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The city council approved additional funding for the Western Heights project the evening before Knoxville's Community Development Corporation, along with business and community leaders, officially broke ground on several neighborhood components of Transforming Western to provide residents with economic opportunities, healthy food options, a new park and youth enrichment. Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony last Wednesday are, from left, Marisa Moazen of KCDC; Bailey Foster, Real Good Kitchen; Becky Wade, KCDC Board of Commissioners chair; Kevin Dubose, City of Knoxville; Knoxville City Councilmen Charles Thomas and Denzel Grant; Cheryl Ball, City of Knoxville; Ben Bentley, KCDC executive director and CEO; Walter Perry, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Rob Stivers, Regions Bank; Dennis Corley and Grady Vanderhoofven, Three Roots Capital; Patricia Luna, Reinvestment Fund; Brandon Pace, Sanders Pace Architecture; Zachary Cooper, Design Innovation Architects; Schuyler Hand, Merit Construction; Stacey Poole, Jenkins & Stiles; Anne Templeton, Knox County Board of Education; Sheryl Ely, City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation; Bart McFadden, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley; and Callie Archer, Junior Achievement of East Tennessee.

North waterfront redevelopment, data center restrictions pass

By Mike Steely
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The north bank of the Tennessee River in downtown Knoxville needs redevelopment, and the Knoxville City Council approved a long-term plan to do so Tuesday evening.

The area would stretch "from World's Fair Park at Cumberland Avenue through Maplehurst to Neyland Drive — and from the Henley Street Bridge to Third Creek," and the idea is to revitalize and reuse vacant properties

The project, requested by Urban Design and Development, drew several favorable comments from council members. Denzel Grant said that during the future renovation, local history should be preserved. Nathan Honeycutt said the vote for approval is "just the beginning" and the effort will include public hearings and a draft of the framework.

"This is not an overnight thing," Councilwoman Lynne Fugate said, adding, "It's the seed to our future."

The project now goes to the Knoxville Community Development Corporation for implementation.

The council also voted for a one-year moratorium on data centers that use more than 10 megawatts of power. Last month, Mayor Indya Kincannon asked Knoxville-Knox County Planning to look at zoning regulations and the high-energy-using data centers, as did the Knox County Commission.

Planning Director Amy Brooks told the council that the planners will seek public input in the process. Councilwoman Fugate said the city needs education on the centers. Grant said the mayor's push for the one-year ban shows that Kincannon is listening to citizens.

Councilman Matthew DeBardelaben noted that the city and county have had existing data centers for a long time and noted the "low hum" noise and water used by those centers.

Mayor Kincannon noted there is one large data center outside the city and said it is now time for a study. Currently, there are no

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BOE makes cuts to meet reduced budget

By Pete Gawda

At their meeting on Thursday evening, July 9, the Knox County School Board took action to overcome a $7.8 million deficit in the coming school year's budget.

On April 28, the board approved a $717 million general purpose budget based on anticipated revenues.

Then on June 15, the Knox County Commission voted to redirect $4 million in property taxes from the school board in order to give a 6% raise to county employees. Another blow came on June 30, when the allocation from the state was approved at a level $3.8 million below the original anticipation. That left the school board scrambling to come up with a balanced budget days before the new school year starts.

The reduction in revenues was offset in part by giving a five-day furlough to district office and administrative staff, reducing the number of contract days for elementary school assistant principals from 221 days to 216 days and reducing teacher staffing and student-teacher ratios. A total of 29 teaching positions will be eliminated due to a lack of funding. Superintendent Jon Rysewyk stated that these reductions were brought about by the lack of funding; they were not something the administration wanted to do. However, those teachers affected will not lose their jobs or face a salary reduction. In 12 schools, the affected teachers will fill vacant positions. The remaining 17 will be shifted to other positions within the school district.

The original budget amount was $717,685,000. Because of the loss of anticipated revenues, the board approved an updated budget totaling $713,665.000. That lower total was achieved through the reduction of salaries, wages and associated personnel costs brought about by the reduction of teacher positions, furloughs and reduced days for assistant elementary principals.

Katherine Bike offered an amendment to the proposed updated budget, stating that the $2.6 million that would be needed to fund the 29 teaching positions that would be eliminated should be taken from the reserve fund. Jennifer Hemmelgarn, assistant superintendent, advised that reserves

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PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA

Jeannie Delaney and Beth Hamil of Delaney & Hamil Consulting Services (standing) assist Court Clerk Mike Hammond (standing, center) in the the first Randall E. Nichols Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Focus Forum held last Tuesday. Around 50 representatives from county courts and law enforcement and area agencies attended the event.

Clerk Hammond hosts forum on domestic violence

By Pete Gawda

Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond has a passion for alleviating domestic violence. Last October, he announced the new Bridge to Safety program to help victims of domestic violence and, at his invitation, about 50 people gathered at the Randall E. Nichols Family Justice Center on Tuesday, July 7, for a domestic violence focus forum.

Participants were law enforcement officials, court officials and representatives of several organizations, such as the YMCA and Legal Aid of East Tennessee, that deal with the many facets of domestic violence. There was even a representative from Young Williams Animal Center since it was recognized that domestic violence and animal cruelty are sometimes related.

Hammond said his emphasis for the next four years would be on alleviating domestic violence. He said the participants were there to help with a plan to accomplish that goal. While noting that some government plans end up sitting on a shelf, Hammond said that would not be the case with the results from the forum.

"We can do better," he said.

The event was facilitated by Jeannie Dulaney and

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Trojan Horses

The price to pay for apathy in public affairs (elections) is to be ruled by evil men

(Plato in "The Republic")

Most know the story of the Trojan horse from Homer's epic poem, "The Iliad." I have stood on the site of the ancient city of Troy (Illion) in modern-day Western Turkey, discovered by archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann.

"Historicity" is the concept that real places and real people comprise history rather than being derived from myth, legend or fiction. I felt connected to real history as I stood on the ground where Achilles battled the Trojans three millennia ago.

It is natural for humans to consider their time as being a unique moment in history - that is if they think about history at all. Philosopher George Santayana prophetically said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Vienna, Austria, is a beautiful city, but the area is also steeped in history. In the opening scenes of the movie "Gladiator," Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius and his army are battling barbarians on the frontier of the Roman Empire near current-day Vienna. Our modern-day barbarians are not at the city gates of Troy or in the vicinity of Vienna; they are already among us.

The radical socialists/communists have breached the walls of the Democratic Party and have taken over. And by running Democrat Socialists in low-turnout primaries across the country, the radicals are quickly replacing so-called traditional Democrats and are a threat to America. Until the Democratic Party gets its act together, voting for anyone with a D next to their name is voting for the socialist/communists Jacobins who now run their party. UT professor and writer Glenn Reynolds agreed with Plato in a recent opinion piece in the New York Post.

Readers may be surprised, but I have voted for Democrats. However, traditional Democrats no longer exist. And these days, as a conservative, I often have to choose the lesser of two evils: Democrats in name only or RINOs, Republicans in name only.

Though I will not be voting in Maine, an obvious example is the choice between RINO Susan Collins or the socialist/communist and alleged rapist, Democrat Graham Platner. However, the knives are out for Platner, and he will be "replaced" by the Democrat machine, just as they replaced Biden with a woman who never won a primary.

The contrast between Democrats and patriots was profound during the 250th July 4th celebrations. President Trump delivered optimistic and patriotic speeches at Mount Rushmore and in Washington, D.C. Patriots held celebrations nationwide with parades, barbecues and fireworks. Meanwhile, Democrat politicians like Newsom, the Democrat media (NYT), the odious View, as well as the "soon-to-be-out-of-work-from-Artificial-Intelligence" celebrities bashed America and President Trump. Many of these pathetic creatures disclaimed that they were ashamed to be Americans. To use their own dysfunctional philosophy, since they don't identify as Americans, they aren't.

I am proud to be an American. For the foreseeable future, the choice is between radical socialist/communists, who are now The Power in the Democratic Party, and patriotic Americans. The Democratic Party has lost its collective mind to hatred of our duly elected president of the United States. And their disdain for most of us is palpable. Their so-called "autopsy" of the 2024 loss has never been released, and the party has no positive policies for America. Their mantra is "We hate Trump." At this point, voting for these dysfunctional people will define who and what you are.

While pathetic Democrats were bashing America and patriotism, countries around the world, including Japan, France, and even the British royalty, celebrated our 250th birthday.

After the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, ending the Revolutionary War, and the Constitution was ratified in 1788, Europeans and experts dubbed us "the American Experiment." None thought we would last. But they were wrong. We have endured while many of those countries are gone, and their experts have passed into obscurity.

While our soccer team was defeated by a better team from Belgium, the World Cup in America is a great success. People from all over the world came to the United States and found that they had been told lies about our country and our people by the media. At this point, anyone who trusts anything the media says is a fool.

While our soccer team did not prevail, Americans often dream big and win. They did so in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain, the strongest nation in the world in 1776.

What pathetic losers the American-hating Democrats have become. Some even rooted against the review of one of our principal soccer players' controversial red card. I'm proud to be an American, and I'm ashamed that these haters are Americans.

Lately, socialism has become the cause célèbre. Even the progressive ideology has morphed into the radical Democratic Socialists. Never mind that socialism has never worked or that the Nazis were the National Socialist Party of WWII Germany. The Democratic Socialists espouse more communist rhetoric than socialist. And never mind that "the goal of socialism is communism" (Vladimir Lenin).

The godless communist Karl Marx said that religion is the "opium of the masses." Communism is a striking contrast to theism, a belief in God. Theism, specifically Judeo-Christian philosophy, is the foundation of Western Civilization. The eloquence of Thomas Jefferson and the Founders in the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence is far better for humanity and the world than the tripe of Marx's 1000-word tome, "Das Kapital." The huddled masses in China, North Korea and Russia understand what too many fools in America do not.

I'm a Christian, a husband, a father and a grandfather. And I'm proud to be an American, as Lee Greenwood sings. It is our duty to oppose the barbarians, the liars, the haters and the deranged. It is not necessary to take up arms as they did in 1776, but we must speak the truth courageously. And boycott if you must, but never give up! They did not give up at Valley Forge or Normandy beaches, and they're holding the line in the Persian Gulf. Honor their sacrifice with your vote on August 6, 2026. A vote made sacred by their sacrifice.

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North waterfront redevelopment

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specific regulations on data centers inside the city.

In other business, the council voted to increase solar power for pedestrian improvements along Sutherland Avenue, a state-funded $300,000 project with a 10% city match.

The infrastructure and vertical construction project at Western Heights received an additional $4.5 million, bringing the total transformation funding to $26.5 million for the Knoxville Community Development Corporation-led project to supply additional affordable housing.

Councilman Charles Thomas called the ongoing project "a success story," and Councilman Nathan Honeycutt applauded the local, federal and private funding.

An appeal filed by Scott Albrecht regarding a setback denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals was approved by council. Jonathan Miller spoke for Albrecht, noting the irregular shape of the property at 1503 Southgate Road, saying the request to relocate a small garage there had no opposition from the neighbors.

Councilman Thomas said the location of the garage was an "odd situation" but agreed with the appeal to grant a 10-foot setback.

The council also approved providing $270,000 in community development block grants to four community organizations for housing management, design services, legal aid and transitional housing.

Jonathan Miller spoke for a Southgate Road resident wanting a Board of Zoning Appeals set-back ruling for a small garage reversed. Photo by Mike Steely.

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Clerk Hammond hosts forum on domestic violence

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Beth Hamil of Dulaney & Hamil Consulting Services, an organization that helps private and government agencies with such things as strategic planning and meeting and retreat facilitating.

"What you all are doing is so important," said Dulaney

The participants sat in groups and discussed among themselves the current situation with domestic violence, what they were doing wrong and what could be done to improve the situation.

Hamil noted that there are instances of domestic violence all over Knoxville; it is a cycle hard to break, and the system was hard to operate. She said one of the purposes of the forum was for participants to work better together. Participants were encouraged to get to know the people around them so they could refer their clients to them. "We know this is complicated and there is not a quick fix," she said

It was noted that domestic violence can be emotional as well as physical. The lack of affordable and available housing was seen as a contributing factor. It was noted that there was a need for a program for violent offenders to get well again. One participant said there needs to be more mental health services for children. A factor that was noted by many participants was the lack of funding. It was suggested that a resource list be prepared so that everyone would know what was available.

Victims of domestic violence can contact Bridge to Safety by calling (865)215-3221 or 865-215-SAFE (7233), emailing bridgetosafety@knoxcounty.org, or going to www.bridgetosafetytn.org. Bridge to Safety is an organization endorsed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, District Attorney Charme Allen, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and Hammond. Bridge to Safety offers 24/7 crisis intervention, legal support, multilingual technology support and advocacy.

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Publisher's Positions

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I Am Disappointed In UT

The University of Tennessee made an announcement that made the national news and startled many Tennesseans. The University of Tennessee announced its Board of Trustees had approved a $1.9 million legal settlement to Tamar Shirinian, a professor at UT who was fired for posting comments on social media following the brutal murder of activist Charlie Kirk on a Utah college campus. Shirinian filed suit after being fired, claiming the university had violated her constitutional rights. Shirinian referred to Kirk in her post as a "disgusting psychopath."

Tamar Shirinian wrote, "The world is better off without him in it." The professor then added, "His kids are better off living in a world without a disgusting psychopath like him and his wife, well she's a sick f--- for marrying him so I don't care about her feelings." But, of course, Tamar wanted everyone to care about her feelings, as I seem to recall she complained that she was getting death threats following her post. Evidently, it never occurred to her that there might be people who might think the same of her as she thought of Charlie Kirk. Apparently, it never occurred to Tamar that some people might say the same about her kids and her husband having married her.

After the backlash and when it became clear UT intended to fire her, she whined that she had been "insensitive" and claimed her comments were "uncharacteristic of me as a person." Had someone said it of her, Leftist heads would have exploded, and they would have likely tried to sponsor a riot, claiming she had been the victim of hate speech. They would have been right that it was certainly hateful speech. Just because Tamar is a minority doesn't mean she has immunity from being hateful or from giving voice to her own hatred of other people, whether they are white, black, brown, yellow or pink. Universities all across the country have loudly proclaimed from every ivory tower that they are citadels against "hate speech" and would not tolerate it. Yet college campuses are cesspools of hate where Leftists tolerate no dissent from their selected narratives. Everyone must drink the Kool-Aid or they should die. College and university campuses in this country have become a mockery of "safe spaces" for Leftist snowflakes. In truth, campuses are far less safe for Republicans, conservatives, Christians and Jews.

The US Supreme Court has consistently ruled that "hate speech" is protected under the constitutional right to free speech. It may well be that UT decided in retrospect it could not properly defend a lawsuit or that, in the long run, it was cheaper to settle irrespective of how it might have come out. Still, what Tamar Shirinian said was absolutely vile, hateful and certainly does call into question the core of her own character.

Very few details have been made public about the substance of the Board of Trustees meeting, so we are left to surmise why they chose the settlement as a resolution to the matter. The university employs a slew of lawyers and perhaps it would be wise to consult with legal counsel before making any final decision and taking a course of action that won't hold up in a court of law. **And it is a fact that we now live in a world where most attorneys are less litigators than settlers.**

Of course, if Tamar Shirinian's speech is protected, so is everyone else's. The only decision in the entire mess that is not at all questionable is UT's firm decision that Shirinian will NOT be reinstated. Good riddance!

Has The Democratic Party Ever Heard Of Background Checks?

Another blatant hypocrisy of the Left is the attitude toward one of their heroes: Graham Platner, who, as this is written, has suspended his campaign but is still the Democratic nominee for the US Senate in Maine. Platner's campaign has finally imploded following a highly credible account by a former girlfriend of having been raped, which the New York Times tried to downplay, if not actually bury. How anybody can possibly be surprised by Platner's implosion is beyond me. Here is a candidate with a Nazi tattoo on his chest, which was ignored by the Left and considering how antisemitic they have become, that's no surprise. The new litmus test to be one of the cool kids on the Left is to hate Israel and Jews. It's quite ironic that they call Republicans Nazis when they try to defend the actions of Hamas and actually support terrorists who raped and brutally murdered babies, young girls and women. The Left is seemingly deaf to those cries. They wail "genocide" without obviously understanding the very meaning of the word.

Even the stupidest member of the panel of harpies that make up "The View" has acknowledged that Platner was racist, homophobic, and an anti-Semite. Platner himself dismissed another politician as human garbage for having cheated on his wife. Of course, that was before it became public knowledge about his own habit of sexting other women while married to his wife.

Yet Sunny Hostin said she would still vote for him. The fact that a group of failed entertainers is opining on politics and public policy every day doesn't make it a "news" show. Although the once "big three networks" have set precedents for it. Chuck Todd, hosting "Meet the Press," was pretty much like having a biased Bozo the Clown as a moderator. And there was Bozo's challenged baby, Brian Stelter.

It's well past time the FCC looked into what is clearly political propaganda for the Democrat/socialist party. **If Whoopi Goldberg is a news anchor, go ahead and give her the desk job for the ABC nightly news.** Don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen, although we probably aren't far from it.

The same people on the Left who cried crocodile tears as they squalled, "Women must be believed!" have finally been revealed to be quite selective in who and what they believe. Evidently, no complaint by a Republican woman is to be believed under any circumstance. As Bernie Sanders, Ro Khanna, and the other Leftist roaches jump overboard and say they no longer support Graham Platner, people should stop and ask, why not? He's the same guy he's always been. Perhaps it is a coincidence, but the abandonment of Platner by the elitist Left occurs just as a new poll showing him trailing Senator Susan Collins was released.

The New York Times didn't completely smother its own story, which appears almost certainly to have been written to protect Platner. They couldn't suppress the truth, which has been obvious to anybody who wasn't either a moron or a fool, and now the socialists are scrambling to find another make-believe "man of the people." Good luck with that. They wouldn't know one if he came up and kicked them in the butt.

All eyes look towards Maine for Graham Platner 2.0. The Leftists, socialists and communists, and their minions in the mainstream media will tell us that he or she is the very second coming. Better than the wheel, sliced bread, or medicines that work, plenty to eat, freedom to choose or the fruits of capitalism. In other words, those things that really don't exist in socialist and communist countries. Evidently, you can fool some of the people all of the time.

BOE makes cuts

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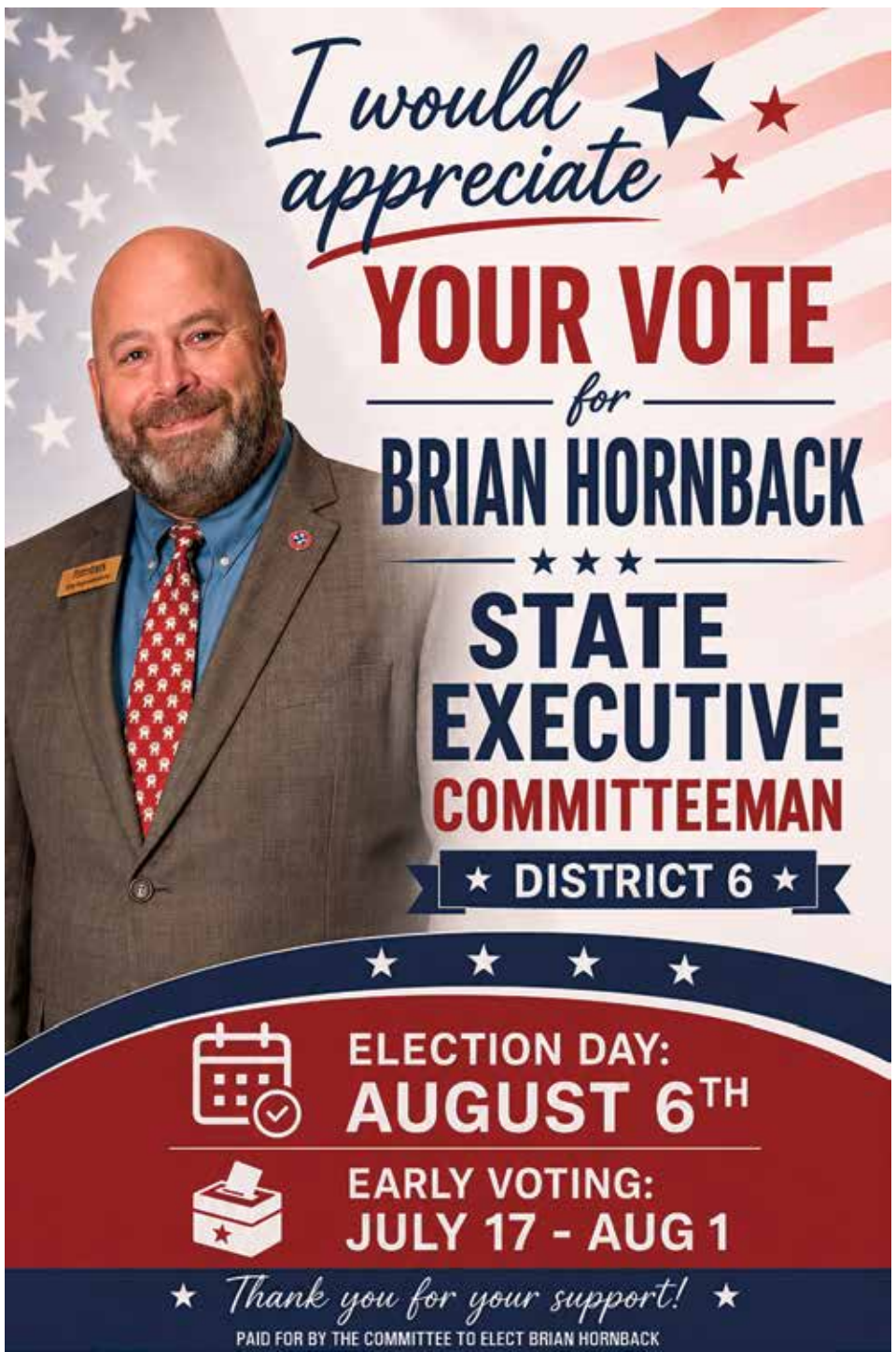
should not be used for a recurring expense such as salaries. The amendment failed with Bike casting the only "yes" vote.

The original motion for the revised budget passed with John Butler, Anne Templeton and Patricia Fontenot-Ridley abstaining and Bike voting "no."

In a related action, the board unanimously approved a resolution on board members' salaries offered by Steve Triplett. According to the county charter, school board members receive the same increase in salary as that given to county commissioners. Triplett's resolution requested that the commissioners rescind their increase in salary as well as the increase given to the school board members. The resolution further requested that the money taken from the school board members' salaries be returned to the school system budget.

A final update on any additional cost-saving measures will be considered in the August meeting. Such things as a one-year moratorium on device replacement and a one-time use of reserve funds for vehicle purchases could be considered.

Turning to other matters, the board heard a presentation by Freddy Cox, chief technology officer and Theresa Nixon, executive director of academic support, on possible policy changes concerning the use of electronic devices in teaching. They recommended that elementary school students be denied all access to YouTube outside of teacher-led lessons and that middle and high school use of YouTube be restricted. While games are already blocked on elementary school computers, they recommended that games also be blocked from middle and high school computers. Another recommendation would require the disclosure of the use of Artificial Intelligence. What stays the same with these recommended changes is that instructional content remains accessible. The board could vote on policy changes incorporating these recommendations at the August meeting.



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TENNESSEE SENATE
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☐ Diana Onyejiaka
☐ Write-in

UNITED STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 2
Vote for One (1)
☐ Michaela Barnett
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE SENATE
DISTRICT 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ David Miller
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE SENATE
DISTRICT 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ Bryan Langan
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 14
Vote for One (1)
☐ Lindsay Young Honaker
☐ Shivam R. Zaveri
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 15
Vote for One (1)
☐ Sam McKenzie
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 16
Vote for One (1)
☐ Eliza Boles
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 18
Vote for One (1)
☐ Bryan Goldberg
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 19
Vote for One (1)
☐ Jenny Fowler
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 89
Vote for One (1)
☐ Randy DeBord
☐ Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 90
Vote for One (1)
☐ Gloria Johnson
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
DISTRICT 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ Andrew F. Bennett III
☐ David A. Garcia
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
DISTRICT 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ Anne Backus
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
DISTRICT 6
Vote for One (1)
☐ Jim Clement
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
DISTRICT 6
Vote for One (1)
☐ Amanda Collins
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
DISTRICT 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ Will Bowen
☐ Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
DISTRICT 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ Dana E. Moran
☐ Write-in

KNOX COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DIVISION I (Unexpired Term)
Vote for One (1)
☐ Emily F. Abbott, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

COUNTY MAYOR
Vote for One (1)
☐ Betsy Henderson, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Beau Hawk, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 3
Vote for One (1)
☐ Sheri Super, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Brandon Huckaby, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ Barry Beeler, Republican Party Nominee
☐ William Cooper, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE
SEAT 10
Vote for One (1)
☐ Justin D. Cofer, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Katina Sharp, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Ronin Cunningham, Independent Candidate
☐ Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE
SEAT 11
Vote for One (1)
☐ Garrett Holt, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Vivian Underwood Shipe, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ David Velarde, Independent Candidate
☐ Write-in

COUNTY TRUSTEE
Vote for One (1)
☐ Nick McBride, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Stephen Hood, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE
DIVISION IV (Unexpired Term)
Vote for One (1)
☐ Andrea Kline, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Ben H. Houston II, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

SHERIFF
Vote for One (1)
☐ Brent Gibson, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

CIRCUIT, CIVIL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURT CLERK
Vote for One (1)
☐ Charlie Susano, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

CRIMINAL COURT CLERK
Vote for One (1)
☐ Mike Hammond, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

COUNTY CLERK
Vote for One (1)
☐ Richie Beeler, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Vote for One (1)
☐ Sherry Witt, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Charles Frazier, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Breyauna Holloway, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 4
Vote for One (1)
☐ Ashley Sartelle, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Katherine Bike, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 6
Vote for One (1)
☐ Lee Ann Eaves, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Cadence Collins, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 7
Vote for One (1)
☐ Steve Triplett, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Amy Fenner, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 9
Vote for One (1)
☐ Bill Sofield, Republican Party Nominee
☐ Brandy Jenkins, Democratic Party Nominee
☐ Write-in

TOWN OF FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MAYOR
Vote for One (1)
☐ Alex Cain
☐ Louise Povlin
☐ Write-in

ALDERMAN, WARD 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Dian Hall
☐ Joey Ruffalo
☐ Write-in

ALDERMAN, WARD 2
Vote for One (1)
☐ Joe LaCroix
☐ Greg Wiberley
☐ Write-in

STATE GENERAL

SUPREME COURT – AT LARGE
KYLE A. HIXSON
Shall Kyle A. Hixson be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

SUPREME COURT – AT LARGE
MARY L. WAGNER
Shall Mary L. Wagner be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

COURT OF APPEALS – EASTERN DIVISION
WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS II
Shall William E. Phillps II be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

COURT OF APPEALS – WESTERN DIVISION
STEVE MARONEY
Shall Steve Maroney be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

COURT OF APPEALS – WESTERN DIVISION
VALERIE L. SMITH
Shall Valerie L. Smith be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS - EASTERN DIVISION
STACY L. STREET
Shall Stacy L. Street be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS - EASTERN DIVISION
STEVEN W. SWORD
Shall Steven W. Sword be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?

☐ Retain
☐ Replace

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Older business back before county commission

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Some 60 items are on the tentative agenda for the Knox County Commission's regular meeting on July 27, and the items to be discussed may be set in the agenda review session on Monday, July 20. In the interim, the commissioners may be using their online forum to address some of the items and flag those they want to discuss.

Many of the items are carried over from previous meetings, including selecting members for various boards, including Construction Appeals, Industrial Development, Audit, and Health, Educational and Housing Facility.

Resolutions held over from June include two easements: one for the First Utility District Concord Marina Waterline Extension and the other to the Knoxville Utility Board for Forks of the River Park. One June resolution seeks the transfer of 3.1 acres on Solway School Road to the Industrial Development Board, while another would designate Sheriff's Victim Assistance Funds to support the Bridge for Safety Program.

Deferred from August and May are two items: repealing part of a county code on vehicle registration fees and prohibiting housing market manipulation by large institutional investors.

In new business, the commission is being asked to approve $275 million in general obligation bonds.

The Ethics Committee seeks to update the rules of procedure for the committee and the Knox County Code of Ethics.

The Rules Committee has introduced several resolutions to the Knox County Commission's July agenda, one of which spells out the interplay between citizens

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The 2026–2027 Board of Directors include (not in order): President Doug Kose, President-elect John Heins, Immediate Past President Lorna Keathley, Vice-President Dr. Chris Talley, Secretary Patty Daughtrey, Treasurer Paul Jaeger, Club Director Dick Hinton, Membership Director Jyoti Brummerstedt, Service Projects Director Joe Pace, Rotary Foundation Director Bruce Van Cleve, Public Image Director Charles Stallings, Youth Services Director Tracy Simmons, Club Administrator Sam Carey and At-large Director David Luhn. The Rotary Club of Bearden welcomes professionals, business leaders, and community members who are interested in fellowship, networking, and service. The club meets weekly on Fridays at noon at Bearden Banquet Hall in Knoxville.

Rotary Club of Bearden announces 2026–2027 Board of Directors

The Rotary Club of Bearden has announced its Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 Rotary year, effective July 1, 2026. The new leadership team will continue the club's long-standing commitment to service above self through community projects, youth programs, scholarships, and support for local and international humanitarian initiatives.

Leading the club during the 2026–2027 year is President Doug Kose, joined by a dedicated team of officers and directors representing a broad range of professional and community leadership experience.

"It is an honor to serve alongside this outstanding group of leaders," said President Doug Kose. "Together, we look forward to building on the Rotary Club of Bearden's tradition of service, strengthening our community partnerships, and creating meaningful opportunities to make a positive impact in Knoxville and beyond."

McNabb Center kicks off its Christmas in July Toy Drive Event

On Wednesday, July 1, the McNabb Center's Christmas in July Toy Drive kicked off to stock its Christmas closet full of toys. Now running in its eighth year, the event benefits the Dear Santa program and enables the community to donate to children and families who may be struggling this holiday season. Last year, more than 1,400 child clients of the McNabb Center and their siblings received gifts donated through Christmas in July toy drives and the Dear Santa program.

"Christmas in July allows the McNabb Center to fill up its toy closets and give toys gifts in December to clients who have needs for the basic necessities. Many children without the Dear Santa program would not receive gifts during the holiday season. Thank you to our friends and neighbors who give back – you are making a world of difference to a child," said Amy Fellhoelter, community relations coordinator for the McNabb Center.

The McNabb Center is partnering with ORNL Federal Credit Union and Knoxville Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union in Knoxville. From July 1 until July 31, these locations will have toy donation boxes for individuals to contribute new, unwrapped toys and clothing for children ages 0-18. For a detailed drop-off location list, please visit Christmas in July | Helen Ross McNabb Foundation

Community members are encouraged to utilize the Dear Santa Amazon Wish Lists or drop off gifts directly at the McNabb Center. Call Amy Fellhoelter at (865) 637-9711 ext. 1155 to or email amy.fellhoelter@mcnabb.org to schedule a donation drop-off appointment.

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A yard, not a lawn

By Joe Rector
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I'm sitting at my desk and looking out at the backyard and into the field that is fenced behind. The place used to be cleaned up enough to see the concrete block barn that Mr. Roberts built. Now, a wide swath is overgrown with a thick, "junk" green hedge and scrawny trees. At one point, we had a treadmill in this space, and I struggled to keep my balance on the thing as I trotted for a couple of miles. Those exercise sessions were made much easier when the huge groundhog that lived in the barn made an appearance. The creature moved with stealth and speed. I still love this yard and all the work we've put into it, especially in the spring and summertime.

Amy and I had this house built in 1978. It was a small place, only 1,250 square feet, but it was plenty enough for us. Neither of us is fond of pulling up stakes and moving, so we've hung around in Ball Camp for all those years. Yes, over time, we needed more room when we had only two bedrooms and our son was on the way. At another juncture, Amy decided we needed a room where our children and their friends could be comfortable without having adults sharing the same space.

For years, I hacked away at stumps from the trees that had been cut when our land was cleared. Sometimes, the trunks were leveled with the existing yard. At other times, I dug and chopped on oak tree stumps until I reached their bottoms and then forced them out of the ground. On one of those projects, I used a railroad pry bar and put pressure on the bar until I felt something give in my back. That led to several years of pain that ultimately ended in surgery that used bone from my own hip, cadaver bone, and metal parts to fuse the injured area.

The front yard and portions of the back yard are covered with Bermuda grass that I took from my mother's yard. I used a bulb digger and set them out. Over the years, those plugs have grown together and make for a cushy feeling underfoot. The best grass is in the back yard, but unfortunately, it is located in the dog lot. The stuff is pretty, but after a few trips outside by Sadie and Harvey, the grass isn't so attractive.

I admit that plenty of weeds are also in the yard. I use a variety of products to kill the unwanted plants, but they are tough and seem almost resistant to sprays and powders. I live in a neighborhood that has big yards. Folks want their yards to look nice, but they aren't about to invest hard-earned money into killing and fertilizing and energizing grass. We have a saying for weedy yards: they all look green when they are mowed.

Amy has done a wonderful job with flowers. She picks the perfect plants for pots and plots. She has also placed a variety of flowers that attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. We enjoy sitting outside and watching those creatures enjoy the nectar from flowers. We also enjoy sharing cuttings from plants and extra shrubs with friends and neighbors.

The yard is our favorite place, whether we're mowing, planting, pruning or watching. Maybe someday we will grow too old to keep up this yard, but for right now, both of us are content to be home to enjoy the blooms and buds and leaves. The smell of fresh-cut grass always makes sitting outside a little more special. I hope everyone enjoys their yards as much as we do. If not, those folks might consider selling and moving into an apartment. The next owner might find greater joy in a little plot of God's earth.

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speaking and the reaction of commissioners to those comments during public forum.

Now and then, a public speaker makes personal comments about commission members and opinions are exchanged. Often, a public speaker veers off their stated subject, and occasionally, a commissioner responds with pointed statements.

Those types of interactions distract from the business before the commission and the Rules Committee has one resolution it hopes will prevent those clashes. The resolution would amend the rules on the public forum "to clarify permissible scope of questions by Commissioners and Knox County Staff to individuals addressing the commission."

The new language put forth by the Rules Committee states:

"Public Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to share information, opinions, and concerns with the Commission regarding matters of public interest. Members of the Commission and Knox County staff may ask brief questions for the purpose of obtaining information or clarifying matters relevant to the issue under consideration. Questions shall be limited to clarification and shall not be used for debate, argument, or commentary. Public Forum is not intended to be a dialogue between speakers and members of the Commission."

If approved, the new language will replace the following line: "Members of the Commission and the Knox County staff members may have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Commission."

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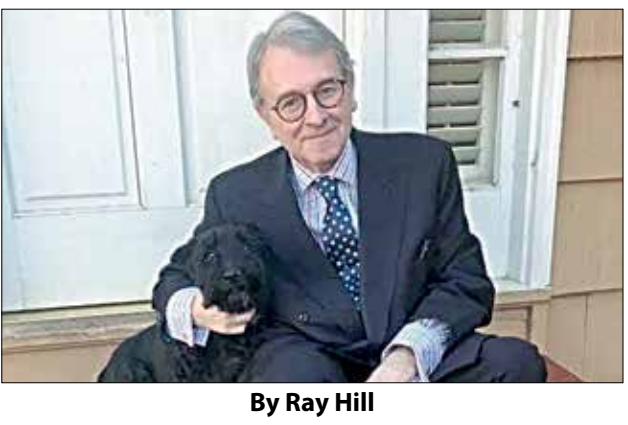

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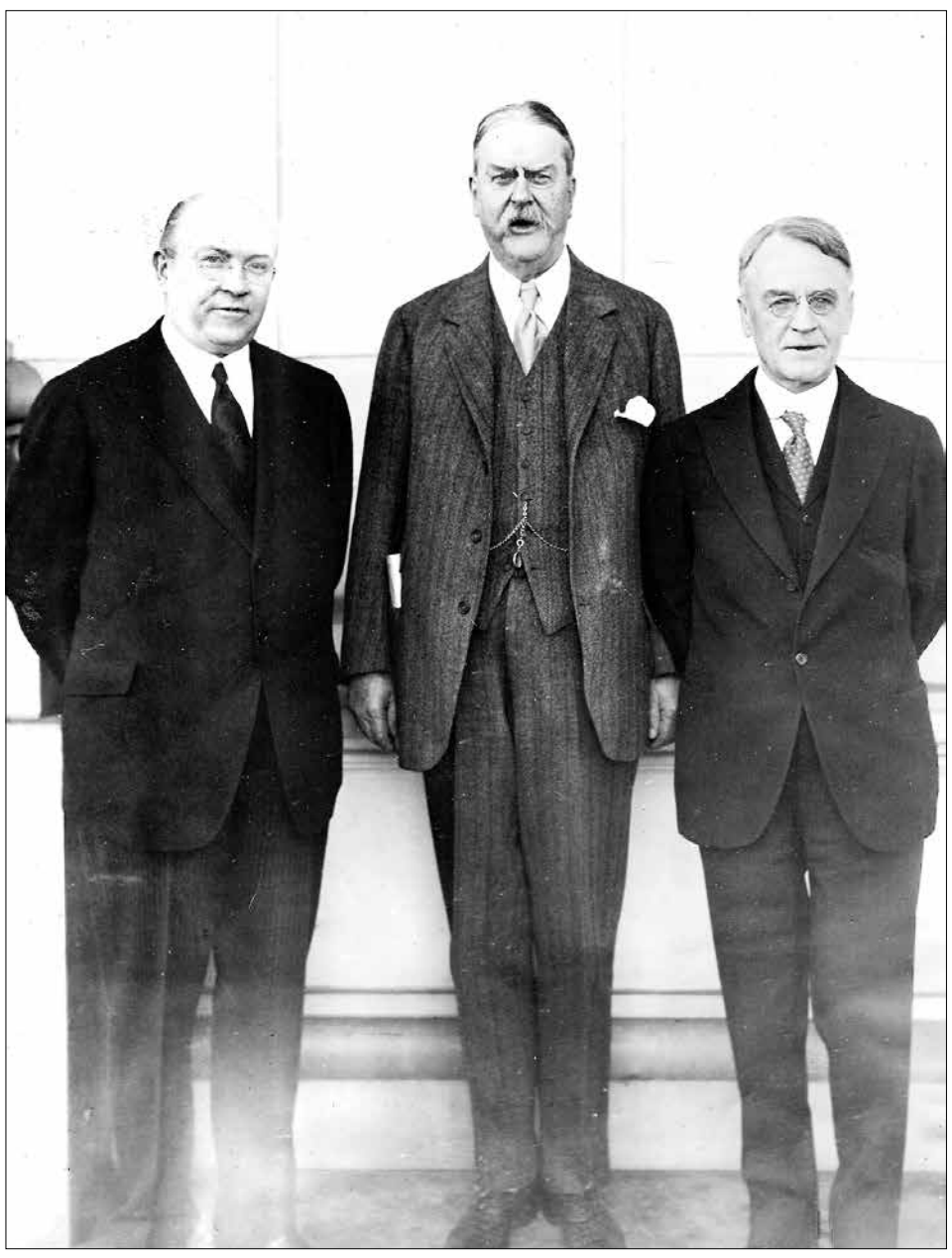

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Left to right: New Jersey U.S. Senator David Baird Jr., Hamilton F. Kean and Senator-elect Dwight Morrow, December 3, 1930.

Hamilton Fish Kean doubtless is unfamiliar to most readers, but he served in the United States Senate and was part of a political dynasty that exists to this day. Kean's son Robert Winthrop Kean served in the U.S. House of Representatives for twenty years, from 1939 to 1959. Senator Kean's grandson, Tom, was elected governor of New Jersey, serving from 1982 to 1990. Senator Kean's great-grandson, Tom Kean Jr., is a sitting member of the House of Representatives from New Jersey, first elected in 2022. The tale of Hamilton F. Kean is one of family and background; in this instance, it is one and the same.

Tall with a thatch of iron gray hair and a weathered face, much of which was covered with an impressive walrus moustache, Hamilton Fish Kean looked every inch like a wealthy country squire.

The senator got his name from his great-uncle Hamilton Fish, who enjoyed a lengthy and successful political career, serving as governor of New York, United States senator, and Secretary of State under President Ulysses S. Grant from 1869 to 1877.

The Keans were patricians, and their descendants lived in Liberty Hall or "Ursino." The Keans are properly described as a family that goes back to the very birth of our nation. Liberty Hall was originally a fourteen-room house that grew over the decades. The house had been built by William Livingston, the first governor of New Jersey in Union County. Liberty Hall's visitors read like a history primer for the period of the Revolutionary War, including George and Martha Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette, and John Jay, a founding father of the United States and appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by President Washington. Alexander Hamilton stayed at Liberty Hall for several months while attending school, having arrived from his home in the West Indies with a handful of letters of introduction. Inside the Kean family, Liberty Hall was known as "Ursino."

Colonel John Kean, Hamilton's father, was a very wealthy man who owned a mill and was the president of a bank and a utilities company, as well as a railroad. The colonel left Liberty Hall to his son John, although his wife held a life tenancy under the terms of her husband's will. Another estate on the other side of the street was left to his son Hamilton. Both of the Kean brothers represented New Jersey in the United States Senate.

After his graduation, Hamilton Kean joined a New York firm, J. Kennedy Todd, and in 1893 partnered with Robert B. Van Cortlandt to form their own company. It later became known as Kean, Taylor and Company. Hamilton Kean did as well in business as his father had before him. The younger Kean was once rated as one of the 50 wealthiest men in New York. Kean lived on his 180-acre estate, Green Lane Farm, where he raised cattle, chickens, pheasants and turkeys. The manager of the farm once admitted that, if the taxes were considered, it could not be considered profitable by any means, although the sale of milk and produce provided enough revenue "to clear a good share of the cost of operating." One newspaper writer described the manor house at Green Lane Farm as having been "considered one of the best examples of French Provincial architecture in New Jersey." "The interior was framed in carved oak and the study used by former Senator Kean was paneled in hand-carved wood imported from Nottingham Forest of Robin Hood fame in England," the newsman wrote.

With his brother having served two terms in the U.S. Senate, it is hardly surprising that Hamilton Kean was an active Republican, being elected as a delegate to local and national conventions. In 1919, Kean became a member of the Republican National Committee for New Jersey.

Hamilton Kean's first foray into elective politics was challenging U.S. Senator Walter E. Edge in the GOP primary in 1924. Edge was highly popular in New Jersey and had served as the governor of the Garden State prior to being elected to the Senate. Supporters of Edge faulted former Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen for prodding Kean into the primary. Reputedly, Frelinghuysen was bitter because he had lost his own seat in the 1922 election to Democrat Edward I. Edwards and faulted Edge for not having campaigned for him.

Edge proved to be too formidable a candidate to be toppled and won the Republican nomination by soundly defeating Kean, even carrying Kean's home county of Union. Senator Edge won the GOP nomination by nearly 64,000 votes.

Four years later, former Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen decided to try to reclaim his seat in the United States Senate and announced he was a candidate for the GOP nomination. The primary became a three-way fight for the nomination when Hamilton Kean announced he, too, was running. The third candidate was former Governor Edward C. Stokes, who had last won a statewide election in 1904.

The campaign was lively and hard-fought, and the result was close. Kean won the GOP nomination with 167,029 votes, followed closely by former Governor Stokes with 142,123 votes, and former Senator Frelinghuysen with 137,440 votes.

Kean faced incumbent Edward I. Edwards in the general election and was fortunate in that it was a very good year for Republicans. Senator Edwards tried to hitch Kean's political wagon to local Republican bosses like "Nucky" Johnson of "Boardwalk Empire" fame. At the same time, Kean was pounding Edwards for the senator's association with the Democratic machine of Frank Hague in Hudson County. Edwards cried that the wealthy Kean was paying handsomely, "many thousands of dollars," to the local bosses for their support. "How many thousands of dollars has Hamilton Fish Kean given to Davy Baird, Jr., of Camden, and his political money changers who today are manipulating one of the most fraudulent, notorious and corrupt political machines in the United States of America?" Edwards huffed.

Hamilton Kean gave as good as he got, appearing as the speaker before a gathering of 300 Republican women in Bergen County. Kean dismissed Edwards as a "male-Scheherazade," the primary storyteller in "Arabian Nights," and accused the senator of trying to divert the attention of voters from his own "somnolent senatorial career." "His record is as fanciful, though not for the same reasons, as the 'Thousand and One Nights' tale that his famous predecessor beguiled the sultan with to save her neck," Kean chortled.

The sum total, according to Hamilton Kean, of Senator Edwards' legislative legerdemain was the passage of but one bill, which regulated the height of a building in Washington, D.C. "I dare say, Mr. Edwards has his own idea as to how much good the height of a building in Washington will do New Jersey," Kean said dryly.

Edwards had made a career in politics by opposing prohibition, cobbling together a coalition of immigrants, ethnic minorities and urban voters, as well as the lynchpin of the Hudson County machine, which produced huge majorities for him. Although Edwards was not one to imbibe alcoholic beverages himself, he was opposed to prohibition. Senator Edwards continued to campaign as an opponent of prohibition in the 1928 election, but Hamilton Kean called for a modification of the Volstead Act, which had implemented prohibition. By October, Kean announced he was as opposed to prohibition as was Senator Edwards. That cost him the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League, but may have won him the election, as it removed one of the handiest tools Edward Edwards possessed in his political toolbox.

Kean swept past Senator Edwards, who carried only one of New Jersey's 21 counties and that was Hudson County, the domain of Frank Hague, the mayor of Jersey City. Kean won by more than 233,000 votes, nearly 58% of the ballots cast. Kean had never held elective office before and was on his way to Washington, D.C., where he joined his one-time foe Walter Edge in representing New Jersey in the United States Senate.

The senator-elect traveled to the fishing camp of President-elect Herbert Hoover at Belle Island, Florida. The weather had been poor with heavy rain the day before, which was followed by a "high cold wind." Kean arrived after breakfast to meet with Hoover to discuss appointments in New Jersey.

The senator-elect was pleased when his Green Lane Farm was awarded a prize for his Jersey Black Giants, a breed of chicken which is approximately one-third larger than other chickens. Not surprisingly, Jersey Black Giants feature a sleek and glossy sheen of black feathers and lay extra-large eggs. Kean's chickens took second on pullets and fifth on cockerels at the show, which was held in Madison Square Garden.

Senator-elect Kean was wintering in Miami before taking the oath of office. The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, or "Lame Duck" amendment, had yet to take effect, and newly elected members of Congress were sworn in on March 3 after having been elected the previous November.

After taking the oath of office and ensconced in his office in what is now the Russell Senate Office Building, Senator Kean was greeted by numerous personages visiting from New Jersey who dropped by to wish him well. The senator and his wife had been staying at a suite at the elegant Mayflower Hotel, and the couple hosted 1,000 guests for a buffet supper attended by the entire New Jersey congressional delegation. Kean had been assigned the offices formerly used by Senator Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia, a Democrat who had been defeated in the 1928 election. Senator Kean chose a longtime associate, Henry S. Crouch, who also lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to serve as his secretary (chief of staff).

On the floor of the Senate, Hamilton Kean sat between two other Republicans who had also been elected in 1928, Phillips Lee Goldsborough of Maryland and Dr. Henry Hatfield of West Virginia.

Kean entered the United States Senate as the result of a Republican wave, and students of history realize all too well that the political pendulum swings back and forth. When Senator Kean sought a second term at age 72, he faced perhaps the best vote-getter the Democratic Party had in New Jersey, Governor A. Harry Moore. The political pendulum had swung sharply back in the other direction with the suffering inflicted by the Great Depression and the advent of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Senator Kean began the campaign as the underdog but campaigned gamely and largely self-funded his reelection campaign. Kean had been a stalwart Republican in the United States Senate and was an opponent of the New Deal, while Harry Moore campaigned as a supporter of Franklin Roosevelt and his program.

The campaign in New Jersey portrayed Hamilton F. Kean as an out-of-touch millionaire who was profoundly opposed to anything President Roosevelt wanted to accomplish. The contrast between Senator Kean and former governor A. Harry Moore was distinct. Moore was affable and smiling, a seeming everyman, while Senator Kean was viewed as a rather forbidding patrician. While the Republican candidate for governor, Harold G. Hoffman, was winning the state House, Senator Kean went down in defeat. Harry Moore won the general election by more than 231,000 votes, polling almost 58% of the ballots cast.

Once he retired from the Senate, Hamilton F. Kean resumed his business interests and divided his time between a home in New York and his estate in New Jersey. In truth, Kean was an easily recognizable figure due to his towering size and moustache and was as at home in rural surroundings as he was in boardrooms.

The former senator began ailing in November of 1941 and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in New York, where he was placed under an oxygen tent. Suffering from what doctors merely referred to as "complications brought on principally by the infirmities of old age," the former senator never left the hospital, dying on December 29, 1941.

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Side trips can be surprising

A Day Away

By Mike Steely

Sometimes a side trip during a journey to somewhere else ends up being more interesting than the final destination. In our many years of traveling on business and for pleasure, my wife and I have discovered some unexpected jewels of places that surprised us and left lasting memories.

On a trip to Washington, D. C., we once took a side trip to **Schuyler, Virginia**, the birthplace and hometown of Earl Hamner, creator of "The Waltons." There, we found his childhood home and a museum about the television series nestled in a former schoolhouse.

If you are a fan of the television series, you probably recall several mentions of "Rockfish" as a nearby town. We were curious and asked the museum staff if it actually existed. In fact, the community did and still does, so we took a drive and found, to our surprise, that there were only a few houses, no actual town, and all that remained was a small, abandoned rural post office building. But it was worth a visit, interesting, and filled a hole in our trip well.

Old Washington in Rhea County was an important ferry crossing and thriving community in early East Tennessee history. There, Judge David Campbell, a relative of the founder of Campbell's Station, claimed land and settled. In the 1830s, it had a brick courthouse, several stores and became the first county seat.

Today, the little community and the remains of the old Washington Ferry crossing aren't much more than a wide place in the road. A long bridge now links it to the east and little remains of the former important place. Just off Highway 30 and west of Decatur, the former courthouse town has the grave of the founder, Judge Campbell, and his son-in-law, Thomas John Van Dyke. There's a third grave there, said to be Campbell's favorite horse.

An Alabama surprise for us was the **Ave Maria Grotto**, a lifelong work of miniature structures created by a Catholic monk at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. The 125 miniature buildings take up four acres in an abandoned quarry.

This former post office in Rockfish, Va., is about all that is left of "The Waltons" television series' neighboring town, a much larger place in the popular show. Photo by Mike Steely.

It's open to the public and about 50 miles north of Birmingham. A walk through the miniature village is interesting and educational.

Middlesboro, Kentucky, a town built inside a meteor crater, has several interesting things, including the entrance to the Cumberland Gap Park. But most people miss one of the oddest buildings in our country.

The Bell County Coal House is located near the corner of 20th Street and Lothbury Avenue in Middlesboro. The Bell County Coal House is a unique landmark constructed in 1926 with over 42 tons of local bituminous coal. Now the odd building is the home of the Bell County Chamber of Commerce.

The **Standing Stone Monument** is just off I-40 in Monterey, Tennessee, and was once a tall monument in the shape of a dog or wolf. It apparently was a Native American boundary marker. There's a small park there with a historical marker. Don't confuse it with Standing Stone State Park, miles away to the north, that has no such marker.

A family road trip can be improved with a side trip on the way to or from your destination. It breaks the long trips up into little bites and, surprisingly, can leave nice memories.

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LOCAL UMPIRE CALLS LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES TITLE GAME

Morton was the man needed to settle tempers in 2004

By Steve Williams

Phil Morton worked a long time as an assistant district attorney and prosecutor in Blount and Knox counties until he retired in 2020. Along the way he took up umpiring Little League baseball games and reached its top level in 2004 when he worked behind the plate of the LL World Series Championship at South Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

That's the game televised every summer, with the 12-year old all-stars from the USA and other countries playing for the title.

"My kids played Little League when they were five years old and I've been with it ever since," said Morton. "The local league asked me to come out and help umpire one day and that's how I got involved with the umpiring part of it. I've been involved with Little League I guess 40 plus years. I was living in Maryville and working at the DA's office in Blount County when I started."

Phil, who now lives in Knoxville, has a grandson, Jonah (age 11), and a granddaughter, Murphy (7), who play Little League baseball in Maryville.

Morton, himself, didn't play Little League baseball growing up. And when he got older he would rather umpire than coach.

Looking back, Phil said he wasn't nervous when he umpired Little League's biggest game and was ready for it.

"It was a super honor obviously to be picked to work the plate of the championship game," recalled Morton. "It was a very high honor. I was fortunate to get it."

That game matched Thousand Oaks, Calif., against Curacao, an island in the southern Caribbean north of Venezuela. It turned out to be a close contest with some controversy late in the game.

The California manager, whose team was trailing, argued with Morton that the first base umpire missed a call at first. Morton backed his partner's call and finally settled down the Thousand Oaks coach. The TV replay also showed the call was correct and Curacao won 5-2.

Now 75, Morton still umpires some but mostly makes sure everything is in order at the

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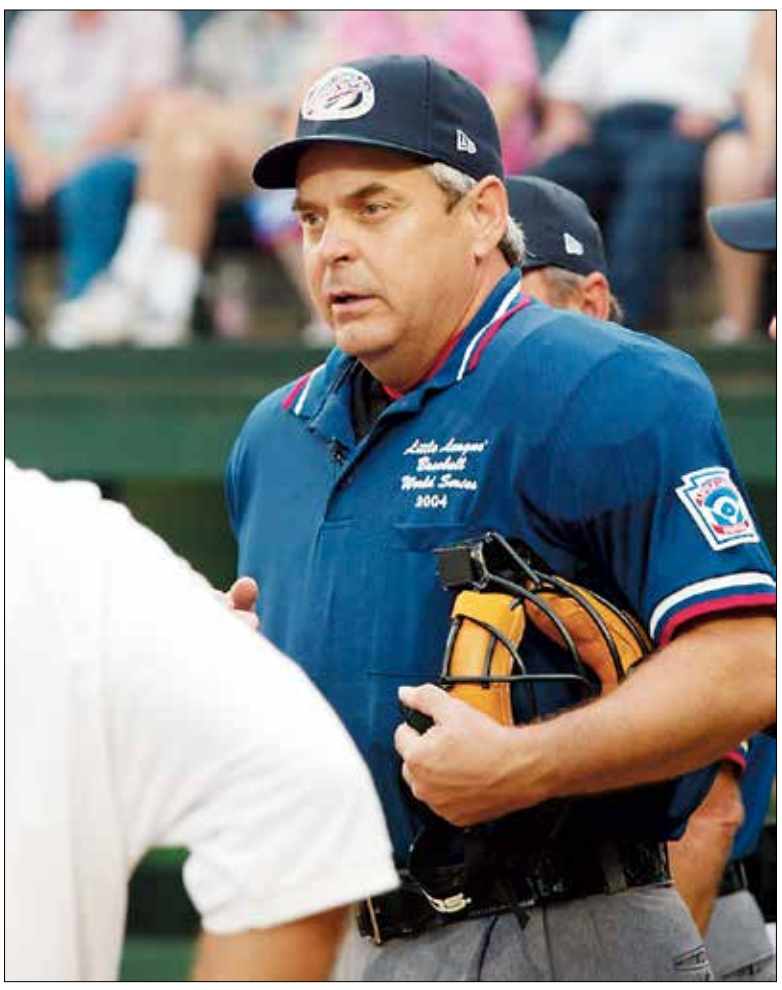

Phil Morton is in control of the Little League World Series championship game in 2024.

KNOX FOCUS ALL-COUNTY SOFTBALL TEAM

Brandy Weaver, Hallie Grace Johnson lead All-County Softball Team

By Ken Lay

The 2026 high school softball season was packed with plenty of excitement as Farragut made another Class 4A state tournament and West High reached new heights under head coach Brandy Weaver, who stepped down after guiding the Lady Rebels to 21 victories, a district championship and a state sectional appearance.

The Knoxville Focus recognizes some of the top players on its 2026 All-County Team.

Coach of the Year: Brandy Weaver: West High School: Weaver led the Lady Rebels to their best finish in recent memory and possibly in school history. Despite having just 10 players, Weaver guided West to a 21-14 record. The Lady Rebels also won the District 3-4A Tournament title and an appearance to both the region tournament and state sectionals.

Player of the Year: Hallie Grace Johnson: Farragut High School: Johnson, a junior, was one of the area's top pitchers and also swung a big bat for the Lady Admirals. She went 22-4 in the circle and recorded 212 strikeouts. She also clubbed eight home runs, while batting .447. She finished the campaign with 14 doubles and drove in 50 runs for Farragut, which qualified for the Class 4A state tournament.

Johnson is joined on the All-County Team by:

Cenzie Collin: Grace Christian Academy: A freshman catcher for the Lady Rams, Collin helped her team make the Division II-A state tournament. She

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bearden prepares for upcoming season with 7-on-7 drills

By Ken Lay

With the two-week TSSAA-mandated dead period now in the rearview mirror, local high school football teams have amped up preparation for the upcoming 2026 season, which is set to kick off in just over a month.

Many area schools wrapped up their 7-on-7 competition before their hiatus, but others are still competing in games and tournaments that feature quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers, tight ends, linebackers, safeties and cornerbacks. But some teams still have some 7-on-7 events remaining.

On a sultry Wednesday morning, Bearden High School hosted Lenoir City in some 7-on-7 drills.

Coaches are always looking to develop communication skills. They are also interested in seeing how well their players compete in some scaled-down game situations.

But each school has a unique set of goals during summer workouts and for the Bulldogs and coach Brad Taylor, this summer takes on great importance.

In his second stint as head coach at his alma mater, Taylor and his young squad went 0-9 and are obviously looking for better results in 2026.

"So far, 7-on-7 has gone well," Taylor said. "With 7-on-7, you try to keep things in perspective.

"We don't necessarily look at it as 7-on-7 or winning the 7-on-7. We look at it as a game and try to find ways to improve on Friday nights. This is a practice and a 7-on-7 drill against another team."

It is also a chance to build, especially for a team that had more than its share of struggles last season against some of the stiffest competition that the Volunteer State has to offer.

"We have a tough schedule. That's for sure," Taylor said. "But we have some guys who got some great Friday night experience last year.

"You may be taking some lumps while you're doing it, but you'll be better for it when you come through it. It has gone well for us, and we have a great group of young men."

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Bearden High School coach Brad Taylor addresses the Bulldogs following a 7-on-7 session against Lenoir City. Taylor and the Bulldogs are looking to erase the memories of a winless season in 2025.

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Former CAK state championship coach finds new home, excitement at Lenoir City

By Ken Lay

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New Lenoir City High School football coach Rusty Bradley addresses the Panthers' offense during a 7-on-7 session against Bearden at Bill Young Field in West Knoxville. Bradley, who led CAK to a pair of state titles, was Catholic's offensive coordinator in 2025, after a stint as head coach at Asheville Christian in North Carolina.

Rusty Bradley has achieved his share of success as a high school football coach in Tennessee, and his many wins and a pair of state championships came in the Knoxville area.

Last season, Bradley served as Knoxville Catholic's offensive coordinator, helping the Irish reach the Division II-AAA Playoffs.

Now he's taking a head coaching job at Lenoir City, a program that has had multiple head coaches since 2021. Bradley is the Panthers' sixth head coach since the 2021 season.

But he's looking to stick around for a while.

"If this is my last coaching job, that's fine with me," said Bradley, who guided Christian Academy of Knoxville to back-to-back Class 3A state championships in 2011-12. "I'll be happy."

He has served as a graduate assistant coach at Tennessee Tech, Louisiana Tech, Indiana and Colorado and got his first high school job with the Warriors, serving as offensive coordinator under legendary coach Bill Young.

Bradley was tapped to lead the program when Young retired and immediately turned CAK into a state power.

From there, Bradley spent one year as head coach at University School of Jackson, where he coached former University of Tennessee offensive lineman Trey Smith, now a star and multi-time Super Bowl champion.

He also coached at Grace Christian Academy, guiding the Rams to success. After his tenure at Grace, he served as offensive coordinator at Webb School of Knoxville under Hall-of-Famer David Meske.

From there, it was off to North Carolina, where Bradley was tasked with rebuilding the program at Asheville Christian. Things were going well until Hurricane Helene devastated Asheville.

"We had that hurricane and it was truly a life-changing experience for me," Bradley said. "It actually led to me coming back to Tennessee.

"It destroyed the school and all the work we did there for two and a half years."

After spending the 2025 season with the Irish, Bradley was tapped for the Lenoir City head coaching job in November 2025 after the school dismissed previous head coach Billy Coleman midway through the season in October.

Bradley began working at LCHS in January.

Bradley knew Lenoir City athletic director Shelley Collier from their days at Webb, where she was the girls basketball coach and assistant athletic director. She recently retired as the Lady Panthers' head coach but remained an administrator.

"I knew Shelley from Webb, and she was my 'in' at Lenoir City," he said.

Bradley's longtime coaching career speaks for itself. He's been successful everywhere he's been.

But he admits that he's heading into uncharted territory as a head coach at a public school for the first time in his 35-year career. But he's having fun coaching at Lenoir City.

"This is the first time that I've been a coach at a public school," Bradley said. "And the one thing I learned is that there's not really a big difference from coaching at a private school and a public school.

"It's all about the culture. I've been in private schools that had good culture, and I've been in private schools that had a bad culture."

He said that the culture in Lenoir City is a good one.

"The community in Lenoir City is great and they've been really supportive. I've gone to having parents and the (students) who wanted to go to the game. Now, here, we have people who have had season tickets for more than 40 years. I've never had that before."

He's also looking forward to teaching algebra at Lenoir City.

"I'm excited about that; I was a math major."

Brandy Weaver, Hallie Grace Johnson lead

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batted .404 and had six home runs and 34 RBIs.

Ava Malone: Grace Christian Academy: Malone, a junior for the Lady Rams, had 15 home runs and eight doubles. She also knocked in 55 runs, while hitting .527 and recording 18 doubles.

Harper Bales: Halls High School: During her senior campaign with the Lady Devils, Bales led her team to the District 3-4A regular-season championship. She posted a robust .468 batting average and drove in 29 runs.

Claire Davenport: West High School: Davenport helped the Lady Rebels win a district tournament championship and make a state sectional appearance as she posted a .523 batting average.

Camryn Shrader: Farragut High School: Shrader hit 10 home runs and had 29 RBIs as she helped the Lady Admirals make a state tournament appearance.

Brooklyn Burnett: West High School: Burnett was another key player for the Lady Rebels during their magical season. She had an injury-riddled senior campaign but remained a key offensive contributor for West High as nearly .500 and drove in 32 runs.

Shelby Williams: Gibbs High School: Williams, who helped the Lady Eagles win back-to-back Class 3A state championships, closed out her high school career on a high note as she batted .469 and clubbed 13 home runs. She also finished the season with 13 doubles and 50 RBIs, helping the Lady Eagles reach the state sectionals.

Brooke Weaver: West High School: Throughout her career in Marble City, Weaver emerged as one of the area's top pitchers. She amassed more than 200 innings in the circle. She was also a key hitter for West as she posted a .333 batting average. She was also the District 3-4A Most Valuable Player.

Emily Bogoski: Christian Academy of Knoxville: A sophomore pitcher for the Lady Warriors, Bogoski recorded 198 strikeouts. She also hit .522 with 10 home runs and 42 RBIs. She also came up with 13 doubles.

Amelia Williams: Christian Academy of Knoxville: Williams batted .490 as a freshman in 2026 for the Lady Warriors. She came up with 51 hits and scored 38 runs.

Jaylan Heatherly: Powell High School: A four-year starter for the Lady Panthers, Heatherly hit .426 and had 25 stolen bases as Powell won 24 games and reached the Region 2-4A Tournament semifinals. She also posted a .542 on-base percentage and stole 25 bases.

Rianna Boone: Powell High School: Boone, a two-way player for the Lady Panthers, had a 1.85 earned run average and was Powell's second-leading hitter (.400).

Rylee Raby: Farragut High School: The junior outfielder hit .439 and had 20 doubles for the Lady Admirals, who made a trip to the Class 4A State Tournament.

Madilynn Rutherford: Gibbs High School: A junior for the Lady Eagles, Rutherford hit. 375 and drove in 29 runs in 20226.

Anna DeBusk: Catholic High School: DeBusk helped the Lady Irish reach the Division II-AA State semifinals for the first time in more than four decades. Catholic's leadoff hitter, DeBusk hit .398 and stole 22 bases.

Morton was the man needed to settle tempers in 2004

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district and state levels as the UIC (Umpire in Chief). He planned to be at Gallatin this past weekend for the Tennessee state tournament.

Prior to the state tourney, Phil oversaw the District 6 tournament. The Northern Division was played in Rutledge and the Southern Division was played in Athens.

Maryville defeated West Knox County (Karns) in the District 6 finals to qualify for a spot in the eight-team state bracket. Morristown and Jonesborough also advanced to the state.

Little League is in its 79th year and only five umpires from the state of Tennessee have worked the LL World Series. Three of the five were from District 6, which includes Karns and Maryville.

The late Jim Moore was the first from District 6 to work at Williamsport, followed by Morton and Marty Henry, who now is a Southeast Region umpire.

While Morton said he didn't receive any awards working the championship game in South Williamsport years ago, he was rewarded with getting to umpire Little League's biggest game of all.

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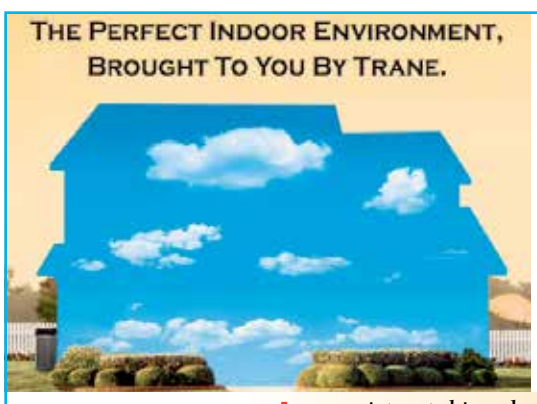

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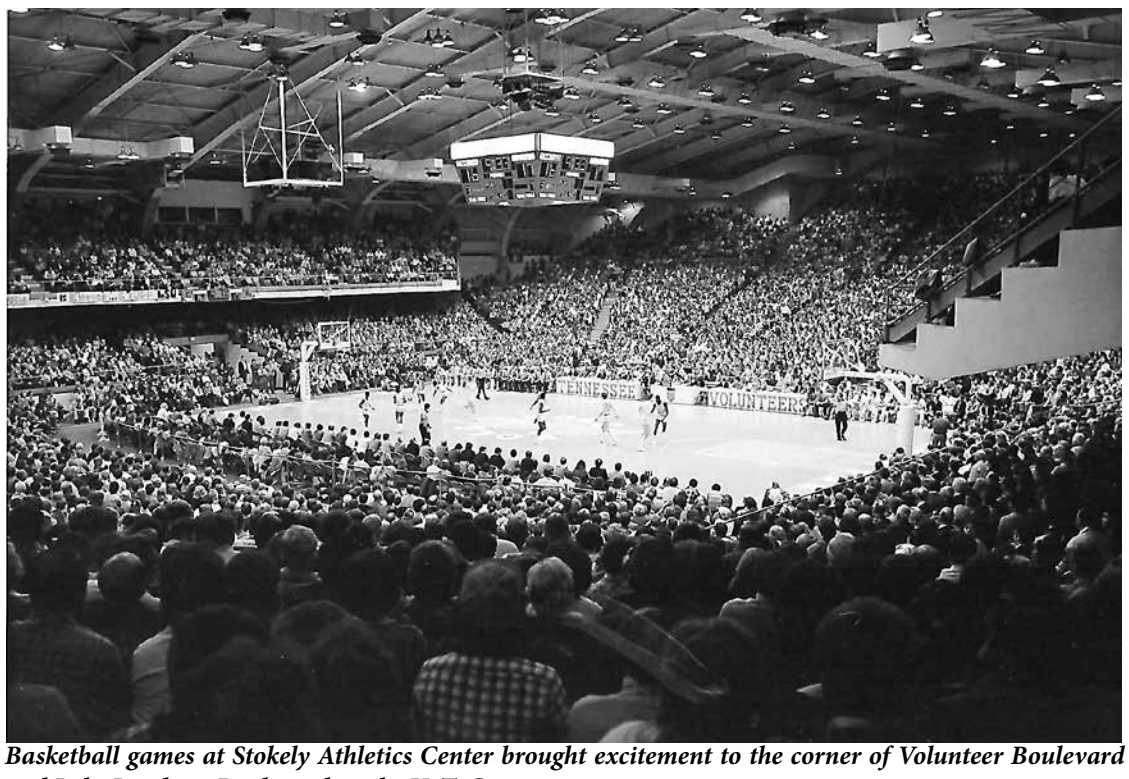
A number of memorable occurrences

By Tom Mattingly

Since I retired from the athletic department in 2005 and the president's office in 2006, I rarely get back to campus. When I do, I find that things have markedly changed. The memories linger, however, and among the fondest are those that happened on the corner of Lake Loudoun Boulevard and Volunteer Boulevard.

There was always a special ambience around the William B. Stokely Athletics Center with Haywood Harris, Bud Ford, Gus Manning and John Ward. Many of us who worked there had walked the rolling hills of campus, had sat in the classrooms, and had a personal investment in the growth and development of the University of Tennessee.



Basketball games at Stokely Athletics Center brought excitement to the corner of Volunteer Boulevard and Lake Loudoun Boulevard on the U. T. Campus.

Over the years, Haywood and Bud ran a very spit-and-polish publicity operation. They were respected by their colleagues within the SEC and nationwide. They were each professionals in every sense of the word, whether Haywood was writing copy for a media release or Bud was assembling all the myriad details that went into assembling and publishing a football media guide.

When Haywood died June 2, 2010, I wrote a p. 2 News Sentinel sports section story ("Memories of a 'Vols' legend, good man"). It concluded as follows: "They say a man needs six friends, so his wife won't have to hire pallbearers. In Haywood's case, that shouldn't be a problem. The line stretches out the door, down the street, and as far as the eye can see. Haywood Harris' friends were everybody he ever knew."

Gus and Haywood were two of the last links to Gen. Neyland. At one point in his career, Gus was nearly a one-man athletic department, overseeing the ticket, concessions, and business operations and having a hand in nearly everything else that went on.

A 1961 memorandum from Neyland listed 31 specific responsibilities for Gus and concluded with, "Accept and carry out any extra duties assigned by Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director, as they see fit." History records that Gus always did exactly that.

There was the day in June 1998 when Ward announced that the 1998-99 sports season would be his and Bill Anderson's last in football, his last in hoops. "I have a prepared statement, and I'm going to read it... verbatim. It's time."

Knowing that I would be transcribing John's remarks, Haywood said cogently, "Make sure you transcribe that correctly." A year later, I wrote a tribute to Ward for the 1999 Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Donor Brochure ("John Ward: Portrait of a Volunteer").

When John died on June 20, 2018, memories flowed like rushing waters... of a man who influenced all of us greatly, much the same way Haywood, Bud and Gus had. His broadcast style was light years ahead of its time. He brought home the story of Tennessee athletics in a manner that could never be duplicated.

At Edwin Huster's request, I spotted for Ward on the Vol Network and also worked with Bob Bell and Randy Smith on the Comcast Television delayed broadcasts. I also spotted for NBC's Charley Jones at the 1992 Fiesta Bowl and Tom Hammond at the 2001 Notre Dame game. That was the ultimate "niche market," complete with all kinds of special memories.

There's the ever-present memory of an ashen-faced Bill Walsh, then the analyst for NBC telecasts of Notre Dame football, leaving the broadcast area after Tennessee had stolen a 35-34 victory in 1991, rallying from a 31-7 deficit.

As he did so, Tennessee fans were celebrating on the field while the Notre Dame band was playing the Notre Dame "Victory March." On the Vol Network, Ward said, "You could not write this script."

My time at Tennessee was about the people, my colleagues. There were numerous breakfasts with Ken Duncan, one of the department's computer gurus, Varsity Inn manager Gene McCarter, and the one and only A. P. Porter, called "Mr. Porter" by nearly everybody. He and Gene now belong to the ages.

There were, however, several days when time seemed to stand still. In August 1992, we mourned the sudden death of Tim Kerin, the trainer who had come to Tennessee with John Majors and was one of his closest confidants. Several days later, we found out that Majors was undergoing open-heart surgery and would miss the first three games of the season.

In November 1992, Majors resigned at a media conference in Memphis the night before the Memphis State game. In September 2001, the news that the twin towers in New York City and other venues on the East Coast had been the site of terrorist attacks stopped us all in our tracks. In 2004, Huster died suddenly the day before the Tennessee-Louisville basketball game.

What Lindsey Nelson wrote after leaving Shea Stadium for the last time was never more appropriate than the day Stokely Center became nothing but a memory.

"As the limousine moved along the service road leading out to Roosevelt Avenue, I looked out the back window to the huge stadium, casting its shadow in the late afternoon sun."

It was a moment to be remembered... and savored.

"And I realized I had left a lot of my life there."

For its part, Stokely Center holds a great many memories for all of us, all of us who realized we had also left a lot of our lives there.

U.S. Men's Soccer Remains a Work in Progress

By Mark Nagi

The 2026 World Cup is now complete. Well, technically, it's not over just yet, but with the United States falling to Belgium 4-1 in the Round of 16, the casual sports fan will likely move on to preparations for the upcoming college and professional football seasons.

Was it fun? Sure was! For a while at least. Team USA won their Group following victories over Australia and Paraguay and then beat Bosnia-Herzegovina 2-0 in a gritty performance to advance to the Round of 16. TV ratings and sell-out crowds followed the American squad everywhere they went.

The game against Belgium would be played in Seattle, one of the best soccer cities in the USA. Unfortunately, the Americans didn't meet the moment, falling 4-1 with three of the goals coming directly off mistakes by the Yanks.

The United States has never won the World Cup. In fact, they've only been as far as the quarterfinals once, that coming back in 2002 when Germany beat them 1-0 in a controversial game. A handball at the goal line that should have been given against Germany was not. Had that whistle been blown, the Americans would have received a penalty kick, likely tied the game, and then you never know what would have happened the rest of the way.

24 years later, the Americans have failed to return to the final 8. And considering that much of the tournament was played on the friendliest of soils, the Americans never had a better chance of a deep run than this one.

So, why can't we get over the hump against the Belgiums, the Ghanas, the Netherlands of global soccer? And do we, as a sporting nation, care enough to make the tough decisions that will make Team USA a real contender in this tournament?

Now, we've figured it out on the women's side. The U.S. Women's National Team has won the World Cup four times, Olympic gold five times, and nine CONCACAF titles. But we also invested the time and money into growing the women's game sooner than most other nations.

The men's side? We've been playing catch-up for most of the last century. The U.S. qualified for the 1950 World Cup and then took a 40-year hiatus before returning to the tournament in 1990. But we've now had over three and a half decades of American kids watching Team USA in the World Cup regularly, but it feels like we've plateaued.

There are no easy answers here. Yes, some of the best athletes in the country are playing soccer starting at an early age. But most of the best of the best are still choosing football, basketball or baseball. Been like that in the United States for as long as a football has been thrown, a basketball dribbled or a baseball caught. And that's probably not going to stop anytime soon.

And here's the other thing... There are no guarantees of success at the World Cup. The two winningest countries are Brazil with five titles and Germany (or West Germany) with four titles. And guess what... Brazil and Germany were both eliminated in the Round of 16, as were the Americans.

It's possible that the U.S. Men's National Team gets a few breaks, a few good draws, and finds its way into the Final 8 soon. After all, there are a lot of players just coming into their own on that roster.

Or maybe... this is as good as it gets.

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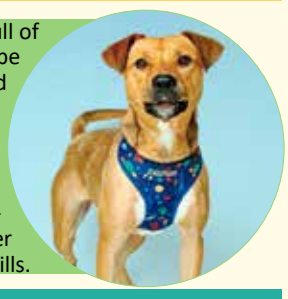

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www.young-williams.org
865.433.9922
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily
Closed 1-2 p.m. for animal quiet time

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, 6125 RIVERVIEW, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, executed a Promissory Note payable to HRD, LLC in the original principal amount of $1,500,000.00, dated April 11, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the "Note"), which Note is more fully described in and secured by a Deed of Trust dated April 14, 2025, to Derek L. Spratley, Trustee, and is of record as Instrument No. 202505210061502 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made (the "Deed of Trust"); and

WHEREAS, HRD, LLC, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust, and for reasons sufficient to HRD, LLC, removed the original Trustee, Derek L. Spratley, and appointed Gregory C. Logue, a resident of Sevier County, Tennessee, as Substitute Trustee on the 5th day of June, 2026, pursuant to an Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record at Instrument No. 202606120072019, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, HRD, LLC has demanded the real property described in the Deed of Trust be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said lien and HRD, LLC has ordered the sale of the below described property in satisfaction of the amount secured by said Deed of Trust and any costs legally accruing in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that I, GREGORY C. LOGUE, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon me in said Deed of Trust, will on **July 31, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., prevailing time, at the front entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room**, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and free from the right of homestead, equity of redemption, and statutory right of redemption, all of which have been expressly waived by grantor as provided in said Deed of Trust, certain real property described in Knox County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

SITUATED in the Eighth (8th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and described in three tracts adjoining each other as follows:

TRACT I:

LYING on the southeast side of Holston River, and lying North of the new concrete bridge at the old Armstrong or Ruggles Ferry and being a part of the E. E. Foglesong property conveyed to him on July 8, 1927, by deed of record in Deed Book 449, page 35, in the Knox County Register's Office, and being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of the new highway leading from Knoxville to Dandridge at the low water mark on the southeast side of Holston River; thence with the centerline of said highway, North 64 deg. East, 614 feet to a point in the center of said highway, East of end of the new bridge; thence North 65 1/2 deg. East, 557 feet to a point in the center of said highway opposite the west side of a private road leading North; thence North 75 1/4 deg. East, with a right hand curve straight line of which is 547 feet to a point in the center of a road opposite an iron post on which is designated FAP 228-B; thence South 83 1/2 deg. East, 423 feet to a point in the center of said highway and in the old line of the original tract; thence leaving the highway, North 11 deg. West, 478 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground on top of ridge; thence along the top of the ridge, North 61 3/4 deg. East, 690 feet to a maple on top of ridge; thence North 33 deg. East, 370 feet to a stake; thence North 3 deg. 40 min. East, 408 feet to a stake; thence South 83 deg. 5 min. West, 650 feet to a stone; thence South 53 deg. 5 min. West, 720 feet to an iron pipe at a beach; thence South 41 deg. West, with Miller's line, 850 feet to a stone; thence South 60 3/4 deg. West, 1353 feet to the Holston River at low water mark near a leaning willow; thence South 33 deg. East, 260 feet to a stake at low water mark; thence South 26 ½ deg. East, along low water mark line, 120 feet to the point of beginning, containing 42 acres, more or less.

TRACT II:

LYING on the south side of the Holston River six miles Northeast of Knoxville and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the south bank of said river which stands 36 ½ poles North 35 1/4 deg. West from a large hackberry tree near to and above the ferry landing; thence North 57 1/4 deg. East, 82 poles to a stake 11 feet, South 57 deg. East, from a walnut tree; thence North 39 deg. 50 min. East, 51 poles to a beech tree standing on a divide of the ridge; thence North 51 deg. 40 min. East, 44 poles to a stake 2 feet North of a white oak on the north side of a hollow; thence North 82 deg. East, 37 poles to a stake in Sherrods line on top of a spur of a ridge; thence with Sherrods' line, North 3 deg. East, 16 1/2 poles to the bank of the Holston River; thence down the same as it meanders to the beginning, containing 84 1/4 acres, more or less.

THERE IS ALSO CONVEYED HEREWITH a right-of-way to the public road of 12 feet in width making a walnut tree that stands on top of the hill 50 poles from the river near the first line described above, and the western side of the corn crib, the eastern side of boundary of the right-of-way.

The above description follows the survey made by R. A. J. Armstrong in December 1987.

TRACT III:

BEGINNING at a stake in the center of the new highway built as F.A.P. 228-B, approximately a half mile east of the new concrete bridge crossing the Holston River, said point being in the eastern line of lands now owned by Dr. H. W. Atchley and wife, Mae Blalock Atchley; thence North 14 1/4 deg. West (recently surveyed North 12 1/2 deg. West) 476 feet to an iron pipe driven in ground on top of ridge, corner with Dr. Herbert W. Atchley and wife; thence North 60 deg. 20 min. East, 690 feet to a white maple on the extreme top of said ridge; thence South 24 deg. 25 min. East, 775 (approximate) feet to the center of said new paved highway, said line passing through an iron pipe drive in the north edge of said highway; thence with the centerline of new paved highway, 800 feet, more or less, to the beginning.

THERE IS EXCLUDED from the above described property any property previously conveyed from said tracts by Ralph K. Moore, Patricia P. Moore or Ralph K. Moore, II, including, but not limited to, conveyances to Michael Schaad of record in Deed Book 2270, page 47; East Knoxville Partners, L.P., of record in Deed Book 2276, page 1191, as rerecorded in Deed Book 2277, page 780; East Knoxville Partners, L.P., of record in Deed Book 2231, page 994; State of Tennessee by Instrument No. 200112270052206; Highway 70-AZN04 LTD by Instrument No. 200607140004178; CNL APF Partners, L.P., of record in Deed Book 2288, page 1060; Racetrac Petroleum, Inc., of record in Deed Book 2266, page 606; and Ethanol Corporation of record in Deed Book 2001, page 705, all in the Knox County Register's Office.

ALSO INCLUDED in the above-described tracts but excluded here from are the portions of the property more particularly described in the deeds of record in Instrument Number 200606010101300, Instrument Number 200606010101301, Instrument Number 200607140004178, Instrument Number 200901050041530 and Instrument Number 200904210067318, all in the Knox County Register's Office.

TRACTS I, II AND III BEING the same property conveyed to 6125 Riverview, LLC, by Ralph K. Moore, II, dated April 14, 2025, recorded in Instrument No. 202505210061500, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TRACT IV:

SITUATED in the Eighth (8th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, being a tract of land more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the north right of way of Asheville Highway, said iron pin being distant in a Westerly direction 940 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of said Asheville Highway and Rich Road, said iron pin also being corner to property of John W. Fawver; thence from said beginning iron pin and along the right of way of Asheville Highway, South 83 deg. 30 min. West362.00 feet to an iron pin corner to property of Ralph K. Moore; thence along the Moore boundary, North 23 deg. 18 min. West 240.79 feet to an iron pipe; thence continuing along a fence line boundary to Moore, North 22 deg. 59 min. West 427.84 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 31 deg. 52 min. East 368.61 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 3 deg. 59 min. East 168.80 feet to an iron pin corner to John W. Fawver; thence along the Fawver boundary, South 31 deg. 52 min. East 458.76 feet to an iron pin; thence South 14 deg. 40 min. East 698.49 feet to an iron pin in the north right of way of Asheville Highway, the place of beginning; containing approximately 8.195 acres.

TRACT IV BEING the same property conveyed to 6125 Riverview, LLC, by JDK Properties, LLC, a Tennessee Limited Liability Company, dated April 21, 2025, recorded in Instrument 202505210061501, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SEE ALSO Deed of Trust in favor of HRD, LLC of record at Instrument No. 202505210061502 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The best street address for Tracts I, II and III is 6125 Riverview Crossing Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37924.

The best street address for Tracts IV is 6401 Asheville Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37924.

2026 Knox County property taxes are a lien but are not yet due or payable.

Others who may have an interest in the property subject to this sale are as follows:

1. Deed of Trust of record at Instrument No. 202505210061503, dated April 14, 2025, securing debt including note for $6,500,000.00 to Ralph K. Moore, II.

2. Notice of Lien Lis Pendens, dated September 30, 2025, against 6125 Riverview, LLC, filed by Stephen Hunley and Conard Hunley, recorded in Instrument No. 202510010019363, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

3. Subject to right-of-way to the public road of 12 feet in width making a walnut tree that stands on top of the hill 50 poles from the river near the first line described above and the western side of the corn crib, the eastern side of boundary of the right-of-way.

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

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plan or plat; any unpaid taxes that exist as a lien against the property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any matters of record not terminated by the foreclosure; any statutory rights of redemption not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any prior liens or encumbrances that may exist against the property. This sale is also subject to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Proceeds of this sale will first be applied to the discharge of the costs and charges of executing this Trust, including attorney's fees; next to all indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust; and next the balance, if any, shall be paid to those legally entitled thereto.

This is the 30th day of June, 2026. Published in the Knoxville Focus on July 6, 2026, July 13, 2026, and July 20, 2026. Sale on July 31, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 35-5-101(a)(2), information regarding this Notice can be found at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com.

This notice will run for three (3) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates July 6, July 13 and July 20, 2026, and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www.foreclosurestn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning July 6, 2026.

Gregory C. Logue
GREGORY C. LOGUE, Substitute Trustee
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ALLEN & CARPENTER, PLLC
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P.O. Box 900
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901-0900
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by authority of the Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") executed by Dustin Lee May in favor of Russell E. Roberson, Trustee, dated August 5, 2022 and recorded as Instrument No. 202208080008981 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness due to the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, which has become due and payable by virtue of default in the Deed of Trust on the Property hereinafter described; and Urbanaire, LLC, the true and lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness ("Lender"), having exercised its option to declare the indebtedness due and payable and having made demand for foreclosure pursuant to the Deed of Trust; I, the undersigned, acting under the authority as Substitute Trustee for the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, will be at the **north entrance of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 31st day of July, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local time**, to sell the Property to the highest and best bidder, in bar of all rights waived by said Deed of Trust, the following described real Property (the "Property"):

SITUATED in the Second (2nd) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and within the 15th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being parts of Lots 17 and 18, Block N. of Lake Park Springs Addition, as shown on the map of record in Map Cabinet A Slide 328-C in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, and being bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the southeastern line of Woodbine Avenue, said iron pin being distant 75 feet to the point of intersection of the southeastern line of Woodbine Avenue with the eastern line of Castle Street if said lines were extended to their intersecting point; thence from said Beginning point, North 49 deg. 00 min. East, 50 feet to an iron pin; thence South 41 deg. 0 min. East 140 feet to an iron pin; thence South 49 deg. 00 min. West, 50 feet to an iron pin; thence North 41 deg. 00 min. West, 140 feet to an iron pin, the point of Beginning, according to the survey of G. T. Trotter, Jr. dated July 15, 1968.

BEING the same property conveyed to Dustin Lee May by Warranty Deed from Urbanaire, LLC, dated August 5, 2022, of record as Instrument No. 202208080008979, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TAX PARCEL: 082CG-003.00

BELIEVED STREET ADDRESS: **3106 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914**

CURRENT OWNER OF RECORD: Dustin Lee May

The following parties may claim or have an interest in the above-referenced Property: Dustin Lee May, 3106 Woodbine Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914; DART Collateral Manager LLC, as beneficiary/nominee for AXEN Mortgage, DBA of NEXA Mortgage LLC, and Figure Lending LLC, under that certain Tennessee Open-End Deed of Trust of record as Instrument No. 202405160057140 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The undersigned will sell and convey the Property only as Substitute Trustee.

The Property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," without representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding the condition of the Property or the marketability of title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or fitness for a general or particular use or purpose.

The Property will be sold subject to: all unpaid real property taxes and assessments; any prior or superior deeds of trust, liens, or encumbrances of record; all valid easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, and matters of record; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency; the rights of any tenants in possession; and any matter that an accurate survey or inspection of the Property would disclose.

Lender reserves the right to bid, including by credit bid. Any applicable notice requirements of T.C.A. § 35-5-101 and T.C.A. § 35-5-104 have been satisfied.

Bidding will close upon the Substitute Trustee's acceptance of the highest and best bid, after which no further bids will be received. The successful bidder (other than Lender, to the extent it bids all or part of its secured indebtedness) must pay a deposit of ten percent (10.0%) of the winning bid at the conclusion of the auction, in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to "W. Michael Baisley, Substitute Trustee." No personal checks will be accepted.

The Substitute Trustee may, in his sole discretion, recess the sale for up to one (1) hour to allow the successful bidder to procure the required certified or cashier's check. If the successful bidder fails to tender a certified or cashier's check for the ten percent (10.0%) deposit within that time, the Substitute Trustee may, at the Lender's direction and without further notice: (i) accept the next highest and best bid; or (ii) adjourn and reschedule the sale of the Property.

The balance of the purchase price must be paid to the Substitute Trustee in certified funds or by wire transfer of immediately available funds no later than 5:00 p.m. local time on the next business day immediately following the date of the sale. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE as to payment of the deposit and the balance of the purchase price.

The Substitute Trustee's Deed will be delivered only upon receipt of the full purchase price in good funds. If the successful bidder fails to pay the balance in full within the time required, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee may, at the Lender's direction and without further notice: (i) accept the next highest and best bid; (ii) re-sell the Property at a subsequent sale, in which event the defaulting bidder shall remain liable for all additional costs and expenses of re-sale; or (iii) convey the Property to Lender. A defaulting bidder shall thereafter have no interest in the Property or the forfeited deposit.

The right is reserved to adjourn, postpone, or continue the sale to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above and in accordance with T.C.A. § 35-5-101(e).

The proceeds of the sale will be applied first to discharge the costs and charges of executing this trust, including attorney's fees as permitted under the Deed of Trust; next, to all indebtedness remaining unpaid and secured by the Deed of Trust, including all principal, interest, and other amounts due and owing to Lender; and next, the balance, if any, shall be paid to those legally entitled thereto.

The Property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by Lender or the Substitute Trustee. The sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time before the Substitute Trustee's Deed is delivered to the purchaser.

This notice will run for three (3) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates July 6, July 13 and July 20, 2026, and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www.foreclosurestn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning July 6, 2026.

W. Michael Baisley, Substitute Trustee
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COURT NOTICES

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. 212515-3

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 OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE KNOX COUNTY LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM IN RESIDENTIAL UNITS TIER 1 BROAD-LEVEL REVIEW SUMMARY & SITE-SPECIFIC COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

July 13, 2026
Knox County Grants and Community Development
400 Main Street, Suite 364
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-215-5253

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 22, 2026, Knox County Grants and Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Lead Hazard Reduction Program grant funds, authorized by Sec. 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992), Public Health Law 102-550. Funding was approved and provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, approved March 23, 2018 (Public Law 115-141) to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Tier I ERR for Knox County Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Purpose: Protect children and adults from lead poisoning by providing lead hazard reduction on properties with lead paint hazards.

Location: Projects will be located within Knox County outside the limits of the City of Knoxville and the Town of Farragut. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: Projects evaluated under this review for compliance with 24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25 shall address lead base paint associated reduction services in residentials units located within the boundaries of Knox County, Tennessee, outside the city limits of the towns of Knoxville and Farragut, Tennessee. A Tier II site specific ERR will be completed for each project locations once lead inspection risk assessment, and a scope of work has been completed. Knox County proposes the lead remediation of approximately 125 (estimated) housing units. All selected units shall be constructed prior to 1978 with identified lead contamination in the form of paint, dust, and/or soil. All units will be privately owned with both single-family and multi-family eligible and located within the jurisdiction of Knox County and outside the City of Knoxville and the City of Farragut. All units assisted will be occupied by households at or below 80% of the area median household income and be vacant (limited to 10%), have a child under the age of 6 present, or a pregnant female. Approximate cost per unit will be $10,000.00 lead remediation and $5,000.00 Healthy Homes. Site-specific (Tier 2) environmental reviews will be conducted for each individual property once addresses are identified and prior to the commitment of HUD funds. Expected work includes, but not limited to, the following abatement, interim controls or healthy homes activities: Abatement-Removal of soil and backfill-Removal of walls and painting-Replacement of windows and doors-Replacement of roofs-Replacement of bathtubs-Carpet Replacement Intact-Painting-Carpet cleaning-HEPA cleaning Healthy Homes-Installation of radon system-Electrical repairs/replacement-Installation of dual sensor smoke/carbon dioxide alarms- and/or Plumbing repairs.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: The proposed hazard control activities will be funded under The Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) and Healthy Homes (HH) Grant which are subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance [Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]], Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]; 50 CFR Part 402], Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55], and Historic Preservation [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 & 110; 36 CFR Part 800].

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): For each of the laws and authorities listed in the Tier 2 site specific review, if an issue is identified, the project will be evaluated for adherence to federal laws and regulations. If mitigation measures are deemed necessary, they will be implemented and/or necessary permits acquired. Mitigation measures will be adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions will be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents.

Estimated Project Cost: $3,800,000.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Knox County Grants and Community Development Department via email at grants@knoxcounty.org or by phone at 865-215-5253. All comments received by July 22, 2026, will be considered by Knox County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Knox County certifies to HUD that Jenny Holden, acting as certifying Officer for Glenn Jacobs, in his capacity as County Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Knox County Community Development to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Knox County's certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Knox County; (b) Knox County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of HUD, Knoxville Field Office, Region IV, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, Suite 300, Knoxville, TN 37902-2526. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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

Jenny Holden
Certifying Officer

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: BLAKE BRITTON
IN RE: DEPENDENT CHILD(REN)
BY: STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES, Petitioner
V.
BLAKE BRITTON, Respondent
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FILE NO. 26-DN-13

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Child(ren) Dependent and Neglected as to D.V. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you, BLAKE BRITTON, Respondent, because your whereabouts are unknown. You, BLAKE BRITTON, Respondent, are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Ivy Mayberry, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 600 Hearthwood Ct., Cookeville, Tennessee 38506 an Answer to the Petition to Declare Child(ren) Dependent and Neglected filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you, BLAKE BRITTON, Respondent, must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Putnam County, Tennessee at Cookeville, Tennessee on the 22nd day of September, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition to Declare Child(ren) Dependent and Neglected by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Cookeville, Tennessee.

This the 18 day of JUNE, 2026.

Jennifer Wilkerson
Court Clerk

Published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) weeks: July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DEVON MOORE, Respondents

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILDREN J. L. D. M., DOB: 6/21/2023

BY: KATIE ANN MAHANEY, Petitioner
Vs.
LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DANIEL FORREST WOOTEN and DEVON MOORE, Respondents

No. 7309-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The Petitioner, Katie Ann Mahaney, has filed a Petition for Adoption and for Termination of Parental Rights concerning J. L. D. M., DOB: 6/21/2023. It appearing that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Respondents, LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DEVON MOORE because your whereabouts are unknown. Respondents, LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DEVON MOORE, are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Alex Brinson, an Attorney whose address is 2018 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916, an Answer to the Petition filed by the Petitioner within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or appear personally in the Chancery Court of Knox County Tennessee, to personally answer the Petition for Adoption and for Termination of Parental Rights.

You may view and obtain a copy of this Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Knox County Chancery Court Clerk's Office.

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

This the 8th day of July, 2026.

Jessica L. Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: GINA VIVIANO
RE: SANTOS ENRIQUEZ SANCHEZ-YANEZ, Petitioner
Vs.
GINA VIVIANO, Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DOCKET NO. 26-CV-151-III

TO THE RESPONDENT, GINA VIVIANO:

TAKE NOTICE that a Complaint for Absolute Divorce has been sought against you in the above-entitled action. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 31st day following the final publication of this notice which shall be on or about the 3rd day of August, 2026. Upon your failure to do so, Petitioner will seek relief in the form of a Judgement by Default and the relief requested in his initial Complaint for Absolute Divorce.

RESPONSE SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 125 Court Avenue, Suite 105E, Sevierville, TN 37862 and served upon Counsel for the Petitioner, Attorney DANNY C. GARLAND, 103 Suburban Road, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37923.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks: 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 & 8/3/2026.

This the 11th day of March, 2026.

Honorable Judge Jeff D. Rader
Sevier County Circuit Court

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CONNIE DARLENE ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 92655-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CONNIE DARLENE ADAMS, who died February 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF CONNIE DARLENE ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ARIEL DANIELLE ADAMS
141 STRAIT DRIVE
GRAY, TN 37615

AARON JOSEPH-JAMES ADAMS
4700 MCGINNIS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

THOMAS M. LEVEILLE, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARILYN B. BERRY
DOCKET NUMBER 92703-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARILYN B. BERRY, who died May 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 30th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARILYN B. BERRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRED O. BERRY, III
7154 GOVERNMENT FARM ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

KIMBERLIN B. BUCHANAN
7543 WIDOW FRENCH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

EDWARD A. COX, JR., ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE N-290
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY MILDRED DOCKINS BOHANAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92698-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY MILDRED DOCKINS BOHANAN, who died February 28, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY MILDRED DOCKINS BOHANAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JO ANN BOHANAN CHAMBERS
5009 AVIS LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

GAVIN A. SMELCER, ATTORNEY
900 S. GAY ST., SUITE 800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARVIN E. BROWN, a.k.a. ARVIN EDWARD BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 92093-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of Estate of ARVIN E. BROWN, a.k.a. ARVIN EDWARD BROWN, who died December 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ARVIN E. BROWN, a.k.a. ARVIN EDWARD BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARCUS E. BROWN
8109 HARMON ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

MARIA N. BROWN-SAPP
12259 CHANNEL POINT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MARTIN T. BROWN
5591 HIGHWAY 31
THORN HILL, TN 37881

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANNE CHESNEY
DOCKET NUMBER 92579-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANNE CHESNEY, who died January 14, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANNE CHESNEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ARTHUR THOMAS MONCERET, III
7959 INTERVALE WAY
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92543-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES ROBERT COLLINS, who died March 16, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT COLLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES ROBERT COLLINS, II
9664 PEBBLE CREEK BLVD.
SUMMERVILLE, SC 29485

CARIN C. BRIO, ATTORNEY
3217 GARDEN DRIVE, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY LEE CRESWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 92515-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JERRY LEE CRESWELL, who died Jan. 14, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JERRY LEE CRESWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA COOK, ADMINISTRATRIX
164 OLD DANDRIDGE PIKE
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

MATT E. MILLER, ATTORNEY
859 EAST BROADWAY BLVD.
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA G. CUMMINGS
DOCKET NUMBER 92427-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA G. CUMMINGS, 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 publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 18 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA G. CUMMINGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY ALAN CUMMINGS, EXECUTOR
104 MOHAWK LANE
LOUDON, TN 37774

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANE LARSON DERTHICK
DOCKET NUMBER 92633-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DIANE LARSON DERTHICK, who died March 10, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 16th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DIANE LARSON DERTHICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GERALD JAY DERTHICK, JR.
1605 EMERSON PARK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LAUREN S. BROWN, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ANTONIA FELICIANO
DOCKET NUMBER 92661-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of MARY ANTONIA FELICIANO, who died February 13, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY ANTONIA FELICIANO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY F. MARTIN, EXECUTRIX
5305 YOSEMITE TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PEGGY GREEN
DOCKET NUMBER 92433-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of PEGGY GREEN, who died March 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF PEGGY GREEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALBERT LEE GREEN
6209 MOORE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA N. JENKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92657-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA N. JENKINS, who died March 24, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA N. JENKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES MICHAEL JENKINS, EXECUTOR
4601 MILLERTOWN PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. JOSEPH
DOCKET NUMBER 92352-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT A. JOSEPH, who died January 13, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 16th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. JOSEPH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT ANTHONY JOSEPH, JR.
412 CUTLASS RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WENDEL TODD MCALISTER
DOCKET NUMBER 92465-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WENDEL TODD MCALISTER, who died August 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF WENDEL TODD MCALISTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD K. OWENS
DOCKET NUMBER 92022-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD K. OWENS, who died October 8, 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 16th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICHARD K. OWENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE LYNN PEAVLER
DOCKET NUMBER 92683-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JUNE, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JANICE LYNN PEAVLER, who died April 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 17th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANICE LYNN PEAVLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOWARD EDWARD PEAVLER, JR.
149 CURLY OAKS DR.
CLYDE, NC 28721

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE CLARKSON PERLMUTTER
DOCKET NUMBER 92063-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANE CLARKSON PERLMUTTER, who died November 30, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANE CLARKSON PERLMUTTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH COLBY, EXECUTRIX
300 W. RED BUD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN HOLT POWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 92571-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA JEAN HOLT POWELL, who died April 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 publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF GLORIA JEAN HOLT POWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN LEWIS POWELL, ADMINISTRATOR
10728 OLIVE GROVE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

ANTHONY M. AVERY, ATTORNEY
140 COURT STREET
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY JO PUGH
DOCKET NUMBER 92669-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JO PUGH, who died October 18, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days 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 BETTY JO PUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY A. PUGH
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NINA R. PUGH
3485 CEMETERY ROAD
AUBURN, KY 42206

ERIC BRADY PUGH
204 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY EDWARD SIMPSON, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92227-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LARRY EDWARD SIMPSON, SR., who died September 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23rd day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF LARRY EDWARD SIMPSON, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY ELAINE SIMPSON ROGERS;
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SEYMOUR, TN 37865

CHARLES AARON SIMPSON
2717 MAPLE BRANCH ROAD
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET M. SIMS
DOCKET NUMBER 92645-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of MARGARET M. SIMS, who died February 10, 2026 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

ESTATE OF MARGARET M. SIMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIN E. (SIMS) TAYLOR
513 BROMLEY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

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2701 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA LEE ANN WIDENER
DOCKET NUMBER 92607-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DONNA LEE ANN WIDENER, who died March 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONNA LEE ANN WIDENER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA MARLENE CARLILE,
ADMINISTRATRIX
222 EAST NETHERLAND ROAD
COOKEVILLE, TN 38506

WILLIAM F. ROBERSON, JR., ATTORNEY
320 EAST BROAD STREET
COOKEVILLE, TN 38501

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 92697-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET WRIGHT, who died April 19, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARGARET WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY S. WRIGHT
1243 HEARTHSTONE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

COURTNEY L. COX, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA C. ADKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92711-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA C. ADKINS, who died March 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.

This the 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA C. ADKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANNY ADKINS, EXECUTOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DALE EDWIN BAESE
DOCKET NUMBER 92578-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DALE EDWIN BAESE, who died July 31, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF DALE EDWIN BAESE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHRYN B. BAESE, ADMINISTRATRIX
204 ANDERSON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN BURR BASSEL, III
DOCKET NUMBER 92720-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN BURR BASSEL, III, who died June 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 2nd day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN BURR BASSEL, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAWN WADSWORTH
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

JOHN EDWIN BAUGH, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PRISCILLA JOY BEETS
DOCKET NUMBER 92694-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PRISCILLA JOY BEETS, who died on May 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 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF PRISCILLA JOY BEETS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY EARL BEETS
5805 CHAPMAN HIGHWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M. SUE WHITE, ATTORNEY
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SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT S. BLAKE
DOCKET NUMBER 92656-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT S. BLAKE, who died April 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk 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 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT S. BLAKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MEGAN B. BROOKS
1414 EDENBRIDGE DR.
ALCOA, TN 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN VICTOR BRODY
DOCKET NUMBER 92664-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEVEN VICTOR BRODY, who died March 26, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF STEVEN VICTOR BRODY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA DORA BRODY
911 HEATHER WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS WILLIAM BRUCE
DOCKET NUMBER 92704-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of THOMAS WILLIAM BRUCE, who died on the 21st day of JANUARY, 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 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF THOMAS WILLIAM BRUCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY L. BRUCE
BEVERLY PARK PLACE
HEALTH AND REHAB
5321 BEVERLY PARK CIRCLE, ROOM 333
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

MAURICE W. GERARD, ATTORNEY
S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY
1430 ISLAND HOME AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. DEFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 92695-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LILLIAN J. DEFORD, who died May 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. DEFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
J. CALVIN MARTIN
2022 ANTELOPE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

CHRJSTOPHER W. MARTIN, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM DICKEY
DOCKET NUMBER 92706-1

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

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

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

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

This the 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM DICKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN RIDGELL DICKEY
2301 WAGON ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

STEPHEN L. CARPENTER, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET FRANKLIN
DOCKET NUMBER 92324-3

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

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

ESTATE OF MARGARET FRANKLIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FELICIA COALSON, ADMINISTRATOR
900 S. GAY STREET, # 800
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

MATT JARBOE, ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL,
DIVISION OF TENNCARE
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD, 3 WEST
NASHVILLE, TN 37243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORA FAYE HODGES
DOCKET NUMBER 92701-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORA FAYE HODGES, who died February 25, 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 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF NORA FAYE HODGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT GLENN HUGGINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92648-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT GLENN HUGGINS, who died on May 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.

This the 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT GLENN HUGGINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH H. MCMAHAN
6216 OLDE KNIGHT PARKWAY
COLUMBIA, SC 29209

J. WHITSON SMITH, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROGER D. HYMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92721-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROGER D. HYMAN, who died May 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 6 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROGER D. HYMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELSA L. HYMAN
2713 WINDEMERE LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

JOHN EDWIN BAUGH, ATTORNEY
4617 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MABEL RUTH JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92677-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of MABEL RUTH JOHNSON, who died May 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MABEL RUTH JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINA HILL
1726 POLKWRIGHT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS EDWIN LAKSO
DOCKET NUMBER 92684-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of JULY, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of THOMAS EDWIN LAKSO, who died June 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 8th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF THOMAS EDWIN LAKSO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIRSTEN NICOLE TRAYLOR-LAKSO
4503 WOBURN AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OH 44109

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY
5344 NORTH BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID LAMSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92142-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JUNE, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN DAVID LAMSON, who died January 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 30 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID LAMSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL PACETTI
4619 APPLEBY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JOHN BAUGH, ATTORNEY
4617 CHAMBLISS AVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. MYNATT, III
DOCKET NUMBER 92691-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM T. MYNATT, III, who died on May 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 29 day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. MYNATT, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Friday, July 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., an educational session will be held in Room 461 of the City County Building with the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission related to the City of Knoxville's Comprehensive Plan update, What's Next Knoxville? This session will provide an overview of activities and feedback during the first round of outreach and information about what can be expected for the remainder of 2026.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

LOI/RFQ 3752, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES – KNOX-BLOUNT GREENWAY CONNECTOR STUDY, Due 8/11/26

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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