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Honoring Veterans at Knoxville's 101st Veterans Day Parade

By Jamie Schnell
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Knoxville's 101st Veterans Day Parade filled Gay Street on November 11th with spectators of all ages, their excitement growing as the ceremony began. An opening prayer gave everyone a moment to reflect. The Star-Spangled Banner played, and the solemn notes of "Taps" honored those who served. A ceremonial gun salute marked the tribute, while the crowd celebrated veterans, watched new recruits take the oath, and remembered sacrifice as the parade moved through the heart of the city.

The parade brought together a wide range of public servants and community groups. Each group represented a different kind of service, yet all shared the same commitment: showing up for the community and honoring those who have served. Some of these organizations showed that support for veterans lasts long after the parade ends. Rocky Top Veterans Foundation, Irreverent Warriors, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, Project Healing Waters and Wounded Warrior Project were among the groups offering connection and support, including Contact Care Line. These organizations remind veterans that help can come in many ways: a trained companion, time outdoors, someone to listen, or just knowing they are not alone. Many school bands, such as Concord Christian Pride of the Den Marching Band, paved the way with patriotic songs.

Military life never really leaves you. As veterans marched by, some older members of the crowd called out, "Hooah!" Their proud voices rose above the parade. One veteran answered the call, walked over, and shook hands with a fellow comrade. The street became a place where old bonds were remembered, and brotherhood was still alive.



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

A veteran and his service dog watch Knoxville's 101th annual Veterans Day Parade file down Gay Street last Wednesday. The annual event is organized by the American Legion Post 2.

ET Juvenile Advisory Board meets for second time

By Ken Lay

In its second meeting, the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center Advisory Board discussed its finances, the upcoming expansion of its facilities and further establishing its identity.

The meeting was held at the juvenile court building's main courtroom at 3323 Division Street.

Juvenile Court Judge and Superintendent Tim Irwin discussed the cost of housing detainees and the need for money for the facility, which also serves other counties in East Tennessee as well as Knox County. It also serves the Department of Children's Services, assisting with placing children in foster care.

Irwin said that the detention center charges $125 per detainee per day and expressed the need for more money. He also noted

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City council postpones triplex appeal

By Pete Gawda

When the Knoxville City Council met on Tuesday, November 10, they passed a variety of measures despite failing to take action on an item that took up the largest amount of time.

The council spent the better part of an hour discussing a resolution approving R. Bentley Marlow's appeal from the Board of Zoning Appeals. It seems that Marlow had originally intended to build a duplex. During the construction process, he changed his plans to add a third housing unit, making the structure a triplex. There seemed to be differing opinions as to whether or not this was in compliance with building codes.

The applicant, the applicant's representative, building officials, and council members discussed the matter at length. When the time came for a vote, law director Charles Swanson advised them that it would take five votes for an item to pass. That means that if a motion did not receive five votes, the matter would remain undecided. However, there were only six members present, as Karyn Adams, Charles Thomas and Lynn Fugate were absent. Therefore, the council voted to postpone the matter for two weeks.

However, the council did unanimously approve an appeal by Bob and Melynda Whetsel from the board of zoning appeals that would allow the Whetsels to add a screened porch and a bedroom to the rear of the Luttrell Street dwelling.

The remainder of the items on the agenda passed with a 6-0 vote, most with little discussion.

The council confirmed the appointment of Ben Gleneck to the city pension board and passed on first reading an ordinance to increase the number of members to the board of zoning appeals from five to seven. The council approved on second reading an ordinance to amend the operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 26/27. This action increased various capital-related funds, the Knoxville Convention Center operating fund, and the HUD Section 108 loan fund by a total of $5,039,000. In addition, the council passed resolutions to approve the city medical and prescription drug plan, approved the budget for the Central Business Improvement District and implemented an agreement with Highstreet IT Solutions to extend the ERP implementation and additional support services at a cost of $640,000,

The council also passed two separate resolutions totaling a cost not to exceed $4,535,294 with Trane US for energy-efficient lighting upgrades. The police department received approval for an $8,000 grant from the Department of Justice to reimburse the purchase of bulletproof vests. Kelvin Scott Violins was awarded $50,000 from the Historic Preservation and Facade Improvement Program for restoration of an East Anderson Avenue property. Several properties were rezoned to residential and office zones.

During the public forum, several speakers expressed concern for the homeless and the availability of warming stations.

Number of city mayor candidates increases

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Next year's race for Knoxville Mayor is already drawing attention. Mayor Indya Kincannon is term-limited, and the field of announced candidates so far includes one current councilmember, two former members, a former candidate for county mayor, and two former city mayor candidates.

Last week, within two days of each other, former councilwoman Lauren Rider and former councilman Andrew Roberto announced they are seeking the office.

Current Councilwoman Amelia Parker, who is term-limited, was the first to announce. Parker has been a vocal opponent of the Kincannon administration during her two terms.

Former Democratic candidate for Knox County Mayor Beau Hawk, who narrowly lost that election, said he's in the city race. He's a union official and a relative newcomer to local politics.

Republican Jeff Talman announced he's seeking the office. The mortgage banker has run for city mayor and city council before.

Richard Lawhorn, a Republican who challenged Kincannon in 2023, is also a candidate.

While the city council and mayoral races are officially non-partisan, the Democrats have dominated both offices for the past 16 years. Only two of the nine city councilmembers are Republican.

The general city election is about a year away, on November 2, 2027. Voters will select a new city mayor, three at-large council members, a District 5 council member, and a municipal judge.



Andrew Roberto (center) was the latest to throw his hat in the ring last week as he announced his campaign to run for city mayor next year. He may be joined by fellow former city council member Lauren Rider, Councilwoman Amelia Parker, and former city and county mayoral candidates Beau Hawk, Richard Lawhorn and Jeff Talman.



Kristi Reynolds (left) of Second Harvest Food Bank accepts a $100,000 check from President and CEO of KTVAECU Lynn Summers.

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'Very ugly meeting' cited by Chairwoman Hill

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At the conclusion of last week's Knox County Commission agenda review meeting, Chairwoman Terry Hill lamented dissent during the October session.

"We had a very ugly meeting last month. It was very unfortunate," she said, adding, "I don't know if you folks got the feedback that I got from many people this past month. It reflected very poorly on us as a body.

"I'm not pointing at one person or one subject matter, but we need to remember that we are elected officials and there is a standard of conduct that should be expected of all of us."

Chairwoman Hill said she was opening the floor to anyone who wanted to address her comments.

"I would appreciate it if you would say it now and get it off your chest," Hill said. "When that's concluded, we will move forward like the professional body I know we can be. Does anybody have anything they wish to say about anybody else who is sitting here?"

Dead silence followed her remarks, and then she referred to a possible rules change and noted, "We cannot control what open forum brings to us, but we can control how we react." She again asked the commissioners to act in a professional manner.

She had initially asked the press present to "use a great deal of discretion not to repeat any of this at all." District 4's Shane Jackson interrupted her briefly, reminding her that if she didn't want the press to take notice of her comments, she shouldn't say it in an open meeting.

Division has grown among commission members over the recent years, with some members inserting national or religious points of view into the county meetings. Last month, several commission members verbally sparred over an assault incident at a Heritage Hubs meeting. An appointee to the Zoning Review Board was charged with attacking a protester at the event, which was attended by two commissioners.

The loud and angry October commission meeting saw attacks and allegations shouted, as well as calls for resignations.

ET Juvenile Detention Advisory Board meets for second time

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that the facility's priority should be to serve Knox County.

In addition to room and board, it also costs the county to process detainees. Other board members noted that DCS pays the facility significantly more per child.

"We charge $125 a day, and I would guess that you can't even feed and clothe them for that," he said. "I'd like to get that number, but I know that we're not breaking even.

"I want to help people from other counties, but we're in Knox County, we're funded by Knox County and we're run by Knox County, and we need to protect the citizens of Knox County first."

The board also discussed expansion for its facilities, which will include a separate place for processing and also a buffer between detainees and those awaiting foster placement.

The board appears to be attempting to establish its identity, and board member Shane Jackson, who also serves on the Knox County Commission, proposed changes to help the board determine its direction.

"I would like to see us elect officers, write bylaws, start key performance indicators," said Jackson, who currently represents District 4 on the commission. "I would like to see us formalize this.

"This is very informal, and we need to tell people what it is that we do."

The board meets next on Jan. 28, 2027, at 2 p.m.





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Publisher's Position

Here Come The 2027 City Elections



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We've just gone through one election, and yet another is already on the horizon. The City of Knoxville insists on having its election in the off-year despite the fact that it has become nothing less than embarrassing due to the minuscule turnout. We have reached the point where mayors of Knoxville get fewer votes than the winners of races for the Knox County Board of Education or County Commission. Yet far too many people pretend that is some kind of mandate.

There are at least four serious candidates to succeed Indya Kincannon, who is term-limited, as mayor. Beau Hawk, energized by his unexpected strong showing against Knox County Mayor Betsy Henderson, has announced he is running to be elected city mayor. Amelia Parker, an at-large council member who has been the one burr under the saddle of Indya Kincannon through her frequent dissents from the Left, has also announced. While it did not quite give Kincannon the patina of a moderate, Parker's frequent questioning of the administration certainly irritated Kincannon and her minions, none of whom appreciate robust discussion of public issues.

Two former members of the Knoxville City Council are off and running to succeed Kincannon: Lauren Rider and Andrew Roberto. At least in the view of a somewhat casual observer, there seems to be little difference between Rider and Roberto, both of whom rubber-stamped whatever Kincannon sought, with perhaps a few exceptions here and there. Roberto is an attorney while Rider has flipped houses. It will be interesting to see if their campaigns are merely a race to serve Kincannon's barred-by-law third term or if either of them has an idea of their own. Or it may be a contest between Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

The far left in Knoxville apparently dislikes Kincannon as much as the far right. Astonishingly, the far leftists accuse Kincannon of being "pro-cop," whatever that is supposed to mean. Other leftists complain Kincannon has not resolved the homeless problem because the city hasn't increased taxes enough. Other far leftists moan Kincannon is responsible for having wrecked or bulldozed homeless camps. On the issue of homelessness, Amelia Parker is the champion of the far left. Her own view seems to be to create a "safe space" for them where they can be viewed like a prized herd of bison. The leftists, who cry for "affordable" housing constantly, complain Indya has become a tool of the developers as apartment complexes rise up on practically every street corner, complicating, if not obliterating, traffic patterns and causing a growing problem with traffic congestion. Bridges remained closed to vehicles except for bicycles, which adds to the congestion problem. Existing roadways are populated not only with those riding their bikes but also with those using the scooters on sidewalks, roads, and everywhere else. They lie littered across the landscape, dropped wherever the rider stopped. Planning seems to have gone out the window unless "build it and they will come" is the actual plan. Of course, the philosophy behind it is that people should be walking or taking public transportation. Houses should be torn down and apartment complexes built over them.

Yet to balance needs, Kincannon actually cut back services inasmuch as the Knoxville Police Department is no longer coming to the site of accidents unless someone is injured. Not surprisingly, that causes insurance rates to rise for consumers and encourages some drivers to drive without insurance despite state law requiring it.

If the statistics from the KPD are to be believed, violent crimes are down somewhat while property crimes are higher than the national median. It seems the "cure" offered for the homeless by the big city leftists is to buy hotels to house them, remove camping bans, offer "free" medical care on the street, and order the police to make no arrests for some crimes or drug offenses. They persist in following such silly policies and seem surprised when the result is that streets are less safe, feces and used needles are everywhere, violent crime increases, and public spaces are trashed and unsafe for the people who pay for it all.

Those same leftists complain Indya hasn't done enough as far as "affordable" housing is concerned. Never forget - increasing property taxes, albeit in the name of creating more "affordable" housing, raises both rents and mortgages for working families. Even the billionaire class is not enough to pay for everything they envision as being "free.," (i.e. housing, healthcare, etc.). Of course, the best tax is one from which you receive a great benefit without ever having to pay. The more taxpayers subsidize - - - rents, utilities, food, health care - - - the more the tax burden increases on working families, which is precisely what increasing the property tax has done in Knoxville. Both Roberto and Rider share that same tax-and-spend record as Kincannon, yet quite likely Hawk and Parker would spend even more. Far too many Americans seem not to have realized just what dung heaps some of our great cities have become by electing ideologues instead of competent administrators. California - I'm talking about the state, counties and municipalities - has spent literally billions of dollars to eradicate homelessness and actually seems to have made it worse instead of better. California has pretty much the highest taxes in the country with less to show for it than anywhere else.

It seems almost certain there will be others in our area announcing their candidacy for mayor within the coming weeks, and it promises to be a lively contest that will probably be decided by an embarrassingly small handful of people.

Large housing development approved for Heiskell Road

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It isn't often that the Knox County Commission doesn't side with a member's wishes when it comes to rezoning a property in that person's district. But during last week's zoning session, there was a 6-5 vote to rezone several properties on Heiskell Road in District 7 to permit three dwellings per acre.

The zoning was for several parcels on Heiskell Road and one on Granville Conner Road. The property was dually zoned agricultural and planned residential with five units per acre; the rezoning request was to make it all planned residential with three units per acre. The applicant, Homestead Land Holdings LLC, had the approval from the planning commission for planned residential with three units per acre with certain conditions.

The developer agreed to three units per acre, but District 7 Commissioner Barry Beeler wanted to postpone any decision, noting traffic concerns and poor maintenance on the roads serving the area. He suggested withdrawing the request or permitting two housing units per acre.

The developer responded that the request would be withdrawn if only two per acre passed the vote.

Second District's Courtney Durrett made a motion to permit the three per acre as requested, with some additional restrictions, including a redesign of the interior subdivision roads to slow traffic there. At-large Commissioner Garrett Holt seconded the motion, and Chairwoman Terry Hill told the meeting that if that change fails, there could still be 25 homes built there given the current zoning designation.

Commissioners Beeler, Angela Russell, Adam Thompson, Andy Fox and Justin Cofer voted against the rezoning.

Commissioners discuss county employee raises

A first reading of an ordinance to "require that any increase to the compensation of Knox County Employees be equal to the percentage increase set by the state" is before the Knox County Commission today.

While it appears the ordinance may be discussed, it appears a vote may be delayed until December following some comments on that issue.

District 7 Commissioner Barry Beeler requested a 30-day delay to hold a workshop on the current pay status. He posted his request Wednesday on the online Commissioner Forum.

Chairwoman Terry Hill, a cosponsor of the ordinance with Third District's Brandon Huckaby, replied, "I have no objection to this postponement ... I remain committed to the principle that our Knox County Employees are entitled to the same percentage of pay increase each year (at a minimum) that elected officials receive in Knox County and our entire state."

At-large Commissioner Justin Cofer disagreed with automatic annual increases. He posted on the forum that "guaranteeing automatic annual increases must account for the county's ability to pay."

He also suggested "a safeguard allowing the Commission, by a two-thirds majority vote, to suspend that year's automatic increase during a documented budget crisis, subject to legal review. This would apply only to the increase, without reducing existing salaries."

"During a financial emergency, a mandated increase could force the county to consider layoffs to meet payroll. Temporarily withholding an increase could preserve employees' jobs and protect essential services. The high voting threshold would guard against arbitrary decisions while giving future leaders the flexibility to respond responsibly.

"Our commitment to employees should include protecting their livelihoods when the county faces difficult financial circumstances."

How should commissioners respond to public forum criticism?

The Knox County Commission Rules Committee meets today at 2 p.m. to review, among others, two proposals dealing with public comments and how a commissioner may respond.

District 5 Commissioner Angela Russell, who chairs the committee, wants to allow public comments on specific agenda items only when that subject is discussed during the meeting. She also wants to rearrange the agendas to have the non-controversial agenda items moved to the front of each meeting and the controversial items at the end of each meeting.

District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox is asking the committee to discuss changing the Public Forum rules to "clarify the permissible scope of questions" that commission members and Knox County Staff may be permitted to ask in response to individuals addressing the commission.

Russell and Fox also have proposed changes to proclamations and honorary resolutions.

Courtney Durrett, District 3 commissioner, wants to discuss the review and approval process of changes to the commission rules. She is also suggesting dissolving the Telecom Committee.

Any suggested rule change goes to the full Knox County Commission for approval.

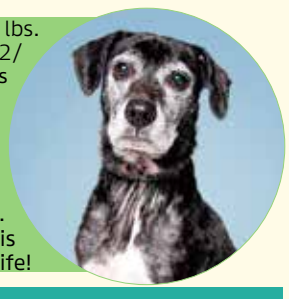
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Rushing or Rambling



By Justin Pratt,
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Lately, God has been dealing with me about something that is both deeply personal and profoundly important: my prayer life. I keep asking myself an uncomfortable question: Am I really spending time with God, or am I simply spending time saying prayers? There is a difference. And I am discovering that the difference matters more than I ever realized.

Like many of you, my life is full. There are responsibilities to fulfill, people to minister to, decisions to make, and demands that compete for my attention. Somewhere in the middle of it all, prayer can subtly shift from being the greatest privilege of my day to becoming another responsibility on my list. If I'm not careful, I find myself doing one of two things: rushing or rambling. Sometimes I rush through prayer because my mind is already occupied with everything waiting for me. Other times, I ramble through prayer because I am supposed to talk to God, but I am just saying words without giving much thought to the One who is listening.

Without a plan, we are prone to get in our own way, either rushing or rambling, to check prayer off our spiritual to-do list. We recite a stream-of-consciousness monologue with our lips but never truly engage with God in our hearts. One of the greatest enemies of a meaningful prayer life isn't necessarily a lack of desire. Sometimes, it is simply a lack of intentionality. We plan our schedules, our vacations, our meetings, and even our meals. Yet we often approach the most important conversation of our day without thinking about how we will spend that time. And when we fail to prepare for prayer, we often settle for whatever is left of our attention.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:6 that when we pray, we should enter into our closet, shut the door, and talk to the Father in secret. I love the intentionality of those words. Enter. Shut the door. Pray. There is something deliberate about stepping away from the noise of life to enter God's presence. The plan does not make our prayers powerful. Prayer is not a formula, and God is not impressed by our schedules, outlines, or eloquence. But a plan can help us protect the moments we might otherwise squander. Structure is not the enemy of spiritual intimacy. Sometimes structure is what protects it.

In a fast-paced world, we must slow down. It's a good idea to begin our prayers with worship before moving to our wants. To confess before asking. Thank God for what He has already done rather than concentrate exclusively on what I need. Intercede intentionally for others and allow my heart to become still before Him. Prayer should be more than presenting God with a list of requests; it's the extraordinary privilege of enjoying fellowship with the One who created us, redeemed us, and invites us to come boldly before His throne. It is amazing to know that the God who holds the universe together invites us into His presence. What a tragedy to have access to the presence of Almighty God and be too distracted to enjoy it.

Perhaps you find yourself where I have found myself. Your prayer life has become predictable, hurried, distracted, or mechanical. You still pray, but somewhere along the way, the conversation has lost its intimacy. Maybe it is time for us to be more intentional. Not because God needs our attention, but because we desperately need His presence. Prayer was never intended to be another box we check. It is a doorway into fellowship with the God we claim to love. So, the next time we bow our heads, may we resist the temptation to rush or ramble. May we slow our minds, engage our hearts, and remember whose presence we have entered. After all, the greatest blessing of prayer is not merely what we receive from God's hand, but the privilege of drawing near to His heart.

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When Dust Shall Sing

By Ken Swiger, Pastor November 2026

Have you ever noticed that the preacher speaks of your loved one being in Heaven during the funeral service; only to change directions and speak of them being resurrected someday when performing the graveside internment ceremony? If mom is already in Heaven, why would she need to be resurrected?

Genesis 2:7 tells us that God breathed life into the man He had formed out of the dust of the ground, and man became a living being. In Genesis 3:19 God pronounces the punishment to sinning mankind and tells them they will return to the dust from whence they were taken. Ecclesiastes 3:20 & 12:7 tell us that we all will return to the dust of the earth.

But wait, the preacher said that mom was singing Holy, Holy on the streets of heaven! We must ask ourselves, does that really align with the truth of scripture?

Psalm 115:17 (NKJV)

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into **silence**.

Yet the Bible clearly teaches that believers will NOT remain in the silence of the dust of the earth. stand on their feet again and sing praises to their Creator. The righteous prophet Job had much to say about the dust of death. He realized that death would not be the end for him. He understood that God is working out a plan for mankind.

Job 19:25-26 (KJV)

25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:
26 **And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

Job 14:14-15 (NKJV)

14 If a man dies, shall he live *again*? All the days of my hard service I will wait, Till my change comes.
15 You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the work of Your hands.

Psalm 30:8-12 (NKJV)

8 I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:
9 "What profit *is there* in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?
10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"
11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
12 **To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.** O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Yes, dear friend, there is a reason to rejoice when we realize that God will not leave us forever silent in the dust of death.

Isaiah 26:19 (NKJV)

19 Your dead shall live; *Together* with my dead body they shall arise. **Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust**; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Yes, indeed, the day is coming when the dead will rise, and dust shall sing!

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New Emerald Youth Music and Ministry Director Darius Hughes leads the Emerald Youth Choir at the 18th annual Emerald Youth Foundation Legacy Dinner last week.

Emerald Youth Foundation Honors Rick Kuhlman at 18th Legacy Dinner

By Jamie Schnell
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The Emerald Youth Foundation held its 18th annual Legacy Dinner at the Knoxville Convention Center on November 9. This year's Legacy Dinner honored Rick Kuhlman. Rick is a 30-year retired Air Force Colonel and currently directs the Knoxville Fellows (a group of young people being developed as the next generation of servant leaders). He has mentored youth for many years through Bible studies, campus ministry, the Boy Scouts, and as an Emerald Youth volunteer.

The guests were welcomed by EYF Coordinator Erica Randolph-Allen, who thanked sponsors - The Care Institute Group Inc., Faith Promise Church, Graham Corporation, SafeSplash Swim School, and Mike and Jama Campbell who additionally present two $5,000 scholarships each year in memory and honor of their late grandson Connor Catlett.

Emerald Chairman Richard Johnson spoke about how the legacy dinner was started to "honor those who make a lasting difference in young people's lives and to raise money to grow the program." He went on to say that "nearly 1,000 people had gathered tonight to fellowship, to honor and worship, to hear testimonies and to learn how Emerald has changed lives and what God has allowed us to do. That's an amazing thing."

1st Class Petty Officer in the Junior ROTC program, Jesus Flores, read the opening scripture and blessed the work of the Emerald Youth Foundation. Dinner was then served while guests enjoyed the music of the Emerald Youth House Band.

Words of praise for the students' success were offered by Emerald Youth leaders Carlissa Weeks, Darius Hughes and Shara Shoup. The Emerald Youth Choir sang "Know Your Name" and "Holy Forever" (a personal favorite of the honoree) with Spanish in the vocals as well, and introduced Darius Hughes, the new Music and Ministry Director.

Following this introduction, they announced two impactful gifts from Jim Haslam: one in honor of his wife, Natalie Haslam, and one in memory of Byron Williamson's mother, Mable Williamson, along with the launch of the new Haslam Williamson Fund to expand this ministry.



Rick Kuhlman was honored at last week's 18th annual Emerald Youth Foundation Legacy Dinner. Kuhlman is passionate about mentoring young people, including through Bible studies, campus ministry, the Boy Scouts and as a volunteer with Emerald Youth Foundation.

Emerald Youth President & CEO Steve Diggs spoke about "unwavering commitment," using scripture from Psalm 22 and 23 to stay encouraged, and Shantary Inniss, who also paid tribute to Reverend Bob Bean, the founding pastor of Emerald Youth Foundation, and his family, who were in attendance.

A tribute video was then shown, which included a number of heartfelt messages of thanks from those who have been inspired by Kuhlman, plus additional heartfelt words from his family. Jon Lawler introduced honoree Rick Kuhlman as "a man who

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Applications being accepted for new junior commission

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Knox County has a unique three-month program for selected high school juniors and seniors. The "Junior Commission" program started in 2022 and was created by former At-large Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay. He was joined in the effort by District 2 Commissioner Courtney Durrett.

Any student in a public, private or accredited home-education program may apply.

The junior commission, now in its fifth year, immerses its eleven members in commission meetings, committee and zoning sessions, a variety of field trips and public events and culminates with a mock commission meeting at the end of their training. Last year, the students toured a television station and, while there, attended a "meet the press" session with local reporters suggested by The Knoxville Focus.

Applications are now open for students, and the eleven commission members will each nominate one student. This year, Durrett and At-large Commissioner Garrett Holt are overseeing the program.

"The program gives high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn about local government, participate in Commission activities, and gain firsthand experience in civic leadership," said Holt.

"The Junior Commission program is a fantastic way to engage our youth and help them gain a better understanding of local government. It's a great opportunity for students to learn about service and leadership in our community and better understand why local government matters in their everyday lives," Jay told The Focus.

Students can learn more and apply at www.knoxcounty.org/junior-commission. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17.

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The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is collecting most-needed items for older adults in our community. Rising housing costs, rent increases and circumstances beyond their control are forcing many older adults out of the homes they have lived in for years. 40% of these gift bags will support adults age 60 and older who are now living in their vehicles. Please consider donating items from the list below:

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Please drop off donations by Tuesday, December 1, 2026.





Aggravated



By Joe Rector
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As an old person, I don't much feel comfortable in this present world. Whether it's a cultural problem or technological problem or a language change, I don't understand the Whats and Whys of things. I have no intention of spending much of the time that I have left trying to learn new things that will probably change again in a year or two. What I do know is that these new things drive me crazy.

My computer is one thing. I turned it on to write this column, but Word and Outlook wouldn't work. For the last hour, I've sat here and tried to figure out what to do. I even read material that I googled, but the tabs that I should push don't appear. Instructions should be easier for those of us who are used to plain English without terms and abbreviations scattered through the information. Yes, I failed typing in high school because I cut too many classes, but right now, I'd love to go back to typewriters and mail.

The same thing goes for my phone. Amy and I had to update our phones not long ago. I now have an iPhone 17, but I have no idea what all the features are, nor do I care about them. Yes, it's nice to have the protection of a phone when I'm out working. Being able to snap a photo of something special is also nice. I even like receiving a message from family and friends. However, I don't need any of these handy features in my life. I would just as soon make a call on a phone hanging on the kitchen wall or take a photo with a camera I bought when I took photos for news stories I covered. So many times, my fingers have hit wrong buttons, and the number, information, or calendar date disappeared. Not once did I ever "butt dial" anyone with the old phones. Telemarketers never bothered me during the day when I didn't have a phone in my pocket.

My 2024 Pathfinder has many wonderful features. Today, I typed in an address to travel to a new doctor's office. As soon as I backed out of the driveway, the instructions came flooding in, given by a female voice. The problem was that I took an alternate route that was quicker. All I needed to know was when I arrived at the street address of the office. I never received an alert, so for an hour I drove around in circles. Luckily, I always arrive early for appointments and did so this time. Sometimes the music on my phone plays; sometimes nothing plays. In the dark, I have to turn on an interior light instead of relying on a dome light.

All in all, I'm a simple person who likes to keep things as simple as possible. Adventure isn't part of my makeup. I enjoy new things in this world. My joy would be greater if using them were simplified. Give an old man a break and dumb things down for me.

Emerald Youth Foundation

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lifts others up and who has invested so much in the next generation" as two students presented Rick with the Legacy Award. Kuhlman paid tribute to the students who are no longer with us and shared stories of his time as a mentor, emphasizing unity in spirit with the saying, "Two are better than one."

The evening concluded with an opportunity to give, led by Chair Dr. Keith Gray. As they left, each guest received an Emerald Youth mug—a small keepsake from a night devoted to service and generosity. With Rick Kuhlman's example before them and a new generation of leaders ready to rise, the guests carried the evening's purpose beyond the Convention Center: helping Knoxville's young people discover their gifts, grow in confidence, and shape a brighter future for their community.

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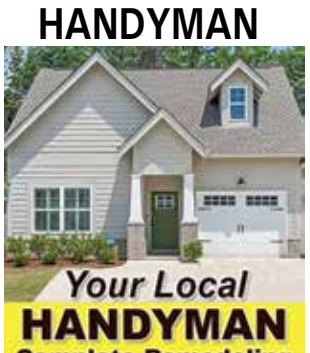
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The Gentleman From Maryland
Millard E. Tydings

Pages from the Past



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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Millard Tydings with his wife, Eleanor Davies Tydings, circa, 1940.

For decades, Millard Tydings was one of the most widely known members of the United States Senate and a powerful voice in and for Maryland. Lean with a cultivated aristocratic bearing despite having been born to modest circumstances, Millard Tydings was frequently a force to be reckoned with in Maryland politics. A genuine hero of the First World War, Tydings had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism. As a veteran, Tydings could become both equally eloquent and angry upon occasion, as he did when the Senate was considering the manpower problem as the Second World War was grinding to a halt.

"Think of the men standing on the battlefronts in the dark," Tydings cried from the Senate floor, "learning that back home the great Congress of the U.S. has said that the people at home are doing a good enough job, nobody is to be bothered, a man can loaf if he wants to and there will be no penalty ... I think we are cowardly in this Congress, when we read that up to this time 1,000,000 men have been killed, wounded or are missing, and permit unlawful strikes to take place. . ."

After returning home from the First World War, Tydings began eyeing a seat in Congress. Albert A. Blakeney had first been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1900. Apparently, he cared little for the experience and did not seek reelection in 1902, preferring to return to his business pursuits. Blakeney ran for the House once again 20 years after having first been elected. Blakeney beat incumbent Democrat Carville Benson as 1920 turned out to be a banner year for GOP candidates across the nation while Republican presidential nominee Warren G. Harding piled up better than 60% of the ballots cast as Democratic presidential nominee James Cox won just barely 34% of the vote. Harding also handily won Maryland, and Blakeney returned to the House of Representatives. Millard Tydings easily won the Democratic nomination and faced Congressman Blakeney in the 1922 general election. Tydings beat Congressman Blakeney decisively, carrying two of the three counties comprising the Second Congressional District of Maryland, including populous Baltimore County. Congressman Tydings won reelection in 1924, and he began to consider higher office, coveting the Senate seat occupied by Republican Ovington E. Weller, who had been elected in the Republican tidal wave of 1920.

Senator Weller was one of the most powerful leaders of the GOP in Maryland, although the Free State was ordinarily Democratic in its voting habits. In the mid-term election, Congressman Tydings beat Senator Weller by more than 54,000 votes, garnering just over 57% of the ballots cast.

Millard Tydings proved to be a political powerhouse in Maryland and was reelected in 1932 with better than 66% of the vote over his GOP opponent, with Franklin D. Roosevelt at the top of the ticket. In the Senate, Tydings was a more conservative Democrat. Principled and opinionated, Tydings was no mere New Deal rubber stamp. Tydings was the most ardent and vocal advocate for giving the Philippines its freedom. Tydings also introduced a resolution in the U.S. Senate which explicitly condemned Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime in Germany for its persecution of Jews. The resolution called for President Roosevelt to inform the Nazi dictator that the Senate and the American people were deeply upset by Germany's antisemitic laws and ill treatment of Jews.

Outside of Franklin Roosevelt, perhaps the biggest feud Senator Tydings faced during his time in public office was that involving Drew Pearson, the muckraking national news columnist who never allowed the truth to get in the way of a good story. Pearson's father, Paul, a Republican, had been appointed governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and had been removed. Tydings had been critical of Paul Pearson's administration, which won him the lasting hatred of the governor's son. Drew Pearson never missed an opportunity to disparage Tydings in print and otherwise demean, diminish and demoralize the senior senator from Maryland.

If Senator Tydings was cautious in his approach to supporting much of Roosevelt's New Deal, he certainly enjoyed his role as the chief dispenser of federal jobs in the Free State. Tydings had close ties with his senatorial colleague George L. Radcliffe, who had been elected in 1934 to replace Republican Senator Phillips Lee Goldsborough. Senator Tydings was one of the more vociferous Democrats inside the Senate in his fervent opposition to FDR's proposal to increase the size of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Roosevelt was profoundly stung by his failure to get his way in packing the Supreme Court, and it rankled and quickly festered. FDR famously decided to reshape his own Democratic Party by driving out those he deemed too "conservative," who also coincidentally happened to be the most independent senators who were Democrats. Millard Tydings became a prime target for Roosevelt's infamous political purge in the 1938 election. Roosevelt nudged the 69-year-old elfin Congressman David J. Lewis to challenge Tydings inside the primary.

The 1938 senatorial primary in Maryland drew national attention due to President Roosevelt's keen desire to beat Senator Tydings. The most widely read news magazine in the world, TIME, reported that the contest between the "well-to-do Tydings" and the "homespun little David John Lewis" was giving Democrats something to talk about, almost on the hour. TIME detailed the pamphlet titled "The Life and Times of Milord Tydings," which featured a photograph of the senator's majestic estate on the Chesapeake Bay where "Washington clubs and hotels buy 1,000 hens' eggs a day." The house was depicted as "a feudal manor" and his in-laws as the closest thing to royalty in the country. A bachelor for much of his life, Tydings had married Eleanor Davies in 1935. Eleanor was the daughter of Joseph E. Davies, a well-connected Washington, D.C., attorney and later America's ambassador to the Soviet Union. Her mother, the fabulously wealthy Marjorie Merriweather Post, was the builder and original owner of Mar-a-Lago. Eleanor Davies, a divorcee, was a beauty, and the senator adopted her two children, Joseph and Eleanor. The couple remained married for the rest of Tydings' life.

The news magazine reported that two federal officials had been cited by a Senate investigating committee for having violated federal laws by campaigning on behalf of Congressman Lewis. Collector of Internal Revenue H. Hampton Magruder in Baltimore and Maude Toulson, the postmistress at Salisbury, which was Congressman Lewis' hometown, had been identified as having been campaigning on behalf of Lewis.

Much of Maryland's political establishment rallied to Tydings rather than Roosevelt, especially those not on the federal payroll. Tydings' colleague George Radcliffe became the manager of his campaign.

Along with the federal employees, who had almost certainly been spurred to ever greater effort by the Roosevelt administration, TIME revealed Secretary of the Interior and administrator of the Public Works Administration Harold Ickes had followed a directive issued by FDR to provide "prompt attention" and "right of way" to the two new PWA-constructed bridges designated for Maryland.

The news magazine also noted the drawing done by Jerry Doyle, resident cartoonist for the Philadelphia Record, which lampooned Senator Tydings, claiming he had supported the "bone and sinew" of New Deal legislation. TIME declared the primary between Tydings and Lewis was "a specific judgment by Maryland on the past, present and future of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal." Election Day brought out a heavy vote, which TIME chortled Millard Tydings had been "unpurged by a ratio of 3 to 1."

Senator Tydings once again won reelection to the Senate in 1944 with better than 60% of the vote. His personality caused the senator to be perceived as aloof and arrogant, never a good thing for a politician who had to seek votes to remain in office.

In 1949, Tydings challenged the venerable Kenneth McKellar to become president pro tempore of the Senate inside the Democratic caucus. The peppery McKellar had served for a decade inside the Senate by the time Tydings arrived, but was at the time 80 years old. McKellar won the contest by two votes.

Congressional investigations have long been able to propel some congressmen and senators to greater glory and higher office. They have also consigned some congressmen and senators to private life. As Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin demagogued his way across the political stage, recklessly slinging accusations and charges without bothering to investigate whether or not they were true, the Senate formed the Tydings Committee, which became thoroughly entangled in McCarthy's relentless propaganda machine. There were indeed Soviet spies, Communist spies, in high or mid-level government offices, but McCarthy's recklessness impeded rather than helped to root them out. Tydings, believed to be politically invulnerable by his colleagues, was thought to be able to keep McCarthy well in hand. When Tydings and his committee pressed McCarthy for details, the Wisconsin senator bleated, "Get the files. If you do, you will find every word I have said is the truth." Of course, McCarthy also knew it was unlikely that President Truman would allow the State Department to release its own files. Truman did refuse, pointing out that releasing the files would likely unnecessarily ruin the reputations and lives of some who would later be exonerated.

McCarthy milked it for all the considerable publicity it was worth. Well before he had even glimpsed what was in the files turned over to the Tydings Committee by the State Department, he screamed the files had been "raped." Senator Tydings made a mistake when he announced the files had been checked by the FBI. McCarthy promptly displayed a letter received from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover which contradicted Tydings, noting the FBI had not gone through or checked the files. Tydings was placed in the embarrassing position of asking the FBI to come to Capitol Hill and check the papers in person. That gave McCarthy the opportunity to bellow that any incriminating evidence had long since disappeared.

Americans were profoundly disturbed by the specter of Communism and Communist agents working to subvert their country. By 1950, the "Red menace" had become a viable issue in election campaigns. That year, candidates seen as "soft" or unconcerned about the menace to the American way of life by Communists and their fellow travelers suffered at the polls. Helen Gahagan Douglas, a congresswoman who was running as the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in California, lost to Congressman Richard Nixon, who had dubbed her "the Pink Lady." Senator Claude Pepper was denounced by his opponent, Congressman George Smathers, for having urged closer ties with the Soviet Union. Smathers damned the senator as the "Red Pepper."

Senator Millard Tydings faced little-known Baltimore attorney John Marshall Butler, who certainly looked like the stereotypical notion of a senator. Butler's campaign received continuous assistance from Joe McCarthy and his minions. A "composite" photograph, meaning two separate photographs put together as one, was published in a tabloid form showing Earl Browder, leader of the American Communist Party, with Senator Millard Tydings, who appeared to be listening raptly. Butler beat Tydings by more than 43,000 ballots.

Tydings sought to repair his damaged reputation by challenging Butler's election, which was unsuccessful, and settled into a lucrative law practice with his father-in-law. Tydings never got over his defeat and sought vindication by running once again in 1956. Tydings campaigned hard and beat George P. Mahoney in the Democratic primary by 7,992 votes along with three minor candidates. It was the last hurrah for Tydings, who would be forced to surrender the Democratic nomination because of a serious illness that debilitated him so much that he could no longer work.

The former senator's wife waged an abbreviated campaign to win the nomination but lost to Mahoney, who once again lost the general election to a Republican. Tydings settled into a comfortable life at his estate where he remained retired.

Millard Tydings died peacefully in his sleep at his home, "Oakington," near Havre de Grace on February 6, 1961. Tydings was 70 years old.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Knoxville City County Building located at 400 West Main Street in Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, Cherokee at Westcliff Homeowners Association (the "Association") will sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six (6) months, in bar of any right of redemption, the following described property, which is located in Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 49th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Unit 6305, Cherokee Condominium at Westcliff, as shown on the Master Deed of Record in Deed Book 1845, Page 831 and Amended in Deed Book 2161, Page 373, both in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, together with the undivided percentage interest in the common elements appurtenant to said units, as set forth in Exhibit A-1 of said Master Deed. Reference is hereby made to plat of Cherokee Condominiums at Westcliff as set forth in Exhibit A-2 of said Master Deed for a more complete identification and description of said units.

Being the same property conveyed to **Barbara W. Ross and David R. Norwood** by Warranty Deed dated October 25, 2017, as Instrument Number 201711010027492 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above-described property is: **5709 Lyons View Pike, #6305, Knoxville, TN 37919.**

This sale is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, 35-5-101, et seq., and as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered against Defendant, Barbara W. Ross (the "Defendant") in the following case before the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: Cherokee at Westcliff Homeowners Association v. Barbara W. Ross et al., Docket No. C-25-236025. Said Default Judgment and Order of Sale was duly recorded as Instrument No. 202608280014352 with the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

The sale of the described tract of property will be conducted subject to any unpaid real property taxes and to any other rights, restrictions, reservations, conditions, charges, easements, liens, and encumbrances of whatsoever nature having statutory or lien priority with respect to the claims of the Association. All proceeds of each said sale shall be applied as directed by the Default Judgment and Order of Sale identified above.

The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States relating to the described tract of property required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35-5-104. The Association and the above-named Defendant have an interest in the described property. Other **interested parties:** Rocket Mortgage, LLC.

Except as otherwise provided in the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale, the sale will be made to the highest and best bidder in bar of any right of redemption in favor of the Defendant or the Defendant's creditors, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 21-1-803 and 66-8-101, for a ten percent (10%) down payment at the close of bidding, and the balance evidenced by a Promissory Note of the purchaser, due and payable six (6) months after the confirmation of said sale, bearing interest at the legal rate from the confirmation date until paid in full. The form of the Promissory Note may be inspected on the date of the sale immediately prior to the sale. The Association may submit a credit bid for the property being sold as set forth in the Order of Sale.

The title to be conveyed at such sale shall be only such title which the Association may convey pursuant to the terms of the identified Default Judgment and Order of Sale or at law or in equity, with no further representations or warranties of any nature whatsoever. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain without further publication and in accordance with applicable law upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place set forth above. In the event the high bidder at any sale shall fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Association shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or re-advertising and selling the property at a second sale.

CHEROKEE AT WESTCLIFF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
By: /s/ Kevin C. Stevens
Kevin C. Stevens
P.O. Box 442
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901
(865) 546-7311

This notice will run for two (2) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates November 9 and November 16, 2026 and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www.foreclosurestn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning November 9, 2026.

KNOX COUNTY CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

ELIZABETH JOY ALLEN, Petitioner
v.
LUKE McCORMICK MORRISH, Respondent
No. 212827-2

LOCATION: SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 4R1 of the W. B. Varner Addition Re-Subdivision of Lot 4, as shown by map as Instrument No. 202402070037937, in the Knox County Register's Office, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to LUKE MCCORMICK MORRISH, unmarried, and ELIZABETH JOY ALLEN, unmarried, as tenants in common with right of survivorship, by Warranty Deed from Angela Cordoni and husband, Bret Maser, dated June 21, 2024, and recorded as Instrument No. 202406240064788, in the Knox County Register's Office.

PARCEL: This parcel is commonly known as 4721 Brown Gap Road, Knoxville, TN 37918 and bears CLT #039-045

The sale is being conducted by the Clerk and Master for the Knox County Chancery Court on behalf of the Knox County Chancery Court pursuant to the Order entered July 23, 2026, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, December 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be cash and the parties hereto may not credit bid. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid. The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an advanced bid and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555.

Houston S. Havasy, Esq.,
Clerk and Master

This notice will run for three (3) weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper, run dates November 16, 23 and 30, 2026 and will be posted online at www.knoxfocus.com, www.tnpublicnotice.com and www.foreclosurestn.com for a minimum 20 continuous days beginning November 16, 2026.

KNOX COUNTY FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

DR. NEERA UPPAL, PLAINTIFF
v.
DR. ROHIT UPPAL, DEFENDANT
No. F-24-159500

LOCATION: SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 55, Final Plat for Solomon Place, Unit 2, as shown on the plat of the same recorded as Instrument No. 200307210008220, in the Knox County Register's Office, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Said premises being improved with a dwelling either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid. The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an advanced bid and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

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KNOX COUNTY PROBATE COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF HILDA MAXINE SANDS, Deceased.
No. 85888-3

NAMES OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN ALL PARCELS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED: Shirley Cruze, Personal Representative of the Estate of Hilda Maxine Sands; Tommy Joe Sands, Jr.; Clarence M. Sands; Katy Cruze (a/k/a Shirley Cruze); Wade Boswell, Trustee, securing American General Finance, Inc.; GC McSwain, Trustee, securing Associates Financial Services Company (Parcel 2 below only); known and unknown heirs of Wanda Grace Hillard, deceased; and known and unknown heirs of Tommy Joe Sands, III, deceased.

LOCATIONS:

TRACT I: SITUATED in District No. Seven of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 32nd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Loveland Heights Addition, as shown upon the map of same recorded in Map Book 8, page 69, in the Knox County Register's Office, said lots lying adjacent, forming one boundary, having a combined frontage of 50 feet on the easterly side of Roosevelt Road and extending back in an easterly direction between parallel lines 120 feet.

BEING the same property conveyed to Tommy Joe Sands, Jr., Clarence M. Sands and Katy Cruze a/k/a Shirley Cruze by Quitclaim Deed from Shirley Cruze, Personal Representative of the Estate of Hilda Maxine Sands, dated October 26, 2022, and recorded as Instrument No. 202210310026121, in the Knox County Register's Office.

TRACT II: SITUATED in District No. 7, formerly 2, of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 32nd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lots 3 and 4, Block 2, Loveland Heights Addition, as shown upon the map of same recorded in Map Book 8, page 69, in the Knox County Register's Office, said lots having a frontage of 50 feet on Roosevelt Road and extend back between parallel lines 120 feet.

BEING the same property conveyed to Tommy Joe Sands, Jr., Clarence M. Sands and Katy Cruze a/k/a Shirley Cruze by Quitclaim Deed from Shirley Cruze, Personal Representative of the Estate of Hilda Maxine Sands, dated October 26, 2022, and recorded as Instrument No. 202210310026122, in the Knox County Register's Office.

TRACT III: SITUATED in District No. 7 of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 32nd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Loveland Heights Addition, as shown upon the map of same recorded in Map Book 8, page 69, in the Knox County Register's Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Tommy Joe Sands, Jr., Clarence M. Sands and Katy Cruze a/k/a Shirley Cruze by Quitclaim Deed from Shirley Cruze, Personal Representative of the Estate of Hilda Maxine Sands, dated October 26, 2022, and recorded as Instrument No. 202210310026123, in the Knox County Register's Office.

PARCEL: These parcel(s) commonly known as 1516, 1520 and 1524 Roosevelt Road, Knoxville, TN 37914, and bears CLT numbers: Tract 1 - 071AG-013, Tract II - 071AG-012, and Tract III - #071AG-011

Sale(s) pursuant to the Order entered January 26, 2023, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, December 11, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid. The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an advanced bid and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555.

Houston S. Havasy, Esq.,
Clerk and Master

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KNOX COUNTY CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

SHIRLEY MURRELL, Petitioner
v.
KATHERYN D. ZECHMAN, Respondent
No. 197384-1

LOCATION: SITUATED in District Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 26th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 174, City Homes Subdivision of N.T. James Property Unit Four, as shown on the map of the same of record in Cabinet B, Slide 84B (Map Book 14, page 135), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more fully described as follows.

SUBJECT to a Declaration of Restrictions of record in Deed Book 669, page 386, an Electric Distribution Line Easement granted the City of Knoxville, of record in Deed Book 669, page 474, and Deed Book 669, page 477, and to a 10 Foot easement for utilities along rear lot line.

BEING the same property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed from Shirley Murrell, unmarried, to Shirley Murrell, unmarried and Katheryn D. Zechman, unmarried, as Tenants in Common with Right of Survivorship, dated July 10, 2009, of record as Instrument No. 200907200005187, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS conveyance is made subject to all matters shown by the map of the same of record in Cabinet B, Slide 84B (Map Book 14, page 135).

PARCEL: This parcel is commonly known as 1943 McClung Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920 and bears CLT No. 109CG-013

The sale is being conducted by the Clerk and Master for the Knox County Chancery Court on behalf of the Knox County Chancery Court pursuant to the Order entered January 16, 2026, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: Friday, December 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

TERMS: The sale will be cash and the parties hereto may not credit bid. The purchaser may either (i) pay the entire purchase price at the time of sale or (ii) pay 10% of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a note for the balance, without interest, to be paid in full within 30 days from the sale date. As security for the note, a Knox County resident must sign the note as surety and the Clerk and Master will retain a lien on the real property until the note is satisfied. All funds must be paid by check drawn from a bank where the Clerk and Master can independently verify funds are available. If the person bidding is an agent of another person or entity, the person bidding must present sufficient evidence to the Clerk and Master, at the time of the sale, to establish his or her authority to bid. The Clerk and Master is further authorized to accept an advanced bid and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555

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Clerk and Master

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COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III

IN RE: MINOR CHILD, C.G., DOB 09/07/2022

BY: MADISON DUNN, Petitioner
vs.
JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, Respondent

NO. CE-33643

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition which is sworn to, that the Respondent JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III. It is therefore ORDERED that said defendant, JAMES THOMAS GREEN, III, file an Answer in the Circuit Court for Blount County, at Maryville, Tennessee, and with Plaintiff's Attorney, William Gribble, whose address is 550 E. Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing Ex-Parte as to Respondent.

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

This 4 day of September, 2026.

Stephen S. Ogle
Clerk and Master

Cherie Branagin
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM

IN RE: VERNELL MICHELLE GILBERT, Plaintiff
v.
DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, Defendant

DOCKET NO. 212925-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed that the defendant, DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, 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 DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, defendant, it is ordered that said defendant, DERRICK ORLANDO CUNNINGHAM, file an answer in your defense to the Complaint with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with John D. Haines, Velo Legal Group, an Attorney whose address is 109 S. Northshore Dr., Suite 401, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice, or a judgement of default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This the 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Honorable Richard B. Armstrong, Jr.
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CAYLA HAHN

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN FAYE HAHN
DOCKET NO. 92294-1

BY: SAMANTHA D. HICKLE, Petitioner
v.
CAYLA HAHN, Respondent

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

In this Cause, it appearing from the Petition to Sell Real Estate filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, CAYLA HAHN, 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 CAYLA HAHN it is ordered that said Respondent, CAYLA HAHN, file an

answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with MELISSA WORTLEY LAWING, an Attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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

This the 21st day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, DECEASED

IN RE: IRA RICHARD GLADSON, JASON HAMMOND, ANDREW HAMMOND, and SEAN ROTH, Plaintiffs
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, DECEASED, Defendants

DOCKET NO. 213562-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint file, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, 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 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, DECEASED, described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant(s), THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, DECEASED, if living, and if deceased, her unknowns heirs, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LULA H. CALHOUN, DECEASED, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Sarah R. Johnson, Esq., an Attorney whose address is 11907 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this Notice, or a Judgment by Default 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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

Honorable Christopher D. Heagerty
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ADULT
DOCKET # 212951-2
KAFELE A FOSTER, Petitioner

This cause came before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr., of the Knox County Chancery Court upon the Petition to Change Name of Adult, filed by KAFELE A FOSTER. Petitioner has shown by clear and convincing evidence recited in the Petition to Change Name of Adult that Petitioner is otherwise eligible for a name change.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the court that the name KAFELE A FOSTER shall be changed to kafele a foster el and hereafter KAFELE A FOSTER shall be known and designated, able to sue and be sued, and use such name, kafele a foster el, for all lawful purposes.

Entered this the 27th day of APRIL, 2026.

J. Scott Griswold
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID CRAIG ALLEMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 93198-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2026, letters of testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID CRAIG ALLEMAN, who died September 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 27th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID CRAIG ALLEMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TANYA DEE COKER
7819 CHILLINGSWORTH LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

ANDREW J. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY
5344 NORTH BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBECCA C. ANDERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 93150-1

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

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

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

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

This the 26 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF REBECCA C. ANDERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DANIEL GEORGE ANDERSON, JR., EXECUTOR
5105 SALEM CHURCH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TED MICHAEL BOLENBAUGH
DOCKET NUMBER 93264-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of TED MICHAEL BOLENBAUGH, who died April 21, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); 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 OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF TED MICHAEL BOLENBAUGH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TANYA SUE USKURS
4139 S. BRADCLIFF AVE.
MERIDIAN, ID 83642

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LYNN MARIE LAROCK BROUSSARD
DOCKET NUMBER 93271-3

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

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

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

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

This the 27th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF LYNN MARIE LAROCK BROUSSARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELIQUE NICOLE FALLER
2126 CHAS WAY BLVD.
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

ELIZABETH MAXEY LONG, ATTORNEY
232 GILL STREET
ALCOA, TN 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLEY WARREN BURGIN
DOCKET NUMBER 93258-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KELLEY WARREN BURGIN, who died August 15, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by 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 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF KELLEY WARREN BURGIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHANNA D. JUSTUS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN DOUCETTE
DOCKET NUMBER 93255-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of October, 2026, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL ANN DOUCETTE, who died August 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN DOUCETTE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MECHELLE YVONNE DOUCETTE
6201 LILYWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

S. DAVID LIPSEY, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CATHERINE J. ELLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 93104-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of October, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CATHERINE J. ELLIS, who died August 14, 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 28th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE J. ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM PAUL JOHNSON
60 HARLEQUIN CV
SUMTER, SC 29150

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MIKI E. GOLDEN, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 93102-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MIKI E. GOLDEN, SR., who died August 25, 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 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF MIKI E. GOLDEN, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA MICHELE DIGREGORIO
104 COLONY RD.
TAYLORS, SC 29687

RAMEEN NASROLLAHI, ATTORNEY
920 VOLUNTEER LANDING, STE. 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DARRELL THOMAS JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 93237-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DARRELL THOMAS JOHNSON, who died September 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DARRELL THOMAS JOHNSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DIANNA L. JOHNSON
305 MAPLE LOOP ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

EVAN M. NEWMAN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 6
RUTLEDGE, TN 37861

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA STEELE KECK
DOCKET NUMBER 93273-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of October, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DONNA STEELE KECK, who died May 7, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONNA STEELE KECK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNE DOCKINS
JAKE CONDRY
CHONDA CONDRY
RICHARD KECK

AMY K. BOSS, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 6197
OAK RIDGE, TN 37831

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAYE MARIE MATHIS
DOCKET NUMBER 93087-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAYE MARIE MATHIS, who died March 30, 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF GAYE MARIE MATHIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANGELA WINN BOLES, EXECUTOR
6016 WHISPER RIDGE LN.
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VERDA C. MCFARLAND
DOCKET NUMBER 93244-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2026, Letters of Administration with Will Annexed (C.T.A.) in respect of the Estate of VERDA C. MCFARLAND, who died October 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 27th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF VERDA C. MCFARLAND

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STUART I. CASSELL, ADMINISTRATOR C.T.A.
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENN LEE MITCHELL, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 93021-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of October, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLEN LEE MITCHELL, SR., who died August 1, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF GLENN LEE MITCHELL, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLENN L. MITCHELL, JR., ADMINISTRATOR
7600 TEMPLE ACRES DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVA JO OGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 93230-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVA JO OGLE, who died on September 12, 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 OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF EVA JO OGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA GRACE WHITESTONE
9905 CARRINGTON DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

REBECCA D. ABBOTT, ATTORNEY
118 HUXLEY RD., SUITE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE JANET OGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 93256-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTINE JANET OGLE, who died August 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 26 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINE JANET OGLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KATHERINE OGLE HOPPENRATH
1029 HAYSLOPE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

M. CATHERINE WARMBROD, ATTORNEY
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOEL L. PRINCE
DOCKET NUMBER 93280-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOEL L. PRINCE, who died September 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOEL L. PRINCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES HOPKINS
1540 MOUNTAIN HILL LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

LEE A. POPKIN, ATTORNEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DR., STE. S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HULDAH SUE ROMINES-WATKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 92811-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HULDAH SUE ROMINES-WATKINS, who died on June 17, 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 22nd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF HULDAH SUE ROMINES-WATKINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE
ATTN: LEIGHANNE COVINGTON,
VICE PRESIDENT
515 MARKET ST., SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

GLEN A. KYLE, ATTORNEY
4931 HOMBERG DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY CLARENCE SCHEAN
DOCKET NUMBER 93214-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 2026, letters administration (or letters of testamentary as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JERRY CLARENCE SCHEAN, who died August 4, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JERRY CLARENCE SCHEAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKI MCREYNOLDS
JOHNNY LEE NIPPER

W. MICHAEL BAISLEY
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DR., STE. S-700
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DAVID SCHMIDT
DOCKET NUMBER 93261-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DAVID SCHMIDT, who died August 30, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DAVID SCHMIDT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT F. SCHMIDT
2445 OLDE BRIDGE LANE
LEXINGTON, KY 40513

MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY
550 W. MAIN ST., FOURTH FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA JENNICE SHAVER
DOCKET NUMBER 93185-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of October, 2026, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA JENNICE SHAVER, who died July 12, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, 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 OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF SANDRA JENNICE SHAVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLI D. BAILEY
9425 JIM LOY DR.
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE WATSON SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 93132-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of October, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANNE WATSON SMITH, who died August 21, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF ANNE WATSON SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOSHUA MICHAEL SMITH,
ADMINISTRATOR
217 HARBOR RIDGE
CANTON, GA 30114

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY NELLE THOMAS
DOCKET NUMBER 93007-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NELLE THOMAS, who died July 6, 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 23rd day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY NELLE THOMAS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT W. THOMAS
6815 STONE MILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. WALDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 93270-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of October, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA L. WALDEN, who died April 29, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. WALDEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN W. SHUBERT
7204 AUTUMN CROSSING WAY
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

MICHAEL H. MEARES, ATTORNEY
307 COLLEGE STREET
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL WISE
DOCKET NUMBER 93000-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL WISE, who died August 10, 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 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL WISE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRED LEE BALL
10341 RED WATER LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WENDY IRENE BAILEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93259-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2026, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of WENDY IRENE BAILEY, who died August 29, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WENDY IRENE BAILEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID KELLY BINKLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93301-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID KELLY BINKLEY, who died on August 29, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DAVID KELLY BINKLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN BINKLEY, EXECUTRIX
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JOHN M. LAWHORN, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN PHILIP BRADFUTE
DOCKET NUMBER 93313-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2026, Letters Testamentary with respect to the Estate of JOHN PHILIP BRADFUTE, who died September 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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN PHILIP BRADFUTE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
QUINNE BRADFUTE BRYANT

W. ALLEN MCDONALD, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY DEAN FISCHER
DOCKET NUMBER 93324-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of November, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY DEAN FISCHER, who died September 29, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF NANCY DEAN FISCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MACON, GA 37865

GEORGE R. ARRANTS, ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA GAIL GREEN
DOCKET NUMBER 93038-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA GAIL GREEN, who died August 10, 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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRENDA GAIL GREEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAREN E. GOINS, EXECUTRIX
2316 POETS LANE
ALGONQUIN, IL 60102

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BRIAN LAMB
DOCKET NUMBER 93267-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM BRIAN LAMB, who died September 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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM BRIAN LAMB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SOFIA LAMB, CO-ADMNISTRATRIX
3812 TERRACE VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

AVA LAMB, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
3812 TERRACE VIEW DRIVE
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Can You Be Sued for Leaving a Bad Online Review?

By Jedidiah McKeehan
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You have a terrible experience with a business, so you pull out your phone and leave a one-star review. A few days later, the business threatens to sue you for defamation unless you delete it. Can someone really sue you over a Google, Facebook, or Yelp review?

Yes. Anyone can file a lawsuit. Whether the business can win is a very different question. A defamation claim generally requires a false statement of fact that was published to someone else and damaged a person's or business's reputation.

A substantially true statement is generally protected. An honest opinion based on disclosed facts is also much safer than a factual accusation you cannot prove. Saying, "I waited ninety minutes after my scheduled appointment," describes an event. Saying, "This business steals from every customer," accuses the business of criminal conduct and may be difficult to defend without real evidence.

Simply adding the words "in my opinion" does not create a magic shield. "In my opinion, the owner committed fraud" still sounds like a factual claim that fraud occurred. Reviews are safest when they stick to your own experience, use accurate dates and amounts, avoid unnecessary exaggeration, and preserve receipts, photographs, messages, and other support.

Tennessee also has the Tennessee Public Participation Act, a law designed to allow the early dismissal of weak lawsuits targeting protected speech on matters of public concern. The statute specifically includes speech about goods, products, and services in the marketplace. If a lawsuit is dismissed under the Act, the court must award the successful party reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

In 2024, the Tennessee Supreme Court applied that law in Charles v. McQueen, a case involving a critical Google review connected to a residential development dispute. The Court dismissed the defamation and false-light claims because the person suing was a limited-purpose public figure and had not shown that the reviewer acted with actual malice.

That does not mean every harsh review is protected or that defending a lawsuit will be painless. Before posting, take out the insults, check every factual statement, and say exactly what happened. A calm, specific review is usually more credible to readers and much easier to defend in court.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF F. RODNEY LAWLER
DOCKET NUMBER 93308-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of F. RODNEY LAWLER, who died September 19, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF F. RODNEY LAWLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JON R. LAWLER
1504 KENESAW AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

RANDALL L. GIBSON
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE MCCURRY
DOCKET NUMBER 93266-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL WAYNE MCCURRY, who died May 5, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the 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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE MCCURRY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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1150 DUNCAN ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN 37772

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265 BROOKVIEW CENTRE WAY, SUITE 604
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES MIRANDA
DOCKET NUMBER 93288-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY FRANCES MIRANDA, who died September 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 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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES MIRANDA

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLE WILSON, EXECUTRIX
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

GLENNA W. OVERTON-CLARK, ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM HUGH NICELEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93294-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM HUGH NICELEY, who died October 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 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM HUGH NICELEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JENNIFER JANE NICELEY

STUART I. CASSELL, ATTORNEY
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LISA MARIE OWNBY
DOCKET NUMBER 93199-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, Letters Testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of LISA MARIE OWNBY, who died on May 23, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF LISA MARIE OWNBY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JON JASON OWNBY, ADMINISTRATOR
1736 CAMPFIRE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

K. RAY PINKSTAFF, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 31408
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET PASSIAKOS
DOCKET NUMBER 92935-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of October, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET PASSIAKOS, who died November 19, 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 30 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF MARGARET PASSIAKOS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL P. APOSTOLOU, EXECUTOR
P. O. BOX 447
SALEM, VA 24153

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRUCE SHERRILL RUDDER
DOCKET NUMBER 93309-2

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

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

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

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

This the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRUCE SHERRILL RUDDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TANA AMMONS RUDDER
2117 GOFF ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA YEARY STALLARD, aka PATRICIA JANE STALLARD
DOCKET NUMBER 93314-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA YEARY STALLARD, aka PATRICIA JANE STALLARD, who died on September 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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA YEARY STALLARD, aka PATRICIA JANE STALLARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLARD LEE STALLARD, III
141 LESTER HEIGHTS ROAD
GRAY, TN 37615

MAURICE L. BOYER, ATTORNEY
406 UNION AVENUE, SUITE 620
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANITA STURGILL
DOCKET NUMBER 93310-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANITA STURGILL, who died October 2, 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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF ANITA STURGILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA GIBSON, ADMINISTRATOR
97 OUTER DRIVE
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

ROBERT W. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY WHITE, ATTORNEY
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OAK RIDGE, TN 37831-4415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD GENE SWAGGER
DOCKET NUMBER 93272-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD GENE SWAGGER, who died August 27, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF RICHARD GENE SWAGGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD GENE SWAGGER, JR.
7824 WASHINGTON PIKE
CORRYTON, TN 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH THOMPSON
DOCKET NUMBER 93241-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2026, Letters of Testamentary/Administration in respect to the Estate of EDITH SMITH THOMPSON, who died on September 15, 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 his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF EDITH SMITH THOMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONALD E. CINNAMON
5029 TENWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD LAWRENCE TILLMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 93180-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DONALD LAWRENCE TILLMAN, who died on July 10, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF DONALD LAWRENCE TILLMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNY LYNN TILLMAN

DAVID J. OTTEN, ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 32211
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS D. UNGS
DOCKET NUMBER 93291-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2026, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS D. UNGS, who died September 24, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF THOMAS D. UNGS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH U. PHILLIPS
5534 WESTOVER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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FRANKLIN, TN 37064

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA P. VAUGHN
DOCKET NUMBER 93276-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of October, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of BRENDA P. VAUGHN, who died on September 15, 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 30 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF BRENDA P. VAUGHN

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JASON H. WHALEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93122-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of November, 2026, Letters of Administration with respect of the Estate of JASON H. WHALEY, who died July 5, 2026, were issued to NICHOLE 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:

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

This the 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN WHITTAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 93277-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of November, 2026, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARY ELLEN WHITTAKER, who died August 13, 2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN SHERMAN YARDLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 93278-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of October, 2026, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN SHERMAN YARDLEY, who died April 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 estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 30 day of OCTOBER, 2026.

ESTATE OF JOHN SHERMAN YARDLEY

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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive letters and resumés/credentials from candidates seeking an appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Board of Construction Appeals, with a term to expire December 31, 2033. Candidate must be a registered design professional with structural engineering experience. Resumés should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered no later than Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 4:00 pm to:

Office of the Knox County Commission
Suite 603, City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: 215-2534
FAX: 215-2038
E-mail: commission@knoxcounty.org

The Knox County Commission will interview candidates at the Commission Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

The Commission's appointment shall be considered during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Knox County Commission on Monday, December 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox County Commission shall receive resumés from candidates seeking an appointment to one (1) vacancy on the Knox County Library Advisory Board for Commission District 9, to serve an unfulfilled term expiring July 1, 2027. Candidates must reside in Commission District 9 to be eligible to serve. Resumes should be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivered no later than Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to:

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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.

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items and services:

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TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



PHOTOS BY LANDON HUNLEY

CAK wide receiver Hunter Bennett eludes ECS defender Field Richardson and heads into the end zone in the Warriors, 42-14, victory over the Eagles in Friday night's playoff game at Warrior Stadium. Bennett had a pair of touchdown receptiosn in the contest.

CAK cruises past ECS in Division II-AA quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville football coach Chad Speck couldn't have written a better script for his team's TSSAA Division II-AA quarterfinal playoff game Friday night.

And the Warriors had several players play their roles to near perfection in a 42-14 victory over Evangelical Christian School on a chilly night at Warrior Stadium.

Speck knew a fast start would be critical for the Warriors against the Eagles, who run a single-wing offense, a primitive attack, which loses effectiveness when teams face big deficits.



The Christian Academy Warriors celebrate their quarterfinal victory over Evangelical Christian School Friday night.

"They run that single-wing offense, so they want to slow the game down. They want to limit your possessions," Speck said. "They have a hard time throwing the football, so you knew all week, if you could get up on them quick, get them out of what they want to do, you had a chance to close it out quickly."

The Warriors did just that as they darted out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter thanks to a 22-yard scoring dash by junior quarterback Seaton Moffett to begin the scoring carousel.

He would later throw a 28-yard pass to Hunter Bennett and CAK's Bennett Jelks added the extra point to make it 14-0 early.

CAK wasn't finished in the opening frame as Isaac Kannah added an 18-yard touchdown run,

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Concord Christian falls in Division II-A quarterfinals

By Mark Nagi

The Concord Christian Lions had a terrific 2026 season, only their second of full varsity action.

On Friday night, November 13, the Lions saw that impressive campaign come to an end with a 45-42 loss to Friendship Christian in the Division II-A quarterfinals.

"I think you can see today how close we are," said Concord Christian head coach Steve Matthews. "We lost a three-point game, a nail-biter there at

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High school hoops get underway with KOC Tip-off Classic

By Ken Lay

The 2026-27 high school basketball season opens this week and things get underway with the two-day KOC Tip-off Classic

The event opens tonight (Nov. 16) at West High School. Action begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Farragut Lady Admirals taking on the Carter Lady Hornets.

Carter's boys will then play Farragut, followed by the Halls Lady Devils playing the Fulton Lady Falcons. The Halls boys will then tangle with Fulton.

The host Rebels and Lady Rebels will each play twice tonight with games against Hardin Valley Academy and South-Doyle.

The West High boys will close the first night of play against the Hawks and Cherokees.

Tuesday's games will also begin at 5:30 p.m. at Powell High School.

The Karns Lady Beavers will play the Austin-East Lady Roadrunners. Karns

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TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Panthers fight back and they'll be remembered

By Steve Williams



PHOTO BY MYAH WILSON

Powell's Johonauan Moore (No. 41) and Lincoln County's Reid Bardos (No. 1) come eye to eye in their TSSAA Round 2 Class 5A clash Friday night at Powell. The Panthers finished strong but came up short, 35-32.

On a cold and somewhat eerie Friday night, Powell High's cheer team brought out a message on paper and held it for its football team to run through before the game. It read: 'Teams you remember play in November.'

Even though Powell lost 35-32 to Lincoln County at Scarbro Stadium and Hayworth Field, the Panthers will be remembered for fighting back and playing to the very last down.

The last play was the Falcons' quarterback taking a knee to end the game, which usually is a formality, but this time the snap was mishandled, leaving the football on the ground. For a second, it looked like the Panthers would scoop it up and run for a winning touchdown. Remember, it was an eerie night.

"I think my heart fell out of my chest," said Lincoln County head coach Eddie Cunningham, recalling the last play. "I was a little concerned right there."

Other unusual parts to the game were the Falcons playing at Powell in the second round of the playoffs again and twins Carsen and Colton Carter playing for the Red, White and Blue.

Carsen, No. 35, led the way. He carried the ball 27 times for 197 yards and scored two touchdowns.

"He's very patient behind his O-line and once he sees a hole he's very low to the ground and he's shifty," said Cunningham, describing Carsen's running style. "He's able to see a hole and squirt through it and with his low-centered gravity it's hard to take him down."

The scoring in the game went back and forth. Powell scored first, getting a 29-yard field goal from Hunter Dryer. Carter scored his first touchdown on a 5-yard run with 2:50 remaining in the first quarter as Lincoln County took a 7-3 lead. A 21-yard TD run by Keshawn Thomas seconds later put the Panthers back on top 10-7.

A 43-yard touchdown pass from Diesen Ogle to Clint Quick regained the lead (14-10) for the Falcons heading into the second quarter.

The score continued to go back and forth in the second quarter as Powell's Johonauan Moore sailed over a pile and into the end zone from two yards out, but that would be the last time the Panthers would have the lead.

Lincoln County scored 21 straight points to take control.

Powell lost sophomore wide receiver Jamarius Hollingsworth to an injury with eight minutes on the third quarter clock and he had to be helped off the field.

A 4-yard run by Carter extended the Falcons' margin to 35-17, despite defensive plays by Panthers Darrion McClanahan, Cooper Wheeler and Amador Isaias.

No one in Black and Orange gave up though. Two touchdown passes from Jaylon Benjamin – 22 yards to DeZion Jackson and eight yards to Dalvin Farmer plus a two-point conversion by Jackson – had the Powell faithful still believing they could win.

An onside-kick almost got in the hands of a Panther with 1:58 still on the clock, but Neal Massey came up with it for LC.

Still, the game was not over. And the second time Ogle prepared to take a knee, it almost gave the Falcons' head coach a heart attack.

On the other side of the field after the game, Powell Coach Matt Lowe was comforting Jackson, one of his talented seniors who had tears in his eyes.

Knowing your high school football career has come to an end isn't easy for anyone.

"I'm just so proud of this senior class," said Lowe. "I mean everything they've accomplished in their career and over the seasons. This one didn't end the way we wanted it to. It was very unfortunate. All the credit goes to Lincoln County. They made the plays. They did the things they had to do.

"The timing just wasn't right. It didn't fit tonight. But nobody will ever question the heart of these kids. They played their guts out and fought all the way to the end. I think that says a lot about who they are."



PHOTO BY MARK NAGI

Concord Christian head coach Steve Matthews consoles his team following their narrow loss to Friendship Christian Friday night.

Concord Christian falls in Division II-A quarterfinals

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the end. Our guys battled hard all year. Our losses came to some outstanding teams, but I'm so proud of these young men."

The Lions got off to a good start on their opening drive, moving deep into Commander territory. The big play was a 40-yard bomb from Dylan Brown to Amar'e McKenzie, which brought the Lions down to the Friendship Christian 15. But on 4th and 2 from the 7, Brown's pass fell incomplete in the end zone, ending that drive.

After forcing a 3-and-out, the Lions once again were on the move, but a fumble from Todd Lundy was recovered by the Commanders at their own 33. Friendship Christian then took their turn to travel deep into Concord territory, but on fourth down, Lundy came up with the interception and returned it to the 21. It only took two plays for the Lions to turn that INT into points. Brown looked deep, found McKenzie all alone, and 61 yards later, Concord Christian had a 7-0 lead with 1:12 left in the first quarter.

Friendship Christian tied the game with a 10-yard TD pass from Blake Waldorf to Caleb Graves early in the second quarter. With just over two minutes remaining in the half, the Commanders faced 4th and 13 from the CCS 22. Waldorf looked down the middle of the field where George Dayton had some daylight. He made the catch, crossed the goal line, and Friendship Christian led 14-7. That capped an 8-play, 71-yard drive that took nearly four minutes off the clock.

But just when it looked like the Commanders had all the momentum, Concord Christian struck back. On third and short from the 50, Maurice Smith sprinted through the middle of the line and outraced the Friendship Christian defense, tying the score at 14.

A 28-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the half by Miles Smith gave Friendship Christian a 17-14 lead at the break.

In the third quarter, the Commanders took the second-half kickoff and drove 64 yards in eight plays. Nathaniel Brodgon scored on a 9-yard TD run, and with 7:34 left in the quarter, Friendship Christian led 24-14.

Back and forth this game went, and now it was Concord with a 4-play, 57-yard drive that culminated in a 12-yard TD run by Smith, and the Lions trailed by 3.

On their next drive, Concord was backed up at their own 1-yard line when Smith and the Concord offensive line came up with a huge play, breaking through the line and running 68 yards down to the Commanders' 32. Later in that drive, Alistair Middlebrook scored from a yard out, and with less than a minute to go in the third quarter, Concord was back in front, 28-24.

"Maurice is a sophomore and the bulk of our offensive line is coming back," said Matthews. "We were excited about the way we were able to move the ball. We did a lot of good things in this game and during the year."

In the fourth quarter, Concord trailed 31-28. The Lions took the lead with a 48-yard TD pass from Brown to Dasani Moulden, a play in which Moulden broke multiple tackles. With 6:14 left, Concord led 35-31.

"He's obviously a special talent, especially in the open field," Matthews said of Moulden.

"I wish tonight we could have got it to him a little bit more, but he's a very special talent with an extremely bright future."

Friendship Christian rattled off 14 quick points to re-take the lead. A late score brought Concord within 3 with 1:03 to go, but the ensuing onside kick was recovered by the Commanders, who took two knees, ending the game.

It was a special 2026 for the Lions, and there's a lot to look forward to in 2027.

"You know, you take it day by day, but excited about where we're headed," said Matthews.

"You never know in this day and age, but I feel like we got a really good core here. We just gotta keep battling."

CAK cruises past ECS

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making the score 21-0 by first quarter's end.

The big deficit forced ECS (8-4) to change their tactics, and that proved disastrous for the Eagles, who committed five turnovers, including four interceptions.

Jelks picked off a pair of passes from ECS quarterback Wright Arthur. Maysn Apalategui and Andrew Newton also had interceptions in the contest for CAK (11-1). Apalategui also forced a fumble, which was recovered by Wyatt Howard.

The Eagles would score in the second stanza when Arthur had a 3-yard plunge to make the score 21-7.

But the Warriors would answer when Moffett had his second scoring strike to Bennett, a 42-yarder. Moffett would score another rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

Kannah closed out the scoring in the game with a 40-yard run after ECS pulled to within 35-14 when Arthur threw a 4-yard pass to Luke Skinner earlier in the fourth quarter.

CAK will head to West Tennessee Friday as they take on Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis in a state semifinal

The Warriors are in the midst of their deepest postseason run since they won back-to-back Class 3A state championships in 2011-12.

2026 Prep Football

Playoffs ROUND THREE

Games kick off at 7 p.m. Friday, November 13

Division I Class 5A

Rhea County (10-2) at Central (11-1)

Division II Class AA

CAK (11-1) at Lausanne (8-3)

Grace (11-1) at BGA (11-1)

Round Two scores

White Co. 47, Gibbs 14

Lincoln Co. 35, Powell 32

Rhea Co. 27, Halls 26

Central 40, Columbia 17

Friendship Christian 45, Concord Christian 42

CAK 42, ECS 14

Grace 25, FRA 24

Remembrances of seven who made a difference



By Tom Mattingly

When it comes to writing obituary stories, one of my current "niche markets," a key ingredient is how you finish, how you ensure the story reflects the most important elements of a life well-lived.

Here are some prominent examples. Included are conclusions to stories about Andy Kozar, a former U.T. fullback and a beloved professor; two Knoxville News Sentinel paper carriers, P.H. Carter and Bobby Langston; former U.T. quarterback and 1979 co-captain Jimmy Streater; longtime Sports Information Director Haywood Harris; former University of Tennessee president Edward J. Boling; and legendary Vol defensive lineman Doug Atkins.

ANDY KOZAR

"What I'll remember most about Gen. Neyland was that he taught us how to live. He was always a sea of calm. People who knew him said he could have been anything he wanted to be in the way of a career, and he chose coaching." The same could be said about Andy Kozar. He chose to share his talents and abilities with the University of Tennessee. Andy's name is prominent among those who have helped influence its growth and development.

PIERCE HOLT CARTER

P. H. Carter never had a byline, never wrote an op-ed piece, never chased a story, but he was as much the "face" of the News Sentinel as anybody on staff. What he accomplished was to make life fuller and more memorable on Saturday nights. He set up shop near the old KUB building after Tennessee football games and sold the early edition of the News-Sentinel into the early hours of Sunday morning. If there are newspapers sold on the streets of Glory, Mr. Carter will no doubt be standing on a prominent corner, greeting his regular customers as they come by.

BOBBY LANGSTON

While I worked at UTAD, Bobby always called at some point before the season about getting a football brochure and other important Tennessee "stuff." People who worked at the home where he lived in Jamestown said that the arrival of a package from U.T. was always one of his high moments. When you saw him afterwards, he always had one additional question: Are we going to have a good team this fall? Those who were present at a small funeral home chapel in Jamestown on the second Monday in November 2006 knew he was somebody special. Those who knew him over the years knew likewise.

JIMMY STREATER

Willis James Streater III was 46 when he left this earth in 2004, having been to the mountaintops and through the valleys. While players come and go, it is not hard to imagine that the No. 6 on an orange and white jersey will always belong to Jimmy Streater. The memories are rich and full, and the cup overflows. On the road from Waynesville to his hometown of Sylva, N.C., an establishment called Smacker's Grill paid tribute: "Good-bye to the Sylva Streak Jimmy Streater." It was not really good-bye, but a heartfelt, "See you soon."

HAYWOOD HARRIS

Haywood was a professional in every sense of the word. He was blessed with the innate ability to say and do exactly the right thing at exactly the right time. He taught a great many of us valuable lessons, the greatest of which are the value of personal loyalty and the ability to communicate stories we were writing or telling in a way that made sense. There were no wasted words for Haywood. A man needs six friends so his widow won't have to hire pallbearers. In Haywood's case, that was not a problem. The line stretched out the door, down the street, and as far as the eye could see.

EDWARD J. BOLING

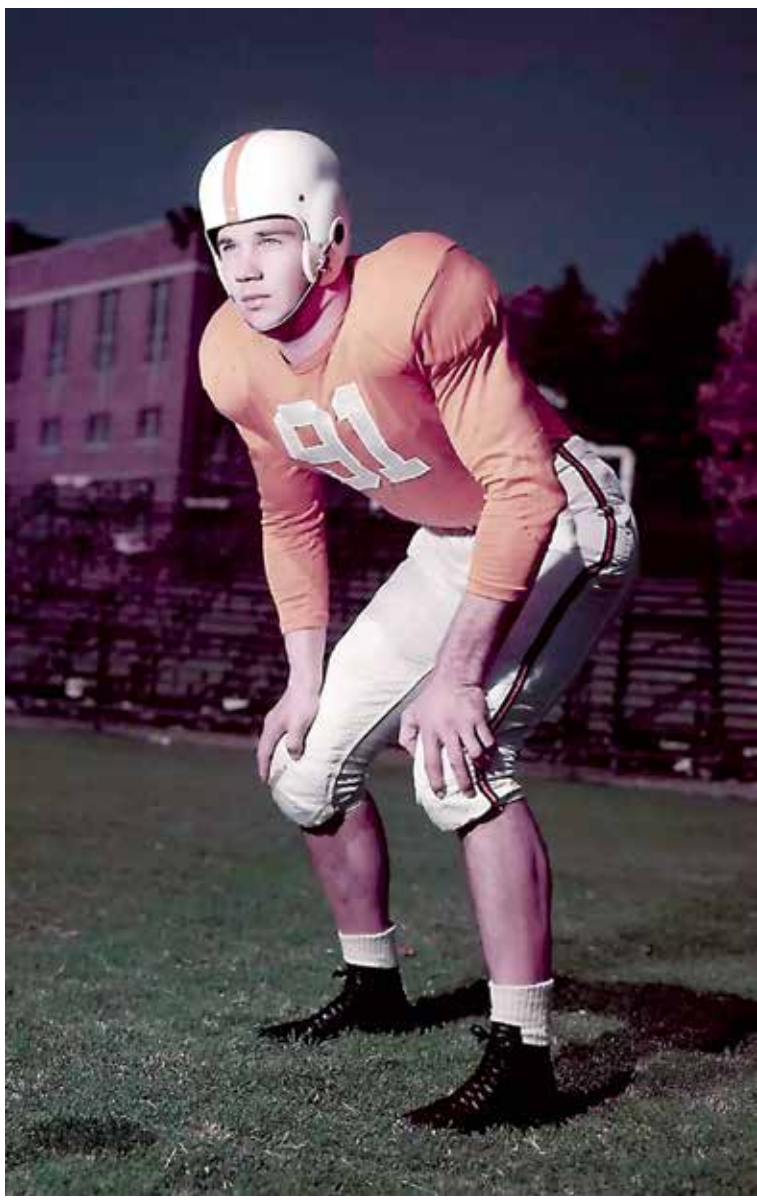
During an interview from many years ago, Dr. Boling looked back fondly at a career in which he helped guide many of the institution's memorable moments. He remembered his days in the statistics department in the late 1940s or early 1950s when the department head told him, prophetically, that if he kept on the path he had charted for himself, "You'll come back and be higher than me." That's exactly what happened. He went all the way to the top, serving as president from 1970 to 1986.

DOUG ATKINS

"He was just a vicious pass rusher," said Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Ditka, a former Chicago Bears teammate, after Doug died in 2015. "He'd take the tackle all the way back to the quarterback and knock them both down. He played the game hard, the way you were supposed to play it." "Doug Atkins was like a storm blowing over a Kansas farm house," said John Facenda of NFL Films. "All you could do was to tie down what you could and hope he didn't take the roof." Teammate Jim Haslam had the last word on Atkins's Vol career, saying, "His place in Tennessee football history is secure."

These stories are among my favorites. There are many more exactly like them. They pay tribute to men and women, young and old, who influenced our history and deserve whatever praise comes their way. It is a distinct honor to remember them and share their stories.

NEXT WEEK: Kentucky students "dognapped" Vol mascot Smokey the week before the 1955 contest, and their counterparts at Tennessee painted a large "UT" on Memorial Coliseum in response.



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SPORTS INFORMATION PUBLICITY PHOTOGRAPH.

Humboldt's Doug Atkins was a tower of strength on the defensive front for the Vols and the NFL's Chicago Bears.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Panthers remain undefeated with win over South-Doyle

By Ken Lay

Powell Middle School boys basketball coach Tyler Howell is optimistic about the 2026-27 season.

"I knew this would be a good year for us," Howell said after the Panthers ran past South-Doyle, 40-28, Thursday night before a packed and spirited house at Powell Middle School to improve to 8-0 this season.

A big reason for Howell's excitement is a trio of eighth graders that have been in the program for three years,

The eighth-grade returners include Carsyn Minefield, Dennis Frazier and Grant Ferguson.

"Those guys, Carsyn Minefield, Dennis Frazier and Grant Ferguson, they came to me as six graders three years ago after I had a very good year my first year," Howell said after watching his squad improve to 8-0 overall and 2-0 in league play. "That first year they came, it was tough and we took some lumps.

"But they've been here three years and I knew coming in that this could be a special year for us."

Powell and the Cherokees were locked in an early defensive battle early as the Panthers had a slim 6-4 advantage after opening quarter.

Powell then outscored the Cherokees, 11-3, in the second stanza to open a 17-7 lead by halftime.

From there, things would only get more miserable for the visitors as the Panthers scored the first 13 points of the second half to take a 30-7 lead and put the contest away.

"We struggled early but I thought we played well defensively," Howell said. "But I thought (offensively) that we were settling, and we started working the ball inside and doing better. We were able to work the ball into the middle."

"Defensively, I thought we were able to speed them up. When we sped them up, we were able to create turnovers."

Those South-Doyle turnovers led to transition baskets.

Frazier scored 16 points to lead Powell's offensive attack. Minefield added 10. Cooper Seiber had seven points. Ferguson, who was a force on the boards inside as he grabbed several crucial rebounds, finished with four points.

Seventh grader Cove Courtney hit a big 3-pointer in the second quarter.

Conner Childs led the Cherokees with 10 points and Jaheem Young added eight.

Lady Panthers start fast, hold off South-Doyle in middle school basketball

By Ken Lay

Powell Middle School's girls basketball team outlasted South-Doyle Thursday night at home,

The Lady Panthers never trailed on their way to a 43-32 victory over South-Doyle in a Knox County Middle School Class 3A game.

Powell darted out to a 15-4 lead in the first quarter, and that fast start would be enough to hold off the Lady Cherokees, who pulled to within 34-29 midway through the fourth quarter on a basket by Ahmya Rancher.

The Lady Panthers were able to start fast behind seven points from Noleigh Wells and six from Madi Smith. La'Kaya White also chipped in with a bucket for Powell in the opening frame.

Wells led the Lady Panthers with 11 points; Etta Noll added nine. Smith scored all eight of her points before halftime.

Zaharra Ray also scored 11 points for the Lady Cherokees to lead the way. She scored five points over the final six minutes of the game to help South-Doyle remain within striking distance. Macon Vannoy added eight points, while Shantaja Gary finished with six. Rancher had five points.

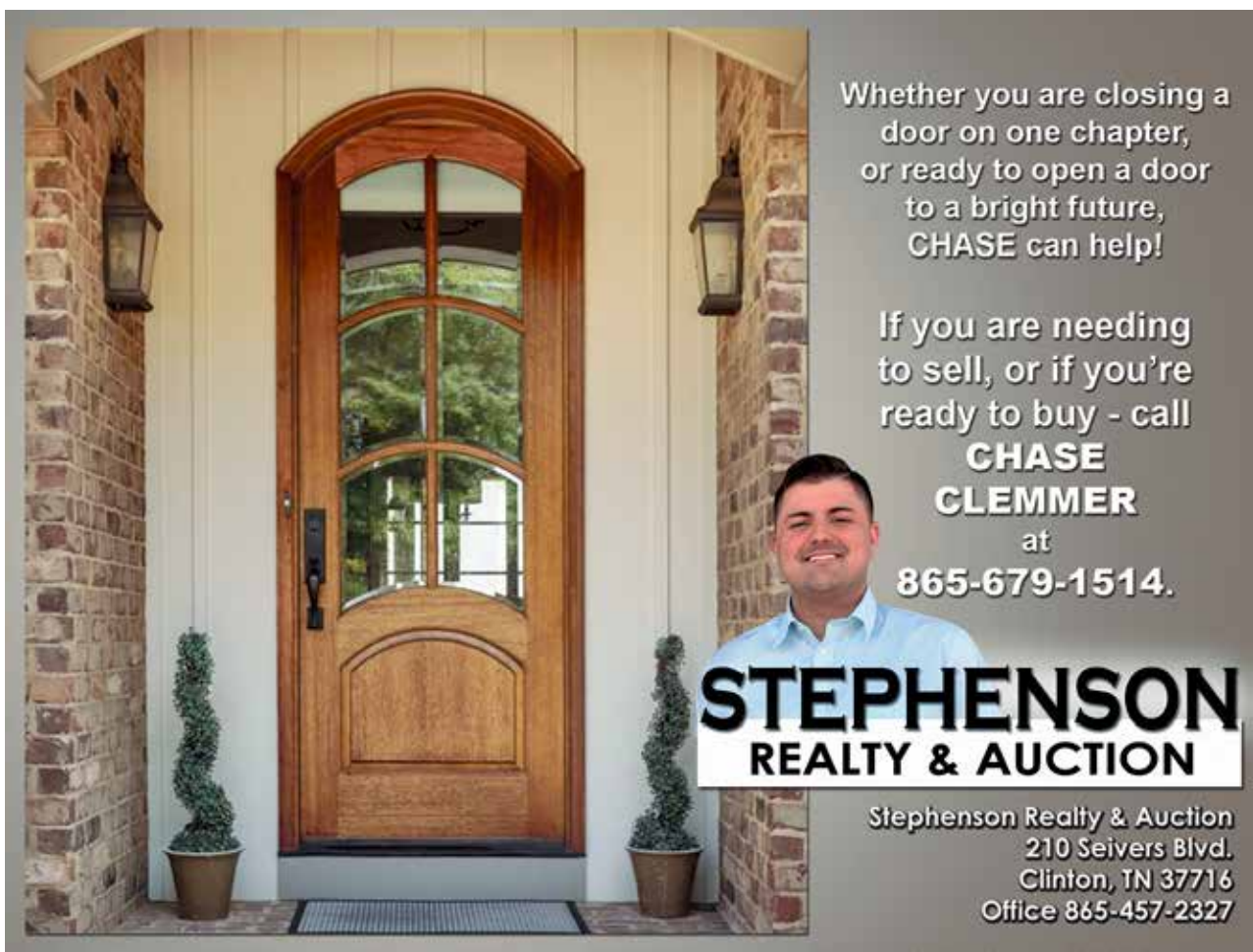
High school hoops get underway with KOC Tip-off Classic

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will then play Austin-East in a boys game.

Bearden's girls will play Central, followed by a boys game between the Bulldogs and the Bobcats. The host Lady Panthers will then tangle with Gibbs before the Panthers and Eagles close out Tuesday's action.

Admission is $10 both nights and proceeds will install shot clocks at all Knox County high schools.



NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

For many, National Signing Day is the culmination of a long recruiting journey!

LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to local high school athletic directors in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area, here's a list of student-athletes who signed Letters of Intent last week and will later be enrolling in college for the 2027-2028 school year.

BEARDEN
Maddie Bowlin, Lubbock Christian, soccer
Riley Hunt, Johnson University, basketball
Sophie Kenner, Carson-Newman, soccer
Kennedy Lucas, McKendree University, soccer

CATHOLIC
Cade Duncanson, Louisville, cross country/track & field
Jovis Erwan, Gannon University, basketball
Abby Hammontree, Belmont Abbey, tennis
Henry Hill, Carson-Newman, basketball
Marissa Lange, St. Joseph's, rowing
Channing Hurley, Carson-Newman, volleyball
Rylan Jessee, Vol State, baseball
Mia Kinney, Vanderbilt, volleyball
DJ Lowery, University of Louisville, baseball
Laila Lucier, University of Miami-Ohio, track and field
Drew Molter, Chattanooga State, baseball
Ivan Moskalenko, University of San Diego, basketball
Gianna Notarianni, Xavier University, soccer
Julius Sanders, Belmont Abbey College, lacrosse
Logan Tompkins, Milligan University, baseball
Teagan Walker, Lincoln Memorial University, golf

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE
Maddie Braden, Belmont University, basketball
Lexi Hammock, Tusculum University, basketball

CONCORD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Landon Hall, Arizona State, swimming

FARRAGUT
Alex Babb, Concordia University, lacrosse
Corey Cole, Walters State, baseball
Will Criner, Pellissippi State, baseball
Hallie Grace Johnson, UT Chattanooga, softball
Braiden Meredith, Montevallo, baseball
Blake Morrow, Lee University, baseball
Zoe Porter, Maryville College, basketball
Rylee Raby, Chattanooga State, softball
Cash Schroeder, Wofford College, baseball
Mason Shelton, Northwest Florida, baseball
Braxton Tye, Pellissippi State, baseball
Blaine Whitehead, Roane State, baseball

HALLS
Mackenzie Baker, Maryville College, softball
Harper Bales, Chattanooga, softball
Marlea Finstad, Chattanooga State, softball
Zachary Jenkins, Colorado Christian, CC/track & field
Ella Varner, Cleveland State, softball

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY
Stephen Bell, MTSU, cross country/track & field
Ana Berkheimer, MTSU, cross country/track & field
Caroline Clauss, Mary Baldwin, volleyball
Emma Hackett, Southern Indiana, swim
Logan Holbrook, UVA Wise, football
Anna Ogle, ETSU, soccer
Marely Ortega, Pellissippi, soccer
Sam Stiles, Roane State, golf
Alexandra Vesser, TN Tech, cross country/track & field

GIBBS
Seth Seiber, Tennessee Wesleyan, cross country/track & field
Waylon Spierdowis, Duke, cross country/track & field
Logan West, Tennessee Wesleyan, lacrosse

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Gianna Barnes, North Greenville, soccer
Chase Collin, Southwest Tennessee, baseball
Joel Crisp, Johnson University, golf
Ella Draper, King University, volleyball
Ty Eichman, Johnson University, baseball
Hayden Hill, Austin Peay, softball
Ava Malone, Belmont University, softball
Abby Roberts, Western Carolina, basketball

KARNS
Blake Bowers, Maryville College, baseball
Braden Harness, Milligan, baseball

POWELL
Claire Campbell, Pellissippi State, basketball
Langston Coggins, Roane State, softball
Miliana Espiritu, Roane State, basketball
Gabby Kraatz, Columbia University, softball
Emersyn Mayes, Walters State, softball
Payton Richmond Watson, North Greenville, softball
Piper Scarbrough, Carson-Newman, soccer
Izy Wiles, Pellissippi State, basketball

SOUTH-DOYLE
Payton Rollins, Tusculum, basketball

THE KING'S ACADEMY
Jenny Bitounou, Mississippi State University, basketball
Olivia Loveday, Cedarville University, basketball
Skylar Walden, Tennessee Tech University, basketball

Still to come: Carter High's Lincoln Tummel will sign to Montevallo for basketball this week; Webb School of Knoxville plans to have a signing day next month.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

A large and proud family was on hand for Payton Rollins' (front and center) signing with the Tusculum University's basketball program last Wednesday.

Rollins looks forward to being a Pioneer

By Steve Williams

A big, loving family came out to celebrate Payton Rollins' signing with Tusculum University last week at the South-Doyle High School gymnasium.

From little cousins to proud grandparents, they were all there.

Before the ceremony began, S-D Athletic Director Randy Moore told the crowd "less than 6 percent of high school student-athletes" get an opportunity to play on the college level.

David Scott, the South-Doyle girls basketball head coach, said: "A foundation of confidence ties in with internal conversation – if you tell yourself you're a great basketball player, you'll act like one. Confidence drives preparation, not the other way around. Confidence comes from trusting that your hard work will pay off – and that's why we are here today."

Rollins, a 5-8 senior guard, has concentrated on basketball in her first three years in high school.

Payton said Coach Tandy Bradford and her staff were a big part of why she chose the Pioneers. "They were really encouraging through the whole process. When I got on campus, I loved it. I interacted with the team and loved them as well. The first day there I knew I wanted to commit."

Rollins, who had 20-plus offers, is known for her physical style of play and being a 3-point shooter.

"My whole family has played sports," she said. "My cousin played Division 1 football at Gardner-Webb. My aunts played basketball. My dad played college football, so I've just been around sports my whole life."

Rollins has been recognized a lot on the high school level, including being a 3-time All-Knox County honoree by The Knoxville Focus. Her career stats include 1,558 points, 501 rebounds and 262 steals.

She plans to major in exercise science and get her certification after college.



Twelve Farragut Admirals signed letters of intent last Wednesday. Pictured are (Left to Right): Rylee Raby, softball, Chattanooga State Community College; Hallie Grace Johnson, softball, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Mason Shelton, baseball, Northwest Florida State College; Braxton Tye, baseball, Pellissippi State Community College; Braiden Meredith, baseball, University of Montevallo; Blake Morrow, baseball, Lee University; Blaine Whitehead, baseball, Roane State Community College; Will Criner, baseball, Pellissippi State Community College; Corey Cole, baseball, Walters State Commu-nity College; Cash Schroeder, baseball, Wofford College; Alex Babb, lacrosse, Concordia University; and Zoe Porter, basketball, Maryville College.



Two basketball stars from CAK signed letters of intent last Wednesday. Lexi Hammock (left) intends to go to Tusculum University while Maddie Braden will go to Belmont University.