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Early voting up almost 30 percent

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Voting totals are up with 19,900 people casting ballots during the first six days of early voting. As of Thursday, 11,999 people chose the Republican primary and 7,614 chose the Democratic primary. Of those, 1,290 voted absentee and 287 chose to vote in the general election only.

The Downtown West Precinct led with the largest

number of voters, followed by Farragut, which also had a mayoral and two aldermen races, New Harvest Park, Karns, Clinton Highway's Firestone voting location, Halls and South Knoxville. Less than 1,000 people had voted at each of the precincts in Gibbs, Emerald Youth and Carter. The City-County small assembly room saw about 921 voters.

Early voting continues this week and the general

election is August 6.

"The contested primaries for governor and contested races for Mayor and other offices are driving turnout to levels Knox County hasn't seen in quite some time," Chris Davis, Knox County Election Administrator told The Focus.

"In fact, after five days of early voting, Knox County turnout is up almost 28% from the same election eight years ago (2018). I hope voters continue to

take advantage of early voting, which ends Saturday, August 1," he said.

"Great turnout yesterday," Davis said, speaking of the 3,792 who voted Thursday.

The election held eight years ago had a primary for governor and the election of a Knox County Mayor along with other officers. So far, this past week's totals exceeded 2018's number of total voters in the first six days of early voting.



An early voter studies the two-page paper ballot in the City-County Building. Despite a slow start, all the polling places saw a record turnout above the last federal and local ballot eight years ago. Photo by Mike Steely.

City funds to help with St. Mary's housing redevelopment

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The former St. Mary's Hospital site got \$2 million in funding from the city Tuesday during the Knoxville City Council meeting. The money, approved unanimously by the eight members present, goes to renovate the former hospital building into 170 affordable rental units.

Funding comes from the Affordable Rental Development Fund and will go to Dominion Group in cooperation with the Community Development Corporation and the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Drew Harper of YES! Knoxville addressed the need for additional affordable housing and endorsed the funding. District 5's Councilman Charles Thomas said the project "is much needed," and District 2's Nathan Honeycutt noted that federal funds are

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Courage, sacrifice, and service honored with Quilts of Valor



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Quilts of Valor were awarded to resident veterans of the Pointe at Lifespring Assisted Living on Saturday. Each quilt was presented by Sandy Brock and Sheila Eason of the Quilts of Valor organization. Lifespring's Rebecca Mills and Chelsea Irwin conducted the ceremony with an audience of residents, friends and families of the veterans present. Honored were veterans Robert "Butch" Schnadelbach, US Navy; Donald Loy, US Navy; Joseph Knighton, US Air Force; and Alvin "A.C." Wilson, US Army. Joseph Kilsheimer, US Navy, was absent and a quilt will be awarded to him at a future time. Nationwide, more than 450,000 handmade Quilts of Valor have been presented to military veterans.

Belltown's request for open carry alcohol questioned

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The first-ever open carry alcoholic beverage permit proposal for a neighborhood drew some questions from Knox County Commissioners during their agenda review session last week. The proposal is on today's regular commission agenda.

Belltown Commons, a growing planned community in North Knox County, is seeking the commission's approval to allow its restaurants to sell drinks that could be carried in special cups within a certain district. The plan for a pilot program is similar to the city's policy for Market Square and Covenant Health Park.

Josh Sanderson spoke for Belltown, citing the success of the city's program and stressed that attempting to bring your own drinks into the designated Pedestrian Beverage Zone would not be permitted. He also talked about the family atmosphere within the Smithbilt Homes development between Powell and Karns.

He took questions about policing



Belltown is a growing residential and commercial neighborhood near Powell and its request for open-carry alcohol is before the Knox County Commission for consideration. The common area there has restaurants and recreational amenities, and the development caters to residential families with children.

underage drinking, bartender duties, three-drink maximums, and how the process would be structured and monitored. Sanderson said there would be a report after six months, and the common area would be a destination where families visit for many hours, their children play, and people socialize.

Suggestions included ways to train

servers and using different colored stickers for containers at the different restaurants.

District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill, sponsor of the proposal, urged the commission to "give it a try" and suggested they visit the complex and added that the families there will judge the success or failure of the open-carry alcohol at the complex.

Ijams Nature Center Celebrates Hummingbirds Through Art, Science and Conservation Aug. 13-15

Ijams Nature Center will celebrate hummingbirds and all other things wings during a weekend of immersive art, hands-on science, and conservation Aug. 13-15.

The celebration begins with Communion: A Projected Hummingbird Experience, an immersive nighttime art installation by Knoxville artist Lauren Strohacker on Thursday, Aug. 13, and Friday, Aug. 14, from 8-10 p.m. Larger-than-life hummingbird projections will transform Serendipity and Discovery Trails into an outdoor gallery, offering a rare glimpse into the secret lives of Southern

Appalachia's tiniest birds. Timed-entry tickets are \$5.

The fun continues with the Ijams Hummingbird Festival: A Celebration of Wings, presented by Wild Birds Unlimited Knoxville, Saturday, Aug. 15, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

The festival features educational speakers, guided hikes, live animal ambassador encounters, hands-on science and art activities for all ages, and a vibrant marketplace showcasing more than 50 local artists, vendors, and makers.

One of the festival's most popular experiences

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The Doctor is in
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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Challenges

Amidst challenges, Americans are hopefully going to the polls to exercise their hard-won freedom to choose our leaders. Prophetically, Jesus said, "In this world, you will have trouble." And the Master was right, even though Americans today live far better than 99% of people who have ever lived.

When I was younger, I assumed I would wake up with everything working. Now, the nagging pains of a 75-year-old body challenge that notion. Ben Franklin once quipped, "When one drinks deeply from the draft of life, one should expect some dregs at the bottom of the cup."

The war with Iran drags on, but it was 47 years in the making. Previous presidents averred that Iran must not get a nuclear weapon, but their efforts to placate the apocalyptic mullahs were ineffectual. And by 2026, further delays in confronting the terrorist nation became

unacceptable because it was determined the Iranians were close to achieving a nuclear weapon. How close is arguable, but less an issue than the inevitability that they would eventually have one.

Furthermore, the Iranians repeatedly said they would use the bomb on the only democracy in the Middle East and possibly on Europe and the US. We have seen what the terrorist nation is capable of with the indiscriminate attacks on their neighbors and killing upwards of 50,000 of their own citizens, as well as killing and maiming thousands of American soldiers over the decades.

We must take Iranians at their word. Paying more for gasoline and the expensive war is painful, but necessary. However, our sacrifice is nothing by comparison to the death and sacrifices of our service members. Defanging the murderous Iranian regime had to be done, despite feckless

NATO refusing to help. Hey Euros, don't call us when the Russian bear comes for you.

However, even more dangerous and challenging than Iran is the rise of socialism and communism in our country. An opinion piece on FOX Digital by Lee Hartley Carter explained that the rise of both leftism (socialism/communism) and MAGA populism in America is due to loss of confidence in our institutions like Congress, judiciary (lawfare) and the integrity of the voting system. The recent voter registration scandal in New Jersey, where thousands of non-citizens were registered to vote - and many did - is emblematic of the corrupted voting system. With the loss of trust, Ms. Carter avers that Americans are turning to alternatives and outsiders to fix the broken systems.

Too often I hear people say, "What can I do?" I believe they are expressing a sense of powerlessness and an inability to change things for the better. I recently saw a meme which depicted Uncle Sam with the caption "Only You Can Prevent Communism." In other words, you need to get off your La-Z-Boy and GO VOTE!

There is no such thing as a perfect candidate, and unfortunately, sometimes you must vote for

the lesser of evils. However, this dilemma is present in many situations. Americans have fought and died for the right of citizens to be able to select their leader. This is a fundamental institution of Americanism. Not voting is surrendering to communism, where there is no vote. It is probably apocryphal that Joseph Stalin once said that those who count the votes are more important than those who vote.

The recent California election morass is another example of questionable voting integrity. And I'll never understand how Joe Biden received 81 million votes in 2020, whereas Obama received 69 million in 2008 and 66 million in 2012. Hillary Clinton received 66 million votes in 2016, and Kamala Harris received 68 million votes in 2026. As Hamlet once said, "Something [seems] rotten in Denmark." I'm proud to say that Tennessee does a better job with voting integrity than most states. But I'll shout it again: we must have the SAVE Act to restore voting integrity!

Our presidents are chosen by the Electoral College rather than the popular vote. Superficially, this system may seem odd to the uninitiated and a challenge to Democrat activists, but the Electoral College allows the vote in smaller states to matter

rather than having the presidential election decided by large states such as Texas, California and New York. We vote for electors who are pledged to vote for our choice for the presidency.

The Founders of our country were wise men who studied history. While I believe Congress should not be a rest home for aged politicians, there is something to be said about wisdom gained through the experiences of growing older and, hopefully, wiser. Apparently, aging has not improved the thinking of racist Jasmine Crockett or the vacuous AOC. But I could say the same for other old coots in Congress.

England has a different way of choosing their Prime Minister (PM). They just "crowned" Andy Burnham as PM without a single vote of the 65 million people in Great Britain. (The new PM is their 7th in the last 10 years.) Sounds a lot like the appointment of Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden, and the Maine Democrat party bigwigs who will choose Graham Platner's replacement. After watching segments of the Maine Democrat debate, I'm not sure Platner wasn't the best choice.

Meanwhile, our Congress fiddles away with daylight saving time debates and seemingly endless and useless congressional

hearings. That may be too harsh because recently we learned from Congressional hearings that the Smithsonian and the National Museum of American History are displaying woke exhibits which bash America and promote LGBTQ+ ideology.

We hear much about diversity, but I have comfort to believe that it is overrated. I've read that tolerance leads to acceptance, acceptance leads to corruption and corruption leads to collapse. This seems evident in Minnesota and California, as well as Los Angeles and the downward spiral of Mamdani's Gotham. Businesses and people who can are leaving failing states and cities run by Democrats. They are exercising their freedom to flee to Tennessee, Florida and Texas.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once said, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money. So what if you can't flee the totalitarianism of socialism/communism? This is our current challenge, and it's up to us to choose Americanism rather than the lies of socialism or its ultimate objective, Marxist communism.

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Politics continues at commission agenda review

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The agenda review session of the Knox County Commission last week saw politics surface again as three commissioners raised questions about proposed rule changes and other agenda items.

Questions, comments and critical remarks came from District 9's Andy Fox, District 5's Angela Russell

and District 7's Rhonda Lee. The commission's Rules Committee put forth several changes for consideration on tonight's agenda that drew objections from the three commissioners.

Russell said she wants to add to the "definition of family" within rules about commission actions and hirings.

Fox questioned the changes in the Honorary procedures and the "dialog

between citizens" and commissioners. Vice Chairwoman Kim Frazier said commissioners may ask for information from public speakers, but public forum is "not intended to be a dialog" for argument. She said the committee consulted with the law department on drawing up the proposed changes.

Fox commented that he tried to discuss the issue in a previous meeting when

he was cut off. He said the proposed changes in the public forum rules "limit comments to respond to the public and pares down replies to the public speakers' comments."

Frazier replied that a commissioner may respond to public forum comments in the "other business" portion of the meeting. She said some constituents do not "feel comfort in addressing this body" because of possible replies from the commission.

District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill said the commission should create a safe environment for citizens

to speak and not receive pushback.

Lee and Fox questioned a resolution that would approve an automated license plate reader technology for the Knox County Sheriff's Office Advanced Research and Communications Center. Fox asked about the number of cameras and was told there are currently 84, but the number is planned to increase to 270. Lee noted that Arizona has ruled the cameras unconstitutional and wondered if it's not "Big Brother watching."

Procurement Director Hugh Holt told the

commission that a grant is paying for the expansion of license plate reader cameras to help create a Real Time Crime Center.

Fox quizzed a health department amendment with the state dealing with family planning services. He asked about the shifting of the \$4.1 million funding from the state to the federal government and if it funded abortion counseling. The reply was that the changes do not include abortions and were done to comply with new federal regulations prohibiting public health services for undocumented aliens.



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Ijams Nature Center Celebrates Hummingbirds

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Each banding demonstration ends with one participant releasing the bird

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Festival admission is \$12 for adults (13+), \$9 for children (5-12), and free for children 4 and under. Bird-banding demonstrations and Communion require additional tickets. Current Ijams members receive a

10% discount on festival admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit ijams.org/ijams-hummingbird-festival.

The 2026 Ijams Hummingbird Festival is presented by Wild Birds Unlimited Knoxville, with additional support from Magnolia Landscape Construction, Stanley's Greenhouse, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, and Wild Birds Unlimited Maryville.



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Publisher's Position

Socialism Is Not The Answer



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Too few people pay attention to what is going on in their local communities, state or nation. Much has been said about the wave of Democratic Socialist candidates winning congressional races this year. They talk about “workers,” just as the Communists did in the Soviet Union and China. Most people don’t know what they stand for in actuality. The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) have just released their new platform. They want to abolish the U.S. Senate and “abolish the carceral forces of the capitalist state.” Let’s use the dictionary’s definition of the word “carceral.” It refers to “prison, jail or formal methods of

institutional control.” The DSA basically wants to abolish prisons and jails. They want to give amnesty to all illegal aliens, abolish the Department of War (or Defense), and replace “the President and the Supreme Court with a unified executive branch and judiciary chosen by and subordinate to Congress.”

Their war cry is to win “the battle for democracy, draft a new constitution, and create a democratic socialist republic,” perhaps because these same plans have worked out so very well everywhere else across the planet. NOT! There’s nobody who can point to any such successful government, and all of them are about as Democratic as Nicaragua, where president-for-life Daniel Ortega appointed his wife as “co-president” a couple of years ago. The DSA openly says they want to reimagine America by “building a new society from the ground up.” That would mean taxpayers would fully fund all political campaigns. That would also mean the state would control, manage and own the largest corporations

“to ensure democratic control and accountability, and strict regulations on investment properties.” The same things have been tried elsewhere, like the Soviet Union and China, both well known as bastions of democracy, freedom and plenty. Not! Quite the contrary, the champagne Communists and socialists like Zohran Mamdani think government-run grocery stores and Americans waiting in line to buy a loaf of bread is innovative and democratic. These Communists and socialists are exemplified by Graham Platner, the accused, mortally flawed DSA candidate for the U.S. Senate in Maine who was finally forced off the ticket after having been accused of rape. That seems to be the only thing he hadn’t done, and why that particular straw broke the camel’s back is anybody’s guess after his own racist, homophobic Reddit posts and otherwise vile behavior were documented over the course of the campaign. He was garish, loud, had served in the military and was quick to belittle others who had served. Platner lived off disability,

and his oyster farming turned out to be little more than a hobby with his quite-well-to-do mother’s restaurant as his only client. Platner certainly does serve as a model prototype of the man-child and woman-child DSA candidates who are popping up everywhere. All seem to come from very privileged backgrounds and have been supported by their overindulgent parents long after they should have launched on their own. Who else would think it was a good idea to shutter the Department of Defense, close all American military bases across the world and drop all economic sanctions on bloody regimes like that of Iran, Putin’s Russia and Cuba? One member of the Marxist Unity Group argues that we are “never going to have democracy or socialism in the United States as long as the president and the Supreme Court exist in their current form.” Wow. So, according to these people, we’ve never had democracy in our country. It might be a good idea for Americans to stop these people in midsentence when they throw around

the word “democracy” and ask for a very specific definition of what democracy means to them. It seems highly likely it doesn’t mean the same thing to a great majority of American citizens.

Some of these nutcakes argue that the end to prisons and jails is a “basic socialist demand.” Evidently, they do not think there would ever be a crime committed unless it was being critical of their own little idea of utopia; they never would ever need a military.

Neither Russia nor China would surely ever take advantage of our not being able to defend ourselves! Some of you out there, unless you want your grandchildren working for free in some kind of Chinese mineral mine, probably ought to sit up and take notice.

These poor grown children are apparently too stupid to figure out the real world for themselves. The people here cheering on Hamas seem to think the streets in Muslim countries are teeming with trans people. Sure they are - right next door to the LGBTQ mosque. These

same people don’t seem to realize that the radical rulers in these countries throw gay and trans people off buildings.

As I’ve pointed out before, it’s here in Knoxville and Knox County. Beau Hawk, the Democrat/Socialist candidate for mayor, traveled to Venezuela, not exactly known for its love of freedom and individual rights, where Marxist dictator Nicolas Maduro ruled like an autocrat. Hawk now says it was a youthful indiscretion, but he was 28 at the time and is only 35 now. Someone wanting to support organized labor doesn’t have to travel to Venezuela to do it. Did Hawk protest the fact that Maduro let his people suffer from utter poverty, deprivation and starvation? I doubt it. That was the kind of “democracy” they brought to Venezuela, and now they want to bring it here for you. Never ever forget you get what you vote for. And when you don’t vote for it, you get what the others voted for. You probably ought to see what’s on the menu before you sit still on your rump.

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involved and he is really proud of the effort.

The project, Riella at Oakwood, will include 40 senior apartments, 21 townhomes, and 109 new one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Eight of the nine council members were present, with At-large Councilmember and Vice Mayor Lynne Fugate away on business in Washington, D.C., and Mayor Indya Kincannon on vacation. At-large Councilwoman Debbie Helsley, who chairs the Beer Board,

was chosen to chair the meeting.

Helsley was assisted by City Recorder Will Johnson, who has served in that position under two Knoxville mayors. He often assists with answers and corrections of procedure or agenda items.

The council also approved \$450,000 in federal funds to help support the Community Action Committee for emergency and minor home repairs for 43 owner-occupied homes.

It also passed a resolution to allocate \$350,000

in federal money for minor home repairs for the Operation Backyard program, which will help with 68 homes where low- and moderate-income homeowners and tenants live.

Consor North America Inc. was contracted for \$499,894 for inspection services on the Gay Street Bridge.

A \$310,874 contract for traffic signal improvements

was approved for Chapman Highway and Fort Avenue.

The Highstreet IT Solutions contract with the city was increased by \$374,520 to bring the total

funding to \$2.474 million for implementation of the Oracle Cloud Software program in a request from the Innovation and Technology Department.



Top: Council members Karyn Adams and Amelia Parker clown around following the Knoxville City Council’s short meeting Tuesday. Above: Knoxville City Recorder Will Johnson assisted Councilwoman Debbie Helsley in chairing the city council meeting Tuesday. The mayor and vice mayor were out of town and Helsley was chosen to run the meeting. Johnson has served as recorder under two administrations.

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Bridge to Safety and Family Justice Center may split funding

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For the past year, there has been a conflict between the Knoxville Family Justice Center and the new Bridge to Safety organization founded by Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond. Hammond worked with the Knox County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney General Charme

Allen to shift funding from FJC to the Bridge to Safety program.

On the agenda for today's Knox County Commission meeting is a resolution to split Victim Assistance Assessment funds collected by the clerk's office between the two programs that deal with family violence. But beginning in the fiscal year 2028 until 2029, all the funding generated by the Victim's Assistance Assessment

will go to the Bridge to Safety Program only.

The Focus asked Commission Chairwoman Gina Oster about the resolution, and she said, "Hammond's team and the Justice Center team have worked together on the split. I know they both worked hard to make this work. I understand that both have decided to split the funds in FY 26-27 and 27-28, and then the

full amount will be going to Bridge to Safety from there on out."

Earlier this year, Bridge to Safety staff moved into the second floor of the Family Justice Center building. The Knoxville Family Justice Center announced it is moving out of the building and will become an outreach organization.

Several agencies continue to operate out of the Justice Center

Building on 400 Harriet Tubman Street, and the Knoxville Family Justice Center is developing a new website. The non-profit organization has suffered through staff and director resignations over the past few years. Its support team can be reached at (865) 521-6336 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several new KCSO positions approved by merit board

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors met Tuesday, and new positions were presented and approved.

Captain Steve Webb presented the job description of the new fire investigator position. Webb said the fire investigator, a detective-grade position, will work with all local responders in fire investigations.

Lt. Debbie Rogers of the Civil Warrants Division presented a new supervisor position within her department to create a supervisor slot. She said the division brings in about \$2 million each year and one of the current employees may be promoted to supervise.

Deputy Chief William Pervis told the meeting that two positions are new to the merit system: abuse coordinator and reentry coordinator. Pervis said both are budgeted positions and one, the abuse coordinator, is currently

staffed. The reentry position may be filled with a current employee or an applicant.

The board approved each new position.

Chairman Kenny Boatman told his fellow board members that his term expires in September and he thanked them for their cooperation. He specifically thanked KCSO Merit System Administrator Paul Taylor, Deputy Law Director Myers Morton, and outgoing Sheriff Tom Spangler.

"I've never met a finer group," Boatman said.

Other members of the current merit board include Vice Chair Lindsay Williams, Adam Cooke, Brock Goetz, Dan Johnson, Herman Lathers and Steve McFall.

Morton started the meeting by presenting the evolution of the merit system from 1970 to the present day, the governing rules and the eleven powers of the body, and how KCSO employees may be hired, disciplined and fired.

Pine Grove Road is a long, narrow stretch from Strawberry Plains Pike to Hammer Road south of I-40. In a request for rezoning from agricultural to planned residential, James Jenkins wanted, initially, to build 9 dwellings per acre on 7.24 acres along the route. There were two requirements set by Knoxville-Knox County Planning: leave the trees with a setback and improve the road.

The planners also recommended five units per acre, and the request moved to the Knox County Commission's zoning session last week. Attorney John Valliant represented Jenkins and told the meeting that four units per acre would work, but that improving the road would not be financially acceptable.

District 8 Commissioner Adam Thompson asked if 3.4 units per acre with no requirement to improve the narrow road would be acceptable. That reduction was discussed until Engineering and Public Works

Director Jim Snowden said the 18-foot-wide road, with some sections going down to 17 feet, could be improved in the future and accommodate four units per acre.

Thompson then moved to approve four per acre and the motion passed with Commissioner Angela Russell voting No, Andy Fox abstaining and Courtney Durrett absent from the meeting.

A zoning change request for Zero and 7801 Strawberry Plains Pike was deferred until August. The requested change is to rezone the rural conservation property to rural crossroads commercial.

Property at 768 South Galaher View Road was approved to change from agricultural to low-density residential on a request from Natalia Efremenko. It involves 1.49 acres with two new homes planned.

The 3.4 acres at 8922 Three Points Road were approved for one home per acre after a request for two dwellings per acre. Commissioner Thompson said he's familiar with the property and it has flooding problems because of the large creek there. As approved, it will permit four homes on the higher ground there.

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Grave topics presented at cemetery workshop

By Pete Gawda

About 30 people interested in preserving historic cemeteries gathered at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center on Saturday morning, July 19, for a cemetery workshop sponsored by Knox Heritage. Several people with extensive experience in cemetery preservation and restoration spoke and then formed a panel for a question-and-answer session. “Cemeteries are places that tell the story of our community,” Christine Cloninger, executive director of Knox Heritage, said in her opening remarks. “One grave equals a cemetery in Tennessee,” according to Graham Perry III, historic cemetery preservation specialist with the Tennessee Historical Commission. He gave an overview of state laws defining cemeteries, termination of use, relocation of graves, and desecration laws. Perry maintains an extensive map of several thousand cemeteries in the state. “A cemetery is a cemetery forever,” he said as he spoke of the duties and responsibilities of landowners whose property contains a cemetery. Perry said landowners must grant family members access to cemeteries on their property.

Patrick Hollis, executive

director of the Mabry-Hazen House, is also responsible for the two-acre Bethel Confederate Cemetery on Bethel Avenue in Knoxville. This cemetery was established in 1861 by the City of Knoxville for Confederate soldiers. About 1700 people are buried there, mostly Confederate soldiers with a few Confederate widows and some Union soldiers. Most graves are unmarked. Hollis said the location of many graves has been found using ground-penetrating radar. There is a large Confederate monument on the site, and Hollis described the tension between honoring the dead and the backlash from the institution of slavery they fought to preserve. There are three different historical markers on the site. Much of the maintenance is done by volunteers. “In some cases, a headstone may be the only proof a person exists,” said Amy Mays Emert, an historian with Friends of Cavett Station. Cavett Station, located off Broome Road in Knoxville, is the site of an early 1790s fort as well as the site of Mars Hill Cemetery. Emert, who has done extensive work at Mars Hill, said the first grave in the cemetery is dated 1792, and



Marilyn Childress, representing the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation, was one of the speakers at a historic graves preservation workshop, which was held Saturday, July 19, at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center and sponsored by Knox Heritage.

the total number of graves is unknown because many are unmarked. She explained, using before and after photographs, the process of cleaning, leveling and resetting tombstones. She listed being landlocked, vandalism and lack of funding as some of the challenges of preserving cemeteries. Marilyn Childress represented the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation. Her organization locates and preserves graves of veterans, especially

Revolutionary War veterans. She said there are 50 known Revolutionary War grave sites in Knox County and that there are 250 known graves of veterans in 65 cemeteries in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Some of these graves are so remote they have to be located by GPS. This organization works extensively with Wreaths Across America, an organization that places wreaths on veterans' graves at Christmas. Ellen Rochelle, executive

director of Old Gray Cemetery, Knoxville's oldest cemetery, was also one of the speakers. Guided tours are conducted among the cemetery's 9,000 graves, and weddings are sometimes held there. Old Gray contains one Revolutionary War soldier's grave, along with graves of soldiers from the War of 1812 and the Civil War. "It's really quite lovely," she said of Old Gray. The cemetery is recognized as an arboretum with 40 trees labeled.

Dine Out for a Cause

Nourish Knoxville's Restaurant Week Returns for 2026

Nourish Knoxville, the nonprofit behind the Market Square Farmers Market, has been working to build healthy communities by supporting relationships between local farmers, producers, and the public since 2013. To support their valuable work, various restaurants, cafes, bars, and breweries will feature a menu item using locally grown ingredients and donate a percentage of the proceeds to Nourish Knoxville during Restaurant Week, August 3 – 9, 2026. Local chefs will create a new menu item or feature an existing dish showcasing local ingredients grown within a 150-mile radius of Knoxville. Guests can visit participating businesses throughout the week to enjoy the featured drinks, dishes, and desserts, with a portion of their purchase donated to Nourish Knoxville. With over 25 participating locations across Knoxville, Maryville, and Clinton, there is something for every palate.

“Nourish Knoxville's Restaurant Week is a celebration of the talented chefs and food businesses that make our local culinary scene so exceptional, while showcasing the incredible seasonal ingredients grown by East Tennessee farmers,” says Charlotte Tolley, CEO of Nourish Knoxville. “Every featured dish or drink enjoyed during Restaurant Week helps support Nourish Knoxville's mission to connect families with fresh, local food. We're delighted to bring this event back for its fourth year, and can't wait for everyone to try the thoughtfully crafted food and drinks the participating locations have prepared.”

For more information and a full list of locations, visit www.nourishknoxville.org/restaurant-week.

KNOX HERITAGE PRESENTS

Lasting Protection: How Preservation Easements Safeguard Our Historic Places

Join Knox Heritage Director of Preservation Services Hollie Cook for a deeper look into how Knox Heritage uses preservation easements to protect historic places across our community. This lecture will provide a comprehensive overview of what preservation easements are, how they function, and the long-term benefits they offer to both property owners and the broader public. Attendees will gain insight into the legal protections easements provide, the stewardship role

Knox Heritage plays, and examples of local properties currently safeguarded through the program. In addition, Knox Heritage is pleased to welcome Jessie Landl, executive director of the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County. Jessie will share an inside look at their organization's successful easement program, how it operates, what challenges and opportunities they've encountered, and how it contributes to preserving

the architectural and cultural heritage of Western North Carolina. Together, these presentations will offer valuable perspectives on how preservation easements serve as powerful, lasting tools for protecting the historic places that define our communities. Location: Eugenia Williams House, 4848 Lyons View Pike. Date: Aug. 19, 2026. Time: 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for Knox Heritage members and \$10 for non-members.



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Continuing a Case Because of Public Excitement

Every now and then a criminal case stirs up more than routine interest—news coverage intensifies, social media churns, courthouse steps fill with onlookers, and emotions run hot. Tennessee law recognizes that this kind of atmosphere can threaten a defendant’s right to a fair trial. Tennessee



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Code Annotated Section 40-14-108 gives trial judges the authority to grant a continuance—essentially, to delay proceedings—when “too great excitement” would operate to the prejudice of the defendant. Importantly, whether to pause the case rests in the sound discretion of the court, not as an automatic rule.

This provision has been on the books in some form since the nineteenth century. Earlier Tennessee law once provided for an automatic continuance in the face of community excitement, but that approach was repealed long ago. The modern statute, originating with an 1875 act, leaves it to the trial judge to weigh the circumstances and decide whether a cooling-off period is necessary to protect the fairness of the trial.

Practically speaking, a defense lawyer invoking this law will point to factors showing that immediate trial would be unfair: saturation media coverage, crowd demonstrations, or other conditions suggesting jurors could be influenced before they ever hear proper evidence in court. A judge may compare timing options, assess whether voir dire could cure potential bias, and decide if a short reset might let passions subside. Because the statute vests discretion in the trial court, the decision

is highly case-specific and will generally be upheld on appeal if the judge made a reasoned call based on the record.

It is also worth noting what this law does not do. It does not change the venue of the case or move it to a different county; it merely allows a delay when local excitement risks impairing impartiality. Requests to change where a trial is held are a separate matter governed by different rules. This law is simply one tool a Tennessee judge can use

to safeguard fairness when emotions are running high, ensuring that verdicts are based on evidence presented in court rather than on the swirl of public opinion outside it.

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Anxiety is Deeply Personal

Over the years, I have discovered professionally and personally that anxiety has a way of becoming intensely personal. No one else really feels exactly what you feel. They may know the facts of your situation, but they cannot fully experience the weight that is pressing against your heart. The sleepless nights, the racing thoughts, the constant “what ifs,” and the quiet fears that no one else sees; those are carried in the deepest places, personal to the soul of the anxious one.



By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

Perhaps this is why Peter’s words are so comforting, yet so challenging: “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” (1 Peter 5:7). Notice the invitation. Peter is not speaking to a crowd in general; he is speaking to individual believers. The command is deeply personal. You must cast your cares upon the Lord. No one else can do that for you. Certainly, there is tremendous value in allowing others to pray with us and encourage us. But there comes a moment when every believer must personally release the burden they have been carrying into God’s hands. Others can walk beside you, but only you can surrender your anxiety to the One who can carry it.

A physician may diagnose an illness, prescribe medication, and skillfully treat your physical condition, but even the best physicians cannot remove the anxiety that often accompanies the diagnosis. A financial advisor or banker may help organize your finances, create a plan, or guide you toward stability. Still, they cannot eliminate the anxiety that financial uncertainty creates within the heart. A counselor may provide wisdom, perspective, and practical tools for navigating grief, broken relationships, or emotional pain, yet even the most compassionate counselor cannot fully quiet the anxious heart.

Why? Because anxiety is ultimately more than a circumstantial problem. It is a burden of the soul. And every soul burden must ultimately be surrendered to the Shepherd of our souls. The word Peter uses for “casting” literally carries the idea of throwing something upon another. It is not carefully balancing the load while continuing to hold onto one corner of it. It is releasing it. It is letting go. It is entrusting the entire weight to Someone stronger than yourself. That is often where we struggle.

We tell others about our burdens. We think about our burdens. We analyze our burdens. Peter says to cast them. There is remarkable freedom when we stop trying to carry what Christ has already invited us to place upon His shoulders. The reason we can do that is found in the second half of the verse: “For He careth for you.” Not simply because He is powerful or sovereign, but because He personally cares for you. Your heavenly Father is not irritated by your weakness or inconvenienced by your fears. He invites you to bring every burden because His love is personal and His strength is sufficient.

Elisha Hoffman, while serving as a pastor, visited a widow who had been overwhelmed by hardship. Her burdens had become so heavy that she confessed she did not know how she could go on. Hoffman gently encouraged her with simple words: “Why don’t you tell Jesus?” She paused and replied, “Yes... I must tell Jesus.” Those words stayed with him long after he left her home. As he reflected on that conversation, he penned the hymn that has encouraged believers for generations: “I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone.”

That widow discovered what Peter had been teaching centuries before. There are burdens that friends cannot carry for us. There are anxieties that professionals cannot

remove for us. There are fears that only Christ can quiet. The greatest step toward peace is not finding someone who understands every burden you carry. It is personally placing every burden into the hands of the Savior who has already promised that He cares for you.

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Didn't Peter's Vision Make it OK to Eat Any Kind of Animal?

By Ken Swiger, Pastor

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Many believers will respond immediately with an enthusiastic “YES”. But did God change His mind about what is and is not food? Is that really what the Bible says? Let’s start with Peter’s response to the “rise, kill, and eat” command in the vision.

Acts 10:13-14 (NKJV)
¹³ And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”
¹⁴ But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

Notice that Peter had NEVER eaten an unclean animal. This is noteworthy because many believers assume that Jesus had made all animals clean and fit to eat in Mark 7:19. Of course, that is NOT what that verse actually says, and I can share more about that in our next article. But suffice it to say that Peter never got that message from what Jesus said in Mark chapter 7.

So, let’s see what we can understand about Peter’s vision. The context in Acts Chapter one: a Godly man named Cornelius, who was also a Roman Centurian, received a vision with a message from God to seek out the Apostle Peter. He sent servants to get Peter. While they are on the way to get him, Peter has his own vision. Peter refuses to eat the unclean things, and God tells him to not call unclean what God has cleansed. The message was given three times. Verse 17 tells us that the Apostle was confused about what the vision meant. Then the visitors from Joppa arrived and God told Peter to go with them and not doubt that this visit was from God. The next day Peter accompanies them to see Cornelius. When he arrives Cornelius bows down to him. Peter has him stand up and says:

Acts 10:28 (NKJV)
²⁸ Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

In verses 9 & 10 of Acts 10 we see that it was lunchtime when Peter received his vision (while they were preparing food). So, God used his physical hunger to teach Peter a lesson about prejudice against different kinds of people. Peter goes on to enlarge on the lesson God gave him.

Acts 10:34-35 (NKJV)
³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.
³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

NEXT TIME: But what about Mark 7:19? Didn’t Jesus declare all meats clean?

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The Gentleman From New Jersey Clifford P. Case

Pages from the Past



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The last time New Jersey elected a Republican to the United States Senate was in 1972 when Senator Clifford P. Case was reelected to a fourth term. During the ensuing 53 years, Republicans have tried to elect one of their own to the U.S. Senate without success. While the GOP has won gubernatorial elections in the Garden State, none have been successful in trying to win election to the Senate.

Clifford Phillip Case was one of the last of his kind, like his contemporary Jacob Javits of New York; a liberal Republican in a state dominated politically by Democrats. Tall and thin, 6 feet tall and weighing 158 pounds, with a toothy smile, Clifford Case was one of the best vote-getters in New Jersey.

The son of a Dutch Reformed minister and his wife, Case attended Columbia Law School and married his sweetheart, Ruth Miriam Smith, whom he had met while attending Rutgers University. Ruth and Clifford Case had one son and two daughters.

Case had demonstrated repeatedly his ability to be elected, having won election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1944, beating his opponent handily in a year when Franklin D. Roosevelt headed the Democratic ticket for the fourth time. Case proved to be highly popular inside his congressional district, never once dipping below 55% of the vote and in 1952 he won by receiving 20,000 more votes than any other candidate had ever received inside New Jersey's Sixth District. Congressman Case ran 10,000 ballots ahead of the highly popular Dwight D. Eisenhower, the GOP presidential nominee in 1952.

Case had carefully charted a political course as a liberal Republican, which was highly popular inside the Sixth Congressional District of New Jersey. Clifford Case seemed unbeatable in general elections but faltered inside GOP primaries where voters tended to be more conservative. Case resigned his seat in the House after having been selected to head the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic in August of 1953.

There was opposition to Case from inside his own party from the beginning. When former Congressman Case got up to speak at the Morris County Fair, a handful of Republicans picketed, carrying signs that read: "You're off base if you vote for Case." At the time, Republicans held both of New Jersey's seats in the United States Senate. H. Alexander Smith had been handsomely reelected in 1952, and Governor Alfred E. Driscoll had left office

in 1954 after having two terms in office. Yet the Republicans had been badly defeated in the 1953 gubernatorial elections. Robert Hendrickson, the junior senator from the Garden State, was poised to run for a second six-year term, but a great many Republicans worried he could not win a general election. Hendrickson had a problem with alcohol, which had impaired his effectiveness in representing New Jersey, and it was becoming more widely known. Much of the leadership of New Jersey's Republican Party urged Clifford Case to run instead.

Senator Hendrickson dawdled until the last moment before finally announcing he would forego a reelection campaign. President Eisenhower later appointed Hendrickson to serve as America's ambassador to New Zealand. Republican Party leaders lured Case away from his \$40,000 (quite nearly \$500,000 today) post to become the GOP nominee for the United States Senate. When Case made a statement critical of Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, it ignited opposition from the most conservative Republicans in the Garden State who complained the former congressman was too liberal. James Selvage, one-time press agent for the National Association of Manufacturers, accused Case of having been "a darling of the Americans for Democratic Action and the CIO." That brought a detailed and sharp reply from Samuel L. Bodine, chairman of the New Jersey Republican Party. Bodine dismissed Selvage's charges as a litany of "false statements, distortions and misrepresentations." Selvage had charged that as a congressman Clifford Case had "voted to kill the Taft-Hartley Act," the House sponsor of which was Fred Hartley of New Jersey. Bodine rebutted Selvage, noting that Congressman Case had in fact "voted for the Taft-Hartley Act, against recommitment, and for passage over Harry Truman's veto."

The hope of the most conservative element opposed to Case was the hope to cause him to surrender the GOP nomination and replace him with former Congressman Fred Hartley. The Democrats had nominated Congressman Charles Howell, who, while watching the Republicans fight amongst themselves, chortled, "I hesitate to interfere in someone else's family quarrel, but it is hard to remain silent when I hear Republicans saying things about one another which I have never dreamed saying about my opponent."

The most widely read

news magazine in the world, Henry Luce's TIME, watched in astonishment at what it referred to as the "GOP suicide attempt in New Jersey." Luce was a Republican and Case was featured on the cover of TIME magazine in its October 18, 1954, edition to help give a boost to his campaign. TIME observed that New Jersey was a closely divided state politically as it was heavily industrialized and had a very large organized labor vote. Yet the suburban areas of the state bordering Philadelphia and New York City were friendly to more moderate or Republican candidates. The once powerful Hudson County political machine run by Frank Hague, former mayor of Jersey City, had the vague smell of corruption about it and the entire Garden State's politics carried more than a whiff of the same aroma. As a result, New Jersey also had a large number of reformers and good government activists.

Case was also bolstered by the strong support of President Eisenhower, who invited the former congressman to the White House. Once in the Oval Office, Case was promptly and strongly endorsed by President Eisenhower. Speaker of the House Joe Martin, Vice President Richard Nixon, and Senator Ed Martin of Pennsylvania were dispatched to New Jersey to campaign on Case's behalf. Walter Edge, who had twice been elected to the United States Senate and won two nonconsecutive terms as governor, came roaring out of semi-retirement to denounce "part wreckers" and campaign for Case. Corruption was an issue during the campaign, but Republicans were on the defensive as it had just come to light that former Governor Harold Hoffman had embezzled some \$300,000 before his death. Another scandal revolved around another Republican governor's staffer who had been taking bribes from gangsters. And there was an ugly controversy surrounding former GOP Governor Alfred Driscoll who had tried hard to get a mobster out of prison. Case pointed

out he had nothing to do with any corruption, but Howell was making headway. The administration of Governor Robert Meyner had been busy rebuilding New Jersey's Democratic Party and would produce results that lasted for decades to come.

Clifford Case stuck to the middle ground, and it proved to be a winning strategy, as Case only eked out a very narrow victory over Congressman Howell, winning by exactly 3,370 votes out of more than 1.7 million ballots cast. A write-in effort for Fred Hartley won just 7,025 votes, less than half a percent of the total vote. It was the closest Senate election in New Jersey's history to that time.

On January 3, 1955, Clifford Case took the oath of office and served for the next four years with H. Alexander Smith, who concentrated upon foreign affairs as a member of the Senate's foreign Relations Committee. For the next twenty-four years, Senator Case proved to be very popular with the people of New Jersey and was a favorite of the eastern news media. At the time, East Coast Republicans were not yet extinct, and Clifford Case was one of a number of eastern Republicans like Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Jacob Javits and Kenneth Keating of New York.

Throughout his congressional career, Case was one of the most liberal Republicans in the House or Senate. The senator was frequently asked why he remained in the Republican Party. "I am a Republican, and I believe in the Republican Party. But I have my own convictions as to what the Republican Party should stand for, and I intend to fight for them as hard as I can. And I will not be driven away from my Republicanism simply because some Democrats happen to agree with me on some issues - - - and some Republicans don't."

Case continuously supported civil rights legislation and was one of those who protested vigorously when the Georgia House of Representatives refused

to seat Julian Bonds. Case was also one of thirteen GOP senators who voted to create the Medicare program. Senator Case was an important supporter of President John F. Kennedy's "New Frontier" and Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society."

Case's politics proved to be popular in the Garden State. In 1960, John F. Kennedy carried New Jersey with 1,385,415 votes to 1,363,324 votes for Richard Nixon. At the same time, Senator Clifford Case carried all of New Jersey's 21 counties but three and defeated Democratic candidate Thorn Lord by 332,447 votes. Six years later in 1966, Case was reelected overwhelmingly, winning 60% of the vote and beating Democrat Warren Wilentz by quite nearly 500,000 votes while carrying 20 of New Jersey's 21 counties. In 1972, Senator Case carried every county in the Garden State while beating former Congressman Paul Krebs by almost 800,000 ballots and tallying quite nearly 63% of the vote.

In 1978, Senator Clifford Case faced his usual challenge inside the Republican primary. Yet his challenger proved to be more formidable than most. Jeff Bell had been an important part of former California Governor Ronald Reagan's strong bid to take the GOP presidential nomination from President Gerald Ford. Bell ran as an opponent of reducing the income tax, which proved to be highly popular with most New Jersey Republicans. Bell upset the 74-year-old Case inside the GOP primary, winning by 3,473 votes. Jeff Bell lost the general election to Bill Bradley by almost 300,000 votes. Bell lost the GOP senatorial nomination in 1982 to Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick and the 2014 general election to Cory Booker. Jeff Bell had moved to New Jersey specifically to run against Senator Case.

One veteran Republican political operative commented after the votes were tallied, "It looks like the Republicans' death wish has come through again. The Republicans have again snatched defeat from the jaws of

victory." Senator Case had been confident of victory, and polls had shown him leading by a comfortable margin. As has happened many times with an incumbent who loses an election, complacency took a toll on the vote totals. Overconfidence on the part of the campaign lulled supporters into a false sense of security, and they made little effort to turn out the vote. Case's 24 years as a maverick, deriving much of his support from Independents and Democrats who crossed party lines to support him in general elections, proved to be a sword which cut both ways. "The fact that Cliff got a lot of lukewarm support is reflective of the support he used to give," one observer remarked.

Case was long accustomed to the vagaries of elective politics and mused, "I think I can honestly say that it's miraculous that I was in politics for 40 years and managed to stay that long."

Jeff Bell had targeted those who vote in Republican primaries while the Case campaign had not, and it was the difference between victory and defeat. After his retirement from the Senate, Case affiliated with a prestigious New York law firm in its Washington, D.C. office. The former senator also accepted a post to lecture occasionally at Rutgers' Institute of Politics. Clifford Case did not get to enjoy a lengthy retirement as he was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1981. That August, the former senator underwent surgery, but the cancer was relentless. Clifford P. Case died on March 5, 1982, in Washington, D.C. Case was outlived by his wife Ruth by almost 20 years, and his widow helped to keep her husband's legacy alive during her own remaining years.

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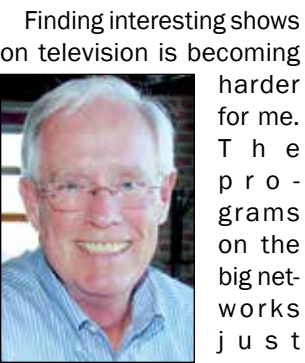


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Dedicated Teachers Make a Difference



By Joe Rector
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Finding interesting shows on television is becoming harder for me. The programs on the big networks just don't hold a ny appeal to me. The news stations repeat the same things all day long, and even the sports channels don't capture my attention unless Tennessee or Caitlin Clark is playing.

That's not to say some programs are excellent. The problem is finding which streaming stations they are on. "The Pitt" is probably my favorite program; I believe it comes closer to real life than any other show I've watched on any channel. A few years ago, Amy and I binge-watched "Justified." I've found "West Wing" again and might just

start at the beginning of it and go through the years with those characters again.

I have found a new program on Prime that has sucked me in. Called "Murder 101," the show and its cast are "real" folks. The premise of this program is that a teacher at Elizabethan High School and his students in a sociology class have for several years worked to find the killer(s) of red-haired young girls. Alex Campbell isn't a super-hero or devilishly good-looking individual. Instead, he is a normal high school teacher with one special quality: he teaches his students skills by having them participate in the investigations. I never saw a textbook during the three episodes. Campbell cranked out copies of materials for his students and then encouraged them to work diligently to come up with new evidence to solve murders. Campbell is one of those special teachers

who has put in years of work to make sure that students left his classroom with more than a passing grade on some useless state or federal exam.

I remember those teachers who were so influential in my public-school education. One was Lucy Slusher. She taught English during my seventh and eighth grade years. Mrs. Slusher insisted that students diagram sentences; she demanded we work on spelling each week; and most of all, she taught us discipline and a hard work ethic. The only new things I learned after two years with her were what gerunds, participles, and infinitives were.

Another good elementary teacher was Mr. Stewart. He taught science and coached boys' basketball. I never learned much of the science-related stuff, but I learned plenty about team building and playing basketball. I wasn't a great guard, but I could dribble the ball well enough to advance down court and find open teammates who scored the points. Joe Stewart was the quietest man I've ever met,

and he had such a serious look on his face that only when he eased into a grin did students know he was teasing.

I spent the sixth-grade year with classmates in a storefront that had been converted into three classrooms. Ball Camp Elementary burned that year, and it was because of the efforts of Bill Fowler that we learned and enjoyed the year. Mr. Fowler was well-versed in every subject, and he demanded that we put forth the effort required to be successful. In that class, he assigned us the making of a scrapbook and the writing of a paper about President Kennedy, who had been killed that November.

I remember four high school teachers well. First was Ruth Wiggington. She taught sophomore English, and I also took her summer school senior English Class. She taught Shakespeare with full sound effects. That might sound strange, but she did so to keep classes interesting. Jack Thomas was the band director who arrived during my sophomore year. He took a band

program in shambles and built it into one of the best in the area. His skinny little frame would flit about during marching band practices, and he made sure our marching was excellent. What Jack did best was to instill pride in a bunch of country students. I'd say most of us have carried at least a bit of that pride throughout our lives.

Stanley Underwood taught American history. However, he did much more than that. He taught his students to think and to defend their positions. During the hotbed of the Vietnam War, Mr. Underwood made sure we made decisions based more on fact than on emotion. I never enjoyed any class more than his.

Milton Nelson was the choir director at Karns High. He was a task master who worked his ensembles fiercely. When spring break came around each year, he loaded up the choir and took them to other states to sing concerts. Many of us saw places we'd only heard about and developed deeper friendships with others in the choir. Mr. Nelson made me want

to be a choir director, but college led me toward the English department. I still sing and think about that good, kind man.

So, Mr. Alex Campbell, I send you my deepest admiration for the job you've done in your classroom. I tried to do some of the same things during my 30-year career in Knox County Schools. You know what students need and what is most important for their lives ahead. I salute you and wonder if you have ever been named the Teacher of the Year in Tennessee. If you haven't, then my question is why not. I challenge your former and future students to use some of their abilities to make that happen. Thank you for making education what it should be.

For those of you who are reading this, maybe you should take time and drop lines to those teachers that meant so much to you. If they are gone, discover the contacts for the families and let them know what those teachers meant to you.

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Joe O'Brien pitched Vols' first no-hitter in 1973

'Major league play' by Holloway helped make it happen

By Steve Williams

Joe O'Brien threw the first no-hitter in University of Tennessee baseball history in 1973 according to official UT records, and in addition to that he is the only pitcher from Knox County to toss a no-no wearing the Orange and White.

After 53 years, O'Brien was happy to find that out Thursday.

Credit longtime UT

Sports Information Director Bud Ford, who is now the Athletic Historian in the Tennessee Media Relations, for finding the records that had been placed in another area on campus long after Stokely Athletics Center had been torn down.

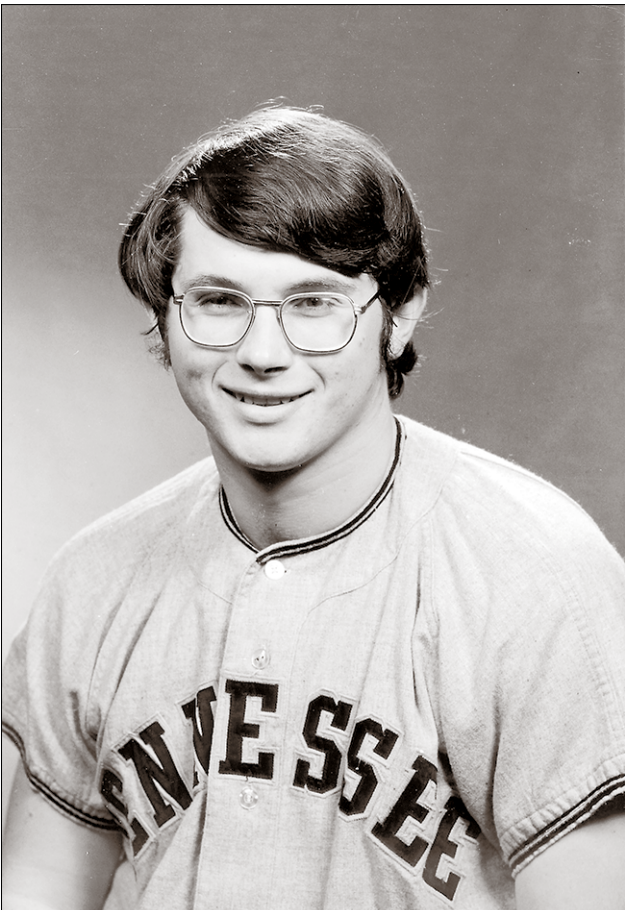
The discovery would lead to O'Brien reliving and sharing big moments from the Vols' 3-0 win over visiting Georgia that March 30th

day at Lower Hudson Field. Only a first-inning error kept the Knoxville Catholic High product from recording a perfect game.

Tennessee's clean-up slugger, Bobby Tucker, soon drove a three-run homer over the left-center-field fence.

Coach Bill Wright's Vols (6-6) had control of the game against the 2-5 Bulldogs, but one good swing can quickly spoil a no-hitter. For a second, O'Brien felt just that in the

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Joe O'Brien

Eckert named Bearden cross country coach

By Ken Lay

Matt Eckert's schedule just got a little busier as he was recently named cross country coach at Bearden High School.

He's been the Bulldogs' and Lady Bulldogs' track and field coach for the past five seasons and was named cross country coach over the summer.

Prior to moving to Knoxville, he coached high school cross country and track and field in Colorado.

"I love to develop athletes, and this gives me another opportunity to do that," Eckert said. "We've had good workouts during our first days of practice and I'm excited to see how we do when we get to the district and the region (championships).

"I love to develop athletes mentally and physically."

Many cross country runners compete in the fall and are distance specialists during the indoor track and field season in the winter and the outdoor season in the fall.

"There are some similarities in cross country and distance running (on the track)," he said. "But the biggest difference is that in cross country, it's 3.1 miles and in track, the most you run is two miles, so you want to try to stay consistent or get better mile after mile after mile and really be pushing yourself,

"And in cross country, you get to see some different scenery. That's for sure."

The new coach is also excited because his athletes on his first team at Bearden are passionate about the sport of cross country.

"These kids just really love to run," Eckert said. "That's why they're out here."

PREVIEW STORIES FOR 2026 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Austin-East looking to bounce back this year

By Steve Williams

Stanton Stevens didn't sound at all like a head coach coming off a 1-9 record at this year's KFOA Media Day.

"As kids get older, most of the time they get better just with age," he said. "Natural growth especially comes with high school boys. So from one year to the next they can come back and have grown two inches and put on 15 pounds and they'll look like a totally different kid. We're starting to grow up and I think a lot of our improvement will be because they're just older.

"Now, factor in that those kids have been in the weightroom since November and are really working hard. They were not happy with the season we had last year. And the kids were really hungry this offseason to get better. So I'm proud of their off-season work."

Stevens added that the

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Austin-East Head Coach Stanton Stevens with DK Towns (3) and Nymire Jackson (5) at this year's KFOA Media Day.

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Experienced Panthers have high expectations for 2026 football season

By Ken Lay

Powell High School is now deep into preparation for the 2026 football season and the Panthers have lofty expectations for the upcoming campaign. But that isn't anything new.

"There's just no way around it. We expect to compete for a state championship," Powell coach Matt Lowe said. "That's what the players expect. That's what the coaches expect and that's what the community expects. "Anything less than that is a disappointment."

The Panthers went 9-2 in 2025 and reached the second round of the TSSAA Class 5A Playoffs. They were eliminated in the second round for the second consecutive season.

"We've been knocked out (of the playoffs) in the second round for the last two years and we were really disappointed about that," Lowe said. "We were

POWELL 2026			
Thu	Aug. 20	7:00 p.m.	at Anderson County <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	Farragut
Fri	Sep. 4	7:00 p.m.	at Halls (R)
Fri	Sep. 11	7:00 p.m.	William Blount (R)
Fri	Sep. 18	7:00 p.m.	Karns (R)
Thu	Sep. 24	7:00 p.m.	at Knox Central (R) <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Oct. 2	7:00 p.m.	at Campbell Co. (R)
Fri	Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	at Jefferson County <i>Rivalry Friday</i>
Fri	Oct. 23	7:00 p.m.	Clinton (R)
Thu	Oct. 29	7:00 p.m.	West (R)

(R)=Region game

disappointed because we always want to compete for the state title and we always want to be practicing on Thanksgiving Day and we want to be playing that (state title) game in December."

The road to the playoffs became a bit tougher when with the TSSAA reclassification prior to the 2025 season when Oak Ridge was moved to Class 6A and Heritage exited for Class 4A.

The Knoxville area previously had two five-team

Class 5A regions but realignment and re-classification altered the landscape and created one eight-team league, meaning that four teams will qualify for the playoffs and four will end their seasons after 10 games.

"The way it used to be, you had two five-team leagues and four teams from each league made the playoffs," said Lowe, who begins his 20th season as a head coach, including his 13th at Powell, and the eighth year of his second

season with the Panthers. "Now, you have eight teams in one league. Four go to the playoffs and four go home.

"I like that because it puts more value on all of our regular-season games."

Region 2-5A features Powell, Central, Halls, Karns, West, Clinton, Campbell County and William Blount.

The Red Devils made it to state semifinals in 2025 after eliminating their Black Oak Ridge rivals, the Bobcats in the quarterfinals. The Rebels and the Panthers also qualified for the postseason.

All of those teams have made deep postseason runs in the last five years.

"We all saw what Halls did last year and we saw Central and West is still West," Lowe said. "I expect William Blount to be a much-improved team and Karns will be better.

"Clinton and Campbell County are still trying to find their identity but they have

great coaches and they're working hard. In our region, we have some of the best teams and we have some great coaches. You just can't have an off night and you have to be ready for every game."

The Panthers have a talented nucleus of battle-tested returning players that have endured and thrived in the rigors of Class 5A football in the Volunteer State.

"We have some guys who have played a lot of Friday night high school football."

Top returners for Powell include: Will Taylor (senior, defensive lineman); Joshua Kay (junior, defensive end); Isaiaas Amador (senior, inside linebacker); Jamison Smith (senior, outside linebacker); Brodie Hollowell (a senior free safety who has started all 37 games in his high school career); Cooper Wheeler (senior strong safety); Demarcus Huffine (senior, cornerback); Caleb Lewis (senior, offensive guard); Hayden

Wallace (junior, offensive tackle); Johonauan Moore (senior, running back); DeZion Jackson (senior, wide receiver); Jaylon Benjamin (a senior, who is slated to be the starting quarterback) and Merron Middleton (senior, wide receiver).

Key newcomers for the Panthers are: Darrion McClanahan (junior, defensive lineman); Isaac Lane (freshman, defensive lineman); Damere Askew (senior, linebacker); Owen Dyke (freshman, outside linebacker); Tashawn Thomas (sophomore, defensive back); Keshawn Thomas (sophomore, running back); Jamarius Hollingsworth (sophomore, wide receiver); Dalvin Farmer (junior, wide receiver); Corbin Lamblin (senior, center); Bryson Kirkpatrick (sophomore, offensive guard) and Jacob Kwak (senior, offensive tackle).

We want to be in the playoffs. We want to host home playoff games. We want to compete for the region championship. We want to be in every game and give ourselves the best chance to go out there and compete every Friday night. Our guys are excited about it.

- Farragut Coach Geoff Courtney

ADMIRALS 2026			
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Fri	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	at Powell
Fri	Sep. 4	7:00 p.m.	Upperman
Fri	Sep. 11	7:00 p.m.	at Bradley Central (R)
Fri	Sep. 18	7:00 p.m.	Maryville (R)
Fri	Sep. 25	7:00 p.m.	Bearden (R)
Thu	Oct. 1	7:00 p.m.	at Hardin Valley (R) <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Cookeville
Fri	Oct. 23	7:00 p.m.	at Oak Ridge (R)
Fri	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	Cleveland (R)

(R)=Region game

Farragut is excited to compete

By Mark Nagi

Last year, the Farragut Admirals struggled early, losing their first five games. But mid-season victories over rivals Bearden and Hardin Valley helped them find a way into the playoffs, where an overtime loss to Region 1-6A champ Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett ended their campaign. Is Geoff Courtney's team ready to take a couple of steps forward this Fall?

"The guys that were waiting for their turn last year...They know what the experience is like," said Courtney, who is entering his third season as the Ads head coach. "They know what our goals are. We want to be in the playoffs. We want to host home

playoff games. We want to compete for the region championship. We want to be in every game and give ourselves the best chance to go out there and compete every Friday night. Our guys are excited about it."

Defense looks to be the strongest side of football, at least early in the season. "We've got quite a few linebackers that had a great year last year that are coming back, whether it was on the JV level or on the varsity level," said Courtney.

The secondary also has playmakers with experience, including Carter Collier, who can play running back or cornerback. Alcoa transfer Elijah Sadler had an impressive spring and could

play receiver, along with time at cornerback or safety for the Ads this Fall.

A concern must be up front where the Admirals graduated seven offensive linemen. They moved some guys around to fill those holes.

"Luca Conforti is a senior. He's been a backup tight end that slid down to tackle," said Courtney. "Luca's gotten a lot bigger, stronger in the weight room. He's one of our top 5 strongest guys. He's our long snapper, uh, and he did a really good job in the spring at the left tackle position."

Holden Fritz was a backup lineman last year and will start for Farragut at center.

Farragut saw their starting

quarterback, Corbin Hobson, transfer to Grace Christian. They'll put the football in the hands of junior Hayes Sharp.

"Hayes has really grown physically," said Courtney. "He's grown to 6'2" and 200 pounds. He's really worked at his craft of being a passer and gotten more accurate. He's gotten an understanding of the offense and knows how to distribute the football. He really kind of hit a growth spurt through the football season and then played basketball for us and did a great job in the basketball program. Then he hit the ground running with us when he got back in February in the weight room. I've been really pleased with him."

The Class 6A gauntlet is by no means easy. Those mid-season games against Bearden and Hardin Valley once again loom large on this group's hopes of getting back into the playoffs. Courtney believes that his guys will be ready to go.

"It's a fun group," said Courtney. "It's a group that comes to work every day. They love being around each other. The coaches love being around each other and love being around them. So, it's been a fun couple of months here getting ready for this season."

The Ads kick things off on Saturday, August 22, when they play Sevier County at Carson-Newman.

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"Fed by the 1950 win over Kentucky and the improbable defeat of Texas," Haywood Harris and Gus Manning wrote ("Six Seasons Remembered: The National Championship Years of Tennessee Football"), "optimism, enthusiasm, and expectation had never been more evident in the history of Tennessee football."

By Tom Mattingly

There had been significant personnel losses from an 11-1 team from a year earlier, Harris and Manning added. "It was assumed that these all-star caliber players would be missed, but the cast of returnees was so impressive that Tennessee's reservoir of talent, combined with Neyland's coaching genius, would pave the way for a championship season in Knoxville."

That prediction turned out to be right on the money. All the pieces fell together in exactly the right way to give fans and future historians ample reasons to consider it among the school's best over the years.

Al Hust, Harvey Robinson, Farmer Johnson, Ike Peel, Ralph Chancey, Chan Caldwell, Burr West, Mickey O'Brien, John Sines, and Emmett Lowery comprised Gen. Robert R. Neyland's coaching staff.

Shields-Watkins Field had been enlarged at the South end three years earlier, bringing stadium capacity to 46,390. The average attendance in 1951 was 23,961.

The 1951 team celebrates its 75th anniversary this season.

Here's the Vols' starting lineup both offensively and defensively.

OFFENSE: Ends Tex Davis and Vince Kaseta, tackles Charles Stokes and Jim Haslam, guards Vernon Lyons and John Michels, center Bob Davis, blocking back Jimmy Hahn, wingback Bert Rechichar, tailback Lauricella, and Dick Ernsberger and Andy Kozar



Gen. Neyland and Hank Lauricella are shown with teammates (L-R) Andy Kozar, Bert Rechichar, Jack Stroud, and Herky Payne in this early 1950s photo.

splitting duties at fullback.

DEFENSE: Ends Mack Franklin and Doug Atkins, tackles Bob Fisher and Bill Pearman, guards Ted Daffer and Francis Holohan, linebackers Gordon Polofsky and Bill Jasper, halfbacks Ray Martin and Joe Maiure, and safety Rechichar.

According to Tom Siler ("Tennessee: Football's Greatest Dynasty"), Lauricella provided the "finesse" and Herky Payne the "driving power" in the 1-2 punch at tailback. At fullback Kozar was the "piledriver," Ernsberger "the rapier," Hahn, Kaseta, and Michels "led the blockers," and "defensive stars" were Daffer, Pearman, and Holohan. Rechichar played both ways.

As efficient on defense as they were offensively under Neyland's single-wing, the Vols whipped Mississippi State, 14-0, in the season opener and enjoyed such one-sided triumphs as the methodical outings over North Carolina (27-0) at Chapel Hill and 46-21 in the Vols' first-ever visit to the Ole Miss campus. The win in the season opener avenged a 7-0 loss in Starkville a year earlier. The Vols would not return to Oxford until 1988.

In that 1951 season, the Vols also defeated Southern Miss (13-0), Duke (26-0), Chattanooga (42-13), Alabama (27-13), Tennessee Tech (68-0), and Washington & Lee (60-14). The Tennessee-Alabama game was telecast by the local Birmingham NBC affiliate.

The Vols faltered

somewhat near season's end, edging Vanderbilt in the season finale (35-27) after nearly squandering a 21-0 lead, then losing to Jim Tatum's powerful Maryland contingent (28-13) in the Sugar Bowl.

There are, however, veteran Vol watchers who will swear there's never been a more devastating performance offensively and defensively than the one that wrecked Paul Bryant's Kentucky Wildcats, led by Babe Parilli, 28-0, on a bitterly cold November afternoon at Stoll Field in Lexington. It was the Vols' third consecutive shutout

over their archrivals from the Commonwealth.

"We had a few men," said Kentucky head coach Bear Bryant after the game. "They had 50." It was, according to many observers, the team's best performance of the season and most consistent. "Neyland ended his career without ever having lost a game to the Wildcats," wrote Harris and Manning.

The 1951 campaign was Tennessee's first perfect regular season since 1940 and was UT's only undisputed national championship until the 1998 aggregation did likewise.

Lauricella earned All-American honors, joined by Daffer and Pearman. Hank was runner-up to Princeton's Dick Kazmaier for the Heisman Trophy. He gained a school-record 881 yards, a mark broken by tailback Haskel Stanback 21 years later.

"It is necessary to qualify the statement that Dick Kazmaier of undefeated Princeton is the best triple-threat back in college football. One of the best is safe. I got my first look at Tennessee's Hank Lauricella in the North Carolina game," wrote Joe Williams of the New York

World-Telegram. "It was an eyeeful, an eyeeful of wonderment, admiration, and appreciation. He can do everything Kazmaier can do."

The Birmingham Quarterback Club named Lauricella the SEC's Most Outstanding Back. Lauricella, Daffer, and Pearman were joined on the All-SEC first team by end Doug Atkins, Rechichar, and Michels.

Neyland (1956), Lauricella (1981), Atkins (1985), and Michels (1996) were later named to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Hahn earned the Jacobs Trophy as the SEC's best blocker, the third former Vol so honored, following two-time winners Sam Bartholomew (1938-39) and Billy Bevis (1944-45).

Neyland was named SEC Coach of the Year by AP. Jasper won the first Knoxville Journal Award as the senior with the highest academic average.

Rechichar was team captain. The Vols finished 10-1 overall.

Here's how Siler summed up the 1951 season. "This was a team that had everything, 10 stars on defense, 10 stars on offense, and the inimitable Rechichar playing both ways."

Plus, of course, they had a legendary head coach, Robert Reese Neyland.



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Austin-East looking to bounce back this year

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natural growth process is physical and mental.

"I think we know more," he added. "Our football IQ has increased. I feel really good about the direction we're going. We're not where we want to be, but we are going in that direction and it's clear we're going in that direction. It's not like I'm wondering: Are we getting better? I know we're better than we were last year."

Stronger and smarter could be Austin-East's rallying cry in 2026. Stevens didn't say it, but that was the feeling one got when you heard Coach Stevens speak at media day.

The Roadrunners have eight starters returning on offense and defense.

Top players for A-E include wide receiver DK Towns, QB/receiver/cornerback Nymire Jackson and middle linebacker David Weaver.

The areas that need improvement are the offensive line and secondary, Stevens pointed out.

"We have to cover better and we have to block better," he said. "We have to be more consistent so that we can generate first downs and run the ball a little bit better. And on the defensive side, we've got to stop giving touchdowns over the top. We've got to stop giving up deep balls. We have to do a much better job of defending that."

You definitely can hear the excitement in Coach Stevens' voice of putting a better team on the field.

"There's a lot of pride at 2800," Stevens emphasized.

ROADRUNNERS 2026

Fri	Aug. 21	7:00 p.m.	South Doyle
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Fri	Sep. 11	7:00 p.m.	Scott (R)
Fri	Sep. 18	7:00 p.m.	at Brainerd
Fri	Sep. 25	7:00 p.m.	at Kingston (R)
Fri	Oct. 2	7:00 p.m.	at Sweetwater (R)
Fri	Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	at Gatlinburg-Pitt
Fri	Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Carter
Fri	Oct. 23	7:00 p.m.	Meigs County (R)
Fri	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	McMinn Central (R)

(R)=Region game

"There's a lot of pride up on that hill at Austin-East. I've been there in the good times and we're struggling right now. I know what we can do. I know for a fact what we can do. And I'm just pushing hard to get those kids to understand there's a lot of tradition up there. It's in their blood to be champions. You know, sometimes you just have to wake up the blood again and that's what we are working on."

With powerhouse Alcoa moving up to Class 4A, the Class 3A region is more balanced now for the Roadrunners.

Coach Stevens said he won't be surprised if it's a tight race for the region title this year.

Austin-East will host South-Doyle in its season opener on Aug. 21.

O'Brien pitched Vols' first no-hitter in 1973

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"Games like that go by pretty fast," recalled Joe, a senior then. "In the top of the seventh I knew I had a no-hitter going, but there was a ball that was hit off the plate that bounced over my head and I'm thinking to myself 'that's a base hit.' I turn around and (sophomore shortstop) Condredge (Holloway) is making an unbelievable play. And the runner he threw out was the starting quarterback for Georgia, Andy Johnson, and he was fast as lightning. Condredge got him by a step and that saved the no-hitter, because the next batter popped up."

"It was a major league play by Condredge Holloway. I don't think anybody else in the league would have been able to make the play ... He made a lot of those."

O'Brien went on to say "if we had ESPN back then, it would have been the top play of the day. He bare-handed it, charging it ... all I can say is it was big league all the way."

Joe added Condredge, who went on to play in the Canadian Football League after starring for the Vols, "was the best teammate I've ever had in my life, just a terrific young man and everybody looked up to him."

Since O'Brien, a right-hander, became the first to throw a no-hitter at UT, four others are in that category. Jeffery Terrell became the first Vol to throw a nine-inning no-hitter in 2002 against Bowling Green. He still remains the only one in the nine-inning category.

In addition to O'Brien, three others threw seven-inning no-hitters – Bob Dillon against Kentucky in 1990, Jimmy Gaylor against Tennessee Tech in 1976 and Rick Honeycutt at Georgia in 1976.

UT has had five more no-hitters when multiple pitchers combined for the no-no. Liam Doyle was in two of them in 2025 as well as Gaylor and Honeycutt in 1976.

After his college career, O'Brien was drafted by Philadelphia. He pitched 2½ seasons in the Phillies' farm system, and got as high as the Eastern League and was put on a Triple-A roster. His best season produced a 13-5 record with 11 saves, but he got tired of moving up and down and riding in the buses so he decided to give it up.

His baseball days didn't end then, however, and he joined his father, Jimmy O'Brien, who managed a Stan Musial League team and they won the World Series twice and were runner-up twice.

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youth activities but will not be able to participate in the construction areas.

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If you are interested, you will need to register at <https://volunteer.kaboom.org/opportunity/a7XPK-0000001bn72AA/help-build-a-new-playspace-at-community-unity-park> If you have questions, please reach out to Bicki Rudd at Brudd@kaboom.org.

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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(a)(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 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, Respondent**
IN RE: **THE ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILDREN A. D. P. W., DOB: 5/05/21 and J. A. J. M., DOB: 5/30/22**
BY: **KATIE ANN MAHANEY, Petitioner**
Vs.
LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DANIEL FORREST WOOTEN, Respondents

No. 7308-1
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 MINOR CHILDREN A. D. P. W., DOB: 5/05/21 and J. A. J. M., DOB: 5/30/22. It appearing that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Respondents, **LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY** because your whereabouts are unknown. Respondent, **LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY**, is 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 8th day of July, 2026.
Jessica L. Haun
Interim Clerk and Master
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 8th day of July, 2026.
Addison Campoverde
Deputy Clerk

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 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 11th day of March, 2026.
Honorable Judge Jeff D. Rader
Sevier County Circuit Court

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **AMBER NICOLE (RIDGE) BRAY**
IN RE: **DANNY CURTIS BRAY, Plaintiff**
Vs.
AMBER NICOLE (RIDGE) BRAY, Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE
CAUSE NO. 23-08
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication that Defendant **AMBER NICOLE (RIDGE) BRAY**'s residence is unknown, and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, notifying Defendant **AMBER NICOLE (RIDGE) BRAY**, to file an Answer with this Court and a copy to the Plaintiff's attorney, Thomas M. Parker, whose address is 108 Sherway Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922, within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said petition. If there is no answer, a hearing on the Complaint for Divorce shall be heard on September 25, 2026, before the Honorable Tom McFarland, Chancellor, at the Morgan County Chancery Court, Morgan County Courthouse located at 415 N. Kingston Street, Wartburg, Tennessee 37887. Failure to answer or appear may result in the relief requested in the petition. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks, July 20, 27, August 3, and August 10, 2026.

This 9 day of July, 2026
Angela R. Anderson
Clerk and Master
Morgan County Chancery Court

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **ANYITH XIOMARA CASTRILLON**
IN RE: **FRANK R. MILBOURN, Plaintiff**
V.
ANYITH XIOMARA CASTRILLON, Defendant
DOCKET NO. 213273 Part II

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, **ANYITH XIOMARA CASTRILLON**, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **ANYITH XIOMARA CASTRILLON**, it is ordered that said defendant, **ANYITH XIOMARA CASTRILLON** file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before 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 Richard "Bud" Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 14th day of JULY, 2026.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **CHRISTOPHER GLENN, SUMMER GREENLEE, KENDALL GLENN, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCY ANN GLENN (deceased)**
IN RE: **BRENT BAXLEY, Personal Representative**
Vs.
CHRISTOPHER GLENN, SUMMER GREENLEE, KENDALL GLENN, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCY ANN GLENN (deceased), Defendants

No. 78185-3
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROBATE DIVISION
It appearing from the Petition for Small Estate Limited Letters of Administration filed herein, that **CHRISTOPHER GLENN, SUMMER GREENLEE, and KENDALL GLENN** are potential heirs of Lucy Ann Glenn, deceased, who are either non-residents of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are currently unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry such that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them; it appearing also from the Petition that Lucy Ann Glenn, deceased, may have additional heirs whose existence and current whereabouts are also unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry such that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them. Therefore, it is ordered that said Defendants, both missing and unknown, file an answer with the Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court (Probate Division) at Knoxville, Tennessee and with L. Eric Ebbert, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is The Ebbert Law Firm, 9145 Cross Park Dr, Suite 103, Knoxville, TN 37923, Telephone (865) 234-2488, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment of default will be taken against you ex parte for failure to respond.

This Notice shall be published in the Knoxville FOCUS for four (4) consecutive weeks.
Entered this 12th day of March, 2026.

Hon. Christopher D. Heagerty
Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM**
IN RE: **THE ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD, K. J. T., DOB: 09/23/2016**
BY: **JESSE SAMUEL HAWKINS and DANIELLE LEIGH HAWKINS (VINCELETTE), Petitioners**
V.
JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM, Respondent
DOCKET NO. 211019-1

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM**
IN RE: **THE ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD, K. J. T., DOB: 09/23/2016**
BY: **JESSE SAMUEL HAWKINS and DANIELLE LEIGH HAWKINS (VINCELETTE), Petitioners**
V.
JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM, Respondent
DOCKET NO. 211019-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, **JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM**, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM**, it is ordered that said defendant, **JADE CHRISTOPHER TATOM**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ellen R. Copper, an Attorney whose address is 800 South Gay Street, Suite 275, Knoxville, TN 37923, 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 for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13 day of JULY, 2026.

Jessica L. Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: **JEFFREY RAY WOLFENBARGER**
IN RE: **GAYA DARCEL WOLFENBARGER, Plaintiff**
V.
JEFFREY RAY WOLFENBARGER, Defendant
DOCKET NO. 213143 Part I

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, **JEFFREY RAY WOLFENBARGER**, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **JEFFREY RAY WOLFENBARGER**, it is ordered that said defendant, **JEFFREY RAY WOLFENBARGER**, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan S. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers St., Knoxville, TN 37917, on or before 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 Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This 14th day of JULY, 2026.

Addison Campoverde
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **JENNIFER LYNN FOWLER**
IN RE: **SAMEH MUNTHER KAMAL, Plaintiff**
V.
JENNIFER LYNN FOWLER, Defendant

DOCKET NO. 213231-PART I
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion for Service of Publication and the certification by the process server that your whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff so that ordinary process of law cannot be served, you, **JENNIFER LYNN FOWLER, Defendant**, are hereby notified that you are required to file with the Chancery Court of Knox County at Knoxville, Tennessee, your defense to the Complaint filed against you in said cause. A notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper in Knoxville, TN. At or before 30 days from the date of the last publication, a true copy of your defense to the Complaint filed against you, **JENNIFER LYNN FOWLER, Defendant**, must be served on **Jedidiah C. McKeenan, McKeenan Law Group, LLC, 6705 Albunda Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919**. In case of your failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This 6th day of July, 2026.
John F. Weaver
Chancellor

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **CASEY NEWPORT**
IN RE: **THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD, K.J.N., DOB 06/14/2017**
BY: **AMANDA HAMBY and SAMUEL E. HAMBY, Plaintiffs**
Vs.
CASEY NEWPORT, Defendant

PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
CAUSE NO. A-7-26
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, being a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, which is sworn to as well as the Motion and Order for Publication, that the whereabouts of the Defendant, **CASEY NEWPORT**, is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry it is ordered that Publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, notifying said Defendant, **CASEY NEWPORT**, to file an Answer with the Chancery Court for Morgan County, Tennessee at 415 N. Kingston St., #104, Wartburg Tennessee 37887, and send a copy to Plaintiff's attorneys, **Megan Hutchens Esq., and Oldfield Law Tennessee PLLC** whose address is 10263 Kingston Pike Knoxville, Tennessee 37922, within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication, exclusive of said date of publication or a judgment by default may be entered against her.

This cause is set for hearing before the court on the 25th day of September, 2026 at the Morgan County Chancery Court located at 415 N. Kingston St., # 104, Wartburg, Tennessee 37887.
This 1st day of July, 2026.
Angela R. Anderson
Morgan County Chancery Court Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARION D. ADAMS
DOCKET NUMBER 92764-1
Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the

Estate of MARION D. ADAMS, who died December 31, 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 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARION D. ADAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA A. OTTINGER
25218 DRIFTWOOD HARBOR LANE
TOMBALL, TX 77375

BAILEY SCHIERMEYER, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BIANKA DANIELLE ALUBE
DOCKET NUMBER 92714-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BIANKA DANIELLE ALUBE, who died March 7, 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 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BIANKA DANIELLE ALUBE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALLEN A. ALUBE, ADMINISTRATOR
907 MILES CT.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES W. BELL, aka JAMES WILLAM BELL
DOCKET NUMBER 92730-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES W. BELL, aka JAMES WILLAM BELL, who died on May 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 7th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES W. BELL, aka JAMES WILLAM BELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNIFER A. BELL
301 CHESHIRE DRIVE, APT. 128
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

JACKSON G. KRAMER, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULA BOATWRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 92770-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PAULA BOATWRIGHT, who died June 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PAULA BOATWRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NORMA LAVALLLEY
11814 EAST BECKER DRIVE
AVAL, AZ 85641

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS FAYE COCHRAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92620-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LOIS FAYE COCHRAN, who

died December 27, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 6th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LOIS FAYE COCHRAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA A. BOWERS
10425 OLD RUTLEDGE PK.
MASCOT, TN 37806

JEFFREY Z. DANIEL, ATTORNEY
8303 HEISKELL RD.
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOYCE FAYE DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 92632-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOYCE FAYE DAVIS, who died on April 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 1st day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOYCE FAYE DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DYE
DOCKET NUMBER 92724-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DYE, who died May 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 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 1st day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DYE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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SAVANNAH, GA 31404

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THERESA ANN FLAIM
DOCKET NUMBER 92780-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THERESA ANN FLAIM, who died May 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEAN MARIE LYNN
DOCKET NUMBER 92739-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of July, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN MARIE LYNN, who died May 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 7th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEAN MARIE LYNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1917 WAYSIDE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEROME F. MAREK
DOCKET NUMBER 92482-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JEROME F. MAREK, who died January 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 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEROME F. MAREK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAKE JOSEPH MORELLO, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92743-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAKE JOSEPH MORELLO, JR., who died on May 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 13th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAKE JOSEPH MORELLO, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAY W. MORELLO
14825 BUTTERMILK ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

MARK E. TILLERY, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 12257
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEONARD ALVIN OGLE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92733-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of LEONARD ALVIN OGLE, JR., who died on March 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LEONARD ALVIN OGLE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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620 HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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SEYMOUR, TN 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES OLIVO
DOCKET NUMBER 92688-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT JAMES OLIVO, 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 1st day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES OLIVO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NAOMI ELIZABETH
BROSS PHILLIPS
DOCKET NUMBER 92711-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NAOMI ELIZABETH BROSS PHILLIPS, who died on the 5th day of May, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 NAOMI ELIZABETH
BROSS PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAWN PHILLIPS FRANCESCO
1642 EL PRADO DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

MATTHEW B. FRERE, ATTORNEY
1001 E. BROADWAY
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY JOSEPHINE POTTS
DOCKET NUMBER 92753-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY JOSEPHINE POTTS, who died December 31, 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 13th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY JOSEPHINE POTTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT LELAND POTTS, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92754-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LELAND POTTS, SR., who died June 14, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT LELAND POTTS, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GLADYS MAURADA RANDOLPH
DOCKET NUMBER 92736-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of July, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLADYS MAURADA RANDOLPH, who died May 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF GLADYS MAURADA RANDOLPH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GLORIA MCLEAN REDDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 92467-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLORIA MCLEAN REDDEN, who died March 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 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF GLORIA MCLEAN REDDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES PHILIP REDDEN, JR.
109 WESTCLIFF CT.
HARRIMAN, TN 37748

MATT COURTEAU, ATTORNEY
1002 BRADFORD WAY, SUITE 200
KINGSTON, TN 37763

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN C. RITCHIE
DOCKET NUMBER 92589-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN C. RITCHIE, who died on April 24, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN C. RITCHIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN C. RITCHIE, JR., CO-EXECUTOR
12943 ORCHARD CROSSING LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

JEFFREY D. RITCHIE, CO-EXECUTOR
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ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSHUA EVERETT ROBINSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92750-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JOSHUA EVERETT ROBINSON, who died April 14, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOSHUA EVERETT ROBINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES D. ROCHELLE
DOCKET NUMBER 92557-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES D. ROCHELLE, who died February 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the 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 10th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES D. ROCHELLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GARY J. ROCHELLE
7216 OLD BLACKS FERRY ROAD
POWELL, TN 37849

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37927-3804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MIRIAM LOUISE JONES ROSS
DOCKET NUMBER 92456-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of JUNE, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MIRIAM LOUISE JONES ROSS, who died January 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 25th day of JUNE, 2026.

ESTATE OF MIRIAM LOUISE JONES ROSS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEITH LEE ROSS
404 COUNTRY GARDENS DR.
FOUNTAIN INN, SC 29644

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY J. RUTHERFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 92710-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of JULY, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY J. RUTHERFORD, who died May 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 2nd day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF BETTY J. RUTHERFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFREY A. PAINTER, EXECUTOR
1632 CHARLOTTESVILLE BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CRAIG RONALD THOMPSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92251-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of July, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CRAIG RONALD THOMPSON, who died October 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF CRAIG RONALD THOMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH M. THOMPSON
1432 S. VICTORIA AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90019

BENNETT HIRSCHHORN, ATTORNEY
4200 W. MARTIN MILL PIKE, STE. 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGUERITE LOIS WALCH
DOCKET NUMBER 92756-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARGUERITE LOIS WALCH, who died February 18, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County Probate Court. 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 13th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARGUERITE LOIS WALCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MYRON CASADA
513 BATTLE FRONT TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

KIMBERLY SEALS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEBBIE WAMPLER
DOCKET NUMBER 92732-1**

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2026-2027 Knox County Schools Calendar

Monday, August 3	First Day for Teachers (School-based In-Service Day)
Tuesday August 4	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12)
Wednesday, August 5	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Thursday, August 6	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Friday, August 7	Systemwide In-Service Day (½ Day School-based); Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day); 6th and 9th Grade Orientation
Monday, August 10	First Day for Students (½ Day)
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, September 9	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, September 16	Half Day for Students
Thursday, September 17	Constitution Day (Knox County Schools Open)
Monday, October 5 - Friday, October 9	Fall Break
Friday, October 16	End First 9-weeks Grading Period
Tuesday, November 3	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Tuesday, November 17	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, November 18	Half Day for Students
Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holidays (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday, December 18	½ Day for Students; End Second 9-weeks Grading Period; End First Semester
Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1	Winter Break
Monday, January 4	Systemwide In-service Day (½ Day School-based; Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day)
Tuesday, January 5	First Day for Students after Winter Break (Full Day)
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, January 27	Half Day for Students
Friday, February 5	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Monday, February 15	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Monday, March 8 – Friday, March 12	Spring Break
Friday, March 19	End Third 9-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, March 24	Half Day for Students
Friday, March 26	Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Monday, March 29	Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, April 7	Systemwide In-Service Day (School-based) (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Friday, April 23	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, May 26	Last Day for Students (½ Day); End Fourth 9-weeks Grading Period; End Second Semester
Thursday, May 27	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers
Friday June 18	Juneteenth Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)

Calendar Summary

180	Instructional Days*
4	Administrative Days
2	Unscheduled In-Service Days
1	Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours Day
6	Scheduled In-Service Days
10	Vacation Days

*In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3004 – 177 student instructional days plus 3 days accumulated under the daily 7-hour schedule.

Note: This calendar allows cancellation of up to 8 instructional days due to inclement weather or serious outbreaks of illness before any make up days will be required.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Cedar Bluff Towing. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on August 10, 2026, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2006 Toyota Camry 4T1BE32K46U725267 (Brandi Mayes)

2006 Chevrolet Tahoe 1GNEK13Z66R147290 (Christopher L. Pullins)

2009 Honda Ridgeline 5FPYK16229B107665 (Emily Patterson)

2017 Nissan Altima 1N4AL3AP5HC493702 (Vanessa G. Allen / Platinum Motorsport LLC / Miguel Gonzalez / Titlemax of Tennessee Inc. DBA Titlemax)

2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2GCEC19V341309649 (Zachar Lewis Weygandt / TMX Finance Of Tennessee, Inc. DBA Titlemax)

2011 Mini Cooper WMWSU3C53BT098266 (Joy C. Wilson)

2014 GMC Acadia 1GKRPKD8EJ313195 (Amy Barnett)

2004 Honda VT750 JH2RC50044M001170 (James Marshall / Titlemax Of Tennessee, Inc. DBA Titlemax)

2011 Honda CR-V 3CZRE3H3XBG704689 (Nathan A. Ashton)

2018 Hyundai Tucson KM8J33A23JU648158

(Wiley Humphery / ORNL FCU)

2015 Nissan Sentra 3N1AB7AP1FY220333 (Kitty Martinez Miguel)

2011 Toyota Camry 4T1BF3EK1BU220418 (Larry Michael Shepherd)

2008 Honda CR-V 3CZRE38348G706804 (Ja"Hiness Nahaji Bell / A+ Auto Sales & Repair Inc.)

2014 Kia Rio KNADM4A33E6413778 (Loretta Lewis)

2012 Mini Cooper WMWSU3C59CT185011 (Sheila Witt)

2007 Nissan Quest 5N1BV28U47N132104 (Luis Carols Romero Prieto / Kedzie Lawrence Currency Exchange)

1999 Chevrolet Blazer 1GNDT13W6X2244790 (Quin Wilson)

2014 Volkswagen Jetta 3VWPP7AJ9EM623063 (William G. Loudermilk)

2001 Ford Explorer Sport Trac 1FMZU67E41UC33093 (Damon L. Moore)

2016 Hyundai Sonata 5NPE24AF5GH420165 (Alexis Holt)

1998 Ford F-150 1FTZF17W9WNB36757 (Gary A. Helton)

2016 Chevrolet Equinox 2GNLFKEK2G6166169 (Joseph or Amanda Hayward)

2014 RAM Ram 1500 1C6RR6FT5ES121790 (Samantha Groner / America's Car-mart)

2010 Nissan Cube JN8AZ2KR3AT158399 (Aleah Dahlke)

1999 Toyota Corolla 2T1BR12E3XC138645 (Veronica Ward)

2007 Volkswagen Rabbit

WVWDR71K47W124487 (Berkley Stombaugh)

2011 BMW X5 5UXZWOC59BL368335 (Christie Vangorder / Joseph A. Gugliotta Sr.)

2002 Toyota Camry 4T1BE32K62U627254 (Jhon Fernandez)

2019 Kia Optima 5XXGU4L17KG373567 (Betty H. Trent / Bridgecrest Acceptance Corp.)

2013 Infiniti G37 JN1CV6AP7DM306725 (Daniel Neeley / TMX Finance Of TN Inc DBA Titlemax)

1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee 1J4GZ58S0SC522498 (Rodney Childress)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at a public auction held on August 10, 2026, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2026 Carry-On Trailer Aluminum Trailer 4M9BE1826TS142265 (Peter Escamilla)

2005 Honda Civic 2HGES26845H598865 (Dallas Large)

2008 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K48U231543 (Raquel Mora Bautista)

2007 Saturn VUE 56ZC253467S811376 (Alysia Hartley / TMX Finance Of Tennessee, Inc DBA Titlemax)

2016 Fiat 500X ZFBCFYBT3GP367903 (Gracie Nipper and Nathaniel Wells / Wells Fargo Auto)

2014 Toyota Corolla 2T1BURHEXEC210698 (Lacey Lambert)

2007 Honda Pilot 5FNYP28587B029433 (Riley C. Fox)

2003 Ford Exploror Sport Trac 1FMZU67E63UC58001 (Eliam B. Young)

2014 Mazda CX-5 JM3KE4CY5E0392250 (Opal M. Bradford / Carvana LLC)

1960s Silverline Boat VIN N/A (Mara Thrasher)

2005 Ford Mustang 1ZVFT84N955232559 (Abigail H. R. Potter)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday, August 27, 2026 - 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

2007 ACURA MDX 2HNYD28307H523925

2011 BUICK REGAL W04GU56C2B1010911

2008 CHEVY AVEO KL1TD6668B254156

2005 CHRYSLER TC 1C4GP45R55B441207

1994 DODGE RMW 2B4HB25Y6RK568740

2003 DODGE CAR 2D4GP44L13R203286

1993 FORD F150 1FTEX15N4PKA78694

2006 FORD FUSION 3FAFP07Z36R227711

1998 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU34E9WUC11133

2005 FORD EXPEDITION 1FMPU16515LA01851

2004 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU74K84UC23445

2006 FORD F150 1FTRX12W06NB71689

2008 HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPET46C78H386422

1995 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCD5665SA064205

2019 INFINITI Q50 JN1EV7AP4KM543622

2015 JEEP GCH 1C4RJFAG0FC211287

2013 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGN4A72DG248533

2017 KIA SPT KNDFMCAC5H7177689

2007 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 5LMFU28547LJ06611

1999 MERCEDES C230 WDBHA24G7XA771108

2011 NISSAN MAXIMA 1N4AA5AP0BC847277

2015 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP5FC179044

2002 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE 1G2HY54K624213989

1999 TOYOTA SIENNA 4T3ZF13C1XU150061

2019 VOLKSWAGON TIGUAN 3VV2B7AX8KM027178

2008 VOLKSWAGON RABBIT WVVWDB71K58W303689

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner(s) and/or lien holder(s) of the following vehicle(s) are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE PARKING and TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 2400 Sutherland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of or sell said vehicles after August 17, 2026.

1. 1988 Cadillac (Mod. N/A) 1G5DW51Y6JR755994

2. 1993 GMC Safari 1GKDM15Z5PB505196

3. 2000 Chev Cavalier 4G1JF32T6Y8903479

4. 1995 Chev Lumina 1GKDM15Z5PB505196

5. 2004 Chev Impala 1GCEK19T14E372863

6. 2003 Toyota 4-Runner JTEBT14R530019433

7. 2002 Mazda Protégé JM1BJ225221592105

8. 2010 Chev Camaro 2G1FB1EV1A9164775

9. 2001 Subaru Forrester JF1SF65651H742426

10. 2002 Honda Civic 2HGES16522H586256

11. 2000 Honda CRV JHLRD1865YC003239

12. 2008 Toyota Avalon 4T1BK36B98U313514

13. 2004 Chev Impala 2G1WF52E349389512

14. 1997 Ford F150 1FTDX1764VKB17525

15. 2002 Ford Taurus 1FAFP53U62A162882

16. 2002 Ford Explorer 1FMZU72E32UC96095

17. 2007 Dodge Ram 1D7HA16K57J577048

18. 2006 Chev Impala 2G1WF52E249180813

19. 2007 Kia Spectra KNAFE121875473095

20. 1999 GMC Sonoma 1GTC519X0X8527996

21. 2000 Dodge Dakota 1B7HG2AZ4YS785047

22. 2000 Infinity Q30T JNKA31A3YT124386

23. 2005 Mazda Tribute 4F2CZ94175KM54445

24. 2001 Infinity Q35 JNKDA31A52T010305

25. 2002 Mazda Protégé 5 JM1BJ245321531519

26. 2006 Toyota Camry 4T1BE32K96U703734

27. 2014 Toyota Camry 4T1BF1FK0EU367787

28. 2012 VW Passat 1VWBP7A34CC015929

29. 2002 VW Passat 3VWSE69M42M066700

30. 2001 Nissan Maxima JN1CA31D71T621509

31. 1994 Lincoln Town Car 1LNLM81W1R757194

32. 2011 Chrysler 200 1C3BC2F6G4BN592366

33. 2010 Kia Rio KNADH4A38A6633755

34. 2007 Dodge Avenger 1B3LC46R78N193474