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Mayor Indya Kincannon is joined by Sue Clancy (center) to cut the ribbon and open the Sue Clancy Greenway Extension connecting Adair Park to the First Creek Greenway.

‘Missing link’ connects Adair Park to First Creek Greenway

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Last year, a ribbon was cut to celebrate work starting on the greenway connection between Adair Park in Fountain City and the First Creek Greenway. On Tuesday of last week, that extension, the Sue Clancy Greenway, was opened for use in a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon.

For years, the residents of Inskip and Fountain City

have wanted a safe, traffic-free way to link them with the First Creek Greenway. The mile-long path, completed by the City Public Service crew, is now open and ADA certified for disabled citizens, bicyclists and walkers to use. It's made of crushed and compacted stone. The partial greenway from the park across Adair Drive was improved and tied to the new portion stretching from Old Broadway to that short path's terminus.

Mayor Kincannon was joined by Sue Clancy, for whom the new greenway is named, in cutting the ribbon near the Starbucks location on Old Broadway. Clancy served as Special Events Director under former Mayor Victor Ashe. Kincannon called the extension the "missing link" that now offers a hiking and walking trail so residents can access the nearby Sharp's Ridge in North Knoxville. Mayor Ashe, some current

city council members, Lynnhurst Funeral Home and Cemetery officials, and city employees also attended the ceremony.

The path was completed with the cooperation of Lynnhurst, Legacy Parks, and the Park at Fountain City Apartments. It runs along the banks of Adair Creek and terminates on the east end at 4719 Old Broadway with a parking lot. It will be maintained by the Public Service Department.

Major redevelopment of North Waterfront coming

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Knoxville's North Waterfront redevelopment began last week when the Knoxville City Council approved the first step of a three-part plan. Knoxville's Community Development Corp introduced the tentative plan to study redeveloping the waterfront from the Henley

Street Bridge to Kingston Pike.

The University of Tennessee will play a large part in the project, in cooperation with the city, and has purchased the Maplehurst area and plans an Innovation District there for research, technology and entrepreneurship. UT's entertainment district next to

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Public ballot question on city elections passes first reading

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When Knox County residents go to the polls in the November General Election to select a new governor and congressperson, voters in Knoxville may also see a ballot question about city elections.

The Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening passed, on one of two readings, a ballot question which, if passed, would designate a city council candidate who gets 50 percent plus one primary votes as the elected official. That means the designated primary winner would not appear on the city general election

ballot.

Each council member would only appear on their district's ballot. The 50-plus-one vote already applies to the local elections of a mayor and city judge.

The initial resolution may see some language changes to make the ballot referendum more understandable. A second and final reading will be back for a decision. The first reading saw At-large Councilwoman Amelia Parker and Third District Councilman Doug Lloyd voting "No"

A separate resolution by Parker, to stipulate how a tie vote in a city election would be resolved, failed to pass.

Seymour Volunteer Fire Department updates community on new station

Last Monday, several Seymour Volunteer Fire Department members, along with representation from Horner Construction, hosted a walkthrough of the new fire station's construction. The current projection is that the station is trending towards a completion date just prior to Thanksgiving of this year.

The new fire station is designed for the future- one that will better support the needs of our firefighters today and for many years to come. The new facility will feature:

- Sleeping quarters for personnel
- A dedicated training area
- Administrative offices
- A day room and fitness/recovery area for the firefighters
- Three drive-through bays to improve response readiness and vehicle access

"We still need additional fundraising to reduce construction debt and to furnish the station," retired Chief John Linsenbigler told The Focus.

The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department encourages the community to attend two scheduled fundraising events and to



Members of the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department and its contractor gave a sneak peek at the work on the new fire station last week.

partner with the volunteer-based department.

On October 9, 2026, the 3rd Annual Sporting Clay event will be held in memory of Dave Foulk. This event honors Dave, a long-time supporter of the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department. If you'd like to join, sponsor the event or sponsor a team, please visit SeymourVFD.com/Dave.

April 24, 2027, is the date of the Annual Gala. This fundraising event features a plated dinner, auction, and live entertainment from Chris Blue. More details will be shared closer to the event.

"We are primarily volunteer based and our ability to operate is dependent on the backing of the community. We don't

operate under a subscription service, or solely through your tax dollars, but instead we operate on the generosity of our businesses, residents, and community partners," Linsenbigler said. "Consider joining us for one of our events, giving a one-time gift, or setting up a reoccurring contribution.

"We ask everyone who values

the safety of their families, neighbors, and community to please step up and support the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department as we move forward to complete this much needed facility."

For more information, please visit SeymourVFD.com or contact the department directly at (865)851-1157.





The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Missing

If you are missing items you ordered from Amazon, I know where you can find them. The picture above shows “your” packages piled at the gate on our accessory gravel drive exiting the back of our property.

Regrettably, I have written about our ordeal with Amazon previously in the August 3rd essay, “It’s Complicated.” I’ll quickly cut to the chase: Amazon’s Seattle AI is directing their delivery vehicles across our property using our gravel drive to access a neighboring subdivision to deliver packages.

For months we have chatted with bots and humans, repeatedly emailed and called to discuss the situation with a dozen Amazon employees across the country. You would think Amazon could correct their errant routing problem, which sends Amazon

vehicles speeding across our property, endangering our grandchildren on the farm golf cart, our dog and farm animals. Repeatedly, we have been assured that the routing error will be fixed, but it hasn’t. We feel like Charlie Brown as “Amazon Lucy” promises she will hold the football, but doesn’t.

Let me point out that Amazon delivers our orders correctly, most of the time. But who has not been challenged when encountering a behemoth bureaucracy run by artificial intelligence, which seemingly is incapable of being overridden by commonsensical humans?

And as AI systems are developed, used and have sometimes escaped control, we should all be concerned. It certainly gives me concern that Amazon delivery drones may soon be flying through Knoxville’s airspace, directed

by AI. And even more concern is Amazon’s AI chatbot “doctor” making diagnoses. What could possibly go wrong?

Modern life has its challenges, but the benefits far outweigh the downsides. I am not an old fuddy-duddy who thinks things of the past are better than the present. Furthermore, I am certainly not a technology Luddite.

Interestingly, a friend had to cut down a huge tree damaged by lightning and she wanted to know how old it was. She took a picture and submitted it to Grok and in just a few seconds, the tree rings were counted, and the tree was determined to be almost 99-100 years old.

And we had a mystery with our chickens. We were suspicious that we got a rooster with the baby hens we bought. ChatGPT identified the bird as a rooster with a 98% certainty. Clearly, these uses of AI are not as critical as correct medical diagnosis and advice!

The philosopher Socrates said that the “unexamined life is not worth living.” What he meant was that we should examine our lives using reason and common sense. Since I am now retired, I have more time for self-reflection and thought. (And I have to come up

with a hopefully thoughtful 1000 word essay every week!)

On reflection, I think most things are better now than in the past. Computers, the internet and cell phones stand out as marvelous inventions which have made the world better. Powered by these technologies, I believe future historians will call our time the Information Age.

Nowadays, we blithely consider cars and airplanes. And we take for granted the ability to produce more food with fertilizers and modern farming. “The Alchemy of Air” by Thomas Hager is a fascinating book about fertilizer, food production and, surprisingly, war.

Our Tennessee River is now far cleaner than it was when I was a kid. And I have an old picture of Knoxville taken shortly after the Civil War showing treeless Knoxville and the barren hills of UT. There are now more trees than in the past because we have better sources of energy. And I could go on.

But that does not mean that the modern world and its conveniences are problem-free. Noteworthy is globalization, which has been a disaster and has endangered our country by outsourcing America’s

workforce and industries, as well as leading to supply chain issues. However, recognizing successes as well as mistakes is integral to improvement and correction. President Trump understands the problems of globalization and is addressing the transfer of industries and wealth out of our country by multinational corporations seeking profit from lower foreign production costs.

The major news media has been missing in action. They were granted protection in the First Amendment to the Constitution. Recognition that the media have become politicized, dishonest and corrupt has been a painful lesson, but a necessary one. Painfully, Americans have learned of deception by fraudsters, politicians and bureaucrats in our institutions. We have lost trust in, for instance, Fauci’s CDC. But again, this can be a blessing if we are courageous and fix the problems of dishonest people in places of power.

And who trusts the judicial system and judges any longer? If you do, you should consider Luke 2:18. Judicial activism has been going on for millennia. My one experience with the judicial system was in a civil suit. The judge threw out the verdict that the jury

awarded me. Needless to say, I found him corrupt.

Jesus said we would always have problems in this world (John 16:33). But he also said to whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:48). And Americans have been given much, and as a group are the most giving people on the planet. We just don’t like to be cheated or deceived.

A recent Sunday school lesson caused me to think about prayer and specifically the Lord’s Prayer. This model of prayer is seemingly missing the notion of thankfulness, something that resonates with me. Some years ago, pastor and writer Bill Hybel, wrote “Too Busy Not To Pray,” where he introduced me to the helpful acronym ACTS as a model for prayer.

A stands for adoration or reverence.

C stands for confession or contrition.

T stands for thankfulness and

S for supplication, where you ask God for the things on your heart and mind.

Prayer is never wrong. Our country and the world need it. So don’t let it go missing from your life.

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South Knox residents opposed to tax break for development

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The Knox County Commission’s upcoming meeting next week may decide the fate of a townhouse development along John Sevier Highway. DWF John Sevier LLC is asking the body to approve a 50% tax break for 20 years so it can build 80 units, half of which would be affordable housing.

Ninth District Commissioner Andy Fox voiced his objection to the PILOT tax deal in last month’s meeting and, last Monday, held a public workshop on the matter.

Several citizens spoke against giving the developer such a break for various reasons.

Craig Cobb spoke for the developer and said the project could not continue without the commission’s approval. He said all the units will be upscale with granite countertops and hardwood floors, and other amenities including a pool. He said one-half of the units would be rented at a \$208 monthly deduction and the other 40 units would bring the county about \$60,000 per year in taxes from the currently

vacant 12.4-acre property. The proposed development is just east of the Lowe’s center and Chapman Highway.

Mark Mamantov, a real estate attorney, explained the PILOT tax break and noted that the developer’s application to the federal Housing and Urban Development’s Workforce Housing program hinges on the commission’s approval of the deal. He called the deal a “really unique product and a special request.”

Public speakers spoke on concerns including the deal giving

preference to the developer over similar nearby housing developments, government intervention, flooding the area with new people, losing property tax revenue and targeting of families with middle-range incomes.

Cobb countered with the cost of buying a new single-family home, the down payment and upkeep. Asked if the project would limit occupants to Knox County residents, Cobb replied, “That’s a housing violation.”

One speaker said the developer had violated the law by

beginning to clear the property, but Cobb disagreed, saying that work going on there now is only to connect an adjoining development with access.

At one point, the audience, mostly opposed to the project, yelled and shouted loudly when it was mentioned that the property there could support 180 fair-market value units.

The tax break for the proposed development is before the commission for discussion and a vote when it meets on August 31.



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Publisher's Position Mayor-elect Henderson names Doug 'High Tax' Harris to staff



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Knox County Mayor-elect Betsy Henderson has announced the top picks for the mayor's staff prior to taking office on September 1. Chris Caldwell has accepted Henderson's offer to serve as Knox County's chief financial officer, a role he has held for years. Anyone familiar with Caldwell knows him to be eminently able, industrious and more than capable. There is no one anywhere more knowledgeable about Knox County's finances than Chris Caldwell. It was a good pick.

Henderson's chief of staff will be Evan Newman, the state director for the Freedom Caucus in South

Carolina. Newman's most recent campaign activity was running the gubernatorial campaign of Congressman Ralph Norman, who will be in the runoff for the late Senator Lindsey Graham's seat.

Lastly, Henderson has selected Doug Harris as her chief operating officer. It is an interesting choice as Harris served as chair of the Knox County Board of Education, which is where the mayor-elect served for eight years. That is exactly where the similarity ends, as Henderson was a staunch conservative while Harris was a vocal advocate for then-superintendent Jim McIntyre, who grew the Knox County School System bureaucracy by leaps and bounds. McIntyre was always pushing for more money to expand the budget, as bureaucracy is expensive.

The multiplicity of assistant, vice and executive principals proliferated significantly throughout McIntyre's imperial superintendency. Harris and his colleagues on the board, except for the late Mike McMillan, were solidly behind McIntyre, who

created his own Leadership Academy. Its sole achievement was to run through those aspiring to be assistant principals and administrators, all taught by McIntyre himself. Naturally, they needed a place to land and land they did in every elementary, middle and high school in the county. The school budget has continually risen with a bureaucracy still thick with McIntyre appointees.

Henderson ran well to the right of her competitors, flatly pledging no tax increases. It's worth noting that during his own time on the board of education, Harris was anything but conservative. This newspaper in 2014 christened Harris as Doug "High Tax" Harris during his time on the school board. During his time as superintendent, McIntyre spent tax dollars prolifically. Not happy with what the county commission allocated for the schools, McIntyre proposed the largest increase in Knox County's property tax ever sought by anyone. Tim Burchett, renowned for his penny-pinching and careful spending, was the mayor at the time. McIntyre stomped

into Burchett's office once to remind the mayor that he had not consulted him on providing a raise for county employees. Burchett sent McIntyre packing.

McIntyre had the full support of the media at the time; WBIR-TV shilled loudly for the tax increase, aided and abetted by the Knoxville News Sentinel, which featured multiple editorials in favor of the tax hike as well as favorable stories daily. The local Chamber of Commerce raised and spent \$50,000 for an advertising campaign. The business community's usual suspects tried to pressure and bully Mayor Burchett with political reprisals. They had seriously underestimated Burchett, who bravely refused to buckle under, nor did he make himself scarce. **One of the loudest and most passionate advocates for the largest proposed property tax in Knox County's history was, of course, Doug "High Tax" Harris.**

The millionaire businessman amply funded the campaigns of like-minded individuals, including opponents for Mike McMillan. Harris maxed out his

contributions for McMillan's opponents; McMillan was easily the only member of the board who was critical of McIntyre. At some point, there was talk of increasing BOTH the sales tax and the property tax.

Mayor Burchett recorded a call urging folks to contact their county commissioners, and a robocall went out. The response stunned the then political establishment. The deluge of telephone calls from irate and hardworking citizens caused the City-County Building's telephone system to literally collapse, as did what served as the internet at the time.

Doug "High Tax" Harris and McIntyre tried to get all their pro-tax people to fill the Large Assembly Room in the City-County Building. Despite the parade of elites marching down to the microphone to tell the commissioners to increase the tax rate, Mike Hammond, then a county commissioner, told those gathered and those watching the proceedings on television, "We got the message." No commissioner made a single motion to put the matter to a vote.

The largest proposed property tax increase in Knox County history died a quick death at that moment, despite all the king's men having moved heaven and earth to pass it.

The huge, proposed tax increase was not mourned by any working family. The special interests and elites were shocked to the core. It was the shining example of the people taking hold of their government and standing up for themselves, and the politicians did get the message. They all failed to reckon with the fact Tim Burchett could not be threatened, bullied or moved from his own pledge not to increase taxes.

Mayor-elect Betsy Henderson is apparently expanding the leadership role of her office, and the local government has grown. Knox Countians should believe Henderson will keep her pledge and perhaps Doug "High Tax" Harris has had an epiphany and come around to common sense and reason since McIntyre departed for Nashville. Time will tell if "High Tax" can convincingly become "No Tax" Harris.

Major redevelopment of North Waterfront coming

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Neyland Stadium is within the proposed boundary, as is development around the future pedestrian bridge.

Ben Bentley, executive director of KCDC, spoke on the overall plan. He said numerous public input sessions will be held with a final plan introduced after research is completed on historic and other structures in the area. That master plan will probably be announced in January. Bentley promised that no owner-occupied properties would be taken, no eminent domain used, and residents of Maplehurst would be consulted.

At-large Councilwoman Lynne Fugate said she was disappointed the public wasn't notified earlier and pushed Bentley to have a "public process." District One's Karyn Adams urged Bentley to add the map and plan to the KCDC website.

Honeycutt said his understanding is that the redevelopment would come in three phases: establishment of the boundary, creation of a plan with public input and implementation of the final plan.

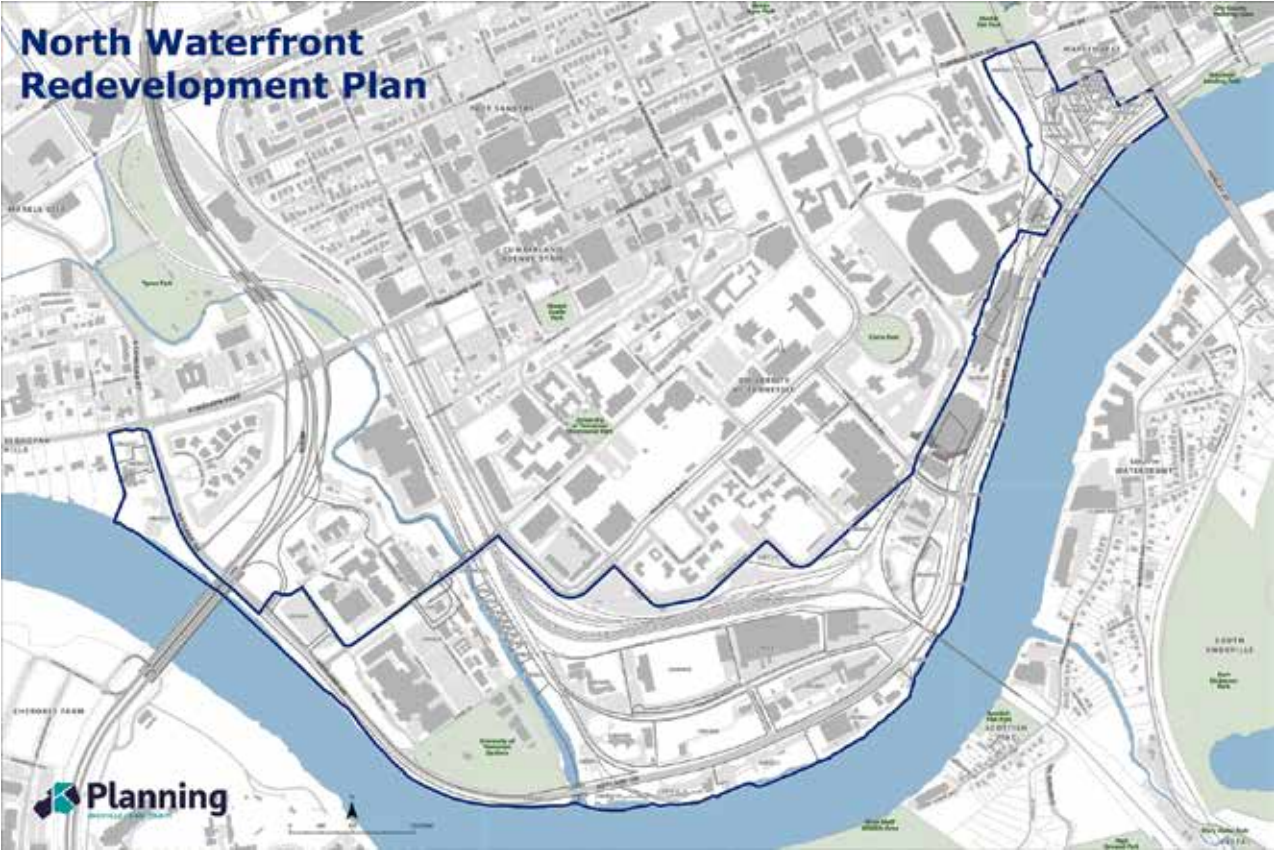
UT's Matthew Scoggins commented on the importance of planning and noted UT's wishes for the waterfront. He pointed out the university's purchase of the Maplehurst property and its plans there.

Fugate said UT is the "elephant in the room" and called for the "town and gown" to work together.

At-Large Councilmember Amelia Parker was critical of the strategies used in redevelopment and expressed concern as to what properties might be taken.

Mayor Indya Kincannon said the plan has "a lot of moving parts with more to come."

The overall plan would have KCDC oversee its



The North Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and map are online at www.kcdc.org/redevelopment/

operation that would eventually include a network of pedestrian, bicycle and

vehicle infrastructure, open spaces, waterfront amenities and preservation and

reuse of historic structures.

With Councilman Denzel Grant absent, the council

voted 7-1 with Parker voting "No."

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Women’s Suffrage Museum announces major expansion milestones

The Women’s Suffrage Museum – Events & Cultural Center announced significant milestones in the development of its permanent home Tuesday evening during the sold-out 16th Annual Febb Burn Banquet, marking the project’s continued evolution from vision to reality.

Before an audience of more than 400 supporters gathered at Bridgewater Place to commemorate Tennessee’s historic role in ratifying the 19th Amendment, museum leaders unveiled a series of major developments that represent the next chapter in creating what will become the world’s largest museum dedicated exclusively to women’s suffrage.

Among the announcements:

- The museum has secured 706 South Gay Street and the adjacent 708 South Gay Street properties, expanding the project beyond its original footprint.

- Johnson Architecture has been selected to lead architectural design for the project.

- Museum planning has advanced into schematic design development, with all galleries and visitor experiences now identified.

- The museum will encompass approximately 30,000 square feet across four floors, creating an immersive destination dedicated to preserving, interpreting and celebrating the history of women’s suffrage.

- Beyond its museum galleries and exhibitions,

the Events & Cultural Center will feature a major dining and event space, a bridal suite and a library, creating opportunities for weddings, special events, research and community gatherings.

- Upon completion, the Women’s Suffrage Museum – Events & Cultural Center will become the world’s largest museum and events and cultural center dedicated exclusively to honoring the women’s suffrage movement.

“For too long, one of the most consequential movements in American history has been reduced to little more than a line in our history books: ‘In 1920, women received the right to vote.’ But that one sentence leaves out the extraordinary 72-year struggle, and the courage, sacrifice and determination of the ordinary citizens who made it possible,” said Wanda Sobieski, founder and president of the Suffrage Coalition.

“Over the last five generations, too much of that story has been lost. History should not stay on a shelf. We are creating a place where the suffrage movement comes alive, not as a relic of the past, but as a blueprint for the future. We want every person who walks through our doors to leave understanding that ordinary citizens have an extraordinary ability to reshape the course of our nation.”

The 16th Annual Febb Burn Banquet, East Tennessee’s premier celebration honoring the legacy of the women’s suffrage

movement and supporting the future Women’s Suffrage Museum – Events & Cultural Center, was sold out.

The evening featured keynote remarks from Rachel Sussman, two-time Tony Award-winning producer of the Broadway musical “Suffs,” whose work has helped introduce a new generation to the story of the American suffrage movement through theater and storytelling. Award-winning WBIR-TV anchor Robin Wilhoit served as master of ceremonies. Guests experienced an evening of music, poetry and performances celebrating the women whose voices forever changed American democracy.

In her keynote address, “Keep Marching: How We Honor the Past to Shape the Future,” Sussman reflected on the enduring relevance of the suffrage movement and the importance of carrying its lessons forward for new generations.

“I am honored to be celebrating the Febb Burn Banquet and sharing the resonance of the musical Suffs at the event,” said Sussman. “The suffrage movement and the many suffragists who fought relentlessly for the right to vote over 100 years ago are proof that ‘progress is possible, not guaranteed.’ And that message of hope remains paramount as we continue to fight for progress against impossible odds today, as we look forward.”

“Rachel is a true



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Members of the Suffrage Coalition gather in front of the future museum site beneath a large rendering of the museum, which would be the largest museum of its type in the United States.

modern-day suffragist,” said Sobieski. “She refused to take ‘no’ for an answer, and through Suffs, she has helped bring the courage, determination and sacrifice of these extraordinary women to audiences in a powerful new way. Just as the suffragists persevered through a 72-year battle for the right to vote, Rachel pushed forward against the odds to ensure their voices would be heard by a new

generation. I am so proud of what she has accomplished. Now, through this museum, we have the opportunity to give these stories a permanent home and ensure this history is not simply a lesson from the past, but a living spark for the future.”

The Women’s Suffrage Museum – Events & Cultural Center will house more than 1,000 historic artifacts collected over

three decades by Sobieski and the Suffrage Coalition. Through immersive exhibitions, educational programming, library research opportunities and public gathering spaces, the museum will preserve the stories of the suffrage movement while inspiring future generations to understand the enduring importance of civic participation, leadership and democracy.

Did our Savior Declare “All Meats” Clean in Mark 7:19?

By Ken Swiger, Pastor

AUGUST 2026

Let’s begin by recognizing that this passage is NOT about eating animals that the law of God declared as unclean and abominations. It is about a requirement for ritual hand-washing according to Jewish tradition.

Mark 7:1-2 (NKJV)

¹Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.

²Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

Please notice that the Scribes and Pharisees did NOT accuse Jesus or His disciples of breaking the written Law of God. No, they only accused them of breaking the oral tradition of the Jewish religious leaders.

Mark 7:5 (NKJV)

⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

Indeed, If the Scribes and Pharisees had witnessed Jesus or His disciples eating an unclean thing, it would have been a much more upsetting event for them and could accuse them of breaking God’s written law [see Lev chapter 11 for list].

The earnest Bible student will search in vain for any scripture that indicates that our Savior ever broke any portion of the written law of God. He only had issues with the oral traditions of the religious Jews. Note these verses from the following verses in the same chapter 7 of Mark:

Mark 7:6-9 (NKJV)

⁶He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸“For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”

⁹He said to them, “*All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.*

So, the answer is NO. Jesus did not declare all “meats” clean. He only stated that the digestive process of the body takes care of any impurities that might be on our hands. Ritual hand-washing traditions are of no real spiritual value.

Seventh Day Christian Assembly, 1700 Woodson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920 on Sabbath [Saturday] at 9:45 AM for Bible Study & 11 AM for worship. We also meet on Wednesday evening for Bible study. We welcome you to visit with us.



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Old Gray Cemetery

An oasis on North Broadway

By Pete Gawda

There is an oasis of serenity, natural beauty and elaborate stone carvings in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of downtown Knoxville. Located at 543 North Broadway, Old Gray Cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the largest green space in downtown Knoxville and contains the earthly remains of 9,000 people.

"I love it here," said Russell Kuhlman, president of the board of trustees of Old Gray Educational Historical Memorial Association. "I have a lot of family here." In fact, five of his eight great-grandparents are buried there. Kuhlman related stories of the monuments and the lives of the people buried at Old Gray as he strolled over the cemetery's 13 ½ acres.

"It is an outdoor art museum," Kuhlman said, "Everything about this place is stunning; I see something new every day." Victorian art and architecture are on display all



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Above: Unfortunately vandals have decapitated the statue of this Confederate soldier buried in Old Gray Cemetery and known only as Horne. There is no other name or date on the tombstone. Right: This hollow metal monument was used by bootleggers during Prohibition to dispense illegal whiskey through a small door.

around, with angels, crosses and other intricate designs carved in stone. Prominent throughout the cemetery is the obelisk, an Egyptian symbol of eternal life.

Old Gray was founded in 1850 and dedicated in 1852. It is the

second oldest cemetery in Knoxville. It is properly called a cemetery because it is privately owned and not connected with a church. A graveyard is located on church property. It was named for English poet Thomas Gray, who wrote "Elegy in a Country

Church Yard." Old Gray is the first garden cemetery in the state. A garden cemetery is located on the outskirts of a city and is larger and more elaborate than a graveyard. When it was established, Old Gray was on farmland on the outskirts of the city. At first it was simply Gray Cemetery. It did not become Old Gray until New Gray Cemetery was opened on Western Avenue in 1892.

Old Gray is a certified arboretum by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council with over 40 types of trees identified by marble stone markers supplied by the Akima Club and the Knoxville Garden Club.

Kuhlman said people used to come here for picnics and that weddings are sometimes held here.

The first grave is that of William Martin, who died July 14, 1851, as a result of injuries sustained in a 4th of July cannon explosion.

Knoxville's divided loyalty during the Civil War can be seen in Old Gray, with the many graves of both Confederate and Union sympathizers.

Kuhlman pointed out the

metal monument marking the grave of Emily T. Shepard, June 1, 1814 – September 17, 1882. He said that during Prohibition, the monument, which is hollow, had a door on the side. If a person wanted illegal alcohol, they would stroll by this monument and place the necessary amount of money in the door and would pass on by. A bootlegger would then retrieve the money and replace it with a bottle. The customer would come back later to retrieve the bottle.

In the center of the cemetery is a large metal fountain which was built in 2016 as a replica of the original, which was built in 1890 and later torn down.

Kuhlman pointed out the receiving vault, which was used for temporary storage of bodies when the weather did not allow for a burial or until it could be decided where to bury a person. He also pointed out the tombstone of a Confederate soldier known only as Horne. That one word is the only inscription on the tombstone, and that is all that is known about him. Beside

the tombstone there is a statue of the soldier, which unfortunately has been decapitated by vandals.

Among the prominent people buried here is McGhee Tyson, for whom Knoxville's airport is named. Another is Lizzie Crozier French, who was instrumental in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. A large obelisk marks the grave of William G. "Parson" Brownlow, newspaper editor and governor of Tennessee. Large monuments mark the family plots of many prominent Knoxville families, including the Kern family of Kern's Bakery, the McClungs and the Williams.

On special occasions, reenactors depict the lives of some of the prominent residents of Old Gray.

The cemetery is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day when people can freely walk the grounds. Guided tours can also be arranged through Knoxville Walking Tours by calling (865)309-4522. The cost is \$20 per person.



Russell Kuhlman, president of the board of trustees of Old Gray Educational Historical Memorial Association, is pictured with the metal fountain, which was built in 2016 as a replica of the original that was built in 1890 and later demolished.

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Pushing Back on Aggressive Debt Collectors



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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If you find yourself in a situation where you have racked up more debt than you can pay you may start receiving mail and phone calls from debt collectors. These calls are not only stressful, but they can be downright annoying and harassing in nature.

There are some things you can actually do to push back on debt collectors. Most debt collections laws are federal laws and are found in the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Here are some helpful things you can do or say to the debt collector that you may not have known:

You are allowed to record the phone call you have with the debt collector.

You can revoke your consent to have them contact you any further and tell them they are only allowed to send you written correspondence.

You can demand that they validate the debt and prove that you are legally obligated to pay them.

You can demand to be provided the purchase agreement related to the debt to confirm that they are not trying to collect after the statute of limitations has expired.

You can demand that they provide the original written agreement with your signature on it showing that you agreed to pay them.

You can demand a copy of the last billing statement from the original creditor.

You can demand proof that the entity contacting you has their collection agency license in the state of Tennessee.

My guess is that most entities that contact you will not be able to provide you with much of these items. That is why it is incredibly important that you record phone calls with debt collectors so you have proof that you demanded they provide these various things.

Again, under federal law, you are entitled to request these things, and if the debt collector cannot provide them, you may be able to avoid paying this particular debt.

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Life East of Eden

By Justin Pratt,
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The first family in human history did not live long outside the Garden before sin found its way from the human heart into human hands. Genesis 4 introduces us to Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam and Eve. Both brothers brought an offering to God, but the Lord accepted Abel and his offering while rejecting Cain and his. Scripture indicates that Abel approached God with faith and gave Him the first and best of his flock. Cain merely brought “an offering” from the fruit of the ground. The issue was deeper than the substance of their sacrifices; it involved the condition of their hearts.

To make matters worse, Cain did not respond to God’s rejection with humility or repentance. Instead, “Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.” Something dangerous began growing within him. Disappointment turned into resentment. Resentment hardened into bitterness. Bitterness eventually expressed itself through violence. Yet before Cain acted, God spoke. The Lord asked him, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?” God was not seeking information. He was graciously confronting Cain and inviting him to examine his heart. God then issued a sobering warning: “Sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

What an image! Sin was pictured as a predator crouching outside the door, waiting for the opportunity to attack. Cain had not yet murdered his brother, and there was still time to repent, turn around, and choose a different direction. God saw what was developing inside Cain long before anyone could see what Cain was capable of doing. Cain, unfortunately, ignored the warning. And when the moment came, it was just him and his brother in a field, and Cain killed him. The first murder began long before Cain lifted his hand against his brother. It started when he allowed anger, envy, and resentment to remain unchallenged within his heart.

That is the warning of Genesis 4: Wrong internal attitudes will eventually become sinful external actions. The temptations and thoughts that we tolerate inwardly will eventually reveal themselves outwardly. Hidden jealousy eventually speaks. Unresolved anger eventually strikes. Secret lust eventually reaches. Lingering bitterness eventually wounds. Our actions are often nothing more than the visible fruit of attitudes that have been growing beneath the surface for a long time.

Cain’s story also reminds us that God deals graciously with us before sin destroys us. He confronts our attitudes through Scripture. He convicts us through the Holy Spirit. He sends warnings through sermons, circumstances, and caring people. His correction is not cruelty; it is grace. God speaks because He knows where an unchecked attitude will eventually lead. Even after Cain committed murder, God continued speaking to him. Cain would face consequences, but he would not be destroyed immediately. God placed a protective mark upon him, demonstrating mercy even in the midst of consequences. But Cain still refused God’s mercy. Genesis 4:16 says, “Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.”

Cain’s life became a life east of Eden, farther from the presence of God and deeper into the consequences of sin. Many are living east of Eden today. They have allowed an offense to become anger, anger to become resentment, and resentment to become a defining part of their lives. They replay the injury, rehearse the offense, and feed the bitterness until it begins affecting their words, relationships, decisions, and actions. We cannot always control what happens to us, but we are responsible for what we allow to grow within us.

God’s question to Cain still speaks: “Why are you angry?” Perhaps it is time to stop defending our resentment and begin dealing honestly with our hearts. Sin may be crouching at the door, but by God’s grace, we do not have to open it.



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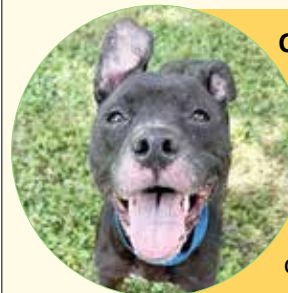
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The Gentleman From New York

Kenneth B. Keating

Pages from the Past



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Kenneth Barnard Keating looked like Hollywood's stereotypical version of a United States senator; stocky, white-haired, with an air of dignity about him. During Keating's lifetime, he was a successful candidate for public office frequently and was a Republican, albeit of the eastern variety in a state dominated during the 1940s and early 1950s by Thomas E. Dewey. Keating had a well-deserved reputation for milking every opportunity for publicity in representing a large state like New York.

Keating, like most of his contemporaries, had joined the armed forces during the Second World War, where he was promptly sent to India, where he headed the office that administered the all-important Lend-Lease program for much of the war's Far Eastern Theatre. Rising to the rank of colonel, Keating completed his war service in Washington, D.C. While not facing combat, Ken Keating had been deeply involved in much of the Second World War's diplomatic efforts, coordinating American and British cooperation, and he was decorated with the Legion of Merit and the Order of the British Empire.

After every war, returning veterans seek offices from the courthouse all the way up to the White House. 1946 was no exception, and Kenneth B. Keating sought election to what was then New York State's Fortieth Congressional District, which included the city of Rochester and its surroundings. Keating faced incumbent congressman George F. Rogers, who had won the seat in 1944 when Franklin D. Roosevelt had been at the top of the Democratic ticket. The Republican National Committee, headed by Tennessean Carroll Reece, ran a shrewd campaign, capitalizing upon the discontent of voters who were tired of the deprivations brought about by the war effort with the slogan: "Had Enough?" They had, and Keating beat Congressman Rogers badly, winning by a margin of 29,531 votes and polling better than 60% of the ballots cast. It was an impressive political debut.

Rogers sought a rematch in 1948, and while the race was much closer in a presidential election year, Keating had managed to entrench himself with the people of the Fortieth Congressional District and won a narrow victory, topping Rogers by 4,800 votes and winning 51.37% of the ballots cast. Never again did Ken Keating face a close election inside his congressional district for the remainder of his career in the House of Representatives. In 1958, Senator Irving

Ives, a Republican who had been handpicked by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the GOP "boss" in New York State, was ailing and announced he would not seek a third term. Keating was reluctant to give up his safe congressional seat but was finally importuned to join the GOP ticket headed by Nelson Rockefeller, who was making his first campaign for governor.

Keating's opponent in the general election was Frank Hogan, the high-profile district attorney for New York City. From the beginning, Keating was considered the underdog in the race. 1958 was an abysmal year nationally for the Republican Party, which lost thirteen seats in the U.S. Senate. The country was deeply mired in recession and voters were unhappy. Yet New York proved to be the bright spot for Republicans as both Rockefeller and Keating won. Congressman Keating carried all but three counties and beat Hogan by 132,992 votes out of more than 5.5 million cast.

As he had inside his own congressional district, Keating set out to provide excellent constituent service to the people of New York. It was Keating who broke the news that he had been informed the Soviet Union had constructed sites in Cuba to be able to launch intercontinental ballistic missiles, which could easily target locations inside the United States. Keating was an outspoken supporter of Israel, which pleased the large Jewish population of New York. Senator Keating was also a vocal supporter of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Yet the Republican Party became divided when it nominated Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona for the presidency in 1964. A delegate to the Republican National Convention, Keating led the New York delegation in a walk-out once Goldwater was nominated.

TIME magazine reported Keating's declaration of his candidacy in 1964. Noting the senator was tanned, his hair "freshly trimmed," Keating said, "Well, ladies and gentlemen, we all know what we're here for. And I want to announce at the outset that I will not be a candidate for the United States Senate. . . ." Keating, delighted and relishing the moment, paused with perfect timing as reporters were momentarily stunned before the senator finished. ". . . from Massachusetts." That brought a roar of laughter from the audience while Keating grinned. Following his joke, Senator Keating announced what had long been expected of him, that he was seeking a second term. Keating used his announcement to



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Left to right: Governor Nelson Rockefeller, US Senator Kenneth Keating and former governor and two-time GOP presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey in 1964.

state he would not back Barry Goldwater for the presidency. Goldwater had defeated New York's liberal Republican governor, Nelson Rockefeller, for the GOP presidential nomination in 1964. Goldwater was arguably the most conservative candidate ever nominated for the presidency of the United States by the Republican Party. "I cannot in good conscience conceal my convictions behind a façade of conformity disguised as unity," Keating stated. "I seriously doubt that any voter in New York would be impressed by any lip service I might give Senator Goldwater."

Hillary Clinton was not the first candidate to choose New York State as a political base. With his brother Ted sitting in the Senate seat that had once been held by the late John F. Kennedy, his native Massachusetts was no longer a political option for Robert F. Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy was frequently deemed to be the hardest of the brothers, long on grudge and short on gratitude. It had been Bobby Kennedy who could remember every delegate who had not backed his brother Jack at the beginning of the 1960 Democratic National Convention. The patriarch of the Kennedy clan and the financier of the political ambitions of his sons, Joseph P. Kennedy, decreed that Bobby would serve as JFK's Attorney General. It was a lofty position and especially for one who had never practiced law. Bobby Kennedy had first come to notice through serving as the assistant counsel for Senator Joseph McCarthy's infamous committee as Joe Kennedy helped to finance the Wisconsin demagogue. Kennedy then became the crime-fighting counsel for Senator John McClellan's Labor Rackets Committee in 1957, which is where Bobby Kennedy's blood feud with Teamsters' Union president Jimmy Hoffa began.

Kennedy spent liberally in his drive to win the Democratic nomination. Only Mayor Robert Wagner of New York City seemed to loom in the path of Kennedy to the nomination.

Son of the legendary New Deal U.S. senator of the same name, Wagner had been the senatorial nominee in 1956 but had lost to Jacob Javits, who remained in office. Wagner waived aside the fact that Robert F. Kennedy did not live in New York, saying "New York State has taken to its bosom millions from abroad and from other parts of the country, giving out state constant infusions of new blood and renewals of vitality. All Americans are at home in New York." At the root of Wagner's pronouncement was his belief there was no other Democrat who could beat Keating, even with Barry Goldwater at the top of the GOP ticket.

As Lyndon Johnson buried Barry Goldwater beneath an avalanche of votes, the landslide proved to be too much for Senator Kenneth Keating to overcome. The senator lost by just under 720,000 votes to Robert F. Kennedy. The senator retreated to the Virgin Islands for a two-week rest following his loss. Once recharged, Ken Keating hurried back to New York once out of office, where he resumed a hectic schedule of speaking before clubs and organizations. "I enjoy speaking tremendously," Keating told a reporter. "Besides, I have lots of time on my hands now."

Keating denied another run for elective office was in his immediate future, and the reporter skeptically noted, "If you listen to him talk, you think he means it." Keating acknowledged he would continue to comment on issues "if asked."

Sixty-four-years-old in 1965, Keating said he was considering which law firm to join after completing his service in the U.S. Senate. Six months later, the former senator was the Republican nominee for New York's highest state court, the Court of Appeals. The election was held in the off-year, and New York GOP officials believed Keating had amply demonstrated his own personal popularity and ability to run ahead of his own ticket. The race for the State Court of Appeals was the only statewide

office on the ballot in 1965, and whoever was elected judge would serve a 14-year term.

Keating's name had been placed in nomination by his former colleague in the U.S. Senate, Jacob Javits, who said the former senator held "a rather special place in the hearts of New York voters." "They are unhappy about what happened in 1964, and they will repair it in 1965," Javits said. Governor Rockefeller immediately announced he would also campaign on behalf of Keating.

Throughout the 1965 campaign for New York's Court of Appeals, the theme was stated over and over again that the voters of the Empire State recognized they had turned out of office a dedicated and zealous public servant and wished to rectify the wrong done to Ken Keating. The results seemed to bear that out as Kenneth Keating won in a landslide of his own, polling 3.1 million votes to his opponent's 2 million. The former senator won more than 58% of the vote statewide and beat Democrat Owen McGovern by more than a million votes.

As was his habit, Keating, realizing all too well time stood still for no one, set out to make an impression as a judge of the State Court of Appeals and authored more than 100 opinions in a relatively short period of time. Although elected to a 14-year term on the bench, Keating resigned in 1969 following the election of Richard Nixon as president. Nixon appointed the gregarious Keating as America's ambassador to India.

When Keating had lived in India during the Second World War, his domicile was an old warehouse which had been converted into a haphazard apartment building. "There were lizards all over the wall," the former senator remembered. "It was quite primitive but very interesting." As the ambassador of the United States to India, Keating occupied the Roosevelt House, a "mammoth modern" residence which had been designed by architect Edward Durrell, who had won a prize for his

concept of the \$1.4 million complex that served as the official abode. While not as glamorous perhaps as an assignment to London or Paris, Keating did preside over the largest U.S. mission at the time outside of Vietnam, which was the site of the ongoing war. The ambassador enjoyed a nice lifestyle, arising at 7:30 a.m. and swimming in the beautiful pool in "his spacious grassy backyard." After his swim, the ambassador dressed and then breakfasted while reading one of six English-language newspapers published in Delhi. Ambassador Keating also perused a pile of clippings accumulated by his staff from other news publications.

Keating trudged through official communications from the State Department and greeted visitors, sometimes hurrying to Delhi's airport to see off a visiting dignitary. Keating cheerfully acknowledged his assignment as "this complex, sensitive, interesting post." "One of the high spots of my life" was Keating presenting his credentials as America's ambassador to India to then-acting President Varahagiri Venkata on July 2, 1969. Wearing tails, Keating had arrived at the presidential palace flanked by the mounted lancers of the Indian president's guards. Keating showed a reported five pages of mimeographed pages chock full of minute instructions in the conduct of diplomats, which choreographed every detail to the letter. "It was quite a show for a boy from the country," Keating laughed.

Ambassador Keating walked through guards, who held up their drawn swords, after having climbed a steep marble staircase, and trumpeters actually sounded the Fanfare, as per the written instructions.

Keating was reassigned, serving as America's ambassador to Israel from 1973 until 1975 when he suffered a heart attack and died on May 5 at age seventy-four.

After all these years

Once upon a time, a little boy was born into two families as their first grandchild. Of course, those grandparents doted on the little boy and showered him with enough love and gifts until he



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needed nothing. His wise parents lived in a different city and made sure that visits were limited so that they had time to become a family and develop a life for themselves.

When he became a toddler, each set of grandparents was allowed to spend time with him. That meant he traveled to their homes for a week or two. One set of grandparents took the boy on adventures to places that he might not otherwise see. The grandmother of the other couple still worked, so a trip to their house meant the boy and the old man would spend time in the woods playing dinosaurs or travel to close-by museums and putt-putt courses.

It was on a visit to that

second set of grandparents that a tragedy nearly occurred. After a morning filled with outdoor play and animated cartoon watching, the boy announced he was hungry. Granddad

hopped up and fixed the little guy a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The boy gobbled it down as if he'd never had that kind of sandwich before.

Not long after lunch, the little boy's face flushed, and he broke out in a rash. Only then did the grandfather remember that his dear, only grandchild, had a nut allergy. The man called his wife, and she directed him to race to the emergency room. There, the staff gave him medication to counteract the peanut butter in his system.

The staff at the ER looked at this panicked man as if he were some kind of monster. They probably wondered if he had enough intelligence to be in charge of a child. The

grandmother arrived soon, and she asked him what he was thinking when he fed the boy peanut butter. "You know he's allergic to nuts!" The shaken man could only bow his head, admit he wasn't thinking, and express his apologies.

The worst part for the man was calling his daughter to tell her what had happened. He dreaded the call because he didn't want her to panic. Even more so, he was afraid that this would be the last time the boy was ever left for a week with him and his wife. He made the call, assured his daughter that the boy was okay, and apologized. She assured him it was okay, but she also said she and her husband would travel immediately to check things out. The boy went home with them the following day. The grandfather never forgot the dumb mistake he'd made.

The boy survived; in fact, he thrived. His parents even allowed him to spend more time in the summers with the grandparents. Before leaving him, they said Have fun and then turned to the

granddad and reminded him, "NO NUTS!"

That boy arrived at U.T.K. a couple of weeks ago. He's a freshman with a brilliant mind who wants to work with sports teams and their statistics. His grandfather told him he reminded him of a character in the movie "Moneyball." Hopefully, some coach or sports operations head will give him the chance to chart such things.

The boy lives on campus and shares a room with three other students. Life on campus can grow boring and weary, so the new Vol called his granddad and asked if he'd take his grandson to run a few errands and then hang out at the man's house. Of course, the answer was "yes," and the rest of the day was one of the best the granddad had had in a long time. After running errands, the boy took a long nap, wrestled with his computer and apps, and ate supper. As twilight fell, the younger male put on a swimsuit he'd packed, and slipped into the pool for a while. The grandparents sat with him and listened to his

music and his take on what each artist's talents were. An easy-going conversation between two different generations took place.

Eventually, the granddad told the boy the time had come to take him to his dorm. The ride back there was just as pleasant. Each learned more about the other, and more visits are more than likely in the days

to come.

Yes, I'm the old man who nearly killed my grandson Madden. His presence is a wonderful gift to Amy and me. We treasure each moment with our grandson and welcome him any time he wants to visit. It's nice to have a young person around after all these years.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 1

Cherokees give their head coach his first win

By Steve Williams

Zack Gibson had a good reason to celebrate with his family after the game Friday night. He notched his first win as a high school head coach after working 12 years as an assistant. Gibson was all smiles too after South-Doyle took charge at the start and never trailed in a 41-19 victory over homestanding Austin-East at Samuel P. Anderson Field.

Zack gave his team all of the credit.

“That was fantastic,” he quickly said. “They earned every bit of it. We had two really good weeks of practice preparing for this ball game and they came out ready to go.

“The thing I’m most proud of them for tonight is that it got a little tough there at the end. A-E got some momentum and our kids kept their composure and they battled back and put them away right there at the end of the game to run the clock out.”

Coach Gibson expected a closer game coming in. “Austin-East is a very



South-Doyle's Walter Gould IV rushes for yardage against the Austin-East defense Friday night. The Cherokees won 41-19 in the first week of the 2026 high school season.

talented football team. They've got a bunch of kids that can really go and really play. Fortunately for us, our kids came out ready to go and they are really talented

too. I'm really proud of our kids for coming out and swinging and keeping the fight through the whole time.” Senior running back

Walter Gould IV capped the Cherokees' opening drive with a 4-yard touchdown run with 7:48 on the first quarter clock. The Roadrunners reacted

and converted a key fourth-and-eight first down. A short TD pass from sophomore Landon Lightfoot to Jeffery Minor pulled A-E

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2026 Prep Football WEEK TWO

Games kick off at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, August 27
TKA at Tri-Cities Christian
Anderson Co. at Catholic

Friday, August 28
Alcoa at Bearden
Halls at Gibbs
CAK at Heritage
Fulton at Central
Carter at Grace
Maryville at West
Seymour at Pigeon Forge
Farragut at Powell
Karns at South-Doyle
A-E at William Blount
Webb at Asheville, NC
HVA at Morristown East
CCS at Mt. Juliet Christian

Week One Scores

Powell 56, Anderson Co. 44
South-Doyle 41, A-E 19
West 21, Bearden 6
Central 30, D-B 29
Hardin Valley 49, Karns 0
Northview 21, Carter 19
Oak Ridge 16, Halls 10
Seymour 48, G-P 14
Upperman 21, Webb 20
TKA 21, Zion Christian 3
Gibbs 52, Union Co. 18
CAK 57, CCS 20
Sevier Co. 35, Farragut 7
Catholic 19, Riverdale 14
Macon Co. 31, Fulton 12

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

West sweeps pesky Lady Cherokees in its home opener

South-Doyle freshman Zoey Danis serves in the Lady Cherokees' three-set loss at West Thursday night. Danis, a freshman, had five aces and her service kept South-Doyle within striding distance throughout the match. The Lady Rebels prevailed 25-20, 25-16, 25-20.

Photo by Ken Lay.



By Ken Lay

Playing in its home opener, the West High School volleyball team won its second consecutive match Thursday night, sweeping South-Doyle in three sets on Sutherland Avenue.

And coach Jessica Lee saw pretty much what she wanted to see as the Lady Rebels prevailed 25-20, 25-16, 25-20, over the Lady Cherokees at West High.

In the opening set, the

Lady Rebels (2-1) jumped out to a 10-4 lead and were able to keep the game just out of South-Doyle's reach. The Lady Cherokees, who never led in the first two sets of the match, got as close as 10-7 early but their rally was stifled when West scored on a side-out and then picked up three consecutive service points from Celia Bankston to open a 14-10 advantage.

From there, the Lady Rebels never led by less than four points. The took

a 1-0 lead in the match three of the last five points of the set.

West quickly took control of the second set.

South-Doyle surrendered the first point of the set on a side-out before Claire Davenport reeled off nine consecutive points, including four aces, to give her team a commanding 10-0 lead and putting the Lady Cherokees into a seemingly insurmountable hole. The visitors would score three of the next four points to

pull to within 11-3 and take possession of the ball.

South-Doyle (2-1), which has a small front row, did manage to claw its way back into the set when Zoey Danis constructed a service run that was comprised of six points, including five aces.

“We serve and pass and dig and play to fight another day,” Lady Cherokees' coach Allison Jacobs said. “We have a little team. Our middles are seniors, but

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 1

Hawks start fast, plunder Karns in 2026 opener

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy missed the TSSAA Class 6A football playoffs last season.

But the Hawks won their final two games last season and finished with five victories, and the two wins left an ecstatic feeling heading into preparations for 2026.

Hardin Valley opened the new campaign Friday night as it made the short trip to Karns and the Hawks polished this one off early.

Hardin Valley knocked off the Beavers, 49-0, extending its winning streak to three games in a geographic rivalry.

The Hawks started fast as they opened a 14-0 advantage by the end of the first quarter. HVA scored its first two touchdowns with a pair of short plunges.

Beau Wise got things rolling with a 2-yard run to culminate the Hawks' first possession. Logan Holbrook added the extra point to make the score 7-0 and cap the 15-play, 50-yard sequence.

Hardin Valley (1-0) would extend its advantage to 14-0 when Levi Amey found the end zone from two yards out to add the exclamation point to a 37-yard drive.

But that was only part of the



PHOTO BY JEREMY WIGGS.

Hardin Valley's Beau Wise ticks off the first touchdown of the 2026 season for the Hawks, who opened the campaign with a 49-0 over Karns on the road Friday night.

story of this rout. The Hawks would have no trouble scoring, but they also dominated defensively as the Beavers didn't pick up their inaugural first down until their fifth possession. They would only earn four in the contest and post just 46 yards of total offense. The Karns rushing

attack was particularly anemic as it was held to minus-18 yards on 26 carries.

"Our kids played really well on defense," Hardin Valley coach Tyler Wynn said. "Blood in the water is kind of our theme, and these guys were going after it, treating it like sharks.

"We used to be the prey and we want to be the sharks now."

The Hawks were definitely the sharks on this night, looking at their defensive dominance.

HVA would score two more touchdowns before halftime as Nic Rivers broke a 61-yard scoring scamper and Ayden Perry

closed out the first half scoring with a 9-yarder, making the score 28-0.

After the break, quarterback Riley Matz joined in on the scoring parade as he threw two touchdown passes in the third frame, both of which covered seven yards. The first went to Jeremiah Brown, while Holbrook was on the receiving end of the second one that expanded HVA's advantage to 42-0.

The Hawks' fourth-quarter score was a run from Eli Whaley that covered eight yards.

The season continues next week as the Hawks play Morristown East and the Beavers tangle with South-Doyle Friday night.

Despite a second straight win over Karns, Wynn knows that a long journey lies ahead for his squad.

"You take it week by week," he said. "We don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves, so we'll get on to the next one.

"We've got Morristown West in seven days, so it's time to start preparing for them."

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

A Red and White night with a touch of gold!



Members of the 1986 Halls High School Class AAA state championship football team, including players, coaches and support staff, pose for a picture Friday night and were recognized prior to the Oak Ridge at Halls ball game.

Seymour finally gets a big win over G-P

By Steve Williams

It's been a long time since rival Seymour recorded a big win over Gatlinburg-Pittman on the football field.

But Coach Caleb Olive, in his second season at SHS, saw his Eagles hand the Highlanders a 48-14 loss Friday night.

"I was just excited for our players and our program," said Olive. "It was an awesome community night. The stands were packed. The facility upgrades we have made there are all possible by

everybody in this community coming together and trying to make Seymour football as good as it can be."

Seymour was 5-5 in Olive's first season last year.

"We're 1-0, but it was a non-region game, just a pride game. But our goal is to make it to the playoffs this year. None of the players on this roster have ever been to the playoffs, so our goal is to fix that this year.

"We've got a long way to goal though, had a great win last night, but we know this is just the

beginning and we've got to continue to get better, because we want to be the best team we can be at the end of the season and not at the beginning."

Seymour's last win against G-P had been in 2021 in a close game. But many other games prior to then were very one-sided.

In other big games in Week 1, Alcoa got past Maryville 43-42 in a double-overtime thriller, Central edged Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 30-29, Oak Ridge got past Halls 16-10 in overtime, Powell outscored Anderson County 56-44,

and Upperman nipped Webb 21-20 in George Quarles' first game coaching the Spartans.

COMING UP: Halls will make the short trip to Corryton to play Gibbs this Friday, while Fulton tangles with an old foe, Central, in the annual Battle on Broadway.

And Seymour is expected to knock off another rival at Pigeon Forge.

SONNY MOORE'S preseason state ratings of the Top 10 teams has Oakland at 150.00, followed

by Battle Ground Academy at 142.32, Baylor at 142.14, Alcoa at 141.15, Blackman at 139.06, Maryville at 137.82, Brentwood Academy at 137.11, Page at 135.36, McCallie at 134.94, and Nashville Christian at 133.80.

Others from localville who are in the Top 50 are Powell (129.28), Sevier County (127.43), Anderson County (123.44), Oak Ridge (120.42), Catholic (119.44), Grace Christian (115.09) and West (114.89).

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Cherokees give their head coach his first win

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within one point, 7-6, after a missed PAT.

South-Doyle then went on a 19-point scoring spree to go up 26-6 by halftime. Senior Reed Reynolds started it when he leaped over the goal line from the 1 on fourth down early in the second quarter. Senior quarterback Benson Brang added a touchdown pass to Reynolds to make it 19-6. Gould IV battled into the end zone on a 9-yard run with 29 seconds to go and

the PAT by Minor gave the Cherokees their 20-point lead at halftime.

Another TD pass, a 10-yarder by Brang to Joseph Hawkins close to the sideline, upped South-Doyle's lead to 32-6. Brang's third touchdown pass, an 8-yarder to senior Jeremiah Smith, extended the score to 39-6 with 4:46 remaining.

The Cherokees were close to setting off a running clock, but Austin East's Keyvon Booker raced

51 yards around left end for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 39-12.

South-Doyle added a 2-point safety with 5:29 to go.

A-E's David Weaver recovered a fumble that set up a 25-yard TD throw by Lightfoot to Tysean Gillespie to close out the scoring.

"They executed better than we did," said Roadrunners Coach Stanton Stevens after the game. And as for Week 2,

he added: "We've got to practice better. We've got to do a better job of working on executing in practice, and if we'll do that, we'll have a better chance to win."

A-E CELEBRATES: The Roadrunners' 2001 football team was recognized for the state championship they won 25 years ago during Friday night's home opener. The current A-E head coach, Stanton Stevens, was also the head coach of that team.

10 season-opening games to remember

The season-opening game against Furman Sept. 5 is not too far away. Over the years, seasons openers have always been anx-

iously awaited. Here are 10 opening games that have had a great impact on the Vol program. In these games, the Vols have won six, lost two, and there have been two ties.

Sept. 28, 1946, Knoxville, Tenn., Shields-Watkins Field, Tennessee 13, Georgia Tech 9. This game marked Gen. Neyland's first game back on the Tennessee sideline after his service in World War II. A sun-soaked crowd estimated by local newspapers at 30,000-35,000 was present to welcome Neyland back to the East side of the field. "It will take us five years to put Tennessee back on top," Neyland had said before the season. This game matched Neyland against star pupil Bobby Dodd, who had become Tech's head coach a year earlier. Tennessee won 13-9, on the way to a 9-1 record that gave the Vols a share of the SEC title and an invitation to play Rice in the Orange Bowl.

Sept. 29, 1956, Birmingham, Ala., Legion Field, Tennessee 35, Auburn 7. It was Bowden Wyatt's

second year as Vols head coach. The Vols dominated the game from start to finish, led by the passing and running of tailback John Majors and the receiving of Buddy Cruze, both of whom earned All-American honors. The Vols had turned down a bowl invitation a year earlier, given that Auburn was slated to be the opponent. The Vols would kick off the 1956 season against the Tigers, and Wyatt did not want to give Auburn an advance look at the single-wing. It was an impressive start to a 10-0 season, an SEC title, and eventual No. 2 national ranking.

Sept. 29, 1959, Knoxville, Shields-Watkins Field, Tennessee 3, Auburn 0. In one of two major upsets that season, Cotton Letner kicked a 20-yard field goal, and Vol defenders made it stand up the rest of the way. In November, the Vols knocked off LSU 14-13. The Vols were 5-1-1 after the LSU triumph, but finished 5-4-1.

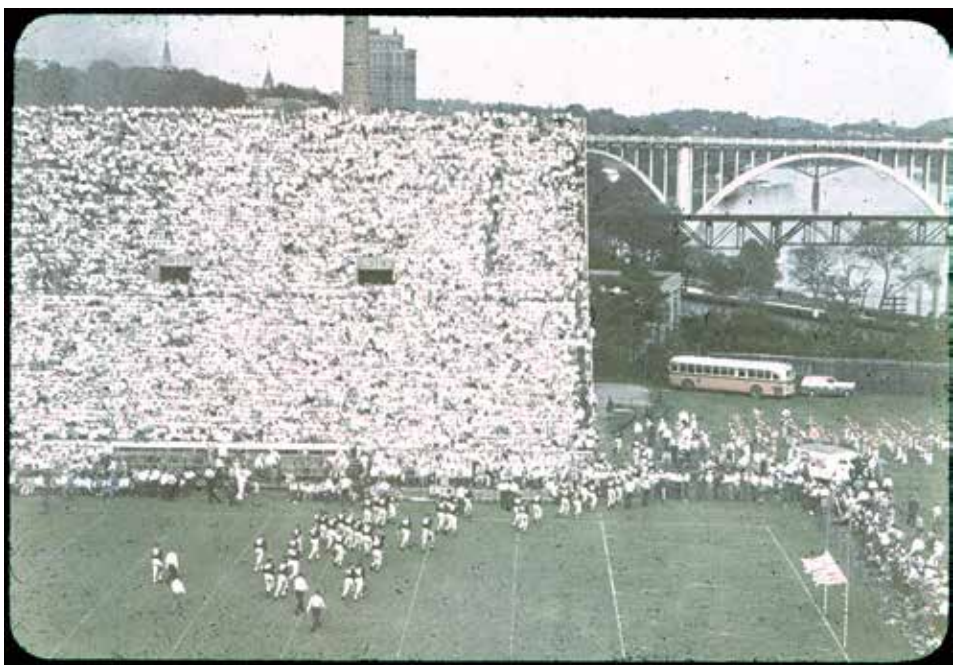
Sept. 18, 1965, Knoxville, Neyland Stadium, Tennessee 21, Army 0. In the season opener of an exciting season, Vol defenders pitched a shutout and showed that the rebuilding process under head coach Doug Dickey was definitely headed in the right direction. Charley Fulton led the way at quarterback, and the play of a host of sophomores gave fans confidence that good times were ahead. The Vols

finished 8-1-2 and defeated Tulsa in the Bluebonnet Bowl, 27-6, capping a season that was filled with equal doses of triumph and heartache.

Sept. 16, 1967, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, UCLA 20, Tennessee 16. The Vols lost 20-16, but recoiled to win the next 9 games and played Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, losing 26-24. The Vols were ahead of UCLA 13-3 at one juncture, but Bruin quarterback Gary Beban led the comeback and scored the winning touchdown late in the game. The Vols would, however, win the SEC title and become one of the beloved teams in Tennessee football history.

Sept. 14, 1968, Knoxville, Neyland Stadium, Tennessee 17, Georgia 17 (ABC). Trailing 17-9 with precious little time left, quarterback Bubba Wyche led a had-to-have-it drive that resulted in a touchdown pass to wideout Gary Kreis and a two-point conversion toss to Ken DeLong occurring after time had run out. The game marked the debut of Lester McClain, the first African-American player in Vol history. John Ward and Bill Anderson made their debuts on the Vol Network, serving through the 1998 campaign.

Sept. 21, 1980, Knoxville, Neyland Stadium, Georgia 16, Tennessee 15. This game marked the collegiate debut of the Bulldogs' talented Herschel Walker,



This is the way Shields-Watkins Field looked when Tennessee and Georgia Tech squared off in the 1946 season opener Sept. 28. Tech is shown headed toward their dressing room on the stadium's southeast corner under Section F.

who led the Bulldogs to an SEC and national championship. The Vols battled intently all night, but a safety off a fumbled Georgia punt turned the game around.

Sept. 1, 1985, Knoxville, Neyland Stadium, Tennessee 26, UCLA 26 (ABC). The Vols squandered a 26-10 lead, allowing UCLA to gain the deadlock, but things were better from that point on as the Vols knocked off No. 1 Auburn, defeated Alabama, and won the SEC. The 35-7 win over Miami in the Sugar Bowl ranks as one of the great and most memorable victories in Tennessee football history.

Sept. 10, 1977, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, California 27, Tennessee 17. Majors came marching home this

night in his first game as Tennessee head coach. Vol fans responded with a loud ovation when the Vols came running through the "T" pre-game and were even louder when quarterback Jimmy Streater had an 80-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that had Vol Network analyst Bill Anderson cheering on his every step into a live microphone.

Sept. 5, 1998, The Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y., Tennessee 34, Syracuse 33 (ABC). Jeff Hall kicked the game-winning field goal to lead the Vols to a narrow win that set the stage for a national championship season that was characterized by comeback win after comeback win. Tee Martin made his debut

under center and led a courageous drive, making big play after big play, as the Vols marched confidently to Hall's game-winning field goal.

What do we make of all this? There were no directional schools on this list, nor were there FCS schools to help pad the record. Seven of these games led to Tennessee bowl games. The winners of the 1980 Georgia and 1998 Syracuse games won national titles. There were five SEC titles mixed in from these games, 4 for the Vols and 1 for Georgia.

These games should each be considered "classics," going well into the fourth quarter before a winner was decided.

Notes from the Scorecard

Key matchups take center stage to open girls soccer season

By Ken Lay

The first week of the 2026 high school girls soccer season packed plenty of action as some of the top area teams collided on the pitch.

The journey begins at Oak Ridge High School as defending Class 3A State Champion Bearden made the trip to face the Lady Wildcats and their senior all-state goalkeeper Marleigh Frazier.

Frazier posted a stellar performance between the goalposts; she faced 37 shots, including 24 that landed on target against the Lady Bulldogs' potent offensive attack.

She surrendered four goals in Bearden's 4-0 victory in its season opener Thursday night.

The Lady Bulldogs led 1-0 at halftime as Madi Bowlin found the back of the net in the fourth minute by converting a penalty kick.

Frazier kept Bearden at bay for the rest of the opening half, making seven saves before the break.

Brooklyn Major, who had a goal and an assist in the match, tallied early in the second half off an assist from Bowlin, giving the Lady Bulldogs a 2-0 lead.

Hannah Nye and Landree Horner also had markers for Bearden, which has won four of the last five Class AAA state championships. The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Wildcats split a pair of matches in 2025, but Oak Ridge (0-1-1) couldn't muster a shot Thursday night.

Farragut off to fast start: The Lady Admirals had a productive first week as they notched a pair of shutouts.

Farragut (2-0 overall, 1-0 in District 4-3A) opened the new campaign with a 4-0 win at home against defending District 3-3A champion Powell Tuesday night.

In the season opener against the Lady

Panthers, goalkeeper Emery Wylie posted a clean sheet, while Ada Becker, Ava Upshaw, Reagan Louchart and Meghan Shimeall provided the offensive punch for the Lady Admirals.

On Thursday night, Farragut played its first road match as it made the short trip to Lenoir City and notched a 7-0 league victory.

Upshaw tallied five markers. Baker and Carina Plawchan also scored for the Lady Admirals, who took the early lead in the district standings.

Powell, meanwhile, bounced back Thursday and blanked Oneida, 9-0, in Scott County.

Lady Rebels win and draw to open the season: West had a pair of matches last week, posting a 2-1 victory over Central at home to open play on Tuesday.

The following day, the Lady Rebels (1-0-1) played three-time Division II-AA state champion Baylor to a 0-0 draw in Chattanooga.

Against the Lady Bobcats, Claire Rigsby and Maddie Chyz scored for West High, which fired nine shots on goal in the season-opening match.

Teighley Fowler scored for Central, which returns to the pitch Tuesday at Grace Christian Academy.

The Lady Rams notched a 2-1 win in their season opener against Collegedale Academy last week.

Lady Irish nab first victory: Catholic picked up its first victory with a 4-0 win over Alcoa Thursday night.

The Lady Irish, who lost to Christian Academy of Knoxville to open the season earlier in the week, got the benefit of an own goal by the Lady Tornados.

Ellie Biden and Zayla Christof each had a goal and assist, while Gianna Notarianni also scored for Catholic.

Netminders Kate Hopkins and Oakleigh McReynolds combined for the shutout.

Wide Receiver U

By Mark Nagi

The top storyline going into the 2026 season for Tennessee is the quarterback battle. After a year with veteran QB in Joey Aguilar, the Vols will either have a redshirt freshman (George MacIntyre) or a true freshman (Faizon Brandon) starting in the season opener on September 5 against Furman.

Inexperience at that position is not ideal, but there are a lot of folks on that side of the football that can ease the transition. Tennessee brings back four starting offensive linemen, a 1000-yard rusher in DeSean Bishop, and a receiving corps that could be one of the best in the SEC, if not the country, by the time December rolls around.

Passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach Kelsey Pope, now entering his fifth year on Josh Heupel's staff, feels that there's another level this offense can get to in the fall.

"I'm really looking for things that we may not have had answers to last year," said Pope. "You look at different looks or games you feel like you struggled, or even games where you felt like you may have scored a lot of points, so we were good productively, and we just felt like we could have had a new wrinkle. I think being able to add onto those, to where it still is within your identity. For me as a pass game coordinator, those are the things I'm usually paying attention to, to help keep us balanced

on our offense."

While Chris Brazzell II departed for the NFL after the 2025 season, Mike Matthews and Braylon Staley are back. Matthews had 53 receptions for 813 yards and four touchdowns last year. Staley was named SEC Freshman of the Year and was a Freshman All-American in 2025. He led all SEC freshmen with 68 receptions, 837 yards and six touchdowns. He was second among all FBS freshmen in catches and yards.

"I'm more proud of those two probably more than anybody that I've coached in terms of leadership," Pope said. "Those guys are coaching each other up, they're coaching others up, and they're holding a standard. They're not afraid of conflict with the other guys. They had an off day recently, and Mike and Bray led the entire group in a walk-through and an install, on their own. So obviously, those guys are self-confident and comfortable within themselves, but to be a productive receiver in the SEC, and still not be entitled and arrogant? I think that's hard to do nowadays."

The player in that receiver room with the most potential might be 5-star recruit TK Keys. He's a true freshman but already turning heads at practice.

"You understand there's going to be ups and downs as freshmen, but what you never want to coach is a guy's ability to strain and compete, and that's what he's constantly doing," said Pope. "He's always competing, even if he's in the wrong spot. But my message to him, just like those other guys, is, 'If you want to do this, no matter who you are, how talented you are, you have to be consistent.' And that's what we're focusing on with him."

A trio of sophomores, Radarious Jackson, Travis Smith Jr. and Joakim Dodson, are all competing for playing time as well.

Pope is still trying to find the third starting receiver behind Matthews and Staley. "We have to get consistent right now, so it's literally a search... It's wide open right now. And for me, it's just consistency daily. Not being up and down, and that's what I'm getting from a bunch of guys right now."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

TSD will start with 6-man game against Oklahoma

By Steve Williams

High school football at Tennessee School for the Deaf has changed a lot over the years.

In the 1970s, the Vikings played with the traditional 11 players and defeated the Gatlinburg-Pittman Highlanders, who were TSSAA state runners-up in Class 3A last season.

TSD, in fact, started playing football in 1892. It has a rich history in that sport. It even played the University of Tennessee in 1905, but had to forfeit 16-6 because too many of its players were getting injured.

Now TSD, a member of the Mason-Dixon Deaf Conference, plays the 6-man game and has a hard time finding opponents due to many deaf players choosing to play with the hearing student-athletes. TSD and other deaf teams also have fewer players now as a result of medical advancement in hearing.

This year's TSD team has 15 players on its roster and four team managers.

Chris Dorn moved up to head coach this season, after being the defensive coordinator the past three

years. It's his first head job and he is assisted by Rusty Sloan, a TSD alum, and Bucky Carver.

Dorn already has given the Vikings a rally cry. "Yes, BRING YOUR OWN GUTS."

"I am from South Carolina, and I am a Clemson fan," he added. "I want to follow what (Clemson coach) Dabo Swinney's philosophy is with the football program."

Dorn's full title at TSD is Ground/lead and Interim Athletic Director. He heads up all the ground work on the huge and beautiful campus which borders the Island Home neighborhood and Tennessee River in south Knoxville.

Renzen Shaw is a do-it-all player for the Vikings. The 5-11, 205-pounder hopes to play college football and go on to the NFL.

As for this season, Shaw said: "I think we'll be good because we have worked hard and we've always tried to remain positive and build up our team. I think we've got a good team."

Issac Murray, a junior center, defensive lineman and tight end, said: "We'll do well. We'll continue keeping our energy up and motivating one another,



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New TSD Head Coach Chris Dorn communicates with senior standout Renzen Shaw during a practice break last week at Chambers Field.

encouraging each other."

Other leading players on the team include junior Tyarius Howard, senior Dereck Lopez-Jimenez and junior Brandon Guzman.

TSD, which installed a

new turf field and scoreboard last year, started practicing August 17 and its first game will be homecoming on Sept. 12 against Oklahoma School for the Deaf at Chambers Field.

West sweeps pesky Lady Cherokees in its home opener

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they're only 5-5 and 5-6.

"We were almost able to get ourselves out of that hole. West is a good team and it was great to see our kids come over here and do some good things."

South-Doyle was able to dart out to a 12-6 advantage in the final set and

held the upper hand West went up, 18-17.

From there the Lady Rebels would score eight of the match's 11 points to cruise into the win column.

West has already had to comeback twice this season. It defeated Jefferson County earlier in the week in five sets and

came from behind in the final set against the Lady Patriots.

"Our girls already knew that they could play from behind," Lee said. "We can be a special thing. The biggest issue for us is that we've got to learn to believe in ourselves."

Kaelyn Graham led the

Lady Rebels' attack with 12 kills. Bankston finished the match with eight kills, five digs, three aces and two blocks.

For the Lady Cherokees, Harper McAdoo totaled eight kills, 10 digs and one ace. Lyla York had 12 assists, six digs and one kill.

VIKINGS 2026

Sat	Sep. 12	7:00 p.m.	School for the Deaf, OK
Thu	Sep. 17	5:00 p.m.	School for the Deaf, SC
Thu	Oct. 15	5:00 p.m.	at School for the Deaf, SC
Sat	Oct. 24	4:00 p.m.	at School for the Deaf, WA

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 McMahan, 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 8th day of July, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMPLE, along with ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

IN RE: CLEAR RECON, LLC, Petitioner vs.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMPLE, along with ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Respondents

DOCKET NO. 213265 Part III

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMPLE, along with ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 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 ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMPLE, along with ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, it is ordered that said defendant(s), ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMPLE, along with ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS THEREOF, AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN

DEVELOPMENT 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 Christopher Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This the 7th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Jessica Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NELLIE SUE RAMSEY, DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT; TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH OR UNDER NELLIE SUE RAMSEY, DECEASED, Respondent(s)

IN RE: TERESA KAY RAMSEY, Petitioner

v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NELLIE SUE RAMSEY, DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT; TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH OR UNDER NELLIE SUE RAMSEY, DECEASED, Respondent(s)

DOCKET NO. 213635-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

It appearing from the pleadings and affidavits filed in this cause that the identities and residences of the Respondents cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry, and that service by publication has been authorized by the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee;

You, the Respondents, are hereby notified that Teresa Kay Ramsey has filed a Verified Petition to Quiet Title, Remove Cloud Upon Title, for Declaratory Judgment, Divestiture of Interest, and Other Equitable Relief concerning the following real property located in Knox County, Tennessee:

6121 McGinnis Road
Knoxville, Tennessee 37938
Knox County Tax Parcel No. 022 026

The Petition seeks a declaration that Petitioner is the sole owner of the Property, that all claims of the Respondents be forever divested, and that title be quieted in Petitioner.

You, the Respondents, are required to file an Answer or other responsive pleading with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, and to serve a copy upon Petitioner's attorney, Dustin R. Landry, Landry & Azevedo, 859 Ebenezer Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, judgment may be entered against you by default and the relief requested in the Petition may be granted.

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

This the 20th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Jessica Haun
Interim Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT
NOTICE

TO: JORDAN SETH HANKAL

IN RE: ADELA AZUCENA
GONZALEZ-GARCIA, Plaintiff
-Vs-
JORDAN SETH HANKAL, Defendant

Docket # 164956
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint
filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant,
JORDAN SETH HANKAL, is a non-resident of
the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts
cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and
inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law
cannot be served upon JORDAN SETH HANKAL.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file
an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR
DIVORCE filed by ADELA AZUCENA GONZALEZ-
GARCIA, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit
Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with DANIEL
KIDD, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is
1308 WILSON RD., SUITE 102, KNOXVILLE, TN
37912, within thirty (30) days of the last date of
publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise
respond, a Default Judgment may be entered
against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the
fourth (4th) publication.

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

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK E. ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92877-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect
of the Estate of MARK E. ANDERSON, who died
June 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned
by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of
Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident
and non-resident, having claims, matured or
unmatured, against the estate are required to file
the same with the Clerk and Master of the above
named court on or before the earlier of the dates
prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will
be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARK E. ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE
4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 100
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOU BARBOUR
DOCKET NUMBER 92909-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of
August, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect
of the Estate of CYNTHIA LOU BARBOUR, who
died July 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned
by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-
resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against the estate are required to file the same
with the clerk of the above named court on or
before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or
(2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF CYNTHIA LOU BARBOUR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARTHA BARBOUR COX
200 WINGED FOOT POINT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES DALPHINE BOYD
DOCKET NUMBER 92513-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of
August, 2026, letters of administration in respect
of the Estate of CHARLES DALPHINE BOYD, who
died on December 30, 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 10th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES DALPHINE BOYD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CATHERINE JEANNINE BOYD
7016 HARRELL ROAD

KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

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

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT J. DAVERMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92824-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of
the Estate of ROBERT J. DAVERMAN, who died
February 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned
by the Clerk and Master or 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 10 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT J. DAVERMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KURT R DAVERMAN, EXECUTOR
1521 CASTILLEJA AVENUE
PALO ALTO, CA 94306

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH J. EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 92609-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day
of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect
of the Estate of SARAH J. EDWARDS, who died
October 15, 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 11th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF SARAH J. EDWARDS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TONI EDWARDS
465 W. BLOUNT AVE., APT. 2522
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHY DAMEWOOD GRAHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 92865-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of
the Estate of KATHY DAMEWOOD GRAHAM, who
died July 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 3rd day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHY DAMEWOOD GRAHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHANIE SUSANNE THOMAS
3161 CHAMPIONS TRAIL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEFFRI WEIR HILLON
DOCKET NUMBER 92892-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of
August, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect
of the Estate of JEFFRI WEIR HILLON, who died May
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 10 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEFFRI WEIR HILLON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMIE D. PETERSEN, ADMINISTRATRIX

1900 DEERFIELD AVENUE
SURFSIDE BEACH, SC 29575
VICTORIA B. TILLMAN, ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOYLE O. HOLBERT
DOCKET NUMBER 92878-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of
the Estate of DOYLE O. HOLBERT, who died on
July 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by
the Clerk and Master or 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 3rd day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF DOYLE O. HOLBERT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN CARTER HOLBERT
379 STRADER RD.
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES WESLEY HUMPHREY
DOCKET NUMBER 92894-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of
August, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters
of administration as the case may be) in respect of
the Estate of CHARLES WESLEY HUMPHREY, who
died June 9, 2026, were issued to the undersigned
by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-
resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against the estate are required to file the same with
the clerk of the above named court on or before
the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2),
otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES WESLEY HUMPHREY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES HUMPHREY
624 CEDAR LANE, APT. 9
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

T. SCOTT JONES, ATTORNEY
CHRIS W. BEAVERS, ATTORNEY
KIMBERLY A. TROTTER, ATTORNEY
2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANNIE JOHNSON-MORGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92693-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of
administration as the case may be) in respect of
the Estate of NANNIE JOHNSON-MORGAN, who died
October 16, 2025, were issued to the undersigned
by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-
resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against the estate are required to file the same with
the clerk of the above named court on or before
the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2),
otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANNIE JOHNSON-MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAMELA KATHRYN WELLS
104 KEASLER ROAD
ASHEVILLE, NC 28805

WILLIAM MORGAN, JR.
5009 PITTMAN CENTER ROAD
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876

M. SAMANTHA PARRIS, ATTORNEY
2908 TAZEWEEL PIKE, SUITE G
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALTER ANTHONY KOBUS
DOCKET NUMBER 92665-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of
July, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the
Estate of WALTER ANTHONY KOBUS, who died
September 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned
by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of
Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and
non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against his or her estate are required to file the
same with the Clerk and Master of the above
named Court on or before the earlier of the dates
prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will
be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 28th day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF WALTER ANTHONY KOBUS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS MICHAEL HOWARD
1027 SHADOW BROOK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNA R. LANGFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 92875-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of
the Estate of ANNA R. LANGFORD, who died on
June 2, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by
the Clerk and Master or 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 3rd day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF ANNA R. LANGFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA C. WASHBURN
1268 GRENOBLE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELSIE R. LEWIS
DOCKET NUMBER 92332-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of
administration as the case may be) in respect of
the Estate of ELSIE R. LEWIS, who died on February
17, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the
Knox County, 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 10th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF ELSIE R. LEWIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN LEWIS
233 ANDORRA LN.
CLINTON, TN 37716

JULIE D. EISENHOWER, ATTORNEY
217 S. PETERS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KRISTIN PAIGE LINN
DOCKET NUMBER 92883-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of
July, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of
the Estate of KRISTIN PAIGE LINN, who died June
7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the
Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-
resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against this 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 31 day of JULY, 2026.

ESTATE OF KRISTIN PAIGE LINN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES L. HURST
JANE KAUFMAN JONES, ATTORNEY
8517 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALKER KENNETH LOVE, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92806-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of
August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of
the Estate of WALKER KENNETH LOVE, SR., who
died May 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned
by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of
Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and
non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,
against 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 10 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF WALKER KENNETH LOVE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN R. LOVE, EXECUTRIX
P. O. BOX 23644
FARRAGUT, TN 37933

STEWART M. CRANE, ATTORNEY
577 PICKLE ROAD
LOUDON, TN 37774

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS E. MERTENS
DOCKET NUMBER 92928-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of
August, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of
the Estate of THOMAS E. MERTENS, who died
January 29, 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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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) received an actual copy of the notice to creditors (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (Full Commission) **Resolution R-26-9-107-SS**

JILL BOLTON 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 required by the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee

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CORRALES, NM 87048

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
3. Adjournment

ESTATE OF KENNETH BOLTON

(D) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

12. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Knox County Mayor's recommendation of Commissioner Adam Thompson

1. Call to Order.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Membership is completely voluntary, and members will receive no compensation for their service.
- The board meets quarterly, unless a special-called meeting is held.
- Applicants must be over 21 years of age; of good moral character; a citizen of the United States and the State of Tennessee; and a resident of Knox County.
- No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board if he has previously been employed by the County Sheriff's Office within the five (5) calendar years preceding his/her appointment, or has previously been employed under the current Sheriff's administration, or if any member of such person's family is or becomes employed by the County Sheriff's Office at any time during such person's term of service as a member of the board. For purposes of this section, "family" shall include spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child, and grandchild or equivalent "step", "foster", or "in-law" or any other person that resides in the same household.
- Members will be required to attend an Ethics training provided by the Knox County Human Resources Department, as requested by all employees of Knox County.
- The County Commission finds that the actual or apparent political influence on the members of the Merit System Board is injurious to the credibility of the board and undermines its mission as an apolitical civil service system for KCSO employees. Therefore, membership on the Merit System Board shall be conditioned upon the following:
 - No person holding a position on the Merit System Board shall take an active part in any political campaign while a member of the Merit System Board.
 - No member of the Merit System Board shall solicit money for political campaigns.
 - No member of the Merit System Board shall make any public endorsement of any candidate in any campaign for elected office.
 - A member of the Merit System Board shall not use such position to reflect the member's personal political feelings as those of the Sheriff's department or to exert any pressure on anyone to influence that person's political views.
 - No member of the Merit System Board shall display any political advertising or paraphernalia on such person's body or automobile while conducting business on behalf of the Merit System Board. However, nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit or prevent any such Board Member from becoming or continuing to be a member of a political club or organization and enjoying all the rights and privileges of such membership or from attending any political meetings. Such Board Member shall not be denied freedom in the casting of a vote.
 - During a Merit System Board Member's term of service, should that Member take active steps toward becoming a political candidate, such member shall immediately resign from the Board of Directors.

The owner(s) and/or lien holder(s) of the following vehicle is hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Tom's Auto Clinic, 3526 E. Gov. John Sevier Hwy., Knoxville, TN 37914. Failure to reclaim the vehicle will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of said vehicle at Public Auction on September 8, 2026.

VEHICLE: 2019 Dodge Journey SE