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Irvey's kicks off grand opening weekend for Fountain City location

By Ken Lay

Irvey's Ice Cream is now open in Fountain City.

The ice cream shop, located at 3000 Tazewell Pike, began a three-day grand opening celebration Friday afternoon with a ribbon-cutting, bubbles and some lawn games and some chalk art in the parking lot.

The celebration continued through the weekend despite impending inclement weather.

Owner Trent Sanders said that the rain was not going to ruin the celebration even if things had to move indoors, and Sanders said that customers had the opportunity to remain dry entering the shop.

"We have a nice indoor space and we're going to provide umbrella service for people to get in from their cars," Sanders said.

The Fountain City location is the second storefront location for Irvey's, which is also located at Kerns Food Hall in South Knoxville. The company also has three food trucks and a mobile ice cream van.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Irvey's Ice Cream celebrates the grand opening of its Fountain City with a ribbon-cutting, kicking off three days of festivities.

The trucks and van have allowed Irvey's to take its ice cream on the road.

"We have a great mobile service," Sanders said. "We've been as far south as Georgia.

"We've been as far north as Johnson City, and we've been as far west as Cookeville, and this

Halloween, we're going to Nashville."

Irvey's offers 32 flavors of ice cream, including 10 non-dairy options, 18 traditional flavors and four limited flavors. Additionally, the shop will sell one-gallon and two-and-a-half-gallon tubs.

"We'll have 32 flavors, and that's one more than Baskin-Robbins," Sanders said. "We have 10 non-dairy flavors, and that's a lot. Most places offer two or three.

"We also have one-gallon and two-and-a-half gallon tubs. We already sold one today."

Irvey's makes all of its ice cream in-house. Sanders calls the product 'clean.'

"We make all of our ice cream in-house," he said. "It's clean, and it's heavy. We use cream, milk and cane sugar. We don't use corn syrup or high-fructose corn syrup."

Sanders is looking to host events at the Fountain City location.

"We're hoping to have block parties and forums," he said.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Three of the four outgoing members of the Knox County Commission were honored at a recent meeting. Kim Frazier, Larsen Jay and Rhonda Lee each were featured in separate presentations. Past Commission Chairwoman Gina Oster was absent and will be honored during the commission's October session.

Commission to honor Spangler, Oster and make appointments

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When the Knox County Commission meets this month, special honors will be presented in memory of the late Sheriff Tom Spangler. The lifelong lawman, affectionately nicknamed "Spanky," passed away on September 10 after a long battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Commission Chairwoman Terry Hill will lead the full commission in honoring his life and legacy. Spangler served eight years as sheriff in Knox County and served many years in various capacities with the

Knox County and Blount County Sheriff's Offices.

The commission will also honor past chairwoman and District 3 Commissioner Gina Oster. She also served as chair and member of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board.

Second Harvest Food Bank is on the agenda for a presentation sponsored by Vice Chairman and 8th District Commissioner Adam Thompson.

The honor ceremonies may take place during the agenda review session on October 19 or the general session on October 26.

October commission

meetings will see several appointments to the Knox County Ethics Committee, with interviews held for one commission appointment during the agenda review meeting. Mayor Betsy Henderson will appoint her representative to the ethics committee and reappoint her non-voting member, Marcus Kennedy, to that board. The mayor will also appoint Danny Clabo to the Northeast Knox Utility District Board.

Sheriff Brent Gibson will appoint Chief Jason Lubinski as his non-voting member on the ethics committee.

HVAC service for county schools on September commission agenda

By law, the Knox County Commission must approve Knox County Schools items on its agenda and usually places them on the consent calendar and approves them all with one vote. Individual resolutions may be called up by commissioners for discussion only.

When the commission meets next Monday, there are several interesting school resolutions, including \$1 million for Commercial Grade HVAC Installation and Repairs for the

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City to rebuild audit committee

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Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting will see a vote to approve members and a chair for the City's audit committee. The resolution, offered by Vice Mayor Lynne Fugate, precedes an ordinance to reconstitute the audit committee, sponsored by Fugate and council members Denzel Grant, Doug Lloyd and Debbie Helsley.

The action comes after a state report and external auditors found that the audit committee has failed in its oversight of tracking grants to local non-profit groups. Auditors reported that the city had approved contracts above \$25,000 without city council approval, as required by the city charter.

Naming new committee members are on the agenda as well as creating an independent body to keep a check on city spending. Committee chairwoman Nikki Elliott and some other current members have been pushing for a more independent role.

An external auditor's

report found that the city improperly gave funds to certain organizations, failed to require certain standards of those organizations, and approved contracts above the maximum that should have had council approval. The findings were reflected in the Tennessee Comptroller's investigation. Specifically noted were funds going to the Next Step Initiative.

The resolution to "reconstitute the Audit Committee" is currently included under the consent category, which should pass a second reading with one vote. The appointment of members to the new audit group will be open for discussion.

Grant, the District 6 councilman, has long been critical of some of the city's choices in selecting non-profits for grant funding.

In other business, the city council will hear Rachel Craig's appeal to overturn a planning decision regarding 315 Kerbel Avenue. Planning had approved a Level III Alternative Compliance Review for a proposed multi-family development on the

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Doomscrolling

Words are our tools of communication. JVF

I don't know how I became interested in words. My teachers would certainly attest to the fact that my efforts in English education were at best perfunctory (an action carried out with minimum effort). I remember my seventh-grade teacher who insisted her students purchase a box of flash cards containing 1000 important words for success. The box sat in my closets until eventually becoming lost with the serial moves of growing up.

I think I became a nascent (coming into existence) writer when I began spiritual journaling 25 years ago. Perhaps my search for the right word to express my feelings motivated me. I later discovered

the term mot juste is the perfect word for a situation or thought.

The Covid pandemic of 2020 still weighs heavily on our children and all of us. The coronavirus is one of many viruses that produce the common cold. But the weaponized coronavirus from Wuhan, China, killed millions, led to government tyranny and crippled our children's education.

In 2020, we sat quarantined in our homes and surfed the internet for information and the latest proclamations of titular (in name only) experts. And like other living things, the English language evolved to produce the portmanteau (blended) word doomscrolling. Mr. Webster defines doomscrolling as "spending excessive

time scrolling through online content, especially news, that makes one feel sad, anxious or angry."

I admit that I am guilty of doomscrolling. My excuse is that writing this column requires me to stay abreast of current events and research the topics about which I write. Admittedly, it takes a toll on me. But as I have recently written, this is my "tour of duty," and this column is what I can do to educate and encourage others to resist the great evil that has come upon our land. I have been blessed, and Jesus said, "To whom much is given, much is expected" (Luke 12:48). And I should not whine because I'm not in harm's way, like our troops or our president.

Actually, I also spend time on the internet searching for encouraging stories, often just scrolling through the incessant doom and gloom headlines of the major news media rather than reading their screed (rant).

There is positive news. If you just listen to the NY Times' attempts to discourage Republicans, you would be unaware that Republican voter registration between 2020 and 2024 added 2.4

million, eclipsing Democrat registration. The trend has continued in 2025 and 2026. Remember, political campaigns are largely built on "soundbites and snapshots." In other words, they often use gotchas, from the 1974 amalgamation (combining) of got you.

Two online news services do offer positive segments like "America Together" and "Faith and Values." Another offers "American Life" and "Faith." However, sensational and negative stories sell newspapers and generate internet clicks and advertising revenue.

In antiquity, education was built on the Trivium comprising grammar (words and usage), dialectic (the study of ideas) and rhetoric (the study of persuasion). In the Middle Ages, the more science-oriented Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy) was added to form the traditional seven aspects of a classical liberal arts education.

Admittedly, my interests and formal education were more science-based along the lines of the Quadrivium. However, my informal education after medical school has continued with aspects

of the Trivium in an autodidactic (self-taught) fashion. Now I use grammar to present ideas and to persuade through rhetoric and logic.

Since I'm now retired from medical practice and no longer study medicine, I have a lot more time for keeping up with current events, doing topical research, writing, spiritual journaling and personal reflection. Aristotle challenged me, writing, "the unexamined life is not worth living."

I never thought of myself as an academic, although I practiced internal medicine and geriatrics in an academic medical center for years, training young doctors, medical students and later physician assistants. But then I never thought of myself as a writer until I became a columnist with The Knoxville Focus in 2008. That was nearly 1000 essays and three books ago. Now with both formal and informal education, I've been blessed with careers as a doctor and now as a writer of sorts. It's been a good run.

If you found this foray into the origin of "The Doctor is in" column boring, I apologize. But how can you draw conclusions without some understanding of the source?

I'll conclude with the far more important issue of the November midterm elections. Everyone has a bias, and claiming otherwise is the calling card of dishonesty. So, if you haven't figured it out, I am a conservative and support common sense policies. And I am opposed to the "crazies" now in charge of the Democratic Party. Actually, it is not the Democratic Party because they are anything but democratic, as their leadership and Kamala Harris proved in the 2024 ouster of Joe Biden.

Because the Democrats have few sane policy initiatives, they have chosen to make the midterms about President Trump, though he is not on any ballot. Consequently, in the last several columns I have been listing the accomplishments of the Trump administration. Here are a few more factual examples:

1. Gas averaged \$5 a gallon under Biden, but is now \$4 a gallon, despite a war to keep Iran from having a nuclear weapon.
2. The border wall is being completed.

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Publisher’s Positions



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Early Voting Starts This Week

Early voting begins on Wednesday, October 14 of this week. Visit the website of the Knox County Election Commission if you are not sure where you can vote early. You can find the voting locations at www.knoxvotes.org or refer to page B4 in this week’s Focus.

President Donald Trump is planning to make another midterm stop in Tennessee as this paper is going to press. The president had stopped in Knoxville, where he attended a UT football game two weeks ago. President Trump is stopping in Clarksville, where he will hold a rally to encourage Republicans to get out to vote in the midterm elections. Senator Marsha Blackburn is heading the

GOP ticket as the Republican candidate for governor; Senator Bill Hagerty is seeking a second term in the US Senate, and Republicans are bidding to win all nine of Tennessee congressional seats in the House of Representatives.

Blackburn has pledged to make affordability for Tennesseans the top priority for her administration if she wins the governor’s office. As a member of the Senate, Blackburn has consistently voted to allow hardworking families to keep more of their hard-earned money in their own pockets. Marsha Blackburn believes the fight is about more than refining regulations and taxes, although she insists liberal mayors should not be able to continue escalating property taxes. Blackburn says that Tennesseans can afford to stay in the same community where they grew up.

Marsha has pledged, “For Tennessee families, seniors and first-time homebuyers, help is on the way!” Amen to that!

DeSantis Knows How To Govern A State

Anyone who followed the news will recall how congressional Democrats swore up and down there

was not a single penny mis-spent in the entire federal budget, much less any fraud, waste or abuse of federal programs. That was, of course, before the revelations of the scandals in Minnesota, where taxpayers were fleeced of some \$8 billion in taxpayer dollars in the Somali community, where there were programs spending millions of dollars to feed hungry children - except there were no children at the empty, make-believe daycare centers.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has cracked down which has resulted in a nearly \$1 billion decrease in spending just in the area of “behavioral therapy services.” Peculiar billing practices caught the attention of state investigators who discovered fraudsters were billing Medicaid for more hours than there are in a 24-hour day. Governor DeSantis and his administration are taking the approach of stopping payments that are suspicious rather than trying to recover taxpayer dollars after they have been spent. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Health & Human Services Secretary, has been urging the federal government to stop the “pay-and-chase” of the misspent dollars from fraudsters.

The state of Florida has managed to reduce

a projected \$3.86 billion expenditure on the Applied Behavior Analysis, a therapy frequently used on children with autism, to \$2.88 billion, a savings of almost \$980 million for the year through “a combination of fraud enforcement, managed care and utilization management efforts.”

The results have come from efforts by the Florida state government, which is actively screening for fake or stolen identities, as well as determining the ownership of some companies. Florida has also placed a moratorium on “certain high-risk provider categories.” The state government has also cracked down on those providers who are suspected of entering or remaining in the program.

The DeSantis administration has also sent inspectors on more than 400 site visits to providers. It is a model program that has the potential to stamp out the greater part of fraud in programs that provide vital services to many Americans, as well as saving Americans their hard-earned tax dollars.

It also obviates the need for the traditional Democrat-Socialist remedy, which is to insist there is never any fraud or waste; in fact, the program needs even more money and you need to pay

more in taxes. That is absolutely not something that makes life more affordable for working Americans.

Criminals Are Not Victims

There are those who do not belong amongst a civilized society at large. They are genuine, ruthless and deadly predators and will almost certainly never be anything else. That seems to be the case of Tyree Reynolds, who was released from prison just eight days before being charged with the fatal shooting of a 12-year-old girl in Maryland. Apparently, Reynolds was firing at two men near a youth football homecoming game at Leon Day Park. Reynolds had been released from the custody of the state of Maryland’s Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services on September 25. He is now charged with 30 criminal counts, including murder and attempted murder.

The shootout began due to an argument over a parking spot, ending the life of a beautiful young girl who should have had her entire life ahead of her. The Democrat-Socialists try to lay the blame on the gun instead of the person pulling the trigger. Mankind has devised all manner of

weaponry over the ages to kill and maim, including cars. The Democrat-Socialists want to invoke victimhood for the perpetrators of heinous crimes and talk about defunding the police and emptying out the jails and prisons. Anyone stupid enough to believe that should empty a nest of deadly vipers in their own home and see what happens.

Congresswoman Nellie Pou, a Democrat-Socialist from New Jersey, sponsored a bill while a member of the state assembly to release certain prisoners during Covid. While it did not allow those who had been convicted of murder or sexual assault or sex crimes to be released early, it did allow others who had committed aggravated manslaughter and other crimes to be eligible for early release. Two inmates who were released early have since pleaded guilty to or were convicted of homicide in different cases. Yet another is in state custody awaiting trial on murder and conspiracy charges. Supposedly, the early release, permitting the release of some prisoners early, would make it safer for everyone, including the guards. Clearly, it wasn’t safer for those on the outside.

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3. The average American family income has reached record levels.

4. Lowest unemployment in 60 years.
5. Drastic reduction in crime except in sanctuary cities.
Treasury Secretary Bessent said, “When you take the illegals out of

the workforce, working-class wages go up. When you send illegals back home, rents go down.”
Finally, I’m voting down-ballot for Republican common sense that supports the police, the military,

ICE, voter ID, term limits, capitalism, and against the Democratic Party’s advocacy for gender reassignment surgery for kids, unlimited abortion, socialism, sanctuary cities, abolishing the presidency,

packing the Supreme Court and giving citizenship to 25 million illegals.
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Can You Record a Conversation Without Telling the Other Person?

Let's say you are having a phone call with a contractor about work that went badly, or perhaps you are meeting with your child's other parent and you are worried that the conversation will later be described very differently. Can you pull out your phone, press record, and keep the conversation without telling the other person?

In Tennessee, the answer



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is generally yes, as long as you are actually part of the conversation. Tennessee is commonly called a one-party consent state. Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-13-601 allows a private person to record a wire, oral, or electronic communication when that person is a party to the communication or when one party has already consented.

If you are participating in the conversation, your own consent is the one consent that is required.

That does not mean you can record every conversation you can hear. If you leave your phone in a room to secretly record two other people after you walk out, you are no longer relying on your own participation. That can cross the line into illegal interception. The law also does not protect a recording made for the purpose of committing a criminal or wrongful act, and special rules can apply

to certain business calls.

Another complication comes up when the people are in different states. Some states require everyone on the call to consent. A phone call that starts in Tennessee and ends in one of those states can create a messy choice-of-law problem. If a call crosses state lines, the safest practice is to announce that the call is being recorded and get everyone's consent.

Also remember that legal and wise are not always the same thing. Secretly recording a spouse,

employee, client, or friend may destroy whatever trust remained between you. A workplace rule, court order, or professional duty may create consequences even when the recording itself does not violate Tennessee's criminal law.

Finally, a recording is not automatically admissible or convincing in court. You may still have to show that it is authentic, complete, and relevant. An edited clip that leaves out the rest of the conversation may hurt more than it helps.

So, in Tennessee, you

can usually record your own conversation without giving the other person a warning. Just do not confuse one-party consent with permission to secretly record conversations in which you are not involved.

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Commission to honor Spangler, Oster

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next year. The agreement names Alpha Mechanical Service LLC, Archer Air Conditioning Service Co. Inc., J&F Mechanical Inc., Lee Company and McMahan Mechanical Inc.

KCS is also requesting \$500 annually to the state for administering the authorized Commercial Driver License Testing Program from this past January through the end of 2031. The fee covers the cost of the course as administered by the state. The Turnitin company will be contracted at West High School for solutions to run plagiarism checks from August 2026 to August 2029 at a cost of \$21,474.

West High School will also get subscriptions with GoGuardian and Pear Deck Learning for student instruction products through August of next year for \$10,904.

A \$894,550 grant is on the agenda for the 2027 fiscal year for preschool special education from the state Department of Education. The state is also

granting \$250,000 in School Turnaround Program assurances for Green Magnet Academy and Northwest Middle School.

The state's Department of Human Services is granting \$391,199 through 2028 for pre-employment transition services to students with learning disabilities.

Two housing developments on zoning agenda

When the Knox County Commission meets in its zoning session next Monday, October 19, it may vote on to two rezoning requests for three or more housing units and change a few properties from agricultural designations to planned residential.

Joe Davis is asking to build up to five dwelling units per acre on five lots at Zero Strawberry Plains Pike. The Knoxville-Knox Planning Commission voted 7-3 to recommend approval for the change in August.

Homestead Land Holdings LLC is asking to build multiple dwelling units per acre for 29.25 acres

on Heiskell Road and Granville Conner Road. The request for up to five units per acre applies to 7741, 7753, 7805 and 7809 Heiskell Road, and Zero Granville Conner Road would have three per acre. The planners disagree and recommended only three per acre.

Daniel Humphreys is asking for Zero Conner Road to change from agricultural to low-density residential with the planning commission's approval.

Jenny Miranda is asking for a change from agricultural to an office, medical and related services zoning for property at 339 Fox Road. The planners have recommended approval

Brad Anders, Knox-911 Director, is asking to change the name of Lobetti Road to "Lobetti Ridge Lane" at the Schaad Road intersection to its end north of the railroad. The planners recommended approval. Names of roads are often changed to ensure emergency units respond to the correct location.

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grounds of the former Kerbel Temple. The proposed development has drawn concerns from South Knoxville residents over possible traffic congestion and its proposed design. The developer, CR Endeavors, is also seeking to increase the perimeter block size for the 200-plus unit apartment complex on the 5.72-acre site overlooking the Gay Street Bridge.

The council may hire Premise Health Employer Solutions LLC for \$2.8 million annually to manage the employer-sponsored health center for three years with two one-year options.

Gresham Smith may be contracted for \$248,023 for engineering services for the Tazewell Pike Corridor Study. IRA Rinks East LLC may be hired for ice-making and ice-skating equipment, services and supplies to operate the city's ice rink at the Market Square annual holiday event. The Office of Special Events requested

the contract be set at \$103,000 for the initial year of the contract.

The classification of fire marshal may be added to the city code on a request from the Human Resources Department.

Up for a voice vote is a zoning change request for 6531 Vance Road from RN-1 to RN-2, single-family residential neighborhood.

Several zoning change requests are on the agenda to be approved as consent items. The property at 5015 Sullivan may go from agricultural to RN-1, single-family residential neighborhood. Being considered for changes from RN-1 to RN-2, single-family residential, are 1204 Sylvan Street, 1814-1816 Kim Watt Drive and 1760 Millard Beets Road.

The police department is asking the city to apply jointly with Knox County for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help improve the operation of the local criminal justice system. The request is for \$158,586 with no matching local funds required.

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Ray Hill speaks to McMinn County gathering

By Focus Staff

Author, historian and columnist Ray Hill spoke to a gathering of the McMinn County Historical Society about his prize-winning biography of Senator Kenneth McKellar. “Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin’ Son of Tennessee” is published by the University of Tennessee Press and is considered the definitive biography of Tennessee’s longest-serving member of Congress.

Hill spoke to the members of the McMinn County Historical Society in the meeting room of the county commission in the historic county courthouse in downtown Athens. Hill gave the highlights of Senator McKellar’s career and discussed McKellar being the first person ever elected to the US Senate in the Volunteer State by popular vote. Prior to that time, US senators were elected by the state legislature.

Hill, who has authored one of the most widely read and popular columns in The Focus for the past 16 years, stated Tennessee has had many consequential US senators, including Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Howard Baker and others. The Knoxville author said he believed there is a very powerful case to be made for Kenneth McKellar being the most consequential US senator ever to represent the Volunteer State. Hill pointed to the fact that McKellar served a then-record-breaking 36 consecutive years in the Senate, which coincided



Author, historian and Focus columnist Ray Hill receiving a certificate of appreciate from Tyler L. Boyd, president of the McMinn County Historical Society.

with some of the momentous challenges faced by Americans in our country’s history. McKellar was in the Senate during both the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, the Atomic Age and the Korean War. Hill discussed McKellar being the father of America’s federal highway system, as well as the senator’s having been “a one-man cottage industry in bringing the equivalent of billions of dollars

to Tennessee in projects and improvements.” Hill discussed the senator’s friendship and political partnership with Edward H. Crump of Memphis, the details of McKellar’s devotion to the people of Tennessee and the extraordinary lengths to which he went to be helpful to individuals. Hill’s presentation was extremely well-received and the author expressed his delight and

enjoyed meeting the people who attended personally. “Ray Hill delivered an excellent program about U.S. Senator Kenneth McKellar at our October 6 meeting. Our members and guests learned so much about McKellar’s contributions to our state, and East Tennessee in particular. Hill shared several fascinating stories about McKellar and certainly left the audience wanting more. That is

the mark of a great storyteller,” said Tyler L. Boyd, the president of the McMinn County Historical Society.

Boyd had invited Hill to speak and is himself the author of several books. Boyd has written a book about state legislator Harry T. Burn, who was the deciding vote in the legislature ratifying the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Boyd also wrote a book about the notorious political machine of Sheriff Burch Biggs, detailing the extensive corruption of one courthouse machine. Tyler Boyd has also completed a book entitled, “The Good Government League of Polk County, Tennessee.” Boyd tells the story of the veterans returning from the Second World War and running the local government after having taken it back from the Biggs machine.

Hill’s biography of Senator McKellar can still be purchased at Amazon.com and better bookstores everywhere. The University of Tennessee Press is preparing to release Hill’s second book, “Cordell Hull: Tennessee’s Nobel Prize Winning Statesman.” Ray Hill’s biography of Hull is the first to really cover Hull’s long career in Tennessee government and politics before serving as Franklin Roosevelt’s secretary of state.

What type of ID do you need to vote?

By Mike Steely
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Early voting in the state and federal election starts Wednesday and runs through Thursday, October 29. The general election day is Tuesday, November 3.

Registered Knox County voters may cast their ballot at any of the early voting locations. There are three state constitutional amendment questions and one Knoxville City item on the ballot, along with the various state and federal office races for Tennessee

governor and U.S. and state Senate and House of Representatives.

Two early election precinct locations have changed.

The new East Knoxville location is in the Payne Avenue Missionary Baptist Church at 2714 Martin Luther King Avenue. The Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, returns as a voting location next week.

You may choose to vote at any of these locations: New Harvest Park, Meridian Baptist Church, Karns Senior Center, Carter Senior Center,

Gibbs Ruritan Club, City-County Building, Downtown West, Faithway Missionary Baptist, or the Farragut Community Center.

What ID do you need to vote?

Any valid identification with a photo must be presented, which could be a Tennessee driver’s license, a U.S. passport, photo IDs from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, photo IDs issued by the state or federal government, a U.S. Military ID, or a Tennessee handgun carry permit with a photo. State and federal IDs that have expired may

be accepted.

ID requirements are exempt for those citizens who vote by mail, residents of a nursing home or assisted living center who vote at the facility, voters who are hospitalized, voters who have a religious objection to being photographed and voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee.

If you have more questions, you may call the Knox County Election Office at (865)215-2480 or find information online at www.knoxvotes.org

History Hour on Wed., October 21

The Farragut Museum’s speaker series, History Hour, continues on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at Farragut Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Kate Brewster, a local writer, author, lecturer, historian and retired librarian. She will speak on East Tennessee ties to America’s Royalty, the Vanderbilts.

“We are pleased to welcome Kate to be our guest at History Hour. She is always so knowledgeable.



We all know that the Vanderbilt family gained prominence during the Gilded Age and that their success began with the shipping and railroad empires, and I am sure it will be interesting to learn their connection to East Tennessee,” said Kristi Vining, historic resources coordinator for the Town of Farragut.

The event is free, and the Farragut Museum is open for tours after the presentation. Light refreshments will be available.

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By Justin Pratt,
Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

wall. Three pitches. Three swings. Three home runs unheard of in Major League Baseball. The Yankees won the game 8-4 and captured the World Series. From that night forward, Reggie Jackson would forever be remembered by one of the most recognizable nicknames in sports: "Mr. October."

Jackson was known for his confidence, colorful quotes, and ability to perform on baseball's biggest stage. He once said, "Home run hitters strike out a lot." That statement holds a lesson all by

itself. Nobody accomplishes anything significant in life without some failures along the way. Among the many statements attributed to "Mr. October" is one that sounds almost like a prayer: "Please God, let me hit one. I'll tell everybody you did it." Whether spoken under the pressure of a particular at-bat or simply as Jackson's colorful way of describing a hitter's hopes, something in those words is worth considering: "I'll tell everybody You did it." What if that became the testimony of our lives?

Maybe that ought to be the prayer of every one of us. "God, if You let me accomplish something with my life, I'll tell everybody You did it." If the business

succeeds, tell everybody God did it. If the promotion comes, tell everybody God did it. If your children grow up and do well, tell everybody God did it. If your marriage survives seasons you once wondered if you could endure, tell everybody God did it. If you're blessed with influence, opportunity, resources, health, talent or achievement, enjoy the blessing; but never forget the Source.

We live in a culture that constantly encourages us to build our own brand, promote our own accomplishments and make certain everybody knows what we have done. Scripture teaches us something very different. Psalm 115:1 says, "Not unto us, O LORD, not

unto us, but unto thy name give glory." There is nothing wrong with working hard; we should. There is nothing wrong with succeeding; we will. There is nothing wrong with hitting the proverbial home run, but the Christian should always remember who gave us the strength to swing the bat. That was God, our Creator. Behind every accomplishment in our lives is a thousand blessings we could never have manufactured for ourselves. That doesn't diminish hard work; it puts hard work in perspective.

Reggie Jackson walked away from that October night with three home runs, a World Series championship, and a nickname that has survived nearly half

a century. Most of us will never stand beneath the lights of Yankee Stadium. Our victories may never make a newspaper headline or appear in a record book. But whatever God allows us to accomplish, perhaps we should make Him the same promise: "Lord, if You let me hit one, I'll tell everybody You did it." And when the home run finally comes, don't forget the promise. Tell everybody God did it.

This article is lovingly dedicated to my friend Dale Cameron, whom I have the joy of pastoring and who just may be the biggest Yankees fan I know.

Woulda, coulda, shoulda

"Would of, could of, should of" is a common thing we say around here. It's a way of verbalizing our regrets over not having done things in our earlier years. We question why so much of our time has been spent on "piddling" instead of



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becoming better folks. I've done plenty of wondering myself; I suppose doing so comes with the years that pile up. So, here's at least a partial list of "would of, could of, and should of."

First, I know the proper way to say this line is

"would have, could have, or should have." The English teacher in me insisted that I clear this up. The first change comes with math. I never understood combining numbers and letters. I still protest that "X" has no numerical value. It's a letter used in writing. Still, I wish I had worked harder to study algebra and geometry. Being able to solve mathematical problems makes dealing with so many things easier. Amy handles finances for us because I'm such a blockhead when it comes to numbers.

Geometry never made sense to me. My mother was a whiz in the subject and said she could see in her mind the angles and other shapes in problems. I only saw lines zigzagging on the page. I'm sure that having committed the theorems to memory might have helped, but they still made no sense in so many cases.

My plans after high school were to major in vocal music and to become a choir director. My advisor told me I would have to take advanced French since I'd

taken two years of the language in high school. The problem was that I didn't learn much in those classes. Repeating what was being said by the teacher or on some recording did nothing for my acquisition of French. In the second year, the teacher was kind, but I never caught on to the terms she used for using the correct verb or pronoun forms. At any rate, I abandoned my quest to become a choir director and became an English teacher instead. That move turned out to be a blessing.

If I could go back with the knowledge I have today, I would enroll in a shop class. Then I would have known how to use tools correctly. That way, I wouldn't have cut off my left ring finger a couple of years ago. I also might have even learned to draw a straight line or to level two sides of something that I made.

Taking that class would also have made geometry

more relevant and better understood. I wouldn't struggle to square up a project, and I might understand the differences between king studs and jack studs. In the end, I might have saved plenty of money that we paid to people to complete renovation projects and other projects around the house.

At one point in my life, I decided that I should have chosen another career. My first year's pay as a teacher was \$7200 a year. I thought that if I could make \$10,000 that I would be rich. When the children came along, I realized that I wasn't pulling my weight financially. I left teaching for about 3 1/2 years. During that time, I worked with schools on fundraising programs, and in another job, I was a headhunter who placed engineers in jobs, as well as running the light industrial division (part-time jobs) for the company. The Good Lord watched over me and eventually steered me back to the profession where I belonged. Some might disagree, but I think I was a good teacher who helped students to learn how to write papers, learn some grammar, and maybe even enjoy some literature.

I suppose all of us have long lists of things we might do differently if we could go back in time. That's not going to happen, so our best course of action is to learn now what we ignored in our younger years.

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The Gentleman From New York

Jacob Javits

Pages from the Past



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For decades, one of New York State's most popular public officials was Jacob K. Javits. Rising from a tenement located on the Lower East Side, Javits worked his way through the New York University School of Law and began a law practice with his brother, Ben. The firm flourished and Javits, like most of his contemporaries, served in the armed forces during the Second World War. Jacob Javits was assigned to the Army's Department of Chemical Warfare.

As a young man, Jacob Javits admired the fighting mayor of New York City, Fiorello LaGuardia, "the Little Flower," a Republican who managed to be elected three times in a heavily Democratic bastion.

After every war, returning veterans come back, and many of them offered themselves as candidates for public office. Javits, who loathed the Tammany Hall political machine, became a Republican and was the GOP candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1946 from New York's Twenty-First District. The incumbent was a white-haired, jowly member of Tammany Hall, James H. Torrens, who had first won election to the House in a 1944 special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Congressman James A. Gavagan, who had been elected to a judgeship. Almost 71 years old, Torrens did not seek a second term. Tammany Hall instead offered up Daniel Flynn, a member of the New York State Assembly. One measure of just how Democratic the Twenty-First Congressional District was is the fact it had not elected a Republican since the Harding landslide of 1920. After Javits left office, the Twenty-First District went back to form and elected another Democrat.

1946 was a great year for Republican candidates as voters were weary after the long and bloody Second World War. Voters were also tired of the deprivations and sacrifices imposed to win the war. Republicans ran a clever national campaign exploiting the feelings of the voters with the blunt slogan: "Had Enough?" Javits easily beat Daniel Flynn, polling 46% of the vote in a three-way race. Eugene Connally siphoned off 14% of the vote as the nominee of the American Labor Party, which made it possible for Javits to win the general election, along with the Republican wave across the country.

Congressman Javits went to Washington, where he was no ordinary GOP foot soldier, realizing he needed to reflect the views of the people who had sent him

to Congress; otherwise, he would be defeated. It did not take long for Javits to be recognized as one of the most liberal Republicans in the House. Javits was supportive of organized labor throughout his congressional career and was one of the very few Republicans to vote against the Taft-Hartley Bill in the House of Representatives. Jacob Javits also remained steadfastly internationalist in his outlook as far as foreign relations were concerned. Congressman Javits routinely supported the Truman White House in backing the Greek-Turkish loan, as well as the Marshall Plan for aid to a war-ravaged Europe.

Congressman Javits knew from the moment he was elected that the Democrats and Tammany Hall would move heaven and earth in a bid to reclaim New York's Twenty-First Congressional District in the 1948 election. If 1946 had been a great year for Republicans, political prognosticators expected 1948 to be even better. At the top of the GOP ticket was Thomas E. Dewey, the formidable governor of New York and the Republican strongman in the Empire State. Javits faced an able and serious challenger in Paul O'Dwyer, who was as Irish as the Blarney Stone, having been born in County Mayo, Ireland.

As third-party candidate Henry Wallace pulled 422,000 votes in New York City, almost all of which came at the expense of Harry Truman, Governor Dewey managed to carry his home state, albeit by less than a percentage point. O'Dwyer had been an outspoken noninterventionist prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire, serving as the chair of the American Friends of Irish Neutrality. Javits had helped to entrench himself by providing personal constituent service to the people of his district, and the congressman beat O'Dwyer by exactly 2,413 votes, winning less than 51% of the ballots cast.

Congressman Javits was reelected in 1950 in another three-way race with just under 50% of the vote. In the banner Republican year of 1952, Javits won more than 63% of the vote in a race against a Democrat and the nominee of the American Labor Party. As a popular and Jewish Republican who had amply demonstrated his appeal in a normally Democratic district, Javits was pushed by many Republican county leaders as a candidate for statewide office. In 1954, two New York congressmen gave up their offices to run for attorney general of New York; one was Jacob Javits, the other was Franklin D. Roosevelt



Senator Jacob Javits of New York waving on the night of the election in 1968 to supporters.

Jr., son and namesake of the late four-term president. Roosevelt's mother, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, was a resident of and political force in New York. From the outset, Javits was viewed as the underdog.

Outgoing Governor Thomas E. Dewey engineered the nomination of Irving Ives to succeed him. Ives was the senior United States senator from New York and was highly popular and had been reelected to another six-year term in 1952 by more than 1.3 million votes and carried every county in the state except Kings County. Ives ran well in most of the state, carrying all but three counties, but Democrat Averell Harriman carried Kings County by almost 300,000 votes to eke out a narrow victory by 11,125 votes out of more than 5.1 million cast. Jacob Javits surprised political pundits when he upset Franklin Roosevelt Jr., winning by almost 173,000 votes as the rest of the Republican ticket was losing statewide.

Two years later, Senator Herbert Lehman announced he would not seek reelection to the United States Senate. Jacob Javits was acknowledged as the best vote-getter the Republican Party had in New York, and the attorney general had no difficulty in winning the nomination. Once again, Javits, the boy raised in the tenements and who had worked for everything he had gotten in the world, faced the scion of a famous father who also bore one of the most recognizable names in New York. Robert Wagner Jr. was the mayor of New York City and the only child of longtime U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, who had authored much of the New Deal's signature legislation.

No longer an underdog and taken seriously by New York Democrats, running in tandem with the highly popular President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Javits scored an impressive

victory, beating Wagner by 458,000 votes and polling more than 53% of the ballots cast. Eisenhower frequently had trouble from his own party in the Senate, but that usually came from his right flank. Jacob Javits was an exception who was oftentimes more liberal than Ike. Senator Javits boasted a formidable intellect, for which he was recognized, but he also had an oftentimes caustic personality as well, which irritated some of his colleagues. Yet the senator insisted his office be as highly responsive to the people of New York as was humanly possible. In addition, Javits was constantly hustling for votes, once introducing himself to a lady of the evening on a street in Manhattan and asking for her vote without realizing she was a prostitute.

Undeniably one who took his Senate responsibilities seriously, his hard work paid off when he was reelected in 1962, polling better than 57% of the vote, beating his Democratic challenger by 981,000 votes. Senator Javits even carried Kings County, albeit narrowly. The only county Javits lost in his reelection bid was Albany, a normally Democratic stronghold. In 1963, Republicans held both of New York's seats in the U.S. Senate and the governorship was occupied by Nelson Rockefeller, who had been reelected to a second term in 1962.

A darling of much of the press who liked his liberal and internationalist viewpoint, Javits took himself seriously. TIME magazine, the most widely read news magazine in the world in its day, was published by Henry Luce, who was himself a moderate Republican and staunch internationalist, noted of Javits: "He loves his eminence and supports it with a sober-minded single-mindedness matched by few, if any, of his colleagues."

Unlike many of his colleagues on the right, Javits was even more supportive of the Eisenhower

administration than he had been of the Truman administration. Javits did dissent from regular Republican orthodoxy on labor legislation, which earned him far more support from organized labor than most Republicans could dream of when running for office. Senator Javits was highly informed of every constituency inside his state; he supported funding for the humanities and arts as New York City remained the locus of theatre in the United States. Javits also was an unapologetic supporter of civil rights for all and ran better in every ethnic group than any other GOP candidate in the Empire State.

None of New York's establishment Republicans supported the presidential candidacy of Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona. Goldwater was arguably the most conservative candidate ever nominated for the presidency up until that time. Senators Javits and Kenneth Keating announced they would not support Goldwater, who had defeated Governor Rockefeller to win the Republican presidential nomination. The landslide for Lyndon Johnson nationally was especially heavy in New York, which helped to defeat Senator Keating.

Senator Javits once again faced Paul O'Dwyer, who was the Democratic nominee for the Senate in 1968. O'Dwyer was an avid critic of the war in Vietnam and had the support of anti-war U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy, who had nearly upset LBJ inside the New Hampshire primary. O'Dwyer had defeated a sitting congressman and a county executive to win the Democratic

nomination in what most observers felt was an upset. Serious cracks were beginning to appear in the foundation of the Empire State's Republican Party with the founding of the Conservative Party in 1962. In 1968, James L. Buckley, brother of William F. Buckley, was the Conservative nominee for the U.S. Senate and polled more than 1.1 million votes and 17% of the ballots cast. Even in a three-way race, Javits won every county in New York State and beat Paul O'Dwyer by 1,119,000 votes, although he polled under 50% of the total votes cast. James Buckley would win New York's other Senate seat two years later as the Conservative Party's nominee in yet another three-way race.

Up for another six-year term in 1974, the political independence of Senator Jacob Javits likely helped him more than it hurt, especially in a terrible year for GOP candidates who suffered politically with the resignation of President Richard Nixon. The Watergate scandal took a terrific toll on Republican incumbents, but Senator Javits won reelection against six other candidates. The Democrat running against Javits was Ramsay Clark, son of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, and both father and son had served as the attorney general of the United States. Clark was known for his opposition to the Vietnam War as well as being a liberal well to the left of most liberals in the country. Javits won just over 45% of the vote and beat Clark by 366,000 ballots.

1980 saw a revolution inside the Republican Party with Ronald Reagan winning the GOP presidential nomination and the party turning to the right. Javits was finally seriously challenged from the right, which was where he was probably the most vulnerable. Alphonse D'Amato challenged Javits in the GOP primary and surprised everyone by winning with 55% of the vote. Javits remained on the ballot as the candidate of New York's Liberal Party, which ironically enabled D'Amato to win the general election.

Javits had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) in 1979 and was getting along in years. Unable to campaign with the same vigor as before, Javits was ripe for defeat, and Al D'Amato's timing was impeccable; he won the election. Javits was named as a special advisor to Secretary of State Alexander Haig in 1981. Jacob Javits died in 1986.

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Constitutional Amendment #1
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment changes Article I, section 15 of the Tennessee Constitution by allowing a court to hold a defendant without bail before trial when that defendant is accused of: an offense punishable by the death penalty, an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, or any crime for which a convicted person would be required to serve eighty-five percent of their sentence. This amendment requires courts to state on the record the reasons for their decision to grant or deny bail in those cases.

Question:
Shall Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:

That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

and substituting instead the following:

(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

- (1) A capital offense;
- (2) An act of terrorism;
- (3) Second degree murder;
- (4) Aggravated rape of a child;
- (5) Aggravated rape;
- (6) Grave torture; and
- (7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.

(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.

(c) The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Constitutional Amendment #2
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment adds text to Article II, section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution that prohibits the Legislature from imposing a State property tax on real, personal, or mixed property.

Question:
Shall Article II, Section

28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature

☐ Yes
☐ No

Constitutional Amendment #3
Vote for One (1)

Summary:
This amendment changes Article I, section 35 of the Tennessee Constitution by clarifying existing rights for crime victims and adding new rights. The amendment gives victims new rights: to fair treatment; to be informed about and participate in the parole process; to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and abuse; to be informed of the minimum sentence the convicted criminal will serve, as well as their scheduled release date; and to have their safety, their family's safety, and the public's safety taken into account before any decision is made to release the convicted criminal. The amendment also maintains or clarifies victims' existing rights: to be informed about legal proceedings involving the accused or convicted criminal; to be present at public criminal proceedings; to be informed of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted criminal; to talk to prosecutors; to make statements about conviction, sentencing, or release of the accused person; to a speedy resolution of the case; to restitution from the convicted criminal; and to be informed of their rights. The amendment does not restrict the powers of prosecutors or courts and does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the State of Tennessee.

Question:
Shall Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:

- (1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;
- (2) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
- (3) The right to be present at all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
- (4) The right upon request to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, and parole, as well as any public proceeding when relevant during which a right of the victim is implicated;
- (5) The right to be heard and informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender;
- (6) The right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal

justice system, including reasonable protection, as defined by the General Assembly, from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;

(7) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted person;

(8) The right to full and timely restitution from the offender;

(9) The right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case after the conviction or sentence;

(10) The right to be informed of the minimum sentence the offender will serve in custody and the scheduled release date;

(11) The right to have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post judgment release decision is made;

(12) The right, upon request, to confer with the prosecution; and

(13) The right to be fully informed of all rights afforded to crime victims.

A victim may assert the rights enumerated in this section, not as a party, but in the manner further provided by the General Assembly protecting the victim's right to standing. The General Assembly has the authority to enact substantive and procedural laws to further define, implement, preserve, and protect the rights guaranteed to victims by this section. This section must be interpreted to preserve and protect the rights of all persons to due process. This section, or any law enacted under this section, does not create a basis for vacating a conviction. This section does not restrict the powers of the District Attorney General or the inherent authority of the court.

Other than as provided in the preceding paragraph, this section does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state; an officer, employee, or agent of the state or of any of its political subdivisions; or an officer or employee of the court.

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☐ No

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- ☐ Bill Hagerty
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 - ☐ Marquita Bradshaw
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 - ☐ Tharon Chandler
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 - ☐ Andrew Gerena
Independent Candidate
 - ☐ Jeremy Dean Hearn
Independent Candidate
 - ☐ Robert Jones
Independent Candidate
 - ☐ James William Macon III
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 - ☐ Yoshi D. Matthews
Independent Candidate
 - ☐ David Sutman, Jr.
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 - ☐ Catherine Barcel
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 - ☐ Jenny Fowler
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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Strong finish puts CAK boys on top

By Steve Williams

Two local teams – the Christian Academy of Knoxville boys and the Grace Christian Academy girls – won TSSAA Division II Class A state championships last week at the Sevierville Golf Club.

For the CAK Warriors, it was their 10th state title in school history. For the Lady Rams, it was their first.

Christian Academy also ranks second in state titles in TSSAA history and trails only Chattanooga Baylor, which had 20 team crowns coming into this year's tournament.

Longtime prep coach Donnie Cooper saw his team overcome a first-round deficit and pull away in the second round on the River Course. Cooper's son, Aiden, led the way in the final round with a one-under par 71 and teammate Roddy Sturgeon carded a par 72.

Overall, Tyler Stafford shot a team best one-over 145 (71-74).

"It really just came down to putting," said Stafford. "In the end, we made a lot of putts as a team and everybody just came together. We were locked in on our back nine."

Stafford also added:



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Coach Donnie Cooper and his players receive the TSSAA Division II Class A state championship awards on Oct. 6 at the Sevierville Golf Club. From left to right: Coach Cooper, Tyler Stafford, Roddy Sturgeon, Aiden Cooper, Tanner Varney and Ryan Miller.

"We were kind of doubted by everybody like FBA. They were talking to us, but I think that just fueled us and might have helped us win and gain momentum."

The Warriors' foursome also included Ryan Miller with a 79-79.

CAK trailed first-round leader Jackson Christian by four strokes, but pulled out the win with its 601 team total (306-295). Runner-up

Jackson Christian (302-304) totaled 606 and First Baptist Academy (304-304) came in third at 608.

"After Hole No. 14 in the final round, I thought we were playing very well," said FBA Coach Johnny Cox. "We were in the lead and from 15 in we didn't execute. We didn't make putts that we should've made and the other teams did," said FBA Coach

Johnny Cox, who led his team to the state title last year.

The Eagles were led by Alex Green (71-74-145).

Rounding out the team scoring included Battle Ground Academy (613), Franklin Christian (629) and Northpoint (632).

Franklin Road Academy senior Walker Webb was the individual medalist with a 7-under-par 137.



Addisyn Newman

Newman is not giving up on a state title

By Steve Williams

Addisyn Newman's hopes for a state championship will have to wait until next year.

The two-time state runner-up came down with flu-like symptoms Thursday night and it affected her play Friday on the Highland Course in the final round of the TSSAA Division I Class 2A tournament at the Sevierville Golf Club,

according to her mother Cynthia Newman.

Addison had carded a first round par 70, but her score dropped to six-over 76 in the final round. Fortunately, she managed to place third and earn a medal.

As a team, Newman and her teammate Rylee Taylor (85-81) placed third.

Obviously, Addisyn was **Cont. on page 4**

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Central sweeps Clinton to win district volleyball championship

By Ken Lay

After the Central High School won the District 3-3A Volleyball Tournament semifinal Tuesday night, coach Susan Davidson was congratulated because the Lady Bobcats advance to the region tournament.

But Davidson made it clear that her team wasn't satisfied because it had one more match to win.

"We're not done," Davidson said after the Lady Bobcats defeated Powell in four sets at Halls High School. "We still have work to do."

Top-seeded Central would eventually win the district championship, culminating a long and late night with a sweep of third-seeded Clinton,

which advanced to the title match with a grueling five-set win over Anderson County in its semifinal match.

An exhausted Lady Dragons squad put up a battle but in the end, the Lady Bobcats were too much as they captured a 25-18, 25-11, 25-19 victory to claim the district title that eluded them in 2025.

But after Central hoisted the championship plaque, Davidson had another message for her team.

"Tonight is a night to celebrate but tomorrow, we're going back to work," she said. "We have more work to do to get to where we want to go."

Junior setter Pyper Clevinger, the tournament's **Continue on page 4**



Central High School celebrates its 3-3A Championship. The Lady Bobcats won the title with a sweep of Clinton Tuesday at Halls High School. Photo by Luther Simmons.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 8

Grace Christian gets past Smoky Bears again

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian's 50-48 win over Sevier County last Thursday night showed that last season's victory over the Smoky Bears wasn't a fluke.

The Rams came back from a 12-point deficit in the third quarter, took the lead and ran out the clock.

Senior standout Terrion Thomas said after the game, "We hadn't been down all year and I think we handled that adversity well."

It was Terrion and his younger brother Javey Stinson who pulled Grace Christian's feet out of the fire when the Rams fell behind 35-23 with 8:23 left in the third period.

Sevier County's Cooper Newman, one of the most heralded quarterbacks in the state, had given the Smoky Bears their big lead with a 2-yard pass to wide receiver Zach Banks.

GCA's 6-4 senior quarterback Corbin Hobson responded with a 33-yard touchdown pass to Thomas, and Rafael Silva added the PAT to pull the Rams within five.

Grace Christian's defense then stepped in and forced a four-and-out to get the ball right back. Two plays later, Stinson raced up the middle for a 56-yard TD.



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Grace Christian senior Terrion Thomas runs past a Sevier County defender in the Rams' 50-48 victory Thursday night at GCA. He rushed for four touchdowns and caught one TD pass in the high-scoring game.

A two-point pass failed on the conversion, but Jackson Coffey sparked the GCA defense again and broke up a Newman pass.

The Smoky Bears appeared to be rattled when they got a delay

of game penalty and had to punt.

A pass interference penalty on Thomas' fourth-down halfback pass gave the Rams a new set of downs at the SC 24. Kaden Webber gained five yards on first

down, and a 5-yard penalty gave GCA a new first down at the 13 on the last play of the third quarter.

A tush-push 2-yard run into the end zone by Stinson and Silva's PAT gave the Rams an eight-point lead (43-35).

Sevier County didn't quit and Newman's 8-yard TD pass to Parker Newman (no relation) cut the Rams' lead to 43-41. A key stop by Webber on the conversion, however, protected Grace Christian's lead with 6:54 remaining.

Webber again made a big play when he returned the ensuing kickoff to the 44. Back-to-back big runs (16 and 28 yards) by Stinson set up Thomas' 3-yard touchdown run, and Silva's PAT made it a 9-point game.

The Smoky Bears still had life, though, and Newman's 2-yard TD pass to Banks and Ottolini's PAT made it a 2-point game with 3:01 still to go.

Sevier County, with only one timeout left, chose to go with an onside kick, but GCA recovered it.

On third-and-two, Thomas gained seven yards for a first down and only 1:10 remaining. The Smoky Bears used their last timeout and GCA milked the clock to end the game.

"I think to win a game like this when two heavyweight fighters

are going at it, it's just about being resilient and playing the next play and when you have the opportunity to make the play, you do it," said GCA Coach Justin Price. "We had so many guys on both sides of the ball, when we needed them, we made the plays."

Sevier County Coach Todd Loveday said, "We stopped them a few times in the first half, but you're not going to stop them every time. They had too many weapons. We needed one more stop. I think their kicking game got some good field position for them a few times. You can't give them the short field."

Thomas rushed for 52 yards and four touchdowns on nine carries and had eight catches for 67 yards and one TD. Stinson racked up 174 yards and two TDs on 19 attempts plus had five receptions for 44 yards.

Defensively, Coffey led the way with 14 tackles, one QB hurry and one PBU. Campbell Johnson contributed 11 tackles, one QB hurry and one TFL. Micah Royster made seven tackles and had one sack.

Next for Grace Christian will be a home game against CAK Thursday. Both teams are 4-0 in the Division II-AA East Region and 7-0 overall.

Sevier County slips to 5-2.

2026 Prep Football WEEK NINE

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

Thursday, October 15

TSD at SCSD (5:00)

CAK at Grace (Thu)

Friday, October 16

Carter at Austin-East

Cleveland at Bearden

South-Doyle at Clinton

Cookeville at Farragut

Fulton at Gibbs (7:30)

Oak Ridge at Hardin Valley

Powell at Jefferson Co.

Tri-Cities Christian at TKA

Halls at Central

Stewarts Creek at Webb

William Blount at West

Catholic at McCallie

CCS at South Greene

Week Eight Scores

Grace 50, Sevier Co. 48

Karns 42, Morristown East 13

A-E 50, Gatlinburg-Pittman 29

TKA 47, N. Collegiate Prep 8

Seymour 41, Northview 0

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Seymour's fast start rips Northview

By Steve Williams

An opening pooch kick backfired on Northview Academy Friday night and Seymour jumped out to a 7-0 lead on a Levi Carson touchdown pass.

Adam Burdick added a touchdown run on the Eagles' second possession after a 57-yard pass to Burdick.

Grayson Davis then ran for a TD and Jason Kendall kicked his third PAT to give Seymour a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Cougars soon were driving but fumbled and Tripp White had a 52-yard scoop and score to make it 28-0.

Northview's Dillon Martin finally gets his team a first down, but NV has to punt with 4:41 left in the second quarter. A 42-yard run by Seymour's Davis takes the ball to the Cougars' 33 and the Eagles call timeout at 1:33. A 14-yard TD catch by Mason Brown extends the lead to 35-0 at halftime.

On third-and-goal, Davis scored again from the 3-yard line in the closing seconds of the third



JASON DAVIS/SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL A/V INSTRUCTOR

Seymour running back Grayson Davis stretches for an early touchdown in the Eagles' 41-0 win over Northview Academy Friday night at Kodak.

quarter.

Seymour subs got into the game in a scoreless final quarter.

The Eagles are now 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the region. They have an open date next week before hosting Elizabethton.

Coach Caleb Olive said "the buy-in from the players" has meant a lot to the team. "We're trying to put the pride back in Seymour football. We have clinched a

playoff berth. Elizabethton will be a big game for us."

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINERS

CAK at Grace Christian

Halls at Central

Oak Ridge at Hardin Valley

Powell at Jefferson County

Carter at Austin-East

Fulton at Gibbs

Sonny Moore's Computer Ratings

(Top 10 local teams through Oct. 5 games)

1-GCA 134.71(No. 8 in state)

2-HVA 123.12

3-Central 122.45

4-CAK 119.41

5-Catholic 118.63

6-Gibbs 116.32

7-Powell 114.93

8-Halls 108.30

9-West 103.20

10-South-Doyle 99.70

Special Recognition

Austin-East's 1986 state champion team will

be recognized when Carter plays at A-E this week.

Preps of the Past

Oct. 3, 1981

A slow start by the Rule Golden Bears turned into a near rout as Fulton lost its fifth straight game 21-6. The Falcons' only score came in the first quarter when James Yarbrough intercepted a Tony Nelson pass and ran it back 40 yards for the touchdown.

The highlight of the game for Rule came when a pass from Nelson to Buck Evans made a TD with 5:30 left in the third quarter, but was called back as Evans was ruled an ineligible receiver. The unshaken Nelson threw a TD pass on the next play to give Rule a 13-6 lead. Joe Cofer's PAT made it 14-6.

An interception by Dennis King set up Rule's final drive, a Nelson-Evans attack again that allowed sophomore Marshall Eskridge to bull his way into the end zone from the 1.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GCA girls were ready for state title



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Coach Brian Mountain, Leah Rowe, Lydia Walker, CB Coulter and Coach Chris Wallace after the Grace Christian Academy girls' golf team won the TSSAA Division II Class A state championship on Oct. 6 at the Sevierville Golf Club.

By Steve Williams

Hard work and experience has led Grace Christian Academy to its first girls' state golf championship.

Senior Lydia Walker and junior Leah Rowe also displayed balanced scoring at the Highland Course, which had a 37-33 par 70. Walker shot 82-81 for 163. Rowe was just one stroke behind with an 84-80-164. They finished with a 327 total, while Evangelical Christian School was runner-up eight strokes back at 335.

"Honestly, my girls all season have been grinding and putting in the work to get us to this point,"

said GCA girls coach Chris Wallace. "We had a great turnout, a great showing at district and region and all that experience and practice and hard work that they put in got us here to this moment and it wasn't too big for them."

CAK, which had a young team, came in third place at 337 with freshman Landrie Lane tallying 84-86-170 and sophomore Lenlee Smith scoring 87-84-171. Sophomore Kalen Jackson didn't make the final three but finished strong with a 91-82-173.

USJ (339) placed fourth and Webb School of Bell Buckle (360) fifth.

The Lady Rams' state title didn't come by surprise.

"The way these girls played toward the end of the regular season, they hit their stride," said Coach Wallace. "The timing couldn't have been better. We beat some teams this year during the regular season that we hadn't ever beaten before and I think it was a great confidence builder for them and it just rolled right into the post-season. They just carried that momentum."

In Division I Class A, Gibbs' Ivey Collins competed as an individual and posted an 89-84-173.

Standing out from the crowd

In my years of watching and covering University of Tennessee football, I have concluded that the great players always had a “look,” maybe

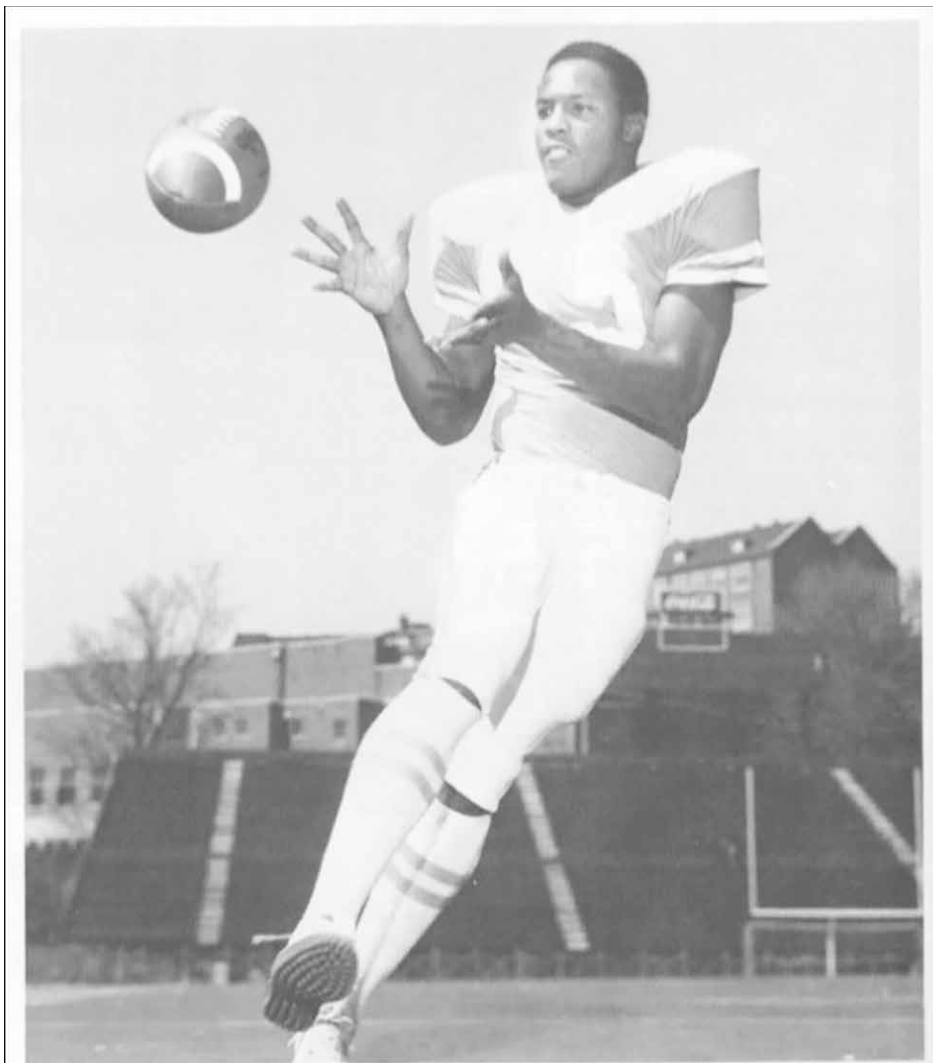


By Tom Mattingly

even a “swagger,” to them. That was obvious in the spring of 1976, when I was invited to observe a scrimmage at John Kerr Field in Hartsville (Trousdale County). I had a temporary assignment from my job at Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL) to Trousdale County, responsible for overseeing an attitude survey about the proposed Hartsville Nuclear Plant. Among the players on that Yellow Jackets team was tight end Reggie Harper, pursued by numerous colleges not only for football, but for basketball as well. He and teammate Donnie Oldham ended up signing with Tennessee and arrived in Knoxville for the 1977 season, the first year for head coach, John Majors. Harper played from 1977-80 at 6-3, 227, and wore No. 85. He is deserving of being mentioned in the same breath as Johnny Mills and Lester McClain, both of whom also wore that number. He was a freshman All-American selection in 1977 by The Sporting News and was an All-SEC selection in 1979 by the Associated Press. When you look at the

1977 recruiting class, Harper, along with linebackers Danny Spradlin and Chris Bolton, defensive end Brian Ingram, quarterback Jeff Olszewski, wide receiver Phil Ingram, and defensive backs Val Barksdale and Clark Duncan, were significant contributors to Vol fortunes. Oldham was injured in the 1977 season opener against Cal and ended up at Western Kentucky. He earned all-league honors during his Hilltopper career. Harper had 98 career catches for 1141 yards and 7 touchdowns. He led the team in receiving in both 1977 (30 catches for 331 yards) and 1978 (31 catches for 356 yards). He won the 1980 Mickey O'Brien Award, given to the player who overcame physical obstacles during his career to make a valuable contribution to the team. Harper died Aug. 19, 2012, at age 53. I remembered hearing about Harper being a big-time prospect and asked a friend what number Reggie wore. He said not to worry. “When Reggie comes on the field,” he said, “he will stand out from the crowd immediately.” You had to imagine that Gene McEver did likewise in the late-1920s and early 1930s. Gen. Neyland said McEver was the best player he ever coached. He had a 98-yard kickoff return in the 1928 Alabama game that set the Vols' gridiron express in motion. He was part of the famed “Hack, Mack, and Dodd” backfield

trio that delighted Vol fans over the course of his career. George Cafego did likewise in the late 1930s, being the typical Tennessee tailback of that era, small in stature, but able to accomplish great things with the ball in his hands. Called the “Hurrying Hungarian,” Cafego had one of the key plays in the 1939 Orange Bowl with a solid block on Oklahoma great Waddy Young that set the tone early in a 17-0 Vol victory. Andy Kozar was a bull-in-a-china-shop fullback in Neyland's final three years as Vol head coach. He was bigger than most Vol players of his day, and opposing defenders had to have hated seeing Andy coming their way with the ball in hand or as a devastating blocker. Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds were solid citizens at linebacker from 1967-69, each three-year starters. Both were All-American selections – Kiner in 1968 and 1969, and Reynolds in 1969. Jackie Walker joined Steve and Jack as a sophomore in 1969, giving the Vols three linebackers without parallel. Condredge Holloway was one of the dominant players of his day, creating excitement under center. He drove opposing defensive coordinators crazy with his ability to wreak havoc in an open field. Condredge specialized in making something out of nothing and dazzling fans wherever the Vols played. Reggie White's 1983



Reggie Harper

Hartsville's Reggie Harper was one of the bright lights of Tennessee's 1977 football recruiting class, shown here on UT's "Picture Day" in 1978.

season caught everybody's attention. “He could turn a football game around like no one else,” said Majors. “He could dominate not only the man in front of him, but also the side of the line of scrimmage he was on. People changed their game plans to run to the other side, and he could still make plays.” Johnnie Jones had 1,000-yard seasons in 1983 and 1984, scoring the winning touchdowns against

Alabama and Vanderbilt in 1983. His famous run against the Tide fulfilled a prophecy made by Vol track legend Ed Murphey, who helped recruit Johnnie. “Someday you'll score the winning touchdown against Alabama,” he said, and Jones did exactly that. A four-year starter, Dale Jones from Cleveland, TN, made one of the most memorable plays in Vol history. He intercepted a Mike Shula pass at point-blank

range late in the 1985 Alabama game to help save a 16-14 Vol victory. He also led the way up front in a monumental defensive effort against Miami in the 1986 Sugar Bowl. These are a few of the many Vols, including Harper, who did great things at Tennessee. Their performance in an orange and white jersey caused Vol fans to proudly call each of them a “heck of a player.” And they were right.

A TRUE STORY ON ALABAMA WEEK

‘Meanest, toughest player UT ever had’

A friend of mine, Tom Heck, gave me the following story to tell on “Bama Week” and “the Third Saturday in October”.



By Steve Williams

It's about his Uncle Len Coffman, who played for the Tennessee Volunteers in the late 1930s. Had it not been for the University of Kentucky, we may have never known about Tom's uncle and one of the Vols' meanest and toughest players there ever was. The story goes like this: Uncle Len began playing football at Middlesboro High School in Kentucky, a town just across the Tennessee state line near LMU. Tom's grandmother, Laura Coffman, always told the story of his freshman year, coming to the dinner table and wearing a hat and her jerking it off his bald head. His head had been shaved by the senior players. Len failed his senior year so he could play another year of high school ball. The state of Kentucky had changed its rules and said you could only play four years. Greeneville, Tn., Coach Ty Disney found my grandmother a job and a house and my grandmother, uncle and mother, Ruth, moved to Greeneville. Len played for the Greene Devils and signed with UT to play football. In Knoxville, he met George “Bad News” Cafego and they became roommates and best friends. Cafego said about Coffman, “When you saw the back of Coffman's neck turning red, you got out of his way.” When the Vols began practice in 1938, General Neyland took Uncle Len to the side and described a new play he was going to insert. The play was a designed dive by the fullback

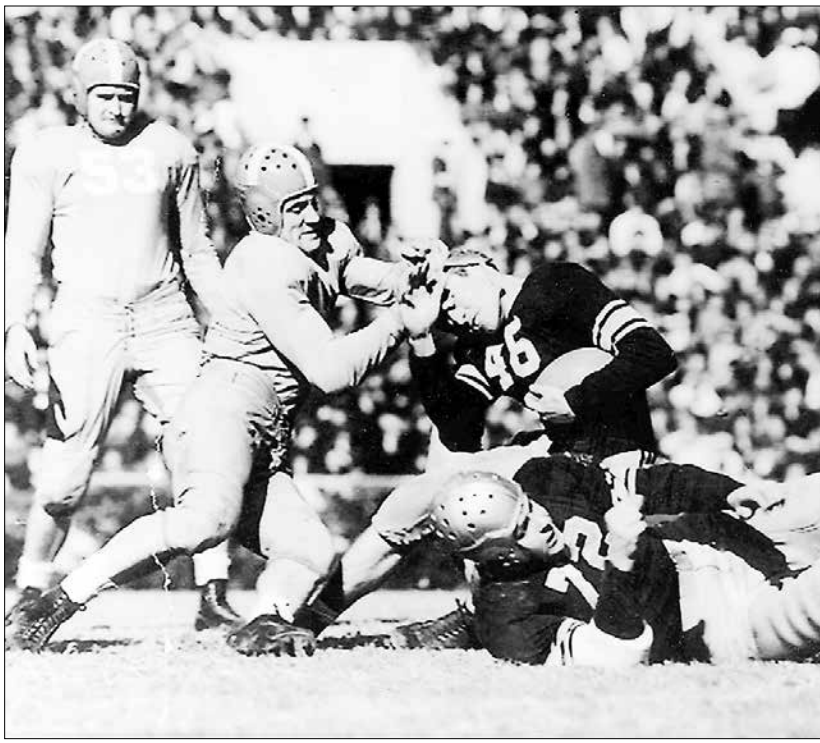


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Tennessee's Len Coffman was known for his violent temper, but this 1939 game shows him slightly smiling as he works on pulling off the LSU player's helmet. The No. 1 ranked Vols played the Tigers on Nov. 4 at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge that year and won 20-0 before a crowd of 42,000.

over a low cutting offensive line. The play had never been used and Len spent every day practicing the play by diving over a stack of dummies time after time. On Oct. 15, 1938, Neyland unveiled the play with Len scoring two touchdowns in a 13-0 victory over Alabama. The Vols went on to finish 11-0 with a National Championship. Uncle Len was approached by Neyland before practice one day and Neyland said I understand you left town and went home to Greeneville. Len said he had gone to see his girlfriend. Neyland asked how far it is to Greeneville and Len said 72 miles. Neyland replied, “OK, give me 72 laps.”

In 1939 the Vols went undefeated and unscored on. They played in the Rose Bowl, and Len said, “We would have won if Clarence Brown hadn't showed us such a good time.” Uncle Len exploded in practice one day, and Neyland took him aside and said, “One day, Coffman, you and I are going to get mad at the same time and I am going to be the only one left to tell about it.” Uncle Len said, “I don't fear Neyland, I respect him.” He also said, “To play for Tennessee, you have to get wet all over.” Teammate John Bailey said, “Coffman was the meanest, toughest football player Tennessee has ever had.”

By Mark Nagi

Alabama Hate Week. It is the Third Saturday in October, and you know what that means! One of southern football's greatest rivalries will be renewed on Saturday afternoon at Neyland Stadium as Tennessee hosts Alabama. And in a neat nod to history, both teams will be wearing their preferred uniforms, Orange jerseys clashing with Crimson. This has often been a streaky series. Between 1995 and 2001, the Vols won this game seven straight times. But Alabama had an 11-game winning streak between 1971 and 1981, and a 15-game winning streak between 2007 and 2021, which was finally broken in one of the greatest games in SEC history. In 2022, the Vols won 52-49, and a goalpost was tossed into the Tennessee River. That 2022 game marked a change in how Tennessee and Alabama view each other. For a matchup to be a true rivalry, one side must win every now and again. And these teams have now split the last four meetings, with the home team winning each time. Nick Saban dominated that rivalry while Alabama's head coach, winning sixteen of the seventeen meetings. Unfortunately for Tennessee fans, it looks like Saban's replacement, Kalen DeBoer, has found a way to bring bully ball back to Tuscaloosa.

Now in his third year as Alabama's head coach, DeBoer has Keelon Russell running his offense. Despite only being a sophomore, Russell looks like one of the best quarterbacks in the nation. The offense looks more efficient with Russell than it did a year ago with Ty Simpson, which is really saying something because Simpson was a first-round NFL Draft pick. It will be an interesting battle between Russell and Tennessee's defensive line, which is one of the best, if not the best, groups in the FBS when it comes to QB pressure. Tennessee's QB situation is not as set in stone. True freshman Faizon Brandon and redshirt freshman George MacIntyre are each capable, but neither appears ready to dominate. This is why the Vols offensive line and running backs, led by Karns alum DeSean Bishop, need to be ready to carry the load and not put their young QB in too many pressure situations, no matter who it is under center. My first time seeing this game in person came in 1994, which was another year when Tennessee was featuring young QBs. At that time, it was true freshman Peyton Manning starting and Brannndon Stewart as the backup. The Vols lost a close game that night, but the Vols were about to begin their most successful era. They went 45-5 over the next four

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Central sweeps Clinton to win district volleyball championship

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Most Valuable Player, finished with 32 assists, 11 digs and four kills. Like Davidson, she said the Lady Bobcats have some unfinished business.

"We definitely want to savor this," Clevinger said. "But you can't relish this and stop right here."

"If we want to keep winning, we've got to keep working."

The Lady Bobcats (32-4) will next be in action on Tuesday in the Region 2-3A Tournament. They'll play Hardin Valley Academy in an elimination semifinal

at Maryville High School. Clinton (25-12) also advances to the region tournament and will play District 4-3A champion and host Maryville in the other elimination semifinal. The winners will play later Tuesday night.

The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Hawks to win the District 4-3A Tournament Thursday night at HVA. The Lady Hawks upset William Blount in the loser's bracket final.

Against the Lady Dragons, Central boasted a balanced hitting attack as Ally Bryant led the way

with 11 kills. She also had seven digs, two assists and one block.

Trinity Brooks added 10 kills, while Malia Moore chipped in with eight kills and one block.

Defensively, Rhealee Haunhorst had 15 digs, while Kaylin Wiley finished with 12 digs.

Clinton coach Lorri Johnson said she knew that her team would face a tall order against Central after the marathon match against the Lady Mavericks in the semifinals.

"They've got a few more horses in the race than we

do," Johnson said. "But we're catching up."

District 3-3A coaches recognize top volleyball players

Central High School recently won both the District 3-3A regular-season title and tournament championship.

The Lady Bobcats were heavily represented on the All-District 3-3A Volleyball team that was released last week.

Lady Bobcats' coach Susan Davidson was

named Coach of the Year. Central's Ally Bryant earned Player of the Year honors and Malia Moore was named Blocker of the Year. Pyper Clevinger was named Setter of the Year.

Central's other all-district selections included: Trinity Brooks; Rhealee Haunhorst; Lennox Hinton and Kaylin Wiley.

Powell's Rhaley Williams was also named to the team along with Gibbs High's Rebekah Spierdowis and Halls High's Autumn Appleby.

All-district honorable mentions went to Central's

Jolie Sheddian along with Powell's Chloe McCarty and Taylor Williams. The Lady Devils boasted a pair of honorable mentions in Scout Jordan and Nicole Powell. Camille Santiago Santos earned an honorable mention from Gibbs.

The Lady Bobcats also had four players named to the all-academic team including Sheddian, Haunhorst, Kaylin Wiley and Miley Huskey.

Powell had five all-academic selections including Williams, Karina Lopez, Emersyn Mayes, Taylor Merrick and London Smith.

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seasons, including two SEC titles and one national championship.

In an era of NIL, unlimited transfers, congressional battles, and bloated conferences, it is nice to know that some traditions have not been touched. Well, at least not yet. This is an annual affair, played

108 times, with the first meeting happening back in 1901. No team has beaten Tennessee more than Alabama (60), and no team has beaten Alabama more than Tennessee (41).

The cigar smoke will be present at Neyland Stadium this weekend. The only question is who will be taking the puffs.

Newman is not giving up on a state title

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disappointed but still has her senior year to compete for the individual state title.

"This year could have been better," said Newman. "I was unfortunate to get the flu Thursday night. It didn't feel too great playing Friday and obviously that showed in my score, but we'll have next year. I'm proud of the team, proud of the girls. I have to like this year. It could overall have gone better, but I'm just happy to be here."

Addisyn added that she was going to keep a positive attitude for next year.

"Yep, that's the plan. I didn't get No. 1 today, but we'll come back better next year."

Newman started playing golf when she was 5 years old and she currently is No. 1 in the state in the Junior Scoreboard Ranking.

West High's Reese McMahan shot 77-76-148 to place fifth in Division I Class 2A and Sophia Williams of Farragut tied

for 18th with a 79-80-159.

Catholic girls placed third in Division II Class AA as Teagan Walker posted a 76-73-149 to place sixth in the individual competition and Linzy Johnson shot 79-77-156.

Webb boys' Colmore Sprouse shot 74-73-147 on the River Course to tie for 14th in Division II Class 2A boys.

Maryville's Will Huddleston (76-68) and Raymond ReBell (71-73) tied for 10th place with a

144 total Division I Class 2A.

Hardin Valley's Arjun Patel, also competing as an individual, posted a 78-72-150.

Bearden's boys team placed seventh in Division I Class 2A with a 314-311-625 total. William Ibbotson carded a 79-73-152 to tie for 26th place and teammate Dane Helzer came in 30th with a 78-76-154 to lead the Bulldogs.

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**TO: JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC
IN RE: KINGSTON PLACE
ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff**
v.
JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, Defendant
DOCKET NO. 211985-1
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, as to its Registered Agent or Current Address for its Principal Office or Other Location, 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 JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, it is ordered that said defendant, JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorney whose address is Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
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This the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: WILLIAM J. LAMERE and
VICKIE L. LAMERE**
**IN RE: SPRADLIN PLACE HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff**
v.
**WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE
L. LAMERE, Defendant(s)**
DOCKET NO. 206769-2
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this Cause, it appearing from the Affidavit filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, 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 WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, it is ordered that said defendant(s), WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Judgement by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
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This the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: ALLEN E. MCFALLS
IN RE: PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff**
v.
**ALLEN E. MCFALLS, SANDRA G. MADGETT
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants**
DOCKET NO. 212413-3
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALLEN E. MCFALLS, 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 ALLEN E. MCFALLS described in the complaint, it is ORDERED that said defendant, ALLEN E. MCFALLS, file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE filed by PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff herein, with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Zachary B. Johnson, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5100 Poplar Avenue, Suite 2208, Memphis, TN 38137, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, or a Judgment by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty, 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 11th day of September, 2026.

Honorable Christopher D. Heagerty
Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TRAVIS
Q. SOLOMON AND O DURMAST
DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**
**IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT,
L.P., PLAINTIFF**
v.
**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TRAVIS
Q. SOLOMON AND O DURMAST
DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914,
DEFENDANTS**
Docket No.: 213876-2
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Travis Q. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville , TN 37914, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon The Unknown Heirs of Travis Q. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914, it is hereby ordered that the defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Travis Q. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, Plaintiff's attorney, whose

address is 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 17th day of September, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE
OF JOHN H. McELROY**
**IN RE: HOMESTEAD LAND
HOLDINGG, LLC, Plaintiff**
v.
**WILLIAM JOHN McELROY;
JAMES LEE McELROY; JANE ANN
McELROY; the UNKNOWN
SURVIVING SPOUSE OF JOHN H.
McELROY, if living, and if deceased,
her UNKNOWN HEIRS;
the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN H. McELROY,
deceased; and O GRANVILLE CONNER ROAD,
POWELL, TENNESSEE 37849 (Parcel
ID 056-103), Defendants.**
Docket No.: 213805-3
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy, if living, and if deceased, her unknown heirs, and the Unknown Heirs of John H. McElroy, deceased, 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 Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy, if living, and if deceased, her unknown heirs, and the Unknown Heirs of John H. McElroy, deceased, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with R. Seth Oakes, an Attorney whose address is 10413 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 21st day of September, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master
Tiffany Rutherford
Deputy Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JULIA SHEA SIMS
IN RE: LOVEWELL PROPERTIES, LLC, Plaintiff
v.
JULIA SHEA SIMS, Defendant
DOCKET NO. 213046-1
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed with Knox County Chancery Court, Case No. 213046-1, that the defendant, JULIA SHEA SIMS, 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 JULIA SHEA SIMS, it is ordered that said defendant, JULIA SHEA SIMS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Christopher Beverly, an Attorney whose address is 49 Music Sq., Suite 500, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice, or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RYAN MICHAEL BELL
DOCKET NUMBER 93168-3**
Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of September, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of RYAN MICHAEL BELL, who died on September 2, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his 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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF RYAN MICHAEL BELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATSY ANN BOLT,
a.k.a. PATRICIA ANN BOLT,
a.k.a. PATRICIA "PATSY" A. BOLT**
DOCKET NUMBER 93089-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATSY ANN BOLT, a.k.a. PATRICIA ANN BOLT, a.k.a. PATRICIA "PATSY" A. BOLT., who died July 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required

to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

**ESTATE OF PATSY ANN BOLT,
a.k.a. PATRICIA ANN BOLT,
a.k.a. PATRICIA "PATSY" A. BOLT**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BOB G. BORUFF
DOCKET NUMBER 93114-2**
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of BOB G. BORUFF, who died August 28, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BOB G. BORUFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GERALDINE H. BURCHFIEL
DOCKET NUMBER 92409-2**
Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GERALDINE H. BURCHFIEL, who died on March 16, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF GERALDINE H. BURCHFIEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KEVIN A. DEAN,
ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLES HOWARD
BURCHFIELD, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 93144-3**
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES HOWARD BURCHFIELD, SR., who died July 20, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES HOWARD BURCHFIELD, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES BURCHFIELD, JR.
1024 SERENE BREEZE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

STEPHEN H. BYRD, ATTORNEY
9051 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 400
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT LYNN CROWDER
DOCKET NUMBER 92623-3**
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LYNN CROWDER, who died February 1, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF ROBERT LYNN CROWDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLEND A. CROWDER
1914 DUNCAN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

GLENN A. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D-200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JUDITH L. ELLIOTT
DOCKET NUMBER 93095-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDITH L. ELLIOTT, who died July 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JUDITH L. ELLIOTT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACY E. RAFFERTY, EXECUTRIX
1739 ROYAL HARBOR DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LORA L. HAUN
DOCKET NUMBER 93059-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LORA L. HAUN, who died August 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 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 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF LORA L. HAUN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONNIE SUE STEPHENS, EXECUTRIX
5122 ROBERTS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHNNY HERBERT, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 93121-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of September, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOHNNY HERBERT, JR., who died September 28, 2025, were issued to Rhonda Gail Daniels and Michael Warren Herbert by the Probate Division 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 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 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHNNY HERBERT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RHONDA GAIL DANIELS
3113 ELLISTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

MICHAEL WARREN HERBERT
7505 OLD RUTLEDGE PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

DUSTIN S. CROUSE, ATTORNEY

9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 125
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DONNA R. HOLLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 93090-2**
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of DONNA R. HOLLIS, who died August 19, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONNA R. HOLLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BROOKE GIVENS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES T. HUCKABA
DOCKET NUMBER 92934-3**
Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of September, 2026, letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES T. HUCKABA, who died May 16, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES T. HUCKABA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW MITCHELL HUCKABA
7240 ELMBROOK LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH L. JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92214-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of August, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, who died on December 20, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for 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 11 day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH L. JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDITH LOWE JOHNSON
5412 LYONS VIEW PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

ROBERT LOWE JOHNSON
10853 DUTCHTOWN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

O. E. SCHOW, IV, ATTORNEY
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEFFREY ALAN MACDONALD,
AKA JEFFREY ALLEN MACDONALD
DOCKET NUMBER 92440-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of September, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEFFREY ALAN MACDONALD, AKA JEFFREY ALLEN MACDONALD, who died March 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

**ESTATE OF JEFFREY ALAN MACDONALD,
AKA JEFFREY ALLEN MACDONALD**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH A. JORDAN, ADMINISTRATRIX
416 GARDEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN SHARPE MCMURRY,
a/k/a CAROLYN ANN MCMURRY
DOCKET NUMBER 93119-2**
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary with respect to the Estate of CAROLYN SHARPE MCMURRY, a/k/a CAROLYN ANN MCMURRY, who died February 24, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN SHARPE MCMURRY,
a/k/a CAROLYN ANN MCMURRY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA SCOTT LANE
4709 SILVER HILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

W. ALLEN MCDONALD, ATTORNEY
249 N. PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KAREN ELIZABETH RAY
DOCKET NUMBER 93010-2

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

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

This the 28th day of AUGUST, 2026.

ESTATE OF KAREN ELIZABETH RAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BILLY JAMES WORTHINGTON
6956 CARDINDALE DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

RYAN S. WORTLEY, ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS ST.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY SUE RUSH
DOCKET NUMBER 92649-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of NANCY SUE RUSH, who died on November 6, 2025, 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 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY SUE RUSH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EZEKIEL SCOTT
151 DAY CIRCLE
TAZEWELL, TN 37879

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. RUTHERFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 93046-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM J. RUTHERFORD, who died July 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 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. RUTHERFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHIRLEY I. RUTHERFORD
1913 TALL CEDARS ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DARLENE KAY STEFANI
DOCKET NUMBER 93091-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of September, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of DARLENE KAY STEFANI, who died July 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox County Probate Court. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DARLENE KAY STEFANI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARA MARIE STEFANI
3000 S. WALNUT ST. PIKE, APT. E10
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401

KIMBERLY SEALS, ATTORNEY
110 COGDILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH THOMAS UPTON
DOCKET NUMBER 93065-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of September, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH THOMAS UPTON, who died June 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF RALPH THOMAS UPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARGARET SUE UPTON
800 BROCHARDT BLVD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

REBECCA SUZANNE UPTON
254 HAMLET PARK DRIVE
CLYDE, NC 28721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIH-TZONG WANG
DOCKET NUMBER 93082-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JIH-TZONG WANG, who died July 22, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JIH-TZONG WANG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARCUS JUNG CHENG WANG, EXECUTOR
17792 MAXINE LANE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92127

RICHARD T. SCRUGHAM, JR., ATTORNEY
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN A. WEBER
DOCKET NUMBER 93118-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN A. WEBER, who died May 8, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JEAN A. WEBER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL H. WEBER
1295 ESTATES DRIVE
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

ANDREW M. HALE, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DWIGHT H. WHALEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93123-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of September, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DWIGHT H. WHALEY, who died July 17, 2026, were issued to Laken Whaley by the Probate Division 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 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 24 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DWIGHT H. WHALEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LAKEN WHALEY

6944 MOUNT ROYAL BOULEVARD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DUSTIN S. CROUSE, ATTORNEY
9041 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 125
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD WILSON
DOCKET NUMBER 92765-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of September, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, who died December 3, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES HENRY WILSON, ADMINISTRATOR
1159 ARTHUR DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, TN 37760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NAN ZHANG
DOCKET NUMBER 92712-1

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

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

This the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF NAN ZHANG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JIN ZHANG
727 WITHERSPOON LANE
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BUHLER ALLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93177-1

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

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

This the 2nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE BUHLER ALLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
J. WILLIAM COLEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
P. O. BOX 869
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

LINDSEY L. HOBBS, ATTORNEY
445 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 401
P. O. BOX 869
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH DEAN BALL
DOCKET NUMBER 93048-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KENNETH DEAN BALL, who died August 22, 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 25th day of September, 2026.

ESTATE OF KENNETH DEAN BALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STACY BYRON BALL
7713 EAST OGG ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGG A. BARNES
DOCKET NUMBER 93138-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GREGG A. BARNES, who died September 4, 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 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF GREGG A. BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY M. TAYLOR
227 MOUNT DAVID DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA SUE MCKINNEY BITTLE
DOCKET NUMBER 93163-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of September, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of DONNA SUE MCKINNEY BITTLE, who died August 19, 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 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 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONNA SUE MCKINNEY BITTLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY BARRETT
3247 E. RACCOON VALLEY DRIVE
POWELL, TN 37849

WAYNE WYKOFF, ATTORNEY
SUMNER GARLAND, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 31526
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILBUR LAY BLAKE, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 93134-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of October, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WILBUR LAY BLAKE, JR., who died on July 2, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court for 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 OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILBUR LAY BLAKE, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNA H. BLAKE
8831 N. RUGGLES FERRY PIKE
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

O. E. SCHOW, IV
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, 9TH FLOOR
P. O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS DOBBINS BRIDGES
DOCKET NUMBER 93012-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS DOBBINS BRIDGES, who died August 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 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 30th day of SEPTেম্বর, 2026.

ESTATE OF DORIS DOBBINS BRIDGES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEFFERY ALAN SHOFFNER
1223 VENIDO DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JENNIFER LEIGH BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 92383-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of October, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of JENNIFER LEIGH BROWN, who died on the 14th day of March, 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 5th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JENNIFER LEIGH BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JESSICA RAY PITTMAN
4806 COSTER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NEVA M. FOUST, ATTORNEY
4641 CHAMBLISS AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 93034-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL BROWN, who died August 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANET WITUCKI BROWN
7320 TWIN CREEK ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAMMA ANN BYRD
DOCKET NUMBER 93028-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of October, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of PAMMA ANN BYRD, who died July 6, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES A. STREVEL DOCKET NUMBER 92379-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of August, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES A. STREVEL, who died January 28, 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 20 day of August, 2026.

ESTATE OF JAMES A. STREVEL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID B. HAMILTON, ADMINISTRATOR
1810 MRECHANT DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA GENE SHARPE TASSEY DOCKET NUMBER 93211-3

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA GENE SHARPE TASSEY, who died August 24, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 2nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BARBARA
GENE SHARPE TASSEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD FRANKLIN MILLIGAN, II

W. ALLEN McDONALD, ATTORNEY
249 N. PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY L. UNDERWOOD DOCKET NUMBER 93126-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY L. UNDERWOOD, who died July 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:

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

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

This the 2nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BETTY L. UNDERWOOD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIM L. UNDERWOOD, ADMINSTRATRIX
9206 SCOTS PINE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAIL KATHRYN WARWICK DOCKET NUMBER 93129-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAIL KATHRYN WARWICK, who died March 8, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 30th day of SEPTEMBR, 2026.

ESTATE OF GAIL KATHRYN WARWICK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELLE L. HOSKINS, EXECUTOR
361 N. WOODDALE ROAD
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BENNIE JEAN LOVE YOUNCE DOCKET NUMBER 93186-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of October, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of BENNIE JEAN LOVE YOUNCE, who died June 11, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BENNIE JEAN LOVE YOUNCE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA SAMS, ADMINISTRATOR
7615 CLAPPS CHAPEL RD.
CORRYTON, TN 37721

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

As per Knox County Commission Ordinance number 0-05-9-102, the following described vehicles impounded by Knox County Codes Enforcement will be offered for sale at public auction after 10 days from the date of this notice. The respective owner(s) may reclaim their respective vehicle(s) within this time by paying all costs associated with vehicle extraction, such as but not limited to towing and storage fees. After the expiration of this time period, these vehicles will be sold at public auction online at www.govdeals.com.

Please contact Russ Lonas at Knox County property management for any additional information at (865) 215-5601 or at russ.lonas@knoxcounty.org or Chris Winchester at chris.winchester@knoxcounty.org

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2015 JEEP COMPASS	1C4NJC85FD156330

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN A WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE 0-26-9-101 REGARDING COMPENSATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE. THERE WILL BE NO VOTES TAKEN. THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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