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City council approves building restoration, renews zoo lease

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The old building at 825 North Central Street is getting some restoration funds from the City of Knoxville. District 5 Councilman Charles Thomas welcomed a vote for improvements in this district.

Thomas said the \$75,000 in Historic Preservation and

Façade Improvement Program funds are needed. He called the renovation "critical" and noted the structure is between two restored properties.

The funding goes to Paragon Development L.P. for restoration and reuse of the property.

In other business, the council renewed the lease

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Amos Oaks, Knoxville Community Media Director of Operations, accepted a proclamation from the Knoxville City Council on Tuesday, recognizing the community television's 50 years of service. Councilwoman Amelia Parker, who serves on the KCM Board, noted the station's independent and fair programming. Photo courtesy of Kristin Farley.



The McNabb Center leads Crisis Intervention Team training, a 40-hour program that brings together law enforcement, EMS, fire departments and hospital staff to improve how first responders handle people experiencing mental health crises and reduce unnecessary escalation.

31 officers and first responders graduate Crisis Intervention Team training

Thirty-one participants consisting of law enforcement, security officers, first responders and medical staff graduated from Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Graduates are staff members of: American Medical Response, Covenant Health Emergency Department, Covenant Health Security Department, Dolly Parton Children's Hospital Security Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knoxville Fire Department,

Knoxville Police Department, University of Tennessee Police Department, University of Tennessee Medical Center Emergency Department and University of Tennessee Medical Center Security Department, Rural Metro Fire Department and the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority Department of Safety.

CIT trained officers undergo 40 hours of intensive training, which helps them identify mental health resources to assist people

in crisis. The training connects officers with mental health professionals and other community agencies to create a team that can provide support when a challenging situation occurs. In addition, officers learn verbal de-escalation skills and experience scenario-based training on responding to crises.

For more information, visit www.mcnabbcenter.org or call 1-800-255-9711.

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MLK Jr. Parade/March and Juneteenth Celebration return

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission of Greater Knoxville invites the entire community to join in a day of unity, remembrance, history and celebration at the 2026 MLK Jr. Parade/March and Juneteenth Celebration.

The annual event will begin with the MLK Jr. Parade/March at Chilhowee Park and continue with the Juneteenth Celebration at Dr. Walter Hardy Park. The day will honor the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., celebrate the meaning of Juneteenth, and bring the community together around freedom, progress, culture and hope.

This year's celebration will feature live music, performances, food vendors, retail vendors, informational booths, community organizations, youth engagement,

EVENT SCHEDULE

Parade Lineup: 8:30 a.m. at Chilhowee Park

Parade Step Off: 10:00 a.m.

Juneteenth Celebration: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Dr. Walter Hardy Park, 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

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Election commission gearing up for August 6 elections

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When the Knox County Election Commission meets on Wednesday, June 17, several items are on their agenda, the least of which is setting the ballot and list of qualified candidates for the August 6 county-wide election.

The Knox County general election includes 21 offices, including criminal court judge, mayor, commission (four seats), trustee, sessions judge, sheriff, circuit court clerk, criminal court clerk, county clerk, register of deeds, and board of education (five seats). Farragut voters will choose a mayor and two aldermen.

August 6 is also the primary election for federal and state candidates, including each party's candidates for governor, U.S. Senate, Congress and state officers for the Republican and Democratic executive committees.

The election commission will also discuss its 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget proposal, set the time of the election, set early

voting locations, appoint election officials, appoint absentee and provisional ballot counting board members, appoint the machine technicians, consider a list of names for write-in ballots, discuss appeals for rejected voter registration forms and review the list of qualified candidates.

Last week, Administrator of Elections Chris Davis released a statistical profile of the May 5 election:

- Active Registered Knox County Voters (as of Tuesday, May 5, 2026): 263,463

- Total Votes Cast: 56,006

- 21.25% of registered Knox County voters cast a ballot in this election

- Early Voting turnout: 32,418

- Election Day turnout: 21,678

- Absentee By-Mail and Nursing Home turnout: 1,910

- First-Time Voters: 1,618 (1,179 Republican, 439 Democratic)

- Oldest Voter: 102 years old (two voters)

State Rep. Dave Wright addresses Halls Republican Club

By Ken Lay

State Representative Dave Wright made an appearance at the Halls Republican Club Tuesday night at the Halls Boys and Girls Club.

He recapped the recently completed legislative session and took a few questions from the audience. He also discussed the new laws that will go into effect on July 1.

In the last legislative session, the Tennessee House passed bills regarding immigration, underage vaping and tobacco use and body cameras for prison personnel. He also discussed the special session for redistricting in West Tennessee.

"We passed eight to 10 bills on immigration



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

State Representative Dave Wright addresses the Halls Republican Club Tuesday night at the Boys and Girls Club on Dry Gap Pike. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month for snacks, fellowship and guest speakers.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Trifecta

With the possible exception of Senator John Fetterman and Harold Ford Junior, the Democrats have become more dangerous than Iran.

Jim Ferguson

I have often wondered if commercials actually sell products. I suspect there is data to bolster the claim, but I still wonder. The numerous commercials advertising pharmaceuticals come to mind. When I practiced medicine, I was never once approached by a patient to prescribe some medication they had seen on TV. Neither do sports betting ads entice me. I wouldn't wager a dollar to win \$100. I might like the hundred dollars, but winning a bet would give me no joy.

My daughter loves horses; me, not so much. She follows the Triple Crown horse races and introduced me to the terms trifecta

and perfecta. A perfecta is wagering on the first and second place finishers and a trifecta is picking the first three winners in a race.

Becky and I love to watch golf, baseball and are thoroughly enjoying the Stanley Cup hockey championship. I don't share Becky's passion for basketball, which I suspect was kindled when she was a University of Tennessee cheerleader. I did watch parts of two games of the NBA finals.

This July 4, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's founding. And this November is the extremely important midterm election. A third event is this summer's World Cup soccer matches in Mexico, Canada and the US. My only interest in "European football" is the similarity of a soccer ball to a buckminsterfullerene (buckyball), a geodesic dome-like configuration of 60 carbon atoms.

Democrats are poised to complete their election trifecta. In 2008, the doltish Democrat Al Franken defeated Republican incumbent Senator Norm Coleman of Minnesota by 312 votes out of 3 million cast, literally after a car trunk full of votes were "discovered" at the "eleventh hour." Given the corruption in Minnesota, it was not surprising that Franken was reelected in 2014 or that he resigned in 2018 due to allegations of sexual misconduct.

Then, during the Covid epidemic, Joe Biden defeated incumbent President Donald Trump. In that election, Biden received substantially more votes than either Barack Obama or Hilary Clinton received in their presidential runs, amidst allegations of ballot harvesting, non-citizen voting and numerous other questions of fraud.

And to complete the trifecta, the Republican Spencer Pratt was edged out by Democrat socialist Nithya Raman in California's so-called gorilla primary and will compete against Karen Bass, the incumbent Democrat mayor of Los Angeles, America's second-largest city. Way to go, Angelenos. You will have the choice between two Democrats: an incompetent Black woman and a socialist

BIPOC woman.

Why should Knoxville care much about New York City, Seattle or Boston, all run by Democrat Socialists? Why should Tennesseans care about Los Angeles or California, where, at this writing, Republican Steve Hilton has persevered in the gorilla thing and will run for governor against former Biden cabinet member Xavier Becerra, who OI' Joe once called "Bacheria." Perhaps Joe's frazzled memory fused Becerra's Latin ancestry with the Macarena.

But who knows how many boxes of votes may be found in Los Angeles car trunks as The [vote] Goes On, to borrow from Sonny and Cher. In Florida, vote counts were completed shortly after the polls closed. But then, California Democrats have to keep counting votes because they don't know how many votes they need after Election Day.

We must care about the mess in California because it challenges the integrity of the vote everywhere. Americans have fought and died for the right of citizens to choose their representatives. If we don't trust the vote, we have no trusted leadership and no country.

The SAVE ACT is promoted to address voting integrity. I've read that 85% of

Americans support the legislation where voters must show photo ID, voters must show proof of citizenship, and no mail-in ballots are allowed except for illness, disability, military service or travel. The legislation has so far failed to pass, presumably because additional provisions were tacked on blocking men in women's sports and blocking transgender surgery for children. So, we are left with the status quo and a potential disaster for the midterm elections.

In all wars, there are ups and downs, battles won and lost. Thomas Paine was a Founder and fought in our Revolutionary War. His influential pamphlets, "Common Sense" and "The American Crisis," advocating separation from Great Britain, were very influential. I believe we are in a new American crisis due to the war with Iran, but even more important is the war against America by factions in our country. I see a greater danger from within than from without.

The Democrats now brazenly cheat while the media and elites praise them, apparently expecting their share of the spoils from the conquest of justice and morality.

In the opening segment of the movie "Gladiator," Roman Emperor Marcus

Aurelius is defending the border against the barbarians. Our barbarians are not at the gate; they are already here and live among us.

The Democrats will steal the elections in California and then move on to the rest of the country. We are in a war for the soul of America.

This progressive destruction began decades ago, but accelerated with Obama, and then Covid allowed the Democrats to steal the election and put autopen in the White House. With the reelection of Trump, I thought there was hope, but 47 may be an interlude, just as threats from Egypt forced the Babylonians to retire from the siege of Jerusalem. But they quickly returned to complete the destruction.

"How Should We Then Live?" is the title of Francis Schaeffer's book on Western Civilization, borrowing from the prophet Ezekiel 33:10. History repeats itself, and the wise learn from mistakes. I hope our leaders do. Schaeffer concluded that the Bible is truth, we should have compassion for the lost, we must speak the truth, and God is with us. I've adopted these perspectives. They give me hope.

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for Zoo Knoxville for five years. The Urban Design and Development Department recommended the agreement for 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive, with Knoxville Zoological Gardens Inc. approved to supervise, manage and operate the popular Knoxville attraction.

True Grip and Lighting Inc. was hired to provide the stage, lighting

and production equipment for the city's Festival on the Fourth. The \$68,000 agreement, requested by the Office of Special Events, includes an option for future July 4th events over the next two years and may increase by up to 3.5% each year.

The council also approved a new contract for the North Cherry Water Quality Improvements Project, as well as approving a storm water project study and as-needed staffing augmentation, both requested by the Engineering Department, in contracts with Ardurra Group Inc. They voted to accept a \$15,000 grant from AARP to use on the Vision Zero program to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets.

Rep. Dave Wright

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(reform), and we passed bills on underage vaping, and we also approved more money for the DCS, and we passed legislation on body cameras for people working in prisons," Wright said. "We also passed legislation on modular housing in an effort to make housing more affordable."

Wright noted that the immigration bills were voted on separately.

"All those bills passed, and we had so many because we wanted them all to pass," he said. "We didn't want one thing to kill an immigration bill."

"It's an honor for me to serve the people of Tennessee," Wright said. "I have a lot left to do, and we need to work hard."

Wright opened his remarks by discussing his path to public service and his time in the military.

Wright was the featured speaker. State Representative Michele Carringer was also scheduled to speak Tuesday night, but missed the meeting due to a family emergency.

The upcoming election also came to the forefront of the meeting as Chelsea Rose, wife of Tennessee gubernatorial candidate John Rose, also spoke briefly about her husband's campaign.

The club contributed \$500 to Justin Cofer's county commission campaign. Cofer, who is seeking the at-large Seat 10, was not present at the meeting due to a family commitment.

Knox County General Sessions Court Judge Andrea Kline was also present at the meeting, and she gave some brief remarks regarding her campaign.



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Publisher's Position California Elections:

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skepticism and speculation about election fraud. The initial returns were overturned by the steady counting of ballots mailed in over a period of weeks, even after the day of the election. Is anybody really surprised by the "news" that Spencer Pratt was counted out in Los Angeles? LA was once a proud city that has been sinking into a miasma of mismanagement for years, bordering on the criminal, overwhelmed by homelessness, and infested with crime and predators.

Looking at California's election process, any rational person would be tempted to believe it was designed to encourage fraud. The voter rolls appear to be maintenance-free and never updated to weed out the dead and otherwise departed. There are 29 days of early voting, as well as same-day voter registration and collection of provisional ballots. Add to that concoction the fact that everyone who registers a motor vehicle is instantly and automatically enrolled as a voter. On top of that, there is the convenience of universal mail-in

balloting and an additional seven days to count those mail-in ballots mailed at the last moment, at the same time as other ballots are being harvested. Virtually all of the election officials are Democrats, as are the staff members. What could go wrong, and why would anyone be skeptical of a fair ballot count, or be suspicious of outright election fraud?

The system was designed by Democrats for Democrats, with unions and NGOs well-funded by taxpayer dollars to churn out their members and the homeless to harvest votes. It seems the election laws in California were written to make such things perfectly legal; it certainly puts mighty big weight toward skewing election results in favor of the Democrats. Many of the NGOs, funded by taxpayers, label themselves as nonpartisan, but the reality is they are as completely partisan as either the Democratic National Committee or the Republican National Committee. Many of these NGOs reap the benefit of funding societal failures, contributing to an ever-expanding

welfare state, paid for by hardworking families.

The incumbent mayor, Karen Bass, could be the poster child for a spectacularly incompetent official who doesn't even pretend to be a public servant. Utterly clueless, Bass had pledged to lift Los Angeles out of its cesspool of problems and promised not to make foreign junkets. Yet Bass was in Ghana attending the inauguration of its new president as much of Los Angeles and the once beautiful Pacific Palisades burned to the ground. The incompetent governor, Newsom, and his equally useless counterpart, Karen Bass, had neglected to have enough water in the reservoirs to allow the fire hydrants to work properly. Progressive California - which provides funds for illegal aliens to pay for transsexual surgeries as well other health care for non-citizens while generously funding DEI - had not filled the reservoirs because of its supposed environmental concerns, and had made cuts to services like local fire departments. Progressive California enabled the dreams of

homeownership for thousands of its own citizens to literally burn to the ground and go up in smoke. The government regulation in Los Angeles and California has stifled the ability of homeowners to rebuild their homes, and many of them have run out of insurance money to live elsewhere while trying to run through the byzantine maze of bureaucracy and fees. The Los Angeles City Council has bickered about collecting fees and taxes from homeowners who lost everything they had before allowing them to rebuild. The number of homeowners who have been able to rebuild has been infinitesimal compared to the actual loss. It has been an utter and complete failure caused by the state and local governments.

According to the election returns dribbling in, Nithya Raman, a nonentity on the city council who appears to be a run-of-the-mill socialist/Marxist no more capable of governing than Karen Bass, will advance to the general election. Raman only just barely passed Spencer Pratt in the vote count, but the counting

process has apparently served its purpose, as neither Bass nor Raman will lift Los Angeles from its spiraling descent into the gutter. Pratt had pleaded that Angelinos were entitled to "a basic quality of life" irrespective of political party or beliefs. Apparently not.

As the voter rolls have never been purged, there is no telling how many deceased and non-citizens mailed in ballots - including those who have moved and now live elsewhere.

Still, Pratt's creative campaign ads will likely change the face of candidate advertising. The innovative nature of the ads caused both Bass and Raman to worry, and they were so rattled by the first debate appearance with Pratt that they cancelled their participation in the second scheduled debate.

Both Karen Bass and Nithya Raman come from the same failed local bureaucracy which allowed much of the city they propose to "govern" to burn to the ground. You get what you vote for.

Commission could ease up on restrictions for merit board membership

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from political coercion, cronism or unfair termination. The board is made of five voting members who are Knox County residents, U.S. citizens, and at least 21 years old. The Knox County Commission and the Knox County Mayor appoint the members.

Frazier's efforts to update the membership requirements began last September and, following two postponements, may see some discussion this month.

She and Angela Russell, District 5 commissioner, have been ironing out the details of the proposals on the online commission forum. Currently, the merit board does not permit membership to anyone employed by the Knox

County Sheriff's Office for the past 10 years. Both agreed that reducing the limit to five years following service would be better than a 10-year wait.

They have also been discussing how an applicant could qualify if a family member works at the sheriff's department. Russell suggested expanding "family member" to include spouse, parents, grandparents, siblings, children or grandchildren, or the equivalent "step or in-law," or any other person that resides in the same household as the applicant.

Currently, Frazier's merit board ordinance is at the end of the commission's agenda, but it could be slotted earlier for public discussion.

How do Knox County Commissioners communicate outside of meetings?

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Rules of the Knox County Commission stipulate that the members cannot discuss agenda items or county business outside public meetings. There are a couple of legal ways around that, including holding informational meetings with the public on topics that more than one commissioner may attend.

The Commission Forum online, where each member may post suggestions, changes, and ideas that relate to county business and upcoming agenda items, is used more often than public meetings. Anyone can view this forum by visiting <https://commission.knoxcountytn.gov/forums/forum/knox-county-commission-forum/>

The online forum has turned into a discussion platform that commissioners use to exchange ideas. Commissioners also use the forum to make requests for upcoming agendas, such as withdrawing agenda items, moving items from discussion to the consent list or moving a consent item to open discussion and a vote.

Here are some of the recent posts regarding upcoming agenda items: At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier commented

on possible changes to who may serve on the Knox County Sheriff's Employees' Merit System Board. District 7 Commissioner Rhonda Lee asked that a resolution approving a new driving range for the sheriff's office be pulled from consent for discussion.

District 9's Andy Fox and District 5's Angela Russell were posting back and forth on the forum about Fox's data center regulations proposal and Russell asked to be included as a sponsor of the resolution. Fox and Russell also requested that four items be removed from consent and opened for discussion.

Deputy Law Director Mike Moyer replied to The Focus' question about use of the forum and sent the rules, which includes the following: "Electronic communications posted to a forum shall not substitute for decision making by the governing body in a meeting held in accordance with this part. Communications between members of a governing body posted to a forum complying with this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with the open meetings laws compiled in this part."

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CareCuts special-use zoning upheld by city council

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When CareCuts announced earlier this year that it was moving to a new location on Clinton Highway near Merchant Drive, several homeowners and business operators objected to the plan and appealed the decision.

The homeless care facility made the move, opened, and the objections continued. Tuesday evening, the Knoxville City Council affirmed the new location, in an empty former bank building in front of the Clinton Plaza Shopping Center.

Attorney David Hamilton, speaking for the opponents, appealed the decision by the zoning administrator to permit

CareCuts to reside there on the basis of a religious exemption. Hamilton told the council the non-profit organization is in violation of existing ordinances, the administrator has no such powers, and charged the homeless advocate group is "cloaking itself" for the religious exception.

Hamilton, who has an office and home in the neighborhood, said CareCuts has no permit for a tent there, has had no fire inspection, and holds special events without an application.

Attorney Ben Mullins spoke for CareCuts and said the organization "has sincere religious beliefs." He said the zoning administrator has the authority and denied that the administrator's ruling was an "end run"

around regulations.

"The work they are doing is clearly Christ-centered." He said CareCuts has a 10-year reputation of caring for the homeless and holds Bible studies, worship services and prayer groups at the facility.

Vice Mayor Lynne Fugate asked City Law Director Charles Swanson if the zoning administrator has the authority to grant the location and if the law department was consulted.

"That was done," Swanson replied.

Fugate then moved to deny Hamilton's appeal, and the vote was 7-0-1-1. District 2 Councilman Nathan Honeycutt was absent from the meeting, and District 5's Charles Thomas, who

represents the area where CareCuts is now located, abstained from the vote.

In other action, the city council debated, at some length, whether or not to permit the Knoxville Municipal Court to hire an outside collection agency to secure outstanding fees and fines. The final vote was 6-2-1, with At-large Councilwoman Amelia Parker and District 6 Councilman Denzel Grant voting "No."

Judge Tyler Caviness made the request and said most of the past-due accounts would go to the agency, Perdue Brandon Collins and Mott LLP, for collection. Caviness said there are repeated offenders who are not paying fines and routinely disregard parking tickets.

Grant questioned the language in the ordinance and urged that the agreement be postponed. He noted the company would be permitted a 20 percent fee above the total collection.

Caviness said there is no current effective ordinance or enforcement process in place and asked that the approval not be postponed. Parker said the outside collection agency's harassment of citizens would cause the loss of public trust.

District 3 Councilman Doug Lloyd disagreed and said passing the ordinance will "put a little teeth" in the law. Grant's postponement motion failed and the hiring of the collection agency was approved.

MLK Jr. Parade/March and Juneteenth Celebration return

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and family-friendly activities. The event continues to grow as one of Knoxville's most anticipated community celebrations.

Last year's celebration brought together more than 2,000 attendees throughout the day and created an estimated economic impact of more than \$40,000, with many food vendors selling out. Organizers expect another strong turnout this year as families, churches, schools, civic organizations, businesses, and community members gather in East Knoxville.

A special historical feature of this year's parade

will include representation of the United States Colored Troops, with volunteers portraying Union soldiers connected to the First United States Colored Heavy Artillery, which was mustered in Knoxville during the Civil War.

The commission is working with The Beck Cultural Center to bring historical elements into the parade and celebration, helping connect the MLK Jr. Parade/March and Juneteenth Celebration to the deeper story of emancipation, Black military service, local African American history and the ongoing meaning of freedom.

This tribute will honor the Black Union soldiers whose service helped carry the message of freedom to Galveston, Texas, and whose legacy remains connected to both national and local history.

Complimentary shuttle service from Knoxville Area Transit will be available for parade walkers beginning at 8:00 a.m. from the Knoxville Family Justice Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Tabernacle Baptist Church at the corner of Cruze Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue to the parade lineup area at Chilhowee Park.

Churches, schools,

nonprofits, businesses, civic organizations, youth groups, fraternities, sororities, and community groups are encouraged to participate in the MLK Jr. Parade/March. The Commission invites groups from across Knoxville and East Tennessee to march, ride, perform, or otherwise show their support for freedom, unity and the legacy of Dr. King.

Parade registration is open now and will close this afternoon, June 15, 2026. Register at www.mlkknoxville.com/parade/

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Space, and Public Art, Keep Knoxville Beautiful highlights the accomplishments and sustainable efforts of their valuable volunteers, community partners, and green organizations and businesses. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Museum of Art.


Nomination Requirements:
 - The nomination form must be filled out completely with photos.
 - Property must be in Knox County.
 - Property cannot have received an Orchid Award in the past 10 years.
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Revisiting Cavett Station PART ONE

More Than A Day Away

 By Mike Steely



Members of Friends of Cavett Station stand at the monument in Mars Hill Cemetery, where members of the slain family were buried.

On September 25, 1793, an incident took place that not only shocked white settlers but also clearly separated the Chickamauga leaders. Chief Doublehead and Chief Watts had plans to capture the federal garrison at Knoxville to avenge the militia's unwarranted attack on the Cherokee town Coyatee, where several were murdered, and Chief Hanging Maw and his wife and others were wounded.

Chief John Watts, the son of a white trader and Doublehead's nephew, easily recruited 1,000 warriors to avenge the attack and began riding toward the federal barracks at Knoxville. Two warriors were sent to watch General John Sevier's force, camped at Ish's Fort. Both Indians were discovered and one, Nettle Carrier, was wounded. He made it back to Watt's war party with sad news: Doublehead's brother, Pumpkin Boy, had been killed. Doublehead was outraged and wanted personal revenge. He insisted that not only should the fort at Knoxville be attacked but every cabin along the way as well. The Chickamauga bypassed Campbell's

Station, where 25 families lived, for unknown reasons. Family legend has the deliberate passing without attack as a result of Col. David Campbell's efforts earlier to save the life of a Cherokee girl, the daughter of a chief. Campbell was a veteran of the Revolutionary War who built a blockhouse west of Fort White, now Knoxville, where he lived for some 36 years. Another account has the

soldiers at the garrison firing the morning cannon, a daily activity, and the Chickamauga warriors may have believed their surprise attack had been discovered before it began or that they were no match for the artillery there and passed the garrison by. Alexander Cavett, or Cavitt, was an early settler of old Washington County, Tennessee. He and his family are listed

Mabry-Hazen House Celebrates Juneteenth '...And Then I Became Free: Stories of Emancipation at Mabry-Hazen House'

Join Mabry-Hazen House on Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, 2026, for special tours to commemorate Juneteenth. Mabry-Hazen House will share stories, objects and research related to the historic house museum, local enslaved communities and their stories of emancipation. Visitors will learn about the lives of African-Americans connected to Mabry-Hazen House, their achievements and struggles, and the various ways they gained their freedom. The museum will also share new research discoveries through stories of the Franklin—a family who were enslaved by the Mabrys, gained their freedom when the Union army arrived in the late summer of 1863, and contributed to the downfall of slavery in Knoxville. From self-liberation to the 13th Amendment, "...And Then I Became Free: Stories of Emancipation at Mabry-Hazen House" will explore the different methods enslaved people broke

down the oppressive institution of American chattel slavery and fought to gain their personal liberty. The museum will offer special Juneteenth tours at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.. Then on Saturday, June 22, the museum will open from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., and two tours will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.. Admission is free, but tours are limited to 24 visitors per tour. Reservations are encouraged, and donations are appreciated. To reserve a tour, please visit www.mabryhazen.com/events/emancipationday or facebook.com/mabryhazen. The special talk will take place in the Julia-Meek Guest House located on the Mabry-Hazen campus. "...And Then I Became Free: Stories of Emancipation at Mabry-Hazen House" is part of the United States 250th anniversary and Mabry-Hazen House's "A New Birth of Freedom Series," a four-part series of summertime programs exploring

Switzerland: Classic Stamps, Classic Vistas

Some of the world's most classic collectibles are stamps from Switzerland. Some of the world's greatest vistas and scenery are also found in Switzerland. During the latter part of May and early June, my wife, Mary, and I had the privilege of traveling throughout Switzerland. One of her lifelong dreams after reading the book "Heidi" was to visit Switzerland. We had a memorable trip. We witnessed great mountain scenery, alpine

OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE

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features, lovely meadows and hundreds of Swiss dairy cattle. The scenery rivaled, if not surpassed, that which we have experienced in the Rockies. The infrastructure in Switzerland included roadways and railways throughout the Alps. Phenomenal civil engineering and construction allowed for views beyond description. Swiss postage began with early stamps issued by cantons (similar to states) such as Zurich,

Geneva and Basel. The unified or national postage began in 1850. The early Swiss stamps featured a white cross (like a plus sign) on a red background, just like the current Swiss flag. This two-colored stamp was quite the rage in the 1850s. The early air mail stamps were ultimately categorized as a semi-postal item because their revenue paid the delivery costs of the item and also aided the Swiss National Military Aviation Fund. Switzerland also produced postage due stamps along with other categories of stamps, including some official. The Swiss became famous for producing and selling stamps that assisted national or international causes such as the International Postal Union. Every

Swiss stamp includes the language "HELVETIA." Early Swiss postal items have substantial value. Many Swiss stamp collectors work to find the multiple varieties of Swiss postal items. I am especially intrigued by the early Swiss airmail, which utilized pictures of planes and wings flying over the Alps. If you ever desire to visit Switzerland, make sure you include significant time in the various villages and cities. Some passes connecting Switzerland with Italy and Austria reach altitudes of over 9,000 feet. Connecting the various communities in the Swiss country has proven to be quite a challenge for their society. Our coach driver had nerves of steel and skill beyond

the ordinary driver. The communities located in the Alps are at the edge of cliffs and mountain peaks well over 10,000 feet. We traveled at grades of up to 22%. That is steep. The beauty of the scenery, as well as the Swiss postage, will always be a part of my travel memories. Remember, the Knoxville Philatelic Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church on Kingston Pike. As always, if I can assist you in your hobby of stamp collecting, please contact me at hrbrooks68@gmail.com or (865)604-0164. This is Harry Brooks of the Old Man's Stamp Store. Enjoy collecting!

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If Life Had a Remote

Wouldn't life feel so much simpler if it came with a remote control? Imagine holding a little universal device that lets you skip the hard seasons, pause the painful ones, rewind the good moments, or fast-



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forward through uncertainty. With one click, you could fast-forward awkward conversations, redo the dumb decisions, and mute people who drive you crazy! In Christian love, of course.

We all know that life doesn't hand us a remote. Instead, it hands us seasons: beautiful, unpredictable, and usually always beyond our ability to control. Just like the turning of the calendar, our lives shift through moments of growth, loss, celebration, pruning, waiting, and renewing. And while we can't command the seasons to change, we can choose how we walk through them and what we learn from them.

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon begins with a form of Hebrew poetry known as antithetical parallelism, where every line presents a pair of contrasting or opposite ideas. Each pair represents the completeness of the totality of the human experience: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to dance and a time to mourn. In total, fourteen seasons that address the meaning and the mystery behind the contrasting

moments of life. We understand mountains and valleys; we have all celebrated the birth of a new baby and wept at the graveside of a loved one. Which of us has not felt the pain of trouble and celebrated the joy of victory? Gains and losses? Joy and sorrow? It's a Biblical reminder that all of life is filled with rhythmic shifts that each of us understands from human familiarity.

This is the context in which verse 1 begins with, "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun." The same rhythmic shift ends with the fact that our Creator, "hath made everything beautiful in his time." This means that even in these opposing seasons that span across a vastly comprehensive range, there is a sovereign God that encompasses all of the events of life, and that our circumstances are less random than we think and more regulated by God than we are aware. We are never commanded to control changing seasons, but rather to walk through them. From the creation of time until now, there has always been a sacred tension between the sovereignty of God and human control. While there are some things that we can control, there are ample amounts of things that we cannot.

Solomon therefore concludes in chapter 3 that

whatever God does is right, and we need to stop asking questions and learn to live by faith, trusting that His plan is always right. From this posture, he says in Ecclesiastes 3:13, that everything that we have, "it is the gift of God." Our deepest enjoyment doesn't come from what we have, but in Whom we have. Gratitude lives not in what we understand, but in Whom it is that we trust. This is what mature Christians are made of: the ability to not allow thanksgiving to only be a reactionary comfort, but to be a response to sovereign control. This is what allowed Job to look at life in the face, having lost it all, and say, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Something that all of us remember is that, regardless of whatever temporary season we are going through, there is the stability and sustainability of God, who has an eternal plan. He is still working all things for our good, even when things are looking bad. It's important to remember that gratitude is not only reactive to God's gifts, but is responsive to His sovereignty. We don't have to pretend that every season is easy, but we can have enough faith that every season has purpose. If we learn to trust God's control in every changing season, then gratitude rises naturally, because I remember that the God who authors my circumstance is the same God who is faithfully shaping my soul.

Coaching

I interviewed for my first job as a high school English teacher in 1974. Only a week of summer was left before teachers reported for in-service training for the coming school year. Luckily, Mildred Doyle honored a request from my mother to help in securing a job for me, and the principal at Doyle High School that year was Billy K. Nicely. He'd been my high school principal at Karns High, so I hoped that he would take that into consideration without holding against me that I was a terrible high school student.

Yes, Mr. Nicely hired me, a fact for which I was forever grateful to him. That first school day, I entered a classroom with students who were only 3-4 years younger than I was. In one case, a student was the same age (19) as my new wife, Amy. Somehow, most likely by the grace of God and plenty of bluffing by me, I survived that first year.

One primary goal was to secure this new job for the coming years. The school was looking for a freshman football coach. I'd played freshman football as a teen, but my future playing career was cut short when explosive headaches followed any severe contact during my remaining high school career. With little experience as a player but plenty of BS skills, I offered my services. Evidently, no one else applied, and I was chosen.

Jim Pryor and I coached that team. We had skilled players who were ready to work. We both were taking evening classes at UT, so



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practices lasted an hour or just a bit more. I'm not sure how well we played that year, but the point was to keep as many players as possible interested enough to play the following year.

When I was hired at Karns in 1985, I again offered to coach freshman football, and again, my goal was to keep as many players as possible playing through high school. The last team I coached had 44 freshman players. However, the new varsity coach took control on game days and broke my promise to the boys that if they practiced, they would play.

The point of all of this is that coaching football is not some kind of mystical job. Yes, having years of playing experience is a good thing, but that's not the most important part. I studied playbooks and asked varsity assistant coaches to explain blocking schemes, passing trees, defensive coverages, and blitz packages. After grasping those things, I stepped on a patch of ground that was sure to cause as many bruises and abrasions as the hits by players and held practice. My primary concern was teaching simple steps to offensive linemen. Back then, a much smaller boy could block or at least get in the way of a hulking linebacker.



I've always maintained that the most successful coaches were the ones who were able to teach. The job of a teacher is to explain even the minute details of a player's responsibility. Next,


a coach walks his players through every phase of a play, whether it is offensive or defensive. Half-speed run-throughs preceded full-contact practices.

I also believe that successful coaching demands truthfulness. Blowing smoke at a player works only so long. Eventually, players expect a coach of any sport to stick to the things that he promised. Rick Barnes and Josh Heupel have records of shooting straight with recruits and players. They stick to promises but expect athletes to keep their ends of bargains.

Lastly, I am convinced that discipline is a key component of good coaching. Players must remember that they represent more than just themselves when they participate in a sport. No one player is bigger than the entire program. I respect Kim Caldwell for holding players' feet to the fire and for making tough choices when individuals fail to follow simple rules.

No, I wasn't a great coach. I was plugged in to fill a hole that existed. I tried the best I could to teach freshmen how to play positions. Together, we had some successes and more than enough failures. Still, I enjoyed being a coach of boys who were raw and ready to learn. In many cases, they were more willing than my students in English classes. Of course, playing is more fun than using correct verb tenses or reading a book about a woman with an embroidered "A" on her clothing. Still, it all comes down to teaching. I'm not one, but I know the best coaches at all levels are more teachers than athletes.





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the ideas and legacy of the American Revolution on efforts to expand liberty, equality, and justice in Knoxville and the United States over the nation's 250 year history.

Juneteenth is the oldest known national celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery. It was on that day in 1865, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, that word of slavery's end reached an enslaved community in Galveston, Texas, the westernmost state of the Confederacy. Throughout the South, formerly enslaved African Americans had

already sought emancipation by a variety of means, yet in places like Texas and East Tennessee, slavery remained legal even after Lincoln issued his famous executive order.

The Mabry-Hazen House Museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located atop Mabry's Hill in Knoxville, Tennessee. Built in 1858, three generations of the same family resided in the Italianate-style home overlooking downtown Knoxville. The museum showcases one of the largest original family collections in America with over 2,000 original artifacts on display.

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The Gentleman from New Jersey

Harry Moore

Pages from the Past



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Arthur Harry Moore is not a name familiar outside of New Jersey, but in his time, Harry Moore was one of the best vote-getters in the Garden State's history. Three times Moore was elected to nonconsecutive terms as governor of New Jersey and was also elected to the United States Senate.

Redheaded when he was younger, Harry Moore was always ambitious and quit school to take a job as a clerk when he was only 13 years old. Moore continued his education and learned accounting and typing. Moore was something of a political prodigy, being an able and effective speaker at an early age and was known as "the boy orator of Lafayette" in his section of Jersey City. Having involved himself early as a volunteer and worker in New Jersey's Democratic politics, Moore became secretary to H. Otto Wittpenn when the latter was elected to serve as mayor of Jersey City. The boss of Hudson County politics was Robert "Bob" Davis, who also held a post in Jersey City City Hall as the city collector. When Davis died in 1911, A. Harry Moore was appointed to take his place as collector. From the very beginning of his political career, Harry Moore was associated with Frank Hague, who eventually became the leader of the Hudson County political machine, which turned in huge majorities for Democratic candidates locally and in statewide races as well. Moore was elected to the city commission in 1913 and when Frank Hague ran to succeed Otto Wittpenn in 1917, Moore was an essential cog in the machine, proving to be highly popular with the people.

Moore was always upwardly mobile and sought to better himself at every turn. Harry Moore attended law school, taking classes at night and was admitted to the bar, graduating from what later became Rutgers School of Law.

By 1925, Frank Hague was looking for a candidate for governor, and he settled on his friend Harry Moore. Hague's machine and Moore's pleasing personality allowed Moore to win the Democratic nomination without much opposition. Harry Moore ran his general election campaign as an avowed opponent of prohibition. His GOP challenger, the dignified Arthur Whitney, had the backing of the Anti-Saloon League. Whitney also ran hard against the Hague machine and constantly talked of Moore as being nothing more than a puppet of the Jersey City mayor. Moore only carried

three of New Jersey's 21 counties, but he received a whopping majority of more than 100,000 votes in his own Hudson County, which gave him a majority of just over 38,000 votes to beat Arthur Whitney.

When A. Harry Moore was first elected governor, chief executives in the Garden State served a term of three years. Despite Whitney's charge that Moore would be a tool of the Hudson County machine, the newly elected governor made no apologies as to his political pedigree, proudly brandishing his membership in the Democratic organization. Moore proved to be a capable chief executive, and despite the New Jersey State Senate being dominated by the Republicans, the governor worked well with both parties and got most of what he wanted from the state legislature. When Governor Moore disagreed with the legislature, he oftentimes got his way due to the people - as happened in a statewide referendum on water issues. Harry Moore had an innate sense of what the people wanted and what they were against, which made him a formidable candidate anytime his name was on the ballot.

Governor Moore headed an administration that was quite conservative while rendering state services. Moore once vetoed a gasoline tax, which he felt would be a heavy burden upon working people who were already struggling.

Although Moore remained very popular, state law prohibited him from seeking a second consecutive term as governor in 1928. Without Moore at the top of the ballot, Republicans swept New Jersey. A year later, with the crash of the stock market and the onset of the Great Depression, Republicans had control of the White House, Congress and the New Jersey governor's mansion. Moore went back to practicing law, but he was also omnipresent in New Jersey's political affairs, and he kept up a busy schedule of attending club meetings, luncheons, and speaking before business groups. Moore was himself a joiner and was a member of several fraternal organizations, and he was a constant presence on the relatively new medium of radio as he had his own radio program over New York's WOR.

Few people, Republicans or Democrats, doubted Harry Moore would run for a second term as governor in 1931. For the Democrats, A. Harry Moore was unsurpassed as a vote-getter, and he once again was nominated without little or no opposition inside



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of A. Harry Moore, three time governor and U.S. senator from New Jersey.

his own party. Moore campaigned in the general election by lambasting President Herbert Hoover and his successor as governor, Morgan Larson, as the architects of the economic ruin in New Jersey. Moore's challenger in the 1931 general election was David Baird Jr., the son of a United States senator of the same name. The younger Baird had been appointed to serve a year in the U.S. Senate due to the resignation of Senator Walter Evans Edge, who had accepted an appointment from President Hoover to serve as America's ambassador to Great Britain. Moore buried David Baird beneath an avalanche of votes, carrying all but four of New Jersey's 21 counties and winning by just over 230,000 votes.

Like most other governors, Harry Moore immediately set out to alleviate the suffering of New Jerseyans and get the state back on sound economic ground. With Herbert Hoover ousted from the White House by Franklin Roosevelt, Moore sought New Jersey's share of federal funds for public projects.

As New Jersey Democrats prepared for the 1934 campaign, they began beseeching Governor Harry Moore to announce his candidacy for the United States Senate to challenge incumbent Senator Hamilton Fish Kean. Kean, a name still famous in New Jersey politics, was a Republican and a successful banker who had been elected in the Hoover landslide in 1928. Congresswoman Mary Teresa Norton, a stalwart of the New Deal, led a delegation of Democrats to Governor Moore's office to present him with a resolution adopted unanimously by the state committee asking him to run against Senator Kean. Even then, Moore was not eager to seek another office nor run another campaign. Moore's wife, Jennie, was said to be

adamantly opposed to the idea of her husband running for the Senate and them living for much of the year in Washington, D.C. Jennie Moore preferred instead that her husband quit politics and return to the practice of law.

Congresswoman Norton told the governor the committee was "begging" him to run. Moore asked for "a few days" to think the matter over. Mrs. Norton told the governor that Democrats in New Jersey "are going to insist that you go to Washington." Moore tried to be diplomatic, saying he was "very tired." His wife's protests notwithstanding, Harry Moore announced he was a candidate for the United States Senate on April 7, 1934. Moore's announcement may well be the shortest on record as he simply said "yes" when the Democratic State Committee asked him to run for the Senate.

Once again, Moore campaigned by associating Senator Kean with the failed administration of Herbert Hoover and declaring his own full support for President Roosevelt. The New Deal, Moore asserted, had wrought changes to America's social and economic life and had provided people with security, freedom and hope for the future.

The results of the election amply demonstrated exactly why New Jersey Democrats had begged Harry Moore to run. While Republican Harold Hoffman was winning the governorship, A. Harry Moore was beating Senator Kean by more than 230,000 ballots. Kean carried five counties while Governor Moore carried everything else.

Moore went to Washington, where he took up his new responsibilities as a member of the United States Senate. The Senate is not always an easy place for former governors to find themselves. Used to dictating public policy on their

own, the Senate demands considerable adjustment in being one of 96 at the time (Alaska and Hawaii were not then states). Things moved at a much slower pace than governors were used to and the fall from the prominence of a chief executive of a sovereign state was a humbling experience for a freshman senator. Many former governors are dismayed by the U.S. Senate as a "debating society" or, as Harry Moore termed it, "a cave of winds." In spite of his pledge to back Franklin Roosevelt, Moore found FDR's policies frequently went against his more conservative instincts. Senator Moore was openly opposed to Roosevelt's plan to pack the U.S. Supreme Court and was the only Democrat in the Senate to vote against the Social Security Act. Moore also opposed some other New Deal legislative priorities as a member of the Senate. Senator Moore focused his efforts on making sure New Jersey received its fair share of the New Deal's financial largesse. Harry Moore was not especially happy as a member of the U.S. Senate, and he listened when Frank Hague summoned him to run yet once again for governor in 1937. Answering Boss Hague's call, Moore faced the Reverend Lester Clee, who was the GOP nominee for governor. Clee was a Presbyterian minister from Newark and a caustic critic of Frank Hague. Dr. Lester Clee was also an experienced officeholder, having served in the state House and state Senate. Clee served as speaker of the House before being elected to the state Senate. The Reverend Clee had entered politics as a member of a "clean" government ticket and running as a Republican, he remained a vocal and bitter opponent of machine politics in general and the Hague machine in particular.

That same bitterness permeated the 1937 gubernatorial race in New Jersey and was almost certainly the most bruising campaign of Harry Moore's political career. Clee cried that the election of Harry Moore once again to the governorship would allow Frank Hague to pack the Garden State's own Supreme Court by picking every justice. Clee raised the flag of judicial independence during the campaign and said that if he were elected governor, the judiciary would remain free from politics, but should Harry Moore return to the statehouse, politics would submerge independence.

Harry Moore campaigned as he always had, shaking hands, meeting folks and renewing acquaintances with a host of friends throughout New Jersey. Moore was largely on the defensive during the campaign as the Reverend Clee savagely attacked his record. Moore told audiences he had never once betrayed the trust of the people who had elected him to any office and had always supported working people and the interests of labor. "I am one of you, the people," Moore cried, "and as such I know your attitude. . ." Speaking before one crowd, Moore mused, "It seems that you are often too old to apply for a job but never too old to pay taxes."

Moore won the governorship for the third and final time by 45,266 votes, although he only won four of New Jersey's 21 counties. The majority for Moore in Frank Hague's Hudson County was more than 129,000 votes, which caused the Reverend Clee to cry fraud, and not without reason. That accusation hung over Governor Moore's final term like a black cloud. When Frank Hague wanted Moore to run for a fourth term in 1943, the former governor refused. Hague was resentful and unkind to the man who had frequently led his machine to victory. Harry Moore's last years were filled with the fulfillment of a busy legal practice, service on numerous boards and speaking engagements, all of which kept him occupied. Moore and his wife, Jennie, spent much of their time at a home in the country.

The former governor had a stroke while driving, which caused him to run his car off the road. Fortunately, Mrs. Moore was not seriously hurt, but Harry Moore died from the effects of the stroke.

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 on the 1778 tax rolls of Valentine Sevier and payable to William Bean. Cavett's Station stood near Knoxville and only had a few fortified cabins. With Sevier's militia several miles away and Captain Nathaniel Evans' 180 militiamen at French Lick (Nashville) to help protect the new settlers there, Cavett's and many other stations were left with few guards and very little nearby help.

Cavett's Station was located just north of Sinking Creek in present-day Knox County. Chief Bob Bengé was selected to speak with those inside the walls of the fortified cabin and he approached as directed.

Bob Bengé, also a red-headed son of a white trader and a nephew of Doublehead, told the settlers that if they surrendered, they would come to no harm and simply be traded back to territorial authorities. Bengé had been given the words by Watts, and both men believed the promise to be true.

The settlers looked at the large force against

them and agreed to the terms, leaving the cabin after dropping their weapons. As they entered the clearing, Doublehead, and probably some of his closest warriors, rushed the survivors and killed all 13 except for one small boy.

Chief Watts sheltered the child and put him up on his own horse for protection, cursing Doublehead's action and insulting him. Bengé was also shocked and frustrated that his words had been used as a ploy for cold-blooded murder.

By some accounts, the Cavett child was being taken back to the Lower Towns when he was killed by some of the Creek warriors among the Chickamauga, but the most often told tale has Doublehead riding up from behind, grabbing the infant who had been crying in fear, and dashing out the child's brains against a tree that grew beside the trail.

Watts, Bengé, and their followers called Doublehead "Baby Killer" whenever an appropriate insult was needed.

Before leaving the

Cavett station, the Chickamauga warriors burned it to the ground. Seeing the smoke from the federal garrison in

Knoxville, Sevier dispatched Captain Harrison to investigate. All he found was smoldering ashes and butchered bodies.

The bodies were buried in what is now the Mars Hill Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in Knoxville. It is located at

438 Broome Road in what is now West Knoxville, near the location of the Cavett Station.

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SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Austin-East's Pruitt excels in athletics and academics

By Steve Williams

Justin Pruitt was pretty much a jack-of-all-trades in sports at Austin-East during his high school career. As for academics, the male Student-Athlete of the Year had a 3.9 grade point average and ranked in the Top 10 percent of his class.

Pruitt was a Project GRAD Scholar, too, and a four-year A/B Honor Roll student, showing a strong academic commitment throughout high school.

A leader on the football field as a defensive back and kick returner, Justin served as a team captain, earned All-District honors and was selected to the East Tennessee All-Star Team.

"P was special," said A-E Head Football Coach Stanton Stevens. "He only played football for 10 weeks during his senior season and was immediately one of our best players."

"He came out for football one week before the season started. We knew he would be good after watching him return punts

The finish line is just ahead!

The best turnout yet for the Focus' recognition of local Student-Athletes of the Year is in this week's issue.

Eight schools – Austin-East, Bearden, Concord Christian, Halls, Karns, L&N STEM Academy, Seymour and The King's Academy – displayed their finest.

Twenty-five high schools are in our coverage area, with seven left to take part in the final week.

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.

The third group gave us another Salutatorian, one female who played three sports on the state level and one who is on his way to the U.S. Naval Academy.

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

as a scout team player. He had an injury at cornerback, and he got his opportunity in Week 3 of the season. He did so well that he would end up starting the rest of the year at cornerback and punt return. JP earned All-Region status and played in the All-Star Game. He only played one year of high

school football. He was a bright spot in what was a long season for the 2025 Roadrunners."

The versatile Pruitt also played point guard for two years in basketball and was an All-District honoree.

Justin wrapped up his athletic career at A-E on the



Justin Pruitt, pictured on a field banner above, is the male Student-Athlete of the Year at Austin-East.

KNOX FOCUS ALL-COUNTY BOYS TENNIS TEAM

Jaymeson Huffman leads All-County boys tennis team

By Ken Lay

The 2026 high school boys tennis season packed plenty of excitement, with several local players having a successful campaign.

Christian Academy of Knoxville reached the TSSAA Division II-A state semifinals, a talented freshman burst onto the scene at Hardin Valley Academy and Farragut reached the sectional round of the state playoffs.

The Knoxville Focus will recognize some of the area's top players on its 2026 All-County Team.

Player of the Year: Jaymeson Huffman: Hardin

Valley: Huffman, the home-schooled freshman, has played tennis from an early age. He's competed in some of the top USTA tournaments.

He joined the Hawks this season and cruised to both the District 4-AA and Region 2-AA singles championships. He suffered his only singles loss of the season in the state championship match, falling in three sets, 6-3, 2-6 (10-6) to Tennessee High's Emery Corpstein.

Huffman finished the 2026 campaign with a 16-1 singles record. Every opponent that Huffman played at the

state championships was a senior.

Huffman is joined on the All-County Team by:

Bryce Graves: Grace Christian Academy: A sophomore for the Rams, Graves reached the Division II-A state singles championships.

Caleb Clumber: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Clumber helped the Warriors reach the semifinals of the Division II-A team state tournament. He won a singles match in CAK's 4-3 loss to University School of Nashville in Chattanooga. The senior also teamed with sophomore Tate Campbell to

reach the championship match of the state doubles tournament. There, the duo posted a runner-up finish.

Tate Campbell: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Campbell helped CAK reach the team state championships. He also combined with Clumber to post a runner-up finish in the state doubles tournament.

Camden Oakley: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Oakley and doubles partner Reagan Thomas to reach the state doubles championship. The duo was eliminated in the quarterfinals. **Continue on page 4**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Local teams prepare for season with 7-on-7 competition

By Ken Lay

The 2026 high school football season kicks off during the third week of August. The campaign is more than two months away.

But that doesn't mean that area coaches and players are sitting idly by.

Preparation for the new football season has kicked into high gear. The weather has heated up and local teams are competing in 7-on-7 competition.

Central High School hosted Hardin Valley Academy and Austin-East High on a hot and steamy Wednesday morning at

Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City.

The competition was sometimes fierce in the 7-on-7 format, which features quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers, tight ends, linebackers and defensive backs, as the Bobcats, Hawks and Roadrunners were all in the midst of getting experiences and repetitions in preparation for the third Friday in August.

"The biggest thing for us today was getting some of our younger kids some reps," Central coach Kevin Lane said. "You want to see how well your guys compete **Continue on page 6**

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SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

'Tenacious' Seymour wrestler to continue attack approach

By Steve Williams

Gracie Voorhies will continue her college wrestling at Concord University, which is located in Athens, West Virginia. And that's a warning to the opposition.

Voorhies, Seymour High's female Student-Athlete of the Year, earned All-State honors on the prep level with a career 107-26 win-loss record on the mat. She also was a three-time TSSAA state qualifier, finished in the Top 5 twice plus was a two-time region champion.

"Gracie's tenacious approach to training and competition is what made her truly special," said Seymour wrestling coach Darrel Lauderdale. "She attacked every practice



Gracie Voorhies and Germain Velasquez, pictured at their signing day, are Seymour's Student-Athletes of the Year.

and every match with intensity and purpose, and she is without question one of the most 'amazing' and dedicated athletes I have ever had the privilege and honor to coach."

Gracie also played soccer and was a Salutatorian in

the Class of 2026 at SHS.

Seymour male Student-Athlete of the Year Germain Velasquez has signed to wrestle with the Midway Racers (111-23 overall record).

Velasquez was the District Soccer Goalkeeper

of the Year too for the Eagles.

As for wrestling, Coach Lauderdale said: "Germain's athletic ability was special, but what truly separated him was his dedication to mastering his craft every single day. His work ethic, toughness, and commitment to improvement set the standard for our team and made him a champion both on and off the mat."

Fred Ellis, who coached both in soccer, added: "These two multi-sport athletes have demonstrated exceptional work ethic, determination, and a relentless drive to succeed. Throughout their four years at Seymour High School, they have represented us

with character and excellence on and off the field."

Atchley and Tarayia are TKA's honorees

Emily Atchley, a standout basketball and softball player plus a student with a 4.0 GPA, was a perfect selection for The King's Academy's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

She plans to matriculate to Milligan University to play basketball. Her coach at TKA said: "Emily played hard for us every night, and was one of the glue pieces for this team."

Academic Advisor Renee White added: "Emily was a joy to have in class because

she always wanted to do her very best. She was consistently driven, hardworking, and excited to learn new things. I am confident she will be successful in anything she decides to pursue in the future."

Duncan Tarayia, TKA's male Student-Athlete of the Year, was a standout three-sport athlete for the Lions, competing in cross country, soccer and outdoor track.

Athletic Director Stephen Alexander shared, "Duncan is a talented, hardworking three-sport athlete at TKA. He not only excels as an athlete, but also as a leader on and off the field. He embodies the best of what a student-athlete ought to be."



Duncan Tarayia and Emily Atchley are Student-Athletes of the Year for The King's Academy.

Austin-East's Pruitt excels in athletics and academics

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baseball field, playing in the outfield and infield plus had a .310 batting average and led the Roadrunners in triples with three.

He also was active in community service and plans to attend Tennessee State University.

Tymirrianna Brown repeats as A-E's female honoree

Known as "ReRe," the junior for the second year in a row stood out in basketball at Austin-East.

"Coaching this young lady has truly been such an honor," said Coach Gwen Jackson. "I feel like I am the lucky one."

"Honoring a young woman whose impact on the court can be felt from the opening tip to the final buzzer; she doesn't just play the game, she dominates the game on both sides of the ball," added Jackson, a former UT Lady Vol. "She's a flat-out game-changer.

"Offensively, she's a

TYMIRRIANNA BROWN

Junior

2026 MISS BASKETBALL CANDIDATE
TSSAA - CLASS 3A

2025-2026 Season Stats

- 14.8 Points Per Game
- 6.7 Rebounds Per Game
- 2.7 Blocks Per Game
- 2.9 Assists Per Game
- 4.8 Steals Per Game

Career Totals

- 1066 Points
- 377 Rebounds
- 288 Steals
- 122 Blocks
- 149 Assists

Achievements

- NFHS Award of Excellence
- 2023-2024 All-District
- 2024-2025 All-District
- 1000 Points Club
- 3-Time Nomination for Player of the Week
- Honor Roll Student

Tymirrianna Brown is Austin-East's female Student-Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row.

defense's worst nightmare, leading the team with an explosive 15.7 points per game. If you give her an

inch, she'll pull up from deep; if you press her, she'll blow past you to the rim.

"But if you want to

know who she really is as an athlete, you look at her defense," continued Jackson. "She plays with an intensity that cannot be taught, by pulling down nearly six rebounds a night and racking up a mind-blowing 4.5 steals per game. She turns defense into offense in the blink of an eye, completely altering the momentum of every game she steps into."

"She is a stat-sheet stuffer, an all-district powerhouse, a fierce competitor, and a teammate who sets the standard for hard work at Austin-East," summed up Coach Jackson.

"ReRe" was a Miss Basketball candidate in the state this past season in Class 3A.

Her stats per game this past season were 14.8 points, 6.7 rebounds, 2.7 blocks, 2.9 assists and 4.8 steals.

Among her achievements are the NFHS Award of Excellence, 1,000 Points Club member and being an Honor Roll Student.

Jenkins and Jones are Karns' honorees

By Steve Williams

Hunter Jenkins and Addie Jones were announced as Karns High School's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year by Athletic Director Hunter Fendley.

Both were three-sport athletes, with Jenkins lettering in football, track and wrestling; and Jones lettering in track, cross country and soccer.

Academically, Hunter had a 4.29 weighted grade point average, while Addie had a 4.25 GPA.

Hunter received the UT Volunteer Scholarship and Addie received the Cross Country Running Scholarship for Pellissippi State.

Both also received the Thomas James Polen Scholarship.

Other highlights were Jenkins being on the Honor Roll all four years and being a Student

Council president.

Jenkins also received the Optimist Club Johnny Mauer Scholar Athlete Award, the Peer Tutor of the Year Award, the Principal's Award and the DECA Award.

In addition to being on the Honor Roll for all four years, too, Jones was a Track Captain and received the Track and Field Chris Allison Distance Award, the Rick Cathey Coaches Award and the Principal's Award. She also was recognized as the Outstanding Yearbook Photographer.

Jenkins will attend UT Knoxville in the fall and is studying pre-med with plans to be a pediatrician. Jones will attend Pellissippi to pursue a degree in the radiation technician program.

Ancient History to Many in the Fan Base

Would an 11-2 record overall, along with an SEC title, a Top 10 finish, and a BCS bowl bid be satisfactory to the Vol fan base in today's college football environment?

Every game now appears to be an "elimination game," with the perception of the season's success or failure riding on nearly every snap.

That was the record in 1997, an exciting season more than a few Vol fans don't immediately recall as one of the school's best. It's hard to believe that is the case.

The games were exciting, as always, with capacity crowds present at Neyland Stadium and wherever else the Vols might have played, but that was nearly 30 years ago, ancient history to many in the fan base.

That season, the Vols knocked off Texas Tech (52-17) and won at UCLA (30-24), kicking off a 9-game win streak, defeating Ole Miss (31-17), Georgia (38-13), at Alabama (38-21), South Carolina (22-7), Southern Miss. (44-20), at Arkansas (30-22), at Kentucky (59-31), and Vanderbilt (17-10) in the regular season, and against Auburn (30-29) in the SEC title game. The losses were at Florida (33-20) and Nebraska (42-17), the latter game in the 1998 Orange Bowl.

Our bottom line is that 11 wins are quite an accomplishment against SEC competition. Here are some thoughts for perspective.



Peyton Manning's (16) decision to spurn the NFL and return to the Vols in 1997 raised pre-season expectations.

The 1997 Vols lost at Florida, and that was a disappointing afternoon, complete with a torrential rainfall at game's end. They recovered very nicely, winning the SEC Eastern Division title when the Gators lost twice later in the season, and the Vols didn't lose again.

Some people recalled the Florida loss and called winning the Eastern Division in that manner "backing into" the title and the trip to Atlanta. Regardless of how the Vols got there, the Vols defeated Auburn to win the SEC overall, helped immeasurably by an inspirational halftime speech by

linebacker Al Wilson and a 73-yard game-winning TD pass from Peyton Manning to Marcus Nash in the SEC title game.

There were those fans in 1998 who complained as the Vols won the national championship by winning more than a few close games and overcoming other hindrances on the way to their eventual 13-0 record. Winning a close game by taking advantage of the breaks at exactly the right time, however, has always been a hallmark of national championship teams over the years and is part of the Tennessee tradition.

Those controversial plays included the pass interference penalty that gave the Vols new life in the Carrier Dome against Syracuse in the season opener and the "Stoerner Stumble," a well-timed turnover when it looked as if Arkansas was getting ready to win the season's most critical game.

Most fans were happy when the SEC crown came back home to Knoxville. Right where it belonged, they said. No one said that the Gators "backed out" of a trip to Atlanta and the SEC title game by losing twice late in the season, but they could have.

Peyton Manning, who raised the stakes for the season when he announced at a March media conference that he was coming back for his senior campaign, was favored to win the Heisman, but didn't. Somehow Michigan's Charles Woodson grabbed the brass ring, with a great many Tennessee fans calling it the "Heisman Heist."

Peyton showed a high degree of class and dignity and all those other intangibles that exceptional people display when things are tough, but it was a huge disappointment all across Big Orange Country... and still is. For better or

worse, that was a dominant memory that ended up shaping perceptions of the entire season.

The Vols lost decisively to Nebraska in the 1998 Orange Bowl in Tom Osborne's last game as Cornhusker head coach. It was a 25-point margin reflecting his 25-year Nebraska career. That had a chilling effect on the mood of the fan base.

Tea Martin had led a late touchdown drive to narrow the final margin, giving Vol fans hope that 1998 might be better. They didn't know that for sure, but there was hope it could happen.

The 1998 team did bring home the national championship with a 13-0 record, the only such record in the annals of Vol football. Things got better week-by-week and fans fed off the team's energy and spirit. An 11-2 1997 record obviously didn't measure up to 1998's 13-0, but regardless of how you spin it, both seasons were significant accomplishments. A two-season record of 24-2 is nothing short of amazing.

If the Vols somehow could get to an 11-2 season record in the years to come, maybe even next season, there would be great joy and jubilation all across the expanse of Big Orange Country. The past would be mere prologue.

As they say in the locker room, on the Vol Network airwaves, and on local sports talk shows, this is Tennessee football and the future is NOW. Damn the torpedoes and full speed ahead!



Congratulations to Hunter Jenkins (top) and Addie Jones, Karns High School's Student-Athletes of the Year.

SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Comparato and Wires turned in big numbers this year

By Steve Williams

Halls' Colby Comparato and Bella Wires sparkled on the diamond this past season.

So good that they were selected for Halls High School's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year.

Colby, a senior, had a .429 batting average, a .512 on-base percentage, an .842 slugging percentage plus 13 home runs, 12 doubles, two triples, 39 RBI, 43 runs scored and 16 stolen bases.

The Carson-Newman signee also stood out academically with a 3.8 GPA.

Halls Athletic Director Scott Cummings said Comparato "deserved the recognition."

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COLBY COMPARATO

- »» 439 BATTING AVERAGE
- »» 12 HOMERUNS
- »» 76 RUNS/RBI
- »» 15/15 STOLEN BASES



Colby Comparato and Bella Wires are Student-Athletes of the Year from Halls.

Wires, a sophomore infielder and the Lady Red Devils' leadoff batter, also stood out statistically, with a .305 batting average, two doubles, two triples, two home runs, 11 RBI, 19 runs scored, eight stolen bases and a .907 fielding percentage.

"I have always said Bella is the most athletic kid in the school, not just female," said Halls softball

coach Bryan Gordon. "As evidenced by her winning this award I am not the only one that believes that. As for softball she was a catalyst for us this year, hitting leadoff for most of the year and playing third base. She puts a lot of pressure on the other team with her speed.

"Bella is a true gamer," added Gordon. "When **Continue on page 4**

SALUTING THE 2025-26 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Rainey plays on state level in three sports

By Steve Williams

“Emma Rainey excelled in three sports at Bearden High School during the 2025-2026 school year,” said Bearden Athletic Director Morgan Shinlever. “Additionally, she was a dual sport athlete in soccer and basketball as a freshman, sophomore, and junior.”

During the 2025-2026 school year, Emma earned All-State honors in soccer to help lead the Lady Soccer Dogs to a state championship.

Rainey also was All-District and All-Region in basketball as a starter on a state tournament team, and she was All-Region and Region 1-2A Offensive MVP in Flag Football, leading the flag football team to the school's first ever region championship and state tournament appearance.

“She is a special student-athlete who balances school, life, and athletics all the while being an outstanding representative of Bearden High,” added Shinlever.

Emma is committed to play soccer at Carson-Newman University in 2026-2027.

“I echo everything Morgan said,” pointed out Zachary Scott, the head coach of Bearden's flag football team. “She's an exceptional person and athlete. I also had her in AP US History, and she is an excellent student.”

Justin Nordin is Bearden's male Student-Athlete of the Year. He led the Bulldogs to the TSSAA state basketball tournament this year and will be joining the U.S. Naval Academy.

“It is great to see Justin further acknowledged for his achievements,” said



Emma Rainey and Justin Nordin are Student-Athletes of the year for Bearden.

Bearden basketball coach Jeremy Parrott. “He is a great young man on and off the court. One of the hardest workers we have ever coached. He deserves the accolades.”

Senior and freshman earn All-State honors for L&N

Connor Arnold, L&N STEM Academy Class of 2026, has been a four-year member of both the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams in his high school career and has been selected L&N's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Arnold is a four-time state qualifier for the TSSAA Cross Country State Championships and a three-time All-Region team member. Additionally, he qualified three times for the TSSAA Track and Field State Championships, leading to three All-State recognitions.



L&N STEM named Connor Arnold and Grace Shin its Student-Athletes of the Year.

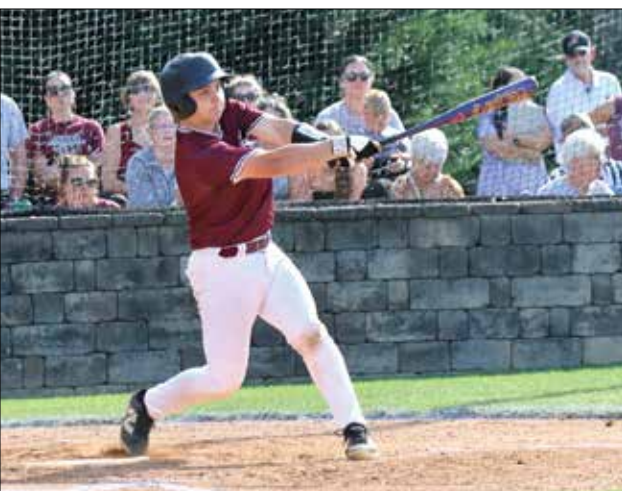
Connor also graduated in the Top 10 of his class while receiving an AP Capstone Diploma with a concentration in Physics, Mechanics, and Engineering.

With Arnold moving on, Grace Shin, a L&N freshman, has already shown she could continue the Gryphons' success in the future. She was a first-year member of the track and



field team this past season, and set four school records and three All-State finishes at the 2026 TSSAA State Championship Meet.

Not only did Grace excel in athletics, but she also ranks among the top students in her pursuit of an AP Capstone Diploma with concentration in Physics, Mechanics, and Engineering.



Micah Dewald and Delaney Jane Walker are Concord Christian School's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year



Comparato and Wires turned in big numbers this year

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the lights and scoreboard come on she is as competitive as any kid I have coached.”

In basketball, Wires was a point guard and super quick. She could hit the 3-point shots or race by the defenders for a layup. She

was fun to watch.

Dewald and Walker honored with Mr. and Miss Lion Award

Micah Dewald and

Delaney Jane Walker are Concord Christian School's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year for 2025-26.

Micah played on the Lions' baseball team and Economics has been his top subject at CCS.

Delaney Jane was a

two-sport athlete and played soccer and basketball for the Maroon and White. Her top academic classes were Economics and English.

These two school leaders also received the annual Mr. and Miss Lion Award at the end of the school year.

Jaymeson Huffman leads All-County tennis

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Regan Thomas: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Thomas teamed with Oakley to qualify for the state doubles tournament.

Davis Brady: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Brady won a singles match for the Warriors in their 4-3 loss to University School of Nashville.

Dawson Bristow: Christian

Academy of Knoxville: Bristow won a singles match for CAK in its state semifinal loss in the team state championships.

Reed Bristow: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Reed Bristow teamed with doubles partner Cole McDaniel to win at No. 2 doubles in CAK's state semifinal loss to USN.

Cole McDaniel: Christian

Academy of Knoxville: McDaniel won at No. 2 doubles with Reed Bristow in CAK's loss to USN in the semifinals of the state team championships.

Lukas Bukovsky: Farragut: A senior for the Admirals, Bukovsky helped his team reach the state sectionals where he won both a singles and doubles match against Science Hill. He

had eight singles and four doubles wins in his final season at Farragut.

Leyton Lu: Farragut High School: Lu had a total of 11 wins in singles and doubles for the Admirals. He also won a singles match against Science Hill in the sectional round of the state playoffs.

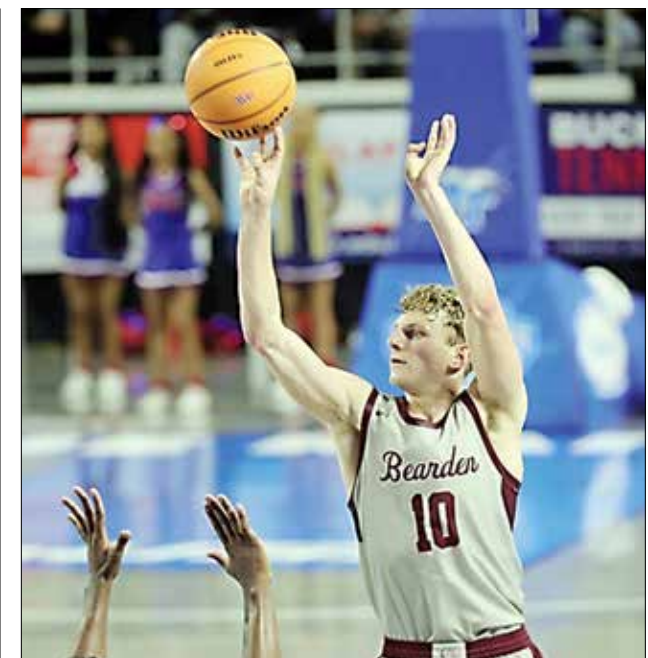


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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

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 Genevieve 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.foreclosurerefn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning June 15, 2026.

be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com, and www.foreclosurerefn.com 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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Knoxville City County Building located at 400 West Main Street in Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, Avery Woods Homeowners' Association, Inc., (the "Association") will sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six (6) months, in bar of any right of redemption, the following described property, which is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in the 5th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 43rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot No. 17R-1, on the plan of the Resubdivision of Lots 10R-18R & 28R-36R of Avery Woods, Unit 2, which is of record in Instrument No. 200204170086123, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which record reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Oscar M. Coward under Warranty Deed recorded on July 21, 2015, as Instrument Number 201507210004719 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is: 5329 Avery Woods Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921.

This sale is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, 35-5-101, et seq., and as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered against Defendant, Estate of Oscar M. Coward (the "Defendant") in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: Avery Woods Homeowners' Association, Inc. v. Estate of Oscar M. Coward et al., Docket No. 209736-2. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202510070020580 with the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

The sale of the described tract of property will be conducted subject to any unpaid real property taxes and to any other rights, restrictions, reservations, conditions, charges, easements, liens, and encumbrances of whatsoever nature having statutory or lien priority with respect to the claims of the Association. All proceeds of each said sale shall be applied as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale identified above.

The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. 35-5-104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. 35-5-104. The Association and the above-named Defendants have an interest in the described property. **Other interested parties:** Mortgage Investors Group.

Except as otherwise provided in the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale, the sale will be made to the highest and best bidder in bar of any right of redemption in favor of the Defendant or the Defendant's creditors, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-803 and 66-8-101, for a ten percent (10%) down payment at the close of bidding, and the balance evidenced by a Promissory Note of the purchaser, due and payable six (6) months after the confirmation of said sale, bearing interest at the legal rate from the confirmation date until paid in full. The form of the Promissory Note may be inspected on the date of the sale immediately prior to the sale. The Association may submit a credit bid for the property being sold as set forth in the Order of Sale.

The title to be conveyed at such sale shall be only such title which the Association may convey pursuant to the terms of the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale or as law or in equity, with no further representations or warranties of any nature whatsoever. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain without further publication and in accordance with applicable law upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place set forth above. In the event the high bidder at any sale shall fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Association shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or re-advertising and selling the property at a second sale.

AVERY WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
By: /s/ Kevin C. Stevens
Kevin C. Stevens
P. O. Box 442
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901
(865) 546-7311

This notice will run for two (2) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates June 15 and June 22, 2026 and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www.foreclosurerefn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning June 15, 2026.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 Jeddiah C. McKeenan, of McKeenan 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 Chancery

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 judgment 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 OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

NOTICE OF SAFE SURRENDER PROCESS OF PUBLICATION

IN RE: Baby Doe
Date of Birth: 01/17/2026

CASE NUMBER: 26JT000030-670

TO: Biological father/Father/unknown father and Biological Mother of the above male juvenile born at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Respondents in an action to terminate parental rights. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 17, 2026, a male infant was surrendered by two people claiming to be the infant's mother and father who did not express an intent to return for the infant and that the infant was surrendered to an individual pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7B-521, specifically a health care provider authorized to accept the surrendered infant and UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on January 17, 2026.

The infant had the following physical characteristics at the time of surrender: Caucasian male born at 6 pounds 10.2 ounces, 19 1/4 inches long. The infant has light brown hair and no visible marks or other defining characteristics. The infant is now in the physical and legal custody of the Orange County Department of Social Services ("DCDSS"), the County in North Carolina where the infant was surrendered.

Petitions to Terminate the Parental Rights of the surrendering mother and father have been filed with the purpose of legally clearing Baby Doe for adoption in accordance with safe surrender statutes, N.C.G.S. 7B-520 et seq. If a parent is indigent, the parent is entitled to appointed counsel and may contact the Clerk of Court of Orange County immediately to request counsel. The pretrial hearing pursuant to G.S. 7B-1108.1 is scheduled for July 16, 2026, and the parent(s) are notified that he or she may attend the pretrial hearing.

You have 30 days from June 15, 2026, the first date of publication of this Notice, to respond to said Petitions by filing a written answer to the petition with the Orange County Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile

may be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed and the court determines the ground for termination has been proved and that termination of that parent's rights is in the best interest of the juvenile, that respondent's parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated.

STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.
BY: /s/ DEANA K. FLEMING
Attorney for Petitioner, ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
109 Conner Dr., Suite 208
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
Telephone: (919) 869-7795
Published in The Knoxville Focus: 06/15/26, 06/22/26, and 06/29/26.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THERESA PRIDEMORE TADLOCK
IN RE: JERRY E. TADLOCK, JR., Plaintiff
vs.
THERESA PRIDEMORE TADLOCK, Defendant

Docket # 163900

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, THERESA PRIDEMORE TADLOCK, is a non-resident 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 THERESA PRIDEMORE TADLOCK.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JERRY E. TADLOCK, JR., Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SCOTT B. HAHN, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 8th day of JUNE, 2026.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert A. Clark
Deputy Clerk

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 or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 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 the 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 NORTHSORE DR.
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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 or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This 29 day of MAY, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHY ELIZABETH MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENNIS C. MILLER
3809 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

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)
JANICE M. MOORE
12924 GREELY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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)
RUSSELL F. MOORMAN,
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4219 WASHINGTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

DANIEL A. SANDERS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

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)
FRANCES ELEANOR
NUNNALLY, EXECUTRIX
7300 GINGHAM ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DANIEL R. GOODGE, ATTORNEY
224 N. MAIN STREET
CLINTON, TN 37716

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 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 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 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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHELSEA KIRBY WILLIAMS, ADMINISTRATOR
7011 LEOPARD WAY, APT. 402
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

Local teams prepare for season with 7-on-7 competition

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and you want to see if people can line up and be where they're supposed to be."

Central went 10-3 last season and reached the Class 5A quarterfinals before losing to Black Oak Ridge rival Halls. But the Bobcats lost several key pieces from the 2025 squad, making

7-on-7 competitions and other pre-season activities extremely important for the Bobcats.

"We lost a big senior class in terms of both numbers and talent," Lane said. "It was a pretty good senior class, size-wise."

"In 7-on-7, you want to make sure that you can communicate."

Meanwhile, Hardin Valley narrowly missed the postseason in 2025 with a relatively young team.

The Hawks, however, had their most successful season in several years, going 5-5 and winning two Region 2-6A games with victories over Bearden and Cleveland. The also closed out

the 2025 campaign on a high note, defeating Ooltewah, 42-7, in a non-region tilt.

HVA coach Tyler Wynn is looking to build upon last year's modest success. And the summer will be crucial for the Hawks.

"We've spent much of the month of June getting faster

and stronger," Wynn said. "The biggest thing that we try to take away from 7-on-7 is that we want to see how well we compete and how well we communicate."

"The summer is going well so far and we just came back from an FCA camp and things have been going well in June."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NINA FAYE HARRIS DOCKET NUMBER 92528-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NINA FAYE HARRIS, who died March 29, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (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 3rd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF NINA FAYE HARRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SIDNEY A. HARRIS
1735 BROWNSBURG TURNPIKE
FAIRFIELD, VA 24435

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES C. HART DOCKET NUMBER 92594-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES C. HART, who died February 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of 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 3 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES C. HART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNIFER MARIE HART
5408 CENTURY OAKS DRIVE
GREENSBORO, NC 27455

JOHN RICHARD HART
1509 GLENRIDGE DRIVE
MURFREESBORO, TN 37128

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE D. HUNLEY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92602-2

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 WILLIE D. HUNLEY, JR., who died April 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 2nd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIE D. HUNLEY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRIE GOOSIE

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. JORDAN DOCKET NUMBER 92566-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM J. JORDAN, who died April 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:

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

This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. JORDAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACY M. CONLEY
746 GRAHAM DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

SHERRY JORDAN
3212 WHELAHAN FARM RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ENGELINA A. KELLEY DOCKET NUMBER 92592-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ENGELINA A. KELLEY, who died April 12, 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:

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

This the 5th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ENGELINA A. KELLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ENGELINA A. DUVAL
5516 E. SUNSET RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERRY ALAN LEATHERWOOD DOCKET NUMBER 92035-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERRY ALAN LEATHERWOOD, who died Nov. 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 2nd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF TERRY ALAN LEATHERWOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTIN MARIE LEATHERWOOD
8620 DOLPH DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ALENE MILLER DOCKET NUMBER 92531-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ALENE MILLER, who died April 2, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY ALENE MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMI LYNNE LEE

4817 ELM VIEW DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCILLE MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 92536-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LUCILLE MOORE, who died March 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 3rd day of JUNE, 2026

ESTATE OF LUCILLE MOORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELLEN M. CRAWFORD
1716 MERCHANT DR., #2005
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSE PHELPS DOCKET NUMBER 92382-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ROSE PHELPS, who died March 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA ROSE PHELPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA S. PHELPS
7003 STOCKTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY
BRENT BAXLEY, ATTORNEY
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM PRICE DOCKET NUMBER 92562-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM PRICE, who died April 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 5th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM PRICE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM RANDY PRICE
5209 FAWNWOOD RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOAN SANDBERG RATLEDGE DOCKET NUMBER 92613-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOAN SANDBERG RATLEDGE, who died on the 11th day of April, 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 8th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOAN SANDBERG RATLEDGE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTI RATLEDGE FRANCAVILLA
3440 ALFRED DRIVE
BARTLETT, TN 38133

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DUPRA JANET SHULAR DOCKET NUMBER 92583-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DUPRA JANET SHULAR, who died March 23, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DUPRA JANET SHULAR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY A. THORNBURG
1415 RIVER RUN CR.
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES BRUCE SMELCER DOCKET NUMBER 92545-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES BRUCE SMELCER, who died Nov. 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES BRUCE SMELCER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID LEE STEPHENSON DOCKET NUMBER 92614-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID LEE STEPHENSON, who died March 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 or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID LEE STEPHENSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLIE B. TUMBLIN DOCKET NUMBER 92638-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLIE B. TUMBLIN, who died April 24, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 3rd day of JUNE, 2026

ESTATE OF BILLIE B. TUMBLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. VARNER DOCKET NUMBER 92590-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM R. VARNER, who died Dec. 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 5th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. VARNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH EMILY WALKER DOCKET NUMBER 92586-2

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 SARAH EMILY WALKER, who died March 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 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.