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## Bobcats Reunite



The Central High School Alumni Association inducted graduates to the school's Wall of Fame recently. It was the first induction breakfast ceremony since 2019. Photo submitted.

## Council bans smoking in city bars in split vote

By Mike Steely  
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It was a house divided at the Tuesday City Council meeting as a split vote approved a smoking ban for the remaining 15 bars in Knoxville that permit indoor smoking and vaping.

Citizens on both sides spoke about the health hazards of smoking for employees and musicians performing at the venues versus the personal choices of patrons and what one speaker said was "an attack on working-class people."

The debate contrasted the policies at Market Square, and one citizen called the ordinance a "solution looking for a problem."

At-large Seat B Councilwoman Debbie Helsley, a sponsor of the ban, told the meeting that "breathing is not optional," and said the prohibition is "not political at all and doesn't force smokers to quit."

Amelia Parker, the at-large councilwoman on Seat C, opposed the ban, which would not prohibit smoking or vape use in cigar bars, private clubs or vape shops.

District Six's Denzel Grant, who supported the first reading of the new ordinance, said the ordinance has "potential consequences" and that downtown bars should offer a variety of atmospheres. Fourth District's Matthew DeBardelaben referred to the bars that permit cigarette smoking as part of a "unique community."

The final 6-3 vote saw Parker, DeBardelaben and Grant vote "No." The policy goes into effect January 1st next year.

In other action, the council voted to permit alcohol use within the Boyd Sports properties at the stadium, approved SCU Bus Lines as the transport system for Parks and Recreation events, approved a study of the Tazewell Pike Corridor, and approved Taylor Lawn Service to provide ground care at Chilhowee Park. Rogers Group was hired in a \$4.5 million contract for street paving in Districts 3, 4 and 5.

The council approved \$117,790 in historic preservation funds for improvements at 760 Stone Street in an agreement with McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects Inc. and denied an alcohol license for Concord Liquor.

## CHS alumni group hosts Wall of Fame induction breakfast

By Ken Lay

The Central High School Alumni Association recently held its first induction ceremony since 2019.

Once an annual event, the induction breakfast returned on May 16 and seven CHS alumni received their respective spots on the Wall of Fame on campus.

Gaylon E. Wilson, Don Carringer, Jon Miller, Justin Cox, Andrew (Andy) Ramsey, Marianne Worthington and Elizabeth Huling were all honored at an induction ceremony on Saturday, May 16.

"It was the largest event that we've ever had," Central High School Alumni Association President R. Larry Smith said. "It was the largest as far as attendees and it was very well received by the community."

"Another thing that was special was that all the inductees had some classmates there with them and that's really special."

For Smith, the inductees and the other attendees, it was a chance to take a walk down Memory Lane as those at the event spent the morning reminiscing at the Central High cafeteria.

"Anytime you get together and have something like this, you always hear a lot of old stories," Smith said. "And that's always a lot of fun."

Smith is already looking forward to next year's event and said that the association is seeking nominations for induction for 2027.

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- Central High School Alumni Association President R. Larry Smith

said. "If people want to make nominations, we're asking them to do the research."

"We need to know what the nominees did and how they gave back to the community. We need more than just a name."

Nominations may be made by contacting Smith at rsmithins@yahoo.com or via text or phone at (865) 679-4106.

## Legacy Luncheon for the Parks set for September

Legacy Parks Foundation has announced that it will host its annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks on Friday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Johnson University, featuring guest speaker Conor Knighton.

A correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning, America's top-rated Sunday news program, Knighton is the author of the New York Times bestselling book "Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia-to-Zion Journey Through Every National Park." The book offers a behind-the-scenes account of the year Knighton spent visiting America's national parks, weaving together lesser-known stories from the parks' history with thoughtful reflections on their future and preservation. Knighton will share

witty, heartfelt stories of America, its people and its national parks.

The Legacy Luncheon for the Parks draws 1,000 civic, business, and community leaders for a picnic-style luncheon in a beautiful outdoor setting to celebrate Legacy Parks' successful projects over the last year.

To date, Legacy Parks has invested more than \$28 million in parks and trails, added over 700 acres of parkland in Knox County, and created over 60 miles of trails within Knoxville's city limits.

Table sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets for this year's luncheon are available online at [legacyparks.org](http://legacyparks.org) or by calling (865) 525-2585.

## Honor Fountain City Day was highly successful



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When the rain let up Monday morning, a large crowd of parents, children and grandparents turned out for the annual Honor Fountain City Day in the Park. The Memorial Day event began at 10 a.m. and stretched into the late afternoon, featuring children's rides, food trucks and two different ceremonies under the organization and management of Fountain City Town Hall.

Various vendors and organizations manned booths filled with products and information. Neighbors visited with each other and some of their elected officials. The bagpipe duet of Austin Kendrick and Sara

PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The Central High School ROTC Color Guard presents the colors during the Honor Fountain City Day Memorial Day Celebration.

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### Trust

The truth has no defense against a fool determined to believe a lie.

Mark Twain

No one in the universe, not even Allah, trusts the Iranians. During nuclear disarmament discussions with the Soviet Union in the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan repeatedly used the Russian proverb, "Trust but verify." This aphorism may be an optimistic position with Iran, but we have to try. Eight prior presidents unsuccessfully tried to sanction and bribe the terrorist regime, which has been at war with the United States for 47 years, while sponsoring terrorism all over the world.

In 1979, Democrat President Jimmy Carter allowed the first Ayatollah to return from exile to lead the Islamic revolution, which deposed the Shah of Iran and declared war on the United States. Iranians then invaded our embassy

and imprisoned Americans for 444 days. While there may be no congressional declaration of war with Iran, we have nonetheless been at war with them for the last half-century.

Repeatedly, presidents have maintained that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, but little changed until President Trump. Actions speak louder than words, and Trump will not let the terrorist regime have a nuclear weapon and ballistic missiles to carry their apocalyptic jihad to the world. It's that simple. To say that Trump's policy has not been clearly articulated is an utter lie repeated by Democrats, their media apparatchiks and many RINOS.

Titular "experts" have opined that Trump should stop seeking a negotiated settlement and immediately resume the bombing of Iran. Of course, bombing will resume if the Iranian regime refuses to make

a deal or fails to keep the agreement. However, the systematic destruction of power plants, bridges and additional infrastructure in Iran will be devastating and will likely precipitate a humanitarian crisis of starvation, thirst and disease. Perhaps Iran's leadership and the IRGC (Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps) deserve this, but I am sure there are innocent people in Iran who don't. Consequently, Trump must do all he can to accomplish the primary mission, yet limit the suffering. The Iranian leadership has no comparable guardrails of decency or morality and cares little for its people. They recently shot and killed 35,000 protesters.

Sanctions of Iran, political isolation and the current naval blockade of Iranian shipping are analogous to a siege. The Biblical siege of Jerusalem in the 6th century BC by King Nebuchadnezzar's army is a historical example. The Babylonian siege of Jerusalem lasted two and a half years with catastrophic results. An estimated one million perished from famine, disease and finally the sword when the Babylonians breached the walls. The Jews who weren't massacred were enslaved for 70 years.

President Trump is trying to spare Iranians

devastating privation, but he is unwilling to allow the apocalyptic mullahs to keep their "uranium dust," reportedly sufficient for 11 nuclear weapons, and ballistic missiles able to deliver death to Israel, Middle Eastern neighbors, Europe or America.

I understand that Shia mullahs are fanatics, but you would think that Democrats would comprehend reality. However, Democrats are so blinded by their hatred of Trump and their pursuit of power that they would sacrifice everything on the altar of progressive socialist lunacy. As a result, it would be hard for me to decide who is more insane: Iranian mullahs or the Democratic leadership.

I've explained this before, but the ancestors of the Babylonians now reside in Iraq and are part of the majority Sunni branch of worldwide Islam. Current-day Iranians are descendants of the ancient Persian empire and are of the minority Shia branch of Islam. The power struggle and hatred between the Sunni and Shia began with the death of Muhammad in the 7th century AD. In the 1980s, Iran and Iraq fought an eight-year bloody war with 500,000 killed. Perhaps the Biblical prophecy of Ishmael's descendants in

Genesis 16:12 and Genesis 25:18 should be reconsidered.

Who do you trust is a question on everyone's mind these days. In March 2026, the annual Edelman Trust Barometer was released by the multinational marketing firm as it has done for the last 25 years. I wasn't surprised to read that 70% of the surveyed population are "hesitant or unwilling to trust those who differ from them in values, beliefs or backgrounds." (You can find the gory details on the internet if you so desire.) Suffice it to say, trust in the institutions that hold a culture or a country together has been so tarnished that skepticism would be a kind way of expressing America's current zeitgeist (Webster: the general intellectual, moral and cultural climate of an era). We don't trust our institutions, the media, our leaders, our neighbors or each other.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams selected the Latin phrase "E pluribus unum" (Out of many, one) as the unofficial motto of the new country. The phrase was placed on the Great Seal of the United States and on national coinage. Perhaps they wanted to capture the zeitgeist (spirit) of

the nascent land of immigrants and the disparate thirteen states of the new Federalist system.

Then, in 1956, amidst the Cold War against godless communism, the Senate formalized the official motto for the United States as "In God We Trust." The motto now appears on our currency, on various institutions and documents.

As I thought about trust last week, I wondered, do we still believe in our motto? G. K. Chesterton once observed, "When a man stops believing in God, he does not believe in nothing; he believes in anything." Without a foundational belief or reference point, everything becomes relative. Men can become women, equality under law becomes the mandated equity of outcomes and "my truth" replaces reality.

I admit I am skeptical about a lot of things, especially what the media reports or politicians say. But that does not mean I don't follow my own axiom: "Read widely, think carefully and sift everything through common sense, your own observations and experience as well as your conscience. This will bring you closer to the truth."

Food for thought...

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## Council adopts city's \$499M budget

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In an 8-1 vote, the \$499 million city budget

for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was approved Tuesday by the Knoxville City Council.

"It's lean, balanced and there are no new taxes," Mayor Indya Kincannon told the meeting. She said the budget includes \$2 million for new renovations of Fire Station 15 in Fountain City, \$8 million in funds for affordable housing and \$2 million for homeless prevention. Kincannon also stressed new funding going to Parks and Recreation to take over management of Chilhowee Park

in a five-year plan and \$2 million for energy efficiency and 23 new EV charging stations.

At-large council member Amelia Parker questioned using the city's unassigned fund balance of \$6 million to support the new budget and using funds for the Western Heights project. Parker was the sole "No" vote.

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# Publisher's Positions



**By Steve Hunley,**  
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## Tom Spangler Is A Great Sheriff - Mayor Williams Should Be Ashamed

Sheriff Tom Spangler has launched a blistering letter to Ron Williams, the mayor of Farragut. The letter comes after Williams appeared on WBIR-TV to express his dismay that the Knox County Sheriff's Office had moved from Turkey Creek to a new location in Cedar Bluff. Williams also expressed his concern about the lack of the sheriff's presence in Farragut. Williams complained that Spangler wasn't returning telephone calls or attending meetings in Farragut. Mayor Williams did give KCSO some credit for having curbed sticky fingers and shoplifting at Turkey Creek.

"We pay our property tax, and out of that property tax we're supposed to have police protection, and we have none," Williams told WBIR.

"Knowing that the patrol duties of the deputies in the Town of Farragut have not changed and knowing the reason for the precinct move was entirely economic, you chose to go on television and lie," Spangler wrote to the mayor.

A sheriff's spokesperson did point out that sheriff's deputies are dispatched through the 911 system rather than through precincts and that Farragut still has its dedicated units operating within the township.

"We have no complaints with the type of protection we have when we have it," his honor, the mayor, told WBIR. "It's just that we no longer have the police out here like what we had before."

Meaning, a precinct in Turkey Creek rather than Cedar Bluff, which will support all of West Knox County. As to attending meetings, several news outlets did not mention that Sheriff Tom Spangler is presently battling cancer and, with a compromised immune system, crowds are a dicey thing.

Just about every subdivision in Knox County would

like to have a patrol car stationed inside for the peace of mind of residents. And the daily newspaper wondered who was in charge of the sheriff's department! Looks like Sheriff Tom Spangler will be there right through the completion of his term of office, September 1.

## Most Americans Believe They Pay Too Much In Taxes

Most people don't realize it, but taken in total, federal tax revenues have doubled since 2012. Every Democrat in Congress voted against the tax cuts proposed by President Trump and approved by Republicans in Congress, which prevented an increase in taxes of \$4 trillion. Yet we are also spending more and more and a recent poll indicated Republicans, Independents and Democrats --- 70% of Americans --- believe they pay too much in taxes.

## Blackburn Running Strong In Governor's Race

Tennesseans will be voting again this August with primaries for all state offices and federal offices. The marquee race in the state is the Republican nomination for governor, as

incumbent Bill Lee is term-limited. US Senator Marsha Blackburn, Congressman John Rose, and state Representative Monty Fritts are competing for the GOP nod to run in the general election for governor.

Polls presently have Senator Blackburn leading the field handily, but she has taken nothing for granted and has been campaigning actively for months. In the Senate, Blackburn has been an ardent advocate for Tennessee and has been one of the strongest supporters of President Trump's agenda in Congress.

Blackburn has just been endorsed by the Shelby County Deputy Sheriff's Association for governor. The president of the SCDSA, Mark Lowe, issued a press release saying, "Today, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Deputy Association is proud to officially endorse and support Marsha Blackburn for Governor of Tennessee."

Lowe praised Senator Blackburn's rock-solid support of law enforcement professionals and officers throughout her time in public office. Lowe praised Senator Blackburn's "strong leadership" and "true commitment to public safety and unwavering support" for law enforcement personnel.

Blackburn thanked the SCDSA for their endorsement and, in turn, praised "some of the bravest and most dedicated men and women in Tennessee."

Shelby is the most populous county in Tennessee, and Blackburn has been endorsed by numerous West Tennessee mayors, many of whom have publicly stated they are deeply grateful to Blackburn for the senator's support of the safety of our citizens and backing the men and women in blue.

Blackburn was also endorsed by the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association recently.

## Oversight Board For Memphis - Shelby County Schools Is Needed

Governor Bill Lee has signed a bill into law that has the effect of creating a board of oversight for the Memphis - Shelby County School system. The bill was sponsored in the Tennessee General Assembly by state Senator Brent Taylor and state Representative Mark White. The public schools in Memphis and Shelby County have consistently received low performance ratings, as evidenced by repeated appearances on Tennessee's priority list, and

ongoing absenteeism. The oversight board will have the responsibility largely given to elected boards of education, including budgets, operations, school facilities, curriculum, academic performance and personnel. The legislation was sponsored by Senator Taylor and Representative White after the comptroller's office cited no less than 175 deficiencies in the operation of the Memphis - Shelby County public schools. Some of the deficiencies included expenditures flagged as either "waste" or "abuse" amounting to \$1.14 million, as well as an additional \$1.73 million in expenditures which did not adhere to district policies.

Bryan Burklin, a veteran employee of the comptroller's office and the director of the local government audit division, called the discrepancies "staggering" and "some of the worst I've seen in my 45-year career."

Governor Lee, in accordance with the legislation, has named five members of the special oversight committee, and another four members will be appointed by Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally and Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton.

# KCDC opens RFQ process to redevelop key South Waterfront site

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC), in partnership with the City of Knoxville, launched a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in May to seek qualified development teams to transform approximately 15 acres along the South Knoxville waterfront, considered one of Knoxville's most significant remaining riverfront sites.

Located directly across the river from the University of Tennessee campus, the site includes 1,400 linear feet of riverfront and comprises six parcels, including 2323 W. Blount Ave., 2547 Scottish Pike and 0 Scottish Pike.

The vision for the site is based on extensive community input emphasizing goals of a walkable, mixed-use development that strengthens connections between South Knoxville neighborhoods, the Tennessee River and downtown Knoxville while offering public amenities like green space and river access. Additional information about the South Waterfront Redevelopment RFQ can be found at [kcdc.org/southwaterfront](http://kcdc.org/southwaterfront).

"We're excited to move forward to redevelop this site and realize goals shaped by South Knoxville residents and the overall community," said Ben Bentley, CEO and executive director for KCDC. "We're seeking a qualified master developer with experience in urban, mixed-use waterfront developments, ideally multi-story residential with ground-floor opportunities."



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Planning began in 2005 when the City of Knoxville initiated a 20-year plan for the revitalization and preservation of the South Waterfront. Since then, the plan has been revised based on community feedback. In 2023, the City and KCDC assisted in the formation of the South Waterfront Advisory and Advocacy Group (SWAAG), made up of nearly 40 residents, business owners and community leaders. Over the past three years, SWAAG has helped guide the project through a series of meetings, roundtable discussions, online surveys and community events. A

"Down River" master plan was developed in 2025 and approved by Knoxville City Council in 2026.

"The South Waterfront represents an exciting opportunity to help shape our city's future development," said Mayor Indya Kincannon. "This 15-acre site along the Tennessee River has the potential to become a landmark destination that reflects who we are as a city and where we're headed. We're proud to partner with KCDC to bring this community-driven vision to life."

Public engagement informed the guiding principles laid out in the RFQ,

which include celebrating and preserving South Knoxville's unique character, integrating new mixed-use and mixed-income development, expanding public infrastructure to safely accommodate population growth, maintaining the intent of the form-based code and expanding public spaces with opportunities for community gathering, neighborhood amenities and equitable access to resources.

In recent years, the site has supported light industrial uses with a long history tied to textile manufacturing, including Jefferson Woolen Mills. The 1948

Jefferson Mills Addition building remains on the site, and KCDC envisions the preservation and reuse of the building as an integral part of the redevelopment.

Developer selection is a two-step process, beginning with the RFQ, for which responses are due by 11 a.m. on Aug. 7. Submissions will be reviewed and top-ranking developers will be invited to submit detailed development proposals, including land purchase terms, project teams, timeline and other key considerations.

As the redevelopment agency for the City of

Knoxville, KCDC works to implement redevelopment initiatives, with a focus on significant and complex sites. KCDC has a long history of successful redevelopment projects including Historic Market Square, Gay Street, World's Fair Park and Jackson Depot.

Redevelopment of the historic St. Mary's Hospital site is underway as is a request for proposal (RFP) process for the McClung Warehouse site on Jackson Avenue. More information about KCDC redevelopment initiatives can be found at [kcdc.org/redevelopment](http://kcdc.org/redevelopment).

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## Free Fishing Day

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- Fishing ends at noon
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Participants and attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own lawn chairs and fishing gear. Fishing rods and bait will be provided to the first 30 Fountain City youth residents who need them. TWRA staff will also provide demonstrations on how to tie and bait hooks, along with tips and techniques that may help participants during the tournament.

The event is open to all ages and skill levels and is designed to give families, children, and first-time anglers the opportunity to learn more about fishing, conservation, and outdoor recreation in a welcoming community setting.



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

**TOP:** Scotty Crigger and son Julian welcomed attendees on behalf of the Fountain City Town Hall organization which sponsored and organized the annual event.  
**ABOVE:** Uncle Sam takes a break from handing out flags to catch up with some familiar faces.  
**LEFT:** WBIR TV's John Becker was the keynote speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony and introduced two displays of local men and women who served. He drew attention to the Central High School Gold Star Banner which has the names of alumni members who died in action. Becker told of three of the former students, two of whom died aboard the USS Arizona in the Pearl Harbor attack.

**Cont. from page 1** — Manville kicked off the day of live music and an Uncle Sam character was present and handed out small flags. Town Hall Chair Joyce Lee welcomed the audience, many of whom brought folding chairs, and Jacqueline Brecheen sang the national anthem as Boy Scout Troop 25 presented the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. Second District Knox County Commissioner Courtney Durrett and 4th District City Councilman Matthew DeBardelaben spoke. Town Hall member Rachael Crigger presented honors to various local businesses and citizens, including Brad Owen, Person of the Year. The Commercial Restoration honors went to Nelda Scott and Tammie Rouse. The Residential

Restoration honors went to Lynn Weir and Barb Danks. Willy Roberts and Kevin McIntyre were presented the Residential Landscaping award, Knoxville Police Officer Lori Banks was named Friend of Fountain City and Blake Gadd was honored as Youth of the Year. Dr. James A. Dougherty of the Fountain City Methodist Church gave the devotional as the Memorial Day Ceremony turned to honor local military veterans. "God Bless America" was sung by Jacqueline Brecheen and the Central High School ROTC Color Guard presented the colors. WBIR anchorman John Becker spoke of local veterans, pointed out two placards featuring the names of local veterans and

specifically of three Central High School graduates who served. Veterans in the audience were recognized and the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard was featured in a moment of silence followed by a 21-gun salute just across the creek from the community shelter and stage. The day turned out to be warm and sunny and the efforts of the Fountain City Town Hall organization were enjoyed by those who attended. The annual Honor Fountain City Day in the Park reflected the community's shared pride, history and spirit. Anyone wanting more information may visit the Fountain City Town Hall's website at [www.fountaincitytownhall.org](http://www.fountaincitytownhall.org) for information.



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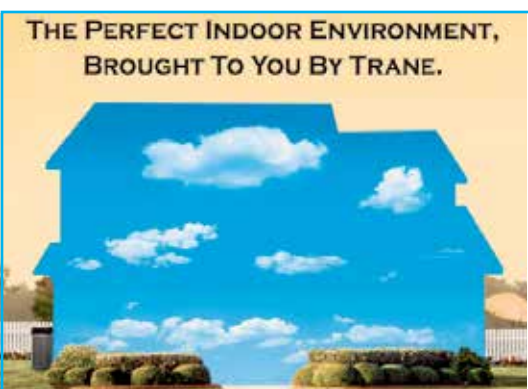
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# 26th Jackson Square Lavender Festival returns to Oak Ridge June 20, 2026

The 26th Jackson Square Lavender Festival, presented by Oklo, Inc., returns on Saturday, June 20, in the city's Historic Jackson Square. Lavender Festival celebrates good health, local creativity, the environment and of course, all things lavender, promoting seven lavender farms from across East Tennessee.

The Main Event, an herb fair, is free on Saturday June 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional ticketed events are available throughout the weekend as well, including a Tennessee Wine Tasting, Tour of Gardens, and Herb Lunch.

The highlight of the Main Event on Saturday is more than 140 juried artisan vendors with handmade and locally grown items, everything from pottery and woodworking, iron work, handmade baskets and more. Local food vendors and food trucks will be on hand with healthy food and drinks.

Returning this year is Kathy Mihalczko of Erin's Meadow Herb Farm, the only vendor



More than 22,000 people visited last year's Lavender Festival in Jackson Square, Oak Ridge, TN. The event draws attention to the city's historic city center.

who has participated in all 26 Lavender Festivals, along with Scott Eatherly of Baskets & Chairs, who has been an artisan vendor for 22 years. You will find many other returning vendors including Smoky Mountain Lavender, Garden Treasures, Gardener's Wisconsin Cheese & Sausage, TN Naturescapes,

Frog Juice, Custom Copperworks & Blacksmithing, Tryon Mountain Farm, Locally Grown, Watson's Stained Glass, and The Empirical Herbalist.

New this year are Full Moon Tea Company, Oakville Iron Works, Secret Mountain Pottery, White Pine Leather, Special Growers, The Pickle People, Roth Art

Photography, Maple Creek Woodworks, and others.

Local lavender farms will sell bundles of fresh cut and dried lavender, lavender treats and culinary products, as well as lavender bath and body products. They include Ever After Lavender, French Broad Lavender Farm, LoCo Lavender, Midfield Lavender, MGM Lavender Farm, Smoky Mountain Lavender, Fair Winds Lavender and J&C Local Farms.

The Oak Ridge Farmers Market is relocated for Saturday, June 20, to the Blankenship Field parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon, and will sell locally grown produce and handmade items, and plants.

More information and tickets are on the website, [www.JacksonSquareLavenderFestival.org](http://www.JacksonSquareLavenderFestival.org).

### Plan your trip for Saturday, June 20

Two free shuttles will run 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Roane State

Community College, 701 Briarcliff Avenue. Ample handicapped parking is located at the corner of East Tennessee Avenue and Towne Road.

Free parking is available in city lots and streets surrounding the festival. Three drop-off locations are located on the east, west and south sides of the festival.

An interactive map of all vendors, parking and other services is located on the website, [www.JacksonSquareLavenderFestival.org](http://www.JacksonSquareLavenderFestival.org).

**Free water refill stations:** Free water refill stations are located in four locations around the square. Bring a refillable water bottle or purchase aluminum recyclable water bottles from ORHS Dance Cats at each water station.

Jackson Square Lavender Festival is produced by a local nonprofit, Grow Oak Ridge, which supports local food security in the region, strengthening farmers markets, community gardens and nutrition education.

## Knoxville Community Media board approves budget

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This month the Knoxville Community Media, formerly Community Television of Knoxville, will celebrate 50 years of service, covering not only city and county meetings but also offering locally-produced programs and events. The KCM Board of Directors met Thursday, May 21, and adopted the budget for the coming fiscal year of \$690,888, compared to the current \$666,978 budget.

KCM is expecting \$350,500 from the city, \$225,000 from the county plus interests, access fees and fundraising. Executive Director J. Amos Oakes and Drew Jeske-Polyak, business affairs director, gave the budget report. Paige Travis chaired the internet meeting of members via ZOOM.

It was reported that \$35,000 was taken from the current funds to replace equipment and that the payroll for the new year is estimated at \$302,827, with a 2.5% increase

for employees. The staff has been reduced from seven to five.

The city's board member, At-large Councilwoman Amelia Parker, said she would look into the "202 funds" allotted to council members for some additional funding.

Oakes spoke briefly about KCM's search for a new location, noting that currently \$65,000 a year is spent on rent at the First Horizon Building at 800 South Gay Street. He said an ideal location would be downtown near the City-County Building. Oakes reported that parking garage fees at the current location are \$7,000 per year.

The board also discussed seeking out new board members, possibly from the county government, and a media rep. There are currently two

vacancies.

Oakes reported on his visit to Washington, D.C., for an Alliance for Community Media meeting and his successful talk with Congressman Tim Burchett.

KCM will celebrate 50 years of service on June 5 and 6 with a multimedia festival of music, puppetry, art, story-telling and more at the Pilot Light in the Old City. Two additional performances will be held nearby at The Point.

Parker said the city council will honor KCM at a city council meeting.

Member Stephanie Brewer-Cook, Knoxville's ADA Coordinator, is retiring and will be honored June 16 at 4 p.m. at the Public Service Complex for her service to the disabled and she's asking any attending to wear blue.

## Classic Cars, Community, and Father's Day Fun Roll Into Knoxville This June

Car lovers, families, and community members are invited to cruise into a morning of nostalgia and celebration at the 6th Annual Father's Day Car Show hosted by Morning Pointe of Knoxville Assisted Living and Memory Care communities.

Taking place Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Morning Pointe campus on Westland Drive, the event will feature a wide variety of classic cars, antique automobiles, and unique collector vehicles. Guests can stroll through the showcase, meet fellow car enthusiasts, and enjoy refreshments and lunch while celebrating Father's Day weekend.

The annual event has become a favorite tradition for residents, families, and the greater Knoxville community alike.

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Kristy Ritch, Morning Pointe of Knoxville Executive Director, says the event offers more than just impressive vehicles. It is also an opportunity to bring generations together through shared memories, stories, and community connection.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about Morning Pointe Senior Living, visit: <https://bit.ly/morningpointe-life>

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# Thoughts on graduation

As I wrote last week, my grandson Madden graduated from high school. My compliments go to the administrative staff at Station Camp High School. Their efficiency made for an



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enjoyable ceremony that lasted little more than one hour. With the help of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department, a crowd of more than one thousand folks quickly exited the parking lot and headed for various activities.

I attended 30 graduation ceremonies during my years as a teacher. This latest one was similar to those from years ago, and the senior class was, in many ways,

like the first one I attended in 1975. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Position holders spoke, the same as in past years. The class president welcomed the families and faculty, and then the salutatorian and valedictorian for the class gave their speeches. All three had written speeches and practiced them multiple times. I'm sure some faculty person had rehearsed with them and reminded them to look at the audience. Yet when they rose and stood in front of an overflow crowd, all three students eyed the written speeches as if the lines on the paper would

protect them from stage fright. When those teens dared to look up, they mumbled and stumbled through their lines. Finding the correct line on the paper copy of the speech sometimes led to seconds of excruciating silence. The "cream of this year's crop" learned that sometimes the hardest thing in the world to do is to speak to a live audience.

The themes in each speech were the same: friendship, survival, maturity, and hard work. Remarks about the difficulty of life during those eighteen years caused me to smile. Yes, some of the worst events take place in high school, but these younglings will soon find out how much more difficult life can be. They'll experience making decisions on their

own, trying and failing, and changing courses as better pathways emerge. Handling college or a job will test their mettle. Plenty of lessons are waiting to be learned in the coming years.

One of the speakers commented on high school friends and how they fade away as life goes on. Few students who are close now will remain so in the next five or ten or fifty years. New people will enter these graduates' lives, and to some, the surprise of losing a high school sweetheart will be equaled by the finding of a new, stronger, closer partner.

Some students will work for a while before deciding to continue their education. The military will be the perfect fit for a few, and college will be right for others. By

and large, the majority will find their callings in some skilled vocation. They will prove that college is not for everyone. Being happy in the chosen work field is more important. The ACT or SAT is not a requirement for every person's success or failure.

Growing up is hard. I fooled around in high school, and that made college more difficult. I wouldn't have changed a thing I did back then; when I reached college, I worked harder than I'd ever worked, and the difference in my GPA from high school to college soared. Plenty of days, I was miserable and wished to be home in the comfort of family and friends, but I knew that my destiny was teaching English in high school, and that road could

be traveled only by obtaining a degree. I hope that all graduating high school students, especially my grandson, discover what their callings are sooner rather than later.

More important things lie ahead for our young people. I hope they are willing to reach their goals and that they have the strength to change paths when a new one appears. Most of all, I hope that they will enjoy whatever course they choose and dedicate themselves to being the best possible in that area.

Yes, our high school students are to be commended for their achievements, but they should understand that so many higher, more spectacular things are coming in the years ahead.

## Three Dead Rulers and One Risen King

History has a way of remembering powerful people. Reality reminds us of one sobering truth: every earthly throne eventually becomes a graveyard. The names of Herod Antipas, Pontius



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Pilate and Caiaphas once carried enormous influence in the Bible's early days. Armies obeyed them, crowds feared them, and political systems protected them.

Yet today, all three men are dead and buried. Their

kingdoms faded. Their authority disappeared. Their titles became footnotes in history. But one man they stood against still lives.

In that same era and even in the same towns and villages stood another man, but not just any man. His name was Jesus Christ. Jesus walked into their world with no palace, no military force and no political office. Yet two thousand years later, the names of these rulers survive largely

only because they crossed paths with Him. All of their stories still preach powerful lessons for our own lives.

Herod Antipas teaches us that curiosity without repentance changes nothing. Herod was fascinated by Jesus. Scripture tells us he wanted to see Him perform miracles. He enjoyed listening to spiritual conversations, but fascination never turned into surrender. His problem is like so many today: he wanted entertainment, not transformation. Modern culture is filled with people just like him who are interested in faith, inspired by sermons, emotionally moved

by worship, yet unwilling to yield their hearts to God truly. It is possible to stand close to the truth while remaining spiritually lost.

Pontius Pilate teaches us that neutrality is still a decision. Pilate knew in the deepest part of his heart that Jesus was innocent. He even publicly admitted it. Yet instead of standing firmly for truth, he sought to appease the crowd and protect his political future. He literally washed his hands while simultaneously condemning an innocent man. Our generation still struggles with the same temptation. Many people remain silent when courage is required because speaking truth may cost popularity, comfort or advancement. But history consistently proves this reality: avoiding a moral decision is still making one.

Caiaphas may be the least recognizable of the three, but his life offers a valuable lesson. He teaches us that religion without

humility becomes dangerous. Caiaphas was the high priest, the man expected to recognize the Messiah first. He knew the Scriptures. He understood theology. He carried religious authority, but his pride blinded him. Instead of worshiping Jesus, he worked to destroy Him because Christ threatened his control and tradition. It is entirely possible to know religious language while missing the very heart of God. Church attendance, titles and outward appearance cannot substitute for genuine surrender.

All three rulers shared something in common: they tried to preserve their own power.

Herod secured pleasure, Pilate sheltered his position, and Caiaphas safeguarded his traditions.



In the process, they rejected the Son of God, who stood directly in front of them.


Remember this: the story does not end with dead rulers and sealed tombs. Three days after the crucifixion, one specific stone rolled away. It was the stone that had been placed at the tomb of Jesus Christ.

The Roman Empire could not stop it. Religious leaders could not silence it. Death itself could not hold Him. Jesus Christ rose from the grave victorious over sin, hell and death. The resurrection forever separated Him from every other ruler in human history. Kings have lived and died. Presidents will continue to come and go. Empires rise and collapse. Graveyards are filled with powerful names once thought untouchable. There is still only one empty tomb.

That is the wonderful hope of the Gospel.

Christianity is not built upon the memory of a dead teacher but upon the living reality of a risen Savior. Jesus is not merely a historical figure to admire. He is the living King who still changes hearts, forgives sinners, restores families and offers eternal life to anyone who calls upon Him. Herod is dead. Pilate is dead. Caiaphas is dead. But Jesus Christ is alive. And that changes everything.




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# The Gentleman From Connecticut

## Antoni Sadlak

### Pages from the Past



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Some years ago, both political parties in Connecticut were careful to bolster their respective tickets with ethnically balanced tickets. Aside from the old "Yankee" population, there were Jews, Italians and a substantial Polish population to think about. Statewide tickets included someone from every large ethnic group. Nor did either party ignore the idea of tipping their hats to the women's vote, as they almost always nominated a woman to serve as their elected secretary of state.

Antoni N. Sadlak was an industrious and ambitious young man who went to work for Boleslaus J. Monkiewicz, who had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1938 as Connecticut's congressman-at-large. At the time, the Nutmeg State was closely divided and very much a swing state. Congressman Monkiewicz lost reelection in 1940 but came back to beat the Democrat who had ousted him from office in 1942.

Antoni Sadlak served as the "executive secretary" (chief of staff) to Congressman Monkiewicz throughout his time in public office. Monkiewicz was defeated again in 1944 with Franklin Roosevelt at the top of the Democratic ticket.

Like most young men at the time, Sadlak enlisted in the armed forces as America was winning the Second World War. Returning to the United States in 1946, Sadlak got a job in Connecticut's Department of Education as a supervisor of "distributive education." It allowed Sadlak to travel the state, visiting on-the-job training programs to ascertain how well they were working and if they were benefiting the students.

Monkiewicz wanted the GOP nomination to run for congressman-at-large once again in 1946, but encountered determined opposition in the person and campaign of Milton H. Richmond, a former lieutenant colonel in the Army. The nomination was contested in a state convention rather than a primary, and the two candidates deadlocked. GOP state leaders put their collective heads together. Sadlak proved to be acceptable to his former boss, ex-congressman Monkiewicz, as well as the Richman supporters, who conceded that having a Pole on the ticket would be good for the entire Republican ticket. Sadlak's experience in working for Monkiewicz gave him a claim to knowing Washington, D.C., and its ins and outs. The GOP candidate also had the benefit of running as a veteran of the Second World

War, and he touted having served in the Navy. Many of the returning veterans came home and offered themselves as candidates ranging from the courthouse to the United States Senate.

A compact man with a receding hairline and sporting a pencil-thin mustache in a style that was popular in the 1940s and 1950s, Antoni Sadlak was a hail-well-met fellow who never met a stranger. Having served as the chief of staff of a congressman-at-large, Sadlak knew how to run a congressional office as well as his home state of Connecticut. Rarely ever did Sadlak refuse an invitation to speak before the folks back home and he quickly developed a reputation for providing excellent constituent service. After his death, Sadlak was remembered for his willingness to be helpful to constituents.

During the 1946 campaign, his first race for elective office, Sadlak certainly did his part for the GOP ticket, attending dinners, get-togethers and club meetings. Antoni Sadlak spoke at countless luncheons and never missed an opportunity to shake hands with as many people as possible wherever he went. Sadlak was a young man who paid close attention to being well-groomed and nattily, albeit conservatively dressed, always ready to make a good first impression.

A typical engagement was Sadlak's appearance before the Shoestring District Republican Club, which was held at Polly's Inn in Montville. Antoni Sadlak was also a highly sought-after speaker for Polish-American gatherings. The congressman-at-large candidate headlined the gathering for the GOP ticket at the Polish National American Hall in New Haven.

Sadlak knew how to speak before bipartisan groups as well as when to toss red meat into the GOP-friendly audiences. Speaking before a group of 125 Polish-American veterans, Sadlak said it was imperative for them to vote for Republican candidates "if the American way of life is to survive." It is likely difficult for readers today to imagine what life was like in the United States during World War II when many items were rationed, including butter and sugar. New tires were unavailable for cars as rubber was needed for the war effort. There were no new cars to buy as automobile factories had been converted to produce tanks, jeeps and airplanes. One needed a gasoline rationing card to be able to fill up one's own automobile. By 1946,



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Connecticut's Congressman-at-large Antoni Sadlak, circa 1952.

Americans were exhausted from the war and ready to get back to work and the opportunity to have and provide for a family. Carroll Reece, a Tennessee congressman, was the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and supervised a shrewd national campaign to reap votes from Americans tired of bureaucracy, shortages and rationing. The GOP slogan was the blunt, yet highly effective: "Had Enough?"

Antoni Sadlak reiterated the theme while campaigning in the Nutmeg State, telling audiences it was time to drive the bureaucrats and "other political termites" out of the Capitol and Washington. Sadlak said it was time that "the element that would have a few men in high places decide the manner in which a free people shall work and live" give way to a representative government.

One big issue with Polish-Americans was the takeover of Poland by the Soviet Union, which promptly installed a Communist puppet regime. Sadlak always hit that issue hard when speaking before his fellow Polish-Americans, charging the Truman administration with having "let down the Polish people in this country and sold out Poland itself when it recently consented to giving a third of Poland to the Russians."

The Republicans had long been wandering in the political wilderness, but saw a revival in their fortunes in 1946, which proved to be the best election year for the GOP since 1928. Antoni Sadlak was elected over incumbent Joseph F. Ryter in a sweeping victory, polling just over 55% of the vote to the congressman's 41%. Two minor candidates polled the remainder of the ballots cast. Antoni Sadlak was one of 54 newly elected Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Republicans won a majority in both the House and the Senate. In Connecticut,

Governor Raymond Baldwin was elected to the United States Senate, and the GOP swept every statewide office on the ballot.

Off to Washington, D.C., Sadlak immediately put together his office and sought to establish excellent constituent service as he represented every resident of the state, just like the two U.S. senators from the Nutmeg State. The freshman congressman-at-large was assigned to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, which he said would allow him to be of service to every citizen of the state.

Running for reelection in 1948, a year when Republicans expected even greater victories, including putting New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey in the White House over the hapless Harry Truman. Dewey never deviated from mouth-tingling platitudes and stuck to safe topics while campaigning as if he were an incumbent, while Truman fought a hard-hitting campaign and toured the country by train. Truman proved to be a rather shrewd politician and not so hapless after all, upsetting the overconfident Dewey to win a term as president in his own right after having succeeded Franklin D. Roosevelt. In Connecticut, Dewey won a close election, edging out Truman by just over 14,000 votes. Three out of five GOP congressmen from Connecticut lost reelection, while Antoni Sadlak beat his Democratic opponent by just under 4,000 votes.

Congressman-at-large Sadlak won reelection to a third term in 1950 in another close election, although he did manage to increase his margin slightly, winning by 7,427 votes against Democrat Fred Trotta.

Representative Sadlak remained a faithful Republican member of the House and was a critic of the Truman Administration. As 1951 dawned, congressmen all across the country were hearing from housewives who were complaining about the high inflation

the country was experiencing through their letters, telephone calls and whenever they saw their elected representatives.

Sadlak's outgoing personality allowed him to make friends easily, which in the House of Representatives is very helpful. Congressman Sadlak joined Governor Sherman Adams of New Hampshire (later chief of staff to President Dwight Eisenhower) and the Granite State's congressional delegation in urging that a steel mill be sited in New England. Congressman Sadlak sent a telegram to Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington about approving an application for a steel mill. "I urge your immediate approval application of New England steel development corporation for a certificate to do business at New London, Conn. It may be later than we think," the congressman's wire read. The New Hampshire delegation was pushing a site in their own state, naturally, while Sadlak was doing his best for his own state of Connecticut.

Congressman Sadlak's tireless efforts on behalf of his state were rewarded when he sought reelection in 1952. Sadlak proved to run better in many Democratic areas of Connecticut than the nominees for the United States Senate as voters were filling a vacancy due to the death of Senator Brien McMahon. It helped that Dwight D. Eisenhower was atop the GOP ticket and ran extremely well in Connecticut. In the Democratic citadel of Hartford, Eisenhower trailed Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson by a few hundred votes, 7,125 to 7,417. Sadlak ran almost as well, losing Hartford by only 539 votes to his Democratic opponent, with 94% of the eligible voters trooping to the polls at a time when there were no mail-in ballots and no early voting. Sadlak was reelected by more than 111,000 votes

statewide, winning quite nearly 55% of the vote.

For the remainder of his career in the U.S. House of Representatives, Antoni Sadlak remained a supporter of President Eisenhower and his administration. Sadlak went through the peaks and valleys of Eisenhower's popularity with the people of Connecticut. Eisenhower always managed to remain more personally popular with the people than the members of his own political party. Sadlak was hard-pressed by Democrat Joseph P. Lyford in the midterm election of 1954, winning by 18,698 votes statewide. In 1956, with Eisenhower once again at the top of the ballot, Antoni Sadlak won his greatest victory at the polls, winning by more than 250,000 votes out of more than two million cast. The congressman polled more than 61% of the ballots cast.

Politics is the most fickle of all mistresses, and only the foolish forget that the political pendulum always swings in both directions. Midterm elections are rarely kind to the party in power in Washington, D.C., and the congressional races were further complicated by a serious recession in the economy in 1958. Car sales fell by 31% as new housing construction slowed and faltered due to increasing interest rates. The Eisenhower administration had slowed orders from the Department of Defense, while mining, lumber and the textile industries were especially hard hit by the slowing economy. Voters were unhappy, and Republican candidates suffered at the polls accordingly. Antoni Sadlak could not overcome the tidal wave of Democratic votes in his home state of Connecticut that year, losing his seat as congressman-at-large by over 116,000 votes to Frank Kowalski.

Sadlak tried a comeback in 1960 and ran better, but with John F. Kennedy, a native New Englander, heading the Democratic ticket, the former congressman fell short, losing to Kowalski once again. One of Sadlak's greatest disappointments was that his own political party, despite his ability to win statewide in six elections, never considered him for higher office by nominating him for either governor or the United States Senate.

Antoni Sadlak did finally return to elective office, winning an election to become a judge of the probate court in 1966. Sadlak died suddenly of a heart attack on October 18, 1969. He was only 61 years old. Yet for 12 years, Antoni Sadlak had walked the halls of the mighty and done his level best to help the people who sent him to Washington, D.C.

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# How those curious little towns got their names

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Maybe my interest in curious East Tennessee town names is because I'm from a little town with an unusual name. I was born in Jellico, Tennessee, an 1880s coal mining and railroad hub on the Kentucky border. I found that the name comes from the angelica plant that early settlers were said to use as a tea substitute and not from the similarly-named Tellico, which was derived from the Cherokee name for that place.

I've been all over our region, and I'm always curious as to how places got their names. I've written on place names before and continue to discover how or why places were named.

Take Friendsville and Friends Station, for instance, both named for the Quaker Society of Friends, and both settled by those progressive-minded Christians.

Petros is best known for Brushy Mountain Prison, now a tourist attraction and the former home of many murderers, including James Earl Ray, who murdered Dr. Martin Luther King. But the name "Petros" apparently comes from Peter Peroulas, a Greek immigrant who operated a general store in that former coal mining community.

Ten Mile, between

Sweetwater and Spring City, is named for Ten Mile Creek, said to be ten miles long. It was formerly called "Ten Mile Stand," a pioneer term for a roadside tavern or inn.

Vonore was formerly Upton Station, and the name comes from the German word von, meaning of, and ore for the mining that took place there.

Tuckahoe is a name that pops up across the nation and Knox County's community gets its name from the Native American word for the starchy root arrowroot or is also translated as "it is round."

Knox County's Karns community was formerly Beaver Ridge and is named for the first Knox County Schools Superintendent, Thomas Conner Karns.

Niota was the



The Friendsville Church reflects the Quaker settlements in our area and the word "friends" appears in names here and there across the nation.

hometown of Harry T. Burn, the state legislator who changed his mind and voted in favor of women voting. His one vote ratified the law in the state and also the U. S. Constitution amendment. The town's name was originally Mouse Creek or Mossy Creek, and "Niota" was taken from a fictional

Native American Chief in a dime novel, "Nee-o-tah." Ooltewah, just north of Chattanooga, was formerly the county seat of the former James County and may have got its name from the Cherokee word "ultiwa" meaning principal ground or water town. It could also have come from a translation of

"Owls Nest." Chattanooga, by the way, gets its name from the Creek or Cherokee word meaning "rock coming to a point," referring to Lookout Mountain.

Bulls Gap gets its name from an early settler and popular gun maker, John Bull.

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## SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



## Chesney and Bernstein were a 'dynamic duo' too at West

"Kobe & Shaq, Gretzky & Messier, Montana & Rice, Pippen & Jordan, and Stockton & Malone – my personal favorite," said West High Athletic Director Paul Romero. "Throughout sports history, few teams are lucky enough to have a dynamic duo."

**By Steve Williams**

West High's girls lacrosse team was "equally fortunate" during the 2026 season, said Romero.

"Our female Student-Athletes of the Year formed a tandem every bit as unstoppable, controlling the tempo of games, consistently scoring, and creating opportunities for their teammates. They are such exceptional teammates that it's only fitting they receive this honor together."

Millie Chesney tallied 107 goals, 31 assists, 202 ground balls, 63 caused

turnovers, and 203 draw controls to earn TSSAA Top Player honors in Knoxville as well as All-Region and All-State recognition in her junior and senior years. She also led the team in goals for two seasons and ground balls as a junior, plus served as a two-time team captain.

Her sidekick, Margaux Bernstein, racked up 84 goals, 48 assists, 151 ground balls, 89 caused turnovers, 327 draw controls, and an 81% draw win rate, which ranked fourth nationally. Also a two-time

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### It's time to salute!

This school year marks The Focus' 15th annual recognition of our top Student-Athletes.

Five local high schools – Central, Grace Christian, Knoxville Catholic, South-Doyle and West – lead off the first week.

Twenty-five high schools are in our coverage area.

Again local athletic directors start the process of sending in the top student-athletes' success in sports and academics. Coaches and teachers also have a big hand in the process.

This first group of honorees includes a young man who moved here from Egypt and a young woman who ranks fourth in all-time scoring in basketball at Knox County's oldest high school.

We hope you will join us this week in learning about all of the honorees' accomplishments and applauding each one!

**West High named (from left) lacrosse players Margaux Bernstein and Millie Chesney and wrestler Ahmed Shahn its Student-Athletes of the Year for 2026.**

## A look back at Farragut's historical baseball season

**By Ken Lay**

Farragut High School's baseball team just keeps winning, winning and winning, and now, the Admirals have made history on the diamond.

When Farragut endured a long day at the ballpark on Friday, May 22, it won its fifth consecutive state championship, an unprecedented feat.

In a game that took nine hours and a venue change to complete after long rain delays, the Admirals came back to topple Houston, 11-5, in a game that began around lunchtime at Oakland High School and didn't end until nearly nine hours later at nearby Siegel High School in Murfreesboro.

Farragut (36-10) faced an early 5-2 deficit heading into the bottom of the second inning, but took the

lead for good by plating four runs, taking a 6-5 lead by the end of the frame.

The Admirals would salt the game away with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. With the victory, Farragut remains the only school to win a Class 4A state championship as they completed an undefeated run on the Volunteer State's grand stage.

The Admirals had two victories over Collierville and posted wins over Nolensville and the Mustangs. They outscored their opponents, 30-13, in games at the Spring Fling in the Midstate.

While the latest state title extended the Farragut's dynasty, coach Garrett Copeland (who won his second state title as the school's head coach) said a title at the Spring Fling is

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The Farragut High School baseball team celebrates its fifth consecutive Class 4A state championship. The Admirals won the title with an 11-5 victory over Houston on May 22. Photo submitted.

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South-Doyle's Reed Reynolds (above) and Zoey Jacobs (right) are Student-Athletes of the Year.

# Reynolds and Jacobs are South-Doyle's honorees

By Steve Williams

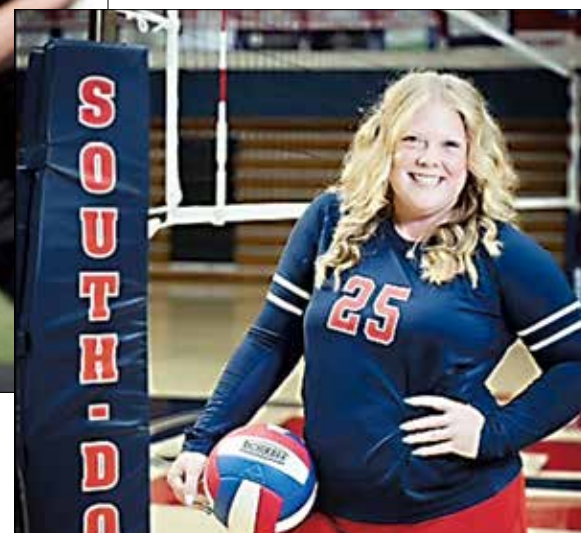
Reed Reynolds was a three-sport athlete for the South-Doyle Cherokees during the 2025-26 school year.

The junior was a wide receiver and defensive back in football and earned All-Region honors. He also played basketball and finished as a state track qualifier in the 200-meter dash and was a member of the 4x100 relay at the TSSAA state meet

that was held at UT's Tom Black track this year.

Zoey Jacobs stood out in volleyball in 2025 and 2026, earning District MVP honors the first year and then making the All-District team and the District All-Tournament team. She also was the Setter of the Year as a senior.

She signed scholarship papers with Bryan College.



## Catholic duo excelled in class and on the field

Seniors Nadalie Bellinghausen and Gavin Jones were Knoxville Catholic's Student-Athletes of the Year.

Nadalie, who had a 3.97 grade point average, signed with Lincoln Memorial University. She was a 4-time All-Region player and All-State this year in lacrosse.

Gavin had a 4.35 GPA and signed to play football at Brown University. He was a two-time All-Region stand-out for the Fighting Irish.



Seniors Gavin Jones and Nadalie Bellinghausen are Knoxville Catholic's Student-Athletes of the Year.



## GCA honorees make noise on state level

Nya Burns excelled in basketball and was named Grace Christian Academy's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Burns led GCA to the Elite 8 in TSSAA Division I-A – the first time in school history on the women's side. Nya has committed and will be attending the University of Alabama Birmingham.

Vitor Robazza, Grace Christian's male honoree, stood out in soccer. He led the Rams in goals scored and helped place the team in the Final 4.

GCA went on to win a second straight state title at the Spring Fling.


Vitor is still undecided where he will be attending college.



Congratulations go to Nya Burns and Vitor Robazza, Grace Christian Academy's Student-Athletes of the Year.



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# In 1998, the run to a national championship started in spring practice

**AUTHOR'S PREFACE:** In my quest to identify Tennessee football's "Best of the Best, By the Numbers," sometimes the best selection

is clear-cut, e.g. linebacker Steve Kiner (1967-69) for No. 57 or Hacksaw Reynolds (1967-69) for No. 64. Other times, you might have to pick a 1 or 1a, as in this case. When I looked at the players who wore No. 27 over the years, the two best were line-backer and captain Aldra Kauwa Wilson (1995-98) and tailback and Heisman runner-up Francis Edward (Hank) Lauricella (1949-51). No other Vol player was even close. Both were All-American selections on national championship teams. Both were acknowledged leaders of their respective teams. Lauricella was a tailback, Wilson a linebacker. Both are members of the College Football Hall of Fame.

For the Tennessee Volunteers, the path to the 1998 national championship was a circuitous one, with a number of stumbling blocks along the way that might have decimated

a lesser team. See for example the Syracuse, Florida, Auburn, Arkansas, Mississippi State, and Florida State games as prime examples. Those games could very easily have gone the other way. The margin of victory was that small.

There were powerful critics poised on the edge of their seats, waiting for the Vols to fold, to prove their time on the national stage was a mirage.

That didn't happen. When the spring game took place on April 18, 1998, fans, media, and coaches alike cited a number of question marks about the team, specifically the number of key players to be replaced. Gone were such notables as Peyton Manning, Marcus Nash, Terry Fair, Jonathan Brown, Trey Teague, Leonard Little, and others.

To be truthful, no one really knew this team was cut from championship cloth. The delightful thing about college football, however, is the constant state of renewal, when previously unknown or inexperienced players step forward to make significant contributions.

Looking back, there are times one player becomes the personification, the face of the entire team. In 1998,

that player, that leader, was Al Wilson, the senior line-backer from Jackson, who literally "willed" the Vols to the national crown.

"When Al Wilson spoke," wrote Marvin West, "he sounded as if he meant business."

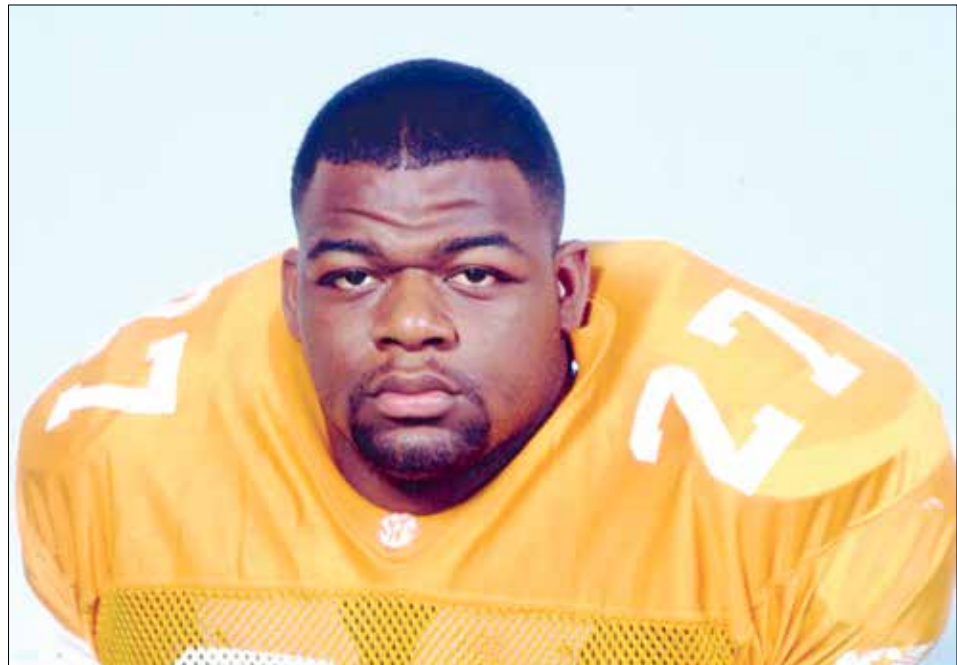
Wilson was a dominating defender (West called him a "fierce hitter with an overflow of intensity"), who had no quit in him. He was the glue, the man who held the team together.

As the season progressed, fans all across Big Orange Country started believing good things were about to happen. You couldn't explain it, but you could feel it. The bigger the hurdle, the more and better the Vols responded.

Wilson's mantra was a simple one: "Stay hungry. My life."

"As one of the team captains that year, I took it on myself to assume the leadership role that had been vacated when Peyton Manning and Leonard Little both graduated," said Wilson. "Nobody knew who would step up and take over. I decided I was going to lead the team to be the best we could be."

The key word was "team." "We weren't separated by offense or defense. It was my job to go out there and lead by example with the hope the team would



The Best No. 27 in Tennessee Football History? The Case for Al Wilson

feed off it. The whole season was a highlight of my life."

What was Al Wilson's influence, his legacy? He expected a great deal from himself first, then a great deal from his teammates. He earned their respect.

Wilson exercised great leadership in the 1997 SEC title game in the locker room at halftime. The Vols trailed Auburn at the half, 21-10. Things did not look good for the Vols until Al took over. After a brief discussion of his disdain for losing, Al "named names" and spared no one in his analysis of the Vols' first

half performance, captains Peyton Manning and Leonard Little included. To say it was "scorched earth" would be an understatement.

Wide receiver Peerless Price said, "It was the greatest of speeches, one never to be forgotten."

When you think about the 1998 team, think of Al Wilson and a team that never gave up, never gave in, despite the obstacles in their path. The team fed off his energy.

You could say that Lauricella was the best offensive player who wore No. 27, with Wilson being

the best defensive player who donned that number. That might be an acceptable compromise.

In 1998, on the road to a national title, it all started in spring practice. It all happened under the leadership of Al Wilson.

No one knows the exact moment a team becomes a team destined for great success. All the little pieces have to fall together in exactly the right way. Sometimes it happens when you least expect it. For Wilson, it was a classic case of the man meeting the moment and the moment meeting the man.

SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

## CHS seniors McAfee and Brewer represented 'Pride and Tradition'



Torin McAfee (above) and Avery Brewer (right) are Student-Athletes of the Year from Central High School.

By Steve Williams

Torin McAfee truly represented what it means to be a complete student-athlete, making him a deserving recipient of the Central High School Male Athlete of the Year Award, said

CHS Athletic Director Ben Collins.

"As a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and track, Torin demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and competitiveness throughout the

school year. Whether competing on Friday nights under the lights, battling on the basketball court, or representing Central in track and field, he consistently brought pride and excellence to the Bobcat

program.

"Beyond his athletic accomplishments, Torin's work ethic, character, and commitment to his teammates have made a lasting impact on Central High School. His ability to excel across multiple sports while representing the 'Pride and Tradition' of Central makes him an outstanding choice for this honor."

Collins also said Avery Brewer equally distinguished herself as an exceptional student-athlete and a true representative of the 'Pride and Tradition' of Lady Bobcat athletics, making her a deserving recipient of the Central High School Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award.

"On the basketball court, Avery leaves behind one of the greatest careers in program history, ranking 4th all-time among Lady Bobcats with over 1,700 career points.

"Her dedication and leadership extended far beyond athletics, as she maintained an outstanding 4.1 grade point average while balancing the demands of academics and competition at the highest level.

"Avery is also known as a servant leader whose character, humility, and willingness to help others have positively impacted her teammates, classmates, and the Central community. Her commitment to excellence in every area embodies what it means to be a Central High School student-athlete."



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Farragut High School's baseball team celebrates its fifth consecutive Class 4A state title after an 11-5 victory over Houston in Murfreesboro.

# A look back at Farragut's historical baseball season

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always the goal.

"Our expectation every year is to win a state championship," Copeland said. "These guys work hard every year, beginning in August. They work hard on the little things and then, they continue to work hard into April and May."

Farragut has constantly had players move on to play college baseball, and a few have even gone on to play

professionally and even in the Major League.

Some of the 2026 squad will obviously take their talents to the next level, but the team isn't littered with the big-time recruits.

"We may not have all the big recruits, but this is a good baseball team," Copeland said. "We were young, but our outfield was all seniors, and we had a senior behind the plate with Jack Harris.

"And Travis Brummitt Jr. is a senior. He was our workhorse on the mound."

Brummitt Jr. is a two-way player who earned the team's state record 15th championship on the mound with a complete-game victory on May 22.

The 2026 Class 4A Mookie Betts Mr. Baseball finalist pitched seven innings, giving up five runs, six hits and four walks. He also had five strikeouts and

threw five scoreless innings after a rocky start.

He also went 1-for-2 at the plate, drawing three walks. He drove in two runs and scored another.

Mason Shelton came up with two hits and four RBIs, while Zain Kuershi-Smith was 1-for-4. He doubled, drove in two runs and scored another. Neyland Williams had two RBIs and three runs scored. Braxton Tye had a single, a run

scored and an RBI.

Farragut won both the District 4-4A regular-season title and tournament championship. The Admirals were the Region 2-4A runners-up before punching their ticket to state, winning a state sectional at Science Hill in Johnson City.

Brummitt Jr. finished the season with a 10-0 record and 70 strikeouts on the mound. He also batted

.411 with five home runs and 56 RBIs.

**State Championship Coaches:** Copeland won his second title. Hall-of-Famer Matt Buckner guided the Admirals to seven state championships. Tommy Pharr (now at Christian Academy of Knoxville) won five and John Heatherly guided the Admirals to their first state title and the baseball field bears his name.



Farragut catcher Jake Harris (33) awaits a pitch in the 2026 Class 4A state championship game. Harris had two hits as the Admirals topped Houston, 11-5, to win their fifth consecutive title in Murfreesboro.

## Chesney and Bernstein were a 'dynamic duo' too at West

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team captain, she earned three All-Region honors, was the Freshman Offensive Player of the Year and led the team in draw controls and shooting percentage. In addition to all of that, she represented Tennessee on the U.S. National Team.

"These two student-athletes have made a major impact on the growth of women's lacrosse at West High School, and their contributions are deeply appreciated," summed up Romero.

### Shahin, male honoree, was 36-2 in wrestling - all pins!

Ahmed Shahin came to West High after competing in Greco-Roman wrestling in his home country of Egypt, where he was a top junior wrestler and ranked 2nd nationally. He quickly adapted as a junior for the West

wrestling program and finished 5th overall in the state, while learning entirely new folkstyle rules in the sport.

Shahin made a remarkable leap as a senior, going 36-2, with both losses coming only to the eventual state champion, and earned a 2nd place finish at the state tournament while defeating multiple state medalists. They were all defeated by pin.

"Across his career, he compiled a 74-7 record with an extraordinary 100 percent fall rate which was, in a single word, dominant," added Romero.

Ahmed set school records as the all-time leader in pins (68) and single-season wins, while consistently leading his team in major statistical categories. He made history at West as the first state finalist, first multiple state medalist, and highest individual place finisher in school history, solidifying one of the most accomplished wrestling careers the program has seen.

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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.

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Honorable Timothy E. Irwin, Judge

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.

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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, Defendants

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 the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and O BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, it is ordered that said defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and O BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, 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 Richard B. Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 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: MARIA DE JESUS GROTH

IN RE: DANIEL JAMES GROTH, Plaintiff vs. MARIA DE JESUS GROTH, Defendant

DOCKET NO. 213039-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion for Service of Publication and the affidavits of the process servers that your whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff so that ordinary process of law cannot be served, you, MARIA DE JESUS GROTH, Defendant, are hereby notified

that you are required to file with the Chancery Court of Knox County at Knoxville, Tennessee, your defense or Answer to the Petition filed against you in said cause. A notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus in Knoxville, TN. Within 30 days of the fourth publication, a true copy of your defense or Answer to the Petition filed against you, MARIA DE JESUS GROTH, Defendant, must be filed in this case and served on Jedidiah C. McKeenan, of McKeenan Law Group, LLC, whose address is 6705 Alubunda Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

In case of your failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 18th day of May, 2026.

Christopher D. Heagerty Chancellor

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD A. ADAMSON, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 92523-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of EDWARD A. ADAMSON, SR., who died February 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 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) above; or

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

This the 14th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF EDWARD A. ADAMSON, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) EDITH J. ADAMSON 271 MOSS GROVE BLVD., APT. 108 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JOEL D. ROETTGER, ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES GARTMAN BALDWIN DOCKET NUMBER 92512-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary with respect to the Estate of JAMES GARTMAN BALDWIN, who died on January 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) above; or

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

This the 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES GARTMAN BALDWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CATHY BALDWIN JOINER 9836 TALLAHASSEE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY 1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN G. BLANKENSHIP, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92499-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN G. BLANKENSHIP, JR., who died Feb. 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN G. BLANKENSHIP, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID L. BLANKENSHIP, EXECUTOR
701 E. EMERALD AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHNNY RAYMOND BOATMAN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 91932-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHNNY RAYMOND BOATMAN, JR., who died July 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 8th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHNNY RAYMOND BOATMAN, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLEN EDWARD WOLFENBARGER, JR.
653 KEENE CIRCLE
DANDRIDGE, TN 37725
BEN T. NORRIS, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 397
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LYNN FRANKLIN DENTON DOCKET NUMBER 92502-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LYNN FRANKLIN DENTON, who died March 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LYNN FRANKLIN DENTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WHITNEY SUZANNE DENTON, EXECUTRIX
504 WOODLAND DRIVE
CLINTON, TN 37716

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JERRY RAY GRASMICK DOCKET NUMBER 92521-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JERRY RAY GRASMICK, deceased, who died April 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 in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (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 this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 14th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JERRY RAY GRASMICK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM MICHAEL BOLTON
5829 BRIERCLIFF ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ERNEST MARVIN BOWLES, II
311 LEXINGTON LANE
CLINTON, TN 37716

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY
125 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID HOWARD, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92475-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary with respect of the Estate of JAMES DAVID HOWARD, JR., who died on July 27, 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) above; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.
This the 18th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID HOWARD, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN SEIBER MONKUS
8827 CEDAR SPRINGS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

WILLIAM R. RAY, ATTORNEY
1356 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HUTTON DOCKET NUMBER 92486-1

Notice is hereby given that on MAY 15, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN HUTTON, who died November 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HUTTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ASHLEY SWAGGERTY, ADMINISTRATOR
1228 MORRELL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

TERESA M. KLENK, ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BURL DOUGLAS JETT DOCKET NUMBER 92496-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BURL DOUGLAS JETT, who died Feb. 17, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BURL DOUGLAS JETT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA J. HIPSHIRE, ADMINISTRATRIX
2128 WOODROW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MATTHEW ANDREW LANDRY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92525-1

Notice is hereby given that on MAY 15, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MATTHEW ANDREW LANDRY, JR., 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)(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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MATTHEW ANDREW LANDRY, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA LEWIS, EXECUTOR
5324 TURTLE POINT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

TERESA M. KLENK, ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BOBBY LEE LOWE DOCKET NUMBER 92489-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BOBBY LEE LOWE, who died March 18, 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 13th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BOBBY LEE LOWE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN PHILLIPS
241 BLACKSFERRY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

BRENDA HAMMOND
6629 CATE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PATRICK STEPHEN MARTIN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92490-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICK STEPHEN MARTIN, JR., who died December 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 13 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICK STEPHEN MARTIN, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA A. MARTIN
6712 SHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF EARNIE LEE MCGILL DOCKET NUMBER 92229-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of EARNIE LEE MCGILL, who died on December 4, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 8th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF EARNIE LEE MCGILL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY CORD MCGILL
1007 BROWN MOUNTAIN LOOP
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 870
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JESSE BRUCE MITCHELL DOCKET NUMBER 92516-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JESSE BRUCE MITCHELL, who died on March 1, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 14th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JESSE BRUCE MITCHELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSE CHADWICK MITCHELL
9222 PEDIGO ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY
SARAH LOWN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 870
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BONITA AGNES MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92110-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BONITA AGNES MOORE, who died Aug. 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)(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 18 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BONITA AGNES MOORE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TABATHA KNIGHT, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
627 ISLAND FORD ROAD
ROCKY TOP, TN 37769

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

NEVA FOUST, ATTORNEY
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PAULA DIANN JOHNSON MORRIS DOCKET NUMBER 92507-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or Letters of Administration, as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PAULA DIANN JOHNSON MORRIS, who died on April 19, 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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PAULA DIANN JOHNSON MORRIS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA DIANN MORRIS BYRD
2735 DAFFODIL LANE
MASCOT, TN 37806

JOHN M. NEAL, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 51930
KNOXVILLE, TN 37950

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DONNA H. PHILLIPS DOCKET NUMBER 92460-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA H. PHILLIPS, who died March 23, 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 13th day of May, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONNA H. PHILLIPS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA MILES
7761 CRANLEY RD.
POWELL, TN 37849

JACKSON M. FENNER, ATTORNEY
810 CLINCH AVE., FLOOR 5
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PAUL TIMOTHY PIERSON DOCKET NUMBER 92479-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL TIMOTHY PIERSON, who died February 2, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PAUL TIMOTHY PIERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHANNON VIERLING
9604 COTESWORTH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF KENNETH FRANK ROMINES DOCKET NUMBER 92511-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH FRANK ROMINES, who died November 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF KENNETH FRANK ROMINES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KENNETH MARVIN ROMINES
1380 AVONDALE HOLLOW RD.
RUTLEDGE, TN 37861

DUSTIN LANDRY, ATTORNEY
859 EBENEZER RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CRAIG LAWRENCE TOWNSEND DOCKET NUMBER 92506-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of CRAIG LAWRENCE TOWNSEND, deceased, who died on April 7, 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)(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 this 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 15 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CRAIG LAWRENCE TOWNSEND
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND
7413 WESTRIDGE DR., UNIT #1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GREGORY ALAN WRIGHT DOCKET NUMBER 92485-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GREGORY ALAN WRIGHT, who died April 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)(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 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 13th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF GREGORY ALAN WRIGHT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTIE L. WRIGHT
4201 GENNY LYNN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

EVAN M. NEWMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 6
RUTLEDGE, TN 37861

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DONALD EUGENE ALLEMAN DOCKET NUMBER 92494-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD EUGENE ALLEMAN, who died March 9, 2026, were issued to the

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN BURNETTE DOCKET NUMBER 92445-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH BENJAMIN BURNETTE, who died on March 30, 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 22 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN BURNETTE  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 THOMAS BURNETTE  
 5412 SPRINGPLACE CIRCLE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SYLVIA H. GORDON DOCKET NUMBER 92453-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SYLVIA H. GORDON, who died March 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 20th day of May, 2026.

ESTATE OF SYLVIA H. GORDON  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 GREGORY A. GORDON  
 2217 ONION CREEK PARKWAY, #116  
 AUSTIN, TX 78747

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PATRICIA BRIGHT HARRS DOCKET NUMBER 92551-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of PATRICIA BRIGHT HARRS, who died March 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 26th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA BRIGHT HARRS  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 PRISCILLA ANN BRIGHT  
 12047 WOODHOLLOW LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LARRY LATEN JONES DOCKET NUMBER 92527-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LARRY LATEN JONES, who died Feb. 9, 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 22 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LARRY LATEN JONES  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 TRACY NICOLE JONES, EXECUTRIX  
 4125 WOODLAWN PIKE, APT. D-12  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES KENT KENNARD DOCKET NUMBER 92542-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of CHARLES KENT KENNARD, who died on April 25, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 21 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES KENT KENNARD  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 KEVIN HUXLEY KENNARD  
 5115 JONE ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KEVIN N. PERKEY  
 900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9th FLOOR  
 P. O. BOX 900  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF RICHARD KRUKIEWICZ DOCKET NUMBER 92426-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD KRUKIEWICZ, who died Feb. 8, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 21st day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICHARD KRUKIEWICZ  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 CASEY MARIE CHUKWU  
 112 CHATTERSON DR.  
 RALEIGH, NC 27615

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY  
 200 PROSPERITY DR., STE. 136  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF PATRICIA PRATT LYLE DOCKET NUMBER 92541-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of PATRICIA PRATT LYLE, who died on April 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of 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 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 21st day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA PRATT LYLE  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 ELISABETH LYLE SCOTT  
 10805 TOPVIEW LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY  
 P. O. BOX 870  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER MARCUM DOCKET NUMBER 92554-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES ALEXANDER MARCUM, who died April 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)(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 22 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES ALEXANDER MARCUM  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 MICHAEL DAVID MARCUM  
 601 CENTEROAK DRIVE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JULIE MATTHEWS-HOLBERG DOCKET NUMBER 92540-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JULIE MATTHEWS-HOLBERG, who died on March 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 21 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JULIE MATTHEWS-HOLBERG  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 KARSTEN HOLBERG  
 1414 RUDDER LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CRAIG ANDREW HUGHES  
 9817 GIVERNY CIRCLE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DONALD R. MINK DOCKET NUMBER 92532-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONALD R. MINK, who died March 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 22 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONALD R. MINK  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 VICKIE T. MINK, EXECUTRIX  
 4508 FANNIE LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JEFFREY LYNN PARKER DOCKET NUMBER 92535-3

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 20th day of May, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEFFREY LYNN PARKER  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 ALLISON MICHELE GRAHAM  
 4508 MARSHALL DRIVE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CAROL A. PROAPS DOCKET NUMBER 92518-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL A. PROAPS, who died April 24, 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 26 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CAROL A. PROAPS  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 RANDY AND JENNY HOWARD  
 920 JOHANN CIRCLE  
 ANCHORAGE, AK 99515

WAYNE R. KRAMER, ATTORNEY  
 P. O. BOX 629  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARY ANN SCARBROUGH DOCKET NUMBER 92442-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN SCARBROUGH, who died March 11, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 22 day of May, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN SCARBROUGH  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 MARY WHITE, EXECUTRIX  
 732 VERMONT AVENUE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SMITH-MANIS DOCKET NUMBER 92509-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ANN SMITH-MANIS, who died April 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division, Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SMITH-MANIS  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 JOSEPH ALLEN KING  
 220 SANDRINGHAM CT.  
 FARRAGUT, TN 37934

KIMBERLY SEALS, ATTORNEY  
 110 COGDILL ROAD  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF STEVEN TROY STANFORD DOCKET NUMBER 92544-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of MAY, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVEN TROY STANFORD, who died on the 5th day of May, 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 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 21st day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF STEVEN TROY STANFORD  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 DAVID M. STANFORD  
 7200 WILLOW PARK LANE  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HAZEL MARIE THOMPSON DOCKET NUMBER 92534-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAZEL MARIE THOMPSON, who died on March 24, 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 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 21 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF HAZEL MARIE THOMPSON  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HARVEY L. WILLIAMS, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92504-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HARVEY L. WILLIAMS, JR., who died April 11, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County 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 (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 27th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF HARVEY L. WILLIAMS, JR.  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SARAH PATRICIA ZINGG DOCKET NUMBER 92480-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of SARAH PATRICIA ZINGG, who died 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 the first publication (or posting); or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 21st day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF SARAH PATRICIA ZINGG  
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
 DERRICK STEPHEN ZINGG  
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