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Screen time, age-appropriate books focus of BOE meeting

By Pete Gawda

Limiting student use of computers and age-appropriate books were hot topics at the Thursday, June 4, meeting of the Knox County Board of Education, attracting a lot of attention from board members as well as interested citizens.

A law enacted this year by the General Assembly requires each school system to adopt a policy governing the use of digital devices for students in grades K-5 with the intent of minimizing unnecessary screen time.

To aid in the implementation of this law, Katherine Bike offered a resolution to form a committee to make recommendations to the board regarding "safe, healthy and effective use of technology in the classroom." Her idea was for the committee to start work before the start of the next school year.

"We didn't get here overnight," was the opinion of Kristi Kristy. "I don't think there will be a quick fix. It's going to be a challenge."

"I appreciate this resolution because it gives the board a selective voice,' said Ann Templeton.

"I believe a resolution is important because it is a commitment to what we want to happen," was the opinion of Patricia Fontenot-Ridley.

Several speakers from the audience spoke in favor of limiting computer access for students and recording students' screen time. One parent called on the board to evaluate and justify all

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Another successful Tax Sale is in the books

By Ken Lay

Knox County held its annual tax sale early last week.

The final numbers weren't in by press time, but Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs couldn't have been happier.

"The thing that's the most exciting to me is that we've got these properties back on the tax rolls in Knox County," Biggs said after Tax Sale 25 brought in record numbers. "We thought Tax Sale 24 was good, but this one is even better.

"It's gotten better every year. Some of these properties have been delinquent for seven or eight years, and some of it, nobody has claimed. On some of it, you have heirs, and that's unfortunate."

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> - Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs

The tax sale is a last resort for Knox County to recover delinquent taxes.

"Tax sales are an important part of the delinquent tax collection process to help return properties to productive use while ensuring fairness to taxpayers," Biggs said.

Biggs and Knox County Clerk and Master Scott Griswold rotated as auctioneers at the auction, which was held Tuesday at the Knoxville Expo Center's Grande Event Center. Together the duo combined to sell close to 200

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Salute to Student-Athletes

PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS

Mikel Van Pelt is one of Gibbs High School's Student-Athletes of the Year. To see this week's batch of student-athletes from Carter, Farragut, Fulton, Gibbs and Powell high schools, please turn to this week's Sports and Recreation, Section C.

PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knox 911 Director Brad Anders (right) chats with attorney Donald Howell as Knoxville Police Chief Paul Noel checks his laptop. The Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management District Board voted Tuesday to pass along several recommendations, including a 3.3% cost-of-living wage increase for its 130 employees.

Knox 911 board votes on cost-of-living pay increase

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The Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management District Board of Directors met Tuesday and voted to make several recommendations on the agency's 2027 budget.

Knox 911 Director Brad Anders told the members the agency lost an extra $1 million when Governor Bill Lee vetoed legislation to help out emergency groups. That led to the group requesting its finance committee approve hiring a Nashville lobbyist firm to represent them in future state relations for $75,000 next year.

The board also voted to recommend a three-step pay increase of about 3.3% for employees, plus a performance bonus. Finance Director Kim White explained the cost-of-living pay increases. She will be retiring this year after 33 years of service, and the board voted to split the duties of that office into two roles: a finance director and a new administrative coordinator position.

Anders said that he may suggest creating a human resources director position later on to help with the 130 employees.

The board also voted to create a bridge retirement program for those employed for 30 years and who are at least 55 years old. The retiring employees would get help from the agency of about 33% with their medical insurance until they are eligible to draw Social Security.

CareCuts new location being appealed

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The CareCuts location at 5200 Clinton Highway, in a former bank building, is being appealed by attorney David Hamilton, who is representing local opponents of the homeless care center. The appeal seeks to overturn the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision that CareCuts has a "religious land use" exemption from a Special Use permit.

The appeal is before the Knoxville City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The council will also take the time to honor Knoxville Community Media for its 50 years of service to free speech and expression and its service to the local governments by covering various meetings and functions.

Several citizens will be confirmed for membership on various committees and boards: Cynthia Deitle and Saadia Williams to the Police Advisory and Review Committee; Lisa Sorensen, Megan Hatcher Rhodes and Taylor Thompson to the Design Review Board; Markus Chady, Caryn Hawthorne and Allison Page to the Airport Authority; Jonathan

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North Stars

Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

John Adams 1798

How do you know what's right? But the question presupposes that there is such a thing as right or some standard to which we compare or measure ourselves. If there is no standard, then everything is relative.

Purportedly, the smartest man who ever lived wrote in Ecclesiastes that there is "nothing new under the sun." He was wrong because in 1905, Einstein postulated his theories of relativity, where the speed of light is the universal standard. And then in the 1920s, the theories of quantum mechanics were shown to undergird the entire universe, even light. These two concepts were revolutionary and "new under the sun."

Leaving physics aside, I've been considering whether there are standards in the affairs of humankind. I believe there are but two sexes, at least on this planet. I don't believe there are eight billion standards of right thought and action. But then I believe the "me too" movement and "my truth" were frauds.

The universe is vast, wondrous and mysterious. Einstein's theories of relativity have been proven and beautifully describe the vastness of the cosmos. Likewise, quantum theories have been proven and show the utterly mysterious subatomic realm. These concepts of physics fascinate me, but they are impractical in the function of daily living. So, the Creator gave us a practical standard for living. I believe the Bible is the North Star for navigating our ship on the ocean of life.

I have read the Bible several times and attend a weekly Bible study. While I believe all scripture is useful for teaching (2 Timothy 3:16), I am not fundamentalist in Biblical interpretation, but I am evangelical. I believe scripture should be read, considered, sifted through our conscience and applied in daily life.

In 1521, the priest Martin Luther was on trial for his life. Having discovered problems in biblical translations and issues within the bureaucracy of the church, he had recommended reforms. However, his opinions put him at odds with the Church hierarchy, which demanded that he recant or face excommunication and execution. His famous defense should be read in its entirety, but the conclusion is a profound statement of conscience:

"I cannot submit my faith either to the pope or to the council, because it is clear that they have fallen into error and even into inconsistency with themselves. If, then, I am not convinced by proof from Holy Scripture, or by cogent reasons, if I am not satisfied by the very text I have cited, and if my judgment is not in this way brought into subjection to God's word, I neither can nor will retract anything; for it cannot be either safe or honest for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

The Latin term Sola Scriptura is associated with Luther. It is translated as "only scripture" as the instructional guide for living. Apparently, Luther felt that scripture should be contextualized in a person's life through reason and conscience. His resistance to Church dogma led to the Reformation, where Protestants left the Catholic (universal) Church.

I more readily identify with the concept of Prima Scriptura, where scripture is foremost, but interpretation is necessary. Perhaps because I was once a Methodist, I admire the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. In the 1700s, Wesley described what is now known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. I use the acronym STER to remember Wesley's emphasis on scripture first, but interpreted in the context of tradition, experience and reason. Like Luther and Wesley, the Bible remains my North Star.

The Founders of our country were men of diverse faith. Even those who were atheists or non-committal lived in a world of spiritual reality. The Declaration of Independence was the acme of 18th-century Enlightenment thought. But of greatest importance was the notion that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness." Those brave men signed their names to the document which would change the world, pledging their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor." Benjamin Franklin said, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

John Adams and the Founders understood that the ultimate arbiter of morality is God's law rather than man's law. It is against the law to steal or give false testimony, but more importantly, stealing and lying are violations of God's Commandments. You may be punished for breaking man's law, but Martin Luther refused to compromise God's Law.

James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay were the primary authors of our Constitution, which was shaped by the other 52 delegates at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. In fact, the three principals published a series of essays known as the Federalist Papers to explain the Constitution to citizens and gain support for the new framework of government, which was ratified (adopted) in 1788.

It is interesting that God is not mentioned in the Constitution. Perhaps the Founders were focused on creating a secular government allowing diversity of beliefs. It may be apocryphal, but when Alexander Hamilton was asked why God is not mentioned in the Constitution, he is said to have quipped, "We forgot."

Next month is the 250th anniversary of our country, and I maintain that we have two North Stars. The Constitution is a secular document of man's laws, which does not establish a religion, but is built on God's precepts. And we have the Bible, the story of God's creation and interaction with mankind and provides a framework for morality, successful living and salvation. We are doubly blessed.

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technology. Another speaker expressed concern about eye strain in children caused by excessive screen time and the advertisements that young children would be exposed to on YouTube.

However, Superintendent Jon Rysewyk disagreed with the need for the resolution. "We are 100 percent committed to it," he said of researching student use of computers. He went on to say that since the staff is off for the summer, major changes should not be made until school starts.

In a split vote, the board defeated the resolution. With the nine-member board, it would take five votes for an item to pass. Bike, Templeton, Fontenot-Ridley and Betsy Henderson voted yes. Steve Triplett, Lauren Morgan and Kristy Kristi voted no, while Travis Wright and John Butler passed.

Turning to age-appropriate books, the General Assembly recently amended the Age-Appropriate Materials Act. Templeton offered a resolution urging the General Assembly to restore to the law the requirement that all books be evaluated as a complete work. Any objectionable content in a book would be evaluated against the entire book's "historical significance, literary merit, educational purpose, religious significance and overall effect." The resolution also urged that the period of time that a local school system has to evaluate a questionable book be changed from 60 to 90 days. In addition, it urged that school districts be allowed to evaluate books by developmental level.

Templeton said this was an attempt to get the General Assembly to take another look at the law and "make it better."

The resolution passed with Triplett, Morgan, Wright and Henderson voting no.

Bike then made a motion that did not pass, requesting that all 123 books currently banned from school libraries be reinstated and reevaluated again when the board adopts a new policy in compliance with recent revisions of the law. She was the only board member voting yes with Butler, Templeton and Fontenot-Ridley passing.

Recent discussion of revisions to the Age-Appropriate Materials Act sparked interest in the legality of the book "Roots" being on school library shelves. Superintendent Rysewyk said he had consulted several lawyers and found that there were differences of opinion on the subject. Therefore, he decided to "err on the side of access" and allow the book to remain in libraries.

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Several large subdivisions before commission for zone approval

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Knox County's growing population puts Knoxville-Knox County Planning and the Knox County Commission in a quandary as the need for housing accelerates and the amount of open land is decreasing.

The commission sits as the final authority, except for court cases, in county zoning decisions. Planning makes the initial recommendations, and the commissioners agree or disagree.

Next week, the commission will meet for a 5 p.m. session on zoning. Homestead Land Holdings LLC is asking to build 12 dwelling units per acre at 8934 Pleasant Hill Road. The request, approved by a 12 to 1 vote in the planning commission, comes with several stipulations, including access via Kitts Road, a sight distance and speed study and an agreement to make improvements on that road.

Taylor D. Forrester is asking for approval of a 5 units per acre planned residential development at 2131 East Governor John Sevier Highway.

Wesley Gibson Construction is asking for a planned residential zoning for 2.3 dwellings per acre at Zero Tipton Station Road.

CMH Homes Inc. is seeking approval for 3.7 dwellings per acre in a planned residential zoning for 20.56 acres located south of Tipton Station Road and east of Martin Mill Pike.

MP Development Group LLC wants a planned residential development on Zero Bishop Road for 4.5 dwelling units per acre.

S&E Properties is seeking up to 5 units per acre for 48.24 acres at 9857 George Williams Road and 307 Triplett Lane.

The meeting's agenda also has requests for rezoning to create a shopping center on four lots on Heiskell and Emory, a commercial center on Westland, a business park on Crosslane Road, an office designation for Brickyard Road, and a rural crossroads commercial zoning on Rutledge Pike.

Courtney Stevens is appealing the planning administration's refusal to grant a Technology Overlay at 10780 Hardin Valley Road.

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Brent Gibson Won The Primary, It's Time To Move On To The General Election

The complaint of Michael Davis, one of four candidates in the recent GOP primary for Knox County Sheriff, will be heard this Wednesday by the Tennessee Republican Party Executive Committee. The sum of Davis's complaint is that two of the four candidates were indicted following the primary election. Davis contends that had people known of the impending indictments, they might have voted otherwise. Davis ran a distant third with approximately 14% of the vote. The winner of the Republican primary was Brent Gibson, who won 44% of the vote, outdistancing all of his opponents.

There are any number of complaints that an unsuccessful candidate can make after an election, contending that voters might have voted this way or that way had they been aware of one thing or another. The indictments for the two candidates came after the election. Neither came close to winning the primary. To overturn the results of an election and the decision reached by the sovereign voters is a very serious thing and should only occur in very rare circumstances. There have been examples of even a dead man winning an election, like in 2000 when the late Governor of Missouri Mel Carnahan beat Senator John Ashcroft - yet there was no "do over." Voters went to the polls and voted knowing Carnahan was dead. Carnahan's widow was appointed to the seat, and voters voted her out in a special election two years later.

Brent Gibson came pretty close to winning an outright majority in the primary. It seems highly doubtful that either of the indicted candidates ran thinking they would be indicted.

To overturn the results of a legitimate primary election to run another race in this instance is pure foolishness. There is no need for it. Brent Gibson won the Republican primary and is the standard-bearer for the Republican Party in the coming general election. It is time to move beyond any wounds inflicted by the primary and win the general election.

Teachers Unions And Test Scores

Randi Weingarten, the president-for-life of the American Federation of Teachers, has just issued a "call to arms." Evidently, Weingarten has concerned herself with the decade-long slide of test scores among students. Of course, Weingarten has already identified the culprit: devices and screens.

Most Americans can remember Randi Weingarten as having fought fiercely to keep our schools closed for the better part of two years during the beginning and aftermath of the Covid scare. When the Trump administration urged that schools be reopened in July 2020, Weingarten screamed it was "reckless" as well as "cruel." There were those here who accused our county commissioners of having murdered people when they removed the board of health from dictating every policy as it prepared to cross county lines to admonish those wicked Blount Countians. Some of those same people applauded the most vocal and hysterical amongst them, who carelessly maligned good public officials who didn't follow the progressive/Marxist line. They applauded censorship, demanded the public humiliation and firing of those who asked questions, and insisted anything save for the official government line during the Biden years was a "conspiracy theory." My, how things change, and every aspect of what they insisted was their orthodoxy and dogma has been proven to be ridiculous and, in many cases, harmful. The closure of our schools has been particularly harmful to children through both isolation and test scores. Many students suffered from increasing anxiety as well as serious bouts of depression during the school closures. It also had serious consequences in affecting their social development. Experts warn us that those issues will likely remain with us for a generation.

Internal emails from an investigation by the US House of Representatives proved the American Federation of Teachers had access to a draft involving the Centers for Disease Control before it was finalized and released to the American people. Statistics later proved that the stronger the teacher union was in a jurisdiction, the more likely the local school system was to remain closed. Instead, students faced the screens that Randi Weingarten has named as one of the chief culprits of the downslide in student test scores.

The National Education Association has poured more than $50 million into campaigns through its recent financial disclosures. State and local governments have poured money into our school systems with far fewer good results, as many of the problems faced by students cannot be solved by dollars alone. And we have spent more on diversity, equity and silly policies than we have in teaching the basics. We have met the enemy and he is us.

Jill Biden's New Book An Exercise In Gaslighting

Gaslighting has become part and parcel of the bag of tricks employed by Leftists every day of the week. Jill Biden has a new book coming out, and she is making the rounds, and she has turned the gas on full blast. During the disastrous live debate with Donald Trump and Joe Biden, the First Lady said her husband's behavior, which she had not seen before or since, caused her to worry he was having a stroke. Did she order Biden taken to a hospital to be examined? No, instead, she took him to a Waffle House where she praised him for answering all the questions and said he did a great job. Dr. Jill has offered an explanation that a good wife must try and support her husband, hence her saying he answered all the questions and praising him for having done a great job. In the next breath, Mrs. Biden says doctors had checked out the oldest man who has ever served as our president and pronounced him fit to run for and serve another four years at age 82. Yet those doctors, who declared Old Joe was fit enough to run and serve another four years, missed the fact that Biden had stage 4 prostate cancer.

Jill was as surprised as Jake Tapper, who tried gaslighting what everyone could see for themselves and later wrote his own book about the cover-up he participated in. Is anybody else surprised? Not a bit.

Commission's public budget session draws questions

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Last week's Knox County Commission's public forum about the 2026-27 budget proposal drew only one speaker from the public. Two commissioners had several questions on the $1.1 billion proposal from Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who is in his final year in office.

Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell, Knox County Schools Chief Finance Officer Ron McPherson and Engineering and Public Works Director Jim Snowden fielded most of the questions at the forum last week, which came from District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell, a certified public accountant and appraiser, and District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox, an attorney.

The lone public speaker was Chris Treadwell, who questioned the county's contributions to nonprofit organizations and said the funds should be spent on repairs and upkeep to county roads. Russell asked Snowden about how many miles are paved each year. Snowden said "about 45," but added that number should be doubled as the cost of paving is up seven percent. She said the number of miles paved each year should be 75 to 80.

Russell asked Caldwell about why the budget's allocation to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service shows an increase. Caldwell said the county, city, state and hospitals have contributed to the Mental Health Short Term Inpatient Center over the past three years, and the county is "picking up the slack."

She also quizzed him about the Parks and Recreation funding being up about $180,000 for the new year, and he replied that most of the increase covers the 3% salary increases and benefits

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs presides over the county's annual tax sale at the Grand Event Center. The sale likely netted record numbers on Tuesday.

Another successful Tax Sale

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delinquent parcels on a day where bidding got fast and furious at times as people with deep pockets placed bids on delinquent properties.

"When Scott and I rotated, that helped a lot," Biggs said.

The event, which is held annually to collect outstanding tax debt, has gotten bigger every year, and Biggs noted that the county has revolutionized tax auctions.

"Our tax sale in Knox County has set the standards for tax sales in Tennessee," he said.

Biggs said the final numbers from the event will be available this week.

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County commission asked to move funds to the Bridge to Safety Program

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When the Knox County Commission meets in two weeks in full session, one of the items on the agenda is a resolution from Chairwoman Gina Oster to approve moving money from the Sheriff's Victims Assistance Fund to the new Bridge to Safety Program.

Those funds were formerly allotted to the Family Justice Center, but the sheriff, attorney general, and Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond pulled out of the program that deals with domestic violence issues. Hammond withheld his funding and announced the new Bridge to Safety program last October.

The funding resolution may be discussed next week during the Knox County Commission's June 15 agenda review session.

The long agenda of about 66 items also includes a memorandum of understanding that would limit data centers inside the county and a resolution proposing merit system board changes. This resolution, from At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier, would open the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Rules and Regulations to permit a person to serve on that board five years after leaving the department, instead of the current 10-year period, and remove a prohibition against members who are related to employees of the Knoxville Police Department. The resolution is on the agenda for its second and final reading. It had been deferred from September.

Withdrawn from the agenda is a discussion of "March Madness" by District 7 Commissioner Andy Fox.

On the agenda is also a resolution honoring the U.S. Constitution from Commissioners Courtney Durrett, Damon Rawls, Angela Russell, Rhonda Lee and Fox.

Four people will be appointed to the Library Advisory Board this month by commission, as well as a member to the Board of Construction Appeals and four to the Industrial Development Board.

A $2 million grant from the federal government for housing is also on the agenda, along with a Homeland Security pass-through grant to purchase equipment and training for first responders in Knox and the 15 surrounding counties. Additional funding may also go to the Community Action Committee and Community Mediation Center from the federal American Rescue Plan.

Six agreements may be approved for various funding of local groups, including Catholic Charities, CAC's Homeward Bound Program, UT's Homeless Management Information System and the Volunteer Ministry Center.

Many of the agenda items will be lumped into a single motion to approve with one vote. Each commissioner may pull an item from that "consent list" for discussion.

CareCuts new location being appealed

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Fortner to the Golf Course Advisory Board; and Gloria Deathridge on the Public Property Naming Committee.

The law department is asking the council to approve a contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott LLP to provide collections of outstanding fines and fees for the city municipal court. True Grip and Lighting Inc. may be hired for staging, lighting and production equipment for the city's Festival on the Fourth celebration with a two-year option.

An award of $75,000 may be approved for the restoration and reuse of 825 North Central Street. The Knoxville Zoological Gardens Inc. may be approved to lease 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive to manage and operate the zoo for five years.

The council may discuss and vote on changes to its Rules of Procedure in a request from council members Denzel Grant, Karyn Adams and Debbie Helsley.

Commission's public budget session draws questions

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for employees.

Fox asked McPherson about state funding for schools, and the answer was that about $325 million was allocated last year, with $341.6 million estimated for 2027. Fox commented that student enrollment is down, so why the increase, and McPherson said the amount received is based on daily attendance, and the increase "is one of the lower (ones) we've seen in some time."

Fox also asked about the $300,000 budgeted for warming center funding. Caldwell said not all of the amount is for warming centers and some of the funding is for support of services at the bridge at Broadway. Asked about justifying the increase, Caldwell said there is an increase in homeless people, and the city is adding $500,000 in its budget.

Fox also asked about more funding for the county's convenience centers, and Caldwell said the cost of hauling debris off from the centers has doubled. He said the county needs a transfer station and to look at possibly prohibiting contractors from dumping building waste at the centers.

Russell asked about record management, and Caldwell said the county is in the process of digitizing the "tons of paper records."

She also asked about the Hotel-Motel Tax funds being used to promote tourism, and Caldwell said some of the Parks and Recreation Department's projects are tourism-related. She also asked him about $82 million being noted for school projects, and Caldwell said there are major school construction projects in Mechanicsville, Lonsdale and Beaumont.

Fourth District's Shane Jackson and District One's Damon Rawls had a couple of questions in between questions from Fox and Russell. Caldwell was asked about coming bond repayments by 2035 and replied that the county will "design a five-year plan to get us to 2034." He said that constant growth in population and the property taxes generated will help.

"I don't see it as the worst scenario," he said, adding the county currently has $93.8 million in unassigned funds. "Our revenue shortfall isn't that great."

Another public forum on the Knox County Budget is set for Monday, June 15, at 3 p.m., when the commission meets for its June agenda review. After the public forum, the commission will look at setting the unchanged real estate tax rate for 2027.

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Independence Day Anvil Shoot Celebration expanded for America's 250th Anniversary

The Museum of Appalachia will celebrate America's 250th anniversary with an expanded two-day Independence Day Anvil Shoot Celebration on July 3 and 4, 2026. Thanks to a grant from the Tennessee State Museum, this marks the first time in the event's nearly 30-year history that the celebration will span two full days, featuring Revolutionary War living history programming, historical interpretation, and traditional Appalachian demonstrations alongside the museum's longtime anvil shoot tradition.

At the center of the celebration is the museum's signature anvil shoot, a rare frontier tradition in which an anvil is launched high into the sky using gunpowder. Once used by pioneers to celebrate holidays, elections, military victories and other major occasions, anvil shooting has become one of the Museum's most anticipated annual traditions.

Anvil shoots are scheduled for 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. each day.

The expanded celebration will feature a

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Museum of Appalachia's signature anvil shoot, a rare frontier tradition in which a 200-pound anvil is launched hundreds of feet into the air using gunpowder, will be the center of this year's two-day Independence Day Anvil Shoot Celebration on July 3 and 4, 2026. Several anvil shoots will take place throughout both days.

Next Farragut Museum History Hour is June 23

The Farragut Museum's History Hour continues on Tuesday, June 23 at 11 a.m. at Farragut Town Hall. Featured speaker Tim Holder, author, radio host and history professor, will discuss the nation's first six presidents.

"As part of our 250th celebration of America, the Farragut Museum is pleased to welcome Tim Holder to present on some of our founding fathers and their presidencies. It is sure to be educational and engaging," said Kristi Vining, historic resources coordinator for the Town of Farragut.

The event is free, and the Farragut Museum is open for tours after the lecture.

Light refreshments will be available.

Bring Your Glass

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts Community Recycling Event in the Old City

Keep Knoxville Beautiful, in partnership with Corona, is inviting the community to bring their glass recyclables to a special glass recycling and litter cleanup event on Wednesday, June 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Knoxville's Old City.

The free, drop-in event will be held at Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria and offers residents an easy opportunity to recycle clean glass bottles and jars while supporting a cleaner Knoxville.

Community members are encouraged to bring glass recyclables from home and learn more about local recycling opportunities.

While Knoxville residents can recycle glass year-round at the City's recycling centers, operated by Keep Knoxville Beautiful, this event offers a unique opportunity to bring glass recycling back to the Old City, where a former recycling drop-off center once served the neighborhood before making way for stadium development.

In addition to the glass collection, volunteers can participate in an optional litter cleanup of nearby Old City streets and public spaces. Cleanup supplies will be provided, and participants are welcome to stop by at any point during the event.

"Glass is one of the most recyclable materials we use every day, and this event makes it easy for residents to recycle their glass while helping care for the Old City," said Lizzie Gaver, executive director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful. "We're excited to partner with Corona, Downtown Knoxville Alliance, and our local supporters to bring people together around sustainability, beautification and community."

Participants who recycle glass or take part in the cleanup will receive $1 off Corona beers at Barley's and have the opportunity to receive Corona promotional items while supplies last.

Following the event, attendees are invited to stay for June Green Drinks, featuring networking and a presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m..

For more information, visit keepknoxvillebeautiful.org.

KAUL calls on community for Shoes for School

The Knoxville Area Urban League is seeking support from sponsors, vendors and volunteers for this year's Shoes for School event.

Since 2003, Shoes for School has helped thousands of local children start the school year with confidence by providing new shoes and school supplies. This year, KAUL continues its mission of empowering youth while calling on the community for support through sponsorships, donations and volunteers.

"We invite the community to be part of something that directly supports students and families," said Dr. Laurie Shanderson, Knoxville Area Urban League president and CEO. "The event's success relies on collaboration with multiple East Tennessee agencies, KAUL members and supporters. From sponsors to volunteers, each contribution helps ensure local children start the school year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed."

The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at Covenant Health Park. Sponsors and volunteers can register now at givebutter.com/2026-shoes-for-school-oswjdl.

Supporting Shoes for Schools as a sponsor or volunteer enriches the community and businesses. Any form of contribution will leave a lasting impact on the participants and allow KAUL and its partners to provide shoes and much-needed school supplies to children.

The shoes for the event are supplied by Shoe Station at a generous discount, allowing KAUL to purchase and distribute them for free. The event's success relies on collaboration with multiple East Tennessee agencies, KAUL members and supporters.

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Sadie

By Joe Rector
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Thursday evening, I took Sadie out for her after-supper constitutional. After she finished her business, I sat on the grass and reeled my dog in. She was ready to go inside and receive her nightly dessert (dog bone), but I needed her to wait just a few minutes. She came to me, and I unhooked her leash. She sat for just a couple of seconds before lying down. For the next few minutes, I gave her the most loving pets that I could and talked to her about the things we've done in the yard over the years. Before long, she stood and looked at me as if to let me know that she wanted her dessert. I eventually rose from the ground and hesitantly honored her request.

Tomorrow, I will take my sweet dog to the vet for surgery to remove a cancerous mass. It seems to have been shrinking for the last couple of weeks while we worked to raise her platelet count. I'm not so sure that she can survive the surgery nor the cancer. Of course, Nathan Butler worked one miracle with her several years ago when a grim diagnosis was pronounced. For the last few weeks, Sadie has lost desire to do anything other than lie still on the floor. She's not even comfortable sitting on my lap or lying on the bed. She much prefers placing her weary body on the cool floor.

Years ago, I wrote about another dog. Snoop was my best buddy for 13 years. However, during the last year of his life, he would aggressively approach anybody. Something in his little Jack Russell mind had gone haywire, and I had to have him put to sleep. On that day, I swore I'd never own another dog. Losing a pet is just too painful. After a while, Amy expressed her desire to have a dog. I knew it wasn't fair to say "no."

We began looking at adoptable dogs. We didn't want a purebred pup. I walked into Amy's office one evening as she was looking at photos. Immediately, I saw a picture and told her that that dog was the one. We contacted folks about the dog but discovered that she'd been adopted already. I was disappointed because the face of that dog captivated me.

No more than a couple of days later, the people contacted us to tell that the dog had been returned because it had an accident in the house. Amy and I were elated and scheduled a time to meet the pup. A young woman brought the dog to our house, and Sadie never left.

Over the last 11-12 years, Sadie has become our "baby." This dog has been our savior. When we've been sick, she sits with us all the while. Cuddling on the couch has been a nightly ritual, and she has her own place in the bed. When our son Dallas passed, Sadie wrapped her loving personality around us as we grieved. She also welcomed Dallas' dog Harvey into our home. Not one time has she offered her opinion on a subject, and she never takes sides in arguments. She's forgiven late feedings, and the dog has given us the cold shoulder when we leave her for long periods for just a little while.

So many people who have met Sadie say she has incredible eyes. Many have called them human eyes that look straight into their souls. I've told this dog all of my worries and regrets and shortcomings. She knows that I'm not always nice and that I am forgetful. The amazing thing about her is that she has never held a grudge or thought less of me. When I've walked through the door, whether I've been outside or gone for a few days, she zooms across the room to give me kisses. She loves pets from everyone, and her tail whirls like a helicopter propeller when she's excited. Walks are always things that she's enjoyed, and trips to the dog park excite her. She runs ahead and plays, but Sadie always comes back in a few minutes to make sure I'm still there and am okay.

I dread tomorrow because I know the time for Sadie to leave might have arrived. My heart is breaking, but I know that if I am lucky enough to make it to heaven, Sadie and Snoop will come running to welcome me there. No, I'm not crazy; I believe that God's heaven is a place where all of the best things in our lives are waiting, and nothing is any better in this life than a dog. I will say a prayer for Sadie tonight and leave the rest of what happens to the Good Lord.

The Voice Above the Noise

By Justin Pratt,
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One of the most remarkable abilities God has given us is the ability to recognize a familiar voice. A mother can identify her child's cry in a crowded room. A husband can pick out his wife's voice from dozens of conversations. And a child knows their father's voice from across a ballfield full of people. Why? Because familiarity produces recognition. The more time we spend with someone, the easier it becomes to recognize their voice. Jesus used this same truth when He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

That raises an important question: Do we recognize God's voice? Throughout Scripture, we discover that God is a speaking God. In Genesis, He spoke the world into existence. Through the centuries, He spoke through prophets, priests, kings, visions, and miracles. The God who spoke then has not changed now. The Great "I AM" still is!

One of the clearest examples of this truth is found in Exodus 3, where God speaks to Moses from the burning bush. At this point in his life, Moses was not leading a nation or performing miracles. He was tending sheep in the wilderness. It seemed like an ordinary day. Yet God was preparing to change the course of his life. As Moses came upon a bush that burned without being consumed, the Bible says he turned "aside to see this great sight." It was only after Moses turned aside that God called his name. There is a powerful lesson here: God often speaks to attentive hearts.

Many of us wonder why we struggle to hear God's direction, yet we live surrounded by distractions. Our schedules are packed, our minds are occupied, and our attention is constantly divided. The problem is not that God has stopped speaking. Sometimes His voice is being drowned out. It's not that heaven has gone silent; it is that earth has become so noisy.

When God spoke to Moses, He rooted His message in His character and authority. The same principle remains true today. While most of us will never encounter a burning bush, we have something Moses never possessed: the completed Word of God, which is every bit as authoritative. Scripture is God's primary means of speaking to His people today. Many believers are searching for a voice from heaven while their Bibles remain closed. Yet the voice they are seeking is already speaking.

While Exodus 3 was not written to us, it was certainly written for us. The Bible contains many messages directed to specific people in specific situations, yet the truths revealed about God are timeless. For example, when God told Joshua, "Be strong and courageous," He was speaking directly to Joshua. We are not Joshua, nor are we leading

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Governor Charles Edison of New Jersey

Pages from the Past

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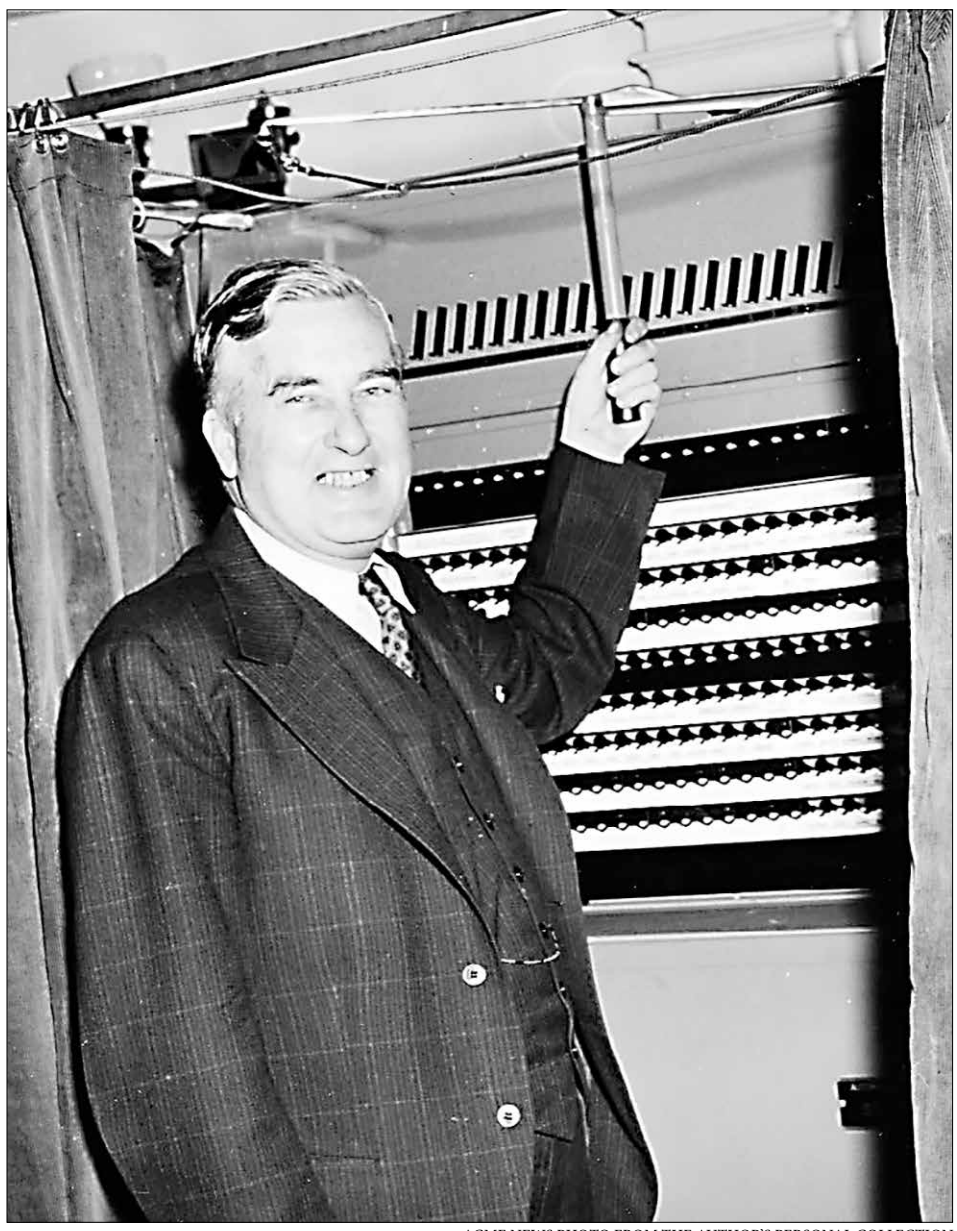

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Charles Edison casting his ballot in his 1940 campaign to be elected governor of New Jersey.

Charles Edison was the son of one of America's foremost innovators and entrepreneurs, Thomas Alva Edison. Thomas A. Edison is perhaps the best remembered inventor in American history. Yet when Charles Edison died, the Paterson Morning Call editorialized that the son "was no smudged carbon copy of a famous father." Edison's father is still remembered today and the son's memory has faded, but he had a notable career of his own, serving as Secretary of the Navy under President Franklin Roosevelt and as governor of New Jersey. Although Edison only served a single three-year term as governor, one New Jersey newspaper insisted his time in the chief executive's office should not be dismissed as "they were highly significant years." When Edison died, Governor Richard J. Hughes hailed his predecessor. "Governor Edison was a man of many talents," Hughes said. "He applied himself successfully as a scientist, businessman, government executive, governor and poet."

"Gov. Charles Edison brought to the state house the naivete of a farmer in the dell and the burning zeal of a true missionary," the Jersey Journal recalled.

Indeed, Charles Edison was no pale impression of his famous father. The younger Edison had a mind of his own and was in turn, a businessman, executive, elected official and philanthropist. Edison chaired the company founded by his father and the company it merged with, McGraw-Edison, until his voluntary retirement in 1961. The Thomas A. Edison Company comprised more than a dozen affiliated enterprises. The company had been appraised at $12 million (about $252 million today) by the time Thomas Edison died in 1931.

Although raised in wealth, Charles Edison liked people and enjoyed hard work. Edison's first business was as a theatrical impresario, where his company staged plays, although he had earned a degree in electrical engineering. Thomas Edison then insisted his son learn the family business "from the bottom up" and paid Charles $35 a week in the beginning. The younger Edison ran Edison Records for a period of time before heading the Thomas A. Edison Company in 1927 at age thirty-five. Charles Edison continued to head the Edison Company until its merger with the McGraw Electric Company in 1957. Following the merger, Edison chaired the McGraw-Edison Company until he retired in 1961. Edison had married Carolyn Hawkins, who was from Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1918, and they remained together until her death in 1963. The couple had no children.

Edison's entry into politics came as something of an accident. Edison had been named Secretary of the Navy after the death of the incumbent, Claude A. Swanson, who had held every elective office of importance in Virginia. New Jersey Democrats were desperately searching for a candidate to run for governor who could not be tarred as a stooge of the notorious Hudson County political machine run by Frank Hague, mayor of Jersey City. They settled on Charles Edison, who resigned his post as Secretary of the Navy to return to the Garden State to run. As Edison ran and pledged to be no tool of the machine, many of his fellow Democrats looked at one another and winked. They soon regretted their choice of Edison as their nominee after he won the election. Democrats in New Jersey had worried about promoting a new face instead of a machine regular, especially as the Republicans had nominated Wendell Willkie as their presidential nominee in 1940. Edison was most certainly a new face and once elected, it became readily apparent that he meant precisely what he said. Hague was utterly outraged when Governor Edison chose Frederic R. Colie to sit on the New Jersey State Supreme Court. Not only was Colie a Republican, but he was also quite likely the most politically and personally obnoxious candidate Edison could have named, at least in the eyes of Frank Hague. It had been Frederic Colie who had tried to keep the boss's son, Frank Hague Jr., from sitting on the state Court of Errors and Appeals. That amounted to a declaration of war on the Hudson County political machine, and their adherents in the state legislature fought a bitter battle with Governor Edison. One New Jersey newspaper noted that Edison lost many of the battles he fought with the machine, but wondered if the governor had not ultimately won the war as Frank Hague was never quite the same after their tussle. Edison demonstrated that even a Democratic governor need not bend to Boss Hague's will. A series of Republican governors followed Edison into office and helped to diminish, if not altogether dismantle, the Hague machine. Edison quipped his running feud with Hague had been "a job of slum clearance."

Like his father, Edison had originally been a Republican, but like many others of the time, he became a New Deal Democrat. Edison helped to formulate the Federal Housing Administration under FDR after having served on the New Jersey State Recovery Board and the Regional Labor Board. Named as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1936, Edison carried a much heavier workload than usual, as Claude Swanson was old and infirm and unable to carry out many of the responsibilities of his office. President Roosevelt balked at the idea of moving Swanson out, as he said the Virginian was dependent upon his salary. While working in the Navy Department, Edison objected to the policy of discarding old ships as junk, insisting they be reconditioned. That enabled the United States government to provide Great Britain with ships when the British Empire was being quite hard pressed by Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe and intense bombing and shipping was highly endangered by Nazi submarine "wolfpacks."

One of those who helped to nudge Edison into the governor's race was Franklin Roosevelt, which impaired Frank Hague's ability to object, although he had become accustomed to personally picking the Democratic nominee for statewide offices. Swanson had died a couple of months before FDR appointed Edison officially to serve as Secretary of the Navy, but the shrewd occupant of the White House had decided to appoint two Republicans to his Cabinet as the wars in the Far East and Europe raged.

Charles Edison resigned as Secretary of the Navy in 1940 to kick off his campaign to become governor of New Jersey and received a public letter from President Roosevelt who praised him for having "greatly contributed to the present efficiency" of the Navy Department as well as Edison's "splendid record" as secretary. Possessing one of the most famous names in the United States of America, personally wealthy and with Franklin Roosevelt's endorsement, Charles Edison would have been hard to derail and was a very formidable first-time candidate for elective office.

Even Frank Hague had to think twice about bucking Roosevelt, the most popular Democrat of them all. Only reluctantly did Frank Hague support Edison in the general election and certainly regretted it quickly. In office for a week, Edison managed to ruin Frank Hague's vacation. Hague was basking in the Florida sunshine when word reached him that Governor Edison had named Frederic Colie to the state Supreme Court. Hague began bombarding the governor with long-distance telephone calls, pleading with him not to appoint Colie. When Hague saw Edison would not change his mind, the Boss screamed into the phone, "Charlie, you've turned out to be just the kind of governor I thought you'd be, you... Benedict Arnold! Do you know what I am going to do to you for this? I am going to break you, Charlie, if it's the last thing I do."

Unimpressed by the threat, Governor Edison stated that when he appointed Colie, it was "a public proclamation that Hague is no longer free to carry on his attempts to exert control over the higher courts of New Jersey."

Hague was left to sputter that he was not trying to control New Jersey's judicial system, and the fight between Governor Edison and the Hague machine was joined. Democrats in New Jersey were flustered by having to choose between the Hudson County and the governor, who wielded power over state jobs and patronage. Personal and political loyalties conflicted during Edison's three-year term as governor.

Governor Edison and Hague fought a pitched battle over the issue of taxation involving railroads. Hague's Hudson County and Jersey City were heavily reliant upon railroad taxation, and the governor proposed to forgive certain debts owed by the railroads in order to get them to pay $34 million (almost $740 million today) to the state. The fight between the chief executive and the political boss was heated and a GOP-controlled legislature passed the measure after an all-night session. Governor Edison publicly said, "The sooner Hague loses his power to act with such viciousness the better it will be for New Jersey."

Charles Edison proved to be what Frank Hague hated the most: a reformer. Throughout his administration, Governor Edison insisted upon making appointments he believed to be qualified without regard to political party. The governor prodded the people of New Jersey to revise and update their state's constitution, which had been written in 1844. It took some years, but eventually the people of the Garden State voted to approve a new constitution in 1947.

Some believed the governor's feud with Frank Hague had been unproductive as Hague was "a political boss whose time was running out any way." That was likely the minority opinion. The Passaic Herald-News remembered Edison as "a good governor." "To say that New Jersey is a better-governed state today because Charles Edison served as its governor during the trying days of World War II is no exaggeration." The editorial acknowledged Edison's administration had been "inspired by his innate honesty, decency and fierce independence" and it "ushered in a new era in New Jersey politics." "Subservience to a political boss was not in his makeup," the editorial stated, noting Governor Edison "paved the way for the eventual demise of the Hague machine. . ." The Herald-News believed Edison had "restored public confidence in the high office of governor of New Jersey," quite a feat for any individual to accomplish. The editorial stated Charles Edison "rates a high place in the history of our state and the gratitude of its citizens" for his integrity and for restoring the confidence of the Garden State in its chief executive.

Barred by law from seeking a second consecutive term, Charles Edison was content to resume the presidency of the Edison Company. In 1950, Edison became chairman of the board.

Although he owned a home at the site of the Thomas Edison company, the former governor lived largely with his wife in an apartment at the Waldorf Towers whose residents included General Douglas MacArthur and family, as well as former president Herbert Hoover. Hoover and Edison became friends in their later years, and the former governor became increasingly conservative. Governor Edison's conservatism was reflected in those candidates he chose to support, and having ignored party labels while in office, he was even less partisan as a private citizen. Edison was one of the founders of the Conservative Party in New York State, which elected a United States senator in 1970. The former governor was also one of the founders and a trustee of Americans for Constitutional Action, an organization that supported conservative candidates and promoted conservative causes.

By any measure, Charles Edison lived a productive life, and the Bridgewater Courier-News published an editorial upon the former governor's passing in 1969 at age 78, assessing Edison's life and works. "Much of his accomplishment in business and government stands today among the monuments that all of us take so much for granted in a world literally made brighter by the works of Thomas Edison and his son Charles Edison, former governor and native son." While it is oftentimes difficult for a child to shine when obscured by the light of a famous parent, Charles Edison managed to continue his father's innovations and business, but also to make a mark of his own.

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Revolutionary War encampment, militia drills, and historical presentations from reenactors portraying figures such as John Sevier, Henry Knox, and David Hall. Guests can experience colonial and pioneer life through demonstrations and hands on activities including blacksmithing, basket making, broom making, leatherworking, quilting, rug hooking, coopering, wood carving, lye soap making, candle dipping, pioneer cooking, wash tub canning, flintknapping, powder horn demonstrations, storytelling, crosscut sawing, shape note singing, sassafras tea demonstrations, and more.

Additional highlights will include a liberty pole raising, colonial seamstress demonstrations, live music, Southern food, a flag procession, and a national bell ringing ceremony commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

"Anvil shooting is one of the most unique and historic traditions preserved at the Museum," said Lindsey Gallaher, President of the Museum of Appalachia. "There's something incredibly exciting about seeing and hearing an anvil launched into the sky as part of an Independence Day celebration, especially in a setting that brings so much early Tennessee and Appalachian history to life. Expanding the event to two days allows us to offer even more demonstrations, reenactors, and living history experiences for families to enjoy."

Advance tickets are now available at museumofappalachia.org and are discounted through June 22 as part of the Museum's Early Bird pricing promotion. The event is free for Museum members.

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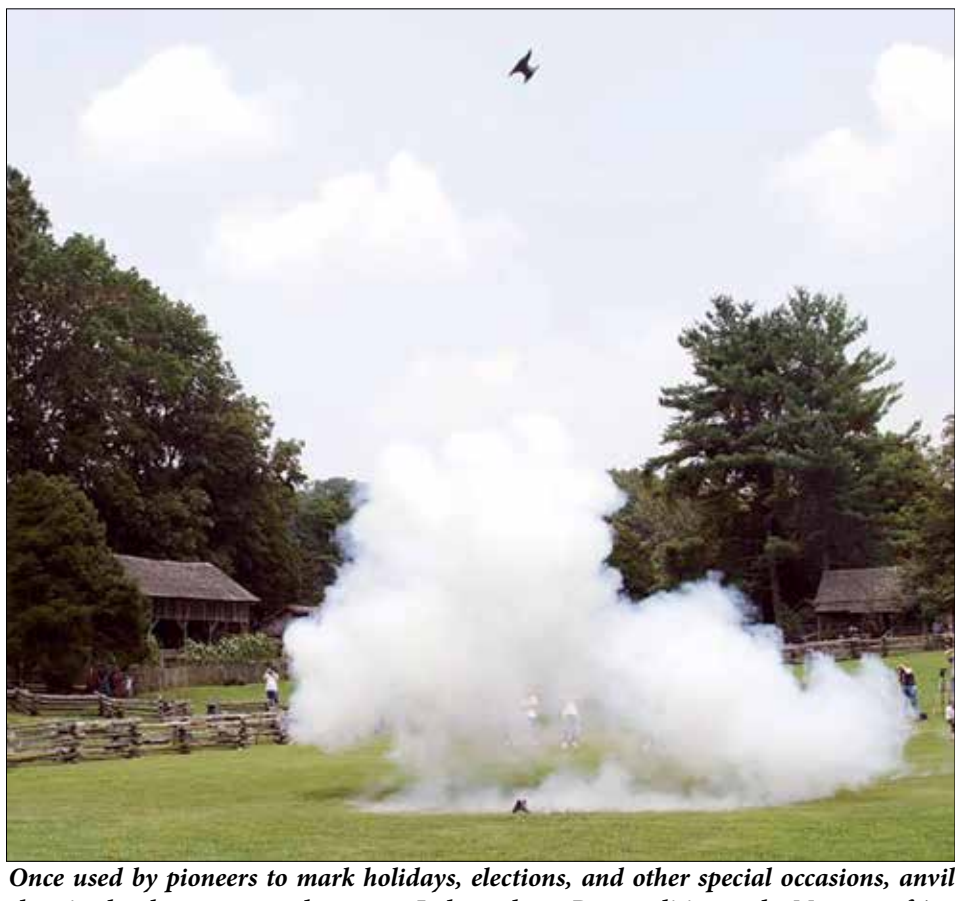

Once used by pioneers to mark holidays, elections, and other special occasions, anvil shooting has become a nearly 30-year Independence Day tradition at the Museum of Appalachia.

The Voice Above the Noise

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Israel into the Promised Land. But the same God who strengthened Joshua still strengthens His people today. Through Scripture, we learn His character, His promises, and His ways.

God's goal in speaking has never been merely to give information. His goal is transformation. When God spoke to Moses, it was not simply to create an unforgettable experience or moment; it was missional. It was an assignment. God called him to action.

The same is true for us. To us, it is through His Word, through His Spirit, through prayer, and through His providential guidance, not simply to inform us, but to lead us. The question is not whether God is speaking. The greater question is whether we are listening. The Great "I AM" is still speaking. His voice still brings wisdom, direction, conviction, and hope. And those who learn to quiet the noise, open His Word, and seek Him faithfully will discover that heaven has not gone silent after all. God is still speaking today.

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SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Williams led the offensive charge for Gibbs in softball

PHOTO BY JJ SPEARS.

Shelby Williams is the female Student-Athlete of the Year from Gibbs High School.

By Steve Williams

There's no question who led Gibbs High's offense in softball this season.

Senior Shelby Williams was the team leader in 10 categories. As for the other four categories, she ranked second in three and third in one.

Let's focus on her Top 10 categories. Williams had a .469 batting average, scored 52 runs, had 69 hits, 50 runs batted in, 13 doubles, seven triples, 13 home runs, 23 bases on balls, an on-base-percentage of .549 and a slugging percentage of .918. She

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Halfway there and looking good!

The Focus' recognition of local Student-Athletes of the Year is at the midway point.

Five more schools will be enjoying the spotlight this week – Carter, Farragut, Fulton, Gibbs and Powell.

Twenty-five high schools are in our coverage area, so with 15 remaining we're hoping to crank out even a few more in weeks No. 3 and 4.

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 second group features a softball batter who led her team in 10 offensive categories this season, plus a Salutatorian at one school and a basketball player who looks forward to swishing nets in the Grand Canyon next season.

We hope you will join us this week in learning about all of the honorees' accomplishments and the ones still to come!

Legacy Parks, Knox County host free community

Day of Play

Legacy Parks Foundation and Knox County will celebrate the International Day of Play June 11, 2026, with free, family-friendly activities in Knoxville County parks.

The Day of Play will offer a variety of activities for all ages and abilities — from fun at splash pads to interactive games, nature walks, and adult tournaments and competitions. Families are invited to come explore the parks, try something new, and enjoy a day of movement and fun.

"Getting outside and being active is essential for our health and well-being," said Carol Evans, executive director of Legacy Parks Foundation. "The Day of Play is about celebrating our wonderful parks and open spaces, and enjoying an active, healthy day."

The schedule includes:

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- Splash pad
- Face painting
- Sno-cones
- Guided nature walk
- Activities and games
- Fishing equipment rentals
- 3-point basketball competition (adult)
- Pickleball tournament (adult)
- Grass volleyball (adult)

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KNOX FOCUS ALL-COUNTY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Madison Huffman leads all-county girls tennis team

By Ken Lay

Madison Huffman nearly finished her high school tennis career on top.

Huffman, who recently completed her prep career for Hardin Valley Academy in Chattanooga at the TSSAA Class AA state championships, reached the championship match for a second consecutive season.

She suffered her lone loss of the season in the state finals as she fell to Page's Emma Baker, 7-5, 6-1, on May 15 at the Champions Tennis Complex. The home-schooled student-athlete leaves HVA as a two-time state runner-up after making the state championship match in each of the last two seasons.

Over the last two campaigns, Huffman has compiled a singles record of 42-2 during that span. She also won two District 4-AA championships and a pair of Region 2-AA tiles.

She leaves Hardin Valley with the most career wins at No. 1 singles. She earns a spot on the Knoxville Focus All-County Girls Tennis Team as player of the Year.

She will headline the squad and is joined by the county's top players, including:

Emily Odom: Bearden High School: A sophomore in 2026, Odom was a district and region finalist for the Lady Bulldogs. She compiled a 10-3 singles record and was runner-up in the District 4-AA Tournament and Region 2-AA Tournament to Huffman.

Gray Feaster: West High School: Feaster combined with teammate Callie Schroeffel to win the TSSAA Class AA state doubles championship in Chattanooga last month

Callie Schroeffel: West High School: Schroeffel teamed with doubles partner Gray Feaster to win the Class AA state doubles championship.

Adiella Knight: Grace Christian Academy: Knight helped the Lady Rams reach the Division II-A state team championships. She won a match for Grace in its 4-3 loss to University School of Nashville in the quarterfinals. Knight was also a state semifinalist in the singles championships.

Harper Conger: Grace Christian Academy: Playing at the No. 5 singles spot, Conger won a match in the state team quarterfinals in the Lady Rams' 4-3 loss to University School of

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SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Powell honors its students academically

By Steve Williams

Powell High School's senior class included Salutatorian Giselle Cruz Caroza near the top academically. And when she wasn't studying, you might find her on the pitch in a game of soccer.

Former Panther quarterback Deuce Rodgers will be going to The University of the Cumberlands to continue his football career.

Caroza and Rodgers were picked the Female and Male Athletes of the Year, respectively, at PHS.

Powell also recognizes its "Athletes of the Year" for each class. Here's how that stacked up:

Freshman Male Athlete of the Year: Hunter Dryer

Freshman Female Athlete of the Year: Bella Courtney

Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year: Braylon Hansen

Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year: Hannah Hayes

Junior Male Athlete of the Year: DeZion Jackson

Junior Female Athlete of the Year: Emersyn Mayes

PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

The Student-Athletes of the Year for Powell are Giselle Cruz Caroza, above, and Deuce Rodgers (2), right.

Congratulations to Ra'Shya Lee, Fulton's female Student-Athlete of the Year!

Ra'Shya Lee was 'a great leader' in flag football at Fulton

"Ra'Shya is everything you want in a student-athlete," said Fulton High flag football coach Trey Sewell. "She is a great leader who shows up every day ready to work, never causes problems, and consistently sets the standard for her teammates. She handles adversity with maturity and leads by example during games."

The school's female Student-Athlete of the Year, "Ra'Shya has earned the opportunity to continue her athletic career at the collegiate level, and while she is still deciding where she will play, the attitude, work ethic, and passion for the game she developed at Fulton will serve her well wherever her future takes her."

PHOTO BY JOSHUAH WILLIAMS

Noah Lyons will be missed at FHS

"Noah Lyons is the model of buying into a vision, being a team player, and making the most of his opportunities," said Fulton High baseball coach Buzz McNish.

The Falcons' male Student-Athlete of the Year, "Noah shined on the baseball and football field," added McNish. "His attitude and smile make him a favorite of coaches and teammates. Fulton is going to miss having him around."

Lyons has signed a baseball scholarship with Milligan University.

Noah Lyons is the male Student-Athlete of the Year for Fulton High.

Jaiden Davis, below, and Jody Scruggs, above, are Student-Athletes of the Year from Carter High School.

Davis and Scruggs meant a lot to Carter

By Steve Williams

One of the top players in Carter High girls' soccer history won't soon be forgotten. Senior Jaiden Davis has been a tremendous student-athlete for the Lady Hornets' soccer program.

Jaiden was a four-year starter and averaged more than 20 goals a season for all four years.

Davis wasn't just a four-year All-District player, she was All-Region four years plus the Region Freshman of the Year and Region Striker of the Year as a senior.

Jaiden was a leader on and off the pitch and also a senior captain.

Coach Cullen Ball said Jaiden will be impossible to replace and missed by coaches and teammates.

Carter football standout Jody Scruggs, the school's male Student-Athlete of the Year, also has graduated and will be sorely missed.

Scruggs, you might say, was as quick as a Hornet and could sting opponents as a wide receiver or running back.

Jody earned All-Knox County honors and was the Region 2-4A Offensive Specialist of the Year. He also was TNFCA First Team All-State and CHS Football Man of the Year.

"Jody has been a dedicated student-athlete whose remarkable work ethic, exceptional achievements on the field and excellence in the classroom set him apart as a true ambassador for our program!" – Coach Todd Helton.

An Inferiority Complex?

By Tom Mattingly

When No. 4 Tennessee squared off against No. 11 Air Force in the 1971 Sugar Bowl, there was a prevailing thought among the Vol faithful that the Vols didn't seem to be the biggest deal in town. That honor went to the Air Force Academy in the first football game between the two schools. The Vols would not play Air Force again until 2006.

Here's what Marvin West wrote about what happened that day. That was during Marvin's tenure covering the Vols for the Knoxville News-Sentinel and is typical of Marvin's award-winning writing style.

Tennessee could have developed an inferiority complex at the 1971 Sugar Bowl. The highly regarded Air Force team captured New Orleans at night and the Volunteers stood around and watched as bowl hosts fussed over generals and colonels and others wearing brass.

"We could have been reading it wrong, but they seemed embarrassed to be in the same bowl with us," said quarterback Bobby Scott. "I don't think they thought we belonged."

There might have been little chips on some shoulders when it was time to play. Tennessee racked up 24 points on its first four possessions and maintained the mismatch with four interceptions and four fumble recoveries. Air Force found it dangerous to be around linebacker Ray Nettles.

If you're into numbers, the flyboys finished with minus-12 yards rushing. Scott was MVP and the late night toast of the town.

Bobby Langston and the Tennessee Volunteers formed a mutual admiration society in the late 1960s and early 1970s and in the years that followed until he died in 2006.

That was the way things appeared in the late afternoon at Tulane Stadium on Friday, Jan. 1, 1971. The final tally was 34-13, Tennessee. Utilizing superior speed and quickness, the Vols were clearly the dominant team despite missing more than a few scoring opportunities.

Junior tailback Don McLeary scored twice and Bobby Majors had a 55-yard punt return to pace the Vol scoring. Tight end Gary Theiler caught a touchdown pass from Scott. George Hunt booted a couple of field goals. Tennessee had four possessions and scored four times and led 24-0 with 3:12 to go in the first quarter.

Linebackers Ray Nettles and Jamie Rotella led the way defensively. Rotella had eight solo tackles and an assist, recovered two fumbles, and broke up a pass. Nettles had nine tackles, three assists, and a sack.

The impressive triumph broke a troublesome losing streak in bowl appearances that had reached three games. Previously, the Vols had lost to Oklahoma in the 1968 Orange Bowl (26-24), Texas in the 1969 Cotton Bowl (36-13), and Florida in the 1969 Gator Bowl (14-13). The Vols had not only lost the Gator Bowl game a year earlier, but also lost Doug Dickey, their head coach, in early January 1970, also to the Gators.

The Alabama game matched Tennessee head coach Bill Battle against Bear Bryant's Alabama squad. Bryant had been Battle's coach at Alabama (1960-62). The Florida game matched Battle against Dickey, who had brought Bill to Knoxville in 1966. Those two games were part of an exciting two weeks of football in Knoxville.

The Vols finished 11-1 in Battle's first season as head coach, the first 11-win season since 1950. That 1970 team was a great one, along with 1938-40, 1950, 1951, 1965, 1967, 1989, 1990 and 1998.

Here's what senior offensive guard Don Denbo, the pride of Pulaski, said about that 1970 Vol team.

"We give so much attention these days to the individual stars. We forget how important and unique a team is. The 1970 team was a team of individuals who somehow put aside their differences (and there were lots of differences) and melded into a unit. We knew we were not going to get beat. We should not have gotten beat. That team should have been national champions."

It was an impressive end to an impressive season that saw the Vols defeat SMU (28-3), Army (48-3), Georgia Tech (17-6), Alabama (24-0), Florida (38-7), Wake Forest (41-7), South Carolina (20-18), Kentucky (45-0), Vanderbilt (24-6), and UCLA (28-17). The only loss came in late September to Auburn, 36-23.

Those were the days.

P. S. Sometime during game week, several local tough guys in New Orleans decided to get after Knoxville entrepreneur and News-Sentinel paper carrier Bobby Langston, maybe beat him up a little bit... or maybe a great deal. That took an extraordinary amount of courage on their part.

Things didn't look so good for Bobby until a number of Tennessee players showed up on the scene to offer assistance. Things got better for Bobby immediately. It wasn't quite like the Lone Ranger and Tonto showing up to disperse the Cavendish gang and protect the inhabitants of the little town, but it was close.

NOTE TO SUPPOSED TOUGH GUYS: If you messed with Bobby, you needed to be aware that help was always on the way... in great numbers. There was no one they respected more.

Lady Vols Softball: A Consistent Contender

By Mark Nagi

It's a shame that the Tennessee Lady Vols softball team didn't win the Women's College World Series when they had Monica Abbott, the best pitcher on the planet.

From 2004 to 2007, Abbott set career and single-season records with 189 wins, 2440 strikeouts, 112 shutouts, 1448 innings pitched and 253 appearances. She was the first All-American in program history and led Tennessee to the Women's College World Series three times.

But they could never get over the top. In 2007, Tennessee advanced to the finals, cruising to a 3-0 win over Arizona in Game 1. Then they lost 1-0 in Game 2 in 10 innings, and had nothing left in the deciding third game, losing 5-0. Abbott didn't allow a single run in the entire tournament before allowing one Wildcat to score in the 10th inning of that second game.

So close to a national title... but so far away.

Since 2002, the Weeklys have run the ship. Ralph and Karen Weekly were co-head coaches until 2022, when Karen took on the entirety of that role. In those five seasons, Tennessee made it to the national semifinals three times. The latest comes from a week ago. The Lady Vols, led by standout pitcher Karlyn Pickens, powered into the semis but were swept by Texas.

They've now been to the WCWS ten times... and have established themselves as one of the top programs in the sport. But the lack of a national championship is hanging over their head, like the lack of a Final Four appearance hangs over the head of Tennessee's men's basketball program.

For the hoopsters, it isn't for lack of trying. They have been to the Elite 8 two years in a row. They've poured in resources for recruiting, and NIL is not an issue. They have one of the top coaches in the sport in Rick Barnes. But for whatever reason, it just hasn't happened yet.

Last season, Tennessee lost one of its best players, third baseman Taylor Pannell, to Texas Tech after the Red Raiders' NIL group reportedly offered $750,000 for her to transfer.

The Red Raiders, who lost to Tennessee in the WCWS, made it to the Finals for the second straight season.

In the new world of collegiate athletics, maybe that's what it is going to take to climb that final rung on the ladder. The teams that win are the teams that spend money... and there's never enough money.

There were also some rumblings recently around Lady Vols softball circles that blame lies on Karen Weekly, but I find that preposterous. Weekly has handled herself with class during her quarter-century of coaching in Knoxville. And good coaches are hard to find. Who are you expecting to come in here and get to the WCWS every other year?

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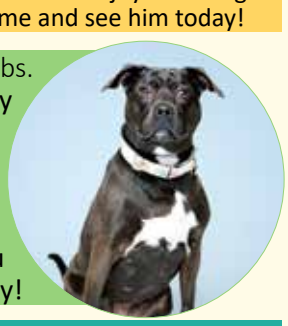

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Farragut's Travis Brummitt Jr. and K. J. McNealy are Student-Athletes of the Year from Farragut.

Farragut's McNealy headed for Grand Canyon University

By Steve Williams

K.J. McNealy, an All-State basketball player at FHS, will be taking her game out West, where the Antelopes play at GCU in the state of Arizona and the mascot is nicknamed Thunder.

It's a long way from Tennessee, but the female Student-Athlete of the Year, you might say, is used to taking long shots anyway.

K.J. was named All-State this past season by both the Tennessee Sports Writers Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee. She finished her high school career with over 1,500 points and more than 1,000 rebounds.

Farragut's male honoree Travis Brummitt, Jr. plays a different sport and plays it well.

He was a Class 4A Mr. Baseball Finalist this season for the 2026 State Champion Admirals.

Brummitt was 10-0 on the mound and pitched a complete game victory in the Ads' 11-5 State title win over Houston.

Travis also was the District 4-AAAA Most Valuable Player and hit .411 this year with five home runs and 56 RBI. He is a Pellissippi State signee.

Williams led the offensive charge for Gibbs in softball

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also only struck out nine times and stole 11 bases.

It adds up to being Gibbs' female Student-Athlete of the Year. In addition to softball, Shelby also competed in wrestling.

The Lady Eagles' left fielder had a .931 fielding percentage.

Other awards and accolades included Williams being All-District and on the All-District tournament team and a NFCA All-Region / All-American nominee.

The LMU signee "was the leader of our team both on the field and in the dugout," said Coach Carol Mitchell. "She played in 49 of 50 games this year."

"Outside of a couple of games really early in March," Mitchell said Shelby led Gibbs from the leadoff position.

And did it very well.

Mikel Van Pelt, a senior, was selected Gibbs' male Student-Athlete of the Year. He was one of the state's top place-kickers in football and also played soccer. Earlier this spring Mikel received the Johnny Mauer Scholar-Athlete Award.

Mikel Van Pelt

Headrick returns to Central as co-defensive coordinator

By Steve Williams

L.A. Headrick is back at home and doing what he loves to do. And that's coaching at Central High School, where he started in 1999.

He resigned last November after his second season as the head coach at South-Doyle. It was his first head coaching job, but he's young enough to have a role like that again in the future.

On a beautiful Wednesday last week under blue skies with low humidity, Headrick was finishing up practice at summer camp and going over some rules with the Bobcats. His stern talk was about going to bed early at night and being on time the next morning.

That's kinda where the season had started at CHS. Headrick was serious about getting off on the right foot. That comes from coaching high school boys and turning them into young men for over a quarter of a century.

This reporter was watching and listening to the end of the practice from the sideline.

After the players left the field, I sat down with L.A. and we talked about the recent change in his coaching career. He is now a co-defensive coordinator at Central with Ryan Roach.

"When I resigned (at South-Doyle) it was heartfelt, it was tough," said Headrick. "But at the end of the day, there are things that we go through in life and how you handle those things dictate the next step of whatever you're planning to do. I just felt like God has put me in a situation and I just need to handle it the right way. I felt like I did that and I'm at Central now. Twenty plus years ago I got into coaching. It was the first place that I coached at and had an opportunity to actually come home and be back to a place where it has a lot of memories, a lot of special memories, a lot of relationships. A lot of those relationships are still here and it's just a great opportunity for me."

Headrick started coaching the first year out of Powell High School when he was 20 years old. And Joel Helton, one of the state's top coaches, was the head coach at Central the entire time Headrick was first at CHS.

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New Central defensive co-coordinator L.A. Headrick talks with wide receiver / defensive back JJ Sackie after a summer camp football practice last week.

"I always had the desire to coach and get into coaching football and just had the opportunity to come and be a young coach and really mostly just to learn," said L.A. "Learn how to deal with certain situations with kids and build relationships and things like that. It's very instrumental in my career and how I deal with kids, how I do things. I was able to learn a lot and just be a student of the game as a coach. And that probably helped me more than anything that I've gone through in my coaching career."

Being at Central, Headrick has gotten the opportunity to coach again with Kevin Lane, the Bobcats' current head coach.

"I think he came in 2002," recalled L.A. "We got into coaching together, so it was one of those brotherhoods that we created and just grew as coaches together. Obviously, we went our separate ways and it's a blessing to be able to come back to where it all started and be able to continue to build this program.

"The one thing about Central is there's a lot of pride and a lot of tradition in Fountain City," said Headrick. "I think it's unmatched, honestly, because when Central football is at its best is when Central High School is at its best."

He also is glad to be where his children are. His daughter, Olivia, will be a sophomore this coming school year and plays basketball; and his son, Wesley, will be a freshman and start his high school football career.

Legacy Parks, Knox County host free community Day of Play

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"Knox County Parks and Recreation is proud to partner with Legacy Parks Foundation to bring the Day of Play to our community," said Joe Mack, Knox County Parks and Recreation Director. "Our parks are for everyone, and events like this encourage families and individuals of all ages and abilities to get outside, connect with nature, and experience the joy and benefits of active living."

Play is essential in helping children develop social skills, build resilience, explore creativity, and gain confidence. Through play, kids learn to navigate relationships, tackle challenges, and discover who they are — all while preparing to thrive in a fast-changing world.

For more information and updates, visit legacyparks.org/day-of-play.

Madison Huffman leads all-county girls tennis team

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Nashville.

Caroline Lay: Grace Christian Academy: Lay combined with doubles partner Allie Summie to win a doubles match for the Lady Rams in the state quarterfinals of team championships.

Allie Summie: Grace Christian Academy: Summie and partner, Caroline Lay, won a doubles match in the state team quarterfinals against University School of Nashville.

Hadley Bell: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Bell closed out her high school career in style as she teamed with doubles partner Brooke Atkins to reach the state doubles semifinals.

Brooke Atkins: Christian Academy of Knoxville: A senior for the Lady Warriors, Atkins reached the state doubles semifinals, teaming with Hadley Bell, a fellow senior at CAK.

Lauren Murphy: Catholic High School: Murphy closed out a highly-decorated high school career by helping the Lady Irish make a state semifinals appearance.

Abby Hammontree: Catholic High School: A junior, Hammontree helped the Lady Irish reach the state semifinals.

Anika Patel: Farragut High School: Patel teamed with doubles partner, Ishia Patel to reach the district finals. She had seven singles wins and nine doubles wins in 2026.

Isha Patel: Farragut High School: Reached the district doubles finals with partner Anika Patel. She had seven wins in doubles and five wins in singles.

Ella Ye: Farragut High School: A junior for the Lady Admirals, Ye had 14 combined wins in singles and doubles in 2026.

Olivia Wu: Farragut High School: Wu, a sophomore, won a combined 10 wins in singles and doubles during the recently completed season.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by authority of a Real Estate Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") executed by Herman C. Caldwell and wife Genevere Caldwell, to Joseph Coker, Trustee, dated October 9, 2020 and recorded at Instrument Number 202012150048700 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness due to the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, which has become due and payable by virtue of default in the Deed of Trust on the property hereinafter described; and Y-12 Federal Credit Union, the true and lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness by virtue of assignment from the original holder First State Bank of the Southeast, Inc., having exercised its option to declare the indebtedness due and payable and having made demand for foreclosure pursuant to the Deed of Trust; I, the undersigned, acting under the authority as Substitute Trustee for the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, will be **at the north entrance of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 15th day of July, 2026, at 11:00 A.M., local time** to sell to the highest bidder for cash in bar of all rights waived by said Deed of Trust, the following described property to wit:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 51 in GULFWOOD SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, as shown by the map of same of record in Map Book 65-S, Page 78, In the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Subject to all matters shown on plat of Gulfwood Subdivision, Unit 3, of record in Map Book 65-S, Page 78, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Being all of the same property conveyed to Herman Caldwell by Warranty Deed of record as Instrument 200903130057454 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BELIEVED STREET ADDRESS: 8920 Ormand Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923

TAX PARCEL: 119.CH.050

CURRENT OWNER OF RECORD: Herman Caldwell

PARTY ENTITLED TO ENFORCE THE DEBT: Y-12 Federal Credit Union

The following parties may claim or have an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: Dean Knuckles, P.O. Box 532, Pineville, Kentucky 40977-0532; Dean Knuckles, c/o Noah Patton, Esq., 1735 Main Street, Tazewell, Tennessee 37879.

The above-described property will be sold subject to unpaid taxes, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency; any prior liens or encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing; the rights of tenants or occupants in possession of said premises, if any; and prior claims, or matters whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Any applicable notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 and T.C.A. 35-5-104 have been satisfied.

The real property will be sold AS-IS, WHERE-IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding the condition of the property or the marketability of title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or fitness for a general or particular use or purpose, and the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time certain, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place of sale as set forth above.

If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check(s) made payable to the Substitute Trustee. No personal checks will be accepted. As such, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Amounts in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or the Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied first to discharge the costs and charges of executing this trust, including attorney's fees; next, to all indebtedness remaining unpaid and secured thereby, including all indebtedness owing to Y-12 Federal Credit Union; and next, the balance, if any, shall be paid to those legally entitled thereto.

This notice will run for two (2) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates June 8, 2026 and June 15, 2026, and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com, and www.foreclosurestn.com for a for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning June 8, 2026.

MATTHEW W. GRAVES
Substitute Trustee
Hodges, Doughty & Carson, PLLC
P. O. Box 869
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901
(865) 292-2307

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and 0 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 0 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 0 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 0 CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, it is ordered that said defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES EDWARD DUBOSE and 0 CITYVIEW AVENUE, LOT 29, SUNSET PARK ADDITION, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37915, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 14th day of MAY, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DARREN R. GOSSAGE

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

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

CASE NO. 90180-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROBATE DIVISION

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

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

Publication dates: May 18 & 26, and June 1 & 8, 2026.

This the 25th day of MARCH, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and 0 BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914

IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., Plaintiff V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and 0 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 0 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 0 BROOKS AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37914, it is ordered that said defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL S. WHITE and MAGGIE LEE WHITE, and 0 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 v. 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. McKeehan, of McKeehan Law Group, LLC, whose address is 6705 Albunda 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 OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: EDDIE JONES, CHARLES CHANDLER, DELOISE WELLS, TRACY HERMAN, VINCENT BROWN, JEWELLE CHANDLER, NIGINA C. TURNER, HOWARD L. TURNER, DEON TURNER, CHILDREN OF JAMES CHANDLER, and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF IRA GRIMES, SR., (Deceased)

IN RE: GABRIEL B. COLE, Petitioner/Administrator Vs. EDDIE JONES, CHARLES CHANDLER, DELOISE WELLS, TRACY HERMAN, VINCENT BROWN, JEWELLE CHANDLER, NIGINA C. TURNER, HOWARD L. TURNER, DEON TURNER, CHILDREN OF JAMES CHANDLER, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF IRA GRIMES, SR., (Deceased), Defendants

No. 86147-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gabriel B. Cole, Attorney and Administrator of the Estate of IRA GRIMES, SR.,, deceased, has filed a Petition to Marshal Assets and Sell the Real Estate of the decedent.

It appearing from the Petition to Marshal Assets and Sell Real Estate filed herein that the whereabouts of Defendants EDDIE JONES, CHARLES CHANDLER, DELOISE WELLS, TRACY HERMAN, VINCENT BROWN, JEWELLE CHANDLER, NIGINA C. TURNER, HOWARD L. TURNER, DEON TURNER, CHILDREN OF JAMES CHANDLER, and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF IRA GRIMES, SR. (Deceased), cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them. It is ordered that said Defendants EDDIE JONES, CHARLES CHANDLER, DELOISE WELLS, TRACY HERMAN, VINCENT BROWN, JEWELLE CHANDLER, NIGINA C. TURNER, HOWARD L. TURNER, DEON TURNER, CHILDREN OF JAMES CHANDLER and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF IRA GRIMES, SR., (Deceased), file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division, at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gabriel B. Cole, Administrator, whose address is 550 W. Main St., Ste. 750, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902, Telephone 865-368-8828, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice or a judgement of default will be taken against them and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to them.

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

Entered this 20th day of May, 2026.

Hon. J. Scott Griswold
Clerk & Master

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

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

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

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

This the 20th day of MAY, 2026

ESTATE OF DONALD EUGENE ALLEMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBYN MAE O'DELL
111 RENDEZVOUS ROAD
ROCKWOOD, TN 37854

RIA DONELLA LANGFORD
8330 ROGERS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE RUTH BRABSON DOCKET NUMBER 92468-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of CHARLOTTE RUTH BRABSON, deceased, who died on December 2, 2025, 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 claim 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 CHARLOTTE RUTH BRABSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DARRYL BELL, JR.
146 VERMILLION DRIVE
COLUMBIA, SC 29209

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANET BUCKNER DOCKET NUMBER 92548-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of MAY, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JANET BUCKNER, 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

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

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

This the 22nd day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANET BUCKNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRUCE GUILLAUME
257 DISCO LOOP RD.
FRIENDSVILLE, TN 37737

LEIGH COWDEN, ATTORNEY
416 HIGH ST.
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH R. BULLOCK DOCKET NUMBER 92550-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDITH R. BULLOCK, who died January 29, 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 EDITH R. BULLOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHERINE G. KERR
229 PAINE DRIVE
WINTER HAVEN, FL 33884

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

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 22nd 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 non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 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 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 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 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
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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 22 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JULIE MATTHEWS-HOLBERG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KARSTEN HOLBERG
1414 RUDDER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

CRAIG ANDREW HUGHES
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BRENT BAXLEY, ATTORNEY
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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 FAWNIE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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 JOHAM 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 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)
HELEN RENE BEETS JENKINS, EXECUTRIX
1256 BENTLEY PARK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

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)
CATHY D. PIH
925 PARRISH RD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY
1810 MERCHANT DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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
701 LAGO CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

JOHN W. BUTLER, ATTORNEY
2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MABEL ARICO
DOCKET NUMBER 92470-3

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

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of 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 1st day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MABEL ARICO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINA INKLEBARGER
675 OAK CHASE BLVD.
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. BARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 92522-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. BARNES, who died March 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured , against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the 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 27th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY ELIZABETH HENSON BLACK
140 BROOKLINE DRIVE
PINEHURST, NC 28374

VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BERYL L. BOUNDS, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92392-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BERYL L. BOUNDS, JR., who died Nov. 6, 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 the 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 BERYL L. BOUNDS, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHARON QUARLES BOUNDS
12812 EAGLEPATH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WILBERT COOMER
DOCKET NUMBER 92330-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN WILBERT COOMER, who died Feb. 14, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN WILBERT COOMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN DOUGLAS CONNER, EXECUTOR
2605 27th STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79410

RYAN S. WORTLEY, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRYAN KEITH ELKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92553-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of BRYAN KEITH ELKINS, who died February 4, 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 and unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRYAN KEITH ELKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN DAWN KISER
8812 HANKINS LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

RYAN S. WORTLEY, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. MASON, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92520-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM L. MASON, JR, who died March 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. MASON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NATASHA O'NEAL
1632 WISTERIA VIEW WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARMENDA JOYCE MCCARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 92558-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of MAY, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARMENDA JOYCE MCCARTER, who died April 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 29th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ARMENDA JOYCE MCCARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GENEVA LEE SMITH
317 PETERSON RD.
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DINAH LYNN MCGLOTHLIN
DOCKET NUMBER 92395-3

Notice is hereby given that on JUNE 1, 2026, letters of administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DINAH LYNN MCGLOTHLIN, who died January 31, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 1st day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DINAH LYNN MCGLOTHLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUZANNA C. FULTON
318 HAMILTON PARKWAY
EASLEY, SC 29642

LYNN TARPY, ATTORNEY
1111 NORTHSHORE DR.
LANDMARK TOWER NORTH, STE. N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHY ELIZABETH MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 92492-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of KATHY ELIZABETH MILLER, who died 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 and unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHY ELIZABETH MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES M. MOORE
DOCKET NUMBER 92559-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES M. MOORE, 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 of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 27th day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES M. MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY LEE MOORMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92451-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NANCY LEE MOORMAN, who died March 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY LEE MOORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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4219 WASHINGTON PIKE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE ELAM NUNNALLY
DOCKET NUMBER 92281-1

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

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

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

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

This the 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOE ELAM NUNNALLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY PEARL TAYLOR
DOCKET NUMBER 92547-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of MAY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY PEARL TAYLOR, who died Feb. 19, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 27th day of MAY, 2026

ESTATE OF JERRY PEARL TAYLOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFERY STEPHEN TAYLOR
7640 BORUFF ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHERYL E. WILLIAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 92478-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHERYL E. WILLIAMS, who died March 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(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 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHERYL E. WILLIAMS

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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville-Knox County Continuum of Care Board Meeting
When: June 18, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Where: United Way of Greater Knoxville, 1301 Hannah Avenue
Details: Meeting is open to the public. To sign up for public forum, please email office@knoxtnhousing.org.
Agenda available by June 11 at knoxtnhousing.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR TITLE

Dale J. Montpelier, Jr. hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described

as follows: 2006 GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA 4-DOOR TRUCK, Vehicle Identification Number 2GTEK63N961218977. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Dale J. Montpelier, Jr. by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 319 Suburban Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.

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