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Honor Fountain City Day 2026 is Monday

Fountain City Town Hall invites everyone to attend Honor Fountain City Day in the Park, an annual Memorial Day event that is a reflection of shared community pride, history and spirit.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. in Fountain City Park on Monday, May 25, as a bagpipe duet opens the family-friendly festivities that include live music, games and rides, food trucks and craft vendors.

The Smokyland Barbershop Quartet, Kyle Campbell and

Friends and the Tennessee Wind Symphony Jazz Band will also take the stage to provide a musical background to the celebration.

Children can find Uncle Sam, who will be strolling the grounds, to receive a free flag, and they can also look for the rubber ducks hidden around the park. The ducks can be turned in for free ride tickets at the Fountain City Town Hall table.

Special this year is the What's Next Knoxville? booth. This

informational booth will be set up to take questions and gauge what residents envision for the future regarding the City of Knoxville and Knoxville-Knox County Planning's Comprehensive Plan. Event organizer and FCTH Chair Joyce Lee told The Focus that this booth will be "a great time for folks to come out and speak about what they want for their community."

At 3 p.m., the Community Awards will be presented at the Fountain City Park Gazebo,

followed by the patriotic Memorial Day Ceremony at 4 p.m.

"This event is growing by the day," Lee shared last week. "We are turning away vendors! We are looking at an epic celebration!"

FCTH will follow Monday's Honor Fountain City Day by hosting Free Fishing Day at Fountain City Lake on Saturday, June 6. For more information on these events and FCTH, please visit www.fountaincitytownhall.org.

Please see Community Award winners in Section B.



Kyle Campbell will be performing at Honor Fountain City Day in the Park on Monday, May 25.



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The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum opened their newest garden last week to honor the Howell family's contributions and generations of history with the botanical garden and nursery business.

Data center restrictions going to planning commission

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An ordinance restricting the creation of data centers in Knox County is going to the planning commission at the request of

the Knox County Commission. The idea is to have the planners review the desires of the commission and return with a recommendation.

District 9 Commissioner **Continue on page 3**

Smoking ban passes city council's first reading

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The Knoxville City Council voted 7-2 to prohibit smoking and vaping in bars in the first of two readings Tuesday evening. The no-smoking ordinance, sponsored by four council members, saw lots of debate and disagreement and passed only after being amended to give bar owners and customers more time to become accustomed to a smoke-free venue.

The initial proposal would have given bar owners 90 days to cooperate until District 6 Councilman Denzel Grant proposed delaying the enforcement until January 1 of next year. Grant called the ordinance a "no-brainer," but said he had hundreds of calls about its impact on the 10 smaller bars that currently allow smoking.

Fourth District Councilman Matthew DeBardelaben disagreed and said that people over 21 should make the choice, and the ordinance is misleading because it excuses cigar bars. He called for

a "balance between personal liberty and public health."

Councilman Nathan Honeycutt noted that the smoking bars only represent 2% of businesses and noted the effect on local bar owners, but supported the "longer runway" before the law takes effect.

Other council members chimed in on the idea, with At-large Councilwoman Amelia Parker saying the regulation "doesn't make sense" and will have a negative impact. She said that the bars that allow smoking are a "refuge for some people."

Third District Councilman Doug Lloyd spoke about the health effects of secondhand smoke, and the council action could "rescue a person from cancer."

Three people from each side spoke to the council and proponents said that if a customer wanted to smoke, "They can step outside."

The 7-2 vote saw DeBardelaben and Parker voting "No," with a final **Continue on page 3**

Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum Honors the Howell Legacy

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More than 75 people attended the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum's Howell Legacy Garden dedication on May 13. The newest addition to the 44-acre property honors Jenny Howell Jukes, daughter of Joe Howell, whose vision inspired the botanical garden's creation.

The opening speaker, U.S. Army combat veteran and Knoxville City Council District 6 representative Denzel Grant, recognized the garden as a valuable space for the community. He emphasized its role in shaping the community's legacy and expressed pride in what it has become.

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon highlighted the family's generosity in preserving the gardens. She thanked board members, past and present, for creating "pockets of space" that help the community relax. She encouraged guests to enjoy the unique areas of the garden, and reflect on the Howell family's legacy and ongoing investment in Knoxville's future.

Julia Bentley, president of the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, noted the land's 240-year history and its continued role as a public



Margaret Gehring (far left) and her family have a long-standing, deep connection to the arboretum that spans both her family's legacy and her active role in the Knoxville community.

resource. She recognized board member and Howell family member, Margaret Gehring, along with volunteers, staff, and the community for their contributions to the region's growth.

Sharon Moore, executive director of the Knoxville Botanical Garden

and Arboretum, thanked partners, donors, the Howell family, and dedicated volunteers and community supporters for their investment in the garden. She celebrated the site's history, including its connection to the Howell family's discovery of the

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Glimmers of Hope

Democrats cause problems and Republicans fix them or at least try to.
Buck Sexton

It astounds me that people still identify as Democrats and support the party's crazy policies instead of common sense. Even the few seemingly sensible Democrats like Harold Ford Jr. or Senator John Fetterman still adhere to party affiliation. However, Fetterman's refusal to toe the party line has caused him to become ostracized by party elites since he rejects the radical, delusional Jacobins who have taken over the Democrat party. Incidentally, it's not the "Democratic Party" because they are anything but democratic.

Perhaps Ford and Fetterman are holding out hope that reason and common

sense will return to their party. Fetterman's stroke seems to have clarified his thinking. However, Ford's platitudes have become exceedingly tiresome and he has lost credibility. Perhaps Ford finds it harder to admit error and change than to deny reality and double down on Democrat craziness.

The Democrat party of FDR and John Kennedy no longer exists. It has been taken over by the progressive socialist radicals who are akin to the French Revolution's Jacobins led by Robespierre. Surely there are sane elements of the Democrat party who are aware of the infamous French Reign of Terror with mob rule and the guillotine. I hope Ford and Fetterman are aware that history repeats itself. The radical Jacobins eventually

turned on themselves and sent Robespierre to the guillotine. But too late for France where the destruction was devastating and led to Napoleon and world war.

Perhaps it is wishful thinking that there are remnants of sanity in the Democrat party. Surely some realize that you can't turn a man into a woman or vice versa. "Follow the science," they say. DNA defines sex, and the DNA in every cell of your body can't be changed. Children who can't drive a car, vote or get married should be protected from life-altering surgery and medications until their brains have matured sufficiently to make mature choices.

Surely there are Democrats who realize that defunding the police and opening the border promotes crime, illicit drug use, death and human trafficking.

Surely there are Democrats who see that releasing criminals and deranged people to the streets endangers everyone. Such "suicidal empathy" (Greg Gutfield) was demonstrated in NYC where a young woman refused to help prosecute a serial criminal who attacked her, only to

have him murder another New Yorker.

No, I believe that most Democrats are sane enough to understand what is going on. And that makes it even more tragic. They are using their dislike of President Trump to turn a blind eye to evil and justify their support of the Jacobins who have taken over the Democrat party. I don't expect people with TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome), like James Carville or Robert De Niro, to speak the truth. They are as crazy as today's street Jacobins or the Nazi Brown Shirts of 1930s Germany. I understand that Democrat politicians are scared of the Jacobins they created to increase their power. But surely they realize the mob will, in the end, destroy them as well.

In 1776 Thomas Paine wrote his pamphlet "Common Sense" advocating independence from Great Britain. 2026 is the 250th year of the American Revolution and what Europe would later dub the American experiment. After seven years of war, the colonies won their freedom and the "experiment" began.

The Founders were rightly terrified by the abuses

of democracy in Ancient Greece. Benjamin Franklin likened such democracy to two wolves and a sheep deciding what's for supper. Instead, The Founders created a representative republic form of government for the new nation. Our Constitutional Republic is predicated on the rule of law designed to protect us from criminals and abusive government, something Virginia Democrats still don't seem to fathom. Nor do George Soros judges or globalist Klaus Schwab-trained bureaucrats. The Democrat party leadership understands the rule of law. They just don't like it when laws hinder their acquisition of power.

It is time for common sense to reassert itself over the crazies. We fought a horrible Civil War to get rid of slavery. Districting on the basis of race is racist and unconstitutional. The Save Act must be passed to reaffirm that only citizens vote and proof of citizenship is required. Illegals, whose first act was to break our laws, must be deported. Fraud must be investigated and prosecuted. The war with Iran must be completed to prevent the radical apocalyptic regime from having a nuclear weapon

and ballistic missiles to terrorize the world.

Since the Democrats have no valid policies other than opposing Trump on everything and TDS, they must not be allowed to retake the Congress and drag us into ridiculous impeachments again. Democrats like Kamala Harris have repeatedly stated that as soon as they return to power they plan to remove the Senate filibuster, pack the Supreme Court and give statehood to Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, undoubtedly producing four more Democrat senators. In the past, the filibuster has been used to prevent bad legislation, but waiting for the Democrats to remove it and produce generational harm to the country is far worse.

It is a time for patriotism and common sense to step up. For our children's sake it is time for citizens to show courage. It is time for politicians to stand up to the Jacobin mob. And we must vote. So many have given so much for us to have this right not exercised in the recent Knoxville County election.

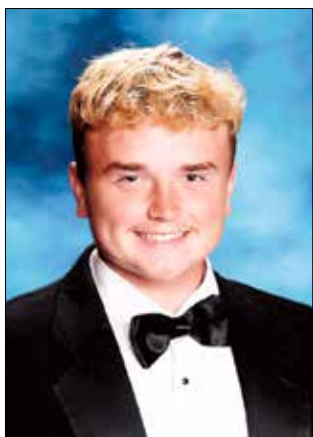
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dogwood years ago. Moore described the land's transformation from a working nursery and private residence to a public space, while preserving its original purpose. She highlighted the charm of the new garden, such as how its historic pre-Civil War brickwork and a millstone fountain created by local artist Gerry Moll bring the garden's history to life.

Among those who attended was former mayor and ambassador to Poland, Victor Ashe, who shared his thoughts at the event. He said, "It's an extension of a dream," and his wife Joan agreed, adding, "How amazing it is that people come from all over the

world for this."

Following the speeches and ribbon cutting, guests enjoyed a leisurely walk through the garden. Each guest admired the special touch of the garden's design, where paths were lined with stones bearing family dedications and inspiring quotes.

Guests also enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres and received small potted plants from the Joe N. Howell Landscape Nursery as keepsakes, connecting them to the garden's history.

For more information on The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, located at 2743 Wimpole Ave in Knoxville, visit knoxgarden.org

\$1.1 billion budget proposed for county, no property tax increase

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, in his final budget proposal before leaving office this year, is asking for \$1.1 billion, a 3% increase, and pledging no property tax increase. The proposal now goes to the Knox County Commission for approval, with \$717.7 million, or 70% of the total, highlighted for Knox County Schools.

Jacobs delivered his proposal at Covenant Health Park. "I'll miss this role," the term-limited mayor said, adding that being a wrestling superstar and mayor of Knox County have been the highlights of his life.

The mayor said the county's growth continues with new residents and businesses moving here. He praised Finance Director

Chris Caldwell and his team of talented people. The budget is \$30 million higher than last year and includes a 3%, two-step pay increase for county employees and a 2.5% increase in pay for teachers.

Referring to the looming 2027 bond debt faced by the county, Jacobs noted a \$111 million "rainy day fund" being kept on hand and pointed to "domestic immigration" into our area as helping create funding.

Jacobs said he always tried to make the right decisions as county mayor. He said his success in office came because he surrounded himself with good people.

The budget is based on an additional \$24 million in anticipated revenue, and the mayor noted the upcoming upgrades for Farragut

and South Knoxville schools and the redevelopment of the old Rule High School. Jacobs also pointed to completion of the Schaad Road extension, the Canton Hollow Road improvement, the South Northshore Park construction, the Marietta Church roundabout work and the Powell Pedestrian Bridge design as future funded projects.

"My aim over the next several months is to supply the next mayor with a clean slate by finishing up as many projects as we can," Jacobs said.

"Today is bittersweet for me. This will be my last budget address. I am a believer in term limits, and I do feel that, after close to eight years in this office, it is time for some fresh perspectives," Jacobs concluded.



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Way To Go, Speaker Sexton

Last week, Cameron Sexton, speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, removed Democrats from their committee and subcommittee assignments following another display of mayhem and disruption as the General Assembly met in special session to redistrict the state's congressional districts. The state capitol descended into chaos with Democrats making as much noise and being as obnoxious as possible, blasting air horns and whistles in an attempt to create an atmosphere of anarchy.

Sexton wrote in a letter to Karen Camper, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, that members of her caucus had attempted to "disrupt the democratic and legislative processes and create disorder on the House floor." Sexton's letter detailed Democrats locking arms in the well of the House while blocking the aisles of the House floor. Sexton wrote that the Democrats had been "instigating and encouraging disruptions of the legislative process in coordination with paid protesters and attendees in the gallery, including the distribution of earplugs to a member of your caucus."

Speaker Sexton also cited the Democrats for their lack of respect for "fellow members" who were attempting to speak on pending legislation, as well as using "prohibited props and noisemakers on the House floor."

Heated, frequently intemperate, and harsh speeches are nothing new in any legislative body. The Democrats preferred demonstration on the floor over debate and discussion.

Justin Pearson has been trying to parlay his "Tennessee Three" fame into a congressional seat by challenging the lone Democrat left in the Tennessee delegation. That seat has long been held by Congressman Steve Cohen, who has represented the Black majority district for some years. Cohen has routinely dispatched every challenger - both Black and White - every two years to retain his seat in Congress. The only way to get to Cohen's left is to become a Marxist, which just about suits Justin Pearson.

The twenty-something Pearson had been challenging Congressman Cohen inside the Democratic primary when the legislature redistricted the existing 9th Congressional seat. Seeing his only opportunity to go to Congress go up in smoke, Pearson promptly pitched a hissy fit.

Following the redistricting, candidates for Congress must refile to run in the newly drawn districts. The new 9th district takes in roughly a third of Shelby County and runs into Williamson County, a GOP

bastion and home to Senator Marsha Blackburn and Governor Bill Lee. The new district has urban, suburban and rural areas, which reflects the voters of Tennessee.

Pearson, who happens to be sitting atop a big pile of cash which came pouring into his campaign coffers after the national publicity he received as one of the "Tennessee Three", now bellows about "billionaires and the political status quo." It seems highly unlikely Pearson would have ever received an invitation to the White House as the ultimate outsider when its occupant, Biden, was the consummate Washington insider for the last half of a century. Pearson is all mouth and immediately tried to play the race card as the redistricting commenced. Pearson declared the new redistricting "immoral and wrong." Interestingly, 20 years ago, the Democratic majority in the legislature carved up the congressional districts, dividing Shelby County into three parts, and the new 9th Congressional District looks eerily like it did when

redrawn by Democrats. Preacher Pearson didn't condemn that, nor did he condemn the steal in Virginia, which sought to disenfranchise millions of Virginia Republicans.

Pearson's likely opponent for Congress, State Senator Brent Taylor, denounced him for "race-baiting." Pearson invoked every image he possibly could, comparing the redistricting to lynchings, slavery and institutional racism. Justin Pearson, like so many in politics today, is a performance artist who is unlikely to do a thing for Memphis. Even those who disagree with virtually everything Congressman Steve Cohen believes, and I am one of them, have to confess he has delivered for the people who elected him. Still, we seem to be in a time that values performative skills more than actual job performance. Justin Pearson is one of the better performance artists the Democrat-Socialists have in their stable right now.

Brent Taylor immediately replied to Pearson's rant on X. "Justin Pearson

delivered nothing for his district in the state House and will lose his bid for Congress," Taylor wrote. "Pre-tend Pearson' wants to drag Tennessee to the Left with his identity politics and socialist agenda, but I won't back down."

Primary Turnout Abysmal

It is a very sad fact of life that so few people participated in the recent primary elections to nominate candidates for some of the most important local offices in our community. Knox Countians selected nominees in both primaries for offices like county mayor, sheriff, the court clerks, the county clerk, and register of deeds, as well as seats on the Knox County Commission and Board of Education. Fewer than 16% of eligible voters bothered to vote. It underscores the wisdom of the state legislature moving the primary elections to August when voters choose their state officials. Nobody should be pleased with the absence of the great majority of voters.

Asheville Highway rezoning withdrawn after questioning

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The Knox County Commission moved swiftly through its zoning agenda last week, approving several requests along Gallaher View Road, Messer Lane, Mascot Road, Loop Road and Award Winning Way. Then the commission took up a request to rezone property at 7920 and 8014 Asheville Highway.

Scott Davis spoke for Mesana Investments LLC to rezone three

lots along the highway from general commercial to planned residential. The request had been pulled in April and March at the request of the applicant.

District 8 Commissioner Adam Thompson quizzed Davis about where the one-acre open space on the development was located. Thompson said the earlier approval of the development required open space, for community use and children's play, to be centrally located. He charged that the concept plan does not follow

the original agreed-upon plan.

Davis countered what "centrally located" meant, adding, "I thought that was what we did."

Thompson and Davis went back and forth with Thompson finally offering a motion to require four houses per acre, rather than the requested five, and to require a single lot with turf grass and 16 Northern Red Oak Trees. Davis interrupted the motion and withdrew his zoning request.

Linda Shown requested a zoning change from agricultural

to neighborhood commercial for a small .65-acre lot at 1515 Tipton Station Road. Two neighbors spoke against the change and Shown said the site is ideal for a small business like a beauty salon. Commissioner Terry Hill said she drove by the property and agreed with Shown. Commissioner Andy Fox said all the boxes on the application were "checked" and moved for approval. The vote was 8-2, with Commissioners Thompson and Kim Frazier voting "No."

Several larger properties were approved for rezoning, including 6612 Clinton Highway from planned commercial to general business, 8822 Valgro Road from employment center to light industrial for truck parking.

Karla Gourley's request to rezone property at 7120 Ball Camp Pike was declined as Gourley failed to appear. The request had been deferred month by month from January, all due to the applicant's failure to appear at each zoning meeting.

Data center restrictions going to planning commission

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Andy Fox originally came up with proposals to limit the facilities, but said last week, during the commission's agenda session, that the law department had recommended the idea be vetted by the planners. The first reading was postponed until the planners reply with a report.

The unusual consumption of water and electricity by data centers was mentioned by Fox in his initial request. District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett, a Comcast employee, informed the other commissioners that she will be abstaining from a vote on the centers because of a potential conflict of interest.

At-Large Commissioner Larsen Jay said the commission already has the power to prohibit data centers, and a new ordinance will cause the issue to become complicated. Fox said his resolution would only limit data centers requiring 10 megawatts of power or above in order to specify zones to ensure the quality of life in the area does not suffer.

Commissioners Angela Russell and Rhonda Lee asked that their names be added to the Fox proposal. Commissioner Adam Thompson suggested a workshop on the data

center proposal.

Also, during Monday's agenda review meeting, District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill requested that Fox delay or shelf his "March Madness" presentation about Muslims vs Christianity. Fox said he may do so, given that June is Nuclear Family Month in the state, and added, "I may put it off until June."

"I intended to pursue it," Fox said.

Hill said her church is discussing the same issue and added that the Fox presentation "is going to be a disruptive issue" and that this type of encounter "could be avoided." She asked him not to present his opinion "in this venue."

She suggested a workshop would be more fitting. "It is inappropriate to come to the Knox County Commission to litigate all the concerns of society or the worldwide stage."

"Is every single month going to be a fight against this or that or use (the Knox County Commission meetings) as your own personal platform?" she asked.

On the agenda for today's regular session, District 1 Commissioner Damon Rawls is offering an ordinance restricting the purchases of single-family homes by large institutional investors to prohibit market manipulation.

The distribution of county funds and budget procedures for defined service contracts are on the agenda for a second reading, as well as how funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax are used. Carrying a licensed gun into a county-owned property is also on the agenda, and the commission may also look at revising the membership requirements to serve on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board.

The Rules Committee is asking the commission to amend its rules on honorary resolutions, proclamations, discussion items, ordinances and resolutions.

The county mayor has several appointments before the commission, including seats on the Visit Knoxville board and planning commission.

The revamping of the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center is also on the agenda with the naming of a new seven-member advisory board. One commissioner will be named to serve on the new board.

Two honorary resolutions are on the agenda: one to honor the late Matt Hinkin and the other to honor Knoxville Community Media's 50th anniversary.

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reading set for May 26.

In other action, the council voted to contract with four companies to provide invasive species control services using state funds. The control varies from pulling roots, cutting stumps and EPA-approved chemical treatment of targeted plants. The \$80,000 will be split between the companies. Fleet Services was

approved for dash camera videos for vehicles. The Community Action Committee was authorized \$100,000 in pass-through state funding to support its Tech Smart Knox Seniors program.

The MatCo Affordable Housing project was approved for three Nora Road properties to change zones from single-family residential neighborhood to general residential

neighborhood. Two properties on Western Avenue were approved to change from RN-1 neighborhood to C-H-1 commercial, and property at 2018 Flagler Road changed from RN-1 to RN-2, single family residential.

The Baum Drive Stormwater Improvements Project budget was increased, as was the North Cherry Street Stormwater Improvements Project.



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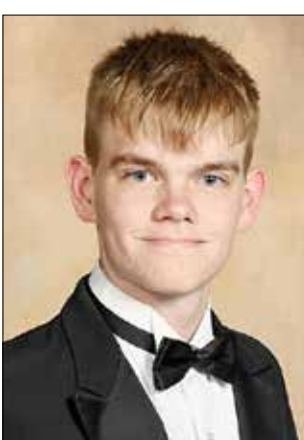
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Honor Fountain City Day 2026

Fountain City Town Hall to present community awards

Each year, Fountain City Town Hall requests the Fountain City community to vote for several civic awards that honor individuals and achievements in the community. These votes are tallied by FCTH and the awards are presented at the annual Honor Fountain City Day/Memorial Day celebration.

The **Commercial Restoration Award** is given to any business owner or corporation that has renovated or reused commercial property and thus enhanced a neighborhood. The 2026 award for Commercial Restoration goes to Fountain City Auto Clinic, located at 2823 Woodrow Drive.

The **Residential Restoration Award** goes to a private homeowner whose rehabilitation, renovation or preservation of their residence has added to the community.

This year the award goes to Lynn Weir and Barbara Danks and their beautiful home at 226 Hillcrest Drive.

The **Residential Landscaping Award** is given to a private homeowner whose garden or yard beautifies Fountain City through landscaping or plantings.

The 2026 award for Residential Landscaping goes to Willy Roberts and Kevin McIntyre, who reside in a lovely Craftsman bungalow at 811 Gresham Road.

The **Person of the Year Award** is given to an individual who owns a business or works in Fountain City and who demonstrates long-term dedicated service to individuals and the community.

This year, the 2026 award for **Person of the Year** goes to Mr. Brad Owen, who provides the citizens of Fountain City and greater Knoxville with attractive, safe, and welcoming community spaces.

The **Friend of Fountain City Award** is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond to enhance and improve Fountain City as a community.

Fountain City Town Hall is very pleased to announce that the 2026 award for Friend of Fountain City goes to Knoxville Police Officer Lori Banks.

The **Youth of the Year** exhibits extraordinary and responsible traits of character toward good citizenship, as well as learning to become a young productive member in our community. The youth must be under 21 and either a resident or attending school in Fountain City.

Congratulations to Central High graduate Blake Gadd. As a recipient of this award, he will join Fountain City Town Hall as a Junior Board Member.

This year's celebration at Fountain City Park will take place Monday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Community Awards presentation is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.



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 Winner: Nelda Scott and daughter, Tammie Rouse, of Fountain City Auto Clinic on Woodrow Drive.

Residential Restoration Award
 Winner: Lynn Weir and Barbara Danks and their beautiful home at 226 Hillcrest Drive.

Person of the Year Award Winner:
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Simplicity: The Art of Living an Undivided Life

In the brutal conditions of the Alaskan wilderness, teams competing in the Iditarod understand a critical principle: lighter sleds travel farther and faster. Veteran mushers (sled operators) know that



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

every unnecessary pound matters. A small object may seem insignificant at the beginning of the race, but over hundreds of miles, excess weight becomes exhausting to the dogs pulling the sled. Even something minor can disrupt the team's rhythm, draining strength and slowing momentum.

The same is true spiritually. Most Christians do not suddenly collapse because they hate God. More often, they become spiritually exhausted because their lives are overcrowded—too many pursuits, too many affections, and too many distractions. Often, our lives and souls are carrying unnecessary weight. What once seemed small slowly begins to rob them of spiritual rhythm, clarity, and endurance.

Simplicity is not about living empty lives. It is about living undivided lives. In the Gospel of Matthew 6:19–24, Jesus reveals three movements that lead us into the rhythm of simplicity and the power of an undivided life.

The first movement is reordered treasures. Jesus essentially says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." The issue is not merely possessions; it is priority. Whatever we treasure most will inevitably shape the direction of our lives. A life centered on temporary pleasure will eventually feel empty because temporary things can never sustain an eternal soul. Simplicity begins when we build our lives around what has eternal significance rather than what merely offers momentary satisfaction. Careers, entertainment, achievements, and possessions are not inherently wrong, but they become dangerous when they occupy the throne of our hearts that belongs to God alone.

Then there is a revealed direction. Jesus informs His followers that where their treasure is, there their heart

will also be. They are always drifting toward something. Our hearts are never spiritually neutral. Simplicity continually recalibrates the soul toward God. If God is not the anchor of our souls, every distraction

becomes the current that pulls us off course. Many believers wonder why they feel distant from God, yet the answer is often found in what has captured their attention, affection, and pursuit. We naturally move toward what we value most. If our schedules, minds, and emotions are consumed with lesser things, our spiritual direction will eventually reflect it. An undivided life is a focused life; one in which the heart consistently turns toward Christ rather than being divided by endless distractions.

The third movement is a relentless pursuit. Simplicity is not passive. It requires intentionally chasing after God. The psalmist declared in the Book of Psalms 42:1, "As the hart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." That is the posture of a soul pursuing God above everything else. This does not mean believers never grow weary or struggle. Every Christian experiences seasons of fatigue, disappointment, and wandering. Relentless pursuit means that in every season, we continually return to Him. We keep seeking Him. We keep longing for His presence. We keep placing Him back at the center of a life that tries to crowd Him out. An undivided life is not a perfect life; it is a surrendered life.

The call to simplicity ultimately requires courage. We must eliminate unnecessary spiritual clutter. Not every distraction is sinful, but it may be unnecessary. Some things weigh down the soul and steal the focus that belongs to God. Every believer needs to establish spiritual priorities that are never neglected, such as time in prayer, in Scripture, in worship, in community, and in communion with Christ.

Every day we must wake up saying: "Lord, let my life move in one direction; toward You." This is the art of an undivided life.

2026 Akima Grants awarded



The Akima Grants Committee members (pictured left to right:) Dee Dee Underwood, Cindy Easley, Angela Smithy, Donna Brown, Mary Kay Greiner, Cindy Connor and Traci Rhea present a check for the community.

Akima Club of Knoxville is excited to announce the Akima Grants awarded to non-profit area agencies in May totaled \$112,507. These funds came from revenue generated by a very successful Akima Cabaret 2026 presented in February.

The 43rd production of Akima Cabaret raised a record \$215,343 to cover grants to be given in 2026 and 2027. Having received 76 grant applications, 67 met the criteria for funding and were approved. Seventeen of the 67 approved requests were fully funded, meaning Akima was able to meet the agencies' entire financial need for which they applied.

Akima members wish to thank the generous sponsors and patrons of Cabaret 2026 who made these awards possible.

Akima is a 501(c)(3) organization whose members provide thousands of volunteer hours to the community through numerous non-profit agencies as well as providing financial assistance through the Akima Grants program.

For more information on Akima, Akima Cabaret, and a complete list of Akima Grants, please go to AkimaClub.org.

Stamps in the summertime



**By Harry Brooks
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Summertime is just about upon us, now what to do as a stamp collector? Usually, the day is filled with outdoor activities such as yard work, gardening, cooking on the grill, maintaining and playing in the pool, children's ball games, napping in the sun, etc. When the heat or fatigue sets in, I generally retreat to my stamp work room. It is always cooler and calmer. As has been said before, I enjoy "counting the dots on George's nose" without disturbance.

The best feature of working on my stamps is the relaxation from the ever-growing list of items needing my attention.

Recently, I was given a 40-year-old newspaper article from a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, newspaper to add to other recent and aged newspaper articles about stamps and stamp collecting from around the country. I recall as a youth, when delivering my newspapers, reading the stamp-collecting articles that appeared frequently in all the local papers. I tended to read the stamp article first, then I would read about local sports, and – if I had time – I would read the news. Some of these older articles suggested various stamp-collecting activities and also featured items tagged as a "great buy" for a collector. These items tagged as "great buys" did, in fact,

determine many of my purchases. The most significant controlling factor for me was the availability of funds from delivering papers. Do I buy a stamp or save money to spend on a date? Recently, while reviewing several stamp collections, I came across some old newspaper articles about collecting. Even when reviewing collections, I would always stop and read the article relating to stamps and stamp collecting.

What are the current trends in stamp collecting? I have noticed a recent increase in the pricing of a number of older classic stamps. I believe the trend is establishing a great interest in stamp collecting and stamp purchasing as an investment. As suggested before, NOW is the time to begin collecting or investing. Stamps are plentiful, and pricing

is still somewhat of a buyer's market.

I recently acquired a foreign stamp collection, including some major bargain albums and loose stamps. This collection includes three large albums, supplement pages, and blank album pages. If you have an interest in beginning a foreign stamp collection, these items are available at a great bargain. If you need to contact me, you may call me at (865)604-0164 or email me at hrbrooks68@gmail.com. Remember our stamp club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Church on Kingston Pike near the intersection of Neyland Drive. We meet at 6:00 p.m., and you are welcome to attend. Enjoy collecting!

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Farragut Museum Opens New Temporary Exhibit

The Farragut Museum opened a new temporary exhibit, "Cornerstones of Community: Churches of Farragut," on Thursday, May 7. The exhibit details the history of churches in Farragut.

"Churches play a vital role in any community, and we wanted to focus on Farragut's churches, how they were established, and how they made an impact in our Town. We asked our local churches to participate in the exhibit by loaning us items such as hymnals, old bulletins,

special cups, vases, etc., and we'd share the stories," said Kristi Vining, Historic Resources Coordinator for the Town of Farragut.

There are approximately 20 churches in the town limits of Farragut, from Concord Baptist Church, which was received into the Tennessee Baptist Association in 1891, to the under construction Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which, when completed, will be one of only three temples in Tennessee.

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Governor James D. Porter of Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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James Davis Porter served two terms as governor of Tennessee and remained one of the most notable of the Volunteer State's citizens. Lawmaker, judge, chief executive, highly successful businessman and college president, James D. Porter lived a full and remarkable life. A distinguished-looking man, today James D. Porter would embody the stereotypical "Southern colonel" with his white hair, sweeping moustache and Van Dyke beard. Like many people of his time and far less true today, James D. Porter was born and died in the same town in which he lived the most of his life: Paris, Tennessee. By the time he died, Porter had been in the public eye longer than any other person in the State of Tennessee. Throughout his life, Porter was also profoundly interested in the history of Tennessee and was considered an expert on the subject. The former governor frequently wrote articles about incidents from the Volunteer State's history and remained an avid and active member of the Tennessee Historical Society for the bigger part of his adult life. Porter personally wrote an extensive military history of the Confederacy in Tennessee. Although Tennessee's twenty-fifth governor, he was the first person to be born and raised in West Tennessee to be elected as the Volunteer State's chief executive.

A man of striking appearance, Porter's demeanor matched his rather majestic exterior. James D. Porter was one of the few men who could be recognized at a glance. Porter possessed a probing intellect and a very strong character. Governor Porter was the quintessential Southern gentleman come to life. Indeed, James D. Porter looked as if he could have walked out of the pages of "Gone With the Wind." Governor James D. Porter was a man who commanded attention.

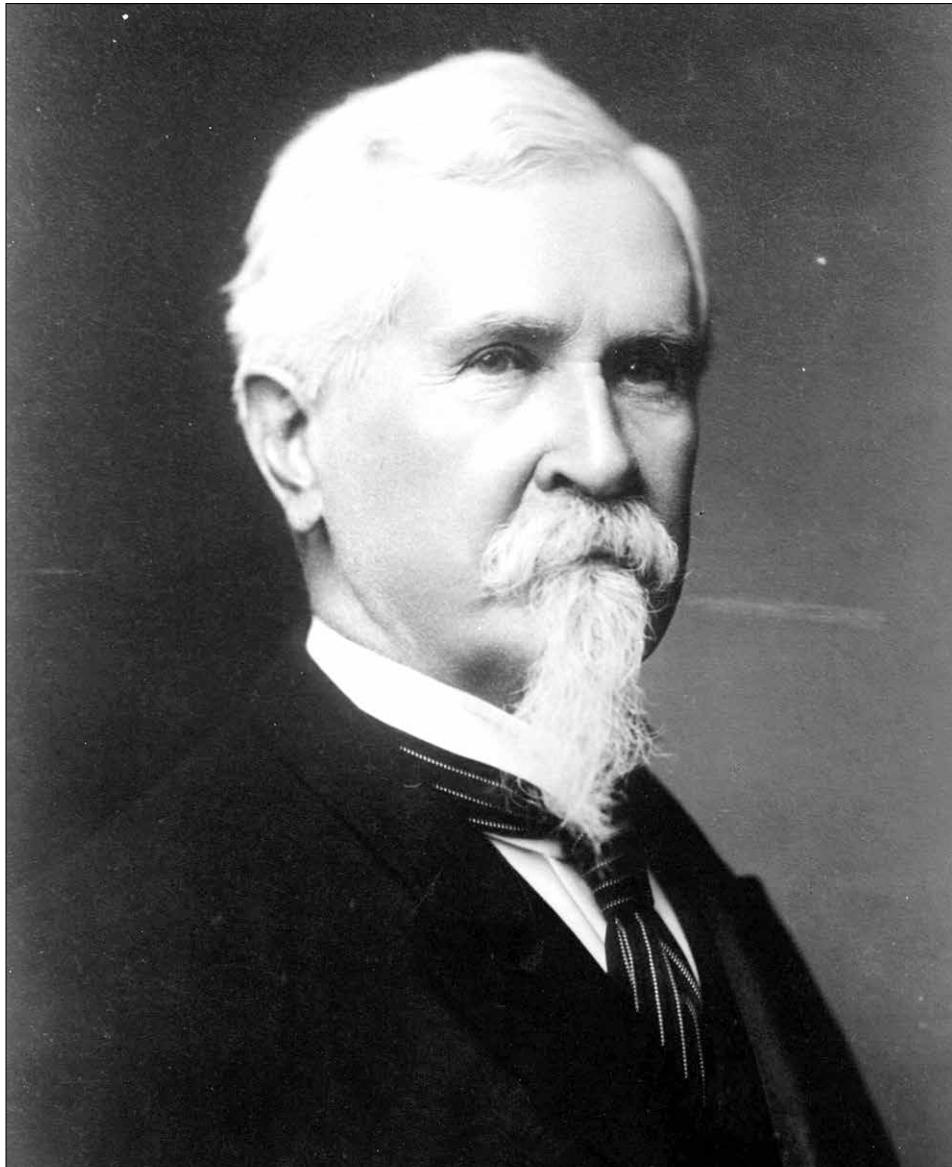
Born on December 7, 1828, Porter was the third son of Thomas Kennedy and Geraldine Porter. David Cochrane, an Irishman from Belfast, Ireland, helped to educate James Porter as the principal of an academy in Paris, Tennessee. Porter was 16 years old when he entered the University of Nashville. After he graduated from the University of Nashville in 1846, he promptly enrolled in the Cumberland Law School. Porter had been tutored in the law, or in the vernacular of the time, "read law" with General John H. Dunlap. While studying with Dunlap, young Porter fell in love with the general's daughter, Susannah, and the two were married. Mrs. Porter and her father,

General Dunlap, were distinctly against her husband entering public life, but were supportive when he chose to do so anyway. The couple had two sons and a daughter together.

The future governor began practicing law in 1851 in his native Paris. Almost immediately, Porter took an interest in politics and was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1858 as a Whig. Porter attended the state convention, which nominated John Bell for president in the highly contentious election of 1860, which was a multi-candidate race. Abraham Lincoln, the second nominee of the new Republican Party, defeated Bell, a former Whig, as well as Democrat Stephen Douglas, who, like Lincoln, was from Illinois, and John Breckinridge of Kentucky, who was the candidate of Southern Democrats.

James D. Porter was a member of the state legislature that sundered Tennessee's ties with the Union and had played a significant role in the proceedings. Porter was the author of the resolution, which stated Tennessee would join her sister states from the South should war break out. Known as the "Porter Resolution," it was adopted by several other Southern states. Once secession became a fact, Porter helped General Gideon J. Pillow to organize what later became known as the Army of Tennessee for the Confederacy. The future governor was released from the Confederate Army when the Army of Tennessee surrendered in May of 1865. When Porter returned home, the state was under Republican rule and three-fourths of all White voters had been disenfranchised, unable to vote in elections.

When Tennessee seceded from the Union, Porter joined the Confederate Army, where he was an adjutant general on the staff of General Benjamin Franklin Cheatham. Following the Civil War, James D. Porter remained active in civic affairs and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1870, which drafted a new constitution for the Volunteer State. That same year, Porter was elected judge of the Tennessee's Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Just four years later, Porter was nominated by the Democratic Party as its candidate for governor while still serving as a judge of the Circuit Court. Porter's opponent in the 1874 election was perhaps the most personally popular Republican in the state, Horace Maynard, who had been elected statewide in 1872 as congressman-at-large over a divided Democratic Party, beating Benjamin F. Cheatham and former President Andrew



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Former Governor James D. Porter in later life.

Johnson.

Only the second man to become governor following Reconstruction, James D. Porter was reelected in 1876. Following his leaving the governor's office, Porter became the president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad in 1880. Porter remained in that post until the election of President Grover Cleveland in 1884. Cleveland was the first Democrat to be elected to the White House since the Civil War (Andrew Johnson was indeed a Democrat, but he succeeded to the presidency following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln) and Porter was named as Assistant Secretary of State under Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware. Cleveland was defeated in 1888, although he narrowly won the popular vote, by Benjamin Harrison, only to run for a third time and win in 1892, a feat which has only happened twice in American history.

Porter had been frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for the United States Senate during a time when senators were elected by state legislatures rather than the people. The years of the Civil War had taken a terrible toll on Tennessee and her people. The administration of the state's affairs suffered accordingly. Andrew Johnson served as the military governor of the state, appointed by President Lincoln, from 1862 until March 4, 1865, when he assumed the office of vice president of the United States. Edward H. East served for a month as governor before surrendering the office to William Brownlow. With former Confederates disenfranchised and unable to vote, "Parson" Brownlow reigned supreme for four years, and his parting gift to himself upon leaving the governorship was a seat in the United States Senate. Brownlow's successor was also a Republican, DeWitt Senter, who served for two years. Senter had alienated enough Republicans by being lenient to former

Confederates that he did not bother to run for reelection. John C. Brown easily defeated the GOP nominee. President Andrew Johnson had pardoned the former Confederates, restoring their voting rights and that made the Democrats the majority party in the Volunteer State for the next one hundred years. Only four Republicans would be elected as governor from 1871 until 1971. Tennessee never elected a Republican to the United States Senate until 1966, when Howard Baker defeated Governor Frank Clement.

Brown served for two consecutive two-year terms before James D. Porter was nominated and elected in 1874. Porter had not been the leading candidate for the nomination of his party when it met in convention in 1874. Josiah Patterson, father of future governor Malcolm Rice Patterson, and Jere Baxter fought a bitter battle for the nomination, only to see the delegates turn to Judge James D. Porter.

The biggest issue confronting both Governors Brown and Porter was Tennessee's sorry financial condition as the Treasury had been emptied under the administration of Parson Brownlow. Governor John C. Brown had been burdened with the task of cleaning up the state's finances and putting it back on the path to financial solvency. Public education had begun in Tennessee, and it was James D. Porter who helped it to its feet and nudged it on its way forward. Perhaps Porter's greatest accomplishment as governor was bringing order out of chaos.

Following his departure from the governor's office, Porter engaged in what several former governors of Tennessee did for work: assume the presidency of a railroad. James "Lean Jimmy" Jones had assumed the presidency of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad in 1858, and Porter's predecessor, John C. Brown, moved to

Texas for a period of time, where he became the president of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. Porter remained as the head of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad until he briefly returned home to Paris before accepting the office of Assistant Secretary of State under President Grover Cleveland. Both former Governor Porter and former President Cleveland remained personal friends following the election loss of 1888. Porter went home to Tennessee, where he was active on behalf of Cleveland when the former chief executive sought the Democratic presidential nomination for a third time in 1892. James D. Porter was the chairman of the Tennessee delegation to the 1892 Democratic National Convention. Reelected to a second non-consecutive term, Grover Cleveland did not forget his friend in Tennessee. The president nominated James Davis Porter to be America's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Chile. Porter's nomination was approved by the United States Senate and Porter and his wife, Susannah, served the entire four years of Cleveland's second administration in Chile. The couple returned home to Paris, Tennessee, at the expiration of Cleveland's term in 1897. Porter was 70 years old, but as one reporter wrote, like Moses, "his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated," and the former governor became chancellor of Peabody College. George Peabody had left millions of dollars, which the late millionaire wished to be left to educate Southerners. In the beginning, Peabody College was supposed to be merely an adjunct of Vanderbilt University, a notion James Porter disliked. As a member of the board of directors for the late George Peabody's legacy, the former governor fought the idea of Peabody Normal College being an attachment to Vanderbilt. That battle raged for two or three years before it was

lost. Such was James D. Porter's stature in Tennessee that he remained above the frequently bitter and tumultuous battles and faction fights inside the Volunteer State's Democratic Party. Porter was a friend of then-embattled Governor Malcolm Patterson in 1908, when the incumbent was facing a strong challenge inside the Democratic primary from former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack. Even the warmest supporters of Carmack, who would curse out the governor's supporters when reminded that former Governor Porter was supporting Patterson, would meekly murmur that it was simply "unfortunate."

Governor Porter was acknowledged to be a good judge of character of his fellow man. It was Porter who launched the judicial career of Horace H. Lurton, who eventually sat on the Tennessee Supreme Court as a justice. Porter was a contemporary of some of the towering figures of Tennessee's politics, both before and following the Civil War, including Andrew Johnson, Isham G. Harris, Emerson Ethridge, Horace Maynard, William G. Brownlow, and the colorful John H. Savage.

By the time James D. Porter settled into retirement, he had become "the grand old man" of Tennessee. Porter saw eleven other men inaugurate as governor of Tennessee to succeed him in office.

Following his death, only two men of the one hundred who had drafted the new state constitution in 1870 remained living. Porter's death left five men living who had served as governor of Tennessee: John Buchanan, Benton McMillin, James B. Frazier, John I. Cox and Malcolm Patterson. Eighty-four years old, the former governor began ailing. The Chattanooga Times reported Porter had been suffering from "a complication of diseases incident to old age."

James Davis Porter died peacefully at his home in Paris, Tennessee, on May 18, 1912, surrounded by the immediate members of his family. Governor Porter was mourned by all of Tennessee.

James D. Porter's life was useful to his fellow citizens, state and nation. Porter's was the very definition of a life well lived. There were few men in Tennessee who were as highly esteemed as was former Governor James Davis Porter.

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Academy Sports to join Crown Point

Crown Point, a premier retail destination in North Knoxville, is proud to announce that Academy Sports + Outdoors will be joining its growing lineup of national, regional, and local retailers. The new store will further strengthen Crown Point's position as the dominant shopping center in North Knoxville. Located along the highly trafficked Callahan Drive and Clinton Highway corridor, Crown Point spans over 500,000 square feet. The addition of Academy Sports + Outdoors marks another milestone in the center's continued evolution and success.

Academy will join an established mix of retailers including Lowe's, Hobby Lobby, Target, Kroger and GB Shoes. In addition, Crown Point has welcomed several other tenants recently, including Bath & Body Works, GNC, Crumbl Cookie, Super Chix, and Sage Dental.

Originally developed in 1995 with Target as its anchor, Crown Point has undergone multiple expansions in 1999 (Lowe's), 2002 (Kroger), 2005 (Hobby Lobby), and 2011

(GB Shoes). Crown Point has adapted to meet the needs of a growing, evolving market and it stands as a testament to long-term strategic development and sustained retail demand. The surrounding trade area is home to other major national retailers including Walmart, Marshalls, Home Depot, and Aldi, making it a key destination for both local residents and regional shoppers.

"The addition of Academy Sports+ Outdoors is a significant win for Crown Point and the North Knoxville community," said Craig Cantrell, Vice President of Graham Corporation. "It reflects the continued strength of this retail corridor and our commitment to bringing high-quality, in-demand brands to the area. With continued growth, strong tenant demand, and a prime location in one of Knoxville's top-performing retail corridors, Crown Point remains a leading destination for shopping, dining, and everyday convenience."

Knox Ethics Committee approves revised ethics standards

By Mike Steely
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It took six months of weekly meetings for the Knox County Ethics Subcommittee to finish wading through the county's ethics policy and rules of procedure. The subcommittee's report on proposed changes was submitted last Tuesday to the full ethics committee, which approved it the next day. The revised codes and rules will go to the Knox County Commission for consideration and adoption following a County Technical Advisory Service review.

Over those months, the entire Knox County Code of Ethics was inspected line by line with meticulous detail. At-Large Commissioner Kim Frazier sat in occasionally and gave her input on some changes. Deputy Law Director David Sanders also attended each meeting and advised members on legal aspects of changes.

One change in the suggested revision involves applying the rules to "all officials, employees and appointees" within Knox County and requires each new employee to watch

a video about the rules upon hire and each county employee to review the codes yearly. The revised codes are not applicable to the sheriff's office or the school system, both of which have their own policies.

The final report will include a flowchart created by Steven Goodpaster of the subcommittee. Within the final draft is information on the procedures for filing complaints against county officials.

Some of the updates involve nepotism and how an elected official or department head must

not hire family members and non-family members involved with the official. The new codes must also comply with state law. The last revision of the codes was in 2018.

The revision also defines "Personal interest" and how elected officials disclose such before a vote. It also deals with lobbying and the protection of whistleblowers.

Aside from the county ethics code, the subcommittee also revised the Rules of Procedure for the regular ethics committee.

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Farragut Museum Opens New Temporary Exhibit

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Included in the exhibit will be the original pulpit, used 1887-1964, from Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Bulletins and photos from Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, established in 1860, will be displayed. St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, founded in 1984, loaned a beautiful banner. Faith Lutheran Church's original charter, signed in 1977, is available to read. Concord Methodist Church, established in 1865, shared a Bible dated 1877.

"Cornerstones of Community: Churches of Farragut" will be open through Sept. 8. Farragut Museum hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and admission is free.

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2026 TSSAA CLASS A BOYS LACROSSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

West wins first boys' lacrosse state title

By Mark Nagi

Statistically, the West Rebels were not the better team in the Class A championship game in boys' lacrosse. Their opponent, the Page Patriots, outshot them (33-18), collected more ground balls (39-20), and won more faceoffs (10-4).

But the Rebels led in the only category that matters. On Friday, May 15, West defeated Page 6-5 in Franklin to bring home their first state championship in program history.

"They came out physical like we thought," said West head coach Chandler Klinck. "Page wasn't as aggressive as we had kind of scouted for. So, I think it went a little slower in the beginning than initially expected, but I mean, it was a good close battle."

The game could not



PHOTO BY MARK NAGI.

The West Rebels boys lacrosse team celebrates its first state title following a 6-5 win over Page in the TSSAA Class A championship game in Franklin on Friday, May 15.

have started better for the Patriots, as Daniel Wolak won the opening faceoff, sprinted downfield, and beat West goalkeeper

Samuel Jones for the opening tally only six seconds into the contest. But the Rebels fought back with goals from Pablo

Gillespie, Jackson Carter, and Gaines Asti to take a 3-1 lead with 1:54 to go in the first period.

cold, going over 12 and a half minutes without a goal, but Asti's second tally tied the game at 4, But the Rebels went

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TSSAA TENNIS

Area teams take the court in Chattanooga

By Ken Lay

The 2026 high school tennis season concluded late last week with several local teams and players competing in the state championships at the Champions Club in Chattanooga.

In Division I Class AA doubles, the West High Lady Rebels' tandem of Gray Feaster and Callie Schroeffel claimed the state championship with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Tennessee High's Esmie Lin and Abigail Hawthorne after sweeping through the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

In Division I Class AA singles: Hardin Valley Academy senior Madison Huffman lost her first match of the season in the state final, falling to Page's Emma Baker 7-5, 6-1.

She defeated Blackman's Jordan Krise in straight sets to open the state tournament and downed Autumn Gunter of Hendersonville in the semifinals.

Also for Hardin Valley, Madison's younger brother, Jaymeson, reached the state title match during his freshman year. He fell in three sets to Emery Corpstein (Tennessee High) in three sets, 6-2, 3-6, 10-6.

Like his sister, Jaymeson won in straight sets in both the first and second rounds.

HVA coach Seth Rayman was pleased with the effort of both his players.

"Unfortunately, it was very close today," Rayman said. "We just fell short. Jaymeson took his opponent the distance and forced a third-set 10-point tie-breaker. Jaymeson is only a ninth grader, and he definitely surprised the older kids."

Jaymeson faced three seniors on the grand stage

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TSSAA DECATHLON AND PENTATHLON

Foster is best of the best in Class AAA

By Steve Williams

When it came to the TSSAA competition in the boys' decathlon and the girls' pentathlon, Knox County made a strong impression last Friday.

Halls senior Brody Foster and Gibbs junior Waylon Spierdowis won state decathlon championships in the Class AAA and Class AA, respectively.

Rebekah Spierdowis, a Gibbs freshman and Waylon's sister, took second place in the Class AA pentathlon.

Gibbs sophomore Graham Atkins was runner-up in the Class AA decathlon and senior teammate Lee Wolosik placed sixth.

Foster won the Class AAA decathlon with 7,506 points.

In Class AA, Spierdowis had the Class AA boys' top point total (6,718), followed by Atkins (5,286) and Wolosik (5,165).

Spierdowis racked up 3,011 points in her five pentathlon events.

Clockwise from top-right: Waylon and Rebekah Spierdowis and Graham Atkins of Gibbs, and Brody Foster of Halls. Photos by Luther Simmons.



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GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL

Bearden finishes strong for Region 1-AA crown

By Steve Williams

A Clinton fan said it was a tale of two halves.

Yep, it was indeed that. But Bearden's girls flag football team left Clinton that night with the Region 1-AA title and a berth in the state tournament at Murfreesboro.

If you missed the game at Clinton, the Lady Dragons led 20-7 at halftime. But Bearden made a 32-0 run in the second half to win 39-20.

"They got the momentum and we couldn't get it back," added the Clinton fan.

Ella Hudson's pick six sparked Bearden's second half explosion.

"We forced a three-and-out and Nicole Smith Harris hit MC Lemarbe on a 42-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 20," said Bearden Head Coach Zachary Scott.

Alaya Johnson then took over the game, applying constant pressure on the Clinton quarterback. At that time, Johnson had five sacks and was ranked third in the state in sacks.

The Lady Bulldogs went on another long drive and connected with senior



The Lady Bulldogs celebrate a 39-20 win over Clinton in their Region 1-AA title game.

captain Finley Wright with a TD pass. Emma Rainey, a senior, got another interception and Lemarbre, a sophomore, had two more touchdown catches in the final quarter.

"Our defense allowed just 90 yards in the second half," said Scott.

Lemarbre had six catches for 142 yards and three TDs. She took over the game in the second half and became the go-to-target for freshman Nicole Smith Harris, who threw for 252 yards and four TDs.

Senior Stella Cross had eight flag pulls, putting her over 100 this season. Rainey had two picks and an 11-yard TD run. Amileigh Crippen chipped in six receptions for 63 yards.

The game started with Clinton taking a 14-0 lead after a pick six. Bearden scored on a long drive, but its third interception in the first half allowed the Lady Dragons to lead by 13 at the intermission.

"This season has been very special and the girls have come a long way,"

said Coach Scott. "They represent every corner of Bearden High School and have become like a family in a short amount of time. They really love one another and have each other's back on the field.

"I've been so impressed by their toughness."

The Bearden girls won two games that they trailed 90 percent of the game and another on the last play of the game - not to mention the big second half comeback in the region championship game.

"We lost our star quarterback at the midway point of the season and a freshman had to step in as our starting quarterback,"

recalled Scott. "The team rallied around her and she is undefeated as a starter.

"In our loss she was unavailable as well and we had to start our third quarterback, who had never done it before except one day at practice, and we lost. But the way the team rallied around her was beautiful to watch and in hindsight that was a huge moment in our season.

"The team got so much closer during that loss. That third quarterback, freshman Leighton Corum, became the hero of the semifinal game just 12 days later when she got the game winning interception with 20 seconds left to send us to the region championship game. We finished 16-1."

Bearden girls goes 0-4 in Flag Football at state

Thursday Pool Play
Blackman 25, Bearden 13
West Creek 33, Bearden 6
Nash. Overton 25, Bearden 6

Friday Quarterfinals
Ravenwood 33, Bearden 12

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER NOTES FROM THE SCORECARD

South-Doyle, Bearden and Fulton and win region titles

By Ken Lay

Five local Division I boys soccer teams entered the weekend with an opportunity to advance to the Spring Fling and their respective state tournaments later this week in Murfreesboro.

In Division II-AA, Catholic was also still competing to reach the state semifinals after winning its first post-season match since being moved into that classification.

Bearden (Region 2-3A champion), West High (Region 2-3A runner-up), Fulton (Region 2-2A champion), Gibbs (Region 2-2A runner-up) and South-Doyle (Region 5-2A) champion were all set to play in state sectional games Saturday. Results were not available at press time, but sectional winners advanced to this week's state tournaments.

In West Knoxville, the Bulldogs were the first area side to win a region championship as they shut out the Rebels, 1-0, on Wednesday at Turner-Allender Field. It was the third meeting of the season between the two longtime rivals. It was the first not to go to extra time.

The first two matches ended in regulation ties. West won a penalty kicks shootout in the regular-season meeting. Bearden won the District 4-3A Tournament championship in overtime.

In Wednesday's game, Fadel Hamdan scored the lone goal of the match midway through the second half. Goalkeeper Eli Keener posted a clean sheet.

The Bulldogs advanced to the region championship game with a 1-0 win over Halls on Tuesday.

Isaac Martinez scored in the game for Bearden, while Keener posted a shutout between the goal posts.

The Rebels punched their ticket to the sectional round with a 4-1 victory at Oak Ridge Tuesday night.

Oliver Bankston scored twice for West, while Gavin Jones and Julius Schoenbach-Lee also found the back of the net for the Rebels.

In Region 2-3A: The Falcons cruised to their second consecutive region championship with a 9-0 win over Gibbs Thursday at Tommy Schumpert Park.

Fulton, which endured a winless

season in 2022, made the state tournament last season for the first time in school history and won its quarterfinal match before losing to South-Doyle in the semifinals.

On Thursday, the Falcons (12-6-1) darted out to a fast start, opening a 6-0 lead by halftime.

Junior Emanuel Mosquera Gonzalez had a hat trick as he scored twice in the first 10 minutes. He added his third marker of the match in the 65th minute.

Byamukama Mwesige tallied four times in the first half. Two of his goals came off assists on set pieces, corner kicks by Tonee Hayes.

Steven Lopez-Rivera and Pascual Pedro Pascual also scored in the match for the Falcons, who advanced to the title game with a 5-0 win over Union County on Tuesday.

Lopez-Rivera and Mwesige scored two goals each against the Patriots, while Mosquera-Gonzalez scored a goal and dished out three assists.

Gibbs advanced to the title match with a 1-0 victory over Carter Tuesday night.

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New athletic assistant and coach join TKA

Anderson has over 10 years of experience in softball

By Steve Williams

Rielly Anderson will be joining The King's Academy as an Athletic Department Assistant and Head Upper School Softball Coach.

She brings more than a decade of coaching experience and a deep passion for developing student-athletes both on and off the field. Her background includes coaching at the high school and highly competitive travel softball levels, including leadership roles with the Tennessee Bombers organization.

Over the course of her coaching career, Anderson has helped more than 60 athletes continue their softball careers at the JUCO and NCAA Division I levels.

In addition to her extensive club coaching experience, Anderson previously served as the head softball coach at Overton High School.

She also currently serves as an instructor with the Marc Weekly Hitting Academy.

Coach Anderson played high school softball at Father Ryan in Nashville before continuing her playing career for two years at the NAIA collegiate level, where she competed as a first baseman, catcher and outfielder.

Anderson graduated from Tennessee Tech and recently completed her Master's degree in Coaching and Leadership from UT-Martin with a 4.0 GPA.

"We are excited to bring to our campus the expertise and energy that Coach Anderson possesses," said TKA Athletic Director Stephen Alexander, "Her impact will be felt immediately.

"TKA athletics play an important role in our students' education and development, and Coach Anderson is a wonderful fit in our pursuit of athletic excellence that aligns with the mission of the school."

West wins first boys' lacrosse state title

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which is how things stood at intermission.

West (15-3) was led offensively this season by one of the state's best attackers, Corbin Thomas. He had 59 goals heading into the state title game, second most in the TSSAA. His lone goal against the Pats gave West a 5-4 lead in the third period.

"Early on, it got a little bit in our heads, I think, because this was our first state championship game appearance," said Klinck. "They were a little more prepared for the moment than we were. I thought we settled in eventually, and the key was just getting possession of the ball and making smart decisions."

Overall, it was a challenging offensive experience for the Rebels. They went on another long scoring drought after Thomas's goal, this time 15 minutes. But junior Zack Lopez's tally with 6:50 to go gave West a 6-5 lead.

After that, the Samuel Jones show took center stage for the Rebels. He made four key saves in the fourth period and 14 for the game. Page (11-8) took a whopping 33 shots on goal in this game, nearly doubling West's output of 18. But Jones and the West defenders would not allow the ball to get into their net again as they finished the job to bring home the championship trophy.

"He (Jones) has earned

his opportunities as a junior," said Klinck. "He's played behind other guys, gotten his experience, come in very humble and leads the defense. Obviously, that was a huge stand at the end of the game by all the defense. I have got to give them huge credit too, because I mean, they just played phenomenally."

The West Rebels lost in the state semifinals a year ago to Signal Mountain in double overtime. This year, they beat Signal Mountain in the semifinals 9-2. In the regular season a year ago, they fell to Page 9-8, but turned the tables in the biggest game of this season.

The future looks bright for the Rebels, with only six

Lacrosse State Championship Scores

Division I Class A Boys
West 6, Page 5

Division I Class A Girls
Page 9, Seymour 7

Class AA Girls
Ravenwood 19, Bearden 4

seniors and five starting sophomores. It wouldn't be a surprise to see them in contention for another major trophy next spring.

Remembering John Majors (May 21, 1935-June 3, 2020)

When news broke the morning of June 3, 2020, that former Tennessee tailback and head football coach John Majors now belonged to the ages, everyone who knew him weighed in with a number of different perspectives of a Tennessee legend.

Majors would have celebrated his 91st birthday Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Majors was a true son of Middle Tennessee. He was twice given the chance to impact the fortunes of the University of Tennessee, first as a player from 1954-56, then as head coach from 1977-1992, and made the most of the opportunities. Those opportunities led to his 1987 induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

First, there was his name. He was born John Terrill Majors on May 21, 1935, named after his mother, John Elizabeth Bobo Majors. His family called him "John." From his boyhood days on, his Lynchburg friends had called him "John Terrill." He is listed in the letterman's section in the Tennessee

Football Media Guide as "John Majors."

His mother once said she sent three boys to the University of Tennessee named John, Bill, and Bob, but also noted they came home known as Johnny, Billy, and Bobby. Sam Venable of the Knoxville News Sentinel wrote June 14, 2020, that Majors let it be known he had never liked the moniker "Johnny."

News Sentinel sports editor Tom Siler called him Johnny from the beginning of his college playing days in 1954, but, in News-Sentinel game stories, sportswriter Bob Wilson called him John "Drum" Majors. News Sentinel cartoonist Bill Dyer, termed him "Drum" or the "Solid Gold Cadillac" in his carton coverage of Vol football.

Majors brought style to the Tennessee uniforms, adding a splash of white trim to the traditional orange jerseys. When it came to the road uniforms, Majors swung for the fences, outfitting the Vols in orange pants for road games... and occasionally for home games. The orange pants debuted at Alabama on Oct. 15, 1977.

When the Vols played host to Vanderbilt on Nov. 26 that season, the

Vols emerged from the old dressing room on the East side clad in orange shirts and orange pants. The effect was stunning, as was the final score, Tennessee 42, Vanderbilt 7. Players said after the game that the orange pants gave them an extra motivational edge.

Vol fans debate whether the 1991 Notre Dame game, the 1986 Sugar Bowl victory over Miami, or the 1982 Alabama game were the greatest of them all, but each game can stake a legitimate claim.

Majors stood at the edge of the end zone supervising the Friday afternoon walk-through before the 1991 Notre Dame game. He casually mentioned that the stadium turf had been prepared to minimize Tony's impact on the 1976 game, terming it "higher than an Iowa cornfield."

The "Fighting Irish" had one of those long, intimidating drives to start that game, and Pitt hadn't responded well in its first series until Dorsett broke a 61-yard run, and the Panthers tied the game moments later. They went on to a 31-10 victory.

Late in the afternoon of Nov. 9, 1991, the Majors voice was in full flower as he

described the Vols' comeback from a 31-7 second-quarter deficit to a 35-34 win. Majors had never looked happier, flashing that famous gap-toothed smile. John Ward's post-game call was vintage.

"Tennessee beats Notre Dame 35-34. The Volunteers go home victorious. Notre Dame goes with the sophomore replacement kicker. It is no good, off to the right. The coaching staff to our left is jubilant, as are Tennessee fans. You could not write this script."

A year later, however, the script had changed, with talk of broken promises, strained relationships, and disloyal behavior. "Source stories" abounded in media across the state and well beyond. The Vols were in the midst of a three-game losing streak.

There was a media conference Nov. 13, 1992, at the Wilson World Hotel the night before the game at Memphis State. It followed weeks of speculation that a change was in the works.

Majors resigned that mid-November evening, saying in part, "Since I have not been given the opportunity by the UT administration to remain as head football coach,



John Majors shares a post-game handshake with Alabama head coach Bear Bryant after the Vols' 35-28 win on Oct. 16, 1982.

I am, effective Dec. 31, 1992, relinquishing my duties connected to the University of Tennessee."

Fans at the hotel and at the game the next day seemed shocked at what was transpiring, gathering with saddened faces, many fighting back tears, not believing what was happening. Looking back, 1992 was a year of travail, one of the strangest in Vol history. Emotions ran high.

That's the way it is when a native son, a program hero, steps down, deserving, as Russ Bebb wrote, a "far nobler farewell."

Another Tennessee football historian has written that, "Somehow, some way, you wish that it had all turned out differently."

"He is, deservedly," wrote Marvin West, "one of the most revered figures in the wonderful history of the Volunteers." In Marvin's ranking of the top 26 Vols ever, Majors ranked No. 2, behind only Gen. Robert R. Neyland.

The passage of time cannot diminish the memories and contributions of a man named John Majors.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL STATE QUALIFIERS

Gibbs sweeps Vikings to advance to state tournament

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School has continued its success on the baseball diamond in 2026.

The Eagles (31-10) punched their ticket to the TSSAA Class 3A state tournament this week in Murfreesboro. They had to endure a long night on the field Thursday as they swept Bristol's Tennessee High in a double header in a best-of-3 state sectional at Morgan Wallen Field in Corryton.

Gibbs outlasted the Vikings, 6-5, in the series opener before advancing to the Midstate with a 10-3 victory.

"We're right where we want to be," said longtime Eagles' head coach Geoff Davis, who was a bit under the weather following his squad's long night of baseball. "I'm sick but when you win games like this, it makes you feel a little better."

Gibbs, which won the District 4-3A Tournament as the No. 2 seed, would defeat Anderson County in both the district and region tournament championship games.

The Eagles feature one of the

area's top pitching staffs, and their arms have carried throughout much of the season.

But it was a night for Gibbs to win with its bats.

"We've pretty much leaned on our pitching all year," Davis said. "So it was good to see us with our bats."

Gibbs won Game 1 in walk-off fashion as Lincoln Ruth drove in the game-winning run with a sacrifice fly with one out of the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Eagles obviously closed the game on a high note, but they also started fast as they scored four runs in the bottom of the first as Owen Porter clubbed a two-run home run. Ruth picked up an RBI on an infield groundout and Zaydin Ivey hit a scoring single.

The Vikings pulled to within 4-3 as they plated three runs in the top of the third. Gibbs made it 5-3 in the bottom of the fourth before Tennessee tied the game, 5-5, in the sixth, scoring two runs in the top of the frame.

Will Price started on the mound for the Eagles, going 4.2 innings. He yielded three runs, four hits and

five walks. He struck out six before giving way to reliever Lincoln Barton.

Barton threw 2.1 innings. He gave up two runs, three hits and three walks. He fanned five en route to earning the victory on the mound.

His night, however, was far from over as he started on the hill in the nightcap. He pitched 3.2 innings, earning the win as the Eagles were victorious, 10-3.

"We got some good pitching from Will Price and Lincoln Barton," Davis said. "Lincoln finished the first game and he started the second and won both of them."

District MVP Gavin Bergeron went 2-for-3. He scored one run and drove in another. He also walked twice. Price had an RBI and scored a run.

Barton and Porter both collected two hits, while Abe Taylor tripled and scored. Porter also scored one run and knocked in another.

Davis said that Tennessee was a formidable opponent.

"They were one of the best hitting teams," he said. "They were really physical with their bats."

Ads win three-game series to earn shot at a fifth straight state title

By Ken Lay

Since the TSSAA added a fourth class of high school baseball in 2022, only one school has won a Class 4A championship.

Farragut High School has won four consecutive Class 4A titles and in 2026, the Admirals will play for a fifth straight state championship this week in Murfreesboro.

The Admirals (32-10) punched another ticket to the Spring Fling with a 7-5 victory over Science Hill in Johnson City.

Farragut was facing elimination from postseason competition as it trailed, 5-2, after four innings.

The Admirals, however, came from behind as they scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning. They would add two more in the sixth inning to take a 6-5 lead. Farragut would add an insurance run in the top of the seventh.

Zain Kureshi-Smith went 2-for-4 with a triple, three RBIs and a run scored,

while Aidan Flagg was 1-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Mason Shelton had a double and two RBIs. Travis Brummitt Jr. had a hit and knocked in a run.

Brummitt Jr. overcame some early struggles on the mound. He would pitch a complete game, going seven innings. He gave up five runs, seven hits and three walks. He finished with eight strikeouts.

The series-clinching victory ended a long night of baseball for Farragut, which lost the first game of Thursday night's double-header, 6-5, in 11 innings.

Flagg went 2-for-4 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored, while Kuereshi-Smith doubled and drove in a run for the Admirals, who lost despite pounding out 13 hits.

Farragut won the series opener, 5-4, Thursday night. The Admirals were trailing, 5-4, when Caleb Van Lant came up with a

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UPDATE ON JOHNSON UNIVERSITY ROYALS



Johnson University's Colby Reynolds has his eyes on the strike zone as he prepares to deliver a pitch in the Royals' hunt for a NAIA World Series berth in Idaho.

JU baseball team moves up a notch

By Steve Williams

Things are going great for the Johnson University baseball program. Coach Dave Serrano's 100th win with the Royals even coincided with the celebration of the program's first NAIA tournament victory.

Johnson University took that step when it defeated Kansas Wesleyan, 9-8, last Wednesday at Dean Evans Stadium in Salina, Kansas. The Royals improved to 40-12 with their postseason victories.

In the first two games on Monday and Tuesday, Johnson defeated Our Lady of the Lake 20-10 and Kansas Wesleyan 10-3.

The third and deciding game saw the Royals bolt to a 7-0 lead, but Kansas Wesleyan didn't roll over.

Mitchell Birdsall hit a three-run home run, and Travis Hobbensiefken belted a grand slam in the early going.

Tyler Barfield earned the win on the mound, pitching seven innings, allowing only two earned runs and striking out four.

Kaleb Townsend nailed down the victory with his eighth save of the season.

"Just reliving the moment of watching our players celebrate on the field," said Coach Serrano to sports reporters Friday. "(And thinking of) a lot of people back home. It's kind of a surreal moment for all of us that we got this done.

"It wasn't that we didn't expect it. I think this team worked for that every day. They kind of expected that when they started the season in the fall.

"It's just when something happens for the first time in a program, it's an unbelievable feeling and I'm so happy for so many people. The people that have contributed – not just this team's players – but players

from the past that have kind of set the foundation for what this team has done this year.

"And it's been pretty joyous – even though Friday was a very tough travel to come home – but it's been a very joyous last couple of three days for us."

Johnson University's baseball program has operated intermittently since the 1910s, with the team historically known as the Preachers before transitioning to the Royals nickname. The program competes in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) and the NAIA, playing home games at Russell Morgan Field in Kimberlin Heights between Knox County and Seymour.

Lady Royals' historic season ends

Johnson University's softball team lost to Indiana Wesleyan 10-2 in the NAIA Opening Round in Columbia, Kentucky, last week.

Indiana Wesleyan took an early lead with a solo home run in the first inning and added another run in the second before scoring six runs in the third inning to go ahead 8-0.

The Lady Royals (34-19) lost the game but had advanced to the conference tournament championship game and earned a berth in the NAIA National Tournament – one of the most successful seasons in program history.

The 2026 season marked a milestone year for the Lady Royals program, establishing new standards and earning national recognition.

Ads win three-game series to earn shot at state

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two-run triple.

Cole Creasman also homered in the contest for Farragut.

Admirals' coach Garrett Copeland was pleased after he saw his team outlast the Hilltoppers in an ultra-competitive series that went the distance.

"It was a great series,"

Copeland said. "It was a hard-fought series and I liked the way we responded.

"We did a good job responding, and we made the first step by getting there. And now, it's going to be tough. There are going to be some good teams down there."

Area teams take the court in Chattanooga

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in Chattanooga.

Madison couldn't quite recover from dropping the first set of the state title match.

"She lost the first set and then the match got away from us," Rayman said. "HVA is the state runner-up for both boys and girls singles and it was a great run to the finals by both of them."

In Division II-A boys singles: Grace Christian Academy's Bryce Graves, a sophomore, lost in the state quarterfinals.

In Division II-A boys doubles: Christian Academy of Knoxville's Caleb Climer and Tate Campbell reached the state championship match before falling to University School of Nashville's Max Parker and Veer Kodak in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 10-4 on Friday.

The duo defeated Middle Tennessee Christian's tandem of Ben Helton and Bradley Polk in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Climer and Campbell downed Lausanne's Jonah Elijovich and Lockard Richardson,

who eliminated CAK's duo of Camden Oakley and Reagan Thomas in the opening round on Thursday.

In Division II-A girls singles: Grace Christian Academy's Adella Knight made it to the semifinals, while The King's Academy's Mya Jose and Audrianna Hall were both eliminated in the first round.

In Division II-A girls doubles: CAK's team of Hadley Bell and Brooke Atkins won a quarterfinal match before losing in the semifinals.

In Division II-A boys team play: University School of Nashville defeated the Warriors, 4-2, in the semifinals. Climer and Bowen Stroud won in singles for CAK.

In Division II-A girls team play: USN edged Grace, 4-3, in the semifinals. Knight won at No. 2 singles and Harper Conger prevailed at No. 6 singles for the Lady Rams. Grace's Caroline Lay and Ally Summie won at No. 1 doubles for the Lady Rams.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL STATE QUALIFIERS

Catholic, Farragut headed to state softball tournament

By Ken Lay

Two area high school softball teams have punched their tickets to the state softball championships, which will be held in Murfreesboro this week.

Catholic High School, which entered the postseason with a 4-19 record, won four Division II-AA state tournament games, sweeping a series in the first round and in the state quarterfinals to earn its first trip to the state's grand stage for the first time in more than four decades.

The Lady Irish (8-19) clinched the first trip to the state tournament for the first time since 1984 when they toppled top-seeded Briarcrest Christian School, 14-4, on Wednesday in Memphis. Catholic defeated the Lady Saints, 10-3, in the first game of the series, winning both ends of the doubleheader.

"This is just a surreal feeling," said Catholic interim co-head coach Haden Roberts. "We don't have a good record, but we're looking forward to the opportunity to go down there and compete against some of the best teams.

"It's been a lot of fun



PHOTO BY JACK TATE.

Farragut High School's Hallie Grace Johnson (24) awaits a pitch in the Lady Admirals' 2-0 victory against Science Hill in the state sectionals Friday at Bellamy Field. Johnson pitched a two-hit shutout and struck out 10 to help Farragut reach this week's state tournament.

and we got hot at the right time. Both of our pitchers, Adelyn DeBusk and Isabelle Holleman, did a good job with their location and they do a good job changing speeds."

DeBusk started the first game Wednesday in West Tennessee and held the Lady Saints to just five hits, while Holleman hurled the nightcap, throwing a five-inning complete game.

She also did some damage at the plate for the Lady Irish as she went 2-for-3 and drove in four runs.

A supporting cast also

contributed at the plate as the Lady Irish pounded out 15 hits in five team at-bats.

In the first game of the series, Catherine Schaad had a three-run double and Holleman came up with an RBI single.

Adelyn DeBusk earned the win in the circle as she tossed seven innings and allowed three runs, five hits and two walks for the Lady Irish, who opened state tournament play with an opening-round sweep over Father Ryan on May 8 in Chattanooga.

Catholic won the series opener, 6-1, before winning

the nightcap, 15-0, exploding for eight runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Lady Admirals headed to Midstate: Farragut, a three-time state champion, defeated Science Hill, 2-0, in a Class 4A state sectional at Bellamy Field.

Hallie Grace Johnson tossed a three-hit shutout as the Lady Admirals eliminated the Lady Hilltoppers.

Taylor Albright had a pair of hits and knocked in a run for the Lady Admirals, who are seeking their first state title since 2022.

At press time: Two area teams were set to play in state sectionals.

In Class 3A, Gibbs played at Daniel Boone, while West traveled to Maryville in Class 4A on Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Meanwhile, in Division II-A, Grace Christian Academy was eliminated by Tipton-Rosemark on Thursday. The Lady Rebels swept the Lady Rams in Karns, winning Game 1, 12-2, on Wednesday and prevailing, 7-4, on Thursday.

South-Doyle, Bearden and Fulton and win

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In Region 3-2A: South-Doyle won its third consecutive region championship with a 3-1 win at Signal Mountain.

Roger Cruz had a goal and an assist, while Eli Riffey and Gideon Walker tallied for the Cherokees, who defeated Red Bank,

3-0, at home Tuesday night in the semifinals.

Cruz scored twice, while Jude Straussfogel added a goal.

A monumental win for the Irish: Catholic earned a breakthrough win on Saturday, May 9, when it defeated Father Ryan, 2-0, in the opening round of the

Division II-AA state tournament at Blaine Stadium.

"This was a big win for us," Catholic coach Josh Martin said. "This is the first time that we've won a playoff game, for the boys or girls, since we moved to Division II."

Jack Tucker had both of Catholic's goals, and

Levi Perkinson had an assist in the second half. Goalkeeper Tate McCarty had 10 saves en route to recording a shutout.

Catholic played at Montgomery Bell Academy Saturday, but the results were not available at press time.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated February 19, 2020, Daniel L. Toney, unmarried, conveyed the following described premises to Larry Pressley, Trustee, for City Employees Credit Union to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record as Instrument Number 202003120060274 in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, City Employees Credit Union, are the owners and holders of the indebtedness due therein, and has appointed A. Nicole Troutt, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record as Instrument Number 202604300061671, in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: WILLIE JAMES HARPER, III
IN RE: T.A.H., A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18, DOB 10/04/2013

BY: LATOYA WATSON and KEVIN WATSON, Petitioners VS. WILLIE JAMES HARPER, III, Respondent

47JC1-2026-PPP-12
IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the respondent, WILLIE JAMES HARPER, III, a resident of Knox County, Tennessee, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WILLIE JAMES HARPER, III, it is ordered that said respondent, WILLIE JAMES HARPER, III, file an answer with the Juvenile Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Scott B. Hahn, BPR., an Attorney whose address is 5344 N. Broadway, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN 37918, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before the Honorable Timothy E. Irwin at the Knox County Juvenile Court, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 1st day of MAY, 2026.

Honorable Timothy E. Irwin, Judge

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915

IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., Plaintiff V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, Defendants

NO. 212811-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, it is ordered that said defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and O CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 14th day of MAY, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DARREN R. GOSSAGE

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY WALKER TRENT (Deceased)

BY: KELSEY R. REILLY, Administrator/Petitioner Vs. DARREN R. GOSSAGE, Respondent/Defendant

CASE NO. 90180-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, concerning the Estate of Mary Walker Trent, deceased, it appearing from the Petition to Marshal Assets and Sell Real Estate filed herein that the Defendant, DARREN R. GOSSAGE, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DARREN R. GOSSAGE, it is ordered that said Defendant, DARREN R. GOSSAGE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kelsey R. Reilly, Administrator, whose address is Spicer Rudstrom, PLLC, 800 South Gay Street, #1400, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37929, Telephone 865-673-8516, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement of default will be taken against him and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to him.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. Publication dates: May 18 & 26, and June 1 & 8, 2026.

This the 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and O BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914

IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., Plaintiff V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and O BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, Defendants

NO. 212810-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and O BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2027

General Fund	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
Revenues and Other Sources			
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State of Tennessee	14,979,393	15,153,664	15,039,273
Federal Government	2,832,969	1,921,500	3,307,200
Other Sources	47,416,371	45,501,725	44,239,404
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 237,100,044	\$ 239,524,189	\$ 249,856,277

Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 109,912,974	\$ 115,976,017	\$ 121,756,779
Other Costs	129,498,479	123,548,172	128,099,498
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 239,411,453	\$ 239,524,189	\$ 249,856,277

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	88,997,241	93,864,976	93,864,976
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	93,864,976	93,864,976	88,692,946
Employee Positions (FTE)	1,735	1,731	1,743

Engineering and Public Works Fund	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 13,864,829	\$ 14,740,350	\$ 15,125,350
State of Tennessee	8,087,661	8,042,250	8,122,250
Other Sources	4,104,204	3,353,597	4,080,996
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 26,056,694	\$ 26,136,197	\$ 27,328,596

Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 8,323,204	\$ 8,845,666	\$ 9,645,741
Other Costs	17,236,249	17,290,531	17,682,855
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 25,559,453	\$ 26,136,197	\$ 27,328,596

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	12,790,088	13,287,329	13,037,732
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	13,287,329	13,037,732	12,637,732
Employee Positions (FTE)	149	147	155

General Purpose School Fund	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 351,966,464	\$ 350,981,706	\$ 364,557,206
State of Tennessee	344,624,387	341,382,294	345,256,794
Federal Government	631,506	600,000	600,000
Other Sources	14,942,873	7,521,000	7,271,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 712,165,230	\$ 700,485,000	\$ 717,685,000

Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 473,523,970	\$ 472,382,431	\$ 485,257,102
Other Costs	239,945,272	228,102,569	232,427,898
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 713,469,242	\$ 700,485,000	\$ 717,685,000

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	108,288,856	101,623,753	101,623,753
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	101,623,753	101,623,753	101,623,753
Employee Positions (FTE)			

Debt Service Fund	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 77,163,826	\$ 78,209,200	\$ 80,260,200
Other Sources	9,896,058	7,790,800	5,739,800
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 87,059,884	\$ 86,000,000	\$ 86,000,000

Expenditures and Other Uses			
Debt Service Costs	\$ 83,437,033	\$ 86,000,000	\$ 86,000,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 83,437,033	\$ 86,000,000	\$ 86,000,000

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1st	30,420,337	34,079,594	34,079,594
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30th	34,079,594	34,079,594	30,621,619

The Knox County Commission will vote on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget on June 15, 2026, at 3:30 PM at a special called meeting in the Main Assembly Room. Anyone wanting to address Commission concerning the budget should contact the Commission Office at 215-2534 to sign up for public forum.

February 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF BRIDGET MICHELE CARROLL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LEE ANN CARTER
1048 AMBERLY COURT
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772
LYNN TARP, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DR., SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOY GATLIN BRANDON
DOCKET NUMBER 91991-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JOY GATLIN BRANDON, who died on November 28, 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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MARTHA D. MCMURRY
6130 LONAS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909
O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9th FLOOR
P. O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRIDGET MICHELE CARROLL
DOCKET NUMBER 92356-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of BRIDGET MICHELE CARROLL, who died

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL FOUST FITZGERALD, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 91921-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL FOUST FITZGERALD, JR., who died Oct. 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 27th day of April, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSHUA CARL IRICK DOCKET NUMBER 92473-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSHUA CARL IRICK, who died on May 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 4th day of MAY, 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PRESTON SHADIX DOCKET NUMBER 92373-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PRESTON SHADIX, who died Feb. 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 27th day of APRIL, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHANA JANEEN WELLS DOCKET NUMBER 92411-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SHANA JANEEN WELLS, who died February 1, 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 4th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PRESTON SHADIX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTIE E. MARTIN
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MASCOT, TN 37806

ESTATE OF SHANA JANEEN WELLS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES FREEZE DOCKET NUMBER 92311-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES FREEZE, who died Aug. 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JOSHUA CARL IRICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF MARIAN VIRGINIA KOZAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF VIVIAN G. MITCHELL

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. THOMAS, aka BILL THOMAS DOCKET NUMBER 92412-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM M. THOMAS, aka BILL THOMAS, who died March 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:

- (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.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EILEEN POST WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 92437-2

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

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

ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. THOMAS, aka BILL THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REESE KELLY THOMAS
1719 RAINBOW FALLS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

ESTATE OF EILEEN POST WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF JAMES FREEZE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF NABEEL K. ISHAK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEVIN N. ISHAK, EXECUTOR
1551 CHERRY LAKE WAY
LAKE HALE, FL 32746

ANDREW M. HALE, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DANNY NEIL MADDOX DOCKET NUMBER 92436-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of APRIL, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DANNY NEIL MADDOX, who died September 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of 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 30th day of APRIL, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARL WAYNE PRESLEY DOCKET NUMBER 92404-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EARL WAYNE PRESLEY, who died May 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 EARL WAYNE PRESLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WENDY GAYLE KIRCHHOFFER, ADMINISTRATRIX
4417 COSTER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARE PATRICE MARCKESANO DOCKET NUMBER 92154-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARE PATRICE MARCKESANO, who died November 10, 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 6th day of MAY, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE HARWOOD RALSTON DOCKET NUMBER 92417-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ANNE HARWOOD RALSTON, who died March 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF ANNE HARWOOD RALSTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS FAYE GRISHAM DOCKET NUMBER 92414-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration, as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LOIS FAYE GRISHAM, who died on September 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days prior to 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 7th day of MAY, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLADYS MAE KING DOCKET NUMBER 91897-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLADYS MAE KING, who died Oct. 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 27th day of April, 2027

ESTATE OF GLADYS MAE KING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARE PATRICE MARCKESANO DOCKET NUMBER 92154-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARE PATRICE MARCKESANO, who died November 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF ANNE HARWOOD RALSTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS EUGENE HARTMAN DOCKET NUMBER 92418-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS EUGENE HARTMAN, who died March 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIM KNIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 92314-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of TIM KNIGHT, who died February 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF TIM KNIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ESTATE OF CLARE PATRICE MARCKESANO

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE MCDANIEL, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92405-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of APRIL, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LEE MCDANIEL, JR., who died March 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RACHEL P. ROBERTS DOCKET NUMBER 92396-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of RACHEL P. ROBERTS, who died on March 20, 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 as described in (1) (A); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received a copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 4th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF RACHEL P. ROBERTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
N. DAVID ROBERTS, JR.

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ESTATE OF THOMAS EUGENE HARTMAN

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ESTATE OF CATHERINE OTHELLA MENDENHALL ARMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROSE ATKINS BURTON, a/k/a ROSE JEANETTE BURTON DOCKET NUMBER 92462-2

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ORA LEE CASSIDY
DOCKET NUMBER 92162-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of ORA LEE CASSIDY, deceased, who died January 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 5 day of May, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANKLIN LEROY CASSIDY, JR.
8541 BUD HAWKINS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHARINE K. PEARSON CRISS
DOCKET NUMBER 92428-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHARINE K. PEARSON CRISS, who died Jan. 2, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 8th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM R. PEARSON, JR.
5800 HOLSTON HILLS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARC DUCOTE
DOCKET NUMBER 92354-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARC DUCOTE, who died February 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KYLE R. DUCOTE
2503 E. LAKEVIEW DRIVE, APT. 9
JOHNSON CITY, TN 37801

JOHN EDWIN BAUGH, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ERNEST LEE FORD
DOCKET NUMBER 92441-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ERNEST LEE FORD, who died Dec. 13, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 8th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RHONDA V. FORD
8208 NEUBERT SPRINGS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DENNIS DEWAYNE FOSTER
DOCKET NUMBER 92423-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DENNIS DEWAYNE FOSTER, who died March 12, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RACHEL MELEAH FOSTER
3916 BUD McMILLAN RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

MADLEINE F. LEONARD, ATTORNEY
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WALTER W. GRIFFIN
DOCKET NUMBER 92459-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WALTER W. GRIFFIN, who died January 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WALTER VINCENT GRIFFIN
7428 BRIDGEFIELD DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

DAVID H. LUHN, ATTORNEY
310 N. FOREST PARK BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEONARD LEE HARKSEN
DOCKET NUMBER 91732-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEONARD LEE HARKSEN, who died Sept. 15, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 5th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MITCHELL LEE HARKSEN
3827 STRONG ROAD
MASCOT, TN 37806

SAMUEL B. TIPTON
611 S. WASHINGTON STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY HAWK
DOCKET NUMBER 92430-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY HAWK, who died July 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 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 1st day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
APRIL MARIE HAWK
2100 SHERROD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN DALE HENRY
DOCKET NUMBER 92476-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN DALE HENRY, who died March 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES DUANE HENRY
644 SUMMERDALE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

MADELEINE BRIGITTE PRICE
7113 MORESHAM WAY
WAKE FOREST, NC 27587

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MATTHEW D. HINKIN
DOCKET NUMBER 92435-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MATTHEW D. HINKIN, who died March 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 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DOUGLAS P. HINKIN
1426 SHARINGBROOK DR.
MANHATTAN, KS 66503

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HEATHER DAWN HOLBROOK
DOCKET NUMBER 91612-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HEATHER DAWN HOLBROOK, who died July 26, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 5th day of May, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DIANA HARRELL
1131 BRANCH HOOK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

ELLIE SHIPLEY, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 300
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHASO MARDEEN JAZNY
DOCKET NUMBER 92454-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHASO MARDEEN JAZNY, who died March 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(2) 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

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

This the 5 day of MAY, 2026.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURA A. MARINE
4325 WOODVALE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ESTATE OF SHASO MARDEEN JAZNY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Substantial Amendments Public Comment and Hearing Knox County Grants & Community Development

Knox County Grants & Community Development (KCGCD) is proposing the following substantial amendments to its approved U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) activities and plans.

Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan

Knox County will substantially amend the 2024 Annual Action Plan due to an activity having cost-savings greater than 50%. Activity 686, Public Defender's Community Law Office PY 24/FY25, is ready for completion and has met all required accomplishments. The saved funds will be re-allocated to the PY 2026 Project Maintain Affordable Housing.

Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Knox County will amend its HUD-approved HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan located within the 2021 Annual Action Plan. HOME-ARP provides funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. Knox County will establish preferences for qualifying populations (QPs) for two forthcoming activities under the HOME-ARP project. The Housing Stabilization Program will establish a preference for QP1, with a prioritization for "Literally Homeless". The Eviction Diversion Program will establish a preference for QP2, prioritizing those who meet Condition C.

Knox County residents are encouraged to share their verbal or written comments about the County's proposed amendments. **The public comment period for the Substantial Amendments will run from May 19, 2026 through June 19, 2026.** Comments may be submitted by email at grants@knoxcounty.org, phone at 865-215-5253, or by mail to KCGCD, 400 Main Street, Suite 364 Knoxville, TN 37902.

KCGCD will host a Public Hearing on the amendments at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Dante Office, 405 Dante Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. The hearing may be attended in person or online via Zoom. Persons requiring special assistance or accommodation should contact KCGCD at 865-215-5253 at least three days before the public hearing.

Full details of the amendments and information regarding the public hearing are available online at <https://knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment>.

The Substantial Amendments will be presented to the Knox County Commission for approval on June 22, 2026. The finalized version of the amendments will be submitted to HUD for final approval by June 30, 2026.

"Si usted necesitara asistencia para este aviso en otro idioma, por favor llame al 865-694- 8880 para mayor informacion y mencione del Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Knox."



PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARDENE M. JAZNY, ADMINISTRATOR
5112 TRECSCOTT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GOLDIA ROSE JENKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92463-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of GOLDIA ROSE JENKINS, deceased, who died on March 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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) 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

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

(3) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.

This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MORRIS LEON KITTS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GERALD L. GULLEY, JR.,
ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM
P. O. BOX 158
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

CATHY MORTON, ATTORNEY
P. ANDREW SNEED, ATTORNEY
217 E. BROADWAY AVENUE
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RAYMOND L. LAHTI
DOCKET NUMBER 92310-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of RAYMOND L. LAHTI, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 8 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF RAYMOND L. LAHTI
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREA M. LAHTI, EXECUTRIX
1336 N. CROSSING DRIVE
ATLANTA, GA 30329

MATTHEW THORNTON, ATTORNEY
1715 AARON BRENNER DRIVE, SUITE 800
MEMPHIS, TN 38120

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA F. KING
DOCKET NUMBER 92455-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA F. KING who died March 7, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 8 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRENDA F. KING
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAURA A. MARINE
4325 WOODVALE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MORRIS LEON KITTS
DOCKET NUMBER 91417-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration C.T.A. in respect of the Estate of MORRIS LEON KITTS, who died July 17, 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) 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

(2) 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

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

This the 8 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MORRIS LEON KITTS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CARA B. SPE

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES WALTER MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92302-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES WALTER MOORE, who died Dec. 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF JAMES WALTER MOORE
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 MICHAEL JASON MOORE
 804 GLENOAKS DR.
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

RUSSELL J. BLAIR, ATTORNEY
 P. O. BOX 1764
 ATHENS, TN 37371

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES MURDOCK DOCKET NUMBER 92249-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES MURDOCK, who died January 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 before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES MURDOCK
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

AMY P. MURDOCK
 12116 CAROLINA OAK CIRCLE
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28273

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FLOYD LAMAR PATTY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 92447-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FLOYD LAMAR PATTY, SR., who died March 4, 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 8 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF FLOYD LAMAR PATTY, SR.
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SHANA R. EVANS, EXECUTOR
 1144 MAYS ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE TALLMAN DOCKET NUMBER 92387-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL LEE TALLMAN, who died Jan. 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 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 date of death.
 This the 12th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES MURDOCK
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
 This the 1st day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE TALLMAN
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SANDRA KAY TALLMAN
 870 HANSMORE PLACE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDDIE E. TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 92363-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of FREDDIE E. TAYLOR, who died on December 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF FREDDIE E. TAYLOR
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 TEON TAYLOR
 219 LANDER DRIVE
 CONWAY, SC 29526

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATTIE SUE THOMERSON DOCKET NUMBER 92438-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATTIE SUE THOMERSON, who died October 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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

ESTATE OF PATTIE SUE THOMERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MAE GREGORY WEAVER DOCKET NUMBER 92205-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MAE GREGORY WEAVER, who died Oct. 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF MAE GREGORY WEAVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 EDWARD K. WEAVER
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

BID 3741, S. GALLAHER VIEW ROAD WIDENING AT THE COURTYARD AND WESTLAND DRIVE, Due 6/17/26
BID 3744, GIBBS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, Due 6/16/26

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY BEER BOARD SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, MAIN AVENUE.

- ROLL CALL:
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- PUBLIC FORUM: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NOTE: Those wishing to speak regarding any Beer Board agenda item can sign up via the Commission website at commission.knoxcounty.org or calling the Clerk's Office at 865-215-3441. The deadline to sign up to speak is Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

6. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY: CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF THE BEER PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS:

6a. **Dash N Go**, 10636 Hardin Valley Rd., District 3, Mr. Netraaben Patel, owner
 1st offense - March 9, 2026
 Beer Permit issued September 12, 2019

6b. **The Local Market**, 7322 Oak Ridge Hwy., District 6, The Hackney Petroleum, Inc., owner
 1st offense - March 9, 2026
 Beer Permit issued October 19, 2023

7. APPLICATIONS:

7a. **Honduras-Mexican Restaurant, LLC**
 Honduras-Mexican Restaurant, LLC
 6625 Maynardville Pike, Ste. 105
 Knoxville, TN 37918
 Off Premises
 (District 7)

7b. **Dolgenercorp, LLC**
 Dollar General Store #3651
 7517 Oak Ridge Hwy.
 Knoxville, TN 37931
 On/Off Premises
 (District 6)

7c. **NIRMAN 1, LLC**
 Powell Tobacco & Beer
 2305 W. Emory Rd.
 Powell, TN 37849
 Off Premises
 (District 7)

8. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lien holders 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 A1 Express Tires & Wrecker Service. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction held on JUNE 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM at 11941 Chapman Hwy., Seymour, TN 37865.

2018 JEEP WRANGLER 1C4BJWDG6JL891444
 2022 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP55S52A104895
 2013 FORD E 350 1FBNE3BL3DDA33643

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle being held at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917. Failure to reclaim this vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on June 1, 2026 at 701 Cooper St., Knoxville, TN 37917.

- '14 FORD FUSION 3FA6P0H72ER135159 BELISARIO ANDRES DIEGO
- '14 JEEP PATRIOT 1CANJPBA7ED650185 PEDRO AVELINO MIRANDA
- '05 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM72645A008567 PATRICIA BEETS
- '20 DODGE RAM 3C6URVJG3LE1464899 AMAZON LOGISTICS
- '10 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP3FN5AW210262 KAYLEIGH RIBBECK
- '03 DODGE RAM 1D7HA18D33S372010 JACOB CLAYTON / TITLEMAX
- '05 HYUNDAI ELANTRA KMHDN46D25U990326 CHRISTINE POOLE
- '13 NISSAN ROGUE JN8AS5MV0W628567 JOHNNY WARD
- '18 CADILLAC ATS 1G6AB5R56J0124841 AUBREY EVANS / ORNL FCU
- '77 FORD F350 0F37YGT21860
- '11 DODGE JOURNEY 3D4PG1F68BT501568 PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INS. CO.
- '03 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BF28B53U291242 NICOLE BARBIERI
- '07 LINCOLN TOWNCAR 1LNHM82V17Y610690 JEFF or CRYSTAL HUMPHREYS / TN QUICK CASH
- '16 VW PASSAT 1VWAT7A30GC052618 SERENA MORALES-ARSENAULT
- '17 CHEVY SONIC 1G1JD5SH7H4118102 CHRISTOPHER or BRANTLEY LACOSTE / CAPITAL ONE
- '08 CHEVY AVEO KL1T06698B165956 MAKAYLEE WAITES
- '11 DODGE CHARGER 2B3LC1CT2BH591318 JENNIFER CLARK / ADVANCE AMERICA
- '13 HONDA CIVIC 19XFB2E52DE026407 DEVY CARRIZO / SUPER CARS AUTO SALES
- '15 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3K27FL298041 GATHO BONIOMA
- '16 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP2E80G6118775 DUSTY FOWLER
- '18 MERCEDES C30 55SWF4J85JU257026 LUCIE JONES
- '16 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BK1E88GU200724 STACY COBB

ONLINE ONLY ESTATE AUCTION

205 ADAIR DRIVE - KNOXVILLE, TN 37918



BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD

REAL ESTATE | 12PM-Noon
 PERSONAL PROPERTY | 7PM

OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, JUNE 1ST FROM 2-4PM

A First Offering in Generations Located in Historic Adair Gardens of the Fountain City Community
 Approx. 1932 SF with 4 bedrooms & 2 full bathrooms
 Owned by the original family since built in 1928
 Beautiful Minimal Traditional with Tudor Revival Influence Architecture
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