor, I'm trained to seek the cause of illness and hopefully treat the problem and prevent recurrence.

The greatest extant (existing) history of a people or culture is the history of the ancient Hebrews. And as a student of the Bible, I see remarkable comparisons between the Old Testament Hebrews and modern-day America. Ancient prophets warned the people and leaders about false idols and apostasy. When the people turned to the Lord, they prospered. When they turned away, they experienced calamity.

The founders of our country were God-fearing leaders, and our people prospered, largely avoiding calamity. Many Americans have renounced God (apostates) or see no relevance of God in their lives (functional atheists). Many have fallen for the lies of cultural Marxism, a philosophy devoid of God and one that embraces the false idol of the state.

Alisa Childers' book

"Another Gospel" depicts Christianity being transformed by progressive ideology. In the 1950s, Congress made the motto of our country "In God We Trust." One wonders if our national motto and the filter of trusting in God have become passé.

In these challenging times, I need the theology of the old hymns like "Blessed Assurance." I trust in God, my wife and my family. And I trust in Trump, who, like me, is a sinner, but whose heart is to make America great again. We both believe in God-given rights rather than rights being derived from government. I am happy to profess that I am an evangelical Christian who embraces the Gospel message. I am not a fundamentalist because, although I believe that the Bible is God's revealed message to humans, thoughtful consideration of scripture in each person's life resonates with me more than absolutes.

Saint Augustine wrote in the opening of his book "Confessions," "Our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee." And I find strength in church with a throng of fellow Christians singing hymns laced with theology. It saved this doctor's soul. You should try it. It is the pathway to saving this country.

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## Crossover primary voting called out at commission meeting

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Commissioner Courtney Durrett posted a video online urging fellow Democrats to cross over and vote in the Republican primary as she had done.

Durrett's online remarks came under attack Monday during the Knox County Commission's public forum session as numerous Republicans claimed she violated voting law.

The application that voters must sign for a primary ballot states that the voter is declaring their allegiance to the party they choose or is a "bona fide" member of that party. There is, however, no state law recognizing party membership registration in Tennessee. There is no penalty for "crossing over" in a primary election.

Several public forum speakers called on the commission to censure

Durrett, remove her from office and refer her actions to the election commission. Durrett remained silent during the meeting.

"The interpretation and enforcement of these statutes is the province of the DA, and it's up to her to decide whether they have been violated and whether to pursue any sanctions, so I don't feel comfortable commenting on them," Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers told The Focus.

## Copper Cellar's ownership change means busy city beer board meeting

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The Knoxville City Council's Beer Board Tuesday was busy with numerous applications for permits, a striking amount coming from The Copper Cellar Corporation. Why so many for the various Copper Cellar-owned businesses?

Beer Board Chairwoman Debbie Helsley answered the question, saying that owner Mike Chase is retiring. Chase founded the first

Copper Cellar restaurant more than 50 years ago in 1975, and the company is being placed in trusts, with his family retaining ownership.

The Copper Cellar restaurants that applied for new beer licenses last week include the Calhoun's locations on Neyland Drive, Turkey Cove Lane and the three Kingston Pike addresses; the Chesapeake's Seafood House on Henley Street;

Cappuccino's on Kingston Pike, the Corner 16 on Kroger Park Drive, and the Smoky Mountain Brewery on Parkside Drive.

The beer board approved all of the Copper Cellar beer license requests pending certificates of occupancy and the existing beer permits being turned in.

The busy, but swift, meeting also saw the beer board approve a special event permit for Muse Knoxville.

Permits were approved pending final paperwork for the Corner Market on Middlebrook, the Bearden Beer Market on Old Kingston Pike, Petro's Chili and Chips on Emory Road, Ruff Life Hideout on Callahan Drive, Sonny's Pizza and Wings on Central, and Up N Smoky on Millertown Pike.

Permit requests were postponed for one month for applicants Crafty Bastard Brewery at Emory Place and Pluggdin on Broadway.

The beer board also heard a report on several businesses sending staff to server training following citations. The board also heard that, so far, the board's revenue for the year stands at \$29,000 with \$228,000 in the fund.

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# Publisher's Position Democrat-Socialists Are Destroying California



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Two things that remain incurable are: stupid and crazy. We have Americans in this country who believe Communism or socialism would be just peachy keen here in the United States when it has worked nowhere else in the entire world throughout history. In other words, since the beginning of time until now, Communism and socialism have failed every human being except for a privileged class who skimmed the cream off the top. Name any significant cure for any disease that was founded in a Communist or socialist country; you can't because there were none. Try and think of any invention or innovation and you will remain stumped because there are none.

One of the best examples of how to ruin the economy of a country

and the lives of just about everyone who lives in it is that of Venezuela. Venezuela was at one time one of the most prosperous countries in the entire world. After socialism/communism took root, people slaughtered the animals in the zoo for food and lived pretty much in misery.

The Bible tells us, "By their fruits ye shall know them." For those pondering how to vote in the upcoming midterm elections, we should remind ourselves of the fruits of the Democrat-Socialists who deliver something mighty far from affordability.

California could be the American version of a state run into the ground by the excesses of the Democrat-Socialism in action. People are leaving California in droves, many of them coming here to Tennessee. People generally don't flee from states that are nice, stable places to live. California has been blessed with one of the best climates and some of the most beautiful scenery on earth. It is a telling commentary that the reason people are leaving the once-Golden State in droves is likely because of how badly it is governed. Everything costs MORE in California, which should be shocking as

the Democrat-Socialists hold virtually every elective office. Affordability is merely a word in California. Consumers pay more for a gallon of gas in California than anywhere in the country. In some rural areas that attract tourists, the cost exceeds \$9 - \$10 per gallon. California also has the highest excise tax on gas in the country, a whopping 61.2 cents per gallon. It has one of the highest costs of living in the country. That's right, the Democrat-Socialists talk about affordability, but they can never manage to bring it to working families. In fact, the excessive taxes to support its very generous welfare state weigh heavily upon Californians.

Between the state and local governments, California is \$1.6 trillion in debt, which includes some of the poshest pensions for public employees in the country. And who are some of the biggest contributors to the top Democrat-Socialists candidates in California? Why, the unions whose members receive those overly generous pensions, where some employees are making more than they did when they were working. Nobody can be surprised that much of California's serious debt involves unfunded pension debt. There is

approximately \$269 billion in unfunded pension debt in California, but they have the money to pay for health care and more besides for noncitizens of this country. They generously subsidize people who produce nothing but bills while working families struggle to make ends meet. California also has the highest unfunded healthcare liabilities for retirees in the nation, thanks to the public stewardship of the Democrat-Socialists in charge of the government. That is estimated to be \$175 billion on its own. They declared war on homelessness, which is now worse than ever, and California has a bonded indebtedness of \$513 billion, which they've used to fund infrastructure projects like the rail project, which has never gone anywhere. California also has \$67 billion in liabilities for infrastructure that has been deferred. California is not spreading around the wealth, but they are spreading around the debt, which is calculated, conservatively, to be \$12,500 for every man, woman, and child in the state.

The state budget, with a Democrat-Socialist governor and a large majority of Democrat-Socialists in the state legislature, seems never able to contend with a continuous gap

between incoming revenue and expenses. The shortages average about \$15 - \$25 billion. Gavin Newsom likes to brag about California's economy, but California's debt is roughly 34% of its GDP.

Have they looked for fat to trim? Nope, nor have they cut back on things they can't afford. They have resorted to the last-ditch hope of Democrat-Socialists - - "the tax on billionaires." And they have been surprised at the number of very wealthy people relocating to Tennessee, Florida and Texas. In fact, not only do they not intend to spend less, but they also tax more to have more to spend.

Because Democrat-Socialists believe businesses exist merely to tax and never give any thought to job creation in preference to expanding the welfare rolls, California has lost more than 366,000 jobs during a time when the United States gained around 5.4 million new jobs.

While California was facing a \$58 billion shortfall, Gavin Newsom was asking for an additional \$6.38 billion for bonds to build drug treatment facilities and "permanent housing" for the homeless.

California is the test tube baby for what a

Democrat-Socialist Congress will bring to the entire country. Hakeem Jeffries comes from New York and surely everybody has finally figured out there is no such thing as a "moderate" Democrat. Abigail Spanberger just proved that, once again, to some naive people in Virginia, which she would like to turn into California on the Atlantic.

The Democrat-Socialists have never made anything better for working families and they won't, as they are incapable of it. They've latched on to "affordability," but their idea of achieving it is to give more to people who don't work, pamper the special interest groups, and tax the stuffing out of working people. All the proof you need is to look out west to California.

If you are still not convinced, look at New York and Illinois, both of which have been spectacularly mismanaged by people too busy creating new pronouns for people, telling us that men can breast-feed and have babies, who hate this country and are still doubling down on "them" instead of us. You get what you vote for. Just ask the people who have left California.

## Central High Alumni Wall of Fame

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Miller graduated from Central in 1975.

After graduating from UT, he taught at his alma mater from 1981-1994 and coached the 1990 state championship baseball team. He was also the athletic director and principal at CHS.

He would later serve as Dean of Business, Law and Public Affairs at Hardin Valley Academy.

Cox won numerous military medals after graduating from West Point. He was a three-sport athlete for the Bobcats and coached youth baseball. He worked at Y-12 and Guardsmark and is currently an environmental compliance

representative at ORNL. Ramsey has won Grammy awards. He is a guitarist and producer. During his time at Central, he would play instrumental versions of rock songs and his playing impressed all the cliques in the student body.

Worthington, a published poet, won the inaugural Writer's Prize from the Kentucky Foundation for Women. She attended Carson-Newman and later earned a Master's Degree at Ball State University, where she taught classes. She taught for more than three decades at the University of the Cumberland.

Huling earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal

Performance at Carson-Newman. She has performed in opera and classical music. She has also been cast in numerous musicals. She made her Broadway debut in Phantom of the Opera.

Those wishing to attend the May 16 event must make reservations by Friday, May 8. Reservations may be made by contacting R. Larry Smith by phone or text at (865) 679-4106 or via e-mail at rlsmithins@yahoo.com, or by contacting Pam Ellenburg Eubanks by phone or text at (865) 405-1169.

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The children of the Emerald Youth Choir showcased their talent with praise worship, performing for over 1,000 attendees Friday morning.

## Emerald Youth Prayer Breakfast: A Morning of Faith and Generosity

By Jamie Schnell  
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The annual Emerald Youth Prayer and Fundraising Breakfast took place on May 1 at the Knoxville Expo Center. The room was filled with the smell of City Catering's breakfast, mixed with the excitement of more than 1,000 guests. The morning featured inspiring appearances from Coach Rick Barnes, Reverend Harold Middlebrook, local legislators, and dedicated members of Eternal Life Ministries. WVLT Anchor Ted Hall welcomed everyone at the start and end of the event. Matt Deen and Ethan Martinez began the morning with a

heartfelt call to worship. The Emerald Youth Choir, led by Darius Hughes, filled the room with uplifting songs, including a moving version of "God, I'm just Grateful."

Student Fanny Umwari, with support from Abi Crispin, shared how Abi's encouragement brought her to Emerald Youth and changed her life. Guided by Psalm 16:8, "I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken," Fanny talked about her new confidence, her baptism, her calling to social work, and her strong trust in God's plan. A video highlighted

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Emerald Youth President and CEO Steve Diggs shares the excitement of the Emerald Youth Foundation expansion.

## Proposed Old City apartment/retail development gets tax break

By Mike Steely  
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Mayor Indya Kincannon's proposed budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year was routinely approved last week on its first reading and the city council moved its final approval four weeks to be decided on Tuesday, May 26, after a public hearing on May 7 at 5 p.m.

The council focused on community improvements during Tuesday's session.

A large complex along West Depot Avenue in the Old City section of downtown Knoxville was granted a PILOT tax break by city council. The seven-story project will include 270 housing units and 7,100 square feet of ground-floor retail space.

Sixth District Councilman Denzel Grant praised the development for including 27 "workforce" housing units. The \$83.2 million project actually sits at 100, 108, Zero and 300 West Depot Avenue, just off North Central Street.

The approval came with several other community improvement votes, including donating \$125,958 from Historic Preservation Funds and Façade Improvement Program funds to 3517 Sutherland LLC for

improvements and preservation to the property.

Historic Preservation Funds of \$60,000 were also approved for the Governor Blount Mansion's façade improvements at 200 West Hill Street downtown.

Habitat for Humanity was approved for \$444,000 in Affordable Housing Funds to develop 22 affordable multi-family housing units at 4325 Pinehurst Drive. The proposed townhouses will be sold to qualified low-income families.

A donation of \$440,000 from United Way of Knoxville was approved to be used in the Affordable Housing Fund.

A tax purchase of 314 Union Avenue from the Knoxville Hotel Partners LLC was approved for \$450,000, along with an adjoining parcel from the estate of Bridget Kirk.

Legacy Parks had several agenda items approved, including a grant of \$150,000, use of the Legacy Parks Foundation's Urban Wilderness Trademark, and a \$1,000 a month agreement with Legacy for water access for non-motorized boats at Bicentennial Park.

Lakeshore Park Sutherland LLC for

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## YWAC adds to development and marketing teams

Young-Williams Animal Center has hired Benny Carringer as vice president of advancement and marketing and Sarah Kaplan as marketing manager.

"Benny and Sarah bring the kind of leadership and creativity that will help us expand our reach and impact," Young-Williams Animal Center CEO Janet Testerman says. "Their dedication and compassion will play an important role in advancing our mission to ensure every pet has a home. I welcome them to our team."

Carringer studied ministry and leadership continuing education from Trevecca Nazarene University. He previously spent more than 15 years as nonprofit executive director with the Salvation Army with experience in public engagement, donor relationships and retention, budget management, strategic planning and grant writing. Carringer also is committed to community outreach and creating meaningful impact.

A Knoxville native, Carringer

enjoys cheering on the Tennessee Volunteers, exploring local restaurants with his wife of 16 years, Crystal, and spending time with their four children and rescued German Shepherd named Railton.

"I'm excited to bring my experience in development and leadership to Young-Williams Animal Center and help implement strategies that strengthen engagement and support the organization's long-term goals," Carringer said. "I'm also excited to work alongside Sarah as she brings a great

amount of marketing expertise."

After living around the country throughout her childhood, Kaplan moved to Knoxville to attend the University of Tennessee, studying women's studies and philosophy. She previously spent five years as marketing manager for the Knoxville Museum of Art and has expertise in brand strategy and management, strategic planning, content creation and community engagement.

In her free time, Kaplan enjoys spending time at the lake with her

husband, Aaron, or curling up at home with her cat, Mowgli, and a good podcast or audiobook.

"I've always believed in taking a hands-on approach to my work because I love being involved in every part of marketing and promotion," Kaplan said. "Joining the Young-Williams' team gives me the chance to stay connected with the community, share our mission with the public, and enjoy the added bonus of being surrounded by cuddly animals every day."



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# It Might Be Coming Down

As I've written about on several occasions, I've become interested in woodworking over the last twenty years. I've always envied those workers who could take a pile of lumber and turn it into a



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beautiful house. I've marveled at how effortlessly some folks can take a chunk of wood and create a beautiful item worth plenty of money. With the desire to create those kinds of things, I began collecting tools.

Most of the projects I've undertaken have run off the rails. Most of the time, I've managed to use

a chop saw, skill saw, and table saw to cut a crooked line. No, I don't know how that happened. Over time, the "measure twice and cut once" became part of my actions. Still, those lines run

long or short, depending on the angle I've managed to run a straight-cutting saw. Most of the items I've constructed are tables or small cabinets. I like those things because hiding mistakes is easy. The one thing that never works is having all four legs of equal length. I claim that floors are slanted, but

folks roll their eyes and know I can't cut a straight line. A small wedge or a stick-on pad usually solves the problem.

Amy has always wanted an outdoor shower for cleaning up after working outside in the flowers or my mowing or digging holes. For the longest time, I've ignored her wish because she wanted to hire someone to build the thing. This past week, I told her that the only way she would get an outdoor shower is if I built it. Of course, I knew that if this project turned out poorly, I would salvage the lumber and then hire someone to build the thing.

I began by becoming a computer genius. That

means I used AI to create a blueprint, materials list, and step-by-step guide to constructing a 40 x 48 structure. Surprisingly, things began well. The decking for the shower went together just as it was supposed to. I stained the boards before attaching them to the frame, and the whole thing was square. That was a first.

I blocked between the studs for extra strength and a place to nail on the outside pickets. I leveled the pickets, and I'll be darned if the little shed looked fairly good.

The door for the shower was more difficult. I was a bit out of square, but a little cobbling made the appearance look better. In a weekend, I had finished the biggest project of my building life. Before long, I'll stain the wood to protect it from the elements. Then, Amy can contact Luke the plumber to run water to the thing. She wants hot and warm water, although I prefer not fooling with the hot water

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side. Maybe when Amy discovers the cost to run the sources out there, she will go with a shower head and hose hooked to the outdoor spigot that is already there.

Yes, I completed this big project, and I am proud of how well it turned out. Nothing rocks; nothing is too much out of the bubble. People who have seen this new structure are truly impressed with the improvement in my skills. Only one negative can be attached to this new building that I spent many hours constructing: the damn thing looks like an outhouse. It might be coming down, folks.

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## Development gets tax break

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Conservancy was given \$50,000 to assist with the administrative costs of managing the park.

Mayor Kincannon was given authority to apply for \$156,082 in federal funds for improvements to the

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## Emerald Youth

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Steve Diggs, President and CEO, shared his vision for the city, quoting from Joshua and hoping that future generations will "know the fullness of God." The community took a moment to remember the late WATE Meteorologist Matt Hinkin, a valued friend and supporter for thirty years.

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by God grew into a vision focused on service and spiritual growth. As breakfast ended, a spirit of generosity filled the room and guests had the opportunity to give back.

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# America's First Ambassador to the UN

## Warren R. Austin Part 2

### Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Warren Robinson Austin served in the United States Senate before resigning his seat to accept an appointment from a president of the other political party to become America's ambassador to the United Nations. Prior to his election to the Senate, Austin had been a very successful attorney.

Austin earned the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. That same respect caused President Harry Truman, a partisan Democrat, to offer Warren Austin the appointment as the special ambassador of the president and the acting representative of the United States on June 5, 1946. Officially, Austin carried the rather grand-sounding title of Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary. The United Nations was a brand-new entity, and nobody knew whether or not it would be effective, but people all across the globe were hopeful. By resigning his seat in the United States Senate, Austin underscored the importance of being attached to America's ambassador to the United Nations. It was also a demonstration of Austin's own belief in the importance of the United Nations and its role in keeping the peace in the world.

When the Republican senator from Vermont was appointed to serve as America's ambassador to the United Nations, Austin told his senatorial colleagues, "I go with such determination to work for the cause, and such will to throw everything I have, and that God may give me in the future, into that cause, that I fear it not. It is like a divine dispensation ... to serve my country and serve mankind." Indeed, he did.

Austin was described by TIME magazine as "reticent, informal, gentle, old-fashioned, a man of controlled emotions and clear purposes." The most widely read news magazine in the world thought Austin an idealist with a sentimental streak, yet one who had "a hard Yankee core." Rotund, bespectacled, with a head of steel gray hair, Warren Austin could easily pass for a small-town lawyer or senator of the United States. He had been both.

Ambassador Austin and his wife took up residence in a sumptuous apartment in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, where he presided over a delegation and staff of some 180 people. Ambassador Austin was no figurehead; the former senator regularly consulted with both the White House and the State Department, where he provided advice on America's role in the world. Warren Austin was most certainly the voice that carried the foreign policy as set by

President Truman and his administration to his fellow delegates to the United Nations. Austin remained firm in his conviction that the United Nations was the best means for the world to keep the peace and make every country on the planet secure. He was unshakable in his beliefs. "You can't kill the United Nations, even with a battle-ax," Ambassador Austin barked. "The people of the world would never allow this organization to quit."

When Warren R. Austin assumed his duties as America's ambassador to the United Nations, the world was still recovering from the bloodiest global war ever known to mankind. The United States was the sole power on earth with a functioning atomic bomb, a secret that Soviet spies would soon uncover for their masters in Moscow. It was also the beginning of the "Cold War" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

With World War II in the past, America embarked upon a new period, which saw the onset of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States. Austin was also the ambassador to the UN when the Korean War broke out due to Communist North Korea invading the Republic of Korea (South Korea). President Truman wrote to Ambassador Austin following a telephone conversation earlier in the morning on August 27, 1950. Truman praised Austin's "able presentation of the views of the United States Government" in the United Nations. The president praised Austin's "great effectiveness" as well as the ambassador's adherence to the instructions he had received from the White House. Truman then reiterated seven points he wished for the ambassador to present to the United Nations.

Serving during a critical period of time when the Cold War seemed oftentimes to heat up and the United States was literally fighting Chinese troops in Korea, Warren Austin's role at the UN assumed an even greater importance in speaking for the foreign policy of America. Ambassador Austin's service at the United Nations saw him oftentimes at odds with his counterpart from the Soviet Union. Ironically, the Soviet Union, ruled with an iron fist by the brutal dictator Joseph Stalin, had become the world's most prominent authoritarian dictatorship after the fall of the fascist forces in Europe and the Japanese Empire in the Far East. The Korean War was but one aspect of the Cold War's ability to heat up on a moment's notice.

Austin proved to be an



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Ambassador to the UN Warren Austin with fellow delegate and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, 1948.

effective ambassador and knew when to apply quiet diplomacy and when to win headlines. Ambassador Austin accused Communist China of trying "to shoot its way into the United Nations" when he produced a Soviet-made machine gun which had been captured from the North Korean Army. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate to the United Nations, left the chamber in a huff rather than look at the machine gun. Ambassador Austin fought for a resolution naming Communist China as the aggressor when it entered the Korean War to bolster its North Korean allies.

Ironically, Warren Austin was not the most well-known member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. Harry Truman had also appointed former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to serve as a member of the American contingent to the UN. Mrs. Roosevelt's appointment was an historic one, as she became the first woman to represent the United States as a delegate to the United Nations. In his letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, President Truman gave her an important and vital charge. "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. I am confident that you will do your best to assist the United States to accomplish these purposes in the first meeting of the General Assembly," Truman wrote.

As the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Warren Austin headed a stellar delegation, which included Senators Tom Connally of Texas and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan. Truman was shrewd enough to appoint both Republicans and Democrats as members of the delegation. Connally was a Democrat, while Vandenberg was perhaps the leading GOP spokesman in the United

States Senate for a bipartisan foreign policy. Truman was even judicious in keeping with the spirit of bipartisanship in appointing the alternate delegates. John G. Townsend of Delaware was a former U.S. senator and the chief fundraiser for his party's senatorial campaign arm. Congressman Sol Bloom, a New York Democrat, was the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Congressman Charles Eaton of New Jersey was the ranking Republican of the same committee. John Foster Dulles, a Wall Street attorney and a Republican, was a recognized expert on foreign policy and became Secretary of State under President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

One of the most notable speeches of Warren R. Austin's long political career was one that was made as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Austin was especially passionate in his delivery of his speech outlining the "Essentials of Peace." The thesis of Austin's speech was that there can be no peace without ensuring the rights of the individual. "The interest of the individual human being in peaceful progress was recognized by all of us when we signed a charter which begins by declaring the determination of 'we, the peoples of the United Nations ... to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.'" Austin reminded his colleagues the charter was a document which celebrated "the great lights of freedom, tolerance, human dignity, self-determination of peoples, cultural and educational cooperation, and economic and social advancement." Austin insisted those same principles reflected "the highest spirituality of man." An open and frank dialogue is always a path to resolving conflict between reasonable human beings.

Ambassador Austin made many a fiery speech on the floor of the United Nations, usually in opposition to the Soviet Union and other Communist countries. Austin was also deeply involved in attempting to sort out numerous conflicts all across the globe, including that between Israel

and Palestine and the partition of India after it was removed from under the rule of the British Empire.

Warren Austin truly became the face and voice of the United States through the relatively new medium of television. TIME exulted that the television coverage of the United Nations showed "more than any other ambassador," Austin was "the voice, the conscience and counsel of the free world." The most widely read news magazine in the world detailed Ambassador Austin listening as a Communist delegate to the United Nations heaped invective upon the United States and her allies attentively with the resolve of "Hawthorne's Great Stone Face." At the time, Austin was 73 years old, somewhat hefty at 200 pounds, while standing just over 5'10. TIME thought the ambassador was "genial-jowled, courtly and oracular in an oldtime way."

Like everyone else, Warren R. Austin could make the occasional slip of the tongue, as he once did when he urged Jews and Arabs to try and settle their dispute "in a true Christian spirit." There were envoys to the UN who were more sophisticated as well as some who were more adept at firing off a stinging "verbal riposte." Nor was Warren Austin especially good at speaking in subtleties. Yet TIME thought Austin unflinchingly thrust himself into the debate at the United Nations with "certain granitelike inner qualities: tenacity, common sense, Old Testament righteousness, and a God-fearing faith in the cause of freedom and collective security."

Some are fortunate enough to receive the acclaim they deserve during their lifetimes and Warren Austin was the recipient of some 20 honorary degrees bestowed upon him by Columbia, Dartmouth, Princeton, Harvard, Syracuse, and many others. Austin had served as a trustee of the University of Vermont from 1914 until 1941.

Warren R. Austin continued to serve as ambassador to the United Nations until 1953, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower

appointed former U.S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge to the office in which Austin had made his own. Austin and Lodge had several things in common, not the least of which was that both were former members of the United States Senate, both were Republicans from the northeast, and both had long been internationalists in their view of American foreign policy.

When Warren Austin retired from the United Nations, he enrolled in a short class at the University of Vermont for apple growers. The former senator owned an apple orchard, which was his primary hobby and interest. Exchanging his suit and tie for a flannel shirt and pair of overalls, a straw hat clapped on his head, Austin pattered industriously in his orchard, oftentimes accompanied by his wife.

The former ambassador was honored by Vermont's Jewish community for his role in helping to establish the state of Israel in January 1955. Austin was feted at a banquet honoring him for his service in both the Senate and the United Nations.

Former senator and ambassador Warren Austin returned to his home in Vermont to live amongst the people who had consistently honored him. The former ambassador suffered a stroke in 1956, which caused him to go at a slower pace. Austin lived long enough to hold his great-grandson, Warren R. Austin IV. After a long and productive life, Warren Austin died peacefully at his home in Vermont on Christmas Day 1962 at age 85.

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#### Precinct 15-W

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Communications Workers of  
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1415 Elm Street

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Westview School  
1714 Mingle Avenue

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Sequoyah Elementary School  
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522 Maryville Pike

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Anderson Headstart  
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Chilhowee School  
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#### Precinct 32

Spring Hill Primary School  
4711 Mildred Drive

#### Precinct 33-N

Richard Yoakley School  
4415 Washington Pike

#### Precinct 33-S

Richard Yoakley School  
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#### Precinct 34

Central High School  
5321 Jacksboro Pike

#### Precinct 35

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Gresham Middle School  
500 Gresham Road

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#### Precinct 40

Norwood Elementary School  
1909 Merchants Drive

#### Precinct 41

Norwood Elementary School  
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#### Precinct 42

Pleasant Ridge Elementary  
3013 Walnoaks Road

#### Precinct 43

West Haven Elementary  
3620 Sisk Road

#### Precinct 44

Ridgedale School  
4600 Ridgedale Road

#### Precinct 45

Bearden Middle School  
1000 Francis Road

#### Precinct 46

Knoxville 1st Church of Nazarene  
538 Vanosdale Road

#### Precinct 47-N

Bearden High School  
8352 Kingston Pike

#### Precinct 47-S

Bearden High School  
8352 Kingston Pike

#### Precinct 48

Pond Gap School  
4530 Papermill Drive

#### Precinct 49-N

Bearden Elementary School  
5717 Kingston Pike

#### Precinct 49-S

Bearden Elementary School  
5717 Kingston Pike

#### Precinct 50-N

West High School  
3326 Sutherland Avenue

#### Precinct 50-S

West High School  
3326 Sutherland Avenue

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2502 E. Brushy Valley Road

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1810 Dry Gap Pike

#### Precinct 60

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4321 E. Emory Road

#### Precinct 61-E – NEW LOCATION

**Faithway Baptist Church**  
4402 Crippen Road

#### Precinct 61-W

Halls High School  
4321 E. Emory Road

#### Precinct 62

Hardin Valley Elementary School  
11445 Hardin Valley Road

#### Precinct 63 – NEW LOCATION

**Karns High School**  
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Farragut High School  
11237 Kingston Pike

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Crown College  
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## Double Honors at Gibbs



PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Carol Mitchell and Dennis Ray ... A lot of softball knowledge and wins from these two! Both were honored before each of the Lady Eagles' two home games last week.

## DENNIS RAY NIGHT AT GIBBS

# Ray returns to where it all began

By Steve Williams

They didn't roll out the red carpet, but the Gibbs High School softball team wore "flash back" numerals on Dennis Ray Night. It was their way of recognizing the good old times.

The late Jerry Sharp, the Gibbs principal in the fall of 1980, offered Ray the head coach position of the school's new softball program. And when he accepted it, that marked the beginning of the most successful sports program in the school's history.

Younger folks in the Corryton area had probably never heard of Coach Ray until the word got around that he was going to be recognized last Monday prior to a home game at Gibbs against Powell.

Folks who came to that game witnessed two great coaches - Carol Zachary Mitchell and Dennis, her high school coach over 45

years ago. What an awesome reunion it was. Many cried and many cheered.

Dennis wasn't any ole coach, and in 1981, he started the Gibbs softball program, which has become one of the winningest sports programs in the nation. He first coached the Eagles for seven seasons (1981-1987), beginning at the Ruritan Park, and came back for two more seasons (1992-93).

In his nine seasons, Coach Ray's teams won nine district championships and nine region championships. His Eagles finished fourth in the state two times, third in the state three times and won the state championship four times.

Coach Ray's win-loss record in those nine seasons was 235-21 for a winning percentage of .918.

Prior to the game last **Continue on page 4**

## Carol Mitchell honored by state House of Representatives

By Ken Lay

One of Knoxville's top high school coaches was honored Thursday night.

Gibbs High School softball coach Carol Mitchell, who was named 2025 NFHS Coach of the Year in January, was honored by school, county and community officials who joined state Representative Dave Wright in a pregame ceremony before the Lady Eagles' 4-3 victory over Maryville at Zachary-Mitchell Field.

In a proclamation by the state house, Mitchell was honored for her leadership. The Gibbs High School

graduate took over the reins for the softball program at her alma mater in 1993 and is the winningest coach in TSSAA history, ranking fifth in wins among active national high school softball coaches.

Joining Mitchell and Wright at the ceremony were Gibbs principal Jason Webster, Knox County athletic director Dustin Mynatt, state Representative Michele Carringer, KCS athletic director Bryan Brown, Knox County Commissioner Adam Thompson and Knox County School Board member Travis Wright.

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Front row: State Representatives Dave Wright and Michele Carringer flank Gibbs High softball coach Carol Mitchell at Thursday's pregame honors recognizing Mitchell for her leadership and legacy. Photo by JJ Spears.



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## KIL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MEET

# Depth helps carry Admirals to title

By Steve Williams

Farragut used its awesome depth to come out on top in the KIL boys' meet Tuesday.

The Admirals won only five of the 19 events, but piled up 118 points. Catholic was the runner-up with 95.

Farragut senior Chase McAvoy stood out with a 6-6 showing in the high jump on the opening night. Lucas Spadafora, a sophomore, claimed the only other individual win for the Admirals with his 49.04 time in the 400 dash.

The Farragut relay guys were No. 1 in three events. Ebbert, DeGuira, Hlebasko and Cabaniss combined for an 8:26.44 time in the 4x800. The Ads added another victory in the 4x200 with Solaiman, Jacobs, Spadafora and Pohl sprinting to a 1:29.51 time. Farragut finished with a win in the meet's last



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

**Farragut sophomore Lucas Spadafora races to the finish line in the 400-meter dash in the KIL Meet at Hardin Valley last week. His time was 49.04.**

race as DeGuira, Chandler, Eaker and Pohl combined for a 3:27.52 time.

The boys' team scores also included third place Gibbs with 70 points, followed by CAK 68, West 66, Hardin Valley 65, Concord Christian 39, Halls 34, Bearden 32, Central 28, South-Doyle 22, Karns

14, Carter 13, Webb 11, Austin-East 7, First Baptist Academy 7, Fulton 6.

"Very proud of both girls and boys for their top 5 finishes at the KIL," said Gibbs Head Coach Todd Atkins. "That's a very competitive meet and a good measuring stick for our program."

It's been a while (1993)

since Gibbs wore a KIL boys' crown, but the Eagles have been close to the top in recent years.

"The boys were fourth in the KIL the previous two years," said Atkins.

Including girls and boys, seven new KIL Meet records were set this year. The boys set three of them with Halls' Brody Foster clearing the pole vault bar at 15-1, Gibbs junior Waylon Spierdowis skimming the 110 high hurdles in 14.37 seconds and the West boys (Swamy, Andrade, Monroe and Sharbel) posting a time of 41.90 in the 4x100 relay.

This season's KIL field event winners for boys also included Bearden junior Cooper Jones leaping 21-7 in the long jump and Spierdowis triple jumping 45-1. Catholic senior JR Fowler muscled the shot put and discus 59-0 and 178-2.

A new event on the track this year debuted

with a Mixed 4x400 relay. Concord made history with the first winner that included Franklin, Horst, Moulden and Von Hagen. They were clocked in 3:50.25.

Concord freshman Dasani Moulden won the 100 dash in 10.72.

West senior Nicholas Burke won a close 1600 race in 4:17.39.

"He (Catholic junior Cade Duncanson) almost caught me at the end, but I had a kick and he didn't catch me, but he was right up there."

Burke had a new strategy for the race and that was getting out faster at the start. It worked with a 59-second first lap.

"That was the fastest I've ever got out and I just tried to hold that speed. I got back down to 4:17, which is right where I want to be. I'm really happy with that."

Burke has competed at state the past two years and looks forward to going

back. He recently committed to the University of Chicago.

Other winners included Spierdowis in the 300 hurdles (38.36), Catholic sophomore Reid Bannister with a 1:58.43 time in the 800, Duncanson running a 9:42.80 in the 3200 and Central sophomore Javaston Badgett Jr. with a 21.75 in the 200.

Badgett's future "is looking really bright," said Central track coach Byron Ragsdale. "We got a few colleges we are working on right now. He hasn't made any commitments yet."

Even though he's been a good football player as a receiver and runner, Javaston wants to run track, said Ragsdale. It is his No. 1 sport.

"He's a very good kid," he added. "Good GPA, very coachable. Works hard and probably is the hardest worker on the team."

## KIL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD MEET

# Chloe's comeback will send her to Memphis

By Steve Williams

Chloe Truss' high school track career has been like a roller-coaster ride, but close to the end of it, she has things smoothed out.

The Knoxville Catholic sprinter swept the 100, 200 and 400 dashes in both the KIL and TSSAA state meets her freshman year. But in the middle of

her prep career, things didn't go as well.

"The sophomore year I kind of fell off a little bit and last year I was injured, so this is definitely my comeback year," said Chloe after setting two KIL Meet records in the 400 (55.89) and 200 (24.13) last week at Hardin Valley Academy. She also anchored the KIL

record-setting 4x200 relay team (1:40.99) that included Salsbery, Biden and Sipos and was second in the 100 dash (11.86).

"A couple of months ago, I didn't even think I wanted to try track in college," she recalled. "And then a couple of weeks ago, I went 55.23 here on this track, so I kind of opened my interest

again. Memphis was really the only school I was talking to and it was so late in the season, but then I went on my official visit and I really loved it there, so I committed and signed the next day."

Truss said with a laugh that she has no idea what she will major in. "I'm listed as Political Science right now. We'll see if that changes."

When it comes to athletics, Chloe has strictly been a sprinter. "I did a lot in middle school," she said, "but I don't really have good hand-eye coordination. So they just used me because I was fast."

Webb edged Catholic 151 to 147½ to take first place in the girls' team scoring. Hardin Valley (86) was third. Farragut (69) and Gibbs (53) rounded out the Top 5.

Other team scores included West 36, CAK 32.5, Austin-East 25, Bearden 21, Karns 21, Fulton 18, Central 8, L&N STEM Academy 7, Carter 6, Grace Christian 6 and Concord Christian 5.

Lacy Young, Webb sophomore, contributed to the seven new KIL Meet records with her 100 dash win of 11.67.

The Lady Spartans also had five other victories that led them to the KIL team championship. Webb had two winning relay teams - the 4x800 combo with Cissna, Diddle, Garmer and Areheart posting a 9:49.19 and the 4x100 quartet with Romain, Dye, Horner and Young clocking in at 49.42 seconds.

Webb senior twins Calysta and Jazzlyn Garmer each won a distance event at 1600 and 3200, respectively. Calysta crossed the finish line in 4:56.68 and Jazzlyn won the 3200 in 10:40.68.

"I've been mostly using this race as a workout," said Calysta. "On days like this, I'm just trying to get in a lot of mileage and hard miles to get ready and prepared for the state race. I'm super excited that the state meet will be at UT this year. I love that track."

Next year, Calysta and



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

**Chloe Truss of Catholic gets the baton and runs the anchor leg in the 4x200 relay Tuesday at Hardin Valley. Not only did her relay team set a new KIL Meet record, but Truss also set new KIL records in the 400 and 200.**

Jazzlyn will be competing for Furman University.

Webb freshman runner Gideon Bradford prevailed in the 800 run in 2:17.31.

Rebekah Spierdowis, a Gibbs freshman, had a big haul of gold as she sailed the discus 35 feet, 1¾ inches in the field events and then was a three-time winner on the track with victories in the 100 high hurdles (14.82), 300 hurdles (44.73) and the 4x400 relay (4:06.67). Spierdowis ran the third leg with Bentley, Miller and Hardin carrying the baton the rest of the way.

Rebekah said she really likes running the hurdles. "They just got introduced when I was in the seventh grade. I had kinda done them once in elementary school just for fun. But I really started taking them seriously in the seventh

grade. Last year in the 100-meter hurdles, I was ranked in the U.S. No. 3 for middle school. I'm still trying to adjust to the higher height."

She also plays volleyball and basketball, but said, "Track has become my favorite now, because I do enjoy running."

Farragut's Peyton Edmunds was the pole vault winner, going over the bar at 9 feet high.

Other field event winners included West junior Mackenzie Eisenberg, going over the high jump bar at 5 feet and triple jumping 36 feet, 1 3/4 inches.

Naomi Burum, HVA senior long jumper, sailed 17 feet, 4½ inches.

Catholic freshman Charlotte Fowler took first place in both the shot put (36-9½) and the discus (104-5).

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# An integral part of life as we know it

Football fans, particularly in the South, often make critical, life-changing decisions about team allegiances in their most tender years and live with the impact of those decisions throughout the rest of their lives.

Former Auburn Sports Information Director and Athletic Director David Housel's football life is an example.

Housel attended his first Alabama-Auburn game (or is it Auburn-Alabama?) at Legion field in Birmingham in 1956, when he was 9 years old. After attending the game, Housel wrote letters to both schools, asking for information about their football teams.

Housel relates that Auburn sent him a football brochure, along with a note thanking him for being an Auburn fan. Alabama sent him a media guide and a bill for two dollars. As a result, Alabama got its two bucks. Auburn earned his heart.

The whole business about rivalries doesn't have to make sense. You wake up on the "Third Saturday in October" and it's time to beat Alabama. In October or November, it's time to beat Kentucky or Vanderbilt.

Fans make every effort to be present, regardless of the weather. They do what it takes to obtain the requisite number of tickets, pull together the tailgate,



College football fans choose up sides early in life and never really change their minds about their favorite team.

and ensure that everyone in the travel party awakens on time to head toward Neyland Stadium or hit the road.

That's why there is something different about college football in the South. There's a different feeling in a southern stadium. No doubt about it. Try as they might, the pro version — even in Green Bay, Pittsburgh, or Denver — can't replicate the feelings college football engenders, feelings that are hard to put into words.

You can't create it and nobody really knows how to define it, but we all know it when we see it, know it when we feel it, especially in the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The fans bring a unique

perspective, a unique frame of reference, to the games, simply because they grew up watching their school play, might have attended games with their future spouse, and wouldn't dare dream of rooting for any other team, despite the occasional ups and downs every school's football program has now and then.

In the SEC, we find that events on the field sometimes carry over into everyday life, all part of the rivalries, some ancient, dating 100 years or more, with others of more recent occurrence. There are figurative and literal lines drawn in the sand between otherwise rational and reasonable people, people who take the proceedings

seriously.

There are those great explosions of noise, almost primordial in nature, that envelop a stadium when a losing streak is broken or as revenge for some past loss, however far back in history, is attained. It's amazing to be a part of it, win or lose, but it's more fun when you win.

When Alabama played at Auburn the first time in 1989, the publisher of one magazine about the Tide program noted that it wasn't every fan of the Crimson Tide who had to go to Auburn, just 9,000 of them, at least according to the game contract. That attitude is not as extreme or as confined to trips to Auburn or Tuscaloosa as you might think.

When the game was finally scheduled, there were bumper stickers on cars owned by Tide faithful that read, "Your a-- on your grass." Auburn did have the last laugh that day, but Alabama did win at Auburn in later years, just as Auburn has won at Tuscaloosa.

There were also bumper stickers on aging Auburn cars that read: "Punt, Bama, Punt," harking to the two blocked punts, each returned for scores, that highlighted Auburn's 17-16 win in the 1972 "Iron Bowl."

It's all in good fun, but occasionally it is taken too seriously, when it really shouldn't be. Remember the name Harvey Updyke and the poisoned trees at Toomer's Corner, for

example.

In Mayberry, Sheriff Andy Taylor was trying to break up a feud between the Wakefields and the Carters so their children could marry ("A Feud Is a Feud," Episode 9, Dec. 5, 1960). When he tried to get them to explain what was going on and why, he received an example of circular reasoning at its very best, the explanation you get when you try to get a fan to explain how and why they chose their favorite team.

"Why are you shooting at each other?" Andy asked. "Because we're feuding," was one man's answer.

"Why are you feuding?" Andy asked.

"Because we're shooting at each other," was the response.

That sent Andy over the edge, particularly when each man said he didn't know why they were feuding, and nor did any of their ancestors. (By the way, Andy talked them out of feuding, appealing to family pride, and the nuptials went on as planned.)

That's the way it is with rivalries. This business of being a fan is really quite amazing. You can't always explain the importance, but it's there.

It's an integral part of life as we know it. There's nothing better than the anticipation of a game, seeing the game itself, and then having it be a part of your life until your team plays again.



PHOTO BY DAN HARALSON.

Pellissippi State's Carson Hoffmeister awaits a pitch in Thursday's game against Dyersburg at Ridley-Helton Park. The Pirates lost the first game, 1-0, but bounced back to win the second game, 11-4. Hoffmeister, a Hardin Valley Academy graduate, went 1-for-2 with two runs in the second game of the double header.

## Pellissippi State hosts postseason baseball tournament

By Ken Lay

In just its second year of existence, Pellissippi State's baseball team earned the right to host a postseason series.

The best-of-three playoff series opened with a doubleheader against Dyersburg State Community College on Thursday at Ridley-Helton Park.

The Panthers lost the first game, 1-0, early Thursday afternoon as they managed just six hits off Eagles' pitcher Bennett Stutts, who posted a dominant performance on the mound as he walked just

two hitters, while striking out five.

Dyersburg scored the lone run of the contest on a solo homer by Jordan Williamson in the top of the third inning.

Hardin Valley Academy graduate Caden Channell had two hits in the game for Pellissippi, which also got a hit from Grace Christian Academy alumnus Makai Derry.

Parker Peeler, Max Weyenberg and Christian Academy of Knoxville graduate Connor Nelson also had hits in the first game for the Panthers, who had a

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# Vols on NFL Draft Weekend

By Mark Nagi

It's not a perfect sign of the health of your football program, but typically, if your team doesn't have the NFL looking at your roster, you probably aren't succeeding at a high level.

The 2002 NFL Draft saw 10 Vols selected, a high mark for the program. And while this year's draft didn't reach that number, we did see five Vols selected.

In the second round, cornerback Colton Hood was selected by the NY Giants, while wide receiver Chris Brazzell II was selected in the third round by the Carolina Panthers.

Hood made the most of this only season in Knoxville. Last year, he made 50 tackles while returning a fumble for a TD and had a Pick-6 as well. Hood is the highest

Tennessee player drafted since 2010, when the Kansas City Chiefs picked Eric Berry in the first round. "I'm just going to be myself," Hood told reporters in New Jersey. "I'm not going to go in there and try to step on anybody's toes, but I am coming in there to compete. That's just who I am."

Hood added, "I've been dreaming about this since I was six years old. Like, looking at my ceiling, dreaming about playing in the NFL, and then to get to play for such a storied franchise as the Giants and this great city of New York... just to be able to be here in this moment is definitely something that I'm grateful for and that I am going to be appreciative of..."

Brazzell ran a 4.37 40

at the NFL Combine, and Carolina Panthers head coach Dave Canales thinks they got a steal. "We weren't expecting Chris to be there... and he kept dropping to us," said Canales. "And just what a great opportunity for us to... add to that (wide receivers) room. Just another element, another dimension and create a competitive roster."

Jermod McCoy was considered to be the top cornerback in the draft. But a lot of teams were scared off by his medical situation. McCoy missed the entire 2025 season with a torn ACL. When NFL medical staff saw concern about a bone plug that was used to repair a cartilage defect, first-round talent turned into fourth-round reality.

McCoy was selected in that round by the Las Vegas Raiders. Another surgery may be necessary.

"All my doctors that did my surgery told me that I'm good," said McCoy. "But if the team wants me to do something for the longevity of my career, I'm willing to do that. I'm going to listen to the team because I feel like they have my best interests in mind."

Edge rusher Joshua Josephs was picked in the fifth round by the Washington Commanders. He had 104 tackles and 9.5 sacks in his four seasons at Tennessee. "I guess a sigh of relief or like a breath of fresh air," Josephs said. "The wait's finally over... I'm just blessed to be in this position and I'm very grateful that I'm a Commander."



Former Vol Tyre West celebrates his selection by the Detroit Lions in the seventh round of the NFL Draft.

The fifth and final former Vol taken in the 2026 NFL Draft was defensive lineman Tyre West. He watched the final day of the draft in Union County, surrounded by friends and family. A raucous celebration took place when he got the call, as he was picked in the seventh round by the Detroit Lions.

West's versatility was appealing to the Lions,

who see him capable of playing defensive tackle or end. "Wherever you put me, wherever I line up, I'm always going to do my best to make plays," West said.

Among the former Vols signing free agent deals were QB Joey Aguilar (Jacksonville), DL Bryson Eason (Houston) and TE Miles Kitselman (Detroit).

## Smokies will play Barons starting Tuesday



By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Smokies return home from Rocket City this week and will play the Birmingham Barons in a six-game Southern League series starting Tuesday, May 5, at Covenant Health Park.

There will be a lot of action on the field and plenty of good time in the

stadium, too.

Tuesday will be Hispanic Heritage Night. The Smokies transform into Knox Vegas Thursday. Replica Camo Jersey Giveaway will be Friday and Big League Chew Night is Saturday along with a fireworks show.

Knoxville went into Saturday's game with an overall season record of 12-13.

### Ice Bears fall short in playoffs

The Knoxville Ice Bears made a run for the

President's Cup in the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) again this year, but came up short, falling to the Peoria Rivermen 1-0 in Game 5.

Knoxville had defeated top-seeded Peoria 4-2 to take a 2-1 advantage in the best-of-five series.

Founded in 2002, the Ice Bears are one of the league's founding members and have a history of success within the league.

### One Knox SC's impressive run ends

The Columbus (Ohio) Crew handed One Knox Soccer Club a 4-1 loss in Round 16 of the U.S. Open Cup Wednesday. One Knox SC was the last Division III professional league team in the Major Soccer League competition.

### Fulton to host Girls' Flag Football tournament

Fulton's unbeaten regular season came to an end with an 18-7 loss to Coalfield after the Lady Falcons defeated Anderson County.

Fulton is now the No. 2 seed in the tournament and will host the first two rounds Tuesday.

The Lady Falcons finished the regular season with a 9-1 record overall and 7-1 in region play.

Fulton will play SESI at 5 and Anderson County will go against Happy Valley at 6:30. The winner of those games will play in the semifinals at 8.

The winner of the Fulton bracket will play the winner of the Coalfield bracket for the region championship and a state tournament

berth.

### CAK announces five college signees

Five Christian Academy of Knoxville student-athletes have announced their college choices.

They are Foster Coleman, Bryan College, basketball; Owen Fulford, Western Carolina, track and field; Jacob Haig, University of Bridgeport, lacrosse; Hannah Hankins, LMU, soccer; and Annie Leadbetter, Belhaven University, volleyball.

## Ray returns to where it all began

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Monday, Coach Ray came onto the field and met up with Coach Mitchell and other former players of Ray came on to the field to reunite with their coach.

Dennis threw a ceremonial first pitch and later, when the game was getting ready to start, he went to a seat right behind the backstop with his granddaughter and great-granddaughter.

"This field has changed a lot," he said.

Coach Ray was asked what it was like to meet up with Carol.

"It was awesome, it was awesome," repeated Dennis, who had

embraced Coach Mitchell out on the field.

"When I got out of coaching at Gibbs, she took over for me," said Dennis, "and she kept the success very high. So I'm glad about that. I mean I'm still an Eagle. And even though I spent 13 years coaching at Webb, I'm still an Eagle."

Coach Ray was also asked about his memories of Carol when he coached her.

"Carol could do it all," said Dennis. "She was the best freshman that I have ever coached. I mean, she could run, she could throw. Of course, she was a good pitcher and could hit and bunt. She could do it all."

"She pretty much

developed her abilities herself. She learned to pitch with her dad (Bob Zachary). The philosophies I had for being a softball player at Gibbs were about being competitive and reaching for high standards. I guess the only thing I really taught her is to reach and go for it and be competitive and want to win."

Dennis coached volleyball for 13 years at Webb and softball for nine seasons. One of his volleyball teams was a state runner-up and one of his softball teams finished fourth at the state. He also spent several years officiating high school football.

Carol recalled that Ray not only served the

program at Gibbs, but he also instilled in all of his players the fight and desire to be better and the work ethic and all those things that you can learn from your former coach.

"I remember he worked hard at learning the game and at that time we didn't know much about fast pitch softball because we had all grown up playing slow pitch," said Mitchell and so for him to be able to learn and then to teach us in a way where you win state championships almost immediately is incredible.

"He instilled a lot of the things that I use even today. It comes from what I learned from him."

## Mitchell honored by state House

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Thompson, a 1999 Gibbs High School graduate, commended Mitchell for her accomplishments as a coach and a mentor.

"Coach Carol is one in a million," Thompson said, "If you look at the young ladies that she's mentored, they've gone on to become very successful adults. You hear about things like this happening in other places."

"But when it happens in your hometown and your alma mater, it's special. I went to school here, and I graduated in 1999."

The Lady Eagles finished the regular season with a 27-15-2 overall record

and were District 4-3A regular-season co-champions, sharing the title with Clinton.

During her tenure as coach at Gibbs, Mitchell has amassed more than 1,100 victories and guided the Lady Eagles to seven state championships.

Mitchell, who graduated from Gibbs in 1987, credited her players for her success.

"Any time you win an award like that, it's because of the kids," she said. "They all made a difference in the program and they were responsible for any of my success,"

## Pellissippi State hosts postseason baseball tournament

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28-26 record heading into a decisive Game 3 on Friday (results were not available at press time).

Pellissippi bounced back later in the day to earn an 11-4 victory in the second game against the Eagles.

Some former Knoxville area standouts had a big impact on the game as Channell went 4-for-5 with a double, three runs scored and one RBI. Carson Hoffmeister, another HVA graduate, was 1-for-2 with two runs scored. He was hit by a pitch three times. Derry went 2-for-6 with a double, four RBIs and a run scored.

A college baseball season can be long and full of adversity and the 2026 campaign was no exception

for the Panthers.

"Honestly, I think it's all still a work in progress," said Panthers coach Shawn Hughes. "I really think we underachieved, but we had several injuries."

"We've done some good things, and we have some good players coming in."

The Panthers have several local players on their 2025 roster and many of

those chose Pellissippi State in order to stay home and continue playing baseball.

"This gives kids another opportunity to play college baseball," Hughes said. "It's a lot cheaper and gives these kids a chance to stay home."

"I think the community has wanted this for a long time."

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# VESTIVAL returns May 9, 2026

South Knoxville's annual Vestival celebration returns Saturday, May 9, 2026. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sustainable Future Center, 201 Ogle Ave. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

The traditional Mother's Day brunch, open to all, starts at 11:30 a.m.

The Vestival stage will welcome acoustic duo Ayca & The Sasquatch (11 a.m.), singer Jessica Watson with guitarist Greg Horne (12:30 p.m.), old-time and country blues musician Matt Foster (2 p.m.) and contemporary Appalachian musicians the Lonetones (3:30 p.m.). Also performing will be the Sandsation Dancers (1:45 p.m.), who recently appeared on "America's Got Talent."

This year's Vestival art show will feature 1930s marble quarry photographs never exhibited before. The photos were donated by brothers Jeff and John Craig, descendants of John J. Craig, who formed the Candoro Marble Works in 1878. A student art show will include a competition

for the best interpretation of a new "Welcome to South Knoxville" sign (the original went missing

during the Chapman Highway/Blount Avenue redevelopment several years ago).

Crafters and makers will have items available for purchase, and there will be a silent auction.

Parking is available in the lot at the intersection of Ogle Avenue and Immanuel Street.

For more info and updates, visit the Vestival Facebook page or [www.candoromarle.org](http://www.candoromarle.org).

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**TO: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JACQUELINE CARTER, (Deceased)**

**IN RE: LOIN ELDRIDGE, Plaintiff**  
Vs.  
**ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JACQUELINE CARTER, (Deceased), Defendant(s)**  
CASE NO. 90839-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROBATE DIVISION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Loin Eldridge, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jacqueline Carter, deceased, has filed a Petition to Sell Real Property of the Estate located at 3401 Arrow Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914. The Court has authorized service of process by publication upon all known and unknown heirs of Jacqueline Carter, deceased, whose identities and whereabouts cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

A hearing on the Personal Representative's Petition to Sell Real Property is scheduled for June 11, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. Any party wishing to file a response to the Petition to Sell Real Property must do so on or before that date. Any objection or response not filed on or before the date of the hearing shall be deemed waived, and the Court may proceed to consider and grant the Petition without further notice.

R. Seth Oakes, Esq. (BPR No. 032284)  
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This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. Entered this 24th day of April, 2026.

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## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

### NOTICE

**TO: TALYA BLACKWELL**  
**IN RE: NICOLE CALDWELL**  
V.  
**TALYA BLACKWELL and**  
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DOCKET NUMBER 2025-CV-08058-CU**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 24, 2025, a Complaint for Custody was filed in the case of Nicole Caldwell v. Talya Blackwell and Brijn R. Caldwell, docket number 2025-CV-08058-CU in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The said Talya Blackwell, whose place of residence is unknown, is hereby notified that the said Nicole Caldwell has filed a Complaint for Custody against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania at the aforementioned docket number, requesting to obtain physical custody of your minor children. If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing with the Dauphin County Prothonotary's Office, located at 101 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17101. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without further notice for the relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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**ESTATE OF JOHN LAWRENCE BELL DOCKET NUMBER 92343-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JOHN LAWRENCE BELL, who died on November 25, 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:

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ESTATE OF JOHN LAWRENCE BELL

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**ESTATE OF NANCY AMANN DOUGLAS DOCKET NUMBER 91888-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of NANCY AMANN DOUGLAS, who died July 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CARL EDWARD DUKES DOCKET NUMBER 92014-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CARL EDWARD DUKES, who died April 8, 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 20th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF CARL EDWARD DUKES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JUDY STEINER  
5507 CARTER ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN ANTHONY FERRUSO, III DOCKET NUMBER 92349-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHN ANTHONY FERRUSO, III, who died March 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 20th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN ANTHONY FERRUSO, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICHOLAS W. FERRUSO  
1217 HIAWASSEE AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NEVA FOUST, ATTORNEY  
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM W. HOGAN DOCKET NUMBER 92289-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM W. HOGAN, who died July 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 14 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM W. HOGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANIS MAXINE HOGAN

WILSON S. RITCHIE, ATTORNEY  
606 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELEANOR MCNABB KASSEM DOCKET NUMBER 92295-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR MCNABB KASSEM, who died on JANUARY 16, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF ELEANOR MCNABB KASSEM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELISABETH KASSEM ROSS  
109 WESTHAMPTON PLACE  
NASHVILLE, TN 37205

AMY KASSEM RICHARDSON  
1730 MERTON ROAD NE  
ATLANTA, GA 30306

JONATHAN THOMASTON, ATTORNEY  
MICHAEL D. SONTAG, ATTORNEY  
21 PLATFORM WAY SOUTH, SUITE 3500  
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MELVIN KECK, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 91843-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MELVIN KECK, SR., deceased, who died on 09/26/2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 17 day of MARCH, 2026.

ESTATE OF MELVIN KECK, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LAURA CAMPBELL, EXECUTOR  
342 WALLACE ROAD  
LUTTRELL, TN 37779

MELVIN KECK, JR., EXECUTOR  
619 RIVER RUN DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

DARRICK L. EDMONDSON, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 789  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WANDA NAPIER LACY DOCKET NUMBER 92315-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WANDA NAPIER LACY, who died March 8, 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 14 day of APRIL, 2026.

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

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

This the 14 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF WANDA NAPIER LACY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CYNTHIA L WAGNER, CO-EXECUTRIX  
2110 COVE VIEW WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CHRISTY ALLISON LEDERER, CO-EXECUTRIX  
846 BLUFF DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JACK ELDEN LEWIS DOCKET NUMBER 92341-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JACK ELDEN LEWIS, who died on the 6th day of March, 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 20th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JACK ELDEN LEWIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN LEWIS

R. SETH OAKES, ATTORNEY  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GERALDINE LITTLEJOHN DOCKET NUMBER 92350-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GERALDINE LITTLEJOHN, who died Jan. 22, 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 20th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF GERALDINE LITTLEJOHN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
OTIS LITTLEJOHN, III  
634 RIVERBROOK BROOK DR.  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

DAVE D. DUPEE, ATTORNEY  
104 EAST PARK DR., BLDG. 300  
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SUSAN SMITH MCCARTER DOCKET NUMBER 92378-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUSAN SMITH MCCARTER, who died Feb. 18, 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 the 20th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF SUSAN SMITH MCCARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SETH THOMAS MYERS  
3815 HENRY TOWN RD.  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY LYNN MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92368-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of APRIL, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARY LYNN MOORE, who died February 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to

creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 20th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY LYNN MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRIAN C. MOORE  
3528 PARADISE RIDGE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

MICHAEL TROTTER, ATTORNEY  
1148 WAGNER DRIVE, STE. 201  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY ANN VOILES  
DOCKET NUMBER 92345-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY ANN VOILES, who died December 29, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14th day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF JUDY ANN VOILES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DOUGLAS VOILES

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY  
7632 GLEASON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVE ALDRIDGE  
DOCKET NUMBER 92413-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVE ALDRIDGE, who died Nov. 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF STEVE ALDRIDGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JONATHAN P. LONG

JONATHAN LONG, ATTORNEY  
1155 HALLE PARK CIRCLE  
COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTE W. BACON  
DOCKET NUMBER 92371-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of BETTE W. BACON, who died on February 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF BETTE W. BACON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S):  
THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE  
C/O KATHRYN WADDELL  
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100  
KNOXVILLE, TN 379 19

ROBERT S. MARQUIS  
3819 OAKHURST DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOCKE Y. CARTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 92360-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of LOCKE Y. CARTER, who died on March 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery 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 & 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF LOCKE Y. CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANET C. CARTER  
1477 TOURAINE PLACE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

LEVI D. MAULDIN, ATTORNEY  
105 LANDMARK LANE  
BRISTOL, TN 37620

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD THOMAS CATHEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 92389-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DONALD THOMAS CATHEY, who died March 13, 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 prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication described in (1)(A); or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 22nd day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONALD THOMAS CATHEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANGELA LYNN HOPKINS  
7546 WHEATMEADOW ROAD  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD ALLAN CHESTEK  
DOCKET NUMBER 92351-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD ALLAN CHESTEK, who died on July 25, 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 the 21 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ALLAN CHESTEK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LESLEY E. MILHEIM  
1112 PINE RUN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN DEHART  
DOCKET NUMBER 92364-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JEAN DEHART, who died January 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 above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN DEHART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACQUELINE CUNNINGHAM  
1516 WANDERING RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY E. FALLIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 92406-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY E. FALLIS, who died Feb. 21, 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 24th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY E. FALLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRANDY M. WILLIAMS  
3428 JOHNSON RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN FERRARI  
DOCKET NUMBER 92375-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY ANN FERRARI, who died Feb. 27, 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 24 day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN FERRARI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JENNIFER M. HOWARD, CO-EXECUTRIX  
3453 MAPLE GROVE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

AMANDA NICOLE WAGNER, CO-EXECUTRIX  
108 S. CARBON STREET, APT. C  
MARION, IL 62959

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS B. FORD  
DOCKET NUMBER 92398-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS B. FORD, who died June 2, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF THOMAS B. FORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIA ELIZABETH FORD MAYS  
502 BERKFORD RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEE M. GAGLE  
DOCKET NUMBER 92358-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LEE M. GAGLE, who died March 16, 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:

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

This the 24th day of April, 2026.

ESTATE OF LEE M. GAGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBORAH ANN KONING  
7813 S. SOLITUDE LANE  
TRAFALGAR, IN 46181

PAMELA GAGLE WILSON  
700 NORRIS SHORES DRIVE  
SHARPS CHAPEL, TN 37866

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES ALLRED GRISSOM  
DOCKET NUMBER 92357-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of FRANCES ALLRED GRISSOM, who died March 3, 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  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

Davy Crockett Tower  
500 James Robertson Pkwy, 9th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOPH26-006

April 28, 2026

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN;** the Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) on the reissuance of the General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>June 3, 2026</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00-10:30 AM CDT, Informal Question and Answer Session 10:30-11:30 AM CDT, Formal Public Hearing</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b> <b>Davy Crockett Tower 500 James Robertson Pkwy Conference Room 1A Nashville, TN 37243</b>	
<b>Ways to Participate:</b> <b>In person (see above for the meeting location) Log in online (see login info below) Call in by phone (see call-in info below)</b>	
<b>Virtual Login Info:</b> <b>To access the meeting or join anytime during the Q&amp;A session or the formal public hearing, click on the link or copy the URL to your web browser.</b> <b>Join link:</b> <a href="https://tn.webex.com/tn/j.php?MTID=m86be68b8badda5601e3293590c106097">https://tn.webex.com/tn/j.php?MTID=m86be68b8badda5601e3293590c106097</a>	
<b>Webinar number:</b> 2313 360 6844 <b>Webinar password:</b> r2xMbZA39kT (72962923 when dialing from a phone or video system)	
<b>Join by phone:</b> <b>+1 615-747-4911 Webex Call-In</b> <b>+1-415-655-0001 US Toll</b> <b>Access code: 231 336 06844</b> <b>Webinar number: 2313 360 6844</b> <b>Webinar password: r2xMbZA39kT (72962923 when dialing from a phone or video system)</b>	

TDEC will receive public comments concerning the proposed permit action described below:

Permit Name: General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity  
Permit Number: TNR100000  
Permit Writer: Ariel Wessel-Fuss  
Permit Rating: N/A  
County: Statewide  
Description of Activity: storm water point source discharges to surface waters from construction activities including clearing, grading, filling and excavating (including borrow pits), or other similar activities that result in the disturbance of 1 acre or more of total land area  
Receiving Stream: Waters of the state

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments to allow all parties an opportunity to speak and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through June 13, 2026, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to Ariel Wessel-Fuss at [ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov](mailto:ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov).

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit by contacting Ariel Wessel-Fuss at [ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov](mailto:ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov). These documents may also be found on [https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=2005:34051:13300342497356:::34051:P34051\\_PERMIT\\_NUMBER:TNR100000](https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=2005:34051:13300342497356:::34051:P34051_PERMIT_NUMBER:TNR100000).

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no later than Friday, June 12th, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-532-0660 or [brian.canada@tn.gov](mailto:brian.canada@tn.gov).

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada al 615-532-0660 o [brian.canada@tn.gov](mailto:brian.canada@tn.gov).

For further information, you may reach Ariel Wessel-Fuss, the permit writer, at 615-532-0642 or [ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov](mailto:ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov).

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 21 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF FRANCES ALLRED GRISSOM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHAWNNA DAWN GADDIS  
7117 THOMAS WEAVER ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PARKER KIRKPATRICK  
DOCKET NUMBER 92374-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PARKER KIRKPATRICK, who died Feb. 24, 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:

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PARKER KIRKPATRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KEVIN HUGHES KIRKPATRICK,  
ADMINISTRATOR  
2824 E. BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE M. LASATER  
DOCKET NUMBER 92189-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE M. LASATER, who died January 5, 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:

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

This the 24 day of APRIL, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE M. LASATER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL A. LASATER  
W. SCOTT LASATER

DANIEL F. WILKINS, ATTORNEY

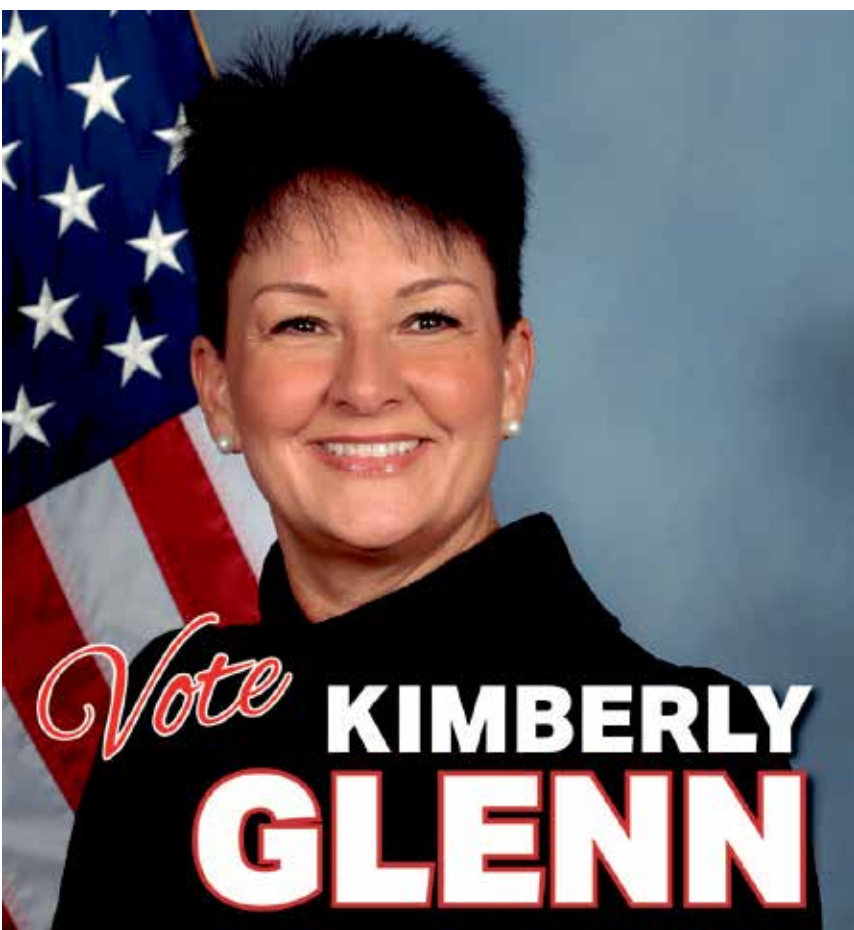
7632 GLEASON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD LEWELLING  
DOCKET NUMBER 92390-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters of administration in respect to the Estate of RONALD LEWELLING, who died on the 18th day of March, 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



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## KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 10

### ENDORSEMENTS

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| Parker • Neyland • Hattie • Conrad • Cleo | Ruth Ann Joiner- Milsaps |
| James Lee Berrong, Blount County Sheriff  | Charles Joiner           |
| Jimmy Davis, Loudon County Sheriff        | Mike Cohen               |
| Tony Crisp, Maryville City Police Chief   | Kyle Ward                |
| Cindy Bradley                             | Alison & Mike Ragsdale   |
| Buddy Coomer                              | Pamela & Allen Stoutt    |
| Marcos Garza                              | Tammy & Knox Williams    |
| Andrew Davis                              | Kimberly & Mike Arms     |

Early Voting: April 15<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day: May 5<sup>th</sup>

PAID FOR BY COMMITTEE TO ELECT KIMBERLY GLENN. AUDREY SKEEN, TREASURER

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PAUL SCOTT LITTLE DOCKET NUMBER 92376-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL SCOTT LITTLE, who died Feb. 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24th day of April, 2026.

**ESTATE OF PAUL SCOTT LITTLE**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
AMY LITTLE DOBBINS  
6536 RUBY JUNE LANE  
CORRYTON, TN 37721

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONALD RAY MCCAMMON DOCKET NUMBER 92452-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DONALD RAY MCCAMMON, who died January 28, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 28th day of APRIL, 2026.

**ESTATE OF DONALD RAY MCCAMMON**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JULIA F. MCCAMMON, EXECUTRIX  
601 BROAD AVENUE  
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDWARD GARY MEEK, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 92384-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD GARY MEEK, SR., who died March 27, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 27th day of April, 2026.  
**ESTATE OF EDWARD GARY MEEK, SR.**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHARI M. GARRETT  
110 DARWICK CIR.  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

CRAIG L. GARRETT, ATTORNEY  
607 SMITHVIEW DR.  
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GEORGE ROBY MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92369-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GEORGE ROBY MOORE, who died November 7, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of APRIL, 2026.

**ESTATE OF GEORGE ROBY MOORE**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA RUTH MOORE  
146 BORDERVUE AVENUE  
ELIZABETHTON, TN 37643

T. SCOTT JONES, ATTORNEY  
CHRIS W. BEAVERS, ATTORNEY  
KIMBERLY A. TROTTER, ATTORNEY  
2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DENISE M. MURPHY DOCKET NUMBER 92089-3**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DENISE M. MURPHY, who died on November 19, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below; otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 27th day of APRIL, 2026.

**ESTATE OF DENISE M. MURPHY**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANYA M. HAAS  
2935 GALLAHER FERRY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WANDA SUE OGLE DOCKET NUMBER 92380-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of

the Estate of WANDA SUE OGLE, who died Feb. 17, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24 day of April, 2026.

**ESTATE OF WANDA SUE OGLE**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MAX DALE OGLE, JR., EXECUTOR  
1921 HOUSTONIA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KAY REYNOLDS DOCKET NUMBER 92410-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAY REYNOLDS, who died on the 8th day of February, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24th day of APRIL, 2026.

**ESTATE OF KAY REYNOLDS**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
A. D. LEWIS, III  
340 CHAMBERLAIN COVE RD.  
KINGSTON, TN 37763

MAURICE W. GERARD, ATTORNEY  
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALVIN BILLY SHERRILL DOCKET NUMBER 92403-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALVIN BILLY SHERRILL, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24th day of April, 2026.

**ESTATE OF ALVIN BILLY SHERRILL**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES E. HUNT

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES A. STREVEL DOCKET NUMBER 92379-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES A. STREVEL, who died Jan. 28, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24 day of April, 2026.

**ESTATE OF JAMES A. STREVEL**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ASHLEE BROOKE CRAWFORD, EXECUTRIX  
110 LEE LANE  
CLINTON, TN 37716

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA JOSEPHINE TWEED DOCKET NUMBER 92346-1**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA JOSEPHINE TWEED, who died on October 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court for 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of APRIL, 2026.

**ESTATE OF BARBARA JOSEPHINE TWEED**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KYLE RICHARD BOYES  
9917 MCCORMICK PL.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY  
BRENT BAXLEY, ATTORNEY  
9145 CROSS PARK DR., SUITE 103  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HELEN ELIZABETH VANCE DOCKET NUMBER 92444-2**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN ELIZABETH VANCE, who died Jan. 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

**ESTATE OF HELEN ELIZABETH VANCE**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN THIGPEN  
3711 GOOSENECK DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

### MISC. NOTICES

#### LEGAL SECTION 94

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

- RFP 3722, INMATE COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Due 6/2/26
- RFP 3739, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER (FAC) PLAN UPDATES, Due 5/27/26
- RFP 3742, AUCTIONEER SERVICES, Due 6/2/26
- RFP 3743, SECTION 125 ADMINISTRATOR, Due 5/27/26

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE KNOX COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BLDG., 400 W. MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902**

#### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
3. DEVOTIONAL
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
5. PUBLIC FORUM
6. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026 MINUTES
7. NEW BUSINESS
  - REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE AS TO CONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE KNOX COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF PROCEDURES
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO A VOTE.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Investment Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2026 from 10:00 – 11:45 A.M. on the 8th Floor, Commission Conference Room in the City-County Building.

#### AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order.
- 2.) Approval of Minutes from February 2026 Meeting.
- 3.) Justin Biggs, Trustee's Report.
- 4.) Review of investment portfolio performance of bond proceeds and other funds invested with Raymond James.
- 5.) Discussion.

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Cedar Bluff Towing. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on May 18, 2026, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

- 2002 Workhorse W22 5B4MP67G323348661 (Lance Goad / One Main Financial Group LLC)
- 2022 Spartan Trailer 50XBE1218PA035043 (Unknown)
- 2005 Nissan Altima 1N4AL11D25C285931 (Hilario Baltazar Perez)
- 2011 Ford F-150 1FTFW1EF5BFA33121 (T And T Motors)
- 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 1GNFK130X8J144626 (Eduardo and Jennifer Mendez)
- 2003 Honda Accord 1HGCM665X3A010753 (James or Rachel Smith)
- 1997 Lexus LS 400 JT8BH28F1V0091775 (Missy Norton)
- 2002 Honda Civic 2HGES16552H561562 (Staci Gregory)
- 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe 1GNEK13Z66R147290 (Christopher L. Pullins)
- 2010 Subaru Legacy 4S3BMFK62A1216297 (Kelley Fitz)
- 2004 Ford Ranger 1FTYR44U84PA13752 (Holly Villines)
- 1997 Ford Expedition 1FMFU18L4VLA13323 (Vance D. Tripp)
- 2007 Pontiac G6 1G2ZH18M474276436 (Janet or Franklin McNish)
- 2009 Chevrolet Malibu 1G1ZK57799F194161 (Melton Betty)
- 2002 Ford Ranger 1FTYR14V62PB41959 (Bobby Lee Welch / 1st Franklin Financial Corp.)
- 2007 Honda Civic 1HGFA155X7L140522 (Jacob Bailey)
- 2006 GMC Envoy 1GKDS13S762271315 (Brett Michael Doyle)
- 1999 GMC Sierra 1500 1GTEC19T9XZ517917 (John F. Campbell)
- 2004 Honda Accord 1HGCM6653A4009395 (Leslie Robinson)
- 2015 Kia Sorento 5XYKT3A62FG662301 (Courtney Garrett / Regional Finance Corporation Of TN)
- 1998 Jeep Wrangler 1J4FY9S2WP769303 (Joey Unruh / Credit Union Of Denver)
- 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander JA4423A35GZ000967 (Carl Duncan / Capital One Auto Finance)
- 2011 Ford E-250 1FTNE2EL5BD484561 (The H. T. Hackney Co., Inc.)
- 1997 Honda Civic JHMEJ6676VS027997 (Hady A. Iyseh)
- 2005 Ford Expedition 1FMFU20595L441475 (Tim Damesworth)
- 2011 Ford Fusion 3FAHP0HG6BR121446 (Latoya D. Frazier)
- 2015 Chrysler 200 1C3CCCAB4FN751110 (Bukuru Chantal)
- 2016 Nissan Altima 1N4AL3AP6GC111417 (Zawadi D. Mutoni)
- 2007 Mazda Mazda3 JM1BK323671644425 (Mashida Steele)

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on May 18, 2026, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

- 1995 Ford Taurus 1FALP52UXSA283421 (Ann M. Cole)
- 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 1B7HC16YX1S152659 (Jesse J. Womack)
- 2011 Toyota Corolla JTDU4EE8B9139302 (Jaysson O Paz Moreno / All-N-More)
- 2013 Dodge Charger 2C3CDXBG5DH555214 (Trust Motors)
- 2017 Toyota Corolla 5YFBURHEXP03055 (Victoria Griffith)