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Back to School!



PHOTO BY ADELYN PAIR, EMERALD ACADEMY.

Emerald Academy faculty and staff welcome students back for the first day of school early last week. The schools begins its 12th year in 2026-27.

Emerald Academy welcomes students for its 12th year

By Ken Lay

School is back in session for Emerald Academy and early last week, the students at Knox County's charter school got the grand welcome as the school opened its doors for the 2026-27 school year.

The school began its 12th year in operation on Monday, July 27, and as students began to arrive around 7:30 a.m., they walked the green

carpet and were greeted by faculty, staff, administrators and community members who answered an early wake-up call to either welcome students back or calm the nerves of those who might be coming to the school for the first time. The students were welcomed into a spirit tunnel and received high fives and saw signs welcoming them to the school.

"It's exciting, and it was a great

day," said Adelyn Pair, associate director of communications and marketing of the Emerald Youth Foundation. "We welcomed back our scholars, and we're looking forward to another great school year.

"We have the green carpet out for them and want them to feel welcome. The first day of school is always tough, and for some of our scholars,

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Tax break for South Knox development postponed

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A proposed waiver of Payments in Lieu of Taxes for a South Knox development was debated at the Knox County Commission meeting Monday evening during a very long session that included the request from DWF John Sevier LLC for help with building 80 housing units.

The agreement, proposed by Mayor Glenn Jacobs, would grant a tax break for 20 years on one-half of the units which would be designated as affordable rentals. The project is planned for 400 West John Sevier Highway.

Ninth District Commissioner Andy Fox objected to the tax break and said there is an outcry from people in his district about the project. He encouraged the opposition speakers in the large audience who charged the tax break was for political influence.

"We don't need workforce housing," Fox said, adding that such a break

would "subsidize" the development.

First District Commissioner Damon Rawls called for a vote, but the discussion continued.

Fox said people moving into the complex would cost the county funds and put additional children in local schools.

District 6 Commissioner Terry Hill countered and said, "Some people need this kind of a break." She cited the needs of college graduates and new teachers who could afford to stay there.

District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell replied that renters in the reduced rent units would only save \$208 a month.

The voting began but halted for more discussion.

Knox County's Chief Operating Officer Dwight Van de Vate told the commissioners there is a need for workforce housing and urged them not to "marginalize" that population.

Fox replied to shouts for him from the audience.

"If we don't do this, land will be used for market rates," said District 4 Commissioner Shane Jackson. Hill said lower-income renters "don't just take, they produce and give back."

Fox said he objects to "subsidizing half of those residents" and moved to delay a decision for 30 days. District 7 Commissioner Rhonda Lee seconded the motion and the matter now goes to August for a vote. Voting "No" were Rawls, Hill, Courtney Durrett, and Larsen Jay.

In other business, the commission voted unanimously to approve a split in funding between the Bridge

to Safety Program and the Knoxville Family Justice Center. Mike Hammond, who created the Bridge group, and Shannon Lee of the Family Justice Center said they are satisfied with the agreement. The funding will be split through 2027-28, and then Bridges to Safety will be the sole receiver of county funding.

Some objections were made to a proposal by Commissioner Rawls to prohibit large outside firms from buying up single-family homes for rental purposes. Fox and Lee opposed the idea but it passed on its first reading after being

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Comprehensive review ordered for KCSO Flock camera policy

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While the Knox County Commission rejected adding an emergency resolution banning the addition of more license plate reading traffic cameras, it then turned around and approved a "comprehensive review" of the sheriff's Flock camera policy. The growing opposition to expansion of the Knox

County Sheriff's Office's \$1.5-million-dollar state grant to expand the Advanced Research and Communications Center is coming from both sides of the local political spectrum.

Flock cameras read license plates automatically and are promoted for helping capture data, tracking stolen cars, and

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City council asked to amend \$499 million operating budget

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The approved operating budget for Knoxville in the new fiscal year is \$499 million. On Tuesday, the Finance Department will ask the city council to amend that budget to add \$20,000 for neighborhood grants.

The council is also being asked to approve revising the city charter to align city elections so the selection of a mayor will include the election of council members. The amendment to the charter, if passed, would be submitted to voters for approval.

Councilwoman At-Large Amelia Parker has a similar proposal on the agenda to amend the charter. She wants to have district council members elected only by their district voters and for the at-large primary winners to be the victors, dropping the runoffs between the two highest vote-getting candidates.

The council may also vote on a zoning change for Zero and 3223 Valley View Drive from single-family residential neighborhood to general residential neighborhood. Viorel (Vio) Rotar is the applicant.

The Kress Building at 417 Gay Street may be permitted to continue encroaching into the public right-of-way of

Strong Street Alley and South Gay Street.

The Engineering Department is looking for a temporary easement at 6540 Maynardville Pike for \$5,000 to install a new traffic signal pole at the intersection with Foley Drive.

Engineering is also asking for an increase to Henley Roofing Company for the LT Ross Building Reroof Project, upping the contract agreement to \$841,902.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may approve \$25,000 in block grant funds for SEED, Inc., for its Home Repairs and Weatherization Program. The Family Investment Foundation Inc. may get \$144,000 in grant funds to support its Accessible Homes, Stable Futures Program.

Knoxville Area Transit is asking for \$150,000 annually to lease tires for the bus fleet from Bridge-stone Americas Tire Operations LLC in a three-year term.

Ijams Nature Center may get \$60,000 for trash and debris removal on waterways stretching from the Forks of the River to the end of Sequoyah Park.

The council's consent agreements include applying for grants for KAT, Housing and Neighborhood Development and community policing.

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a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

It's Complicated

It's complicated, but I'm not talking about the 2009 romcom (romantic comedy) of the same name. The modern world is complicated.

William Wordsworth wrote the poem, "The World Is Too Much With Us," lamenting that the world has lost connection with nature. I enjoy the outdoors and especially our Smoky Mountains, but I admit that I'm a city boy who likes his modern conveniences and technology. And my concerns are greater than just the natural world.

I'm curious about a lot of things and my iPhone and the Internet ease my curiosity-itch. I am science-oriented, but I've come to appreciate good writing, even poetry - as long as the poem is pithy. My favorite poets, Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, seem able to create beautiful imagery with fewer words.

The world is more complicated than in times past.

Wordsworth was never put on "hold" and forced to listen to terrible phone music because there were no telephones. And he never interacted with a bot on an interacting chat line because this tech was 150 years in the future.

I am a 20th century man trying to navigate a 21st century world. Of course, that is a bit of hyperbole. I am not lamenting, just explaining the challenges of my time. I remember my grandmother telling me about her first encounter with an automobile. A Model T spooked her horse, which bucked her to the ground. I feel like I've been riding a bucking bronco for the last several months, dealing with an Amazon AI in Seattle that routes the company's delivery vehicles through our property to an adjoining development.

Some years ago, we added a gravel service road as an alternate exit from the

back of our 20-acre property. We share the paved main driveway entrance with my daughter's home. Unfortunately, the Seattle routing system AI discovered our gravel road and is now directing all deliveries to an adjoining neighborhood through our property using the gravel road. We now have large Amazon trucks, as well as contract drivers who rarely speak English, zooming through our property, endangering dogs, horses, chickens and my grandchildren on their golf cart. I was almost hit by an Amazon truck pulling out of my barn.

You would think that reporting this to Amazon could resolve the issue by changing the routing instructions to their drivers to use the development's entrance off Woodson Drive. And yet our calls and discussions with a dozen Amazon employees across the country have been unable to override the routing AI.

We were even told by Amazon employees to call our sheriff. That didn't work because our call to the constable was shunted through multiple departments and finally I felt like Kevin's mother in the movie "Home Alone," frantically trying to explain the situation to a donut-eating gendarme.

Artificial intelligence (AI)

is artificial because it was made by man, but it is not yet intelligent. There is concern that AI will soon become more advanced and powerful than its creators and escape human control as in the movie "Terminator." This recently happened when OpenAI models escaped confinement for four days and launched 17,600 hacking attacks.

Elon Musk is no Luddite, but has been vocal in his AI concerns. Nor am I a technology Luddite, named after a 19th-century Englishman who resisted automation in the textile industry.

Anthropologists have posited that curiosity is a survival trait for humans. Einstein once said, "I am neither especially clever nor especially gifted. I am only very, very curious."

The Internet is a god-send for me. And I use AI as a tool, but resist its Siren Song of blindly accepting the "answers" it spits out.

I use Duck Duck Go as my search engine (purportedly it doesn't track me as does Google), and with each search an AI option called "search assist" is available. I also use Grok and have ChatGPT, though I have used it less often.

Anyone who searches the Internet for answers or uses AI should remember that AI merely searches

widely through the Internet at the speed of light, gathering data that you requested. And the answers it gives are only as good as the data sifted, collected and organized in written form for you.

I follow tech guru Kim Komando who recently advised that you should specify "respected" sources in your AI searches. But is there a standard for a respected source?

Philosopher Immanuel Kant said you should seek facts that are "universally" accepted as true by all people at all times. Would data/information from CNN, the Mayo Clinic or the NY Times be respected sources? Komando also advised that you specify a list of the sources the AI tool used.

You might be educated by the data presented, but would that make you wise, a process requiring discernment or the proper use of information? It's complicated.

I know educated people who are not wise, and I know people who are not formally educated who have what we call street smarts or common sense.

I no longer practice medicine, but I can see the value of using an AI tool. The danger is omitting the fuzzy logic of a human brain and relying on machine algorithms (problem solving by

repetition).

I recently read of a lawsuit by a patient who had a bad medical outcome after taking the advice of ChatGPT, while ignoring the advice from friends to see a doctor. Amazon's Ask a Doctor offered me a "chat" with a doctor who actually was an online "doctor's assistant." And I saw a TV ad of a man taking a picture of his sore toe and submitting it to a chat line for a diagnosis and treatment advice.

Conversely, I read of AI aiding the development of targeted cancer therapy by searching for the right key (drug) to fit into the specific cellular lock (receptor) of cancer cells. And the Mayo Clinic is reportedly using AI to diagnose pancreatic cancer earlier.

I am blessed to be living in the information age and to have tools that help me keep learning, thinking and expanding my horizon. Socrates once said that the "unexamined life" is not meaningful or worth living. In other words, an examined life is one of self-reflection and critical thinking.

The world is complicated and evolving, but wondrous. I am blessed to still have my wits and the tools to help me appreciate God's magnificent creation.

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Emerald Academy

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this was their first day of school."

Emerald Academy serves students in grades K-8 and looks to prepare its scholars for high school and postsecondary education through the use of rigorous academic standards.

The weather cooperated;

although it was humid, the rain stayed away while students entered the building, and Pair lauded the community members who might've begun their Monday and their week early to give the students the sendoff into the new school year.

"We had our teachers, staff and we had some

members of the community come over to welcome back our scholars," she said. "This can be nerve-racking because some of these scholars, it was their first day and it was nice to have members of the community welcome them back.

"It was great to see all the energy."

Special events get city beer licenses

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The Knoxville City Council Beer Board met recently and, under Chairwoman Debbie Helsley, voted on more than two dozen applications and violations. Among the many requests on the agenda were four special requests for public events. All four were approved after spokespersons explained their plans.

Aaron Snukals, manager of Breast Connect Inc., applied for a special event permit for a September 11 salute to first responders. He told the meeting he wants to honor all those people who serve the public and said he hopes the event could generate \$25,000 for the Knoxville Safety Foundation. The organization is located at 1400

Kenesaw Avenue.

Bryan Howington, manager of the First Lutheran Church and School at 1207 Broadway, announced the church's German Fest set for August 22, where 10,000 to 12,000 people are expected, and volunteers will dress in period attire. Sharon Bitzer of Immaculate Conception Church described Irish Fest as going into its 17th year. The church is at 414 West Vine Avenue and the fundraising celebration is scheduled for August 8.

Greek Fest is set for September 11, 12 and 13. Mike Nassios told the Beer Board of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church's plans. The church is located at 4070 Kingston Pike.

Among the numerous beer permits granted was a request for a new

license for Good Judy's at 1215 North Central in the former location of Club XYZ. It was issued a beer and catering permit after Emily Belanger spoke to the meeting, pending a certificate of occupancy, a health inspection, a license and turning over the former permit.

Other permits were issued, pending some documentation, to the Hilton on West Church, the Marriott Knoxville on Henley Street, The Tennesseean at 531 Henley Street, 808 Music Group at 808 Sevier Avenue and No Comply Pizza at 4644 Walker Boulevard.

Hi Grav Public House was a no-show for a hearing on server compliance. The business at 409 South Gay was referred to a revocation hearing.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Troop 30 of the Great Smoky Mountain Boy Scouts Council attended last week's Knox County Commission meeting on the invitation of Commissioner Courtney Durrett. The scouts meet at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Asheville Highway and attending a government meeting is a requirement to earn a badge.

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deferred from May and June's meetings. The 9-2 vote takes it to a second reading.

Attorney Ben Mullins, who often represents developers and community groups, said the Rawls proposal is "well-intended but needs some more work."

New members were selected by nomination for the Health and Education

Board and the Audit Committee.

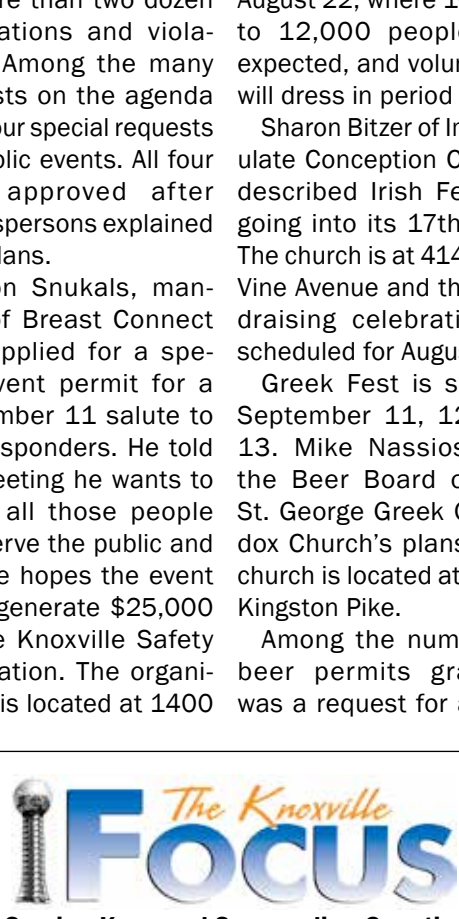
A change in law that would have eventually dropped the wheel tax on vehicle registration and renewal failed in a vote. Commissioner Jay and Mayor Jacobs sponsored the proposal.

The commission also voted unanimously to revise the Code of Ethics.

Changes in the way the

commission operates,

sponsored by the Rules Committee, hit some objections. Fox, Lee and Russell opposed removing Honorary Resolutions from the agenda and opposed limiting commissioners responding to public comments made in the Public Form section of county meetings. Despite the opposition, all the revisions to rules passed.



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Publisher's Positions



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Fauci, The Fraud

Millions of people in this country wondered why Joe Biden, or whoever made the actual decision, provided an autopen pardon for Dr. Anthony Fauci. Anyone who has watched the spectacle of Dr. "I am science" Fauci sitting before a panel of US senators and invoking the Fifth Amendment like a Mafia thug now realizes just why the Biden administration believed this bureaucrat needed a pardon. The fact that any responsible president would pardon the individual with the most singular responsibility for disrupting the lives of millions of people --- some 40 million people were thrown out of work during Covid --- destroying the careers and lives of tens of thousands

of people who did not follow the strictures and edicts laid down by Fauci is incomprehensible. Were it not for the leftist bias of the mainstream media in this country, the diaries of Anthony Fauci would be the biggest news story since the Watergate break-in in the 1970s.

The most hideous and most disturbing aspect of Fauci's diaries is not his obsession with and craving of fame and adulation. It's the drastic difference between his own private thoughts and what he said publicly. Evidently, there were huge gaps between what he told friends and what he insisted the public must do. A good doctor would follow the same advice he gave his/her own patients. Countless thousands of elderly people died a lonely death, locked away from loved ones, as their children and grandchildren could only witness their suffering or passing from a computer screen.

The web of lies, with which the bulk of the media, much of officialdom and social media were equally guilty, spread faster than the contagion itself. Biden said "Get the vaccine, and you won't get Covid." That was believed by millions

of people in this country who bullied, condemned, and ostracized anyone who even questioned the necessity of being vaccinated. People were fired for not being vaccinated and the health bureaucracy, headed by a narcissistic megalomaniac, argued for vaccinating children, who were not really seriously threatened by Covid, instead of focusing on the elderly, who were the most vulnerable population. One did not have to be a rocket scientist to figure that out, but that was one of the many missteps made along the way by Anthony Fauci.

It has long been clear to any rational or merely objective person that Fauci was almost certainly not telling the truth while testifying before Congress. Fauci's diaries underscore that belief without question. Never once has Fauci ever remotely apologized to those who lost loved ones. Never once has he said he was sorry. Quite the contrary, questioning Tony Fauci was to question science. Interestingly, most of those who to this day think of Fauci as a living saint also believe men can become women and vice versa. They believe there

are "birthing persons" and as many as 72 possible genders. They are the same people who cried the world would have burned to a crisp 12 years ago. They wouldn't know science if it came up and kicked them in the butt.

Because Donald Trump was president when Covid began, it became a partisan issue and Democrats to this day circle the wagons and cry crocodile tears for the pint-sized mad scientist who insisted the pandemic started not from a lab in Wuhan, China, but because someone ate a bat. Yet it has been confirmed that is exactly what happened. Most of us still remember to repeat that fact was condemned and called a conspiracy theory by the corporate media and its talking heads.

The money trail, where apparently Fauci used federal employees who solicited cash prizes for the highest paid person in our government, has come to light. So have some of the journalists and celebrities who Fauci duly recorded in his diaries. Dining at the home of Jake Tapper, who never acknowledged he had a serious conflict in trying to report that particular story.

But nobody outside of the mainstream media even pretends Tapper is anything but what he is, a shill for the favorite narrative of the elitist left. Tapper will probably write another book outlining the Fauci scandal and how, like everybody else, he had no idea, just as he didn't realize Joe Biden had really serious cognitive problems. These people don't read the news as much as they shovel out the propaganda for their own narrative.

The saddest part is that the Covid narrative they created devastated so many people and divided the whole country all for the vanity of one very small, vain little man.

Lindsey Graham: A Great Public Servant Passes Away

The death of Lindsey Graham came as a shock to the people of South Carolina and the country. Graham was one of the few people in Congress who really stood out for his abilities, his dedication to the people who sent him to Washington, and his country. Service to his country and people was the very

foundation upon which Lindsey Graham built his very life.

Senator Graham believed in the country he served; he provided such excellent service to his constituents that he couldn't be beaten in elections. A man who raised his much younger sister after the death of his parents, Lindsey Graham considered others before himself.

Graham left behind a modest estate and is one of those who did not get rich in public service. He left something far greater than a large estate; he left behind him a legacy that will live forever.

Right or wrong, Lindsey Graham pursued his beliefs with the necessary convictions of a true believer. Graham was also one of the few in the Senate who had real friendships that crossed the aisle. Known in Washington and South Carolina as a man of wit, humor, and genuine kindness, Lindsey Graham may well be the last giant to occupy the US Senate.

As he is laid to rest by his people, The Knoxville Focus says good-bye to a true servant of South Carolina and the United States of America.

Forty-Four Years of Showing Up

In politics today, there is often an emphasis on the next election, the latest Fox headline, or the newest campaign slogan. Yet public service was never intended to be measured by a single election cycle. It is measured by years of commitment, consistency, and a willingness to serve when there are no cameras, no applause, and no guarantee of recognition.

For the past 44 years, I have had the privilege of serving the Republican Party as a grassroots volunteer, elected official, party leader, campaign worker, and conservative activist. Throughout those four decades, one principle has remained unchanged: conservative values are only as strong as the people willing to defend them



GUEST COLUMN
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through consistent action.

Conservatism is not simply a philosophy discussed during a campaign season. It is a commitment to limited government, fiscal responsibility, constitutional principles, individual liberty, personal accountability, and respect for the rule of law. Those ideals require more than words. They require participation.

Over the years, I have learned that real leadership often happens away from the spotlight. It happens in local party meetings, neighborhood events, county conventions, volunteer phone banks, voter registration drives, and countless conversations with Republicans who simply want their voices heard. Those experiences have shaped my understanding

of both our party and the responsibilities entrusted to those who represent it.

Experience should never be confused with entitlement. Holding a position is not the goal. Serving people is.

Every leadership role I have accepted has carried the same responsibility: to listen first, represent faithfully, and remember that elected positions belong to the people—not the officeholder. That philosophy has guided my service from my earliest days volunteering for Republican campaigns through years of elected and appointed leadership within our party.

One lesson has become increasingly clear over four decades: political parties are strongest when they remember their purpose. The Tennessee Republican Party exists to advance conservative principles, elect Republican candidates, and give Republican voters confidence that

their voices are represented honestly and consistently. That responsibility belongs to every volunteer and every elected party leader.

I have never believed that one faction, one personality, or one special interest should define our party. The Republican Party succeeds when conservatives of good faith work together around shared principles rather than personal agendas.

That is why I have often said, "I am not owned or beholden to any faction of the Republican Party. I represent the views of my people. I am in District 6 (since 1973), by District 6, and for District 6."

Those words are not campaign slogans. They reflect on how I have approached public service for more than four decades.

Longevity alone is not an accomplishment. Remaining engaged, remaining accessible, and remaining

committed year after year—that is what matters. Anyone can become involved during an election year. The true measure of commitment is continuing to serve after the election is over, when the work becomes less visible but no less important.

As Republicans, we inherit a proud tradition of leadership built by those who invested their time, talents, and energy into something larger than themselves. I have tried to honor that tradition every year since I first became involved in Republican politics as a teenager. Forty-four years later, I remain just as committed to the principles that first inspired me to serve. My belief in conservative government has not changed. My respect for Republican voters has not changed. My commitment to representing District 6 with integrity, transparency and accountability has not changed. Public service is not

measured by a campaign. It is measured by a lifetime of showing up.

For me, that commitment has lasted 44 years—and I intend to continue earning the trust of Republicans by doing what I have always done: listening, serving, and standing firmly for the conservative principles that have guided me from the very beginning.

Brian Hornback

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Comprehensive review ordered for KCSO Flock camera policy

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creating investigative leads for law enforcement and private companies.

Eighth District Commissioner Adam Thompson's initial multi-page emergency ordinance called for prohibiting the installation of additional cameras on county property, killing the existing agreement with Flock Safety and prohibiting mobile cameras from being deployed as unattended surveillance devices.

It also prohibited the cameras from monitoring political, religious, public assemblies and other protected activities and gathering unrelated information during emergency response.

The Thompson ordinance

was debated by various commissioners, and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs spoke in support of the ban. The vote to add it to last week's agenda needed all eleven commissioners to approve but failed in a 6-4-1 vote.

Commissioners Thompson, Angela Russell, Rhonda Lee and Andy Fox voted in favor, and Courtney Durrett abstained.

Later in the meeting, the commission took up a regular agenda item by Thompson asking for a comprehensive review of the KCSO ARC Center, which eventually would have 270 Flock cameras. The KCSO had scheduled a workshop on Flock cameras and the ARC Center with the commission earlier in the day but

then cancelled that event. The workshop is rescheduled for Monday, August 24 at 1 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.

The commission was reminded it had approved the funding for the center's development two years ago but with little information about the cameras or what might be recorded and used or stored. A work session on the issue was discussed, and Mayor Jacobs said he is concerned as to "what goes into a database." He had signed the earlier approval but told the commissioners he was not told about the cameras.

"I never signed that contract," Jacobs said and asked the meeting "to put a pause on this."

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler, who leaves office this year, issued the following in a statement Monday morning: "The Knox County Sheriff's Office will continue to operate our existing License Plate Reader (LPR) program as we did before being awarded the grant. The retention on the

cameras is thirty days. The installation of the remaining cameras has been PAUSED."

Thompson noted there are no state or federal regulations about the observation cameras, which record not just license plates but, according to critics, cell phone information,

descriptions of vehicles and private information.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the review of the ARC Center, the License Plate Reader technology and related policies. The matter will appear on the commission's August agenda.

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Notice of Election

Knox County General, Federal/State Primary, Town of Farragut Municipal Election

August 6, 2026 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Federal And State Republican Primary	Federal And State Democratic Primary	Knox County General Election	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 9 Vote for One (1) ☐ Bill Sofield, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Brandy Jenkins, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in
GOVERNOR Vote for One (1) ☐ Marsha Blackburn ☐ Monty Fritts ☐ John Rose ☐ Write-in	GOVERNOR Vote for One (1) ☐ Carnita Atwater ☐ Tim Cyr ☐ Jerri Green ☐ Adam “Ditch” Kurtz ☐ Kevin Lee McCants ☐ Write-in	CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION I (Unexpired Term) Vote for One (1) ☐ Emily F. Abbott, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	Town Of Farragut Municipal Election
UNITED STATES SENATE Vote for One (1) ☐ Bill Hagerty ☐ Write-in	UNITED STATES SENATE Vote for One (1) ☐ Marquita Bradshaw ☐ Maria Brewer ☐ Kevin Lee McCants ☐ Civil Miller-Watkins ☐ Diana Onyejiaka ☐ Write-in	COUNTY MAYOR Vote for One (1) ☐ Betsy Henderson, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Beau Hawk, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	MAYOR Vote for One (1) ☐ Alex Cain ☐ Louise Povlin ☐ Write-in
UNITED STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 2 Vote for One (1) ☐ Tim Burchett ☐ Write-in	UNITED STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 2 Vote for One (1) ☐ Michaela Barnett ☐ Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 Vote for One (1) ☐ Sheri Super, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Brandon Huckaby, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	ALDERMAN, WARD 1 Vote for One (1) ☐ Dian Hall ☐ Joey Ruffalo ☐ Write-in
TENNESSEE SENATE District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ Jimmy Matlock ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE SENATE District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ David Miller ☐ Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Barry Beeler, Republican Party Nominee ☐ William Cooper, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	ALDERMAN, WARD 2 Vote for One (1) ☐ Joe LaCroix ☐ Greg Wiberley ☐ Write-in
TENNESSEE SENATE District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Richard M. Briggs ☐ Kent Morrell ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE SENATE District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Bryan Langan ☐ Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 10 Vote for One (1) ☐ Justin D. Cofer, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Katina Sharp, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Ronin Cunningham, Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	State General
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 14 Vote for One (1) ☐ Jason Zachary ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 14 Vote for One (1) ☐ Lindsay Young Honaker ☐ Shivam R. Zaveri ☐ Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSION AT-LARGE SEAT 11 Vote for One (1) ☐ Garrett Holt, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Vivian Underwood Shipe, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ David Velarde, Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in	SUPREME COURT – AT LARGE – KYLE A. HIXSON Shall Kyle A. Hixson be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 15 Vote for One (1) ☐ No Candidate Qualified ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 15 Vote for One (1) ☐ Sam McKenzie ☐ Write-in	COUNTY TRUSTEE Vote for One (1) ☐ Nick McBride, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Stephen Hood, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	SUPREME COURT – AT LARGE – MARY L. WAGNER Shall Mary L. Wagner be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 16 Vote for One (1) ☐ Michele Carringer ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 16 Vote for One (1) ☐ Eliza Boles ☐ Write-in	GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE DIVISION IV (Unexpired Term) Vote for One (1) ☐ Andrea Kline, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Ben H. Houston II, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	COURT OF APPEALS – EASTERN DIVISION – WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS II Shall William E. Phillips II be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 18 Vote for One (1) ☐ Elaine Davis ☐ Brent N. Jones ☐ Elliott Schuchardt ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 18 Vote for One (1) ☐ Bryan Goldberg ☐ Write-in	SHERIFF Vote for One (1) ☐ Brent Gibson, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	COURT OF APPEALS – WESTERN DIVISION – STEVE MARONEY Shall Steve Maroney be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 19 Vote for One (1) ☐ Dave Wright ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 19 Vote for One (1) ☐ Jenny Fowler ☐ Write-in	CIRCUIT, CIVIL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURT CLERK Vote for One (1) ☐ Charlie Susano, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	COURT OF APPEALS – WESTERN DIVISION – VALERIE L. SMITH Shall Valerie L. Smith be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 89 Vote for One (1) ☐ Justin Lafferty ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 89 Vote for One (1) ☐ Randy DeBord ☐ Write-in	CRIMINAL COURT CLERK Vote for One (1) ☐ Mike Hammond, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	COURT OF APPEALS – WESTERN DIVISION – STACY L. STREET Shall Stacy L. Street be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 90 Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified ☐ Write-in	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 90 Vote for One (1) ☐ Gloria Johnson ☐ Write-in	COUNTY CLERK Vote for One (1) ☐ Richie Beeler, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS – EASTERN DIVISION – STEVEN W. SWORD Shall Steven W. Sword be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced? ☐ Retain ☐ Replace
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ Zach Farrar ☐ Lucas Heaton ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ Andrew F. Bennett III ☐ David A. Garcia ☐ Write-in	REGISTER OF DEEDS Vote for One (1) ☐ Sherry Witt, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ Sherri Garrett ☐ Amy Poteet ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 5 Vote for One (1) ☐ Anne Backus ☐ Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1 Vote for One (1) ☐ Charles Frazier, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Breyana Holloway, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 6 Vote for One (1) ☐ Martin Ammons ☐ Brian Hornback ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 6 Vote for One (1) ☐ Jim Clement ☐ Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4 Vote for One (1) ☐ Ashley Sartelle, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Katherine Bike, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 6 Vote for One (1) ☐ Gwen Baxter ☐ Jane Chedester ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 6 Vote for One (1) ☐ Amanda Collins ☐ Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6 Vote for One (1) ☐ Lee Ann Eaves, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Cadence Collins, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Jeremy Coffey ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Will Bowen ☐ Write-in	BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Steve Triplett, Republican Party Nominee ☐ Amy Fenner, Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Staci Beeler ☐ Janis C. Crye ☐ Write-in	STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN District 7 Vote for One (1) ☐ Dana E. Moran ☐ Write-in		

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Notice of Election

Knox County General, Federal/State Primary,
Town of Farragut Municipal Election

August 6, 2026 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Polling Places
Precinct 6 Green Magnet Academy 801 Lula Powell Drive
Precinct 9 Eternal Life Harvest Center 1801 Western Avenue
Precinct 10-N Fort Sanders School 501 S. 21st Street
Precinct 10-S Howard H. Baker Jr. Center 1640 Cumberland Avenue
Precinct 10-A Howard H. Baker Jr. Center 1640 Cumberland Avenue
Precinct 11 Central United Methodist 201 Third Avenue
Precinct 12 Phyllis Wheatley YWCA 124 S. Cruze Street
Precinct 13 Fair Garden Community Ctr. 400 Fern Street
Precinct 14 Austin-East High School 2800 MLK Jr. Avenue
Precinct 15-E John T. O'Connor Ctr. 611 Winona Street
Precinct 15-W John T. O'Connor Ctr. 611 Winona Street
Precinct 16-E Larry Cox Senior Rec. Ctr. 3019 Ocoee Trail
Precinct 16-W Larry Cox Senior Rec. Ctr. 3019 Ocoee Trail
Precinct 17 Christenberry Comm. Ctr. 931 Oglewood Avenue
Precinct 18 Lincoln Park Center 535 Chickamauga Avenue
Precinct 19 Thrive Lonsdale 1317 Connecticut Avenue
Precinct 20 Communications Workers of America 1415 Elm Street
Precinct 23 Westview School 1714 Mingle Avenue
Precinct 24-Q Sequoyah Elementary School 942 Southgate Road
Precinct 25 South Knox Comm. Ctr. 522 Maryville Pike
Precinct 26 Dogwood School 705 Tipton Avenue
Precinct 27 So. Knox Optimist Club 6135 Moore Road
Precinct 29 Anderson Headstart 4808 Prospect Road
Precinct 30 Sarah Moore Greene School 3001 Brooks Avenue
Precinct 31 Chilhowee School 5005 Asheville Highway
Precinct 32 Spring Hill Primary School 4711 Mildred Drive
Precinct 33-N Richard Yoakley School 4415 Washington Pike
Precinct 33-S Richard Yoakley School 4415 Washington Pike
Precinct 34 Central High School 5321 Jacksboro Pike

Precinct 35 Shannondale School 5316 Shannondale Road
Precinct 36 Gresham Middle School 500 Gresham Road
Precinct 37 Inskip Elementary School 4701 High School Road
Precinct 39-E Inskip Recreation Ctr. 301 W. Inskip Drive
Precinct 39-W Inskip Recreation Ctr. 301 W. Inskip Drive
Precinct 40 Norwood Elementary School 1909 Merchants Drive
Precinct 41 Norwood Elementary School 1909 Merchants Drive
Precinct 42 Pleasant Ridge Elementary 3013 Walnoaks Road
Precinct 43 West Haven Elementary 3620 Sisk Road
Precinct 44 Ridgedale School 4600 Ridgedale Road
Precinct 45 Bearden Middle School 1000 Francis Road
Precinct 46 Knoxville 1st Church of Nazarene 538 Vanosdale Road
Precinct 47-N Bearden High School 8352 Kingston Pike
Precinct 47-S Bearden High School 8352 Kingston Pike
Precinct 48 Pond Gap School 4530 Papermill Drive
Precinct 49-N Bearden Elementary School 5717 Kingston Pike
Precinct 49-S Bearden Elementary School 5717 Kingston Pike
Precinct 50-N West High School 3326 Sutherland Avenue
Precinct 50-S West High School 3326 Sutherland Avenue
Precinct 51 Deane Hill Recreation Ctr. 7414 Deane Hill Drive
Precinct 55 Bearden Middle School 1000 Francis Road
Precinct 56 Copper Ridge Elementary School 2502 E. Brushy Valley Road
Precinct 57 Bethany Baptist Comm. Ctr. 6705 E. Raccoon Valley Drive
Precinct 58 Copper Ridge Elementary School 2502 E. Brushy Valley Road
Precinct 59 Brickey-McCloud School 1810 Dry Gap Pike
Precinct 60 Halls High School 4321 E. Emory Road
Precinct 61-E – NEW LOCATION Faithway Baptist Church 4402 Crippen Road
Precinct 61-W Halls High School 4321 E. Emory Road
Precinct 62 Hardin Valley Elementary School 11445 Hardin Valley Road
Precinct 63 – NEW LOCATION Karns High School 2710 Byington Solway Road

Precinct 63-N Karns Elementary School 8108 Beaver Ridge Road
Precinct 64 Pellissippi State Comm. College 10915 Hardin Valley Road
Precinct 65-E Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road
Precinct 65-S Ebenezer United Methodist Church 1001 Ebenezer Road
Precinct 65-W Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard
Precinct 65-SW Faith Lutheran Church 225 Jamestowne Boulevard
Precinct 65-N Farragut Primary School 509 N. Campbell Station
Precinct 66-NE Farragut Middle School 200 West End Avenue
Precinct 66-NW Farragut Middle School 200 West End Avenue
Precinct 66-SE – NEW LOCATION Korean Church of Knoxville 108 Farlow Drive
Precinct 66-SW Farragut High School 11237 Kingston Pike
Precinct 67 Cedar Bluff Middle School 707 N. Cedar Bluff Road
Precinct 68 – NEW LOCATION Election Commission - Downtown West 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40
Precinct 68-E Cedar Bluff Public Library 9045 Cross Park Drive
Precinct 69-E Bluegrass Elementary School 8901 Bluegrass Road
Precinct 69-N West Valley Middle School 9118 George Williams Road
Precinct 69-S Northshore Elementary School 1889 Thunderhead Road
Precinct 69-W A.L. Lotts Elementary School 9320 Westland Drive
Precinct 70-E Amherst Elementary School 5101 Schaad Road
Precinct 70-W Ball Camp Elementary School 9801 Middlebrook Pike
Precinct 71 Rocky Hill Elementary School 1200 Morrell Road
Precinct 72-E Crown College 2307 West Beaver Creek Drive
Precinct 72-W Crown College 2307 West Beaver Creek Drive
Precinct 73-E Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex 2136 W. Emory Road
Precinct 73-W Powell High School – Clark Duncan Complex 2136 W. Emory Road
Precinct 74 Shannondale Elementary School 5316 Shannondale Road
Precinct 76 Sunnyview School 412 Bagwell Road
Precinct 78 Marbledale Baptist Church 5935 Thorn Grove Pike

Precinct 79 Mt. Harmony Baptist Church 6500 Strawberry Plains Pike
Precinct 80 Corryton Comm. Ctr. 9331 Davis Road
Precinct 81 Gibbs Elementary School 7715 Tazewell Pike
Precinct 82 Armina Comm. Ctr. 2501 Ellistown Road
Precinct 84 Ritta Elementary School 6228 Washington Pike
Precinct 85 East Knox Elementary School 9315 Rutledge Pike
Precinct 86 Carter Elementary School 8455 Strawberry Plains Pike
Precinct 87 Odd Fellows Lodge Hall 10103 Thorngrove Pike
Precinct 89 Mount Olive School 2507 Maryville Pike
Precinct 90 South-Doyle High School 2020 Tipton Station Road
Precinct 92 Gap Creek Elementary School 1920 Kimberlin Heights Road
Precinct 93 New Hopewell Elementary School 757 Kimberlin Heights Road
Central Absentee Ballot Counting Board 109 Lovell Heights Road
Central Provisional Ballot Counting Board 109 Lovell Heights Road Meets August 11
KNOX COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE CHANGES
PRECINCT 61-E has relocated. If you live in Precinct 61-E, you now vote at: Faithway Baptist Church 4402 Crippen Road
PRECINCT 63 has relocated. If you live in Precinct 63, you now vote at: Karns High School 2710 Byington Solway Road
PRECINCT 66-SE has relocated. If you live in Precinct 66-SE, you now vote at: Korean Church of Knoxville 108 Farlow Drive
PRECINCT 68 has relocated. If you live in Precinct 68, you now vote at: Election Commission – Downtown West 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40
PRECINCT 77 has merged with PRECINCT 78. If you live in what was Precinct 77, you now vote at: Precinct 78 Marbledale Baptist Church 5935 Thorn Grove Pike
Maps of all new Election Day Polling Places can be found at www.knoxvotes.org



Construction is underway at the new KTVAECU location at 7605 Strawberry Plains Pike in Knoxville. The branch will be completed in early 2027.

KTVAECU® breaks ground on new Strawberry Plains branch

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union™ celebrated the ground-breaking of its 25th branch on July 30, 2026, at 7605 Strawberry Plains Pike in Knoxville. The new Strawberry Plains branch will expand access to financial services for members and communities in eastern Knox, Sevier and Jefferson Counties.

KTVAECU selected Strawberry Plains in response to requests from members for a location in the area. The new branch will help connect the Credit Union's branch network across East Tennessee and bring local service closer to members.

"The best way to serve a growing community is to listen to the

people who call it home," said Lynn Summers, president and CEO of Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union. "Our Members asked for a branch in eastern Knox County, and we listened. The Strawberry Plains branch gives more families and businesses another convenient place to manage their money."

The Strawberry Plains branch will offer a full range of financial services. Members will have local access to checking and savings accounts, auto and home loans, business services, and personal service from a local team.

"This branch is about more than adding another locaon," Summers

said. "It is about placing service where our members need it and making it easier for people across the area to connect with us."

The Strawberry Plains branch marks another step in KTVAECU's long-term investment in East Tennessee and its commitment to the people and communities it serves.

Construction is underway. KTVAECU looks forward to the branch's completion in early 2027 and the opportunity to serve members for years to come.

To learn more about Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union's branches, visit www.tvacreditunion.com/locations.

Photographers Invited to Enter Best Tennessee Wildlife and Nature Photos

Tennessee Wildlife Federation's 12th annual Wildlife and Nature Photo Contest is open for submissions August 1-31, 2026.

The contest invites photographers of all skill levels to share their best images of Tennessee's wildlife, landscapes, and people enjoying the outdoors. From breathtaking mountain vistas and quiet moments on the water to striking wildlife encounters and outdoor adventures with family and friends, the Federation wants to see what inspires you about the Volunteer State's natural beauty.

Photos can be submitted at tnwf.org/photo-contest.

Photographers may submit up to three photos with a \$10 suggested donation or enter unlimited photos for a \$25 donation. As a thank-you, photographers who donate \$25 will receive a 2027 Tennessee Wildlife Federation calendar. All donations directly support the Federation's work to conserve Tennessee's wildlife, waters, and wild places.

Prizes will be awarded for outstanding photos of wildlife, landscapes, and people enjoying Tennessee's natural spaces, with prize support provided by Bass Pro Shops stores of Tennessee.

A panel of judges will select standout entries for inclusion in the Federation's 2027 calendar and to be featured across its digital platforms, which reach hundreds of thousands of outdoor enthusiasts each year. The public will also help select a People's Choice winner through online voting beginning September 8, 2026.

The deadline to submit photos is 11:59 p.m. CT on August 31, 2026. For complete contest guidelines and to enter your photos, visit tnwf.org/photo-contest.

New August programming at John T. O'Connor Senior Center

The John T. O'Connor Senior Center, located at 611 Winona Street, has been a welcoming hub for older adults for more than 60 years and is managed by the CAC Office on Aging.

This vibrant activity center offers adults age 50 and up the chance to add years to their life and life to their years. Membership is free, and most classes and activities are offered at no

cost, with a few programs charging a small fee to cover supplies or instruction.

Grief Support Group

Grief can be an isolating experience, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Led by Scott Payne M.Div., this group will serve as a safe space to share experiences and coping skills. Join us on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required.

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Elevate Summer Fun at the GSM Hot Air Balloon Festival this August in Townsend

Celebrate the summer in the Smokies with an evening of balloons transforming the twilight-lit sky, mountain views and festive family fun.

As the sun begins to set over the Peaceful Side of the Smokies, dozens of colorful hot air balloons will light up the skyline during the 8th annual Great Smoky Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival, which returns on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

Hosted by TCGA and presented by Dogwood Cabins, the rain-or-shine, one-night celebration combines breathtaking balloon views with live music, local food vendors, family activities and tethered balloon rides - marking one of East Tennessee's most photogenic summer events. Festivalgoers can also give back to the community, with proceeds helping to support the Townsend

Volunteer Fire Department and Townsend Elementary School, and other beautification & preservation projects.

In addition to balloons, music and craft vendor activities, guests can explore regional food and beverages and relax with the SIP TN Wine Experience, featuring Tennessee wine, mead and cider tastings for adults 21 and older. VIP Experience" packages are available. There is also a PRIVATE ASCENT package this year for guests who would prefer a private balloon ride for any special occasion.

"This festival is about more than beautiful balloons. It's about bringing families, neighbors and visitors together for an evening that celebrates just about everything people love about summer in the Smokies," Kim Mitchell, director of tourism with the Blount Partnership, said. "Whether you're watching the

balloons, taking a tethered ride, sipping local wine, sharing dinner from your favorite food truck, or enjoying the music, it all encompasses the kind of experience that stays with you long after the sun goes down."

Plan Your Visit

When/Where: The Great Smoky Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival takes place Saturday, Aug. 15 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Greater Smokies Event Grounds, located at 7906 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway in Townsend.

Tickets are available online now and purchasing in advance is encouraged as the festival is expected to draw thousands of visitors. Parking on-site is \$20 when purchased in advance and \$25 on the day of the festival; with proceeds benefiting the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department.

Visit <https://gsmballoonfest.com/>.



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50-50 Parenting Schedule and Still Owing Child Support

Many parents assume that if they share custody of their child equally—meaning each parent has the child half of the time—then no one will owe child support. That sounds logical, right?

If both parents have the child the same amount of time, then both are doing their fair share.

But in Tennessee, a 50/50 parenting plan does not automatically eliminate child support obligations. That might come as a surprise, and it often does to parents going through custody cases.

In Tennessee, parenting time is typically laid out in a Permanent Parenting Plan. This plan sets the schedule and assigns “days” to each parent, which the court refers to as “days of residential parenting time”—not hours. So, if the child sleeps overnight at a parent’s house, that usually counts as a day. A 50/50 split generally means each parent has the child for 182.5 days out of the year.

Child support in Tennessee is not determined by parenting time alone. The state uses a



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formula-based system called the Income Shares Model, which considers the gross monthly income of both parents, the number of overnight days each parent has, the cost of health insurance premiums and work-related child-care, and whether either parent is supporting other children.

Even in a 50/50 arrangement, if one parent earns significantly more than the other, the higher-earning parent may still owe child support to the other parent. This is because Tennessee law assumes that children are entitled to benefit from the financial resources of both parents—not just the time spent with them.

Let’s say Parent A makes \$90,000 a year and Parent B makes \$35,000. Even with an exactly equal parenting schedule, the child’s standard of living would be very different between households if support were not adjusted. In that situation, Parent A may still be ordered to pay child support to Parent B to balance out the financial support the child

receives.

If both parents make roughly the same income and the parenting time is truly 50/50, then child support may be minimal or even zero. But this is the exception, not the rule. And remember: even a small income difference can lead to a support obligation.

Do not assume that equal parenting time means zero child support. In Tennessee, child support is based on more than just time—it is about income, expenses, and ensuring the child’s needs are met in both homes. If you are considering a 50/50 parenting plan or think your current child support amount is unfair based on how much time you have with your child, speak with an attorney. A legal review of your situation using the state’s child support worksheet can help determine what is fair and lawful.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including family law, criminal, and personal injury. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

The Happiest Moment

One positive aspect about being retired and older is that a person has plenty of time to think about all sorts of things. Just the other day, I thought of Milton Nelson, the choir director in high school. He’s still alive and kicking, so I gave him a call. For an hour we caught up after 50-plus years.

Lately, I’ve also been thinking about the good things in my life over the years. Sitting on a mower at 5:30 a.m. on a golf course lends itself to that kind of reflection. What my mind has tried to figure out is what is the happiest moment of my life. So many things came to mind, and all of them appeared in my thoughts with the same vividness of the time they occurred. Anyone who wants to stop reading at this point can do so because the list might be a bit boring.

One Christmas, Jim and I received bikes from Santa Claus. They were used, but Daddy had them cleaned up and painted. That Christmas was a wet one, so Jim and I mastered riding our bikes in tight circles around the basement.

A birthday when we were maybe in eighth grade was special. Our gifts were new baseball gloves, and we spent hundreds of hours throwing baseball in the yard and using the gloves in summer games.

High school was filled with happy moments. Band trips, choir trips, and football games all made life good. Of



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course, the music of the mid-60’s and early 70’s still brings smiles. During those years, Karns had a good sports program, and that made cheering for our basketball team and snarling at the other

schools’ fans more fun.

I’d be less than honest if I failed to admit that girlfriends made times happy during high school. I never understood why Carolyn Forsythe went out with me, but I sure understand her breaking up with me after I’d managed to tangle her long, straight hair with a piece of gum during a slow dance at a sock hop. Neither did I ever figure out why Anda Inman went with me for a few months during my junior year. I know she could do much better, and she did, but the fun we had was something that still is a good memory.

Two of the happiest moments of my life came when Lacey and Dallas were born. I wasn’t a particularly good dad, but no man ever loved his children more than I did. Listening to Lacey play the French horn and watching Dallas play baseball filled my “happy cup” to overflowing. Lacey’s wedding was a perfect event on a perfect day. Dallas’ moving back to Knoxville after fifteen years was a joyful surprise. Grandson Madden’s arrival just added to the good times of life, and learning that the boy will attend UTK and be closer to us almost makes not smiling impossible.

Yes, when I think of my life and the happy moments that have occurred, I know that I am one lucky person. I owe the people who have touched my life and brought joy my warmest thanks. With that said, I know the happiest moment of my life, the one point in time when my entire life changed.

I took Amy out after the minister at the church we both attended goaded me into calling her. I’d had only two dates in college. Earlier girlfriends had made me gun-shy, and I sure didn’t want to be dumped again. To my surprise, Amy accepted my date request. We attended a night football game at Tennessee Tech, and then I don’t remember where we went.

I took Amy home and walked her to the door. Unsure what to do, I panicked. Then I leaned in to kiss this gorgeous person, and she leaned toward me. The happiest moment in my life happened with that kiss. I know it sounds ridiculous, but immediately I knew that Amy was the “one.” Love-at-first-kiss floored me. That happened in 1973. For some reason only God and Amy know, she’s still here, my best friend, my love, and my wife.

Sometime before long, take a bit of time to discover what the happiest moment of your life has been. It might change over the years, or like me, it might be one moment from another century. As those times come up, they will put a smile on your face, and you will realize that this life really is one filled with happiness.

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The Reece Committee I

Pages from the Past



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Complaints about indoctrination of students in colleges and universities around the country are nothing new. Years ago, similar complaints were made about foundations providing funding for educational purposes, which also just happened to allow the wealthy to lavish tax-deductible gifts upon those same foundations. The U.S. House of Representatives was concerned enough about it to form the Select Committee to Investigate the Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations in 1952. Created by a vote of the House membership and authorized by House Resolution 561, which was sponsored by Congressman E. E. “Gene” Cox of Georgia. A Democrat, Cox was a high conservative congressman of a type that is extinct in today’s world. First elected to Congress in 1924, Gene Cox had been reelected every two years since that time and was staunchly anti-Communist.

The purpose of the select committee was to start an investigation into the “educational and philanthropic foundations and other comparable organizations which are exempt from federal taxes to determine whether they were using their resources for the purposes for which they were established, and especially to determine whether they were using their resources for un-Americans activities and subversive activities or purposes not in the interests or tradition of the United States.”

Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin’s reckless accusations and erratic behavior seriously undermined any attempt to legitimately investigate Communist spies inside the government. Defectors and the fall of the Soviet Union provided proof of spying on the part of some Americans. Because of McCarthy, it became fashionable on the part of the Left in America to instantly dismiss any allegation of Communism. Indeed, much of the hatred of Richard Nixon by liberals was due to his part in the Alger Hiss case. Today, through decrypted KGB files and other sources, there is good reason to believe Hiss was passing information to the Soviet Union. There were other spies in other government offices, including Lauchlin Currie, an economic advisor to President Franklin Roosevelt; Harry Dexter White, a high-ranking Treasury official who had been nominated to head the World Bank by President Harry Truman when he died of a heart attack while being investigated; and Laurence Duggan, head of the South American desk at the State Department during the Second World War. Many of the files and their contents were examined in “Spies: The Fall of the KGB in America,” written by John Haynes and Harvey

Klehr, and published by Yale University Press.

In short order, the committee sent a probing questionnaire to every foundation holding \$10 million (the equivalent to \$121 million today). The questionnaire sought answers to detailed questions. Initially, a report was submitted by the select committee that no fault could be found with the foundations, all of whom seemed to be loyal to the American government. By the time the report was published in January of 1953, Gene Cox had died of a heart attack on December 24, 1952, in Bethesda Naval Hospital after having been reelected to another term that November.

At least one member was deeply unhappy with the report submitted by the Cox Committee: Carroll Reece of Tennessee. Reece was the longest serving member of Tennessee’s delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, although his service was not continuous. Reece was also the most conservative member of Tennessee’s congressional delegation, representing upper East Tennessee as the congressman from the First District. Carroll Reece had first been elected in 1920, upsetting incumbent Sam Sells, who had represented the First District for a decade. Reece used his heroic record from the First World War and won the GOP primary and general election and served until 1930 when he was upset by Oscar Byrd Lovett, who waged a fourteen-day campaign as an Independent. Voters had been upset with Reece who had been perceived by voters as favoring President Herbert Hoover’s private power views. As proved by the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennesseans liked the cheap electricity brought about by the TVA. Reece challenged Lovett again in 1932 and beat him in both the Republican primary and general elections. Reece never forgot the lesson and remained a supporter of public power in Tennessee and the TVA. Carroll Reece was reelected until 1946 when he announced he would not seek reelection due to his having been elected as chairman of the Republican National Committee. In 1948, Reece was replaced as chairman of the RNC by GOP presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey and the former congressman became the first serious Republican candidate for the United States Senate since 1916. Running on a ticket with country music superstar Roy Acuff as the Republican gubernatorial candidate, the two won only roughly a third of the total vote. In 1950, Reece ran against Congressman Dayton Phillips, a Republican who had voted against the Taft-Hartley labor bill in 1947. In a hard fought and brutal



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(Left to right) Governor Walter Edge of New Jersey, Carroll Reece of Tennessee, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. of Massachusetts.

primary, Reece won back his seat in the House where he remained for the rest of his life.

While he had lost his seniority when he left the House in 1947, Reece was no ordinary low-ranking junior member of Congress. Reece had been Republican National Committeeman for Tennessee since 1939 and was a nationally known figure. Reece sought to have the Cox Committee renewed and continue its investigation. As a result of Reece’s prodding, the House authorized another resolution which created the Reece Committee in 1953, providing it with \$50,000 to hire a staff and do its business. Another \$65,000 appropriation would be granted the Reece Committee in 1954. Congressman Reece hired Norman Dodd as the counsel for the committee and began an investigation to inquire into why the foundations had been established and attempted to ascertain how much they affected public life in the United States of America.

By vocation, Norman Dodd was a banker and the result of the Reece Committee’s work provoked a good deal of commentary, much of it unflattering, by the news media of the day. At the same time as the Reece Committee was conducting its business, Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin’s excesses were being revealed to a national television audience. McCarthy’s reckless charges and the antics of his aide Roy Cohn disgusted many Americans, but it also caused much of the report of the Reece Committee to simply be dismissed out of hand or ignored. McCarthy was eventually censored by the U.S. Senate and his alcoholism accelerated and he drank himself to death within a few years.

The sixteen days the committee took testimony proved to be challenging and noisy. Norman Dodd noted there were some 6,000 – 7,000 tax-exempt foundations which were the recipients of \$7.5 billion. Those same foundations made distributions of funds totaling roughly \$300 million annually. Dodd’s stated in his own testimony to the Reece Committee that staff had determined a “tendency of foundation trustees to abdicate responsibility,” while other foundations

were providing the funding for “ideas and practices incompatible with the fundamental concepts of our Constitution.” Wayne Hays, well known inside the House for being an accomplished bully, roared that the presentation made by Dodd on May 10, 1954, had been “doctored” through the addition of “last minute changes.” The Ohio Democrat was incensed when Dodd suggested the Ford Foundation (established by auto magnate Henry Ford and his family) and “accessory agents” such as the National Education Association be studied further.

Thomas H. Briggs, a former professor who had retired from Columbia, offered testimony to the Reece Committee saying he had resigned as a member of the Ford Foundation’s Fund for the Advancement of Education advisory board because the staff people were both inexperienced. Briggs also raised the issue of the personnel having showed favoritism in their operations. Briggs also offered a defense, after being spurred on by Wayne Hays, of the National Education Association, which he said did not cooperate with the foundations. Dr. Briggs also disagreed with the Reece Committee’s staff report which stated that the NEA and other such entities had an “aim to exercise a monopoly over education.” The former professor did tell committee members in his testimony educators were oftentimes “intimidated” and fearful of being perceived as critical of foundations as so many were dependent upon grants from those organizations who were tax-exempt.

Dr. A. H. Hobbs also testified before the Reece Committee. An assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Hobbs acknowledged in his field, sociology, most social scientists got the most support of any other group by the foundations. Dr. Hobbs also admitted that social scientists tried to “give the impression their work has the validity of experiments in the natural sciences.” At the same time, Dr. Hobbs made a plea to the committee members not to pass laws with regard to research work made possible by grants from the funding foundations. Hobbs opined the organizations should try

and achieve a balance on their own to openly skeptical congressmen. Dr. Hobbs took a swipe at the sex study by Dr. Alfred Kinsey, which had been funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, as one type of “pseudo-scientific technique.”

When Aaron Sargent, an attorney who had served as the chairman of the Committee on Americanization of the Sons of the American Revolution, referred to Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, a former professor of economics, as one of those who had helped “Fabian socialism” obtain a “beachhead” in the United States. Sargent asserted Douglas had been a former member of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. Douglas acknowledged he had been a member of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society 40 years prior as a student but denied the group had any connection with the Socialist Party.

That brought a loud and vociferous protest from Wayne Hays who bellowed that Sargent had just called Senator Douglas a socialist and reminded committee members of the rule governing testimony in House committees that witnesses who might “injure the reputation of others” be heard first in executive sessions, closed to the press and the public. Hays immediately made a motion that the Reece Committee hear the remainder of Aaron Sargent’s testimony in closed session. The motion failed in a 3-2 vote as Reece voted the proxies of the two absent GOP congressmen, Congressman Angier Goodwin and Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan. At that point, the two Democrats stomped out of the hearing.

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a student but denied the group had any connection with the Socialist Party.

Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews, head of the Internal Revenue Service, testified that it was quite possible some tax-exempt organizations “might be violating their privileges.” Norman A. Sugarman, the assistant commissioner of the IRS, told the committee between June of 1951 and June of 1953, the IRS had revoked the tax-exempt status from at least 55 or 30,000 entities reviewed. At the time, some 120,000 organizations and foundations were exempt from the federal income tax.

Congresswoman Gracie Pfof made a motion the hearings be suspended in order for committee members to be briefed on the status of the inquiry. Pfof argued it “now appears ... not to be an objective inquiry to get the facts, but rather a sounding board for propounding loaded evidence.” Once again, along party lines, the congresswoman’s motion failed 3-2.

The back and forth inside the committee was between the Republicans and the Democrats, everything broke down along partisan lines, with Wayne Hays obstreperously doing his best to disrupt and derail the hearings at every opportunity. While Gracie Pfof was both more professional and gracious in her demeanor than the sour and snappish Hays, she was openly skeptical about staff findings and witnesses in many instances.

The real fireworks were yet to come and when they did, they won headlines across the country.

To be continued next week.

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One of my favorite stories has been told for generations. A renowned professional orator was once invited to perform before a distinguished audience. His voice was powerful, his articulation flawless,



By Justin Pratt,
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Church Senior Pastor

and his delivery captivating. At the request of someone from the audience, he was asked to recite the Twenty-Third Psalm. With remarkable skill, he began: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." Every pause was perfectly timed. Every inflection stirred emotion. By the time he reached the final line, the audience sat mesmerized and stood to an ovation that thundered through the room. The orator smiled graciously and then noticed an elderly country pastor sitting quietly near the front. Turning toward him, he said, "Would you honor us by reciting the same psalm?" The humble pastor stood. His voice was neither polished nor commanding. He stumbled over a word or two, paused longer than expected, and lacked every bit of the orator's eloquence. Yet when he finished, something remarkable happened. There was no applause. Instead, tears streamed down faces throughout the room. A hush settled over the audience before people slowly stood in quiet reverence. The professional orator leaned over to the

pastor and said, "I know the difference. I know the Psalm, but you know the Shepherd."

Whether that story happened exactly as it has been passed down through the years is impossible to verify, but the lesson could not be more biblical. There is a world of difference between knowing the words of Scripture and knowing the Author. Many people can quote Psalm 23. They can finish the verses from memory. They know where to pause and where to emphasize the familiar phrases. They know the promises of green pastures, the settling of still waters, and the blessing of overflowing cups. Yet tragically, some know the Psalm without ever truly knowing the Shepherd who inspired it.

David did not write Psalm 23 as poetry collected from a textbook. He wrote it from experience. He had walked through the valleys. He had spent lonely nights under open skies. He had

faced lions, bears, giants, betrayal, and even personal failure. Through every season, one truth remained constant: "The Lord is my Shepherd." Notice that little word my. The beauty of Psalm 23 is not merely that God is "A" Shepherd. It is that He becomes "MY" Shepherd through a personal relationship. Christianity has never been about admiring Jesus from a distance or simply agreeing with biblical truths. It has always been about personally knowing Him.

Jesus Himself declared, "I am the good shepherd ... and know my sheep, and am known of mine" (John 10:14). Notice the intimacy of those words. He knows us, and we know Him. This is a reciprocal relationship. The Christian life is not sustained by religious routine alone. Church attendance is important. Bible knowledge matters. Worship is essential. But these spiritual disciplines were never meant to substitute for personally walking daily with Christ.

A person may know every verse of Psalm 23 and still miss the Shepherd who lovingly leads beside

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Keirus Cox (left) and Cayden Turner represented Fulton at KFOA Media Day this year.

Fulton expected to be improved in tough region

By Steve Williams

Once again, Fulton’s football program is in the Region of Hope. One of the winningest programs in Knox County that has six state championships, the Falcons will be facing a barrage of talented teams again in 2026. Among them are Class 4A state champion Alcoa and Class 3A runner-up Gatlinburg-Pittman plus longtime rival Central and more. Coach Justin Long admitted last year was a tough season in Region 2-4A at the KFOA Media Day. “Just a lot of youth,” said Long. “A lot of guys that were playing ball for the first time. A lot of guys that maybe should have been playing JV, but they were forced to play into the varsity role. “We need to get stronger and we need to

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address our staffs, so we were able to address everything we needed to get fixed going into the spring.” Long sees an improved team for this season, after finishing 2-8 in 2025 and missing the playoffs. “I think we’ll definitely be improved this year,” said Long, who is entering his third season as Fulton’s head coach. “Like I said, we are a year older, we are a year stronger. Those guys are starting to jell together a little bit, so I am super

proud of where we are right now.” Long expects to have 55 to 60 players on the roster. “Hopefully, we will have a few more when school starts,” he said. Fulton will have seven returning starters on offense and eight on defense, with the strength of the team in the offensive line. All-Region Cayden Turner, a 6-2, 277-pound senior lineman, is the leader up front. Mason Lawrence (5-11, 227, junior) and Jeffery Mitchell (6-1, 239,

sophomore) also were All-Region honorees last season. Keirus Cox, a 6-1, 138-pound junior WR/DB, and Jamil Smith, a 5-10, 173-pound RB/WR, also are among the team’s top players going into the new campaign. Cox missed most of the 2025 season with injury, along with key players Waco Upshaw (senior RB/LB) and Will Dixon (sophomore WR/DB). Beating the persistent injury bug will be a key to success this year. “We’ve been working hard in the weightroom and on the field,” said Turner. “I think last season was like a wake-up call and this season will be much better.” Fulton’s season opener will be at home against Macon County on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Bob Black Field.

CAK looks to build upon last season’s success in 2026

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville had a successful season in 2025. The Warriors won seven games, made the Division II-AA playoffs and won their first road playoff game as a Division II School. The players would obviously love nothing more than building upon last year’s success but coach Chad Speck is not one to set long-term expectations at the beginning of the season. “I don’t get into expectations,” said Speck who is in the fourth season as head coach for the Warriors. “We don’t play to a scoreboard, we play to a standard. “For me, it’s about getting to the standard,” Speck said. “We show up and play to a standard and we don’t play to the scoreboard. You can play to a standard and not win the game, and you can win on the scoreboard and not play to the standard. If you play to the standard, everything else will take care of itself. It’s all a process.” That process helped CAK pull a big postseason upset as they went to Madison in Middle Tennessee and defeated Goodpasture Christian School, 42-35, in a high-powered shootout. “We had a good year last year. We won our first road playoff as a Division II school last year when we beat Goodpasture,” Sprck said. “We went 7-5 and we made it to the state quarterfinals. “We did some things here that we’ve haven’t done, at least in a long time, and they’re, you know, excited to keep trying to build on it. But we really just try to take it one

day at a time.” The Warriors had a winning season last year, their first since 2021 when they went 8-3. CAK, however, has made the playoffs the last three seasons. The Warriors were 3-8 in 2024 after going 4-7 in 2023. The Warriors missed the playoffs in 2022, going 2-8. As the new campaign looms, CAK is working to rebuild its offensive line but the Warriors have a bevy of talented players at the skill positions, including quarterback, running back, wide receiver and tight end on offense. They also have depth and talent at linebacker and in the secondary on defense. “We’re pretty good at the 7-on-7 positions, the skill positions, quarterback, running back, wide receiver, tight end linebacker and in the secondary,” he said. “But we have to replace three seniors who were on the offensive line. We really have a lot of work to do on the front on both sides of the ball.” The Warriors will have a large group of battle-tested veterans back from last year’s squad. Top returners for CAK include: Maysn Apalategui (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Sawyer Anderson (senior, quarterback/defensive back); Hunter Bennett (senior, running back/defensive back); Michael Yoakum (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Bennett Jelks (senior, wide receiver/defensive back/punter); Elijah Krokowski (senior, wide receiver/linebacker/kicker); Beckett Rich (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Isaac Kannah (sophomore, running back/

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Elston Turner, fifth from left on the front row, has played with Michael Jordan and coached Anthony Edwards, but working with 115 boys and girls at his summer basketball camp has to rank right up there, too.



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Elston Turner working hard to teach and guard one of his campers last week.

Big turnout for Turner's summer basketball camp

By Steve Williams

Elston Turner was in town last week for his annual summer youth basketball camp and it was full of energy from Monday through Saturday at the Austin-East High School gymnasium that bears his name – Elston Turner Court.

Ages 6-11 had 50 campers and ages 12-17 had even more with 65 boys and girls.

The camp presented by the Emerald Youth Foundation has to be one of the best in the nation and appears to be growing.

A few of the campers were from out of state, with a nephew of Rodney and Rob Jones, former A-E standouts, coming from Los Angeles and Georgia being represented too.

Turner's camp started in 1983, and with a few breaks through the years, Elston estimated the camp has been held close to 40 times.

"There have been college players that came through the camp," said Turner, who completed another season on the Minnesota Timberwolves' coaching staff this year.

When asked about the difference skill-wise in the youngsters, Turner said he has seen some.

But Elston also pointed out he doesn't see as many outdoor courts being used like they used to be.

There have also been other changes in the game, he said.

"Everybody runs to the 3-point line,"

said Turner. "It's kind of destroying the post-up skill level and back-to-the-basket play. Even in the NBA a 6-10 player is a guard. That didn't happen a long time ago."

As a player himself, Turner grew up in East Knoxville and played at Austin-East for Clifford Ross, a coach who specialized in defensive play. He led the Roadrunners to the Class AAA state championship in 1977 with Turner his top player. This year was the 49th anniversary of that TSSAA state championship.

Other players on that team still work the summer camps at A-E. No wonder it's one of the best in the nation.

After high school, Turner went on to star at Ole Miss before going pro.

UP AND COMING: Mazi Bates, a 7-year-old at this year's camp, is ranked No. 1 in Tennessee and No. 22 in the nation by Top 25 Scouts. He goes to Sunnyview Elementary School in Knox County.

GET WELL SOON: Bruce Taylor, a longtime worker at Turner's camp, had to miss this year due to hip surgery last week.

CAMP VISITORS: James Sandrige, an Ole Miss teammate of Turner, attended the camp along with Jacolby Cooper, a freshman wide receiver at UT from Alcoa High. Cooper's "granny" works the camp and also wanted to meet Elston.

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In the wide, wide world of college athletics, a Tennessee player or coach can be a part of the Volunteer family on one day (“us”), and, yet on another day can become a part of some rival program (“them”).

In the heat of the moment during Saturday afternoon warfare, fans often make snap judgments about players and coaches on both teams. The players on the Tennessee side, “us,” were always the “good guys.” The players on opposing teams, “them,” were not. There were similar comments made about the coaches. Here are some examples.

Bobby Dodd was a Tennessee All-American quarterback in 1930. He was the Dodd of “Hack, Mack and Dodd” and a fan favorite. Yet when he was head coach at Georgia Tech, he took great delight in beating Tennessee. After the Yellow Jackets defeated Tennessee 30-13 in 1949, Dodd said, “My season is a success if I don’t win another game.”

Corryton’s Ken Donahue was a Tennessee tackle in 1949 and 1950. Before long, he was an assistant coach elsewhere, working to help beat Tennessee, first at Mississippi State, then at Alabama. He did a pretty good job at both places, too. John Majors also coached on the wrong side-line the years he was an assistant at Mississippi State, teaming with Donahue to help defeat the Vols in 1962 and 1963.

Donahue’s homecoming had some really good moments, especially in 1985, when his defensive unit played a major role in the Vols defeating Alabama 16-14 on Legion Field. Vol defenders also played an integral part of the famous 1986 Sugar Bowl game, when the Vols knocked off a heavily favored Miami team, 35-7. That night, Donahue earned the Tennessean’s David Climer’s vote as game MVP citing the Vols’ defensive prowess against the Hurricanes.

Consider Nov. 15, 1952, when Dickey was the quarterback at Florida, coached by former Vol Bob Woodruff. The Vols won 27-12, and 11 years and a few weeks later, Woodruff hired Dickey as head coach at Tennessee. In 1985, Woodruff reached out to Dickey again, hiring him as his successor as athletic director.

Consider Oct. 15, 1960, and Oct. 20, 1962, when the Vols and Crimson Tide battled on Shields-Watkins Field. Bill Battle was an end at Alabama, who played in a 20-7 loss in 1960 and a 27-7 win in 1962. Who would have guessed that eight years later, Battle would be head coach at Tennessee, walking those same sidelines?

You might also consider Nov. 16, 1968, the Tennessee-Ole Miss game in Knoxville, and Nov. 15, 1969, in Jackson. Archie Manning, who endured seven interceptions in a 31-0 loss in 1968, would lead the Rebels flawlessly to a 38-0 win over the No. 3 Vols in 1969.

Twenty-five years later, Archie’s son, Peyton, arrived in Knoxville, causing a major stir in the state of Mississippi. Former Vol full-back Curt Watson was talking to Archie on the phone one day in the mid-1990s and asked Archie



The 1959 Tennessee-Georgia Tech game featured Bob Neyland protégés Bowden Wyatt and Bobby Dodd squaring off on Shields-Watkins Field.

point-blank if anybody would have believed any son of Archie Manning might end up playing quarterback for the Vols.

Those Vol fans who were in Jackson that November day in 1969 wouldn’t have believed it then. Many of them still don’t believe it today.

Consider the 1970 Florida game. The Vols laid a 38-7 whipping on Florida, with Dickey returning to Knoxville and coaching this time from the visitor’s sideline. After the game, he received a standing ovation from fans in the South end zone as the Gators left the field.

In 1987, Mark Bradley was an assistant coach at Vanderbilt, the day the Commodores streaked to a 28-3 lead, eventually losing 38-36. He later coached at Tennessee. Someone once asked him how hard it was to coach in Neyland Stadium. He said it depended on which side of the field you were standing on. If you were on the visitor’s side, it was hard, very hard. If you were on the home side, it was much better.

When Tennessee defeated Ole Miss in 2005 at Neyland Stadium, Ed Orgeron was the Rebels head coach. He had made some brash statements about putting a red and blue fence around the city of Memphis and said so in his media conference after the game. Those comments did not endear him to the Tennessee faithful.

When he came to Knoxville as an assistant coach under Lane Kiffin, Orgeron was then greeted with open arms. When Lane left after one season, with Orgeron in tow, Vol fans were not impressed in the least by what had happened.

The passage of time has proven to be a great equalizer, overcoming whatever might have happened on a particular Saturday afternoon or evening in past seasons. The player or coach you might be booing as part of “them” might come back in a different capacity in 10 or 20 years and become part of “us.”

You just never know, but it happens more often than you think, not only at Tennessee, but also across the expanse of college football.

Bishop answers how God fits into his life when it comes to football

By Steve Williams

De’Sean Bishop has his eyes on making history at the University of Tennessee this coming season. And if he does, all the glory will go to His-story; God’s story.

That’s the way it should be, believes De’Sean.

There was a big change in Bishop’s life after his freshman season at UT.

“I believe He is the only reason that I’m still playing,” said Bishop. “Football was going really well and I was doing it without Him at that point in time and I get hurt. Football goes on without me and I’m sitting there wondering will I ever play football again or at the level I was playing at. When God blessed me with football back, He blessed me with doing it His way and said ‘I’m going to give it back to you, but in order for you to be successful, you’re going to have to change a lot of stuff that you were doing.’

“I used football for whatever the world had to offer. You know, just for the material things, just because I was popular and people knew my name. But now God is using me to play football to bring people closer to Him. And I believe that is how he’s playing the factor in my life because at the end of the game He could care less how many touchdowns or catches or blocks or yards that I run for. It’s truly and strictly for Him. I think the only reason that He’s allowed me to see the success that I’ve seen is for His Glory.

“I gave my life to Christ two years ago before I got kicked off the team.”

Bishop now continues to go to Sevier Heights Baptist Church and invites people to join him. He’s come that far since he was down in the dumps with an injury.

Yes, God works in mysterious ways

This reporter covered Bishop in his high school career at Karns when he led the nation in yards rushing, but I hadn’t talked to him the last two years. I called him Monday afternoon, July 27, just to commend him on his college career and how he had impressed me with his faith in God. If he is challenged by a teammate for the running back position, he doesn’t quit like some players might. He just puts his head down and keeps battling. He believes that’s what God wants him to do in return to honor Him.

When I made that phone call to him I didn’t get an answer, and left De’Sean a message to call me back.

I got a text message reply from him at 3:05. “wassup Steve”

I texted back at 3:11 that “I would like to speak with you De’Sean when you have a few minutes. It’s important.” I also texted him my phone number at 3:12 to make sure he had it.

At 3:15 I texted: “Coming up on 3:16. My favorite bible verse.”

At 3:16, I texted De’Sean, “God may be in on this call.”

For several minutes we kept talking to each other on the phone and shortly after hanging up, I texted “Amen” to De’Sean.

During that time, I told De’Sean I had officiated high school football and basketball and would glance at the time on the clock (3:16) every chance I had in a game. It was just my way of honoring God and being thankful to be a TSSAA official.

“I might try that too in a game,” said Bishop.

Others who respect Bishop for his Christ-like ways

When UT players Radarious Jackson and George MacIntyre ended their autograph signings at Dick’s Sporting Goods in West Town Mall last Tuesday evening, I took time to interview the two Vols on what they thought of Bishop’s ways of honoring God in football.

“He came in as a walk-on,” said Jackson, a sophomore wide receiver. “Coming on as a walk-on,

It's Hardin Valley's time to 'put up or shut up'

By Mark Nagi

The Hardin Valley Hawks had a strong finish to the 2025 season, beating Cleveland and Ooltewah in the final weeks. 2026 might see more improvement from last year's 5-5 record. The Hawks haven't been to the playoffs since 2018. Is this the year that streak ends?

"Everything is one day at a time, one period at a time," said Hardin Valley head coach Tyler Wynn. "But our guys know that that's one of those goals that's down the list. They know the goals that are down the list, but to get there, we must knock the first few off. We don't hide it from them. When I came in three years ago, I told the guys that it's gonna take 1000 days to build a culture. I said that by the time we built a culture, we should have a team that can compete for a playoff spot. So, it's time for us to put up or shut up. The kids know the expectation to find a way do something that haven't done at Hardin Valley in a long time."

This team has the potential to score a lot of points this fall. The Hawks bring back 16 starters, including

HAWKS 2026			
Fri	Aug. 21	7:00 p.m.	at Karns
Fri	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	at Mtown East
Fri	Sep. 4	7:00 p.m.	Bradley Cent (R)
Fri	Sep. 11	7:00 p.m.	West Ridge
Thu	Sep. 17	7:00 p.m.	at Bearden (R) <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Sep. 25	7:00 p.m.	at Maryville (R)
Thu	Oct. 1	7:00 p.m.	Farragut (R) <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Oak Ridge (R)
Fri	Oct. 23	7:00 p.m.	at Cleveland (R)
Fri	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	Ooltewah
(R)=Region game			

quarterback Riley Matz. "He brings a lot of experience," Wynn said of his senior leader.

"He's got a big understanding of what we do offensively and who we are. He also understands the core values of the program and the things that we're going to stand for as a program. He does a great job of bringing our guys together and keeping them all rowing in the same direction. He's just a solid, solid kid."

Matz will be protected by all five of last year's starting offensive linemen. It's a rarity in today's high school to have that level of experience up front.

"I think Jonas Small does a tremendous job," Wynn said of his offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. "Making it important and making those guys feel valued. We've got a really good nucleus of kids who don't need the limelight. They're those guys who never get their names mentioned in the paper, but we try to make it a big deal. We want our linemen to feel valued. You cannot win at any level of football without good line play. That's youth football, that's middle school football, high school, college, NFL, any type of football. The line matters. They are the backbone of our team, the heart of our football team."

Defensively, the Hawks will need to find a way to make up for the loss of linebacker Samuel Mann,

who had over 100 tackles in each of the last two seasons.

"We have got to be a little bit better up front on the defensive line," said Wynn. "If our defensive line can be a little bit better, it helps make the job a little bit easier on that linebacking core. We've got two guys who saw some time last year returning at linebacker in (senior) Beau Wise and (junior) Caden Cox. Then we've got some program guys who've been in the program and haven't seen as much time but have really just worked their tails off. Brett Johnson's one of those guys who can step in and fill that void. You're not just gonna drop somebody in and then replace them. I feel like you have got to raise the level at the other positions."

HVA might be able to change the trajectory of games with special teams. Logan Holbrook was picked as punter of the year in Region 2-6A, with Nick Rivers earning that honor as a kick returner.

Hardin Valley opens the season on Friday, August 21 with a road game at Karns.

KOC Kick-Off Classic offers first look at high school football season

Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic (KOC) will host the annual KOC Kick-Off Classic, a preseason football showcase featuring high school teams from across Knox County as part of its ongoing commitment to student-athletes and physical activity.

The two-day event takes place Thursday, Aug. 13, at Halls High School and Friday, Aug. 14, at Bearden High School with games beginning at 7 p.m. Participating high schools include Austin-East, Bearden, Carter, Central, Farragut, Fulton, Gibbs, Halls, Hardin Valley, Karns, Powell, South-Doyle and West.

"KOC is committed to supporting student-athletes on and off the field each year," said Dr. Michael Kern, sports medicine surgeon at KOC. "The Kick-Off Classic is a great opportunity to promote injury prevention and wellness while celebrating the start of another exciting football season with athletes we've watched prepare in training rooms and at practice."

KOC performed 800 low-cost preparticipation physical evaluations in May to help prepare youth athletes from across East Tennessee for summer conditioning, practice and the season ahead. It's part of KOC's commitment to support youth athletes, schools and the broader community.

As the official sports medicine provider for Knox County Schools, KOC places certified athletic trainers at 13 Knox

County high schools, as well as schools in numerous surrounding counties to provide sports medicine coverage at practice, in training rooms and on the sidelines at games.

These healthcare professionals specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. They also work closely with KOC physicians and physical therapists to ensure injured athletes get the best care possible to get back to their sport.

In addition to athletic trainers who work with individual teams, KOC physicians and other healthcare providers are routinely on the sidelines at games to provide immediate assessment, treatment and support for student-athletes.

Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic has a longstanding history of supporting local athletes with KOC doctors serving as team physicians for area high schools and post-secondary institutions, including the University of Tennessee, Carson-Newman University, Maryville College, Lincoln Memorial University and Johnson University. KOC providers also support professional teams including the Knoxville Smokies, One Knoxville Sporting Club and the Knoxville Ice Bears.

For more information about the KOC sports medicine outreach efforts, visit kocortho.com/services/sports-medicine-outreach.

CAK looks to build

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outside linebacker); Marvin Wyrosdick (sophomore, running back/outside linebacker); Baker Sterchi (junior, wide receiver/defensive back) and Wyatt Howard (junior, wide receiver/defensive back).

The Warriors will open

their 2026 campaign on Saturday, Aug. 22 when they head to Concord Christian School.

The contest will be regionally televised and the Warriors and Lions must answer an early wake-up call as kickoff is slated for 11 a.m.

WARRIORS 2026			
Sat	Aug. 22	11:00 a.m.	at Concord Christian <i>Rivalry Saturday</i>
Fri	Aug. 28	7:00 p.m.	at Heritage
Fri	Sep. 4	7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame (R)
Fri	Sep. 11	7:00 p.m.	Oneida
Fri	Sep. 18	7:00 p.m.	Silverdale (R)
Fri	Sep. 25	7:00 p.m.	Knox Webb (R)
Fri	Oct. 2	7:00 p.m.	at Chatt Christian (R)
Thu	Oct. 15	7:00 p.m.	at GCA (R) <i>Rivalry Thursday</i>
Fri	Oct. 23	7:00 p.m.	at Boyd Buchanan (R)
Fri	Oct. 30	7:00 p.m.	Lakeway Christian(R)
(R)=Region game			

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NOVEMBER 3 - INSERVICE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)

NOVEMBER 11 - VACATION DAY, NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 25 - HALF DAY

NOVEMBER 26 and 27 - THANKSGIVING, NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 4 - VACATION DAYS

JANUARY 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)

JANUARY 6 - INSERVICE DAY (TEACHERS ONLY)

JANUARY 18- VACATION DAY

FEBRUARY 15- VACATION DAY

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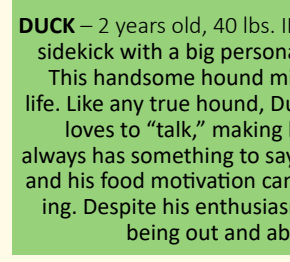
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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 the 8th day of July, 2026.

Jessica L. Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LAUREN KATHLEEN MAHANEY and DEVON MOORE, Respondents

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

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

No. 7309-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 8th day of July, 2026.

Jessica L. Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

This the 11th day of March, 2026.

Honorable Judge Jeff D. Rader
Sevier County Circuit Court

NOTICE 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 a 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 the 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 judgement 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 the 14th day of JULY, 2026.

Addison Campoverde
Deputy Clerk

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

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 judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver 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 judgement 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 the 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. McKeehan, McKeehan 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 the 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 the 1st day of July, 2026.

Angela R. Anderson
Morgan County Chancery Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: LISA BULLOCK

IN RE: THE ESATE OF JACK EUGENE MCMAHAN

BY: LEE ROY MCMAHAN, Personal Representative / Petitioner Vs. LISA BULLOCK, Respondent

No. 90335-1

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

It appearing from the Petition for Approval of Accounting, Administrative Expenses, and Final Distribution and to Allow Service by Publication filed herein, that LISA BULLOCK, an heir-at-law of Jack Eugene McMahon, deceased, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or her current whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry such that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that LISA BULLOCK, Respondent, appear before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division, located at 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, on the 17th day of September, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to respond to the Petition for Approval of Accounting, Administrative Expenses, and Final Distribution. If she fails to appear and respond as required, she will be deemed not to have responded, and the matter may proceed without further notice to her.

This Notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Entered this 6th day of July, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: LISA BULLOCK

IN RE: THE ESATE OF JACK EUGENE MCMAHAN

BY: LEE ROY MCMAHAN, Personal Representative / Petitioner Vs. LISA BULLOCK, Respondent

No. 90335-1

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

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This Notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Entered this 6th day of July, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ALEXANDER, III DOCKET NUMBER 92778-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES THOMAS ALEXANDER, III, who died on June 16, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 13th day of JULY, 2026.

(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 17 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ALEXANDER, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA D. ALEXANDER
9126 BRITISH STATION LN.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA S. BLAZIER DOCKET NUMBER 92779-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA S. BLAZIER, who died on April 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 17 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF LINDA S. BLAZIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEITH EDWARD BLAZIER, EXECUTOR
999 LIBERTY HILL ROAD
WASHBURN, TN 37888

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN BRIDGES DOCKET NUMBER 92808-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of July, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN BRIDGES, who died on June 23, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed 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 17 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN BRIDGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CYNTHIA C. REAGAN
1218 BRIDGEWATER LANE
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37405

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM WAYNE BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 92738-3

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

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

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

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

This the 15th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM WAYNE BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY E. GILES, EXECUTOR
1068 GARRISON RIDGE BOULEVARD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

TERESA M. KLENK, ATTORNEY
265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THERA EDNA UPCHURCH CARR DOCKET NUMBER 92727-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THERA EDNA UPCHURCH CARR, who died April 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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

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

This the 13th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF THERA EDNA UPCHURCH CARR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VALERIE CARR SIGMON
7308 MERLIN CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN ANNE CASTLE DOCKET NUMBER 92794-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEAN ANNE CASTLE, who died on June 3, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 16th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEAN ANNE CASTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICK CASTLE
936 E. MOODY AVE.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH C. COLLINS DOCKET NUMBER 92807-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of July, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH C. COLLINS, who died on June 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 17 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH C. COLLINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD LEE COLLINS, JR.
2604 KELLER BEND ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

BRADLEY S. LEWIS, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. DONAHUE DOCKET NUMBER 92769-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA L. DONAHUE, who died May 25, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 16th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. DONAHUE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANDREW L. DONAHUE, EXECUTOR
5227 MCCAMPBELL HILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

J. BRENT NOLAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 217
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY HELEN FOWLER DOCKET NUMBER 92763-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY HELEN FOWLER, who died on November 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk 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 14th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY HELEN FOWLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOLLY FOWLER SMITH
630 SUN VALLEY DRIVE
WOODLAND PARK, CO 80863

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THERA EDNA UPCHURCH CARR DOCKET NUMBER 92727-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THERA EDNA UPCHURCH CARR, who died April 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 13th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY HELEN FOWLER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDERICK LEE GARDNER DOCKET NUMBER 92668-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of July, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNE MACKEY WAUGH
248 BELLE CT.
TALBOT, TN 37877

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MY PRIORITIES

- ☒ **INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST** – Improve roads, address the paving backlog, and focus on long-term transportation planning.

☒ **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY** – Conduct a comprehensive external audit, identify wasteful spending, and increase accountability for every tax dollar.

☒ **LIMITED GOVERNMENT** – Keep government focused on essential services while protecting individual freedoms and property rights.
- ☒ **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Support law enforcement, first responders, and emergency services with the resources necessary to protect our communities.

☒ **SMART GROWTH** – Ensure growth pays for growth and protect taxpayers from bearing the costs of unchecked development.

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KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

AT-LARGE SEAT 10

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS O. YOUNG
DOCKET NUMBER 92868-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of DORIS O. YOUNG, who died on April 13, 2026, were issued to the referenced Personal Representative by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in the (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 27th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF DORIS O. YOUNG
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ERIC LEE SHARP
806 SUNNYDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

DONALD J. FARINATO, ATTORNEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BLDG., 400 W. MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
3. DEVOTIONAL
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
5. PUBLIC FORUM
6. APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2026 MINUTES
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - UPDATE FROM MADAM CHAIR STAFFORD REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMISSION
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO A VOTE.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Knox County Investment Committee meeting that was previously scheduled for July 27, 2026 has been rescheduled for Monday, AUGUST 10, 2026 from 10:00 – 11:45 A.M. on the 6th Floor Commission Conference Room in the City-County Building.

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order.
- 2.) Approval of Minutes from February 2026 Meeting.
- 3.) Justin Biggs, Trustee's Report.
- 4.) Review of investment portfolio performance of bond proceeds and other funds invested with Raymond James.
- 5.) Discussion.

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 17, 2026, at 623 Simmons Rd., Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2007 Dodge Grand Caravan	1D4GP24R77B160067 (Christine Clien Daniel)	
2011 Nissan Sentra	3N1AB6AP8BL707188 (Yestalin Perez)	
2013 Audi A6	WAUFFAFC2DN053112 (Cristina Elena Robertson / USAA)	
2012 Ford Edge	2FMDK3J98CBA77742 (Daniel J. Watts / Titlemax Of Tennessee Inc, DBA Titlemax)	
2004 Dodge Ram 1500	1D7HA18D74S658590 (Jason D. Brown)	
2015 Jeep Cherokee	1C4PJMB51FW524135 (George Manning Jr.)	
2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee	1C4RJFAG6NC112617 (CU Leasing Corp. / Brad R. Satz)	
2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee	1J8GR48K39C532350 (Phyllis or Charles Mann)	
2012 Nissan Maxima	1N4AA5AP7CC809322 (Jessica Wilder)	
2006 Chevrolet Colorado	1GCDT136868171135 (Christopher Blanton)	
2006 Chevrolet Aveo	KL1TD66606B591533 (Ender Jose Barrueta Leal)	
2012 Fiat 500	3C3CFFCR6CT127145 (Faye W. Medley)	
2007 Chevrolet Tahoe	1GNFC13067R172629 (John Christopher Slattery)	
2008 GMC Canyon	1GTCS13E188175200 (Maurice Miller)	
2003 Mercury Grand Marquis	2MEFM74W9X3642470 (Colin Fadden / Tennessee Title Loans Inc.)	
2001 Mercedes-Benz E320	WDBJF65J91B354174 (Tyshonna Sligh)	
2012 Ford Escape	1FMCU0D79CKC12800 (Raul Diaz Felipe)	
1994 Chevrolet C1500	1GCEC19K6RE155868 (Hollis Malin)	
2001 Toyota Highlander	JTEGF21A210004371 (Trina S. Ammons)	
2013 Chrysler 300	2C3CCAAG5DH697676 (Brianna R. Clemmer)	
1999 Nissan Altima	1N4DL01D0XC129963 (Tracy Petree)	
2010 Chevrolet Malibu	1G1ZC5EB3AF265735 (Kristy M. Cozart)	

2007 Toyota Camry	4T1BE46K07U668518 (Dwight Miller)
2016 Chevrolet Malibu	1G1ZE5ST0GF284596 (Kelsy Rogers / Stat Financial)
2018 Honda Fit	3HGGK5H66JM700605 (Marcus R. Picazo / Santander Consumer USA)
2010 Ford Taurus	1FAHP2EW7AG149124 (Grant Carringer)
2017 Ford Fiesta	3FADP4BJ7HM157890 (John Koty / Cornerstone Finance LLC)
2010 Nissan Altima	1N4AL2APXAN491609 (Debbie A. Mustin)
2007 Saturn ION	1G8AJ58F67Z188529 (Progressive Casualty Insurance Company)
2016 BMW 528i	WBA5A5C59GG347607 (Kinzi P. Dill / Wells Fargo Auto)
2008 Kia Rondo	KNAFG526287183776 (Michelle L. Yanchulis / TMX Finance Of Tennessee, Inc. DBA Titlemax)
2006 GMC Savana	1GTGG25V761117992 (Miguel Angel Agapito Segundo)
2016 Buick Encore	KL4CJDSB6B717303 (Laura Elaine Doan)
2010 Nissan Sentra	3N1AB6A2AL647049 (Isaac D. Quinteros Ayla)
2013 Ford Fusion	3FA6POH99DR300544 (Maryanne Mumbi Mwangi)
1999 Toyota Corolla	1NXBR12E5X2143988 (Nancy T. Montgomery)
2019 Ford Fusion	3FA6POHDXKR146685 (Faris B. Morgan)

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 17, 2026, at 2430 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN. Vehicles will be sold "AS IS" and make no warranty as to condition or title.

2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid	3FADP0L33AR327826 (Micahel Ureste)
2021 Chevrolet Malibu	1G1ZB5ST0MF062337 (Christopher Williams / American Credit Acceptance)
1999 Mercury Grand Marquis	2MEFM74W9X725399 (Sheldon L. Moore)
2007 Mazda Mazda 6	1YVHP80C075M33137 (Chameka Mabry)
2017 Ford Fusion	3FA6P0K96HR114460 (Jenny M. Fritts / Jason McCulloch)

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that ENT Holdings, LLC (the "Company") has been dissolved and is in the process of winding up and liquidating its business and affairs. All persons with claims against the Company must send them to the Company in writing to 9430 Park West Boulevard, Suite 330, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923-4203.

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Melton Hill Marina, LLC, 9133 Solway Ferry Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, will, by the undersigned, sell the following personal property at public auction to satisfy marina liens for unpaid charges:

Sylvan Pontoon and motor
Tennessee registration number TN6492ED
HIN: SYL41809E213
Owner: Edward Wilson and / or Sharon Wilson

Date Of Auction: Tuesday, August 13, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the north (front) entrance of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee. The personal property will be sold AS-IS, WHERE-IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding the condition of the property, marketability of title, or fitness for a general or particular use or purpose.

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

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This sale is being conducted pursuant to

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3. '14 HONDA CIVIC	19XFB2F58EE075790	SHANEHA PATEL
4. '04 FORD FOCUS	1FAFP34394W155912	TYTIANNA MCDUFFIE
5. '03 FORD WINDSTAR	2FMZA52403BA62451	WILMA LAWSON
6. '12 SUBARU OUTBACK	4S4BRBCC6C3247229	DIAMOND SMITH / WESTLAKE FINANCIAL
7. '06 CHRYSLER 300	2C3KA53G96H135479	DARRELL FINK
8. '19 KIA SOUL	KNDJP3A51K7649120	MATTHEW PHEBUS / CAPITOL ONE
9. '05 VW JETTA	3VWRK69M35M027852	CHRISTOPHER CASEY
10. '11 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL2AP0BN424468	ISSAC RICH or HWAKON SMITH
11. '20 ALFA ROMEO	STELVIO ZASPAPAN4L7C97773	DAVID DRATA/ SANTANDER
12. '06 CHEVY SILVERADO	1GCHC24U96E237150	BENJAMIN CRAFT
13. '17 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	5NMZU3LB2HHO27688	LUKE MCRAE / AMERICA'S CAR MART
14. '13 DODGE JOURNEY	3C4PCDCG2DT691021	SHAUNA OR PHILLIP ATKINS / TITLEMAX
15. '16 KIA SOUL	KNDJN2A28F7154103	WILLARD ROBINSON / MARTHA OLSON
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