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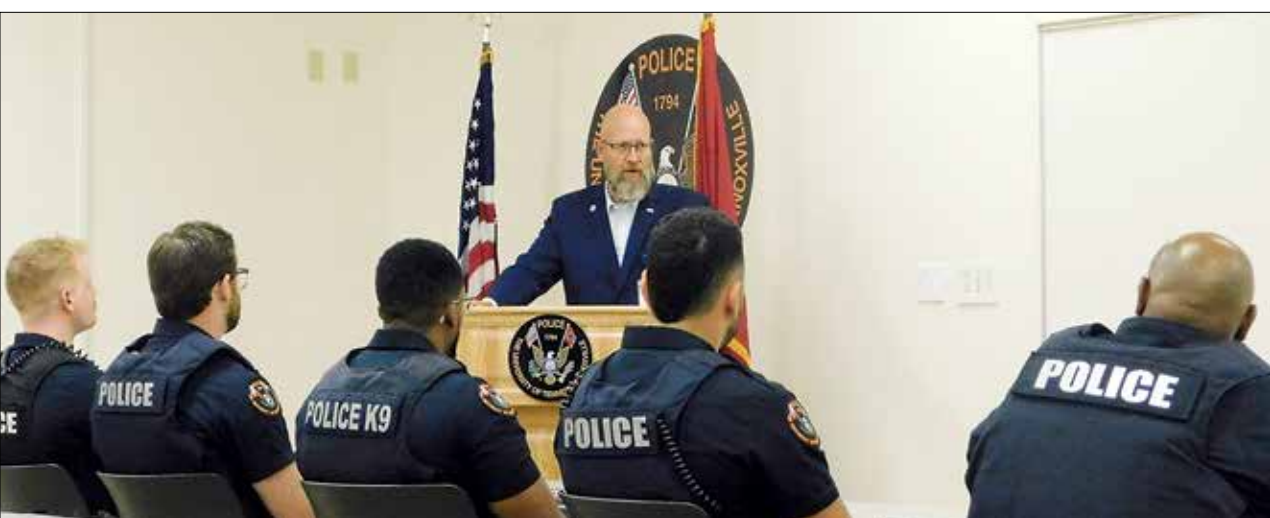


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AMR Regional Director Greg Miller addresses UTPD graduates from the inaugural Emergency Medical Responders program. Those eight officers are now certified to perform enhanced medical procedures while awaiting additional first responders.

Eight UTPD officers complete additional emergency training

By Ken Lay

Eight University of Tennessee Police Department officers graduated from a medical training course late Thursday afternoon.

It was a brief but emotional ceremony for the inaugural class, who completed an eight week, 75-hour course conducted through a partnership between UTPD and American Medical Response-East Tennessee. The officers are now certified to perform medical treatment other than basic first aid and CPR.

"We all know that seconds matter and we know that in an emergency situation, you may be by yourself for a while, [though] you know that KFD, KPD and other help is coming," said UTPD training officer Mike Williams. "This gives our officers the

opportunity to serve our community in enhanced ways.

"Seconds can be the difference between life and death."

Williams commended the officers for their selflessness.

"Being a police officer is hard and you have to be willing to help people on their worst day," he said. "You have to have your best day when someone else is having their worst day.

"When we started this program, I asked why you wanted to be a police officer, and I can bet that all eight of these people sitting here would say they were in it to help people."

The officers who completed the program were trained in multiple situations from delivering a baby to medical assessment, bleeding control, tourniquet application, airway management, AED use and other

lifesaving interventions.

These skills can be utilized during medical emergencies, traumatic injuries, active threats and mass casualty events.

AMR Regional Manager Greg Miller had kind and encouraging words for the inaugural class of the Emergency Medical Responders program.

"This is the inaugural class to graduate from this program, and you can't be No. 1 if there's not going to be No. 2," Miller said. "Being a police officer and working in public safety is a thankless job.

"It's a selfless job and these officers have taken selflessness to another level. They've sacrificed 75 hours when they could've been doing something else."

Disability Services Office closure draws concern at council

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The retirement of Stephanie Cook as Knoxville's ADA coordinator was honored during the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday, but the future of the Disabilities Services Office brought many comments from citizens during the public forum.

One speaker, Yvonne Neubert, said the closing of the office took place with "no stakeholders' input" and will cause fewer programs for the disabled, including the loss of a class offered to new police recruits on

dealing with the disabled. She said the Disabilities Services Office has been inactive for the past couple of years.

Vivian Shipe told the council that the Mayor's Council on Disability Issues is supposed to have nine members, but only has five. She said the council was directed not to meet for the past two years while a survey was underway, and when she asked for the results, the council's minutes disappeared. She said closing the Disability Services Office creates a barrier to obtaining information and
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City's donation policies for nonprofits being reviewed

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The Knoxville Audit Committee met recently and discussed grants and contracts with nonprofit groups. Finance director Boyce Evans and internal auditor Savannah Kirk reported on the current policies.

Four council members are members of the committee, including Denzel Grant, Matthew DeBardelaben, Debbie Helsley and Doug Lloyd. Helsley was absent from the meeting, which was chaired by Nikki Elliott.

Councilman Grant is a founder of Turn Up Knox, a nonprofit that deals with violence prevention, and has been a critic of the city's funding of some

nonprofit agencies and not others. As Boyce went over the current approval process, Grant asked several questions, including what the difference is between grants and contracts and why some nonprofit organizations are not required to go through the application and approval process.

Evans said the city has a contract with some approved groups, like Visit Knoxville, and that type of group has proven its benefit to the community. Grant questioned the two processes to receive city funds and added, "We're getting questions and complaints from the community about 'Why am I not being included?'" He also questioned why some
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Library Advisory Board selection prompts 'culture war' debate

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A large part of a Knox County Commission meeting last week was spent on the selection of four members to the Library Advisory Board.

Normally, choosing citizens to sit on committees and boards is routine, and

the person suggested by the commissioner representing the district involved is usually chosen. But the naming of the board member for District 5 saw the majority of commissioners choose someone else.

The Library Advisory Board is just that, an advisory board to the mayor on library operations and

policy, which might include an opinion about the selection of books in public libraries.

Commissioner Angela Russell, who was absent due to illness, participated in the meeting by telephone and wanted to re-appoint Becky Hofseth.

Hofseth and applicant Karen Vigorito spoke to

the commission and took questions. Hofseth said inappropriate books for children cause confusion about gender. She said she is a home educator and that children should be protected. Asked if she would choose her own personal preferences or what is best for the county, Hofseth said,
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The Man in the Arena

I remember the intro for the Wide World of Sports trumpeting Olympic theme music as the announcer dramatically intones, "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

The international competition of the world's soccer teams in the World Cup focused my thoughts on "The Man in the Arena." Admittedly, I'm not a fan of what Internationals call fútbol, but I actually watched an entire soccer game - they call it a match - between the USA and Australia. I've come to appreciate the skill of the players handling the ball, and I now comprehend some of the strategy. Maybe I'm getting caught up in the "fútbol frenzy."

What I don't understand is the soccer clock, which seems virtually meaningless to everyone except the referee, who is the only person who has the time. Western culture and Americans are very time-oriented. Soccer fans, apparently,

not so much. Einstein once said, "The only reason for time is so that everything will not happen all at once." I recommend FIFA get rid of stadium digital clocks and install sundials for soccer games, uh... matches.

I've been thinking about how blessed we are for sports to distract us from politics and the war. This month, the NY Knicks won the NBA championship after a five-decade drought. Becky loves basketball; me, not so much. It may be sacrilege to admit that another season has gone by and I have still been unable to make it through an entire NBA basketball game.

Also in June, the Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup in an exciting hockey playoff tournament. I played hockey through my sophomore year at UT, but concluded that if I wanted to get into med school, I needed to spend more time in the library than hanging with hockey bros.

Ice hockey is fast and

rough and the skill of catching a puck with your stick is comparable to playing "footsie" with a soccer ball. Personally, I find the fighting aspect of hockey ridiculous. If you want to take someone out, you don't throw your glove down and punch at them and break your knuckles. You wait until they go into the corner, and then you smash them into the boards. By comparison, injuries on the soccer pitch (field) seem to produce more drama than serious injury.

And last week, the US Open golf tournament was played, and Wyndham Clark won not only our coveted national golf championship, but also redemption. He showed far more class than a lot of NY spectators, where several were thrown out for being obnoxious New Yorkers.

Having played baseball, tennis and hockey with some skill, I can tell you that hitting a golf ball well is another level of athleticism.

And after the World Cup is over, it's on to a summer of baseball, more golf and then the fall with real American football.

The most interesting thing about the World Cup is that internationals attending the matches are discovering the real America instead of how our country has been portrayed by the America-hating, elitist

and self-loathing liberal media. Since Elon Musk acquired Twitter, allowing free speech, internationals are now posting about American hospitality, abundance, uniqueness and charm. Apparently, they love America and our freedom. They've discovered Waffle House, Buc-ee's, Walmart, Tex-Mex, Ranch dressing and beef jerky. After reading about the latter, I tried beef jerky, but found it dreadful.

Competition is the nature of sport and life. Equity aims to "level the playing field" to guarantee equal outcomes. It is different from equality under the rule of law, or the rules of competition, where the outcome is based on merit and performance. There can be no "sport" where equity is demanded. Nor can there be justice if favoritism is applied to one opponent because of race, creed, etc.

Why are so many liberals seemingly unhappy with our country, the rule of law guaranteed by the Constitution, or, for that matter, themselves? Only 31% of Democrats are proud to be an American, and only 18% approve of how democracy is working. If a person feels strongly about an issue, does it make their position more worthy than someone else's reasoned opinion? Perhaps that is why Democrats don't "feel" democracy is working for them.

Perhaps my feelings for the American soccer team should justify more players on the pitch than their opponent.

I have recently come upon several thought-provoking articles regarding competition. The first was by C. S. Lewis, university professor, intellectual and the most celebrated Christian apologist of the 20th century. If you're unfamiliar with Lewis' work or have never seen the 1993 biographical movie "Shadowlands" starring Anthony Hopkins as Lewis, you must.

I've read a dozen books by Lewis, but chanced on an obscure writing of his describing Bulverism after a fictional character he created. The concept describes a rhetorical fallacy of always assuming your opponent is wrong and then attacking them personally (ad hominem attack) rather than debating their argument or position. This fallacy is unsportsmanlike, undemocratic and prevents rational debate. It has become emblematic of our current era of politics and discourse. The Piaget teaching moment is to recognize Bulverism and walk away.

I'm reading "Things That Matter," a collection of essays by Charles Krauthammer. He is one of America's greatest essayists and offers hope in a 2011

essay that political battling can rise above ideology and reign in "the most Hobbesian human instincts," yet allow human ingenuity to flourish. What a contemporary concept regarding the development and management of AI.

And lastly is Teddy Roosevelt's 1910 speech on the responsibilities of citizenship and an individual's participation in democracy. The 26th president's words are far superior to any I can write:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood...who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Thank you, President Trump, for entering the arena to save our country from destructive Democrats and the world from apocalyptic Iranian mullahs.

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African American Task Force leadership to change

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The Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday to appoint District 6's Denzel Grant as the council's representative to the African American Equity Restoration Task Force, where he will now serve as chair.

That marks a change for the task force, which was established in 2020 to oversee a \$100 million investment in the city's Black neighborhoods. Funded by grants and state and federal awards, the idea is to reverse economic

disparities caused, in part, by the historic "Urban Renewal" program, which removed families and businesses from their historic home areas.

At-large Councilmember Amelia Parker promoted the change, noting that originally, former Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie served on the body, and her replacement in the 6th District should be the council's voice on the task force.

Mayor Indya Kincannon noted that the task force has been active and created its own bylaws and rules.

She said members serve three-year terms. When asked if the 11 members of the task force had been consulted, Tanisha Fitzgerald-Baker, the current chair, said "No" and added that Rev. Vincent Jones was chosen to become chair on July 1.

Grant said, as chairman, he will take a look at the current bylaws, renew relationships and seek room for improvements. He said he is going to "rely heavily" on the task force members.

Parker commented that having a council member on that body is the "best way to guide that ship."

The task force meets monthly at the Knoxville Area Urban League.

In other business, the city council voted to increase the Liberty Street Multimodal Project to \$2.3 million and increase the Northwest Greenway Connector Phase II project to \$7.2 million.

Homeless and sheltering programs provided by various agencies and nonprofits were funded, and Legends Global was contracted at \$905,000 per year to operate the Convention Center, World's Fair Park and Civic Auditorium and Coliseum. Two firms were contracted for on-call services for traffic signal detector loops.

City's donation policies for nonprofits being reviewed

Cont. from page 1 — nonprofits that work to prevent violence are funded and some are not.

Evans said that a one-page checklist will be issued by the Finance Department to help the council understand what agencies and groups are approved for funding. He said that to be considered for funding a nonprofit group must meet certain requirements, such as having a valid 5013c,

supplying an audit, and having proof of activity registered with the state.

He also said that the internal auditor will be added to the Waste, Fraud and Abuse system list.

The city's contract with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform was questioned by Grant. The term of agreement was for \$519,000 last year and was extended to December 31, which Grant said was done

without council approval. He said that draws some concern and asked about how much of the contract has been spent because no public report has been received.

He asked if the NICJR violence prevention program is paid by reimbursement and the reply was "Yes." A report was promised to the committee by email.

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- World's Fair Park Drive between Clinch and Grand avenues and Clinch Avenue between Henley and 11th streets will be closed 2-11 p.m.
 - Henley Street and Bridge, between Sevier and Hill avenues, will be closed 4 p.m.-midnight.

- Due to fireworks-related safety concerns, Gay Street Bridge will close to all users starting at 9:15 p.m. and reopen after the fireworks show. If you want to use the bridge on July 4, please plan your travel times to accommodate this closure.

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Publisher's Position

Marxism Growing In America



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"The old world is dying, and the new world struggles to be born; now is the time of monsters."
- Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of New York City

"The dancing days of the dirtbag left"
- Senator John Fetterman (D-PA)

The recent statement by Zohran Momdani was certainly not original to him. In fact, it was a quote from Antonio Gramsci, a co-founder of the Communist Party in Italy. The "monster" to which Mamdani was pointing in his verbal assault was

AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. AIPAC is comprised of and funded by Americans who support Israel, the only genuine democracy in the Middle East. Conflict between Muslims and Jews has been ongoing for millennia and is nothing new. What is new is the remarkably open anti-semitism of the far left, which is gobbling up what is left of the Democratic Party. Mamdani's speech was part of a get-out-the-vote drive in New York in the congressional primary, where two incumbents were being challenged by the new left. Dan Goldman was anything but a centrist, and his "progressive" views were unblemished with one exception. Goldman, who is Jewish, was a supporter of Israel. Goldman had been one of the lead congressmen who fought to impeach President Trump during his first term. Goldman was soundly defeated inside the Democratic primary by New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, who is also Jewish, but unlike Goldman, ran as a supporter of Palestine and against Israel. Mamdani supported Lander, as well as two others inside Democratic primaries, both of whom were successful. These

candidates are not even really socialists as much as they are full-blown communists. All of them oppose the United States having any kind of borders, they support the abolition of ICE, and at least one of the three supports abolishing prisons without a clear policy on abolishing crime or criminals. **While these candidates talk about "democracy," it is like the deep and dark and soulless eyes of a deadly predator. It is an empty, meaningless word coming out of the mouth of an individual using it as a prop to accomplish something as far from democracy as the sun is from Pluto.** They, along with Mamdani, apparently share the same hatred for Jews.

It is nothing new for big city Democrats, who have little or nothing in common with other voters, to embrace political philosophies that promise so much. Yet in every instance throughout world history, they have delivered nothing but misery except for a favored few who want to rule over everyone else. True socialism has never delivered excellent universal healthcare; what it has delivered instead is an endless maze of

red tape and bureaucracy, which oftentimes outlives the lifespan of the sick person. There has been no great scientific achievement or discovery that has come from a truly socialist or communist country. Both the Soviet Union and Communist China made strategic gains and developed what little they could technologically through espionage and literally stealing information, plans, and intellectual properties. They also made great strides by sending their students to be educated at American colleges and universities and taking home what they learned.

Those who believe socialism will work wonders in America are typically the idle dreamers, like Bernie Sanders, who never worked a job until he became the mayor of Burlington, Vermont. He has been in government ever since. Socialism and communism wrecked the once most prosperous economy in South America, that of Venezuela, which enjoyed a robust economic income through the sale of its oil. What socialism and communism did accomplish in Venezuela was making the lives of its average citizens a living hell and begging them. The people

of Venezuela were literally reduced to razing zoos and butchering the animals for food.

Socialist or Marxist mayors have been elected in several of our big cities, like New York, Seattle, and two more are contending for the mayoralities in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. Those Marxists who proclaim themselves as "Democratic-Socialists" would never recognize Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, or Lyndon Johnson as Democrats. For them, the world began the day Barack Obama took the oath of office for the first time. These folks have yet to lift any city in the country out of the rot, decay and filth that has permeated those big cities, all of which have been ruled by Democrats for decades. The only thing the socialists and communists have to offer is to make themselves the ruling class and spread the misery around for everyone else.

Much of where we are in our country today is due to our educational system. We have more means of communication than ever before, yet there seems to be less communication than ever. In my lifetime, there has never been less sense

of community in Knox County. We have poured untold billions of tax dollars into education, having been told by the teachers' unions and the school bureaucrats that money will solve every problem. Yet the results tell a very different and disappointing story. In California, where the unions are politically powerful, and Democrats have held sway for the past 30 years, according to a new Education Scorecard, reading scores are at the lowest point since 1990. Some say California is in the midst of a "learning recession." We no longer teach civics in our schools and barely teach history, while the bureaucrats push the revisionist "history" created by far-leftists masquerading as scholars. That "history" is not true or even remotely accurate. Yet much of the thinking of today has been conceived and birthed in our classrooms.

Antonio Gramsci, who was quoted by Zohran Mamdani, once said the fall of Western civilization would come through the destruction of our culture. How right he was.

Disability Services Office closure draws concern at council

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services. Shipe called for the hiring of a director to replace Cook and for 21 positions on the disability board to be named by the council, not the mayor. George Childress said moving the disability program to the city's Human Resources Department is a mistake and cited HR's huge workload. He wondered if human resources would reach out to the community as the Disabilities Services Office did. "I fear the direction the city is going with this and fear that we will, once again, be voiceless," Childress said.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker was critical of the closing and the transfer of disability services to the City's Human Resources Department and asked if the Mayor's Council on Disability Issues would continue. Mayor Indya Kincannon replied it will, and she plans to reconvene it later this summer.

"We're going to continue that, and there are some vacancies," Kincannon acknowledged.

Parker was concerned about how people with disabilities would know to contact the Human Resources Department. Kincannon answered that the city will make sure people know who to call.

Does a county mayor have any authority over the county commission agenda?

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One of the interesting things to come out of the Knox County Commission's Rules Committee meeting last week was when Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers opined, "The commission, not the mayor, should make the agenda," during the group's talk on updating agenda guidelines.

Moyers said it has been a tradition, not a rule, that a county mayor may place items on a commission agenda.

"You don't have to," he said regarding accepting agenda items from the

mayor's office for commission meetings, adding that, legally, only commissioners may add discussion items for a meeting.

"We've always allowed it, but the commission has authority over its own agenda," he added.

"You can make a rule or leave it as it is," he said, adding that how tightly the commission wants to control its meetings is up to the commission. He also added that county departments or the mayor's staff occasionally put things on commission agendas.

The Rules Committee last week voted to define

how Honorary Resolutions and Proclamations may be made. Other votes included what can be voiced during the "Other Business" portion of an agenda, what is required for a placeholder on the agenda, and set rules on how commissioners may react to citizens speaking during public forum.

The changes go onto the commission's July agenda for a vote.

At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier chairs the Rules Committee. Members include Commissioners Adam Thomas, Terry Hill, Courtney Durrett and Damon Rawls.

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Commission compromises on one-year data center ban

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A compromise on restricting new data centers passed the Knox County Commission last week. The commission voted, 10-0-1, to ban new data centers for one year and to ask Knoxville-Knox County Planning to review the policy and report back. The City of Knoxville did the same thing earlier in the month by asking for assistance from the planners.

After hearing briefly from spokesmen for Comcast and AT&T and several citizens, the commissioners discussed excluding the existing facilities in the county of telecommunication companies from future data center restrictions. District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett abstained

from voting because she is a Comcast employee, but took part in the conversation.

The planners will review the ordinance put forward by District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox, who agreed Monday to the planning commission referral and to increase the minimum amount of energy required for new facilities from 5 to 10 megahertz, which measures computing scale, processing frequency and infrastructure power.

Asked if the planning commission should review local regulations concerning data centers, Knox County Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said, "Yes, I'd recommend it," suggesting the ordinance, as changed, be passed, but the planning commission

become involved. Moyers said there are currently no zoning codes to deal with data centers.

At-large Commissioner Larsen Jay said the proposed ordinance was "searching for a problem that doesn't exist," and no one is asking for a data center permit. He said the preemptive banning of such facilities is for "political points."

"Why rush to do something wrong?" Jay asked.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Fox replied. Other sponsors included Commissioners Shane Jackson, Angela Russell and Rhonda Lee.

Commission Chair Gina Oster asked the sponsors to hold a workshop on the issue, agreeing that the data center debate

"definitely has a political overtone to it."

District 8 Commissioner Adam Thompson asked that his name be added as a sponsor to the revised motion, and Fox agreed to hold a workshop while the moratorium against new data centers is in place.

In other business during the 5-hour meeting, the commission approved \$2 million in a federal grant to help fund Hero's Hill, the creation of small homes for two qualifying veterans.

The commissioners also voted, 9-2, to change the qualifications for membership to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board. The

resolution was sponsored by At-large Commissioner Kim Frazier and decreases the minimum number of years since an applicant's employment at KCSO to five years and removes prohibitions on an applicant having a family member employed by the Knoxville City Police. The vote was 10-2, with Commissioners Jay and Lee voting "No."

Two agreements with the federal American Rescue Plan for funding homeless assistance and support services were approved, for \$125,000 and \$35,000, and passed on to the Community Action Committee and Community Mediation Center. The 8-3 vote saw

Russell, Fox and Lee voting "No."

The same three commissions voted "No" on six block grants to various agencies with federal HUD grant money. That vote also was approved, 8-3. They also cast their three votes against a \$1 million per year contract with Independent Primary Care Services.

The commission heard from various citizens during public forum, saluted the planning commission's 70th anniversary, honored July as Parks and Recreation Department Month and National Dairy Month, and heard a presentation from Phil Ballard, property assessor.

Library Advisory Board selection prompts 'culture war' debate

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"There is a God and what He thinks really matters." Hofseth then told a story about same-sex relations and transgender books being available in libraries.

Commissioner Shane Jackson noted that "We have safeguards in place" now in Knox County Public Libraries.

Vigorito said she

supports choices made by local librarians and added, "Our choices are our choices," leaving the child's book selections as the responsibility of the parents.

Vigorito was chosen with votes from Commissioners Shane Jackson, Gina Oster, Damon Rawls, Kim Frazier and Larsen Jay. Commissioners Rhonda Lee, Russell, Adam Thompson and

Andy Fox voted for Hofseth.

The selection of the three other board members went much more smoothly, with Emily Briano chosen as the District 2 member, Scott Muir for District 8 and Jennie Mezick for District 11 in unanimous 11-0 final votes.

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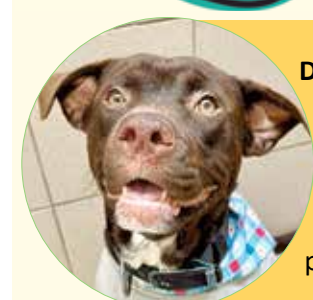
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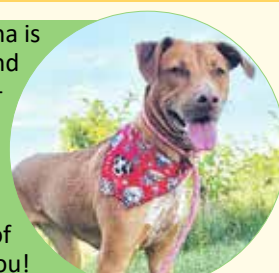
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Wednesday's 'Celebrate Chilhowee!' Block Party to kick off new chapter for beloved park

On July 1, Knoxville's Parks and Recreation Department will assume management of Chilhowee Park. What better way to mark the milestone than an evening with food trucks and Parks and Rec's KORE Mobile Outreach on the Midway? Families are invited to "Celebrate Chilhowee!" from 5-8 p.m. the evening of Wednesday,

July 1, on the Midway, the 13-acre tract south of Magnolia Avenue. While a long-term reimagining of Chilhowee Park will involve millions of dollars and hundreds of hours of planning and community engagement, City officials are eager on Day 1 of the transition to host a block party with free activities and a variety of food available for purchase from food

truck entrepreneurs. Look for the colorful Knoxville Outdoor Recreation Experience (KORE) truck - basically, mobile fun and recreational games staged out of a 14-foot box truck with the help of enthusiastic Parks and Rec staff. "Big things sometimes have small beginnings," Mayor Indya Kincannon said. "Celebrate

Chilhowee! is an opportunity to come and play, and enjoy a twilight dinner under the trees with friends and neighbors." Motorized vehicles will not be allowed throughout the Midway area, in order to maintain a safe space for children to play. Park in a designated area at the Beaman Street entrance - or park in the main section of Chilhowee Park

and walk through the tunnel beneath Magnolia Avenue. **Bright future for Chilhowee Park** The Muse on Jan. 1, 2027, will begin a \$50 million modernization of the Jacob Building. Meanwhile, a comprehensive **Continue on page 4**

Knoxville quilters take home multiple awards at Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee Show

Several quilters from the Knoxville area were recognized for their creativity and workmanship at the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee (SMQ) 45th Annual Quilt Show and Competition June 19-20 at the Knoxville Expo Center. The event featured about 200 stunning quilts and approximately \$7,800 in awards. Local winners included:
Large Pieced Quilt - Solo:
 - 1st - Cathy Bingham, Knoxville, TN
 - Honorable Mention - Cathy Bingham
Large Pieced Quilt - Team:
 - Honorable Mention - Brenda Young Ferrell, Knoxville, TN
Small Pieced - Solo
 - Honorable Mention - Debbie Russell, Knoxville, TN
Small Pieced - Team
 - 2nd - Agnes Lawrence
 - Honorable Mention - Barbara Mayo, Knoxville, TN
 - Honorable Mention - Erica



Tami Wessel won the blue ribbon in the Smoky Mountain Quilters Members Only Challenge category.

Celebrate the 4th at James White Fort

James White's Fort, located at 205 East Hill Avenue, will have an Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4 starting at 10 a.m. The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution will present the celebration honoring the establishment of the United States of America, featuring a Presentation of Colors and a 21-gun salute. Bring lawn chairs for seating in the fort's courtyard. The program will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and refreshments will be served. The fort will not be open for tours on July 4th and will close at the conclusion of the program at 11:30 a.m. Ample free parking is available. For more information, call (865)525-6514.

TDOT to host open house public meetings this week for the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) invites the public to attend upcoming public meetings regarding the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor. TDOT initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study to consider improvements to approximately 17 miles of interstate, with study limits extending from the I-40/I-75 Interchange

in Loudon County to the I-640 Interchange west of Knoxville. TDOT intends to adopt planning products and recommendations made as part of the PEL Study into future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies, per Title 23 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C), Part 168. A PEL Study is a collaborative approach that integrates transportation planning with

environmental review. By connecting these phases, duplication of effort is reduced, leading to more efficient decision-making, improved public involvement and agency outreach, and better overall outcomes. At the conclusion of the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study, projects will be identified and prioritized for potential subsequent

development phases. The purpose of the PEL Study is to address congestion, improve travel times and enhance system modernization along the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville PEL Study corridor. The upcoming public meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to learn about and provide input on the PEL Study's process and preliminary PEL

Recommended Alternatives. TDOT will host three open-house-style public meetings featuring informative stations, providing an opportunity to learn more about the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study and to submit comments via a comment card, email, phone line or mail. **Continue on page 4**

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As America approaches the 250th anniversary of its independence, we stand at a remarkable moment in history. No nation has experienced the blessings, opportunities, freedoms and influence that the



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United States of America has enjoyed since its founding in 1776. While no nation is perfect and no generation has been without its challenges, it remains true that America is one of the greatest experiments in liberty ever undertaken by mankind. There is no doubt that this movement was guided by God, guarded by His Spirit and grounded in His Holy Word: the Bible.

For Christians, gratitude for our nation should be more than a civic duty; it should be an act of worship. Not that we worship a nation, a flag, or a strand of colors perfectly plated in red, white and blue. We worship God, who sovereignly arranged such a beautiful blessing, to live in such a nation. Living in America is not a right; it is a gift, one bestowed upon us

by God, and then those who fought to sustain it. God is not American, and He favors our nation no more than any other people or country in the world, but it's undeniable that we as Americans are living in the

blessing of how God has sustained this great nation. The Bible reminds us that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). The freedoms we enjoy are not merely the result of human ingenuity but evidence of God's providential hand upon a people who have repeatedly sought His blessing and guidance.

The story of America is a story of courage. It is the story of farmers, merchants, pastors, statesmen and ordinary citizens who dared to believe that liberty was worth defending. Even dying if necessary, for the good of future generations. It is the story of men who pledged, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, their "Lives,

their Fortunes and their sacred Honor" to secure the blessings of freedom for future generations.

From the icy winter at Valley Forge to the beaches of Normandy, from the fields of Gettysburg to the mountains of Afghanistan, generations of Americans have sacrificed to preserve what previous generations entrusted to them. Their sacrifices remind us that freedom is never free. Every liberty we enjoy today was purchased at a great cost.

Our nation's history is also deeply intertwined with faith. While America's founders represented various denominations and backgrounds, they overwhelmingly recognized the importance of religious liberty and the moral foundation provided by biblical principles. Our first President of the United States, George Washington, famously declared in his 'Farewell Address' in 1796, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Likewise, John Adams wrote two years later that, "Our Constitution

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

These words remain as relevant today as when they were first penned. The strength of America has never rested solely in her military might, economic power, or natural resources. It has rested in the character of her people. Nations rise and fall not merely because of external threats, but because of the condition of the hearts of those who inhabit them. America has come under attack, not from the outside enemy, but from adversaries within who would seek to eradicate the heart of Biblical faith that this nation was founded on. The Scriptures provide a timeless reminder in Psalm 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." This verse is not merely a slogan to be quoted during patriotic celebrations. It is a principle to be lived not only in America, but in any nation that would desire the providential good hand of God. When a people honor God, pursue righteousness, defend truth and seek justice, they position

themselves to receive His blessing.

As Christians, we should be among the most grateful citizens in America. We enjoy the freedom to worship openly, proclaim the Gospel boldly, assemble peacefully and pass our faith to future generations. These freedoms should never be taken for granted. Around the world and throughout history, countless believers have lived under persecution and oppression, longing for liberties many Americans scarcely notice.

It is my conviction that the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding is more than a celebration of the past; it is a call to responsibility in the present. Every generation must decide whether it will merely inherit freedom or actively preserve it. We are not called to admire the sacrifices of those who came before us. We are called to emulate their courage, their conviction and their commitment to something greater than themselves.

President Ronald Reagan once observed, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." Those words should challenge each of us. The preservation of our nation will not ultimately depend upon politicians, courts, or institutions alone. It will depend upon citizens who value truth, families who teach virtue, churches that proclaim God's Word and communities committed to serving one another.

For my part, I love this

nation. I am thankful for her history, grateful for her blessings and hopeful for her future. In the deepest part of my heart, I desire that my children experience the same America that I have been privileged to grow up in. I recognize that the America we cherish was handed to us by generations who worked hard, sacrificed greatly, and prayed deeply, and I believe we owe the same commitment to those who will come after us.

As we celebrate 250 years of American independence, may we do so with humility, gratitude and renewed purpose. May we thank God for His abundant blessings upon this land. May we honor the sacrifices of those who secured our freedoms. And may we resolve, with God's help, to leave this nation stronger, freer and more faithful than we found it.

The words of Proverbs 14:34 remind us, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." May America continue to pursue what is right, cherish what is good and honor the God who has so richly blessed her. And may future generations look back upon our time and say that when our moment came, we did our part to preserve this great nation; one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.

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Walter E. Edge of New Jersey

Pages from the Past



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Walter Evans Edge was the very definition of a self-made man, turning a borrowed \$500 into a thriving business which, in turn, made him quite wealthy. Edge was also lucky in politics, being twice elected governor of New Jersey in two nonconsecutive terms. Edge was also elected to the United States Senate and was appointed America's ambassador to France during the administration of President Herbert Hoover.

Born to a railroad worker and his wife, Walter Edge was only two years old when his mother died. Edge's father remarried, and young Walter only got as far as the eighth grade in a formal education. There was nothing slothful about Walter Edge, and he began his first business with another lad when he was only 10 years old, publishing the Pleasantville Bladder. While the newspaper had a very limited circulation, it focused on the social news of the area. As a youngster, Edge also became interested in politics and found himself at several Republican rallies, which stirred both his interest and his determination to participate and succeed.

Walter Edge worked all through his teens, at one time working for the Atlantic Review, a newspaper in Atlantic City. When he was 16 years old, Edge was employed by John Dorland, who owned an advertising business. Young Edge sold advertising to local businesses and came to know the business inside and out due to the failing health of Dorland. When Dorland died, his widow sold the business to then 17-year-old Walter Edge for \$500. Edge had managed to convince the owner of an Atlantic City hostelry to sign a note in order to get the money to buy the Dorland business. That same advertising agency became one of the most successful in the world, making its owner a millionaire several times over.

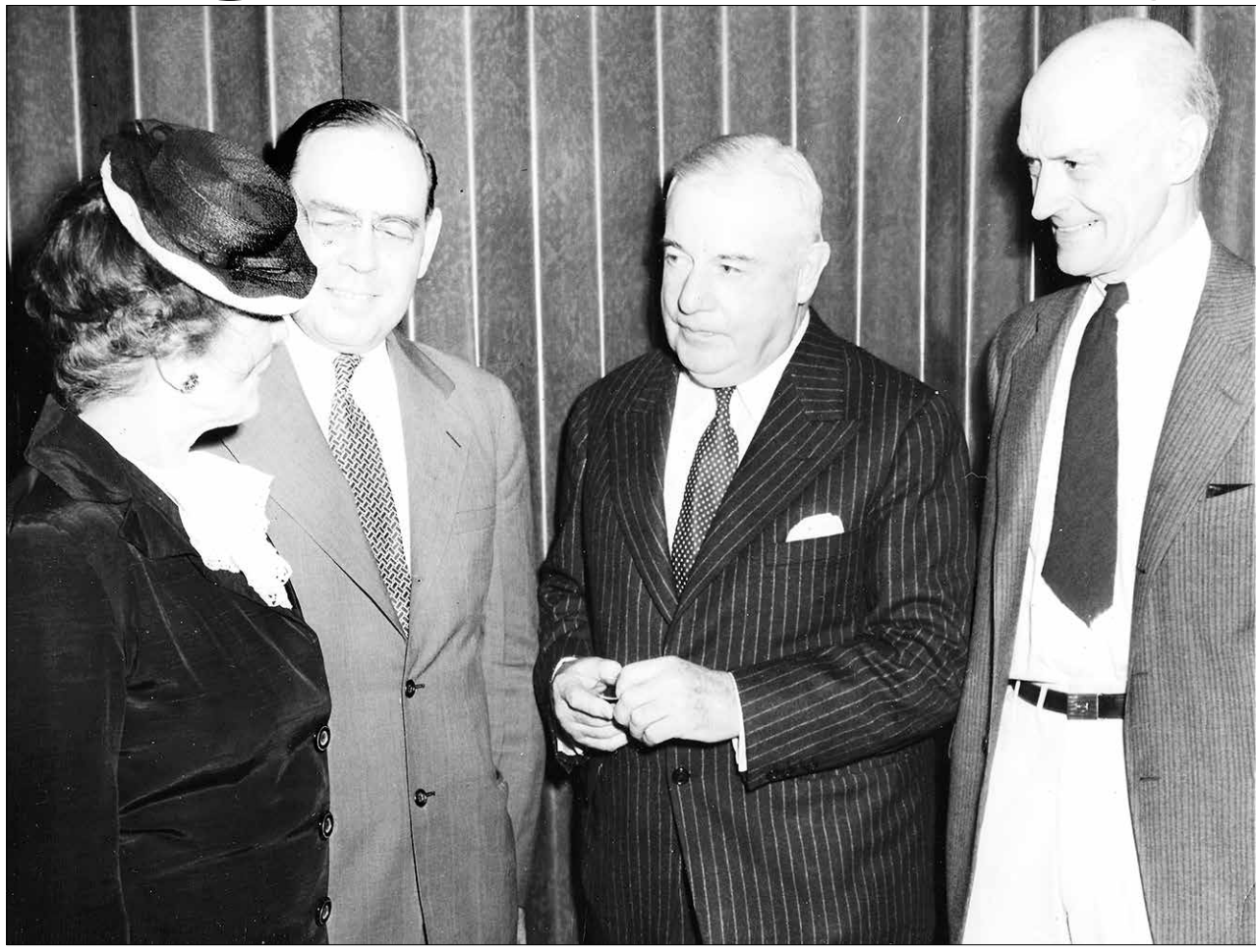
Nor was Walter Edge content to rest upon the laurels of his burgeoning advertising company. Seeing a market to appeal to the tens of thousands who came to Atlantic City to vacation, Edge started a publication called the Atlantic City Guest, which he published during the busy summer months when the area was teeming with people. Like his advertising business, Edge's publishing enterprises continued growing, and he derived an excellent income for the time just from his newspapers. Years later, Edge would be given much of the credit for making Atlantic City a destination for many vacationers.

As he had with business, Edge worked his way up the

political ladder, taking jobs like that of the journal clerk for the New Jersey State Senate because of the opportunities it afforded him in meeting people and making contacts. Walter Edge had always thought that once he had made himself financially comfortable, he would then try his hand at politics. Edge's first campaign was for the New Jersey State Senate to represent Atlantic City, and he challenged an entrenched incumbent in the primary. The party machinery backed the incumbent, and Edge lost. Through his newspapers, Walter Edge supported the Republican Party. Eventually, Edge won a seat in the New Jersey General Assembly (House of Representatives), and from there he won election to the state Senate. By 1915, Edge was the presiding officer of the state Senate.

Edge became a candidate for governor of New Jersey in 1916 and faced a serious opponent in the GOP primary. Edge's campaign manager was Enoch "Nucky" Johnson, who was immortalized in the HBO television series "Boardwalk Empire." Johnson was an actual figure and was the boss of the county GOP machine. Edge won the Republican gubernatorial nomination and faced Otto Wittpenn, mayor of Jersey City, in the general election. Historians quibble about whether or not Frank Hague, the boss of the Hudson County Democratic machine, which could produce majorities so large it tipped elections to Democratic candidates statewide, double-crossed Wittpenn in November, but there is reason to believe Hague did indeed toss Wittpenn over, allowing Walter Edge to win.

Governor Edge was successful in his administration of New Jersey and much of his time was spent with regard to America's entry into the First World War in 1917 and the country's mobilization effort. Edge had campaigned on the slogan "A businessman with a business plan," and he was true to his word, offering the people of New Jersey a business-like administration. Governor Edge convinced the New Jersey legislature to approve the first workers' compensation and employers' liability laws. Edge consolidated New Jersey's penal and charitable institutions because he thought he could get better results and it would be more economical for the taxpayers, as well as more efficient in its operations. Governor Edge prodced the state legislature to abolish dedicating highway funds, unified the state budget and was the moving force behind New Jersey's



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Governor Walter E. Edge of New Jersey (second from right) and U.S. Senator H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey (right) in 1944.

modern highway system. Governor Edge also managed to bring north and south New Jersey legislators together to approve a bill that began the construction of the Holland Tunnel and the Delaware River Bridge.

In 1918, Edge ran for the United States Senate, winning the GOP nomination and defeating the Democratic candidate in the general election. At the time, U.S. senators took the oath of office on March 4 prior to the adoption of the "Lame Duck" amendment to the Constitution. Edge put off resigning the governor's office until May 16, 1919, and was sworn in as New Jersey's junior United States senator on May 19, 1919.

Senator Edge sought reelection to another six-year term in 1924 and carried all of New Jersey's 21 counties, save for Frank Hague's Hudson County, winning by more than 276,000 votes.

In 1929, President Herbert Hoover nominated Walter E. Edge to serve as ambassador to France. The Senate quickly confirmed Edge, and he resigned his seat in the United States Senate to board the ocean liner Ilse de France with his family to go to Paris. Edge remained as America's ambassador to France during the entire four years of Hoover's presidency, resigning when Franklin Roosevelt nominated a successor in 1933. Henry Luce's TIME magazine noted, "How helpful to an Ambassador a pretty woman may be was learned for a certainty in Paris last week by Walter Evans Edge." A portrait of the ambassador's wife, Camilla Loyall Ashe Sewall Edge, by portraitist Edward Everett Orr, was on display at the Spring Salon of the National Society of Fine Arts and the Society of French Artists, "a prime event of the French art year," according to the most widely read news magazine in the world. The painting depicted Mrs. Edge, "a pretty, shapely woman in a bright red gown against a peacock-blue background."

Walter Edge and his family returned home to New Jersey, where he resumed his business interests and remained active in Republican

politics after Hoover's defeat in 1933 by Franklin Roosevelt. The former governor and United States senator announced his return to elective politics by declaring his candidacy for the governorship on April 30, 1943. Walter Edge's return to the campaign trail had been the brainchild of Lloyd B. Marsh, a county clerk in Paterson, New Jersey, who visited Edge at his home. Marsh wrangled a promise from Edge to become a candidate for governor once again if the GOP leadership would support him. From that moment, Marsh, like an evangelist, ceaselessly pushed the idea of Edge being nominated as the Republican candidate for governor in the 1943 election. The GOP leadership in the Garden State welcomed the idea of Walter Edge running, noting he had always been a powerful vote-getter throughout his career and was wealthy enough to help finance his own campaign.

"As I have already enjoyed this honor, I am sure no one could justifiably assume that I would seek re-election from any standpoint other than the hope that I might be of service to the State in these confused times," Edge announced.

"After I concluded my service in the United States Senate and later, after returning from France where I served as United States Ambassador, I continued my interest in public affairs," Edge told newsmen. "My party has regularly selected me as delegate-at-large to the Republican National conventions, and it has been my pleasure to have taken an active part in every fall campaign."

Mr. H. Alexander Smith, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee in New Jersey, concluded after a meeting of the GOP leadership that Walter Edge was the "consensus" gubernatorial candidate preferred by Garden State Republicans. Since returning from France, Edge had been elevated to the status of an elder statesman of his political party, had run his business interests, and had enjoyed traveling. Like many Americans, Walter Edge was motivated to continue his public service when America was

attacked by the Empire of Japan and entered the Second World War.

Edge was nominated, and Frank Hague, boss of the Democratic machine in populous Hudson County, sought out the best vote-getter inside his own political party, A. Harry Moore, who had won three non-consecutive terms as governor and had been elected to the United States Senate. Moore was quite likely the only Democrat who stood a chance of beating Walter Edge and he refused to run, much to Hague's fury.

Walter Edge ran a strong campaign, and the Democrats settled on Vincent Murphy, the mayor of Newark, as their own standard-bearer. Edge was swept back into office, winning by just under 128,000 votes and carrying all but three of New Jersey's 21 counties. It was a triumphant return to the governor's office 27 years after he had first been elected as New Jersey's chief executive. Coincidentally, both of Walter Edge's terms as governor coincided with the First and Second World Wars. Edge turned 70 years old that same November before taking the oath of office as governor for the second time.

Frank Hague had given better than 72% of the vote to Vincent Murphy in the recent gubernatorial contest, and Governor Edge and the boss of Hudson County fought several pitched battles during Edge's second term in office. Edge did win the fight to force Hudson County to use voting machines to lessen the suspected rampant voter fraud in the county routinely practiced by the Hague organization.

Governor Walter Edge also bought Morven, a mansion which had belonged to Richard Stockton, who had signed the Declaration of Independence, located in Princeton, New Jersey. Still in the hands of another Richard Stockton, Walter Edge bought the mansion from the family in 1944. The sale was made upon the condition that Morven would be given to the State of New Jersey within two years of Walter Edge's death. Edge did not wait that long, deeding Morven to the people of New Jersey in 1954. Prior

to 1944, New Jersey had no official governor's mansion. From 1944 through 1981, Morven served as the governor's residence. Later, the house would be restored and opened as a museum in 2004.

Governor Edge also continued his war with the Hudson County political machine as he appointed Walter Van Riper as New Jersey's attorney general. Van Riper took after the Hague machine with a ruthless zeal and determination to stamp out the illegal activities in Hudson County that had enjoyed the protection of the machine. The Edge administration sounded the death knell of Hague's machine and the boss finally retired just after Walter Edge left office.

In 1952, Ohio U.S. Senator Robert A. Taft seemed to be marching toward clinching the GOP presidential nomination. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied Armies during the Second World War, was touted by some Republicans, most of whom feared Taft could not win. Former Governor Walter E. Edge was one of General Eisenhower's most enthusiastic supporters and was among the first prominent figures to urge Ike to run for the presidency.

The 82-year-old former governor remained active, attending the 1956 Republican National Convention in San Francisco as a delegate. That fall, Edge began to suffer from kidney failure and underwent two surgeries. Weakened, Walter E. Edge slipped away at 9:20 a.m. on October 29, 1956, with his family by his bedside. © 2026 Ray Hill

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- Allen, Knoxville, TN
- Large Applique and/or Mixed Techniques**
- Solo
- 2nd - Linda Roy, Knoxville, TN
- Large Applique and/or Mixed Techniques**
- Team
- Honorable Mention - Riley Purdie, Knoxville, TN
- Small Applique and/or Mixed Techniques**
- Solo
- 3rd - Anne Blohm, Knoxville, TN
- Honorable Mention - Anne Blohm
- Small Applique and/or Mixed Techniques**
- Team
- 1st - Barbara Mayo
- 2nd - Agnes Lawrence
- Junior**
- Honorable Mention - Twila Tyler, Powell, TN
- Modern**
- Honorable Mention - Kelly Schlang, Knoxville, TN
- Kits and Alternative Techniques**
- Honorable Mention - Karen D. Hellmund, Powell, TN
- SMQ Members Only Challenge:**
- 1st - Tami Wessel, Knoxville, TN
- 2nd - Mali Glazer, Knoxville, TN
- 3rd - Nancy Watson, Knoxville, TN
- Honorable Mention - Leslie Hinson, Knoxville, TN
- Honorable Mention - Chris Calhoun, Knoxville, TN

Other Special Awards:
- Novice - Allie Davis, Knoxville, TN
- Scrap Quilt - Sam Thomas, Knoxville, TN

The show featured quilts from 15 states, reflecting the event's reputation as a nationally known and respected quilt competition. Top honors went to:

Best in Show - Large Quilt: Judith Craddock, Prattsville, NY

Best in Show - Small Quilt: Wilhelmina Vandevoorde, Robbinsdale, MN

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges Award of Merit: Christine Gillespie, Arapahoe, NC

Excellence in Hand Workmanship: Rhonda Adams, Grasonville, MD

Excellence in Machine Workmanship: Connie Stowers, Cleveland, TN

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee typically meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, intersection of Papermill Drive and Kingston Pike in Knoxville. Please check the SMQ website, as dates and locations may vary. The guild's approximately 100 members range from novice to master quilters in diverse quilt styles, including traditional and art quilts, complex and minimalist modern designs, miniatures and bed-sized, and hand- or machine-stitched. For more information, visit www.smokymtnquilters.com or follow us on Facebook.

TDOT to host open house public meetings this week for the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

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The content presented will be identical at all three events. The meetings will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the following locations:

- Monday, June 29, 2026 - Pellissippi State Community College, J.L. Goins Administration Building (10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville, TN 37932)
- Tuesday, June 30, 2026 - City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center, Community Room (3131 Morris Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37909)
- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - Farragut Community Center, Assembly Hall (239

Jamestowne Boulevard, Farragut, TN 37934)

This is the second round of public meetings; TDOT hosted a round of three meetings in November 2025. Materials presented at both rounds of public meetings can be found on the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study website: www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html. Public comments will be accepted through July 22, 2026. Individuals unable to attend the meetings in person are encouraged to review online meeting materials and submit comments by one of the

following methods:

- Email - westknox@publicinput.com
 - Phone - 1-855-925-2801 Project Code - 11074
 - Mail - TDOT Study Comments, I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study, 312 Rosa L Parks Ave., 24th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0349
- Persons with disabilities who require aids or services to participate in the public comment period may contact TDOT ADA Coordinator Shanna Chevalier no less than 10 days prior to the end date of the comment period at Shanna.Chevalier@tn.gov, by phone at (615) 741-0465, or TTY at 711.

'Celebrate Chilhowee!'

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The 2026-27 budget - proposed by Mayor Kincannon and adopted by City Council - includes \$2 million for Chilhowee Park capital improvements. The budget also funds a new four-employee Public Service Department crew assigned full-time to beautify and maintain Chilhowee Park.

What will the initial \$2 million be allocated for? What sorts of amenities might be added permanently to the Midway? Those decisions will be shaped by community voices and collaboration. The Chilhowee Park Advisory Group (CPAG) was formed in March and has met twice. This focus group of community members

and partners is gathering suggestions from the wider community, sharing ideas and collaborating, to develop guidelines for the future vision of Chilhowee Park.

Chilhowee Park after July 1

As of July 1, on any date when there's not a special event scheduled, the gates to Chilhowee Park will be open from dawn to dusk.

For information about park activities or to rent a shelter, contact City Parks and Recreation after July 1. Or visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/ChilhoweePark (the webpage will be updated as of July 1).

Beginning in a few weeks, the City's Public Service Department will assume maintenance of the grounds and the buildings. (Call 3-1-1 or use the My Knoxville app to request services as of July 1.) The

Public Building Authority's Park Patrol staff will provide security services.

While Chilhowee Park will function like a traditional park, some scheduled special events will require the closure of the park. For example, the Tennessee Valley Fair will manage entry of the park from Aug. 26 through Sept. 17.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue other partnerships and events - such as Zoo or ROCK Racing events, Knox County School Mania, Christmas at Chilhowee Park, and the Empty Stocking Fund food basket preparation and distribution - which may intermittently affect access in some areas of the park.

For updates on Chilhowee Park, visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/ChilhoweePark or follow Knoxville Parks & Recreation on Facebook and Instagram.

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Living the good times in a Dead Period

By Steve Williams

The TSSAA calls it the "Dead period." But some see it as a vacation for all with all the work they put in, particularly the 12 head coaches who led their team to a state championship in 2025-26.

Now for the best news that comes with being No. 1 in the state. It can never be taken away.

Let's take a look at the coaches who made it to the top:

Girls' Golf: Christian Academy of Knoxville, Division II-A, coached by Donnie Cooper.

Cooper is known for praising a relentless work ethic. He holds his players accountable, rewarding drive and improvement.

He has successfully cultivated a culture of winning at CAK, leading his squads to multiple state titles.

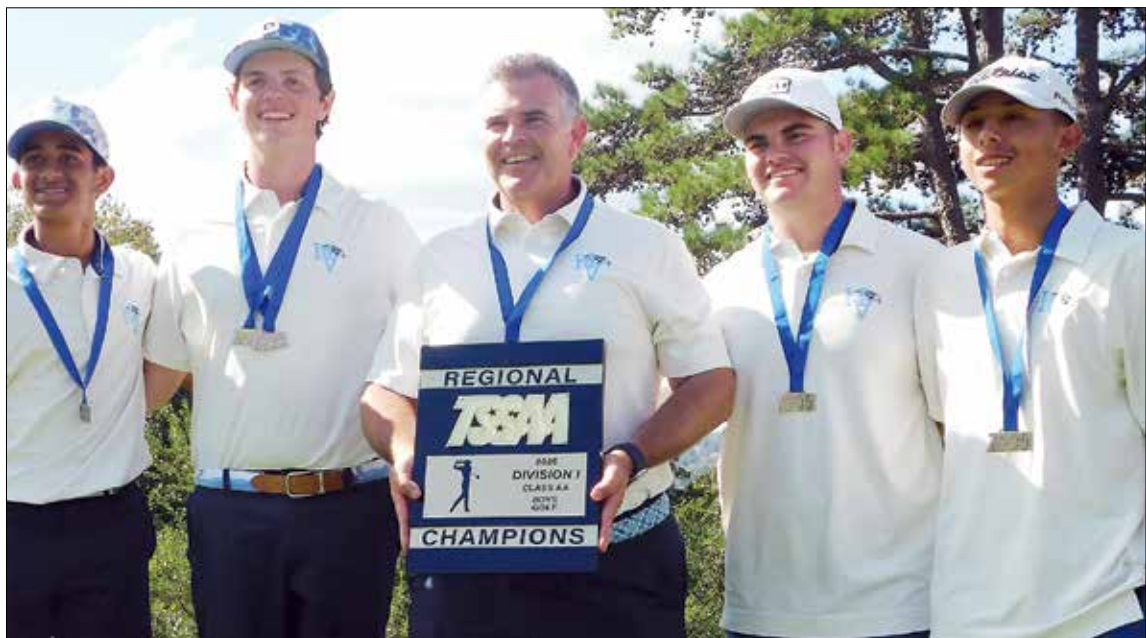
Boys' Golf: Hardin Valley Academy, Class AA, coached by John Williams; and First Baptist Academy, Division II-A, coached by Johnny Cox and his wife, Karen.

Williams is best known for leading the boys' squad to their first-ever state title.

At FBA in Powell, a husband-and-wife coaching duo directs the golf program. Alongside their son,



Golf coaches Donnie Cooper of CAK (above) and HVA's John Williams (right, holding regional plaque) enjoyed spectacular seasons and state titles. Archive photos by Steve Williams.



Jeremy, they have been credited with building the school's competitive program from the middle school up to consistent state contenders.

Girls' Cross Country: Webb School, Division II-AA, coached by Dan Murray.

The Webb girls cross-country program boasts 13 team state titles including this past season. Coach Murray is a former North Carolina State distance runner.

Boys' Cross Country: The King's Academy, Division II-A, coached by Jeff Ayers.

Coach Ayers is recognized for his focus on motivating student-athletes, teaching leadership, and building consistent year-over-year growth.

Girls' Soccer: Bearden High, Class AAA, coached by Ryan Radcliffe.

Radcliffe is a cornerstone of the BHS athletics program and has been highly successful in his roles. He started coaching both the girls' and boys' programs in 2014 and has led the Lady Bulldogs to multiple state titles.

Girls' Basketball: Webb School,

Division II-AA, coached by Greg Hernandez.

Hernandez took over the storied Webb girls program in 2023 after spending several seasons at Seymour. He has cemented the Lady Spartans as a powerhouse with back-to-back state championships. He heavily emphasizes trust, grit and player development.

Boys' Lacrosse: West High, Class A, coached by Chandler Klinck.

Coach Klinck led West to an historic milestone, capturing the program's first-ever state title with a 6-5 win over Page.

Unified Flag Football: Hardin Valley Academy, coached by Kristofer "Ryen" Minton.

Alongside coaching flag football, Minton serves as the co-defensive coordinator for the school's varsity football program.

Girls' Track and Field: Webb School, Division II-AA, coached by Jerome Romain.

A former Olympic finalist and World Championship bronze medalist in the triple jump, Romain has led the Lady Spartans to multiple TSSAA state crowns.

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KNOX FOCUS ALL-COUNTY BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Brooks, Robazza lead Knoxville Focus All-County Soccer Team

By Ken Lay

The 2026 high school boys soccer season was one packed with excitement and big games as many local teams made deep postseason runs.

Grace Christian Academy won a second consecutive Division II-A state title, while Catholic, Bearden and South-Doyle also ended their respective seasons at the state tournament.

The Knoxville Focus honors the area's top players on its 2026 All-County Team.

Coach of the Year: Isaac Brooks: Grace Christian Academy: Brooks guided the Rams to a second consecutive Division II-A state championship. Grace finished with a 16-1-1 overall record and scored 10 goals in their state tournament games.

Player of the Year: Vitor Robazza: Grace Christian Academy: Robazza, a

senior forward for the Rams, scored 35 points and recorded 25 assists and led his side to a second straight state title. He scored two goals in a state tournament match against St George's.

Robazza is joined on the team by: **Grayson Huffaker: West High School:** Huffaker led the Rebels to a Class 3A state tournament. He scored 10 goals in 2026.

Fadel Hamdan: Bearden High School: A junior midfielder for the Bulldogs, Hamdan had six goals and 10 assists, leading Bearden to another state tournament appearance. He was the Most Valuable Player in both District 4-3A and Region 2-3A.

Emanuel Mosquera Gonzalez: Fulton High School: Gonzalez helped the Falcons win both the District 3-2A and Region 2-2A Tournament titles as he scored 32 goals and dished out nine assists.

Kevin Pendergrass: Halls High School: Pendergrass, a senior midfielder for the Red Devils, scored 21 goals and posted 12 assists to help his side reach the Region 2-3A semifinals.

Colby Stokely: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Stokely, a senior for the Rebels, closed out his career in style as he had a hat trick in his final game against Northpoint Academy in state tournament.

Lincoln Unger: Farragut High School: A senior defender for the Admirals, Unger was an all-district and all-region standout. He scored four goals and dished out five assists, helping Farragut reach the district tournament semifinals.

Eli Keener: Bearden High School: Keener, a senior goalkeeper for the Bulldogs, allowed just eight goals this season. He recorded 15 clean sheets in 25 matches. He was the District

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World Cup Fever

By Mark Nagi

So, here's the thing about sports... there are many reasons not to like them.

Tickets are too expensive. Traffic is too bothersome. Fans are drunkards.

But every now and then, something comes around that makes us realize why sports are incredible theatre.

I give you... The 2026 World Cup, which is being hosted in a joint effort by the United States of America, Canada and Mexico.

Leading up to these games, all the talk was about everything but soccer itself. Iran had to move its training ground from the USA to Mexico. Fans were gouged by FIFA, soccer's corrupt international governing body, in its efforts to buy tickets. Many overseas fans chose

not to make the trip due to their views of America at the present time.

But about a week or two before the games began, a strange phenomenon got underway. The sport itself brought people together.

You had Spain, arguably the best team in the world, training in Chattanooga. The Algerian National team worked out in Lawrence, KS. Defending World Cup champion Argentina played a warm-up game against Ireland... at Auburn, with over 88,000 fans at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Yes, Messi heard War Eagle chants.

Norway trained in Greensboro, NC, which allowed some team members to watch a Stanley Cup Final game in Raleigh. Erling Haaland, one of the best players in the

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Former Vols could have played 7-on-7 at GKSHOF

By Steve Williams

The University of Tennessee had enough inductees for the 45th Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame ceremony to play a 7-on-7 game if one had broken out last week.

There definitely was some good football talent on hand at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Jermaine Copeland, a Harriman High product who played on UT's 1998 national football championship team, would have been the go-to guy at wide receiver. A tall, good-sized Clarence Swearingen, who played basketball for the Vols, wouldn't have had any trouble seeing downfield or tucking and running with the pigskin.

Imagine too a powerful running back with John Chavis lined up behind Swearingen. Chavis, a long-time defensive coordinator

at UT, also could have been a player/coach for the team.

Brenda Webb, who was an outstanding distance runner in her track days on The Hill, was suitable for multiple positions - at wide out or filling in for Chavis when he needed a blow.

Up front would be the softball Weeklys - Karen at left guard and Ralph at right guard. Michele DePalmer Williams, a tennis star for the Lady Vols in the early 80s, still looks athletic and shouldn't have had any trouble putting the ball in Clarence's hands from the center position.

For the other three Hall of Famers, who didn't wear the Orange and White but cheered for them a lot over the years, they also would have had important positions for the 7-on-7 game.

Rick Russo has plenty of experience as the WVLT sports director and would

make an excellent SID. Steve Mayo was a good fit for the NIL position. And Bob Williams (Michele's husband) went to college, so he had to be smart enough to be the team's athletic trainer.

In closing, the GKSHOF committee put on a great program last Thursday evening, and perhaps one of its best out of 45. The only thing that could have made it better was if another 7 to 10 talented ladies and gentlemen showed up for a 7 on 7 contest, but we all know that wasn't going to happen.

OTHER HONOREES: The Will McKamey Spirit Award went to Emma Rainey, Bearden's female Student-Athlete of the Year ... Mark Griffin, one of the best 3-point shooters in the UT program in the mid to late 1980s, received the Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award

... The Chad Pennington Professional Athlete of the Year Award was earned by pitcher Garrett Crochet, also a former Vol ... Mac Stalcup received the Buck Vaughan Legacy Award ... David Huntsinger received an award from the GKSHOF for his contributions to sports ... The Knoxville area's most outstanding male and female High School Athletes of the Year - Alcoa's Halle Bailey and Halls' Brody Foster - also received the "red carpet" treatment.

PROCEEDS from the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame significantly benefit the Knoxville area and the Tennessee Valley.

Support for Youth Programs: The funds raised from the event primarily support the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, which serves over 7,500 youth and teens across



UT Alumni Inducted To The Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. Top row, left to right: Jermaine Copeland, Clarence Swearingen and John Chavis. Second row: Brenda Webb, Karen Weekly and Ralph Weekly. Above: Michele DePalmer Williams. Photos provided.

multiple counties, including Knox, Blount, Loudon, Claiborne, and Anderson.

Community Development: By providing resources for educational and recreational programs, the proceeds help foster a positive environment for local children, promoting personal growth and community engagement.

Event Significance: The GKSHOF, established in 1982, not only celebrates local sports achievements but also acts as a crucial fundraiser for these youth programs, ensuring ongoing support and development.

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Tennessee football: A can't miss proposition for the fans

There was always something special about waking up on Saturday mornings in the fall during the 1960s and into the 1970s, knowing that one of the big games in the country was being played at Neyland Stadium, less than 10 miles from your home.

When the Vols were on the road, fans awakened at 6 a.m. (maybe earlier), and it was time to head for Lexington, Birmingham, Atlanta, or Nashville, maybe even Memphis.

The echoes of Stoll Field, Legion Field, Grant Field, Dudley Field, or even Memphis Memorial Stadium still resonate in fans' memory banks. There was something special about those trips.

Fans were all on the same side, if only for a Saturday afternoon, well into Saturday night or Sunday morning.

The road trips to the game site were fun, but the trip home, if the Vols won, was more fun. There was a camaraderie among Vol fans that was indescribable. Most fans probably had the LSU game on the radio after stopping somewhere for a meal, but let

a Tennessee car go by, there was a flashing of the lights and recognition that something good had just happened.

There was a magic day and night in November 1967, after Tennessee defeated Ole Miss in Memphis by 20-7, and the Vols flew home knowing the Orange Bowl was in their future. Kentucky and Vanderbilt fell in the ensuing weeks, and the Vols had completed an SEC championship season. It was the first league title since 1956. The win also broke an 8-game losing streak for the Vols against the Rebels. The last win in the series had come in 1958, Vols 18, Rebels 16.

Doug Dickey had said on arriving in Knoxville in late December 1963 that the fourth year of his tenure would be something special, and special it was.

There was a bonfire that night on Volunteer Boulevard near where today's P.E. Building and Tom Black Track are now. On the Vol Network, Gus Manning made the announcement of a big-time celebration soon after the game was over.

John Ward was busy making preparations for the "Doug Dickey Show" after having assembled his own game play-by-play tape behind the scenes. He

was worried about getting the game film processed and the Dickey show on the air as scheduled for the next day across the state.

The Vols arrived in Knoxville a few hours later to the cheers of the crowd, even if many Vol fans who were at the game were still somewhere on I-40 or U.S. 70 west of Knoxville.

Dickey presided over the festivities, wearing a white jacket, maybe a 44 long, with a Tennessee insignia on the pocket.

He didn't speak long, saying he had a group of tired and sore players with him, but the Tennessee spirit was alive and well that night.

All the while, things were moving as quickly as possible to get complete game coverage to Vol fans everywhere.

The celebration was front-page news in the next morning's News-Sentinel and other newspapers across the state and well beyond. Newspaper sports sections covered the game and its aftermath in great detail, as well as the other games taking place that afternoon and evening.

There was no internet. The barrage of current outlets that provide nearly instantaneous coverage of sporting events, regardless of the locale, was still many years in the future.

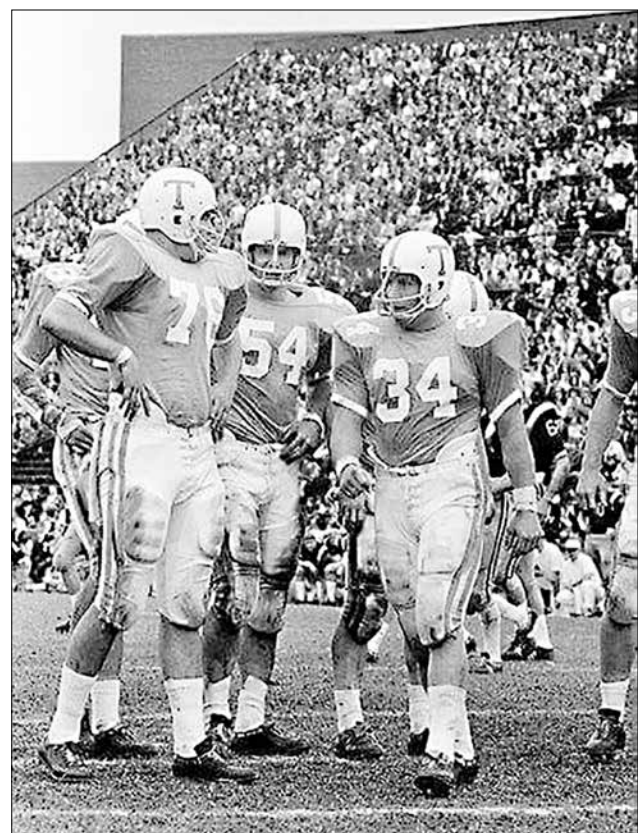
As the evening progressed, Bill Dyer was putting final touches on the DyerGram after listening to the game broadcast, as George Mooney, Bob Foxx, and Julian Andes described the action on the field. How Bill drew the cartoon without having seen the game still defies description, testimony to his talent and creativity.

Marvin West, Tom Siler and other media from across the state were submitting their stories from the game site to meet whatever publication deadlines were in those days.

It was quite an effort to get all this accomplished, but it happened with remarkable consistency game after game, season after season.

"Hold That Line" was taking calls from fans on Knoxville radio station WATE, even if fans' questions and/or comments about the game were not audible to the listener. One soothing aspect of the post-game coverage was the incessant request for the Slippery Rock score, a fascinating staple from that program over the years.

This flurry of activity allowed the News-Sentinel's Pierce Holt Carter to head to the corner of Church Avenue and Gay Street around



Jerry Holloway (76), Bob Johnson (54), and Richard Pickens (34) were among the key leaders in Tennessee's success on offense in the mid-1960s.

11 p.m. to await a steady stream of cars stretching up Church Avenue from the Civic Coliseum to the old KUB headquarters. The early edition was hot off the press.

It was a night for the ages. Time has not dimmed the memories of games like this over the years. Through the magic of film, video and audiotape, and fan recollections, the games of our youth are still memorable.

There had to have been some great conversations in the upcoming days and weeks wherever Vol fans might have gathered. To say that Tennessee football was (and still is) a "can't-miss" proposition would be a "for-sure" understatement.

If fans close their eyes in exactly the right way, the memories are there for the taking, regardless of the passage of time.

World Cup Fever

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world, cheered for the Carolina Hurricanes like he was a lifelong fan. Team Japan was in Nashville, and Ecuador was in Columbus, OH.

But that's just the teams themselves. The most remarkable thing to come out of the World Cup was that people who had never been to the United States saw firsthand that this country was not as portrayed in the world media.

From experiencing the magic that is Buc-ees, to trying brisket for the first time in Texas, to getting free refills of soda in restaurants and convenience stores, to the magical invention known as air conditioning, there sure is a lot to like about this country.

The World Cup has been the best promotional tool for USA tourism since Baywatch.

Fans from all over the globe have brought their enthusiasm to our shores. Scotland fans descended on Boston and

basically drank the city dry. English fans sang "God Save The King" deep in the heart of Texas. Supporters from the Netherlands turned Houston into a sea of orange.

It's been a blast... and there are still a couple of weeks to go. You'll see more fans from non-North American nations showing up as reinforcements, while others are returning to their homelands with stories about what's going on in the States.

Far too often, we concentrate on the negatives. I'm as guilty of that as anyone. It's hard to talk about college sports these days without mentioning the messes of NIL, the uncertainty of the future, and the devastating effects of conference realignment.

Here's hoping that when those games begin again this fall, we will be able to put that aside and enjoy all the great things about sports.

The World Cup showed us the way forward.

Baseball is back

Last Friday, I finally attended my first Smokies ballgame at the



By Joe Rector
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new complex. To say the experience was a good one is to understate the case. I was amazed at the new facility, its spaciousness, cleanliness, friendly employees, and food and drink selections. Much has changed since the last time I attended a Smokies game in Knoxville.

In my youth, I traveled to the old Bill Meyer Stadium to watch the Knoxville team. Over the years, that place had seen its share of events and crowds, and time had quite literally worn out the place. On one trip, I found a foul ball, and my excitement was bubbling. It soon ended when a gruff man with a rough

appearance swiped the ball from my hand and strutted up to the gate to return the ball to the team. I left the game broken-hearted.

The ball team moved to Sevier County in 2000. I never knew what the reason for the move was or why the city government allowed such a thing to happen. The drive to the ballpark wasn't an easy one. Crossing Knoxville during evening rush hour and slow poking toward the Dollywood exit was time-consuming and dangerous. The stadium was nice, but not enough people were willing to make the trip to see ballgames.

Our saving grace came from the actions of Randy Boyd. He bought the team and began making plans to return them to Knoxville. Boyd spearheaded the development of not only a new stadium, but also the properties around the area. Once known as a rough place, the section of town became home to condos

and new businesses. They have thrived due to the home games. The pride in having a home team back in Knoxville has driven merchandise sales, and downtown is once again a destination for fans, visitors and college students.

The end of the Friday night game was a fireworks display. No one scrimped on the fireworks. Watching them reminded me of traveling to the fair each year. We'd spend most of the day riding rides, playing games in hopes of winning a prize, and eating corndogs and popcorn. We stayed until the fair closed because the highlight was always the fireworks. Those exploding colors were spectacular to a boy from Ball Camp. I had that same feeling as the Smokies lit the night skies with hundreds of explosions and the colors that burst from them.

I don't think Randy Boyd receives enough credit for all

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Living the good times in a Dead Period

Clockwise from top right: Webb School coaches Jerome Romain and Greg Hernandez and Farragut's Garrett Copeland.



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Boys' Soccer: Grace Christian Academy, Division II-A, coached by Isaac Brooks.

As a former player and NCAA coach for Union University, Brooks has been a guiding force for youth and collegiate athletes for over a decade.

Baseball: Farragut High, Class AAAA, coached by Garrett Copeland.

A fixture in the program and a former player under legendary coaches, Copeland seamlessly maintained the Admirals' championship culture by securing another state crown in his debut season in 2025 and topped it with another cherry this season.

TSSAA DEAD PERIOD: It started on June 20 and will end on July 5. During this time, there is no coaching, observing, or contact between coaches and players. The last day for workouts was June 19 and practices are set to start on July 6.

Baseball is back

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that he and his family do for this "scruffy little town." He is from Knoxville and evidently loves this place and invests in its successes. The head of PetSafe worked with others to provide numerous dog parks. Thousands of dog owners use those places to give their pets some fresh air and off-leash free time.

Not many folks would be able to run a successful business and develop an entire section of Knoxville. However, that doesn't slow Boyd down one bit. He took over the reins of UTK, and he has worked tirelessly to improve the university in classrooms, building renovations, new building projects, and fundraising. Our state has much of which to be proud

in the university system.

Knoxville has always been a bit slow to come around to new ideas. Let's just say that folks are overly cautious when those things are introduced. With such good people as Randy Boyd, who care about the city and its services to the area, residents can feel good about the future of Knoxville.

For those of you who haven't taken in a baseball game yet, try to make the trip. It's well worth the time and money and will make you proud of the city of Knoxville. Oh, and if you see Randy Boyd somewhere, say "thank you" to him for all the improvements he's helped to spark in this place we call home.

Brooks, Robazza lead Knoxville Focus All-County Soccer Team

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Vicenzo Barbosa: Grace Christian Academy: Barbosa scored 18 goals and dished out 19 assists in 2026, helping the Rams win a second consecutive state title.

Aydan Slover: Halls High School: Slover anchored a back line for the Red Devils that recorded six clean sheets. He helped Halls make the Region 2-3A Tournament. He also scored four goals in 2026.

Gideon Walker: South-Doyle High School: Walker scored 15 goals for the Cherokees, leading them to the District 5-2A and Region 3-2A championships. South-Doyle also reached the state

tournament for the third consecutive season.

Jack Tucker: Catholic High School: Tucker helped the Irish reach the Division II-AA state semifinals as he scored nine goals and dished out six assists.

Roger Oseguera Cruz: South-Doyle High School: Cruz scored 28 goals for the Cherokees in 2026, leading them to the Class 2A state championship game.

Cameron Harp: South-Doyle High School: Harp scored 18 goals and recorded 15 assists for South-Doyle, which reach the state tournament for the third consecutive season.

Ashby Scott: Carter High School: Scott had 34 goals to help the

Hornets reach the District 3-2A championship match and the region tournament.

Alonso Aguayo: Carter High School: Aguayo had 16 goals and 12 assists for the Hornets, who were the District 3-2A title match.

Aidan Ainsworth: Bearden High School: Ainsworth was a top scorer in the area. He led the Bulldogs to a state tournament appearance.

Oliver Bankston: West High School: Bankston scored 18 goals and led the Rebels, who advanced to the state tournament in 2026.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 17, 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, Atlee Fields 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 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 60 in Atlee Fields Subdivision, Unit 4, as shown on map of record in Instrument No. 200404300099959, 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 Paula P.K. Booker under Warranty Deed recorded on April 18, 2007, as Instrument Number 200704180085098 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is **9348 Ridges Meadow Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.**

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, Paula P.K. Booker (the "Defendant") in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: Atlee Fields Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Paula P.K. Booker, et al., Docket No. 211056-2. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202605280068562 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.

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:** U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust.

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 at 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.

ATLEE FIELDS 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 22 and June 29, 2026 and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www foreclosuretn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning June 22, 2026.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, July 17, 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,

The Palisades Condominium Association, (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 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and partly within the 46th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Unit 50, within the plat of The Palisades Condominium, which is of record in Map Book 88-L, Pages 62-67, 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 Michael A. Fannon and Robert Fannon under Warranty Deed recorded on August 4, 2014, as Instrument Number 201408040007100 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is: **8502 Ankara Court, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

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 Defendants, Michael A. Fannon and Robert Fannon (the "Defendants") in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: The Palisades Condominium Association v. Michael A. Fannon and Robert Fannon, Docket No. 209728-3. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202603300054626 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:** None

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 at 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.

THE PALISADES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
By: /s/ Kevin C. Stevens
Kevin C. Stevens
P.O. Box 442
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901
(865) 546-7311

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COURT NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

IN RE: GABRIEL B. COLE, Petitioner/Administrator Vs.

Hon. J. Scott Griswold Clerk & Master

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.

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: 26JT00030-670

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 ("DCSSS"), 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
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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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: INEZ JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OSWALD EDWARD BOWLES AND WIFE, JUANITA HENDRICKS BOWLES, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSON UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS 1423 W. FIFTH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37921

IN RE: MANUEL HUDSON V. INEZ JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OSWALD EDWARD BOWLES AND WIFE, JUANITA HENDRICKS BOWLES, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSON UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS 1423 W. FIFTH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37921

NO. 176605-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, INEZ JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OSWALD EDWARD BOWLES AND WIFE, JUANITA HENDRICKS BOWLES, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS 1423 W. FIFTH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37921, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon INEZ JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OSWALD EDWARD BOWLES AND WIFE, JUANITA HENDRICKS BOWLES, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS 1423 W. FIFTH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37921, it is ordered that said defendants, INEZ JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OSWALD EDWARD BOWLES AND WIFE, JUANITA HENDRICKS BOWLES, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS 1423 W. FIFTH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37921, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, 2415 East Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN ROY BLALOCK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY E. THIGPEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD F. CURTIS AND ALVA JEAN CURTIS, J. DAVID THIGPEN

IN RE: JOSEPH E. THIGPEN V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN ROY BLALOCK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY E. THIGPEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD F. CURTIS AND ALVA JEAN CURTIS, J. DAVID THIGPEN

NO. 21215-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN ROY BLALOCK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY E. THIGPEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD F. CURTIS AND ALVA JEAN CURTIS, J. DAVID THIGPEN, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN ROY BLALOCK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY E. THIGPEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD F. CURTIS AND ALVA JEAN CURTIS, J. DAVID THIGPEN, it is ordered that said defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN ROY BLALOCK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY E. THIGPEN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD F. CURTIS AND ALVA JEAN CURTIS, J. DAVID THIGPEN, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUSAN INEZ ELIZABETH ALEXANDER DOCKET NUMBER 92627-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SUSAN INEZ ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, who died Aug. 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 15 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SUSAN INEZ ELIZABETH ALEXANDER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PIERCE C. ALEXANDER, ADMINISTRATOR
1700 GULL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919
JOHN L. BILLINGS, ATTORNEY
4617 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MARVALYN ANDREWS DOCKET NUMBER 91742-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY MARVALYN ANDREWS, who died Oct. 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MARVALYN ANDREWS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ADMINISTRATOR PENDENTE LITE
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR., A/K/A EDDIE DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92573-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ESTATE OF EDWARD DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR., A/K/A EDDIE DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR., who died Nov. 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ESTATE OF EDWARD DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR., A/K/A EDDIE DEAN ARMSTRONG, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LANA BAKER HUTCHISON-ARMSTRONG
10047 WASHINGTON PIKE
CORYYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY KAY BASS DOCKET NUMBER 92622-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Administration in respect of the estate of NANCY KAY BASS, who died April 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Tennessee at Knoxville. 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 Probate Division of the Chancery Court of Tennessee at Knoxville on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY KAY BASS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERI LYNN LUPACCHINO
70 OLD ANDOVER ROAD
HEBRON, CT 06248
STEWART M. CRANE, ATTORNEY
577 PICKLE ROAD
LOUDON, TN 37774

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALD EDWARD BREEDEN DOCKET NUMBER 92636-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GERALD EDWARD BREEDEN, who died April 20, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF GERALD EDWARD BREEDEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA NAPIER
6625 ELLESMERE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921
STEVE BREEDEN
6403 GRAPEVINE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921
MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMAN DANE ESTEP DOCKET NUMBER 92616-1

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

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

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF NORMAN DANE ESTEP
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH KING ESTEP
STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID ALLEN HENRY DOCKET NUMBER 92401-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID ALLEN HENRY, who died Feb. 17, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID ALLEN HENRY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH ANN HENRY, ADMINISTRATRIX
7158 HORSESHOE CIRCLE
CONWAY, SC 29527

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES B. JOHNSON DOCKET NUMBER 92581-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES B. JOHNSON, who died March 20, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 the 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.

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

ESTATE OF FRANCES B. JOHNSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMANDA R. BENTLEY, f/k/a AMANDA TAYLOR, EXECUTRIX
2295 MOUNTAIN DRIVE
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE KUETHMAN DOCKET NUMBER 92599-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROSEMARIE KUETHMAN, who died March 22, 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 17th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE KUETHMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID JOHN KUETHMAN
70 BANEBERRY LANE
WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109
REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRALD LIMBAUGH DOCKET NUMBER 92601-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JERRALD LIMBAUGH, who died May 16, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JERRALD LIMBAUGH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JERRALD WAYNE LIMBAUGH
STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA GAIL LITTLE DOCKET NUMBER 92584-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA GAIL LITTLE, who died March 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRENDA GAIL LITTLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AUTUMN RENEE ANDERSON, EXECUTRIX
136 LITTLEBOURNE CIRCLE
ROCKFORD, TN 37853

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EMMA S. MCAFFEE DOCKET NUMBER 92575-1

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

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

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF EMMA S. MCAFFEE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA ADDRESS
6 PATRIOT LANE, UNIT 9
GEORGETOWN, MA 01833
BRADLEY S. LEWIS, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE MONT MCAFFEE DOCKET NUMBER 92637-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOE MONT MCAFFEE, who died May 17, 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 12 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOE MONT MCAFFEE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE, EXECUTOR
515 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902
P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY STREET, 14th FLOOR
P. O. BOX 2047
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVERETT FRANKLIN PENDERGRASS, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 92674-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVERETT FRANKLIN PENDERGRASS, SR., who died on June 7, 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 his or her estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 12th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF EVERETT FRANKLIN PENDERGRASS, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDY L. PENDERGRASS
4304 PLEASANT GAP DR.
POWELL, TN 37849
L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY
BRENT BAXLEY, ATTORNEY
9145 CROSS PARK DRIVE, STE. 103
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER L. RICE, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92615-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of ROGER L. RICE, JR., deceased, who died May 4, 2026, were issued to RACHEL SUMMERS by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROGER L. RICE, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RACHEL SUMMERS
1333 BROWN SCHOOL ROAD
MARYVILLE, TN 37804
ERIN A. WHITE, ATTORNEY
300 MONTVUE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS FRANKLIN SIZEMORE, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92526-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of THOMAS FRANKLIN SIZEMORE, JR., who died March 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured and unmatured

against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 12 day of JUNE, 20

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK EDWARD ARP DOCKET NUMBER 92481-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK EDWARD ARP, who died on April 10, 2026, were issued to ROSE MARIE ARP by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against said Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 15th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JACK EDWARD ARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROSE MARIE ARP
4712 NOCONA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

ERIN A. WHITE, ATTORNEY
300 MONTVUE RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD BALL DOCKET NUMBER 92606-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD BALL, who died March 26, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD BALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES
CYNTHIA ANNE BALL HAMMONDS
10976 CLEARWATER DR.
HAMPTON, GA 30228

LYNN TARPY, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSORE DR., SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON LEORA COONROD DOCKET NUMBER 92603-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON LEORA COONROD, who died March 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHARON LEORA COONROD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RAMONA POWELL
325 TAMMY DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

W. LUCAS ARNOLD, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 299
CLINTON, TN 37717-0299

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAKAE S. CRIDLIN DOCKET NUMBER 92653-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of SAKAE S. CRIDLIN, who died April 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the 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 12 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SAKAE S. CRIDLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA CRIDLIN, ADMINISTRATRIX
812 GARCIA WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICKY DALTON DOCKET NUMBER 92635-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JUNE, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of RICKY DALTON, who died April 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 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 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICKY DALTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDSEY PRESSLEY
312 CORUM ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS ST.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN DUGGAN DOCKET NUMBER 92367-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JUNE, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN DUGGAN, who died December 7, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates 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 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN DUGGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNIFER COBB
1314 IRWIN DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

WAYNE WILLIAMSON
8410 RIDGELAND DRIVE
CORYTON, TN 37721

ELIZABETH M. BURRELL, ATTORNEY
EMELIA A. YELENCICH, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 398
CLINTON, TN 37717

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY FAYE DUNLAP DOCKET NUMBER 92555-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of NANCY FAYE DUNLAP, who died January 17, 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 15th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY FAYE DUNLAP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TODD HEPTINSTALL
2104 BILLY DRIVE
NEW MARKET, TN 37820

ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY
109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA DEANNE EDWARDS DOCKET NUMBER 92030-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JULIA DEANNE EDWARDS, who died January 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)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

described in (1)A); or

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

This the 23rd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JULIA DEANNE EDWARDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DON THOMAS GODWIN DOCKET NUMBER 92600-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DON THOMAS GODWIN, who died Nov. 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 15th day of June, 2026.

ESTATE OF DON THOMAS GODWIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN RICE HANKINS DOCKET NUMBER 92446-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN RICE HANKINS, who died Feb. 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 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 ELIZABETH ANN RICE HANKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GERI L. HANKINS
134 MARLBORO CT.
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY MAX LESSMAN DOCKET NUMBER 92662-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GARY MAX LESSMAN, who died May 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 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 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF GARY MAX LESSMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUZANNE CARDEN LOY DOCKET NUMBER 92654-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SUZANNE CARDEN LOY, who died November 20, 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 posting); or

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

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

This the 15th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SUZANNE CARDEN LOY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE EDWARD MELLON DOCKET NUMBER 92685-3

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

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

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

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

This the 24th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF GEORGE EDWARD MELLON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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207 DOCK ROAD
ANDERSONVILLE, TN 37705

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CINDY LOU MEYER DOCKET NUMBER 92676-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of CINDY LOU MEYER, who died May 14, 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 18th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF CINDY LOU MEYER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRED E. PATTY, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 92652-1

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

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

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

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

This the 12 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF FRED E. PATTY, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH GAIL DANIELS, EXECUTRIX
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LUTTRELL, TN 37779

ANTHONY M. AVERY, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARA PIPER DOCKET NUMBER 92236-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SARA PIPER, who died Jan. 16, 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 15th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SARA PIPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER J. PIPER
12600 HARTSFIELD LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALZORA ELIZABETH RADER DOCKET NUMBER 92642-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALZORA ELIZABETH RADER, who died March 23, 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