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Outgoing commissioners have long final meeting

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More than 40 citizens signed up to speak at last week's Knox County Commission meeting, the last session for four commissioners, and the topics ranged from opposition to Flock cameras and a tax break for a South Knoxville townhouse development to support for a land lease for an agricultural park off Rutledge Pike.

All those topics and others were discussed during the marathon session, prolonged by the number of public speakers and the long debate that led to banning the traffic cameras.

South Knox townhouses get tax break

A tax break for a South Knox townhouse

development proposed by DWF John Sevier LLC was passed in a 7-4 vote over the objection of District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox, who represents the area. The project was granted a tax break for one-half of the units, which would be for affordable occupancy. Fox called the units "nice townhouses at the expense of tax revenue."

A resolution to deny the development failed, and District Four's Shane Jackson said the tax break was "not a handout to the developer" but would provide good affordable homes. Fox was critical of Jackson and recalled his vote for a development in Jackson's district, adding, "I'm disappointed."

"You're not willing to give the same respect," Fox said.

"My votes are not quid pro quo," Jackson replied.

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Full of pride!



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Morgan Schaller, one of this year's three Halls High Road to Fame inductees, smiles as she looks over her plaque prior to the Powell vs. Halls football game Friday night. Please see the story inside along with other high school sports stories in Section C.



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

The Knoxville community gathers around Jaylynn and Amaya in celebration of the installation of a new American Sign Language feature at the playground at Island Home Park.

Our Hands, Our Community Island Home Park Welcomes New Addition

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The City of Knoxville and Knox Native Homes celebrated the installation of a new American Sign Language feature at the Island Home Park playground. The sign, developed by Language Priority founder Sara Miller (a former teacher at the Tennessee School for the Deaf), and her husband Bryce Miller, helps children and families learn basic ASL vocabulary. This initiative promotes a more inclusive and accessible environment for all park visitors. It is the eighth installation of its kind, with similar signs in Texas, Connecticut, Illinois, Washington and Minnesota. The creators describe themselves as "big advocates for learning sign language and helping people to communicate with each other."

Jaylynn Stringer, a dedicated advocate for her daughter Amaya and an affiliate broker with Knox Native Real

Estate, led this project. Her advocacy sparked change, and the initiative began in May in collaboration with the City of Knoxville. Amaya inspired Jaylynn, motivated by the need for "greater accessibility and language inclusion, particularly for deaf and hard of hearing children." She identified communication challenges as a key driver, aiming to address language barriers and improve access for all children. Jaylynn expressed a vision to expand these signs to every park in Knoxville, starting with Fountain City.

Karyn Adams of the Knoxville City Council attended the event and shared, "This is my community, and I am so very happy to celebrate in this. For children who have never been exposed to this type of learning or communicating, I am very excited that this can be something that could go in all of our parks. Let's make it happen."

Jaylynn Stringer delivered a

thank-you speech, while the crowd expressed enthusiasm alongside Amaya. The event was filled with laughter, heartfelt conversations, and moments where children and families interacted with the new sign, eager to learn together. Parents expressed gratitude for the project, sharing stories of how meaningful it was for their children to feel seen and included. Volunteers and organizers exchanged warm embraces, proud of what the community had achieved. Interpreters ensured accessibility for all attendees, and 865Sips provided refreshments. There was a sense of hope and excitement as neighbors connected and envisioned a future where every child could play, learn and communicate freely in every Knoxville park.

To support the expansion and purchase of additional signs for more parks, please visit languagepriority.com.

Terry Hill chosen to chair Knox County Commission

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A rumor was going around among commissioners in late August that there would be a battle for the new Knox County Commission chairmanship.

When the new county clerk, Richie Beeler, sat as temporary chair for the commission reorganization last Tuesday and called for chair nominations, two names were suggested to lead the 11-member body. District 1 Commissioner Damon Rawls, a Democrat, nominated District 6 Republican Terry Hill. New Commissioner Barry Beeler, a Republican from District 7, nominated fellow Republican Angela Russell of District 5.

As expected, control of the commission fell between the traditional conservatives and the newer MAGA movement of the Republican Party.

After the nominations, Richie Beeler called for

individual votes and, at the climax of the voting, five Republican members voted for Russell. Hill was joined by the four Democrats for a vote total of five, and all waited for the one outstanding vote to be cast. Garrett Holt, sitting next to fellow newly sworn-in at-large commissioner and Republican Justin Cofer, cast his vote for Hill. The room silenced and Cofer shook his head "No" in reaction.

Voting for Hill were Commissioners Hill, Rawls, Courtney Durrett, Brandon Huckaby, Shane Jackson and Holt. Voting for Russell were Commissioners Russell, Beeler, Cofer, Andy Fox and Adam Thompson.

Next, nominations were taken for vice chair, and Commissioners Durrett, Thompson and Russell were nominated. Russell withdrew and, during the vote, Durrett withdrew and voted for Thompson, who was elected.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

At-Large Commissioner Garrett Holt surprised some of his fellow Republicans by voting for, and electing, traditional Republican Terry Hill as Knox County Commission Chairwoman.



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Balance

The power of hate never ceases to amaze and disturb me. Hatred is the face of evil. We have all seen the irrational rants, marches, wanton destruction, threats, violence and assassination attempts of the lunatics with TDS, co-opted by evil's hatred.

In a healthy person, passion is balanced by reason. Hatred destroys the mind and the soul. A deranged person is no longer in control. Their "demons" of hatred make them dangerous to themselves, others, even their children. It is as if they've been subsumed by the Borg collective. Using another Star Trek analogy, Mr. Spock represents the extreme of rationality, but is devoid of emotion and humanity.

My multi-talented wife taught me the lesson of balancing "form and function" in design. She designed our home, which admirably suits our needs and is aesthetically pleasing.

I'm not a lawyer, but I have enough common sense to comprehend matters outside my expertise. Consequently, I recognize the animus for President Trump in Washington, D.C., is imbalanced, illogical and destructive. One might expect better from the deliberative Supreme Court. However, this branch of government once gave us the despicable Dred Scott ruling, which fueled the Civil War.

Recently, the Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that President Trump could continue the White House Ballroom. Disturbingly, Chief Justice Roberts and the three uber-liberal women (one of whom can't identify a woman) maintained that the project was illegal.

I can't comment on the technicalities of law, but it seems commonsensical that a "privately funded state ballroom" able to accommodate a state dinner or an inauguration

should be finished. After all, multiple presidents have remodeled the White House, but none so irrationally hated as President Trump. Furthermore, necessary security will be enhanced with the ballroom project, hopefully preventing further issues as happened at the White House Correspondents Association Dinner.

You might be surprised to learn that the notion of judicial review is not expressly stated in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution. But all that changed in 1803 when the "most important decision in constitutional law" was rendered by the Supreme Court.

As Mrs. Doubtfire's husband once said, "Brace yourself," because a little history is necessary to understand this extremely important Supreme Court ruling, which now affects so much in modern America.

In 1800, just before Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated, President John Adams gave William Marbury a judicial appointment. But because the appointment had not yet been delivered, Jefferson directed his Secretary of State James Madison not to deliver the commission. Marbury sued, and it went to the Supreme Court, where John Marshall was Chief Justice.

Cagily, Marshall ruled

that Marbury was entitled to the commission, but that the Court did not have the authority to grant the commission. Marbury won his case, but never got the appointment/commission.

And with that ruling, the Supreme Court established the legal precedent that the Court could override both the Legislative and Executive branches of the government. Originalists maintain that this was not the intent of the founders who wrote the Constitution. The alleged balance of power has now shifted because the three coequal branches of government are an illusion. And we see it every day with lawfare.

But there are numerous other areas where common sense and balance are being upended by destructive ideologies and deranged hatred. I'll give examples.

Biden and his handlers opened the borders to criminals and unvetted throngs whom the Democrats needed for Congressional apportionment and to be kept in thrall to and vote for the Democratic Party. President Trump fixed the border in short order and is deporting criminals and law-breaking illegal aliens.

Everywhere it has been tried, socialism has failed miserably. Capitalism is demonstrably the greatest engine for prosperity. Even

communist China is using it. Until such time when man is perfected, police and the military will be necessary to protect citizens and ensure national integrity. To argue for their abolition is imbalanced lunacy.

I am not following the Lindsay Clancy trial because it is too disturbing for me. I experienced similar horror with the Exorcist movie. Though it is Clancy's right to a trial, I could not serve as a juror. Only evil could harm a child. She has admitted that she killed her children, but claims she was depressed and is pleading insanity. She is certainly imbalanced, but like her leaders in Massachusetts who recently passed a law allowing abortion up to the time of birth, she may get to live with her demons.

Humans always look for explanations. I understand Democrats. They want power and prestige, if not money. This is no different than Republicans or humans in general. But with these desires come the question of balance. Is there a code that regulates behavior?

The ancients developed a set of perspectives which we now call the "Cardinal" virtues. These are justice (fairness), moderation, courage and common sense. These proved worthwhile in ancient Greece,

Rome and other civilizations as manifestations of morality. However, Jesus espoused a higher level of ethics, eloquently stated by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13 as faith, hope and love. We know these as the "Theological" virtues. I envision these metaphorically as the rudder steering my ship on the sea of life. A rudderless ship is soon lost.

It is not surprising that our country is in trouble. Many see God as irrelevant in their daily lives. Consequently, we are in the process of replacing God with government. Let me be clear: I am not advocating a theocracy. I'm just stating that God should be pre-eminent in our functional awareness. I'm not a holier-than-thou type, but as an example, I don't steal, speed or cheat on my taxes for fear of being caught and punished by the police or the IRS. On the contrary, I don't violate these virtues because that would not be right and would be an affront to God.

The pathway to a virtuous and purposeful life is adherence to the Cardinal and Theological virtues. America's salvation can only come from reaffirming the timeless wisdom of the ages.

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Preservation the main focus of city council meeting

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Tuesday's meeting of the Knoxville City Council focused on several preservation issues, including giving Legacy Parks Foundation \$125,000 for preserving and promoting natural areas, expanding parks, creating trails and greenways and opening access to rivers and streams.

The council also authorized \$32,674 to insure and preserve Serene Manor, a

historic hospital now abandoned but of historic importance.

Lincoln Memorial University was recognized for donations of public space improvements at the historic St. Mary's Campus.

Residential Historic Preservation Program funds of \$100,000 were approved for the Preserves at Loves Creek LLC improvements at 1707 Loves Creek Road.

Two appeals of planning commission decisions were

heard, including a request to rezone 2704 Sevier Avenue from medium-density residential to neighborhood commercial. The request to overturn a planning decision was rejected.

The appeal of a planning decision for 103 Circle Lane, to change from office to general commercial, was approved.

The council also approved an agreement with Midwest Series of Lockton Companies LLC for a \$239,000

comprehensive study of employee salaries and benefits.

The city council named Gwen McKenzie and David Miller to the African American Equity Restoration Task Force.

The majority of the agenda was taken up by consent items and approved in one vote. That included a name change for the Department of Information Systems to Innovation and Technology and zoning changes for properties at 1325 Francis Road, 1900 Hoitt Avenue, and 425



The historic home of Alfred Buffat will be redeveloped into multi-family housing from funds from the city's Residential Historic Preservation Program and will become the Preserves at Loves Creek.

North Cedar Bluff Road. The Knoxville Area Transit received some attention with grants from the state for bus facilities and urban mass transit operations.



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Monkey owner given until January 1st to comply

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A North Knoxville homeowner who houses about 30 monkeys has been given until January 1st to comply with a new ordinance limiting the number permitted to four animals unless the location is officially a kennel.

Jamie Fuller was called on by At-large Councilmember Amelia Parker and appeared before the Knoxville City Council Tuesday, asking that she be "grandfathered" into the ordinance so she wouldn't be forced to close down or move. She asked the council to postpone the new ordinance.

The council also heard from Michael Robinson of Companion Pets in Gainesville, Tennessee, who supported Fuller's

effort to rescue abandoned and displaced monkeys. He said the zoo will not accept them, no diseases have been spread there, and the general public is not at risk. The monkeys, of different varieties, are caged and cared for by Fuller.

Parker said the incident "came up quickly" and suggested amending the ordinance so Fuller will have time to make plans.

Vice Mayor and At-large Councilwoman Lynne Fugate suggested the city ask Young-Williams Animal Center to look into the situation, noting there was no current ordinance dealing with monkeys. She said a reasonable time should be given. Parker said the change was an "arbitrary ordinance" and a more extensive plan is needed.



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Publisher's Positions



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Knox County Commission Elects Chair And Vice Chair

Last week the Knox County Commission met and elected Terry Hill as chair and Adam Thompson as vice chairman. Six commissioners supported Hill while five others backed Angela Russell. As pointed out by the daily newspaper, Hill, a Republican, was elected by two Republicans and four Democrats on the commission. Democrats Damon Rawls, Courtney Durrett, Brandon Huckaby and Shane Jackson voted

for Hill, as well as Hill herself and Republican Garrett Holt. Russell received the votes of four of her Republican colleagues - - Barry Beeler, Adam Thompson, Andy Fox and Justin Cofer, along with her own vote.

Terry Hill had served as chair of the Knox County Commission previously and is generally considered to be very pro-development. Adam Thompson, on the other hand, has been a steady voice for questioning over-development in Knox County, as has Angela Russell.

Hill has also gone out of her way to be openly critical of then-school board member Betsy Henderson, who was strongly supportive of school vouchers and parental choice. Henderson had been elected to fill Hill's seat on the Knox County Board of Education. If you will remember, Terry Hill was part of all the hubbub concerning Henderson's highly publicized appearance before a legislative committee in Nashville. Betsy Henderson won the GOP primary decisively and won the general

election. It remains to be seen whether or not Terry Hill can effectively work with Mayor Henderson on behalf of the people of Knox County or prefers to try and form a coalition with the minority Democrats on the county commission to thwart the mayor's agenda. Hopefully, Hill can work with our new mayor on behalf of the people of Knox County.

Thank You, Governor Lee

Governor Bill Lee is leading an effort to rename Nashville's airport for the late Dolly Parton, the universally loved entertainer. It is a wonderful idea and would be a fitting tribute to a woman who gifted the world with happiness through her music and gave back in full measure the love her fans and the people of Tennessee showered on Dolly. There is no argument about the fact that Dolly Parton was a living legend and the greatest natural resource in the state of Tennessee. The idea of visitors to Nashville and Tennessee

being welcomed to a facility named for Dolly Parton should warm the hearts of visitors and the hospitable people of Tennessee.

Great Job And Thank You, Mayor Jacobs

The August meeting of the Knox County Commission was also the last for outgoing Mayor Glenn Jacobs. It is easy to forget that when the towering man with the big grin first began running for county mayor eight years ago, most political-minded people gave him little chance of beating County Commissioners Bob Thomas and Brad Anders. Thomas had kicked off his campaign two years before the election, following the precedent set by Mike Ragsdale, who faced no opposition in the Republican primary. The idea of announcing so early for an office is to start filling up the campaign war chest and hoping to bluff everybody else out of running. Thomas, as a radio personality, was well known locally, and Brad Anders

was young and very ambitious. When Glenn Jacobs entered the GOP primary contest, he was not at all well known, though Kane, his wrestling persona was very recognizable. Jacobs meticulously went from house to house and person to person, meeting people, most of whom were struck by his humble personality and his sincerity. There were those, mostly the usual smugly self-righteous elitists, who derided Jacobs as a dumb wrestler, but he proved them to be wrong. Jacobs not only held his own in debates and personal appearances, but he also spoke in language plain enough for anyone to understand and it was readily apparent that he was a highly intelligent man. Jacobs defied conventional political logic and custom and never ran a single television commercial to win an upset victory in the primary.

Jacobs had successfully combined a hometown touch with star power, which proved to be a powerful mix.

Serving in a very

demanding job and following an enormously popular predecessor, Tim Burchett, who is now our congressman, Jacobs proved to be equal to the task. Glenn Jacobs was both innovative and an excellent steward of the taxpayers' money. Jacobs presided over a government that funded its responsibilities without adding to the taxpayers' financial burdens.

Glenn Jacobs is a good and fine man. I did not agree with him on every issue, but none of us agree with one another all the time. Mayor Jacobs did a good job under oftentimes difficult circumstances.

Glenn Jacobs has many opportunities to serve in the future and has his pick of some fine choices. He has been a guest on Greg Gutfeld's highly popular show, and Jacobs could likely helm a successful show of his own. Or he may pop up again in another political office.

Jacobs deserves thanks from the people of Knox County for a job well done.

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The approval of the PILOT tax break passed 7-4, with Fox joined in his opposition by District Five's Angela Russell, District Seven's Rhonda Lee, and District Eight's Adam Thompson.

'Knox County Homes not Hedge Funds' ordinance passes

Passing on second reading was an ordinance

proposed by First District Commissioner Damon Rawls that prohibits outside investors from purchasing more than 100 single-family homes for rental purposes. A motion to delay the vote for 30 days failed. Rawls said that "neighborhoods are becoming a portfolio" for large non-Knox County investors. Commissioners Fox, Russell and Thompson had some questions and objections. The resolution passed with three "No"

votes from Fox, Russell and Lee.

Belltown beverage open carry approved

The growing Belltown Commons, a planned community with housing, restaurants and amenities on West Emory Road, was granted a Pedestrian Beverage Zone for one year in a 10-1 vote. The vote was in doubt when Commissioner

Thompson said he was returning a gift card for use there. Developer Josh Sanderson of Belltown said the card was for commissioners to visit the establishment.

Chairwoman Gina Oster praised the development's "cool vibe," and Commissioner Terry Hill, who represents the area, said that every objection to the open drinks there was met and

said the pilot program is self-contained and allows carrying drinks within designated boundaries only. Only Commissioner Rhonda Lee opposed the pilot program, which is similar to the city's program on Market Square.

Other business

The very busy session also saw the approval of requiring a future second

vote on any proposed Knox County budget, approval of a land-lease at Strong Stock Farms on Rutledge Pike for 120 acres for a future agricultural park, setting the property tax rate as unchanged, and approval of the North Waterfront Redevelopment plan.

The commission also approved the issuance of \$155 million in general obligation bonds.

Standing committee chairs chosen by commission

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The new Knox County Commission met with its four new members recently and selected members and leaders for each of the commission's standing committees.

With new Chair Terry Hill leading the meeting, the 11 commissioners chose District Two's Courtney Durrett to chair the Beer Board

and District Eight's Adam Thompson as vice chair.

District Nine's Andy Fox was selected to chair the Insolvency Board with District Five's Angela Russell as vice chair.

The Legislative Affairs Committee chose Durrett as chair and At-large Commissioner Justin Cofer as vice chair.

Commissioner Russell was selected as chair of

the Rules Committee with Durrett as vice chair.

The Telecom Committee chose District Three's Brandon Huckaby as chair and At-large Commissioner Garrett Holt as vice chair.

Russell was selected to chair the Finance Committee with District Four's Shane Jackson as its vice chair.

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Flock cameras banned by Knox Commission

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In one of its rare unanimous votes, the Knox County Commission voted to ban Flock Cameras from use in the county. An emergency ordinance by Commissioners Adam Thompson and Larsen Jay established strict limits on surveillance technology following an overwhelming public forum session that saw dozens of citizens voice their opposition to being surveilled by the traffic cameras and identification equipment deployed by the sheriff's department.

About 140 existing Flock cameras are already in use, with many more planned, and public forum speakers cited invasion of privacy and illegal purchases. While the commission often splits on issues, the banning

of the cameras passed without opposition, with an amendment added by Jay to halt the Knox County Sheriff's Office's proposal for a \$800,000 "Virtual Crime Center" that would coordinate the use of the cameras.

Some questions were raised about the authority of the commission over the KCSO. Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said he believes the body has the authority. He said without the cameras there's no need for the proposed crime center. There was a question about Mayor Glenn Jacobs cancelling the Flock contract because the company had not acknowledged the cancellation.

The camera contract, as referred to by Jacobs, exceeded the \$100,000 limit on non-approved contracts. It was also noted that existing camera poles

on rights-of-way do not have breakable plates, a safety feature that protects motorists who crash into one. Also in question is whether or not the county may be liable for KCSO taking a \$1.5 million state grant.

Under the ordinance, all Flock cameras must be disabled and removed within 30 days. Various commissioners spoke on the issue, with District 1 Commissioner Damon Rawls calling for the "destruction of all of the Knox County data collected so far."

District Four's Shane Jackson said the cameras were obtained in an "improper process."

Andy Fox, District 9 commissioner, defended Sheriff Tom Spangler and said the person responsible for the camera purchase is no longer with the KCSO.

District Five's Angela Russell



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Commissioner Larsen Jay waits for a television interview to begin following his final commission meeting, where an emergency ordinance banned Flock cameras from Knox County.

called the purchase a "government overreach" and called for a "complete reset" by the new county administration.



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When the Sky Went Silent

Remembering September 11, 2001 – Twenty-Five Years Later

Some mornings refuse to become ordinary history. September 11, 2001, began beneath a beautiful blue sky. The kind of September morning that gave no warning of what was coming. People poured coffee, parents kissed children goodbye, and commuters hurried toward offices. Firefighters began shifts, police officers climbed into patrol cars, and flight crews welcomed passengers aboard airplanes. Across America, millions of people stepped into an ordinary Tuesday assuming they would return home that evening. Some never did.

At 8:46 a.m., everything changed. A commercial airliner disappeared into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, and within minutes, television cameras carried an unimaginable scene into homes across America. Smoke rolled into that crystal-blue sky. Papers floated through Manhattan streets. Sirens screamed between skyscrapers. Then came another plane.

Then the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. And suddenly, the sky itself seemed threatening. Twenty-five years later, some of the images remain almost impossible to forget. It was one of the darkest days in our nation's history.

Yet somehow, in the darkness, we were reminded what light looked like. We saw courage, sacrifice and ordinary people become heroes because when the moment demanded something extraordinary, they answered.

For a little while, America remembered something else too: We remembered God. Church doors opened, sanctuaries filled, and people who had not prayed in years bowed their heads.

For a moment, the things that divided us seemed remarkably small. Political labels mattered less, and differences faded into the background. Flags appeared on front porches. Neighbors checked on neighbors. We were Americans, and we prayed.

Twenty-five years later, perhaps one of the greatest ways we can honor those we lost is not simply remembering how they died, but by determining how we live.

Scripture says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Our strength has never ultimately been found in buildings, economies, military power or political institutions. These things matter, and I remain deeply grateful for a nation strong enough to defend its people and for men and women willing to stand between us and danger. Still, America is strongest when her people understand that freedom is a gift, sacrifice is a responsibility, and God is still our refuge.

Patriotism and faith are not the same thing. America is not the Kingdom of God, and the cross should never be reduced to a national symbol. But I unashamedly say that my faith absolutely affects the way I love my country. It makes me grateful for where I live and calls me to pray for those who lead us. It compels me to serve my neighbor and reminds me that freedom should be stewarded. I want to leave this nation stronger, kinder and more faithful for the generation coming behind me.

So on this 25th anniversary, remember. Remember the 2,977 lives taken. Remember the firefighters climbing the stairs. Remember the police officers running toward the smoke.

Remember the passengers who fought back. Remember the families who still carry an empty place at the table. Remember the flags. Remember the prayers. And perhaps most importantly, remember how quickly an ordinary Tuesday taught us that tomorrow is never promised. So love your family, serve your neighbor and thank those who protect you.

Twenty-five years have passed since that September morning; the smoke is gone, and rubble has been cleared. A generation has now grown up knowing September 11 only through photographs, videos and stories. That is why those of us who remember must keep telling and teaching them that the best way to honor those who gave everything is to become the kind of people and the kind of nation worth giving everything for. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Knox County lawmakers announce \$1.15M in grant awards for park improvements

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out on the water and hit the trails. We're excited to see these projects move forward and can't wait to see the community enjoy them for years to come."

The city plans to use \$746,730 from the LPRF to expand access to the Tennessee River at Gov. Ned McWherter Park and Suttree Landing Park, in partnership with Tennessee RiverLine.

Improvements at Gov. Ned McWherter Park include transforming the existing site into a river recreation hub with a large, multi-purpose boat dock, kayak storage and rental station, boater staging area, pavilion and restrooms.

The project for Suttree Landing Park includes accessible kayak features to expand paddling access for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users and individuals with limited mobility. It also includes kayak storage and rental pods, as well as new native plants to improve the park and help protect the riverfront.

The city plans to use \$400,000 from the RTP to add a bicycle skills course and mountain bike trail at Holston River Park.

The project will include a kids bike skills area anchored with a small asphalt pump track to provide beginner level skills development for young riders, as well as prefabricated trail features including gravel trail connections throughout the greenway system.

The mountain bike trail will be approximately 2,500 linear feet reinforced with stone and native soil. It will also serve as an adaptive Mountain Bike Trail (aMTB) providing opportunities for people with limited mobility to enjoy the off-road trail experience.

LPRF provides state funding to match local government investments for recreation projects and the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways and recreational facilities. RTP provides federal funding to match local government investments in trailhead support facilities, land acquisition for trails and trail construction, rehabilitation and maintenance.

For more information on the LPRF program and how to apply, visit the Office of Outdoor Recreation website at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/outdoorrec.html>.

Smart Yards and Friends

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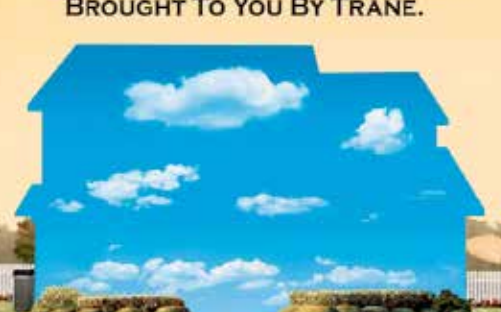
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The 1964 U.S. Senate Race in New York: The Main Event

Pages from the Past



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Both political parties had selected their respective nominees for the United States Senate in New York. Republicans had once again nominated Senator Kenneth B. Keating, who had served for twelve years in the House of Representatives before winning a six-year term in the Senate. Keating had repeatedly demonstrated the kind of appeal that crossed party lines and drew support from tens of thousands of Independents and some Democrats. In 1964, Nelson Rockefeller was the governor and had first been elected in 1958 along with Ken Keating and was reelected in 1962. The senior senator from New York was Jacob Javits, a Jewish Republican who had been a congressman before being elected statewide as New York Attorney General. All three --- Rockefeller, Javits and Keating --- were liberal Republicans and had much appeal in the Empire State.

The Democratic nominee to face Senator Keating in the general election was without a doubt the best-known candidate for the United States Senate in the 1964 election cycle. Robert F. Kennedy was the younger brother of the late President John F. Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy was also familiar from the televised hearings of the McClellan Committee, which explored the seemingly bottomless pit of labor racketeering. Then came his appointment to serve as his brother's attorney general for the United States. The tragedy of John F. Kennedy's assassination remains with those who were alive at the time, ensconced somewhere in the memories of those of us getting along in years. The resulting sadness created considerable sympathy for Bobby Kennedy and more than a little pressure on President Lyndon Johnson to name him as his running mate in 1964. That idea was abhorrent to LBJ as he loathed RFK as much as Bobby Kennedy disliked him. Johnson retained some very real bitterness at those longtime Kennedy staff members who had populated the White House staff during the "Camelot" of John F. Kennedy's time, who derided Johnson's southern ways and style. When Johnson had campaigned by train during the 1960 election, the Kennedy men referred to it derisively as "the Corn Pone Special." LBJ, although a Democrat, had a memory like an elephant and bided his time. One of the most masterful politicians ever to serve as president of the United States, Lyndon Johnson suddenly announced he would not select any member of his Cabinet as his running mate in 1964.

It was a rather transparent way of declaring he would not choose Robert F. Kennedy to run with him. For his part, Bobby was outwardly gracious, but acknowledged he hated to take several good fellows "over the side" with him. However much Bobby Kennedy hated Lyndon Johnson, he grabbed hold of the new president's coat-tails and held on for dear life. The Kennedy campaign did all it could to tie the two candidates together. Kennedy-Johnson campaign buttons and bumper stickers proliferated throughout New York State.

There had been some speculation early in the campaign that Senator Keating might opt not to run again with Robert F. Kennedy seeking his Senate seat. "I'm not stepping aside for anyone," Keating finally snapped. "I don't care how much money my opponent may have, and I don't care about his grandiose ambitions. I am not surrendering to the most expensive press, television and radio blitz in the history of any New York Senate campaign. I have worked too hard for the people of New York to allow this kind of ruthless and unprincipled campaign to ride me out of office."

It was clear that Senator Kenneth Keating had been in the unfortunate position of being behind from the very moment Robert F. Kennedy won the Democratic nomination. The senator had a steep uphill climb to win the general election while just about every advantage was against him.

The Republicans were operating under considerably more restraint as their presidential nominee, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, was considered dead in the water by every political prognosticator as far as the Empire State was concerned. Despite having selected an obscure New York congressman from New York as his running mate, nobody believed Goldwater would fare well in the northeastern region of the country. Keating, well aware that affiliating himself with Goldwater would likely drag him under, had led the New York delegation to walk out when the Arizonan had been nominated at the Republican National Convention. Senator Keating was open about his refusal to back Goldwater, telling reporters, "I cannot in good conscience conceal my convictions behind a façade of conformity disguised as unity. I seriously doubt that any voter in New York would be impressed by any lip service I might give Senator Goldwater." In New York State there was a fledgling Conservative Party that had



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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.

breathed its first breath in 1962, one of the founders being William F. Buckley. Former Connecticut Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce threatened to run as the candidate for the Conservative Party for the U.S. Senate, but later endorsed Senator Keating. Her husband, Henry Luce, was the publisher of the most widely read news magazine in the world, TIME. Luce placed Keating's portrait on the cover of TIME's October 30th edition just before New Yorkers went to the polls to vote in an effort to bolster the senator's reelection campaign.

The Keating campaign formed "Democrats for Keating," put out its own campaign buttons for Johnson and Keating, and hammered home the message that Bobby Kennedy was an outlander, not even a resident of New York. Senator Keating was a native-born New Yorker and his campaign loudly proclaimed the senator as "New York's Own!"

New York City Mayor Robert Wagner sniffed at the issue, pointing to Kennedy's "personal eminence," "the appealing nature of his great public achievements..." and "...the dazzling magic of his name." Mayor Wagner, son of one of the most productive U.S. senators during Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, cried, "New York has taken to its bosom millions from abroad and from other parts of the country, giving our state constant infusions of new blood and renewals of vitality. All Americans are at home in New York." Even those Democrats who might have been otherwise reluctant to support a candidate from Massachusetts who had lived in Washington, D.C., got behind Bobby Kennedy for the simple reason they wanted to win. The last time a Democrat had been elected to the United States Senate in New York was 1950, 14 years earlier, when former Governor Hebert Lehman, yet another scion of a wealthy family, had been elected to a six-year term after having won a 1949 special election. During the 1964 Senate election in New York,

Robert F. Kennedy was 38 years old, while Senator Keating was 64. The carpetbagger issue began to ring hollow as the magic of the Kennedy name remained fresh in the minds of many voters. Bobby Kennedy attracted large crowds, 2,000 people when he appeared in Buffalo. A good many of them were "squealing teenagers" hoping to catch a glimpse of a celebrity, but there were also "thronges of voting-age women." Once again, the Kennedy family fortune generously lubricated the wheels of a finely tuned campaign machine.

The Kennedy money began to tell as the campaign blanketed the media of the day: commercial television and radio. The Kennedy campaign sought to erase Keating's reputation as a liberal Republican, putting out newspaper ads under the headline of the "Myth of Keating's Liberalism." Television ads followed along the same line and the candidate began the same attack against the incumbent. The Kennedy campaign intimidated Senator Keating had been "against housing, against aid to education, against labor, against Medicare, against --- until the last minute --- the test ban, and against the war on poverty" being waged by LBJ's "Great Society. "I'm supposed to be against everything that's good," Keating fumed.

"Don't believe these distortions and falsehoods you read," Keating told audiences across New York. The senator snarled that Robert Kennedy's was the "most reprehensible campaign that has ever been conducted for the Senate in this state." Usually mild-mannered and gracious, Ken Keating was angry and defended his record. Senator Keating touted his own support of the Civil Rights bill, the tax cut, Medicare, the Test Ban Treaty, and the poverty bill during the most recent session of Congress. Keating's own campaign slung some hard charges of its own, accusing Kennedy of having funneled \$60 million of taxpayer money to Nazis by resolving a 20-year dispute over the

seizure of General Aniline & Film Corporation by the United States government during the Second World War. Senator Keating chastised Kennedy for what he called walking out on civil rights by quitting as U.S. Attorney General before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had been approved by Congress. The senator denied he tried to appeal to any specific voter bloc, but his campaign made direct appeals to Jewish voters in pamphlets asking, "Why is Nasser Working to Defeat Keating?" Nasser was the strongman and leader of Egypt at the time.

The Harvard Crimson complained that Senator Keating "used to be thought of as quiet, dignified and unimposing" was running the kind of campaign that gave him the image of "a man who is outspoken, angry, and self-asserting." The Crimson noted Keating certainly did not possess the "electricity" that Bobby Kennedy had, although it grudgingly acknowledged the senator "does possess a certain warmth that wins respect." It was true Keating met people very well, smiling and grasping the hand of another person and listening intently to what the other person had to say. Perhaps the most complimentary thing said about Ken Keating by the Harvard Crimson was marveling, "For his age (he is 64) Keating displays an amazing amount of energy." Pulled between two engagements, speaking to a crowd or missing the funeral of former president Herbert Hoover while already thirty minutes behind his schedule, the Crimson was astonished the senator missed neither. Election Day confirmed what most, including Ken Keating, had suspected. As the vote returns began to trickle in from upstate New York, where Republicans usually outvoted Democrats by a margin of two-to-one, Bobby Kennedy was running ahead of the usual Democratic ticket. In Manhattan, Kennedy built up a massive margin of half a million votes, impossible for Keating to overcome. Senator Keating lost by more than 700,000

votes, although he had run well ahead of Barry Goldwater, who had been smothered beneath an avalanche of ballots by Lyndon Johnson. The landslide for LBJ helped to defeat GOP candidates all across the country. Democrats won 36 seats in the House of Representatives from the Republicans. Democrats picked up two seats in the U.S. Senate while the only Republican to win a race against a Democratic incumbent had been former movie song and dance man George Murphy in California, who beat Senator Pierre Salinger, JFK's former press secretary.

Bobby Kennedy said of his victory that it was "an overwhelming mandate" for the policies of John F. Kennedy before quickly adding "and, of course, Lyndon Johnson."

Senator Keating was, as might be expected, disappointed and hurt by his loss. It was quite true that he had worked very hard on behalf of the people of New York. A year later, voters seemed to acknowledge that when they gave him a massive victory for a seat on New York's State Court of Appeals. Keating beat his Democratic opponent by more than a million votes to win a fourteen-year term on New York's highest court. Quite a few political observers at the time referred to Keating's victory as the apology of the people to a dedicated public servant who had long worked for them.

Robert F. Kennedy went to the United States Senate, serving with his brother Ted. RFK launched a presidential campaign after Senator Eugene McCarthy scored a respectable tally against President Johnson in the 1968 New Hampshire primary. Kennedy ruthlessly undermined McCarthy by announcing his own presidential bid, which culminated in his winning the hotly contested California primary on June 4, 1968. Kennedy was shot that same evening at his victory celebration and later died of his wounds.

What's on your toilet paper?

I am at that age when cleaning up, organizing, and trashing things is part of my routine. During one of those cleaning frenzies, I found a long piece of toilet paper with writing on it. Oh



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man, suddenly I was transported back to the age of six.

During my time in first grade, an eighth-grade girl caught my eye. Back in the good old days, elementary schools housed grades 1-8. No kindergarten existed back then. Her name was Andy Underwood, and she was the prettiest girl I'd ever seen, with the exception of Randy Butler, who was my age and with whom I attended church.

For what seemed like forever, but was probably only a few days, I pined for her. Sure, the difference in ages was a problem, and the fact that she towered over me was an obstacle. Still, Andy was the girl on whom I had a ridiculous crush.

I couldn't stand holding my feelings inside. To this day, I blurt out my emotions, many times regretting being so hasty in doing so. At six, the only paper I had was that big stuff that the teacher passed out so we could learn to write between the lines, capital letters to the top and lowercase letters to the middle line.

I needed to scribble in my newly developed handwriting the affections I held for Andy, so I improvised and ran to the bathroom. I tore off what seemed to be a lengthy piece of two-ply. On it, I composed the first love letter, and somehow, I managed to make sure she

received it. I don't remember what, if anything else resulted from that toilet paper love letter.

Over the years, I wrote love notes to girls in school. They were the ones where boxes were

checked to indicate any mutual attraction. One girl, Suzanne Fletcher, came to Ball Camp Elementary during fifth grade. She and I became a "thing." Just as luck would have it, she moved to Tunnel Hill, Georgia. I was heart sick and wrote letters and sent them to her new address. I'm not sure if she ever wrote back.

In high school, yearbooks became places where long letters were written. If I had a girlfriend, I'd write lengthy messages that declared my affections. Not once did I ever realize that those words would be read by every person who looked at that book and that they would be preserved for future generations to read and laugh at. In my own yearbook, I blocked off an entire page for any girlfriend to write. To my disappointment, none ever managed to write more than half a page, and that was only because they wrote in much larger letters than normal.

Amy and I began dating

during my senior year in college. We were inseparable, so I never wrote love letters to the woman who would become my wife. Over the years, I've scribbled notes of apology for things I've done and feelings I've hurt. On holiday and birthday cards, I've sometimes written a note to let her know how much she means to me and how grateful I am for her love. Maybe I should have written letters over the years, but I've assumed she knew how special she has always been to me. That's my mistake. I hope a column or two that I've written over the years has expressed my love to her.

When I was still teaching, I found a piece of toilet paper on my desk. I assumed one of my students was pulling some kind of prank, and I was honestly wary of opening the thing up. When I did, I read the words written there: a reply to my first-grade love letter. Andy Underwood was substituting at the high school, and she'd remembered the note I'd sent and decided to surprise me with the reply.

Folks, be careful about what you write, even in innocence. You and I never know when or how a comment or reply might come, and the type of reply might not be what you expected.

By the way, thanks, Andy.

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Three alumni were inducted into the Halls High School Athletics' Road to Fame on Friday night: Andy Loy, Class of 1981, football and track; Morgan Campbell Schaller, Class of 1998, softball and golf; and Ryan Hall, Class of 2018, golf.

Class of 3 gives Road to Fame 42 inductees

By Steve Williams

The eighth class of Halls' Road to Fame may be the smallest with three inductees, but it still stands out as one of the best with pride, talent and toughness. Starting off, Morgan Schaller is loaded with pride. "What I am most proud of is being able to represent the incredible tradition of Halls High School athletics," said Schaller. "Growing up in this community, I was able to see the dedication of the coaches and the hard work of players that came before me.

It is truly an honor to be recognized with some of the greatest athletes that have been a part of the strong athletic traditions at Halls." Morgan, a member of the Class of 1998, was a two-sport standout in golf and softball. A three-year starter and four-year letterman, she had a career .362 batting average. In addition to that, she was All-District as an infielder and outfielder and All-KIL her senior season. In golf at Halls, Schaller was a 3-time state qualifier and her



highest finish at the state level was a 13th-place showing. She also was a 4-time All-KIL player and a 3-time KIL Golfer of the Year. Morgan continued to rack up high honors in golf at the college level, where she played at Tusculum on a scholarship. A

4-year letterman with the Lady Pioneers, she had 22 top-20 finishes and earned first place honors one time. To top off her collegiate career, she was a 3-time honoree on the All-South Atlantic Conference team and twice was on the SAC All-Conference tournament team. Andy Loy was a teammate of Herschel Walker Loy had quite a career at Halls and provided the toughness for

this year's Road to Fame. "I'm most proud of being able to take what I learned growing up and playing football in Halls and see how far I could go with it," said Andy. "I had the opportunity to leave Knoxville, play football at the University of Georgia, and eventually a starting position at outside linebacker. "There were some injuries and setbacks along the way that could have easily changed things, but I kept pushing myself and was able to accomplish more than I **Continue on page 4**

Local distance runner wins AAU national championship

King seeks to earn Youth Athlete of the Year

By Ken Lay

King Hutchinson has found his place in the world of youth athletics. And it didn't take very long for him to discover his passion after being encouraged to compete by a coach. The West Valley Middle School eighth grader is competing in track and field as a distance specialist and he's currently in the running for Sports Illustrated/CBS Sports Youth Athlete of the Year through 3Brand. An AAU All-American and



West Valley Middle School eighth-grader King Hutchinson recently won an AAU National Championship in the 3,000-meter race walk. He has been nominated for National Youth Athlete of the Year by Sports Illustrated and CBS Sports. Photo Submitted. two-time Junior Olympian, Hutchinson won the 2026 AAU National Championship at the 2026 AAU Nationals in the 3,000-meter race walk. In his championship

ago. He immediately found a passion for the sport as he has been inspired by coaches, family and athletes who have overcome challenges to achieve greatness. "I love running," he said. "My team is like a family. I began running when I was asked by a coach. Upon taking up the sport of distance running, he rapidly began enjoying success. In just three years. He won a national championship, achieving that feat on July 7 in Jacksonville, Florida. Should Hutchinson win the honor of National Youth Athlete of the Year, he would win \$25,000.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lady Bobcats overcome slow start to sweep West on the road

By Ken Lay

Central High School's volleyball team is off to its best start in quite some time. The Lady Bobcats have won 14 of their first 15 matches in 2026 and have dropped just three sets all season. They continued their winning ways Friday night with a 25-20, 25-18 win Friday night at West High. "This was a very good win for us on the road," Central coach Susan Davidson said. "(Lady Rebels' coach Jessica Lee) has done a great job, and West is a great team. "I wish we could play each other once a week because I think it would make both of us better." The Lady Bobcats (14-1) have also won their first six District 3-3A matches without losing a set. They'll look to finish the first half of their league schedule with an undefeated record **Continue on page 4**

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A GLANCE BACK
AND A LOOK AHEAD



Dolly Parton always gave her all, just like Powell High School did by saying good-bye for now.

For 80 years, Dolly was a giver from ‘9 to 5’

By Steve Williams

Matt Lowe thinks he and his family might have been close to seeing Dolly Parton one day at Dollywood.

If they had met, and she found out Lowe was a football coach, this reporter could just hear her giving Matt some touchdown plays for his team and giggling in her happy way.

“For me personally,” said Lowe, “Dolly Parton is just an East Tennessee icon or a legend. She is the ultimate rags to riches story of somebody who had nothing and made good on her skills and talents.

“But not only give back to the East Tennessee area, but to change the lives of a lot of people based on some of the blessings that she had stowed upon her.

“Forever,” continued Matt, “that’s what so many people will remember. Yes, they’re always going to talk about the rhinestones and the big hair and some of her other qualities. But the simple thing is, people in East Tennessee are always going to remember how many lives she changed. They’re going to remember the books that she gave to millions of young people in this area, and how she was attached to Dollywood and the East Tennesseans.

“And what an inspiration she was to everybody who ever dreamed of making it big and then giving back to their hometown.”

UT Head Coach Josh Heupel: “Talking about the passing of Dolly Parton. All that she has meant across the world, this country and certainly the queen of East Tennessee, and a lady that was extremely proud of her roots. You look at her impact – just her ability to give back and make an impact to people certainly here in East Tennessee. She means a lot to people across this country, but certainly here inside the state of Tennessee, too.

“We will be wearing a sticker patch on the back of our helmet to recognize her accomplishments and everything that she’s meant and had an impact here on Tennessee.”

Week 4

Toss-Ups
Scott at Austin-East
West Ridge at HVA
Concord Christian at Halls
Lakeway at Webb

2026 Prep Football WEEK FOUR

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

Clinton at Karns (Thu)
West at Alcoa
Scott at Austin-East
Farragut at Bradley Central
Oneida at CAK
Morristown East at Gibbs
Seymour at Greeneville
West Ridge at Hardin Valley
South-Doyle at Carter
Cardinal Ritter, MO at Catholic
Campbell Co. at Central
G-P at Fulton
Concord Christian at Halls
Lakeway Christian at Webb
William Blount at Powell
Grace at Silverdale
Bearden at Science Hill
TKA at Southwestern KY
School for Deaf, OK at TSD
(Sat)

**Week Three
Scores**
Seymour 50, Cocke Co. 0
Central 35, West 30
Alcoa 49, Gibbs 21
CAK 31, Notre Dame 14
Karns 42, Campbell Co. 33
Upperman 30, Farragut 7
Bradley Central 43, HVA 40
CCS 56, King’s Academy 26
Anderson Co. 41, Fulton 18
Grace 43, Chatt Christian 0
Powell 24, Halls 0
Silverdale 27, Webb 26
Maryville 54, Bearden 0
South-Doyle 35, Heritage 14
Carter 34, Union Co. 8
Catholic 21, Lipscomb 20

**Week 3
Goose egg**
Seymour 50, Cocke Co. 0

Close, but no cigar
Central 35, West 30

Tasting victory
Karns 42, Campbell Co. 33
Carter 34, Union Co. 8

Tough luck losses
Bradley County 43, HVA 40
Silverdale 27, Webb 26

Luck of the Irish
Catholic 21, Lipscomb 20

THE 1996 HALLS RUNNER-UP team was also recognized Friday night. That Red Devil team lost 17-15 to Pearl-Cohn in the state finals.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 3

Kaden Long leads Bobcats in region road game at West

By Ken Lay

Kaden Long did it all for the Central High School football team Thursday night.

Long, the Bobcats’ senior quarterback, used both his arms and his legs, to spark his team’s potent and versatile offensive attack in a 35-30 victory over host West High at Bill Wilson Field.

A 2025 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football finalist, Long went 18-for-26 for 181 yards and a touchdown, but that was only part of the story. He also gashed the Rebels on the ground as he amassed 193 yards on 22 carries. He also scored three touchdowns to help Central keep its perfect record intact and claim a second consecutive victory over the Rebels, its Region 2-5A rivals.

He opened the scoring for the Bobcats (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the region), with a 5-yard scoring run. Kicker

Owen McGaha added the extra point to extend the visitors’ advantage to 7-0.

But the lead was short-lived as West (1-2, 0-1) answered with a quick and explosive play on special teams as DeAndre Brinson returned the ensuing kickoff 95-yards for a TD. Addison Cline added the game-tying PAT, making the score, 7-7.

And the Bobcats and Rebels were off to the races.

West momentarily seized the upper hand in this shootout as quarterback Jack Harrison connected with Silas Monroe to give the Rebels a 14-7 lead.

But the Bobcats would respond with a long drive, which was capped by a 3-yard plunge by Lanier Badgett, which knotted the contest, 14-14.

The latter stages of the first half were packed with scoring as the Rebels took a 17-14 lead on a 44-yard

field goal by Cline with 2 minutes, 25 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

But Central took the lead for good when Long connected with Rondell North, a South-Doyle transfer, on a 22-yard scoring strike with 17 seconds to go before halftime.

Central coach Kevin Lane is glad to have his double-threat quarterback, who racked up more than 300 all-purpose yards.

“He knows the offense in and out,” Lane said of Long. “Obviously, his legs and athletic ability are a strength. It helps when the thing breaks down.

“Designed runs help him a ton. And we’ve got guys around him that he can pop the ball to. Having him on our team is fun and it’s fun to watch him play.”

After an opening 24 minutes packed with plenty of fireworks, the defenses took center stage in the

third frame as neither team scored in the quarter.

Long, however scored, on a 15-yard TD scamper with 11:51 remaining in the fourth frame, making the score 28-17.

West answered with a 3-yard run by Wyteir Nelson a short time later. But a two-point conversion failed and the score remained 28-23.

Long’s final touchdown run, a 10-yarder, put the game out of reach with 3:18 left.

But the Rebels didn’t go quietly as they scored when Monroe threw a touchdown pass, a 36-yarder to Grey Dubon on a trick play on fourth-and-one.

Central will continue regional play next week when it plays Campbell County. Meanwhile, things won’t get easier for the Rebels as they play Alcoa in a non-region tilt.



PHOTO BY THE TKA YEARBOOK STAFF

TKA wide receiver Cosmin Susara (left) and CCS defensive back Dereon Bonner (right) line up for a play almost 'nose to nose' in Friday night's game at The King's Academy. An outstanding start propelled Concord Christian to a 56-26 win.

Concord Christian roars past TKA, 56-26

By Steve Williams

There were the Lions, and then there were the other Lions.

Concord Christian’s Lions growled the earliest and loudest in their battle with The King’s Academy’s Lions Friday night in Seymour.

Dasani Moulden, the Player of the Game, broke out of a tackle and returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown to set the tone for a 56-26 win over TKA.

It took only 19 seconds to grab the lead. Obviously, Concord Christian was hungry as it pulled away to a 29-7 command in the first quarter.

“We got off to a big lead there at the beginning and kind of got sloppy after that, but were able to hold on and make enough plays to win the game,” said CCS Coach Steve Matthews, whose team improved to 2-1 overall.

The Concord Christian team was talking about its big challenge at Halls before leaving the field at TKA.

“Playing against Halls, we’re a second-year

program and that one was kind of a tough one to schedule, but we felt like, hey, we want to see where we are at.”

Moulden racked up four touchdowns to lead Concord Christian’s onslaught. After the opening kickoff return, he hauled back another to paydirt. He also had five receptions and a 62-yard TD plus a 53-yard pick-six.

Maurice Smith scored on a 35-yard run to give CCS a 14-0 lead.

Quickly after that, Roman Hogrefe intercepted a pass to put the ball on the TKA 5-yard line. Quarterback Dylan Brown, a freshman, cashed in with an 8-yard pass to Moulden and Ashe Sisco’s PAT increased the lead to 21-0 with 2:30 on the first quarter clock.

The home team finally had something to cheer for when Nickolas Martinez broke a tackle on the following kickoff and raced 78 yards for a much-needed touchdown to pull TKA within 14 points (21-7).

Moulden immediately got his second kickoff return that covered 95 yards. A 2-point conversion

made it 29-7 with 1:54 to go in the first half.

Concord’s Amar’e McKenzie scored on a short run and a 2-point pass to Collin Jarnagin built the visitors’ lead to 37-7.

The King’s Academy didn’t quit and Martinez used good footwork on the sideline to haul in an 8-yard pass for a touchdown to make it 37-13.

TKA QB Younes Halabi passed to Mate Boros and he shook off a defender and scored to get his team closer at 37-19 midway in the third quarter.

Anton Junge made a big defensive play for his team late in the third quarter when he took Brown down on fourth-and-four.

An interception by Concord’s Hogrefe, however, quickly took away TKA’s needed momentum and capitalized with a touchdown to go up 43-19 with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter.

A 60-yard TD interception return by Moulden added to Concord’s margin (50-19) as the third quarter ended.

With 10:50 left, Concord’s Alistar

Middlebrook broke loose for a 47-yard TD run to make it 56-19.

With a running clock in effect, subs were entered into the game.

The King’s Academy scored the final points in the game as Viktor Kristiansen ran in from 28 yards out and Leonard Heinicke kicked the final PAT with 10 seconds on the clock.

“We knew that we were going to be at an athletic disadvantage, a pretty significant size disadvantage and a roster size disadvantage,” said TKA Head Coach Stephen Alexander, who is in his first season at The King’s Academy. “We were trying to find ways to negate that and outlast them. Maybe try to wear them down and get them in the fourth quarter, but we made too many mistakes along the way and it got too big and out of hand.”

TKA came into the game 2-0, but CCS showed it had the better team on this night.

Concord Christian is now 2-1 and is looking forward to playing at Halls this week.

'UT's traditional road garb'

When Tennessee came on the field for the 2024 game at Oklahoma wearing white jerseys and white pants, a UT spokesperson told



By Tom Mattingly

ABC the combination “is considered UT’s traditional road garb.”

Sometimes, in the wrong hands, the concept of “tradition” takes a beating.

This was one of those times.

History tells us that Tennessee rarely wore white jerseys on the road before 1971, when the SEC instituted a “Gentleman’s Agreement” that the home team would have the choice of jersey color.

The visiting team could wear their school color jerseys only if the home team chose its white shirts, as did LSU and, on occasion, Vanderbilt.

For the record, Tennessee head coach Bill Battle voted against this agreement, thereby defending the honor and integrity of the orange jersey.

Before that time, Tennessee wore the white jerseys in the 1953 Cotton Bowl (Texas 16, Tennessee 0), the 1969 Cotton Bowl (Texas 36, Tennessee 13), and the 1963 Alabama game (Alabama 35, Tennessee 0), all losses. The 1971 Florida game (Tennessee 20, Florida 13) started the white jersey trend on a yearly basis. As the years have passed, however, Vol fans began to accept the white shirts on the road.

The road uniforms have

been a mix of style over the years, seemingly changing with the arrival of each new head coach. From 1971 through 1973, the Vols wore the white jerseys with the orange collar and white pants. That lasted for three years, eight games, the Vols winning five and losing three.

The powers-that-be considered this uniform combination to be important enough historically that the Vols brought it back in 2004 for the season opener against UNLV. That was an intriguing reading of history.

From 1974 to 1976, the Vols wore a pure vanilla combination of white jerseys and white pants that was functional, but wasn’t anything to write home about.

John Majors chose the white shirts and orange pants as the road uniform starting with the 1977 Alabama game. The Vols wore white pants on the road only occasionally during that time, with the 1979 Alabama and Ole Miss games, the 1981 Georgia game, and the 1982 Vanderbilt game coming to mind quickly.

Phillip Fulmer brought out the white pants for the 1992 Georgia game when he was interim head coach, but the orange pants returned at the LSU game later that season, and the Vols were in orange pants down the season’s stretch run.

Fulmer made the white shirts and white pants, some with stripes, some without, some with a “T” emblazoned on the front, the road uniform of choice during his tenure. The Vols did pull out the orange

pants at home in the 1999 contest against Memphis on Homecoming Day.

More recent years have seen the Vols wearing the white pants on the road most of the time, with the orange ones showing up every now and then, along with a variety of “alternative uniforms.”

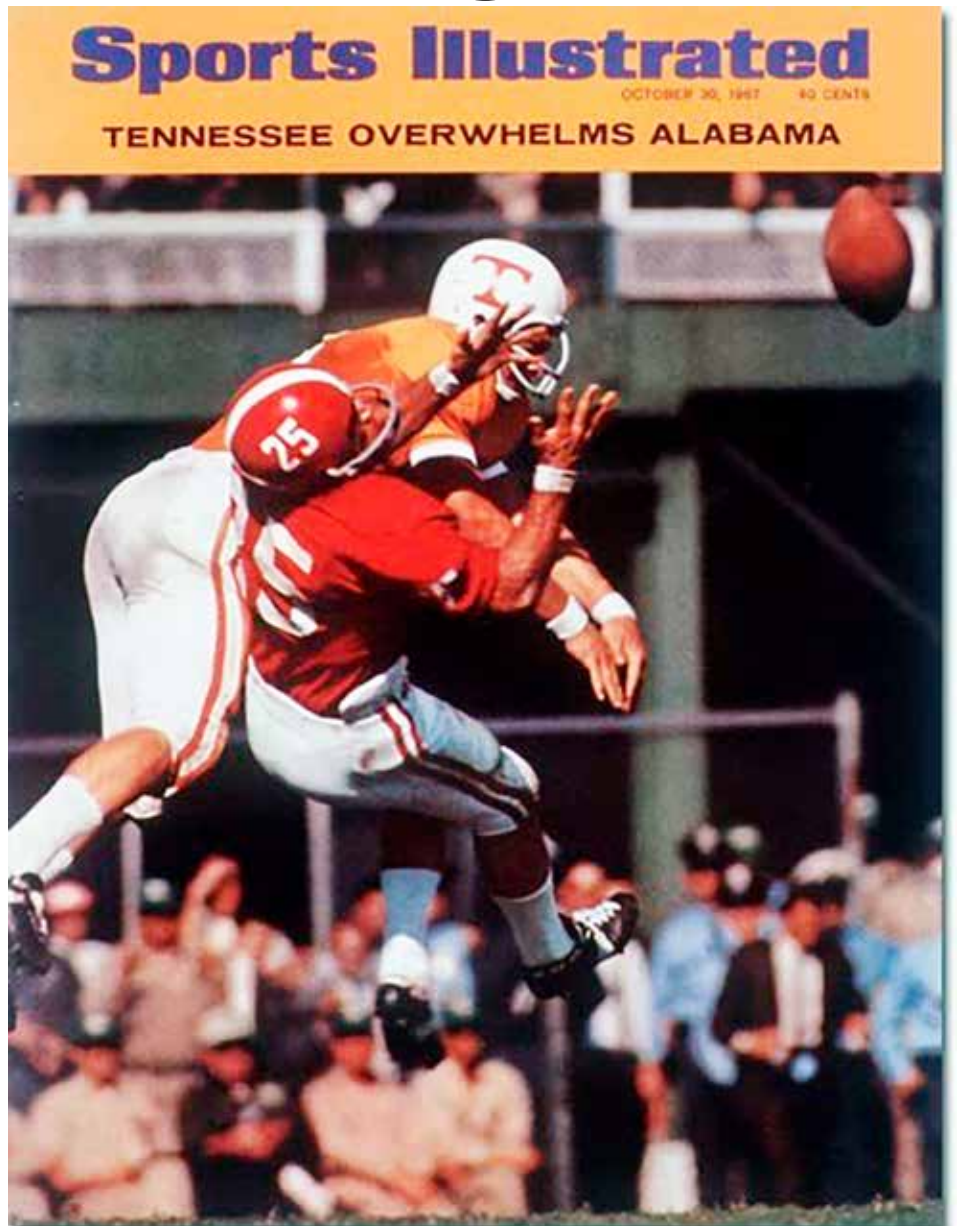
In these cases, the facts do get in the way of an otherwise good story. Over the years, the white road uniforms have been anything but uniform, at least in the context of history.

Speaking of which, Tennessee and Alabama will each wear their “home uniforms” at Neyland Stadium this season, the Vols in orange shirts and Alabama in crimson. In 2027, the same uniform combinations will be on display at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

That news brought back memories of the 2009 Tennessee-Alabama game at Bryant-Denny. That was the game Lane Kiffin floated the idea of wearing orange jerseys or maybe warming up in orange shirts, before returning for the kickoff in white shirts.

Either Nick Saban or Mal Moore, perhaps both, put the kibosh on that idea, saying, in part, “Alabama wears crimson jerseys at home and white ones on the road.” That settled the issue. The tone of that announcement reflected their official disdain of even having to consider the question.

Nothing in the announcement this August gave any indication how Tennessee and Alabama actually found enough common ground to come to an agreement on such a weighty matter. The



Tennessee’s Mike Jones and Alabama’s Dennis Homan battle for the pigskin in the second half of the 1967 Alabama game.

devil is likely in the details that went unreported.

The last time Tennessee and Alabama squared off in their school color jerseys was the 1970 contest at Neyland Stadium. Battle was Tennessee’s head coach, while Bear Bryant patrolled the East side of Shields-Watkins Field for the Tide.

The Vols won 24-0 that day, intercepting eight Tide passes. They would not knock off the Tide again

until 1982, the first of four consecutive wins between 1982 and 1985. Majors was on the Tennessee sideline, while Bryant coached his final game in Knoxville in 1982, replaced by Ray Perkins.

Where does all of this lead us? Here’s my perspective as we head to the “Third Saturday in October” in 2026.

“When the Vols and Tide squared off with Alabama in crimson and white

uniforms on one side of the field and Tennessee in orange and white on the other,” I wrote in the “Tennessee Vault,” “there was never a prettier sight. It was football played the way everyone on both sides in the rivalry knew it was meant to be. The venue didn’t matter.”

You can see for yourself if those sentiments are true at Neyland Stadium this season or a year down the road at Bryant-Denny.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Irish tie Bearden, shut out West in big week on the pitch

By Ken Lay

When Josh Martin took the reins of the Catholic High School girls soccer team a few years ago, he had just one goal.

“When I came here, I wanted to build a program that would compete for state championships every year,” said Martin, who was named the Lady Irish’s coach on Feb. 14, 2023. “It hasn’t been easy, but the girls are taking steps to get there.”

“They’re taking slow steps, but they’re getting there.”

Catholic has shown great improvement in 2026. But the season has not been without its low points; as the Irish’s 3-2-2 record would indicate, the team has wins over Alcoa (4-0) on Aug. 20 and Chattanooga Christian School on Aug. 22.

The Lady Irish captured their biggest win of the season when they shut out West High, 1-0, Thursday night in the friendly confines of Blaine Stadium, culminating arguably their best week in Martin’s tenure as head coach.

The Lady Rebels reached the Class 3A state tournament in 2025.

The Lady Irish played Bearden to a 1-1 draw at home on Tuesday and even had the lead over the defending Class 3A state champion Lady Bulldogs at halftime.

Catholic’s big week came after perhaps the lowest point of the season, after it dropped a 6-0 decision to Division II-AA

East Region rival Webb School of Knoxville on the road on Thursday, Aug. 27. That loss came after the Lady Irish tied Oak Ridge, 1-1, on Aug. 21. The Lady Wildcats are looking to win District 3-3A this season.

“That was a tough game,” Martin said of the loss to the Lady Spartans. “But Webb is a good team and we’re hoping to do a little better against them next time (in the region tournament).

“But I really liked the way the girls responded. We had a tie against Bearden and we beat West. We know that West has some injuries right now, but they’re still really good. Now that we have those results, we’re going to root for Bearden and we’re going to root for West.

Things won’t get any easier for the Lady Irish this week. After splitting its first two league matches against the Lady Chargers and the Lady Spartans, Catholic heads to Chattanooga Tuesday night to play multi-time state champion Baylor on Tuesday. It will then play Maryville on Thursday.

The Lady Irish know the importance of the match against the Lady Raiders on Tuesday, so they won’t be resting on Labor Day.

“We’ll go down to Baylor and see how we do,” Martin said. “These girls are working really hard and they’re giving up the holiday to come in and train.

“I’m really proud of these girls.”

Q&A with Hendon Hooker (Part I)

By Mark Nagi

Hendon Hooker goes down as one of the most beloved players in Tennessee football history. His magical 2022 season included leading the Vols in wins over Florida, LSU and Alabama. Recently, we caught up with Hooker, talked about his Tennessee journey, and his time in the NFL. Here is the first part of that conversation.

The Knoxville Focus: You committed to Tennessee under head coach Jeremy Pruitt in 2021. What was it that you saw that made you decide you wanted to continue your college career at Tennessee?

Hendon Hooker: They were giving me the opportunity to play in the SEC as well as come in and lead a group of guys that were super talented. I had kept up with seeing how some of my friends were over there, like Jalin Hyatt and coach Jay Graham as well, someone who I had built a long relationship with while in high school and someone I trusted. It was just peak timing in my process. I had kept some contact with Tennessee. So, once I hopped in the portal, it was kind of a no-brainer.

KF: Was it difficult then when Jeremy Pruitt was dismissed and Josh Heupel came in, or was it ok since he had worked toward recruiting you a few years before?

HH: Heupel had recruited me and I actually had Missouri (Heupel was their OC at the time) in my top 5 coming out of high school. Um, so I had a good relationship with him and (assistant coach) Joey Halzle, but most of that was like over Twitter. I didn’t even get a chance to take a visit out there to speak to them face to face, so it was just phone calls and stuff, just built a relationship that way.

But once (Pruitt firing) occurred, I really didn’t want to go anywhere else. I made my mind up. I’m in the SEC. I enjoyed the things that the campus and the university had to offer off the field. Coming from Virginia Tech, we were only fed one meal a day from the team and the rest of that was on our own. So being able to have a cafeteria and just our own space as athletes was special to me. Like, I got somewhere I know I can go eat for free. Um, you know, 3 meals a day and then just having full access to the athletic center, having full access to the indoor facility any time of the day.

KF: I know that you and Joe Milton are tight, but was it challenging then when Joe comes in later in that 2021 year and then you guys end up competing for the starting spot?

HH: It was actually kind of funny because I was living with (wide receivers) Velus Jones and Jimmy Holiday. And they were like, hey, we’re playing a video

game with this guy who’s coming here. He says he’s already living in Tennessee. So, I kind of had a heads-up before he even got there. But the business that we’re in, you got to compete and I’ve never shied away from competition. I’ve been in competition since I was in Little League. My dad being my coach, I was playing up in age group, and I had to compete with a guy that was older than me for the position at a young age. So, I’ve never shied away from any competition. I actually encourage it. Because it makes both of us better regardless of the outcome.

KF: Milton won the starting job, but you had been preparing that entire time as if you were going to be the starter, and then he got hurt in the second game of the 2021 season against Pittsburgh...

HH: I continued to do everything that I normally would do as a starting quarterback. I’m building my relationship with my guys and continuing to study film. Doing extra after leaving the meeting, doing extra walk-throughs, doing everything I can just so that when my number is called, I can go out there and take advantage of the opportunity. And once that, once that happened, the rest was history.

Lady Bobcats overcome slow start to sweep West on the road

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when they host Black Oak Ridge rival Halls Tuesday night.
First serve between the Lady Devils and Lady Bobcats is slated for 6 p.m. in Fountain City.
Central may have ultimately earned a victory over the Lady Rebels, but it was anything but easy.
West jumped out to

an early 12-5 lead when Kate Johnson engineered a service run that generated four points after a side-out.
But the Lady Bobcats would answer. After a side-out, Central's Jolie Sheddan came off the bench and delivered a spark as she served up nine consecutive points, including the straight aces,

to help her squad open a 15-12 advantage.
“Jolie does a good job serving and she always comes off the bench to serve,” Davidson said. “And that’s hard - to come in cold.
The Lady Rebels battled back to knot the set, 15-15, before Central would score 10 of the next 15 points to take a 1-0

lead in the match.
“We dug ourselves a hole,” Davidson said. “We got ourselves out of it, and we have to learn to do that.”
In the second set, West would again get off to a fast start, opening a 5-3 lead and the Lady Rebels (10-5) would extend their advantage to 8-5 before Sheddan had another big

service run. She gave the Lady Bobcats a 10-8 lead with an ace before West would respond and tie the game 10-10.
From there, the set was a roller-coaster ride until Central's Pyper Clevinger's service run blew things open and gave the Lady Bobcats a 20-13 lead.
Central would cruise to victory with the help of

some hitting errors from the Lady Rebels.
“We couldn’t find a hot hitter, and we had a lot of errors,” Lee said. “And you just can’t do that.”
Ally Bryant had 10 kills for the Lady Bobcats, and Clevinger finished with 24 assists. Malia Moore came up with eight blocks.

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Class of 3 gives Road to Fame 42 inductees

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probably thought possible when I started.
“No matter where football took me, I was always proud to be from Halls and represent the community I grew up in. After being away for 20 years, I ended up coming back home, which makes being recognized by Halls Road to Fame that much more meaningful.”
He competed in football and track for the Red Devils from 1978 to 1981 and was All-KFL and team captain in '81. He also was the 14th ranked senior in the state that year.
His head coach in football was Bruce Lussier, while Eddie Courtney was his defensive coordinator then.
On the track team, he competed in the shot put, high jump, 440 relays, and 880 relays and finished third in the state in the shot put.
He played his college

football at Georgia under Vince Dooley and was a 4-year letterman. He also received SEC All-Academic honors in 1985.
Herschel Walker, one of the all-time great running backs, was a sophomore when Andy was a freshman. The older generation will remember Herschel running over Tennessee safety Bill Bates in a game in Knoxville, and Andy, a freshman, was at the game and saw it, too.
Loy now works for the United States Beverage Company and is the Regional Sales Director - South.
Ryan Hall climbed from preps to pro in golf
Ryan Hall was talented in golf in his four years on the Halls High team and played on the TSSAA state championship teams in 2016

and 2017 under Coach Bill Warren.
“I am most proud of the opportunity that Halls provided me to be a professional golfer, and later the owner of Hall Insurance Advisors,” he said.
In college, he played four years of golf at the University of South Carolina and holds the school's lowest career scoring average.
Hall also made the 2021 All-SEC 1st team and had four tournament victories plus was a 2021 Ping first-team All American. He had a world amateur ranking of 17th in 2022.
On the professional scene, Ryan competed in 47 events in the PGA and Korn Ferry. He tied for 6th place in the 2025 Knoxville Open and tied for 10th place in the 2025 Boise Open.
Hall had \$267,000 in earnings as a pro. He may not be through either. Ryan

told this reporter he might try to get back on the pro tour.
Tommy Noe, one of the nine members of the Board of Directors for the Road to Fame, pointed out that “Ryan was really excited about it. I think Andy was kind of excited about it, too. He was trying to find a place where he could buy a Halls cap.”
Other Board of Directors members were Doug Polston, Jerilynn Carroll, Jim McManus, Chris Vandergriff, John Vandergriff, Stephney Sayne, Scott Cummings and Ted Williams.
Jerry Julian originated Halls' Road to Fame in 2019. The first class had 12 members and the second class had seven. After that, five classes each had four inductees until this year's class of three.

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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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JORDAN SETH HANKAL

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

Docket # 164956

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, 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.

This the 18th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert A. Clark
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: REGINA RUTH BURCHELL

IN RE: JOHNATHAN EUGENE BURCHELL, Petitioner
vs.
REGINA RUTH BURCHELL and JOHNATHAN BURCHELL, Respondents

CASE NO. 3917

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, REGINA RUTH BURCHELL, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon REGINA RUTH BURCHELL, regarding the conservatorship action pending in this Court:

IT IS HEREBY COMMANDED that said Respondent, REGINA RUTH BURCHELL, is to file an ANSWER to the Petition with Petitioner's Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice as required by law; and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, this case shall be set for hearing without Respondent's presence.

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

This 20th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Barbara Williams
Union County Circuit Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: WILLIAM A. HANEY

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GENE HANEY, Deceased

BY: THERESA STARR OLDHAM, Petitioner
vs.
WILLIAM A. HANEY, Respondent

CASE NO. 2299

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT MAYNARDVILLE

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the residence of Respondent WILLIAM A. HANEY is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, it was ordered that publication be made to notify Respondent, WILLIAM A. HANEY to appear and file an ANSWER with this Court and to send a

copy to Petitioner's Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice, exclusive of the last day of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a judgment by default may be entered against the said Respondent, WILLIAM A. HANEY.

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

This 25 day of AUGUST, 2026.

Sandra Edmondson
Union County Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SUMMER RING

IN RE: CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18, L. R., DOB 04/03/2024

BY: JOSHUA PERRY, Petitioner/Father
vs.
SUMMER RING, Respondent/Mother

CASE NO. 47JC7-2026-PPP-18

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, SUMMER RING, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SUMMER RING, regarding the custody case pending in this Court:

IT IS HEREBY COMMANDED that said Respondent, SUMMER RING is to file an ANSWER to this Petition with Petitioner's Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice as required by law; and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

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

This 31 day of JULY, 2026.

Charles D. Susano, III
Knox County Juvenile Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SUMMER RING

IN RE: CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18, L. R., DOB 04/03/2024

BY: JOSHUA PERRY, Petitioner/Father
vs.
SUMMER RING, Respondent/Mother

CASE NO. K-0768

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, SUMMER RING, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SUMMER RING, regarding the child support

case pending in this Court;

IT IS HEREBY COMMANDED that said Respondent, SUMMER RING is to file an ANSWER to this Petition with Petitioner's Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice as required by law; and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

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

This 31 day of JULY, 2026.

Charles D. Susano, III
Knox County Juvenile Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SKYLAR DANIELLE WHEELER, Respondent/Mother, and JOSEPH ELDRIDGE, Respondent, Father

IN RE: CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18, J. N. E., DOB 01/03/2026

BY: JENNIFER LEE SCOTT, and husband ROBIN BROAD, Petitioners/Grandparents
vs.
SKYLAR DANIELLE WHEELER, Respondent/Mother, and JOSEPH ELDRIDGE, Respondent, Father

CASE NO. 87JC1-2026-DN-11

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondents SKYLAR DANIELLE WHEELER, Respondent/Mother, and JOSEPH ELDRIDGE, Respondent, Father, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SKYLAR DANIELLE WHEELER, Respondent/Mother, and JOSEPH ELDRIDGE, Respondent, Father, regarding the Petition for Emergency Custody filed in this matter:

IT IS HEREBY COMMANDED that said Respondents, SKYLAR DANIELLE WHEELER, Respondent/Mother, and JOSEPH ELDRIDGE, Respondent, Father are to file an ANSWER to the Petition for Emergency Custody with Petitioners' Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice as required by law; and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, the Petition will be taken as admitted by the Respondents and the case set for hearing without the Respondents' presence.

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

This 14th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Barbara Williams
Union County Juvenile Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: TAMMY MARIE ZIRKLE

IN RE: CHARLES R. ZIRKLE, Plaintiff
vs.
TAMMY MARIE ZIRKLE, Defendant

CASE NO. 4040

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT MAYNARDVILLE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, TAMMY MARIE ZIRKLE, whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon TAMMY MARIE ZIRKLE, regarding the Complaint for Divorce filed in this matter;

IT IS HEREBY COMMANDED that said Defendant, TAMMY MARIE ZIRKLE, is to file an ANSWER to the Complaint for Divorce with Plaintiff's Attorney, Darrick Edmondson, whose address is P. O. BOX 789, Maynardville, TN 37807, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice as required by law; and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, the Complaint will be taken as admitted by the Defendant and the case set for hearing without the Defendant's presence.

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

This 24 day of AUGUST, 2026.

Barbara Williams
Union County Circuit Court Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEMETRIA DOLORES JIMENEZ, Deceased

BY: MARIA ELENA MATA, Petitioner
vs.
DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent

CAUSE NO. 2026-CPR00580

IN THE STATUTORY PROBATE COURT NO. 2 OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion for Notice of Service of Publication that the current residence and whereabouts of DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, are unknown to Plaintiff so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, it is hereby ordered that DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, file an Answer with the Statutory Probate Court No. 2 of El Paso County, Texas, concerning the Application to Probate Will as a Monument of Title More Than Four Years After Decedent's Death in regards to the Estate of Demetria Dolores Jimenez, Deceased. A notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper in Knoxville, TN in accordance with Respondent's last known address. The Respondent, DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, must file an Answer with the above stated Court and with Steve Ortega, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 521 Texas Avenue, El Paso Texas 79901, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Failure to do so may render a judgment by Default for the Petitioner in this case.

This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus: September 8, 14, 21, and 28, 2026.

This the 31st day of August, 2026.

Delia Briones
El Paso County Clerk
Cristian Rogers
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

TO: JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG

IN RE: JENNIFER LYNN DEMPSEY, Plaintiff
Vs –
JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG, Defendant

Docket # 165374

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JENNIFER LYNN DEMPSEY, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with EMILY B. VOWELL, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 408 N. CEDAR BLUFF RD., SUITE 408, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

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

This the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert A. Clark
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULINE EBNER BLAKE
DOCKET NUMBER 92748-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PAULINE EBNER BLAKE, who died December 25, 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF PAULINE EBNER BLAKE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY M. DUNDERDALE
432 CHARLOTTE AVE.
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

R. SETH OAKES, ATTORNEY
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ERNEST BOWMAN, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 92863-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, Letters Testamentary were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court (Probate Division) of Knox County, Tennessee for administration of the Estate of ROBERT ERNEST BOWMAN, SR., who died June 24, 2026. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file them with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) below, 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.

Claim forms may be obtained by calling the Probate Division of Knox County Chancery Court at (865) 215-2555.

This the 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT ERNEST BOWMAN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT E. BOWMAN, JR.

CELESTE H. HERBERT, ATTORNEY
1368 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAY NIPPER BRADLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 92787-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KAY NIPPER BRADLEY, who died June 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF KAY NIPPER BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES RICHARD BRADLEY
8209 W. DAY CIR.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

STEPHEN GARRETT, ATTORNEY
7838 BARKER RD.
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBALL ALBERT COSTIGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92972-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KIMBALL ALBERT COSTIGAN, who died June 30, 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF KIMBALL ALBERT COSTIGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BONNIE JEAN CARROLL
9935 COWARD MILL RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

REBECCA BELL JENKINS, ATTORNEY
9724 KINGSTON PK., STE. 202
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARION FREEMAN CULLER
DOCKET NUMBER 92895-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARION FREEMAN CULLER, who died July 11, 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARION FREEMAN CULLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RYAN COLLINS CULLER
7115 DOLPHIN LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILMA JO DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 92881-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILMA JO DAVIS, who died June 30, 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 14th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILMA JO DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLENDA FAY HARRISON, EXECUTRIX
7312 JOYCE LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED JEAN GRAHAM,
a/k/a JEAN W. GRAHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 92848-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of August, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED JEAN GRAHAM, a/k/a JEAN W. GRAHAM, who died on April 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 24th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF MILDRED JEAN GRAHAM,
a/k/a JEAN W. GRAHAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RUBY GAIL STEVENS
4822 CAMBY LANE

KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

SCOTT B. HAHN, ATTORNEY
5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VICKI ELAINE HILTON
DOCKET NUMBER 92915-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of VICKI ELAINE HILTON, deceased, who died on July 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF VICKI ELAINE HILTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN A. MATHIS
DOCKET NUMBER 92619-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of August, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN A. MATHIS, who died January 11, 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 13th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN A. MATHIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSEPH A. MATHIS
550 VANOSDALE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE EDWARD MELLON
DOCKET NUMBER 92885-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE EDWARD MELLON, who died May 2, 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 14th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF GEORGE EDWARD MELLON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHERINE L. MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 92846-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE L. MILLER, who died June 26, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE L. MILLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

KIRK L. MILLER
7800 OLD ASHEVILLE HWY.
GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA DIANE NORMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92898-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of August, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA DIANE NORMAN, who died May 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 13th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF LINDA DIANE NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALLISON GLINSKI
2562 PALM SHORES DRIVE
SHALIMAR, FL 32579

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. SATOLOE
DOCKET NUMBER 92880-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT A. SATOLOE, who died April 8, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 21 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. SATOLOE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN A. WAGGONER
DOCKET NUMBER 92884-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN A. WAGGONER, who died July 8, 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN A. WAGGONER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARIA L. WAGGONER
168 IBIS LOOP
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN S. WINBIGLER, III
DOCKET NUMBER 92946-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be - in respect of the Estate of JOHN S. WINBIGLER, III, who died May 31, 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 21st day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN S. WINBIGLER, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VERNA MAE ALLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 92976-3

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

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 1st day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF VERNA MAE ALLEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEPHANIE LYNN MULLICAN
4824 MCCLOUD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

DAVID A. MONTGOMERY, ATTORNEY
112 GLENLEIGH CT., SUITE 4
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANICE LOUISE KITTS BOWMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 92984-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of August, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANICE LOUISE KITTS BOWMAN, who died on July 19, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate 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 28 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JANICE LOUISE KITTS BOWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TRACY LYNN BROCK
DOCKET NUMBER 92911-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of August, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TRACY LYNN BROCK, who died May 20, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 27th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF TRACY LYNN BROCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM LEE BRO

