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## Child care rules may be eased to meet the need

By Mike Steely  
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When the Knox County Commission meets for zoning requests on Monday, March 24, it could take the first step in loosening up child care facility requirements.

Knoxville Mayor Glenn Jacobs is recommending several changes to zoning regulations on the sizes of in-home care centers and larger facilities to permit more workplace child cares.

Jacobs says that current county regulations do not match state guidelines and noted there are 26,280 young children in the county and child care facilities are vital to working parents. He said that current local regulations discriminate against employers who want to have a day care for children at their workplace and should be a "use-by-right."

The mayor said that current regulations are confusing. Changes in regulations, including the current zoning restrictions, are in his proposal. He noted that child care facilities should match the state law for inspections, licenses, regulations, enforcement and safety.

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning proposal before the commission agrees with the changes proposed by Jacobs and sets new rules for each zoning classification. The multi-page presentation for the commission also describes outside play areas and regulates the number of children depending on the size of a home or building.

"Parents, employers and government must work together to solve this crisis," Jacobs said in his proposal.

"What an amazing turnout at last night's campaign kickoff," Larsen Jay said in a statement Friday. "With over 400 people in attendance to support the start of this mayoral campaign, the momentum and enthusiasm was infectious."

## Larsen Jay kicks off county mayoral campaign

By Ken Lay

Larsen Jay is looking to take the next step in public service.

Jay, who is in the midst of his second term on the Knox County Commission, At-Large Seat 10, kicked off his campaign for Knox County Mayor late Thursday afternoon at an event at Bridgewater Place in West Knoxville.

"The opportunity to be Knox County Mayor is a great opportunity for me to expand on the work that I've done on the county commission," Jay said. "There's no better time than right now. As an at-large commissioner, I have served all of Knox County.

"We used to call this (position) the County Executive, and I want to be the executive to run the business of Knox County."

Jay, who has served seven years on the Knox County Commission, is seeking to replace Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, whose second and final term ends in 2026.

"I have worked closely with Mayor Jacobs and the members of the county commission, and I will continue to work with the county commission," he said.

Jay made it clear that he's not a politician but a public servant.

"This is not about politics. It's

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Congressman Tim Burchett and Commissioner Larsen Jay take a moment to catch up at Thursday night's campaign kick off. Jay has served seven years on the county commission and is running for Knox County Mayor in 2026.

## Knox Election Commission limits public comments on its social media

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The Knox County Election Commission has been posting information on several social media sites to keep residents updated on elections. The KCEC posts include information on the opening and closing times of voting locations, requirements to register to vote, what voters must bring with them to vote, and candidate information. When the commission met recently, it decided to change the

policy to disable public comments on its Facebook, X and YouTube platforms.

"To maintain a positive, professional and focused environment, the KCEC will disable comments to prevent individuals (using) these platforms from obtaining incorrect information from the comments," the election commission announced.

A quick check of one of the sites, Facebook, showed various public comments on the KCEC

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## Beer permits for special events may be changed by city council

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The Knoxville City Council may vote to streamline its special events permit policy when it meets tomorrow.

The council may also approve a contract with Clean Earth Inc. to transport and dispose of hazardous waste in a resolution sponsored by the Public Service Department. The mayor may also be authorized to apply for a \$300,000 grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office to

support traffic enforcement, safety, and community safety programs.

Another application with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for \$35,000 may be approved for pedestrian safety programs.

A property at 6200 Papermill Drive may get approval to be rezoned C-H-2 highway commercial and a lot at Zero Millard Beets Road could revert to its previous zoning per a request from the planning commission.

A professional design services

contract may be approved for the Riverwalk to Cityview Greenway in a \$315,698 agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc. Superior Pavement Marking Inc. may be awarded an agreement for the 2025 Pedestrian and Bicycle Pavement Marking Project.

Space within the South Knoxville Community Center may be leased to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Community Action Committee. Both leases run for ten years.

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# Democrats Embarrass Themselves At Joint Address To Congress

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanj@knoxfocus.com

My wife, Vickie, and I had the privilege of attending President Trump's most recent joint address to Congress.

Vickie and I both lost our first spouses after long marriages - her husband to Lou Gehrig's Disease and my wife to cancer. Vickie and I have been very happily married for almost three years now.

Before we were married, she was one of the most non-political people I have ever known. Thus, I found her reaction to the events that night especially interesting.

She said she had never seen so many glum, angry people as on the Democratic side in the House chamber.

She just could not believe that the Democrats would not even applaud for a 13-year-old boy who had fought cancer or for naming a wildlife refuge after a little girl who was murdered by two illegal aliens.

Vickie said, "For heaven's sake, they wouldn't even applaud for peace," referring to Trump's efforts to try to end the war in Ukraine.

In fact, at one point, about the only time the Democrats did applaud was when Trump said, "You want to keep it going for another five years? Pocahontas said 'Yes,'" referring to the hateful Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who got her job at the Harvard Law School only after she greatly exaggerated her miniscule bit of American Indian heritage.

Last year I wrote in one of my columns about the

"lavish party at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington" that the four biggest defense contractors threw in December of 2022 "in celebration of all the money they would be receiving as long as all the members of Congress (to whom they contribute) could keep this war going."

One publication headlined its story as "This DC party invite shows all the money made off the Ukraine War."

Someday hopefully both Democrats and Republicans will realize most wars have been brought about using greatly exaggerated threats by defense contractors and military leaders who wanted more money and power and elected officials who wanted to parade their patriotism and be seen as modern-day Winston Churchills.

With government at all levels, whether in peace or in war, it is simply all about the money. This is why all

the suburban cities and countries that circle Washington, D.C., are always among the wealthiest in this country.

The Democrats are clearly the party of the government rather than the party of the people today. And also clearly, those who are the loudest in proclaiming their compassion and tolerance are the most intolerant and least compassionate people around.

Someday, hopefully, liberals and leftists will wake up and realize that the greatest beneficiaries of Big Government are the extremely big businesses that get the very lucrative government contracts and very favorable regulatory rulings.

At least nine new billionaires were created in Big Pharma by the Covid fraud, brought on mostly by the biggest lobbying and public relations campaign in history.

The secondary big beneficiaries of Big Government

are the bureaucrats who draw high salaries and pensions and then get even more when they retire and go to work for the companies they helped when in power.

Look at the revolving door at the Pentagon and all the admirals and generals who go to work for defense contractors or as lobbyists.

Medical care before the mid-1960s was less than five percent of our GDP. Then, Medicare and Medicaid came in to "help," and medical care is now nearly 20 percent of our GDP.

Healthcare, which in earlier years was affordable for almost everyone, now can be afforded only by people like Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. These programs have made doctors wealthy while people get the crumbs and are forced to get government help.

Then look at the federal student loan program. Students today are shocked when I tell them tuition was

only \$90 a quarter when I started at the University of Tennessee in 1965.

The Reader's Digest a few years ago had an article called "Student Loan Slaves." Now young people owe more than \$1.5 trillion on student loans while university administrators at the big schools are getting rich.

The only way people will really be helped is if Elon Musk and others are successful in drastically downsizing the federal government and getting money and power back to the people.

Most polls showed that two-thirds to three-fourths of viewers liked Mr. Trump's speech. My non-political wife could not believe the hatred the Democrats showed that night, but almost everyone else - agree with him or not - would have to admit the man sure has guts.

# The Coming Trump Recession

If Trump loves tariffs so, then why doesn't he use them to try to alter Chinese behavior? I don't mean this piddling 10% increase either. China is a bad actor. It is the source of fentan-



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tyl. It is rattling its swords in the South China Sea. It continues to threaten Taiwan. If Trump told China that he was going to impose a 1,000% levy on all Chinese imports if they didn't quit the fentanyl trade, the threats in the South China Sea and toward Taiwan, I bet that would get their attention. Do it.

Stop with the Trump worship already! One lawmaker wants Trump's face chiseled into Mount Rushmore.

Another wants to make his birthday a federal holiday. Still, another wants to change the name of Washington Dulles Airport.

Tennessee's Andy Ogles wants to amend the Constitution to allow only presidents who have served nonconsecutive terms to seek a third term. Hello, Donald Trump. Hello, Grover Cleveland. What about adding his likeness to Mount Rushmore? What about renaming Greenland as "Red, White and Blue land?" Mark Alford (R, Mo.) has proposed Feb. 9 as "Gulf of America Day." Some have even talked about renaming their state as "The State of Donald

Trump"! How about Trump City, Tennessee? One of my granddaughters is named Reagan. Pity the poor child who is named "Trump." Good grief!

All this embarrassing (though not to Trump) hero worship will quickly vanish if Trump's policies result in this country going into a recession. Trump's tariff war is not confined to Mexico, Canada and China. It is with the entire world. He has threatened Europe, the BRICs countries and anyone that trades with America with tariffs. Increased tariffs in the past have led to job loss in the United States and for our trading partners. He wants the Fed to ward off any recession by lowering interest rates and goosing up the money supply. This is a toxic mix that will lead to

an inflationary recession. The Fed will not go along if there is increased inflation. When (not if) all of this occurs, then even the biggest Trump apologists will regret all the adoration that they are lavishing on him.

Canada is matching Trump's tariffs and Trump has caused the polls in Canada to swing wildly. A month ago, the conservatives were 20 points ahead of the liberals, with elections coming due to Trudeau's resignation. Now the liberals are 2 points ahead. Trump's saying that he was going to use tariffs to force Canada to become the 51st state has engendered latent patriotism and a massive push-back. Trump said, "Tariffs will make it impossible for them to sell cars ... lumber or anything else in the U.S."

and "If we don't support them, they don't subsist as a nation." Mark Carney, the leader of Canada's liberals, has said that Trump's threats are "one of the greatest crises in our history. I know how to manage crises, I know how to build strong economies." So, thank Trump for the resurgence of the liberals.

And mind you, these are our friends. Or should I say, these used to be our friends. Then what about our trading partner to the south? All the forecasts are for Mexico to go into a significant recession if hit by Trump's tariffs. Trump obviously expects them to knuckle under, but their socialist president is adamant that they won't. Trump wants Mexico to do more to stop the illegals and the flow of fentanyl.

If not, then Pete Hegseth is reported to have told Mexico's military leaders that the United States is prepared to take unilateral military action. What!? I thought that Trump was no neocon. Is Hegseth saying that Trump will use the US military to go into Mexico to deal with the cartels? He can't be serious. There is no way that Mexico will stand to see its sovereignty threatened by a U.S. invasion. Will this be Trump's Afghanistan and will the American people stand for it? What in the wide world of sports is going on? OK Andy Ogles, still want to kiss Trump's ring?

Anyway, I thought China was the source of all things fentanyl? That's even more reason for a 1,000% tariff.



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# Publisher's Position Democrats Are Lost



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The Democratic Party has a growing image problem and doesn't seem to realize it. Working class voters have by and large left to back Donald Trump. The Democratic party, once the bastion of the working class, is now largely populated by over-educated elitists who resort to the courts to try and make law, believe in censorship of free speech (any but their own) and while they talk about "billionaires," the moneyed class are now, in

truth, Democrats. Kamala Harris decisively outspent Trump, who also had to wage a campaign through the primaries, something she didn't have to do after Democrats tossed Joe Biden overboard. Harris broke fundraising records, in fact. From October 25, 2024, through November 25, 2024, Harris raised \$160 million and spent \$277 million, while Trump raised \$87 million and spent \$113 million. Harris and her allies spent \$1.4 billion on campaign ads.

Tim Waltz famously called Republicans "weird," when nothing is weirder than their insistence on following their religion of DEI and woke policy, all of which is absent reason, logic and science. The worldview of excessively trying to fit people into categories by demographics and ranking them according to some sort of marginalization chart of some self-appointed DEI expert is mighty weird.

The notion that someone is deprived or suffering in another country means that they should be able to walk across our country's borders and be supported by working people here and housed and fed in hotels is neither reasonable nor rational. The idea of abolishing the police is just plain stupid and it's past time they admitted it. The Democrats and their obsession with gender ideology and identity politics is the very definition of weird.

It was surpassing strange and pretty darn weird that the Democrats in Congress, people who claim to be compassionate, can't get off their heinies to applaud or cheer a 13-year-old boy who has endured a lot of pain and suffering from brain cancer and his dreams of becoming a police officer. It's as weird as it is ugly. What people saw was no human emotion coming out of them, except hatred for Donald Trump

and anything he says or does.

They did the same for a young man whose deceased father, who had served our country in the armed forces and as a police officer, had dreamed of attending West Point. President Trump announced he was going to West Point. From the congressional Democrats? Nothing but crickets. Yet every other viewer with a functioning brain and heart felt a lump in their throat as they watched that boy high-five the young man. It's obvious what's missing: human love. Irrespective of their political differences, Republicans and Democrats loved our country. Despite their differences over policies, they loved the American people.

The congressional Democrats radiated something far different from love. There was not an iota of love for people above politics, for the average people who make up our country

and everybody saw it.

The fact that Democrats in the Senate blocked the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, which would prohibit biological males from playing in women's sports, is outrageous. Democrats retreated to a stance of states' rights; it was up to the states and localities to decide, which is a stand most Democrats have not taken since Lyndon Johnson was in the White House. Democrats have become known for loving mandates and federal regulation better than pigs love slop. Now, biological males are "women," and women are "birthing persons." Who exactly is waging the war on women? Pretty easy to follow that trail without breadcrumbs.

Instead, the Democrat women in Congress have put out a digital ad showing them bouncing up and down, squatting and assuming their "fighting" stances. There was Alexandria

Ocasio Cortez standing in what looked like Hugh Hefner's bedroom or a dive bar, showing her fighting spirit.

It's hard to tell who is actually the less brainy between AOC and Jasmine Crockett of Texas. Crockett, no bar maid she, actually graduated from law school and recently stated it was not a criminal act for a foreign national to cross our border illegally. It is right there in the criminal statutes for everyone to see and is indeed a criminal act, which causes me to wonder if Crockett got her law degree from Edna's Cooking School of Law. Jasmine was one of the women highlighted in the "fighters" ad of Democrat women and viewers learned she "is not a morning person." Nor evidently a legal scholar. Congresswoman Lauren Underwood revealed she hated balloons, but apparently not clowns, considering the ad.

## Several minor offenses found in county audits

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The Knox County Audit Committee voted last week to approve the annual agreement to confirm Pugh and Associates as the county's external auditor. The vote to renew the annual contract is usually done in May, according to Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell, and the agreement now goes to the county commission before being submitted to the state.

The firm has been the outside auditor for the county for several years.

Ted Hotz of Pugh gave the committee a review of the Fiscal Year 2024 audit of federal and state grants, including findings. The county, including schools, received \$178 million in federal funding and \$16

million in state grants. Hotz reported four findings, which included two findings from the previous year that were "partially corrected."

He also talked about how the Knox County Trustee's Office holds cash for various departments and entities and noted, "We still have challenges here." He said the Knox County Clerk and Master's Office report has "certain errors" but is "on the right track" with changes being made.

The Pugh research also reported on the Knox County Sheriff's Office and its policy for paid time off, currently calculated as one day off permitted each month that tops off at a 30-day leave with pay. The issue revolved around officers working 9.5-hour scheduled shifts but only 8 hours of leave being

deducted when off. The issue will be corrected this month.

Parks and Recreation had some unauthorized purchases above the \$10,000 capitalization policy. The matter was reported internally and investigated by Internal Audit. Nothing has been released publicly yet as it has been turned over to the Comptroller's Office. The county administration has already taken action and is waiting on the final report.

Internal auditor Zach Fullerton reported on an audit of the Public Building Authority and noted that the last contract with the body was thirty years ago. He said the contract with PBA, which oversees the City-County Building, isn't accurate on which offices are occupied by county

departments, plus some in-building parking permit discrepancies. Fullerton said that some parking permits are for people no longer employed and other problems involve elected officials who overlook the paperwork and contact the agency for employee parking spaces.

"We have a great relationship with PBA," he said, but added that a better parking permit application needs to be adopted. He said that of the 32 county agencies occupying the City-County Building, only 18 were correct in their spaces within the building. The parking permits, Fullerton said, need to be submitted by departments with signatures from elected officials. He suggested a new and updated contract could solve the issues.

## Beer permits for special events may be changed by city

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The Parks and Recreation Department is asking permission to donate \$21,394 in grants to qualified local organizations.

Mayor Indya Kincannon is reappointing Joan Cronan and Tim Hill to the Sports Authority and Councilwoman Debbie Helsley is

appointing Mallory Alder to the Public Property Naming Committee.

The police department requests a contract with the TBI to coordinate with the TN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with \$100,000 in existing federal grants.

## Election Commission

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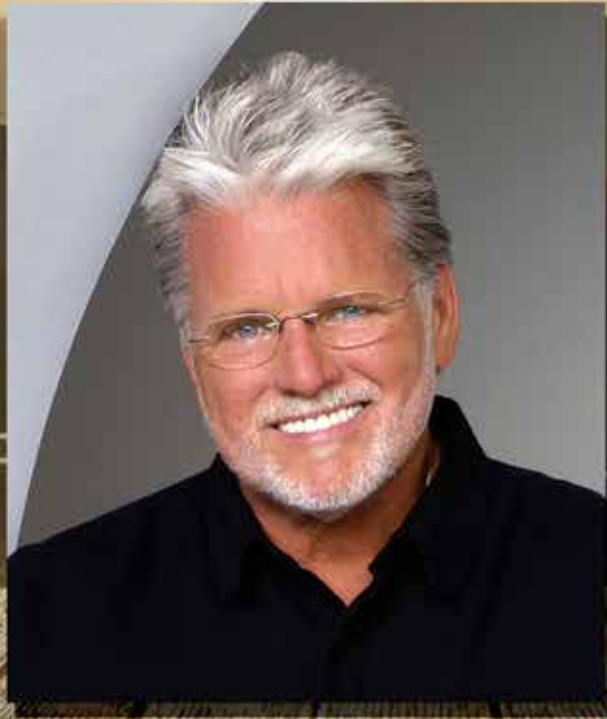
react on their own pages, page—everything from complaints about getting an absentee ballot to problems at poll sites to bashing candidates.

The goal of the policy, which began March 6, is to ensure that voters obtain correct and accurate information without being confused by comments. The public may share election commission posts and

according to the KCEC news release.

Anyone wishing to comment, ask questions, share concerns or provide feedback may contact the commission by emailing election.central@knoxcounty.org, calling (865) 215-2480, or visiting one of the two election offices at 300 W Main Street or 109 Lovell Heights Road.

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# Baseball memories coming to History Center

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When I was a child, I played Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball in my hometown. One year the coach took the team to Knoxville to see a game at Bill Meyers Stadium. It was a great outing and I remember sitting behind the coach when a high fly ball was hit into the outfield.

The outfielder watched the ball, ran toward the fence, placed his glove behind his back and caught the ball. It was a wonderful and surprising catch and I was thrilled as I was an outfielder on the team.

"You see that, Mike?" the coach turned to me. I don't remember my reply but he added, "Don't do that."

I suppose many of us who played team baseball as a child have stories to share or memories that linger in our aging heads.

"Home Runs and Home Teams: A History of the

National Pastime in Tennessee" is being featured at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St., Knoxville, from March 22 until September 28. The exhibit offers information on where the first baseball games were played in our state, what 31 towns have hosted a team, and what makes a day at a ballpark an iconic experience.

The exhibit features stories from players, penants, bat makers and bat boys that might make you remember what the sport means to you or others.

Organized baseball in Knoxville began shortly after the Civil War as veterans of that conflict returned home. The exhibit will display how the rules and equipment changed over the years.

The history of baseball in Tennessee, and especially in Knoxville, might stir some old memories for those who played the game

either in sandlots, for local Little League, high school, college or minor league or major league teams.

The first home game of the Knoxville Smokies at the new Covenant Health Park is set for April 15 against Chattanooga. It should be an exciting event especially for those of us with our youth baseball experiences still in the back of our minds.

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the values of the era. Concessions will be available throughout the event, with all proceeds supporting the ongoing preservation of Historic Ramsey House.

To learn more about the Tennessee Vintage Baseball Association, visit [tennesseevintagebaseball.com](http://tennesseevintagebaseball.com).

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## Larsen Jay kicks off county mayoral campaign

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about public service," said Jay, who vowed to make Knox County a better place. The staunch supporter of law enforcement also vows to support the military and be an advocate for education.

"Knox County is the best place in the country to live," he said. "This is where you chose to live, work and raise your children.

"I want to live in a Knox

County where we support law enforcement and we have the best officers who want to serve, live and raise their families in our great community. I want to live in a Knox County where we don't have a single homeless veteran. I want to live in a Knox County where we have the best teachers who have world class facilities for teachers to teach and students to learn, and I want to live in a Knox

County where we train our next generation of leaders."

Jay said that he can't lead Knox County alone.

"I will need your help," Jay told his supporters. "I will promise never to lie to you. I'll always tell you the truth.

"I will always listen. To be a good leader, you have to be a good listener, and I'll need you to be truthful to me."

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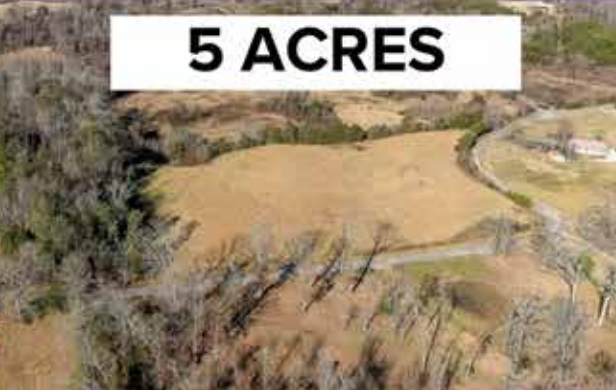
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### A Transformational Presidency

President Trump is the political Colossus of our time.

Bret Humes

Obama said he wanted to fundamentally transform America, and he almost succeeded in his third term in the Dark Brandon presidency. "Hope and Change" was Obama's euphemism. President Trump's "common sense" is not a slogan. It is the opposite of the destruction we've experienced in the last four years. Trump's approach is an America-first policy along with governmental reforms and elimination of waste and fraud identified by DOGE.

Trump's pace of reforms is unprecedented and breathtaking. His use of executive orders to keep the zone flooded - to use the football analogy - has kept the Democrats and their media toadies off guard. It's like the arcade game "Whack-a-mole." By the time Democrats move to counter a Trump action, he's moved on to the next

policy reform.

The latest brouhaha is Trump's use of tariffs to promote his America-first agenda. His goal is to bring manufacturing and businesses back to America, which were lost when companies left seeking cheap foreign labor. We are now paying the price because, as an example, more than 90% of our antibiotics are now produced in countries like India, China, Vietnam, etc. This is a national security issue, just like having secure supply chains is vital. Critical materials like rare earth elements are produced elsewhere in sometimes hostile countries like China. I've read that more than 90% of advanced computer chips are produced in Taiwan, a country threatened by China.

Mercantilism is a nationalistic policy used by governments to maximize exports and minimize imports. The goal is to prevent trade imbalance and promote prosperity within a nation. The policy was used extensively in Europe from

the 15th to 18th century to protect national manufacturing and markets. Historic mercantilism was mercenary.

I am no expert, but Trump is using tariffs in three ways.

1) Level the playing field in international trading (example Canada) rather than a scheme to promote the economic dominance of historic mercantilists

2) Discourage the behavior of, for instance, China, who sells materials for the production of fentanyl to Mexican cartels who make illicit drugs that kill Americans

3) As a tax to encourage businesses and jobs to return to America (Remember, there is no tariff tax if you buy American).

Making America prosperous again is not a zero-sum game where the world fights over limited slices of a pie. President Trump is happy to "grow the pie" where everyone is prosperous but not at America's expense.

There will be some short-term downsides. The Democrat economy was driven by government subsidies, handouts and inflationary printing of money. As we transition, we can expect a period of "detox" as we give up the government nostrum.

Our multi-tasking president realizes we are spending our way to destruction. The government collected \$4.9 trillion in 2024

but spent \$7.4 trillion. We have a spending problem rather than a revenue issue. Bringing businesses and jobs back to America, deregulation, balancing our trade imbalances with other countries and eliminating fraud, waste and corruption will certainly help, but we need to stop ruinous, profligate government spending. We must tighten our belts or the country will go down in economic flames. The famous economist Milton Freeman said that "all debts are paid," and they eventually will be, but now it must be sooner than later. Either we get our economic affairs in order or the country will be destroyed along with our children's future.

Trump gets it and he operates without political concerns because he is not running again. Last week, Trump used his power to promote the far-from-perfect House Continuing Resolution (CR), which was passed. Next, it must be passed by the Senate to prevent a government shutdown. The CR is a bridge to the more important upcoming budget, Congressional Reconciliation. At this writing, Schumer and the Senate Democrats vow to vote against the CR and shut down the government, something they have always said was apocalyptic.

And this brings me to the third controversy of the week. How can a group of people be so wrong about everything and yet persist in

their delusions? Of course, I'm talking about the Democrat party, which is opposed to common sense due to their perverse hatred of President Trump. During his congressional address, Trump acknowledged there was nothing he could do to "make Democrats happy." Their sour expressions as they sat on their hands, occasionally waving their ridiculous paddle signs and refusing to honor a thirteen-year-old with brain cancer, proves their souls are lost to hatred. The Democrat congressional women were dressed in pink, but do not support women in sports nor can they even define a woman. And their post address "fight, fight, fight" video was pathetic.

The Democrats have no leader or plan except "resistance" to Trump with inane singing protests or screaming profanity. And their obstinate support of trans surgery for children, criminal aliens and foreign agitators, as well as refusing to protect women in private spaces is depraved.

Meanwhile, Trump is brokering a ceasefire in Ukraine, but this will not make Democrats happy. Nonetheless, our transformational president is challenging Europe to provide for their own defense and not depend on the U.S. to be the world's policeman. Does anyone believe that the 29 Frenemies of NATO would come to our aid if we are attacked? Trump is

pivoting away from Europe to the Americas and the Pacific rim to counter China.

The ancient Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu wrote the "Art of War," which includes strategies for battle and conquest. However, "Supreme excellence is subduing your enemy without battle." In other words, winning without fighting a traditional war. It is obvious to me that China is now our major adversary and Trump understands this. It is troubling that China, Russia and North Korea have recently aligned as the world is distracted by the endless conflicts in the Middle East and the war in Ukraine. I believe Trump prefers an economic battle with communists rather than a shooting war. The world needs to trade with the United States because we are the largest market in the world.

In the final analysis, I trust Trump on tariffs, government reforms, overseeing the work of DOGE, negotiations with foreign governments, countering the destructive policies of Democrats, and Making America Great Again. After all, Trump has been right about almost everything, whereas the Democrats, the media and the experts have been wrong on just about everything.

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### OLD MAN'S STAMP STORE



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## Stamp Collecting: Specialty Collecting

or where they once lived or were stationed. During the past ten years China and the Republic of China became countries of choice for collectors. I knew a collector who specialized in French colonies that are now mostly independent nations. He reads French well. A most challenging collection involves Germanic countries. A very interesting collection might be about the small Pacific Islands.

United Nations stamps have generated the interest of many collectors. Interest and imagination are the only controlling factors to determine a person's stamp collecting specialty.

Many US collectors concentrate on a subset of US postage. For example, post cards, post envelopes, airmail postage, postage due, special delivery, special handling, used stamps from 1840-1930, numbered plate block of stamps, date of cancel, slogan on cancel, location of cancel, pre-cancelled (pre-cancelled when sold), cancellations of post offices that are closed, line pairs of stamps both mint and used, etc. One of the finest specific collections is postage and envelope covers postmarked by a post office on a train. These can be expensive and often difficult to find.

A number of stamp collectors specialize in only one stamp with many varieties such as the U.S. #9, #10 or #11. Stamps with pictures of Washington or Franklin yield many varieties. Many early printing plates had to be reworked or changed in order to improve the print quality. As a result, the U.S. #9 stamp has many variations caused by changes in the printer's plates. When the U.S. postal service changed printing companies, the new printing company, on their printed version of the same stamp, would put a secret mark somewhere on the stamp to show the difference. The type of paper

and the production process of the paper resulted in many additional variations up through the early 1900s. These would be examples of specific collection projects.

Special cancellations have become a particular interest of mine. Cancels containing numbers, letters, symbols, dates, slogans, locations, etc. Most of these stamps are very inexpensive and, therefore, easy to collect and find. My used line pair collection is the best I have seen. The cancel needs to be time relevant as to its use as postage. Some items are difficult to find locally, and most are very expensive.

As a final thought, if you are interested in knowing more about stamp collecting, join us at the KPS (Knoxville stamp club) meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Universalist Church on Kingston Pike. Regardless of how your degree of interest develops, enjoy learning more about stamp collecting.

If you want to reach me to learn more, call (865)604-0164 or email [hrbrooks68@gmail.com](mailto:hrbrooks68@gmail.com). These columns have generated a number of phone calls and emails. I hope they have interested you. Until next month - happy collecting!

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# Motley Crew luncheons open to everyone

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Knoxville's Hubert Smith hosts a luncheon on the first Friday of the month in the Crown Plaza Hotel that always draws a variety of local people for socializing and lunch. The event promises no partisan politics, controversy or disagreements.

The March 7 gathering filled the tables with state, county and city officials, candidates, business owners and representatives, the media, and some new people who had heard of the gathering and wanted to see why it is so popular.

Smith, a long-time radio program host, East Tennessee Public Broadcasting member and community leader, began the luncheon many years ago. Each guest pays less than \$20 for a full lunch with salad and drink and each is given an opportunity to speak briefly, identifying



PHOTO BY RONNIE COLLINS

On the first Friday of each month Hubert Smith hosts the "Motley Crew" lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel downtown. The event draws a wide variety of people to socialize and visit.

themselves, their organization, and why they are attending.

At the end of each luncheon, a drawing is held and winners receive a gift donated by some of those attending.

The Motley Crew luncheon is more of a social gathering with lots of conversation before the

meal and shared thoughts at each table. Smith often brings the crowd up to date with upcoming events and seems to know everyone who is present.

The camaraderie of those at the luncheons is contagious and handshakes and hugs are shared among people who know each other and

newcomers alike.

Smith, who has suffered several medical problems and uses his cane, greets everyone at the door and often jokes with people as he hosts the event.

"It is a fellowship with people who attend to have a good time," Smith told The Focus.

# Looking for Victory in the Valley (Part 1 of 4)

Imagine returning home after an extended absence, yearning for the people you love more than anything in the world. Your heart swells with excitement, and the anticipation of embracing your family



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is beyond words. As you crest the last hill, the smell of smoke fills your nostrils,

and you look out over a landscape that was once so familiar. However, your joy quickly fades as you take in the devastating scene before you. The city you left behind, where your loved ones reside, is now a smoldering expanse of ruins and ashes. The once-familiar streets are

now a desolate, charred wasteland littered with the blackened remnants of what used to be. The only sounds are the distant crackle of embers and the mournful sigh of the wind blowing through the wreckage. You scan the horizon, your mind racing with growing dread. "Where are my family, my friends, the people I left here?" The city, once vibrant with life—filled with the laughter of children and the sounds of

neighbors chatting about their evening plans—is now empty and devoid of any signs of life. You realize that your loved ones are nowhere in sight, and the fate of those you cherish is unknown. Your world shatters, your mind goes numb, and you stand frozen, overwhelmed by an unexpected wave of despair.

This description is not a fictional portrayal from the latest Hollywood movie; it reflects a real moment that David experienced when he returned home to the city of Ziklag with his army. In 1 Samuel 30, we read about the Amalekites, who raided the city during their absence, took their families captive, and burned the town to the ground. As if constantly fleeing from Saul wasn't enough to dishearten him, David now faced an even greater challenge: losing everything he held dear, all while grappling with the added burden of his army wanting to stone him. These compounded calamities created a perfect storm of discouragement. In that moment of overwhelming grief, he wept until he had no strength left, and the Bible tells us that David was "greatly distressed." It's clear that David found himself in a valley—a Valley of Discouragement.

Discouragement is a

very real experience. It can stem from our own choices, unexpected life events for which we are unprepared, or the burden of circumstances that leave us feeling alone and confused, much like David. Each of us will encounter this unwelcome visitor of discouragement at some point. While occasional feelings of demoralization are inevitable, how we respond to these feelings is a choice we can make. How can we experience discouragement without allowing it to define us? Is it possible to face life's challenges without letting them undermine our faith? I believe it is possible. The key to finding victory in the valley and overcoming life's low points lies within the account of David's battle in the Valley of Discouragement in Ziklag.

First, David finds strength in the Lord. This can be challenging, especially during times when those you expect to support you are absent. In those moments, it's just you and God. Ultimately, all you have is what your heart and past experiences tell you about God's faithfulness.

When we find ourselves in a valley, it is crucial to draw our strength from God. 1 Samuel 30:6 tells us that during this challenging time, David "encouraged

himself in the Lord." While we don't know the exact words David used or how he lifted himself up, we can recognize that he had a deep reservoir of past experiences to draw from. His victories from previous valleys and triumphs from earlier battles served as reminders that if God has done it before, He can certainly do it again.

We all cherish mountaintop experiences, but Oswald Chambers said it best: "We see God's glory on the mountain, but we see God's faithfulness in the valley." If you find yourself in a valley of discouragement today, it is essential, as Christians, to strengthen our relationship with God. This way, we can establish a foundation of strength to rely upon when the unexpected valleys of discouragement arise. Strength for today's trials is not built in the heat of current pressures; rather, it is developed each day in preparation for the unknown challenges that may come tomorrow. Remember, the first step to finding victory in the valley is to draw from your past experiences and use them to encourage yourself in the Lord. I hope you'll join me again next week as we explore another step toward achieving victory in the valley.

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# The Gentleman From Michigan

## Charles E. Potter

### Pages from the Past



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History is full of obscure figures, but it is also like a dusty old closet that is full of interesting things once opened and examined. Charles Potter looked like a small-town accountant with his horn-rimmed glasses, thinning hair, and neat appearance. That same modest appearance masked a steely determination. Charlie Potter is remembered today as a Republican senator who was highly skeptical of Joe McCarthy. After leaving the Senate, Potter wrote a best-selling book, "Days of Shame," about his experience as a senator and the McCarthy hearings and the censure of the Wisconsin lawmaker.

Charlie Potter had been wounded three times during the Second World War and rose from buck private to major. It really isn't sufficient to say that Potter was "wounded" as he lost both of his legs due to a land mine. Potter was awarded the Silver Star (twice), the Purple Heart, and France's Croix de Guerre. Charlie Potter was unable to walk, albeit slowly, through the use of artificial limbs and two canes.

It was Senator Charles Potter who surprised friend and foe when he produced a mimeographed statement which Joe McCarthy "gawked at" "with astonishment." Potter's statement was big news in Washington, D.C., with the Michigan senator stating, "I believe a criminal case against some of the principals might be developed if the case were taken to a grand jury room where the testimony would have to be repeated without others being present." Potter ticked off a list of corrections and a host of things he found wrong with the hearings orchestrated by McCarthy and his staff. "The testimony of witnesses of both sides was saturated with statements which were not truthful ... I believe there may have been subornation of perjury." As to McCarthy aide Roy Cohn, who later became a notorious attorney, Potter said, "I shall propose dismissal of those employees who have played top roles on both sides." Potter stated his firm belief, "The staff of the subcommittee will have to be overhauled."

Charlie Potter was a reasonable man during a time when Washington, D.C., was seized by panic and fear. Potter's statement also seemed to shift the balance of power on McCarthy's subcommittee during the Army-McCarthy hearings. It was truly the beginning of the end for Joe McCarthy.

It is part of American history that at the end of a war, the Congress is frequently populated by veterans

of the last war. With the heroes of the Second World War having come home, a goodly number of them campaigned for office. Potter was working as a representative for the vocational rehabilitation department of the Retraining & Reemployment Administration, which was a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, helping those veterans like himself or had been wounded to readjust and reenter the work force. When Congressman Fred Bradley died, Charles Potter became a candidate in the special election and won the seat, taking his place as a member of the House of Representatives on August 26, 1947.

Reelected in 1948 and 1950, Potter became a candidate for the United States Senate seat once held by Arthur Vandenberg, who had died in 1951. Governor G. Mennen Williams had appointed Blair Moody, a journalist, to fill the senatorial vacancy. Potter beat Moody and took his seat on November 5, 1952.

Potter went to the U.S. Senate in the same election that saw Dwight D. Eisenhower take back the White House after twenty long years of Democratic rule. As a senator, Charles E. Potter was a supporter of the Eisenhower Administration and was considered a champion of veterans. As might be expected for a senator from Michigan, Charlie Potter was also considered an advocate for the automobile industry. Potter also headlined a flashy investigation into alleged Communist activities in the movie industry and labor organizations, which earned the senator the avowed enmity of labor. Potter drew the most attention during his six years in the United States Senate as an opponent of Joe McCarthy. Charlie Potter was the first member of the Senate to question improprieties by McCarthy's staff members.

G. Mennen Williams, an heir to the once hugely popular Mennen products (speed stick deodorants, skin bracer, etc.), was known for his ever-present green and white polka-dotted bowtie. Better known as "Soapy," Williams was the perennial governor of Michigan, winning every two years from 1948 through 1958 and finally leaving office on January 1, 1961. Any chief executive from a populous state who was enduringly popular with his people is a natural presidential possibility and Soapy Williams began traveling around the country to give himself some exposure. The lieutenant governor of Michigan was Philip Hart, who managed



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Senator Charles E. Potter of Michigan makes a point at a press conference in his Senate office August 22, 1958.

the store while Soapy Williams put his toe in the roiling presidential waters. As Williams prepared to run for reelection in 1958, Hart announced he was running for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate against Senator Charles E. Potter. Hart would have the full backing of both the Williams Administration and organized labor.

Like Potter, Phil Hart was a wounded veteran, having been injured in mortar fire on Utah Beach during the fighting on D-Day. Hart had married mighty well to Jane Briggs, the daughter of Walter Owen Briggs, an enormously wealthy businessman from auto manufacturing and who also owned the Detroit Tigers. Jane Hart owned her own airplane and flew her husband from one campaign stop to another. Together, the couple were parents to eight very photogenic children and Mrs. Hart had the capacity to self-fund her husband's campaign. Phil Hart was a very real threat to Charlie Potter's continued tenure in the U.S. Senate.

Even more ominous was that the political complexion of the Wolverine State was changing. Senator Homer Ferguson had been defeated in 1954 in an upset and Potter was the lone Republican still holding statewide office in Michigan. The campaign between Senator Charles Potter and Philip Hart was hard fought, but 1958 was a banner year for Democrats nationally and equally so in Michigan. Potter lost by 170,000 votes and ran as good a race as was possible at the time for any Republican.

A week after his defeat, Senator Charles Potter held an informal press conference in his Washington, D.C., office. "I am not bitter about the loss," Potter told the gathered newsmen. "I have no regrets. My political fortunes have been good." As to his future plans, Potter replied, "I'm in no hurry. Many jobs have been brought up that I am exploring, both in Government and private industry."

There were the usual rumors surrounding Potter and a pending appointment

from the Eisenhower Administration. It had been Charlie Potter who had led a group of GOP senators in urging Ike to fire his highly prized and much-disliked chief of staff, Sherman Adams. Adams had gotten entangled in a minor scandal having taken a vicuna coat from controversial financier Bernard Goldfine. There were those who believed President Eisenhower had done little to help Potter in his reelection bid in 1958 because of the Adams affair.

Reports indicated Potter had turned down a position in the Commerce Department, as well as an offer from the Eisenhower Administration to head the Social Security office. The former senator was apparently at least tempted by one offer that supposedly came from the Eisenhower Administration, making Potter the chairman of the U.S.-Canadian International Joint Commission, which carried a salary of \$20,000 annually (roughly \$211,000 today). Reportedly, just before the president was to make the announcement of Potter's appointment, the former senator from Michigan called the White House to turn it down. Charlie Potter had accepted a third position as the executive director of the Committee of American Tanker Owners, Inc., which he said would pay him "in excess" of the handsome \$20,000 salary.

While Potter was not bitter about his defeat, privately, friends acknowledged it had deeply hurt the former senator. One reporter for the Lansing State Journal wrote, "Potter disappeared almost entirely from public view" following his election loss. "With his wife, Lorraine, he stayed shut up much of the time in their Arlington Towers apartment."

A few months after his

defeat, Potter and his wife were still living in their apartment in Arlington, Virginia. The former senator's father-in-law told a newsman, "Charlie's looking up a job. He's had a couple of offers. He's looking around and I think he's getting lined up. I hope he finds something soon."

One rumor swirling around the former senator involved him becoming the top lobbyist for the television networks. A month later came the announcement that Potter was the new president of the World Seaway Shipping Agency, as well as a partner in Jensen Enterprises, a corporation which was buying land to rent for various purposes. The Seaway Shipping Agency was an affiliate of the Ocean Shipping & Trading Corporation, which owned a vast fleet of cargo ships that traveled the globe and the St. Lawrence seaway. The Seaway Shipping Agency kept offices in both New York City and Detroit.

Soon, Charlie Potter was jettisoned back and forth between Washington, D.C., New York City, and Detroit, pursuing his business. Only 42 years old when he left the Senate, Charlie Potter found there was life after Congress. Potter established himself as a highly successful consultant and lobbyist. Potter became much more influential as a lobbyist than he ever had been as a member of the United States Senate.

Potter readily acknowledged he still "loved" politics and confessed he might still run for office in the future. With another senatorial election coming up in Michigan in 1960, reporters queried the former senator if he would seek the GOP nomination to challenge his former colleague, Pat McNamara. "You can say present indications are that I won't be

a candidate. As for the future - well, I'm not ruling anything out. I hope I have a good many years ahead of me."

Potter once said he practically lived on an airplane and described himself as one of the airlines' steadiest customers. Apparently, his constant shuffling between points took its toll on his marriage and the former senator filed for divorce from his wife, Lorraine, in December 1959. The divorce suit raised some eyebrows because the judge agreed to a request made by Potter to suppress it, meaning the divorce document was not public record. Enterprising reporters telephoned Lorraine Potter, who tersely refused to make any comment. Naturally, the suppression of a former senator's divorce case caused more speculation and raised curiosity even higher. Lorraine Potter, in her own divorce suit, claimed she was neglected and charged the former senator stayed away from home for long periods of time without telling her where he had been. Potter withdrew his divorce complaint minutes before the hearing.

The speculation ended with the announcement the following year that the former senator was marrying Betty Bryant Wismer, a divorcee with two teenaged children. Mrs. Wismer was a niece of the late automobile titan Henry Ford and had been the campaign manager for Potter's 1958 senatorial campaign in Washtenaw County. Betty Wismer lived on an estate in Ypsilanti given to her by Henry Ford when she had married her first husband in 1940. The couple intended to delay a European honeymoon to wait for Wismer's daughter, Wendy, to finish out the year at Roosevelt High School in Ypsilanti. The couple remained together until Potter's death.

Potter also remained active behind the scenes in Republican politics and his consulting business flourished with clients across the globe. Some of Potter's clients included huge corporations like Uniroyal and Rockwell International. Charles Potter was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital, where he died of an apparent heart attack on November 23, 1979, at age 63.

As befitting an American hero who lost both his legs fighting for his country at the Battle of the Bulge, Charles E. Potter was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

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# Growing Old

Amy and I drove behind an elderly couple the other day, and I thought I'd lose my mind at how slow they traveled down a busy highway. On another occasion, we watched as an older male chewed out a waitress over her service.



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Yes, the sight is humorous. The next indications of my age are those that appear on my body. With the slightest bump against any object, a huge purple-and-red area appears.

spear-piercing jolt of pain. Restless legs also make me give up sleep. My usual bedtime these days is about 1:00 a.m.

I've developed a new condition that I call the "baby doll syndrome." The name comes from those dolls whose eyes would close every time they were tilted. I sit on my side of our reclining couch, lean back, and before long, fall dead-to-the-world asleep.

Finally, I have reached that age when a person walks into a room and cannot remember why in the hell one is there. I can recall with vividness things from my childhood but can't remember the name of a new person I met five minutes ago. Sometimes, a word just won't come, and I stand mystified and try to remember it.

The joys of life are many, but some hardships accompany growing older. I've listed them, but I hope no one takes them as whining or complaining. Everything listed in this piece is a statement of fact. I'm glad to be alive and to have the experiences that come with my years. A line in Alan Jackson's new song says, "If they found the Fountain of Youth, I wouldn't drink a drop, and that's the truth." The rewards that come with aging are blessings for each person. I thank God for giving me these years, and I apologize to family and friends for being such a pain.

Other than that one tirade, the man uttered not a single word to his wife, nor did she speak to him. My dear wife waited until we were in the car and then commented, "When we get old, neither of us is going to do those kinds of things." I laughed, looked at her, and replied, "We already are old!" It shocked her to hear that pronouncement, but the truth is the truth.

Our advanced age is reflected in many ways. The first one that comes to mind is maneuvering. I once used to be able to twist myself into positions to reach a certain screw or to retrieve a dropped item. These days, simply getting down to the floor is a task unless I fall in the process. The days of contorting myself to get into tight spaces are over, and, worst of all, rising from the floor is a taxing event. I must be close to a stable object on which I can push with one arm to help raise my body. If one isn't available, I have to get on hands and knees and then straighten my legs as my hands remain still for stability.

Evidently, I'm clumsier than most because my arms and hands are covered with these marks. In addition, my skin has become paper-thin. The poke from a branch or the swipe of a dog's claw easily penetrates the skin and leaves a small flood of blood running down my arms or legs. Blood thinner makes the situation worse, and I spend half my time trying to stop the gush of red so that I can finish a project.

It's been several years since I've been able to stand up straight and immediately walk. Instead, I stand up bent at a 45-degree angle and wait a minute before my arthritic back allows me to proceed. My knees have begun hurting in the last year, and my fingers are crooked with arthritis. Of course, the most bent finger is the one I nearly cut off with a table saw last summer.

Cramps hit at night and drive me from the bed. Those that hit the inside of my thighs are the worst. I can't stand straight, and every step I take to loosen up my muscles brings on a

and one independently. He has also worked diligently to remove illegal road signs in right of ways, a project he takes on many Saturdays throughout the year.

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## Carson Dailey receives Litter Award

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by advocating for the hiring of an environmental officer within the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Through Dailey's support, Captain Tom Walker was hired for this brand new position in 2021. Since his hiring, Captain Walker has made a significant difference in enforcing the litter laws. For more than thirty years, Dailey has lead two Adopt-A-Road groups in his personal time - one with Boy Scout Troop 36

and one independently. He has also worked diligently to remove illegal road signs in right of ways, a project he takes on many Saturdays throughout the year. Nominees for the prestigious Leader Against Litter Award were submitted from statewide Keep Tennessee Beautiful affiliates. Criteria required nominees be elected officials and an "environmental hero." All submissions included examples of how each leader went above

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## TSSAA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# Bearettes roar past Bearden in semis

By Steve Williams

Bearden looked like a state champion the first 12 minutes of the game at MTSU's Murphy Center Friday night.

But then tradition-rich Bradley Central's girls switched to a zone press defense, caught up and pulled away for a 66-39 victory in the TSSAA Class 4A state semifinals.

The Bearettes (34-1), who haven't lost a game to an in-state team in over two years and are ranked No. 8 in the nation by The Sporting News, were

scheduled to play Bartlett (25-11) in the title game Saturday night in Murfreesboro.

Natalya Hodge, a Miss Basketball finalist, scored 12 of her 21 points in the first period, including a 3-point buzzer beater that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 15-9 lead.

By the middle of the second period, Bearden had built its lead to 23-13. But from that point to 5:58 in the third period Bradley Central had outscored the Lady Bulldogs 16-0.

And the Bearettes' lead

continued to grow thanks to their zone press and inside game. They ended up outscoring Bearden 48 to 10 in the paint.

In his post-game comments, Bradley Central Coach Jason Reuter said he made the decision at halftime to go to a "zone press" and get the ball out of Hodge's hands.

Bearden's Kendall Murphy pointed out her team had practiced a lot against the zone press in preparation, but said it was a different game in the state tournament atmosphere.



Kimora Fields, also a Miss Basketball finalist, led the Bearettes with 27 points, 13 rebounds and two steals. TaTianna Stovall provided the spark that allowed Bradley Central to take **Continue on page 2**

## Gibbs High's Pittman to be inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By Ken Lay

When Tim Pittman arrived at Gibbs High School in 2000, he was tasked with building a wrestling program for the Eagles.

He had to start the team from scratch and things were hard at first. Gibbs had a few talented athletes on the team in those early days, but the Eagles, due to lack of numbers, had their problems competing in dual meets.

More than two decades later, Gibbs is one of the state's top programs and Pittman, the only head coach in school history, will soon be inducted into the Tennessee Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Pittman has invested time and effort into building an elite program in Corryton, but ever a humble man, he isn't taking credit for the Eagles' success.

"To be successful, I learned that you have to surround yourself with good people, good assistant coaches," said Pittman, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on April 5 in a ceremony at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville.

"This is all about my assistant coaches and the parents who keep the program together and help me administrate.

Gibbs has had its share of good assistant coaches. Spencer Bailey came from Carson-Newman and Eric Davis came from Halls, where Pittman served as an assistant coach under the legendary Chris Vandergtiff.

"Tons of people made this happen," Pittman said. "When we started, coach Spencer came from Carson-Newman. He was up there with me and Eric Davis came from Halls to help me."

Pittman has had several assistants during his time at the helm for the Eagles,

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# A season like Webb's are few and far between

By Steve Williams

It's rare when a high school's girls and boys basketball teams both advance to the TSSAA state tournament in the same year.

But it's even rarer when a high school's two basketball teams win state championships in the same year.

Webb School of Knoxville became the seventh school to do it in TSSAA history this year when the Lady Spartans defeated Christ Presbyterian Academy 61-47 and the Spartans defeated Briarcrest 54-45 March 8 at Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center in Cookeville.

In 63 years, it's only happened 10 previous times by six schools.

Bradley Central was the first to strike gold twice in 1962, when there was no classification.

Brainerd High in Chattanooga was the first to earn this distinction in the classification era, sweeping the Class AAA state titles in 1984 at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Brentwood Academy is the overall leader, with four seasons of hauling two gold basketballs back home. The fun started in 2006 when the Lady Eagles and Eagles were in Division II. Their



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**Two for won!** The two gold basketballs, the extra No. 1 signs and twice as many smiles stood out at Tennessee Tech's Eblen Center March 8 -- the rewards for the Webb girls' and boys' first sweep of the Division II-AA state championships. It had only happened 10 times before by six other schools in TSSAA history.

## Green and Swearengen lead Webb School to titles

classification changed to Division II AA in 2015, 2016 and 2018.

Christ Presbyterian is the only other school that's rang the bell more than once and that was in Class AA in 2012 and 2013 when CPA participated in Division I before all private schools were forced to compete in Division II.

Rounding out the honorees for this special achievement are Ensworth in Division II AA in 2013 and Blackman in Class AAA in 2014.

Meeyah Green's early 3-point shooting sparked Coach Greg Hernandez's Webb girls to a 61-47 state title win over Christ Presbyterian Academy and the Lady Spartans' first championship since 2018.

Green, a junior and Clemson commit, earned MVP honors with her 19 points, including 13 in the first half.

Freshman guard Zahnyah Rockett had a game-high 20 points and five steals.

Kyndall Mays, a freshman post, contributed 12 points and collected seven rebounds. The Lady Spartans (29-3) will return its entire roster next season.

The Webb boys were in a close game against Briarcrest going into the final period, but with the scored tied at 38-all, Coach Ricky Norris' Spartans went on a 16-0 runaway that lasted 5½

minutes before ending in the final minute.

It was the first state title for Coach Norris' program since 2019.

Owen Lentz led Webb's balanced attack with 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Cam Swearengen, selected the MVP, totaled 11 points.

Alex Leeth and Huston Torres chipped in 10 and nine points, respectively.

Senior Jaylen Pompey contributed eight assists.

The Spartans will hang up a 34-2 record.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

## One of Wright's best coaching efforts in 39 seasons

What about this young Fulton High boys basketball team!

"It's probably the youngest I've ever had," said Coach Jody Wright following the Falcons'



By Steve Williams

49-46 Class 3A Sectional win over Unicoi County last week. "I don't know if I've ever had a team that had eight underclassmen on it and I don't know if I've ever had a team that had six freshmen on it."

It hasn't been an easy season for Fulton.

"We've had some bumps along the way, but figured it out here late," said Coach Wright.

Early in the season, did you ever believe this team would get to state, Jody was asked.

"No, I mean we're two games above .500 (18-16) and played most of the season with a below .500 record. So no, I certainly didn't envision that. January was hard here. It was a grind, but we got

through January and kept getting better, so I always thought this team had a shot."

Even though the team was extremely young, Wright also continued to play a schedule loaded with strong opponents.

In his 39th season as a high school coach, this has got to be one of his greatest coaching efforts.

"It was challenging," said Wright. "I'm proud of these guys. Many times, they could have folded the tent, and they could've tonight, but they kept grinding. That's what you've got to do and I'm proud of them for it."

I would say a lot of fans are proud of Coach Wright, too.

The sectional victory over Unicoi County was career win No. 886 for Jody.

He can't get to 900 this year, but he'll have a good shot at it next season.

"Yeah, I think so ... with the Lord willing, absolutely."



PHOTO BY KYLIE CALDWELL

Fulton sophomore Nick Steen works low to get past the Unicoi County defender or draw a foul in the Class 3A State Sectional game last week at Jody Wright Arena. The Falcons won, 49-46.

## Bearettes roar past Bearden in semis

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the lead and finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Harmonie Ware added 15 points.

The Bearettes made only 2 of 17 from 3-point land and 8 of 14 free throws but were overpowering inside.

Hodge, a junior, scored 21 points and had seven rebounds, three assists and three steals, but seven turnovers. Murphy contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Bearden made 12 of 53 field goals, 6 of 28 behind the arc and 9 of 12 at the line.

"I'm very proud of this

team," said Bearden Coach Justin Underwood. "33-6 and a Final Four finish is a great year. We will miss our seniors, those three set a great culture this year! This group represented our program, school and community very well."

**QUARTERFINAL WIN:** Bearden rolled past Whitehaven 59-24 in Thursday's quarterfinals. Hodge had 19 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Murphy tallied 17 points and collected eight boards. Aisha Patel chipped in 10 points and eight rebounds. Emma Rainey added eight points.



PHOTO BY KYLIE CALDWELL

Students and fans immediately start to celebrate Fulton's victory on the court and the Falcons' junior wing Rejaun Womble joins them in the excitement.

# Fulton holds on for win and another trip to state

By Steve Williams

Going into the Class 3A Sectional round a week ago, Jody Wright, Fulton High's veteran boys basketball coach, expected a battle against Unicoi County.

"It kind of went exactly like I thought it was going to go," said Wright. "We knew they had so many weapons offensively and could score. And they showed that."

The Blue Devils from Erwin in upper East Tennessee unveiled their offense early in the game and took a 10-point lead in the first period.

Fulton fans had seen enough to make them hold their breath in the game's closing seconds as Unicoi County, down by three points, launched two 3-point shots.

Both were off the mark, however, and the young Fulton team notched a

49-46 win to extend the school's streak of consecutive state tournament berths to four.

"I'm really proud of our effort," said Coach Wright. "The second and fourth quarters we held them to six points each quarter, but of course we gave up 18 and 16 points in the first and third."

"We beat a good basketball team and we were fortunate to win. But this time of the year, they don't give style points. It's win ugly or pretty; it really doesn't matter. You just want to win."

Fulton (18-16) will play Fayette-Ware (27-5) in the TSSAA Class 3A state quarterfinals Thursday at 2:15 (CDT) at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

Sophomore Nick Steen (18 points) and senior Derrick Smith (17) led the Falcons' win over Unicoi County, which finished with a 21-14 record. Thirteen

of Steen's points came in the first half and nine of Smith's points came in the final period. Senior Travis Ballenger and junior Rejaun Womble chipped in six points apiece.

Jackson Simmons scored a game-high 21 points for Unicoi County. His total included five 3-pointers, including three in the opening period. Garrett Sellers contributed 12 points and two treys. Kaden Cutlip added nine points.

Both teams had a couple of long runs in the game.

The Blue Devils had a 13-2 run in the first period and the Falcons countered that with a 14-0 run.

In the second half, Unicoi County had a 14-2 run to end the third period with a 40-34 lead. But then a 14-0 run by Fulton in the final period gave the Falcons a 48-40 lead with 2:27 remaining.

Three-point shots by

Simmons and Cutlip pulled Unicoi County within two points (48-46) at 1:04. Ballenger missed a free throw but hit a big one to give the Falcons a three-point advantage with 58 seconds left.

But after a timeout by Unicoi County with 44.4 second to go, the Blue Devils couldn't hit the big shot they needed to tie the score.

"Two great shots at the end and two shots I think we are going to make most of the time - just didn't go for us," said Unicoi County Coach Jordan Simmons, outside his team's locker room after the game.

"Number 10 (Steen) around the basket kind of had his way with us a little bit," added Simmons. "That's something we take a lot of pride in, but we didn't answer the call tonight and they made us pay for it."

## Mozingo and Ringer commit to TWU lacrosse program

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville senior Maddox Mozingo, a 3-time All-State lacrosse player, has announced his commitment to further his athletic and academic career at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens.

TWU Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator Rico Silvera, a former longtime lacrosse head coach at Webb School, said: "Maddox is not just a 3-time All-State lacrosse player. He is a young man with character and an excellent student. He defines what we are looking for in a player, student and citizen."

Mozingo will be joining former CAK teammate Torin Piper (Class of 2023) on next year's TWU squad.

Mozingo also will be joining West High's Reece Ringer, another top Knoxville player who committed to Tennessee

Wesleyan last month. Ringer, an All-Region player, has anchored the powerful West attack for several years.

"While we recruit nationally, we recognize the high quality of our local players and always want that to be a focus in our recruiting," said TWU Head Coach Kevin Parker.

"At Tennessee Wesleyan we offer our athletes the opportunity to play lacrosse at an incredibly high level of competition. But we also are proud of the education offered here at Tennessee Wesleyan, which U.S. News and World Reports has ranked TWU as a Top 10 academic institution out of 132 southern regional colleges."

Silvera led Webb to its first state title in lacrosse, the TSLA Division II-AA/A championship in May of 2024, after 21 seasons with the program.

"I am really enjoying



A 3-time All-State honoree in lacrosse, Maddox Mozingo, a Tennessee Wesleyan commit, also was a standout linebacker in football at CAK.

my new job at Tennessee Wesleyan," he said.

Tennessee Wesleyan is in the NAIA and competes in the Appalachian

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# Some indiscreet sniping from both sides

Over the years, the story of Tennessee football has been written by such journalists as Tom Siler, Russ Bebb, Ben Byrd, Marvin West, Haywood Harris and Gus Manning, Tony Barnhart, F. M. Williams and Jeff Hanna, Barry Parker and Robin Hood, Clay Travis, Ward Gossett, Jay Greeson and Stephen Hargis... and many more.

Media such as the Knoxville News Sentinel, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, the Tennessean (Nashville's morning newspaper), and the Chattanooga Times-Free Press have also written about the Vol program with unquestioned zeal, on a daily basis and in special books about notable games and events.

I noticed one notable omission in their coverage at the end of 2024 or the beginning of 2025. I had been in regular contact with John Park (Memphis), Allen Spain and Dr. Bill Harb (Nashville), and Barry Rice (Rogersville). They are hardcore Vol fans and professional Tennessee historians. They are inveterate collectors who regularly

search the Internet for Vol "stuff." Their collections are amazing.

Bill called one day last year and said he had bought a number of Tennessee-related football photos from the late 1940s. As I perused the collection, the picture attached to this story caught my attention.

The picture in question came from the season-opening 1946 Georgia Tech game, a key contest in the Vols' drive to the SEC title. The Yellow Jackets were dressed in black jerseys and were heading off the field to the southeast corner of the field below Section F. That's where the visitor's dressing room was located in those long-ago days.

You didn't know that? None of us did. Nobody alive today probably knows that. One of us had thought the visitors might have dressed somewhere in Alumni Gym, but not so.

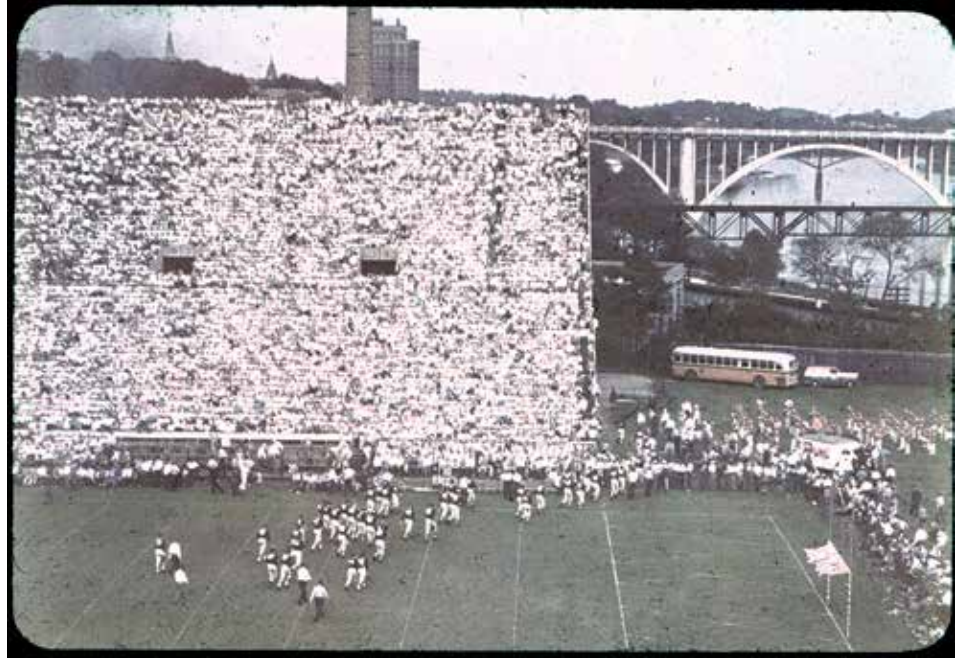
We all know about the Vol dressing room under the East stands that was replaced starting with the 1983 LSU game by a new one at the North end. We also know about the visitor's dressing area under the South stands, where visiting teams enter Shields-Watkins Field to a chorus of boos before each home game. That area has been in place since the

1948 stadium expansion that brought 15,000 seats to the "Home of the Vols."

The question arises logically. If you're going to host a football game, where does the visiting team dress out in preparation for the contest? Where do members of the media meet after the game to talk to visiting coaches and players? Return with us now to Sept. 14, 1968, and Nov. 1, 1969, both games against Georgia.

For example, Tennessee had not played Georgia in Knoxville since 1937 or in Athens since 1936, but it didn't take long for things to heat up. The series got "hot" very quickly. Georgia athletic director Joel Eaves and Tennessee head coach Doug Dickey engaged in some indiscreet sniping in their remarks once the series was renewed.

Sports Illustrated (Dan Jenkins and photographer Walter Iloos, Jr.) covered the 1968 game. Controversy erupted about a TD catch by Gary Kreis seconds after the final horn sounded. It appeared, at least from the Georgia side, to have been dropped and therefore incomplete. That would have sealed a 17-9 Bulldog win. Tennessee fans accepted the call on the field and looked forward to the next week's game. No replay was forthcoming.



Where was the visitor's dressing room at Neyland Stadium before 1948?

The week after the game, Kreis received a letter from a fan that illustrated the feelings of Bulldog Nation.

"It's never too late to right a wrong. Why don't you confess?" the apparently peeved fan wrote. "She also told me to stay out of Georgia." Kreis made the trip to Athens the next year without incident.

Eaves had also objected to Tennessee putting in artificial turf on Shields-Watkins Field without consulting with Georgia and the rest of the Southeastern Conference. He threatened to cancel the game.

In 1969, Dickey contended that Georgia's dressing

room and visitor media area were not up to SEC standards. That came during post-game interviews after a 17-3 Tennessee victory at Sanford Stadium.

"I want to say that this place is a disgrace for a Southeastern Conference school," said Dickey in an Associated Press (AP) story on Nov. 2, 1969. "They criticized our field, but we did spend \$200,000 to put in the field (Tartan Turf)." The AP writer did add that, "The quarters are extremely small, giving them a vintage look reminiscent of button shoes and derby hats." That was a charitable assessment. (Tennessee's

visitor's dressing area is nothing to write home about. Even now.)

All that posturing got the renewed series off to a rousing start 57 years ago. Things haven't calmed down since, even if sports-writers don't write very many stories about the condition of the field and dressing rooms across the ever-widening expanse of the conference.

John Park provided invaluable assistance in helping find Dickey's remarks on Georgia's dressing room and media areas from the Knoxville News Sentinel microfilm.

## Vols Take Part in NFL Pro Day

By Mark Nagi

Back in the dark times of Tennessee football, you didn't have a whole lot of NFL-caliber talent on the Vols roster. But with the recent good fortune of the program has come more interest from the next level.

Last Tuesday, March 11, 14 former Vols worked out for representatives from all 32 NFL teams at Tennessee Pro Day. This was another opportunity for UT alums to impress the scouts.

Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel said, "They did a great job representing themselves and our program today, too, so I'm really looking forward to seeing this journey continue for them, get to draft day and ultimately training camp and the season."

The top Vol off the NFL Draft board will likely be Edge Rusher James Pearce, Jr., who was one of the most dominant players in the SEC the last 2 seasons. "On my tape there's not much that you can dislike," said Pearce. "I can be a little better with my hands and there's always a place to grow in your game, but I haven't gotten too many dislikes... Each team is looking for something else or wants to know something about you that will help the team, and also how

they can help you. That's the same part, telling them how they can help me. I am not the type of guy to open up, but within 20 minutes of a phone meeting, they have to get to know me as much as possible during that time."

"Young men when they come into our building, they are at varying levels of maturity," said Heupel. "It's our job to accelerate them as fast as we can. James has done a really good job. The football understanding grew really quickly and has continued to grow. Developing as a man and as a person, he has done a really good job of continuing that, too."

The NFL seems to be making a shift and giving the running back position increased value these days. That should make Dylan Sampson a sought-after player in the draft. Sampson broke multiple single-season school records at UT, including rushing yards with 1485, as well as total and rushing touchdowns with 22.

"I know there are a lot of things I can do outside of running the ball," said Sampson. "I try to look at games like [NFL RBs] Jahmyr Gibbs and Alvin Kamara. I look at myself as being able to do things like that. Even being

a returner on special teams. I'm going to bring a lot of value to a program or organization, and that's what I'm looking to do."

"He has a great understanding of the game," Heupel said of Sampson. "Great vision and pace as a running back, ability to set up and use the blockers in front of him. He can make plays out of the backfield catching the football. He's got return ability. His pass protection was really good for us, and he's going to continue to get better at that too. He's a guy that in three short years has made a lot of plays, and that's going to go with him forward, but his best football is still out in front of him too. Dynamic leader."

The NFL Draft will take place April 24-26 in Green Bay. WR Dont'e Thornton is a player whose 4.3-second 40-yard dash speed will ensure that he will be one of those players to hear his name called. "I'm a bigger receiver, but I would also say I'm versatile as I can play both inside and outside," said Thornton. "That's the main attraction for a lot of teams."

Tennessee has prepared many alums for a career in the pro ranks. The next set is on the way.

## Gibbs High's Pittman

Conf. from page 1 — but he doesn't hire just anybody.

"Anybody I hire or bring on to coach with us has to love kids," he said. "It's all about the kids and you have to do right for them."

Pittman has seen changes in the sport as girls wrestling has taken off in the Volunteer State in recent years. He also started Eagle Talon, a youth and middle school program.

"I'm really proud of our girls. I coach them too," he said. "We have some middle school kids from Eagle Talon, who are coming up and they're going to be really good. Then, we have Tennessee Valley Wrestling with Joseph Dodgen in Pigeon Forge, with Pigeon Forge, Halls, Gibbs and Seymour."

Pittman has built a championship program in Northeast Knox County and now, the athletes just keep coming in. They didn't in the early days and Pittman

attributes that to fear of failure.

"I think it all comes down to fear and I think kids are afraid to get beat," he said. "I have kids who have come out as juniors and seniors who tell me that they wished they had come out as freshmen, and I tell them, 'I tried to tell you.'

"Then I have others who tell me that they don't think they'll be very good at it."

Pittman has an answer for that too.

"I tell them that the first time they took up a sport, and I asked them if they were any good at it," he said. "And of course, they had to work at it."

"It's the fear of getting beat and the embarrassment that they think goes with that. But to get better at this sport, you have to get beat."

Pittman's selection to the hall has left him humble.

"I'm appreciative of it," he said. "It's very humbling."

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

## Two players with cancer to be recognized next week

Two high school baseball players who are sidelined with cancer will be recognized at their team's game next week.

It will be "Jaxton King Night" on Monday, March 24, at Halls High with the Red Devils' game against Karns starting at 6. King is a junior.

The same two teams, which are in District 3-4A, will play Tuesday night, March 25, at 6 at Karns, where the Beavers' Hayden Jennings, a sophomore, will be recognized.

Proceeds from the "Playing for a Cure tournament" go to two high school players who have cancer each year.

Egleton High Head Coach Travis Hart puts on the "Playing for a Cure tournament" each season and spoke about it at the ETBCA Media Day this year. The tournament has been held for 17 years.

Halls kicked off this season's "Playing for a Cure tournament" last Thursday night at Sevier County.

STEVE WILLIAMS

# Fast start lifts Hardin Valley to easy win over Bobcats

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy is one of the hottest teams out of the gate to start the 2025 high school baseball season.

After opening the week by suffering their first loss of the season on Monday, March 10, the Hawks won three consecutive games, culminating the week with a 16-6 five-inning victory over Central Friday night at Tommy Schumpert Park in Halls.

The Hawks notched a 3-2 District 4-4A victory over three-time defending Class 4A state champion Farragut on Thursday.

Upon their return to the diamond against the Bobcats in an early-season game between two teams that have hopes for a deep postseason run, the Hawks set the tone early as they scored seven runs before Central (3-3) even recorded an out in the top of the first inning. Hardin Valley (7-1) sent 13

batters to the plate in the first as it pounded out eight hits, including a two-run home run by first baseman and University of Tennessee signee Colton Denton. Leadoff man Caleb Van Lent opened the game with a single. He stole second and took third on a wild pitch. He scored on an RBI single by Jaxon Jones to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead before Denton homered, making the score 3-0. HVA would score four more runs in the frame.

After Central's Jaiden Seiber drew a walk with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the frame, HVA added five more runs in the second to extend its advantage to 13-1 and Denton came up with a three-run double and Boone Fields drove in a pair of runs with a two-bagger.

Hardin Valley added three more runs in the third as Mason Shelton clubbed a solo home run. Andrew Lewis had an RBI single and Fields knocked a run

with a fielder's choice, making the score 15-1.

Central pulled to within 15-4 in the bottom of the fourth as Austin Duncan hit a two-run double before the Bobcats plated another run with a wild pitch.

Boone's RBI double gave the Hawks a 16-4 lead in the top of the fifth.

Central scored two runs in the fifth but couldn't plate another run to extend the game, which was called due to the 10-run rule.

Hardin Valley first-year coach Aaron Simmons was pleased with his team's offense.

"We hit the ball well today and the guys just did what we teach them to do," Simmons said. "We teach them to see the ball and hit the ball and execute.

"Baseball is all about execution and every at-bat has an objective, a different object. It could be to get a run home or it could be to just find a way on."

He wasn't, however, quite as happy with his team's pitchers as Wyatt Fellers, Aiden Murphy and Nathan Emard all struggled with their control at times throughout the contest.

"We walked way too many people with a lead today," Simmons said. "What our pitchers, and all pitchers, have to learn is how to command the fast ball and throw strikes.

"And we didn't do a good job with that today."

Central coach Brandon Roberts took consolation in the fact that his team competed despite falling behind, 7-0, early.

"They're a good team and I think they had 14 or 15 hits," he said. "When you get down by that much early, you just have to work on some stuff.

"We competed and I don't think we let any at-bats get away."

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEWS

## Gibbs could be good enough to make another state title run

By Steve Williams

Gibbs, which has one of the top baseball programs in the state, opened the 2025 season with three straight wins but lost at Lakeway Christian 5-2 on March 8.

The Eagles will have the opportunity to avenge that defeat at Steve Hunley Field this Thursday.

Gibbs also is scheduled to play a doubleheader at Jefferson County Friday.

Geff Davis, who is in his 28th season as Gibbs' head coach, was accompanied by southpaw Will Price and catcher Zaydin Ivey at the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Media Day this year.

Both Price and Ivey played big roles as juniors on Gibbs' Class 3A state tournament team last season. Price posted a 13-0 record, struck out 117 in 80 innings and had a 1.23 ERA in earning All-State honors. Ivey, his battery mate, had a .311 batting average and was named to the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's "Super Sophomore Team." Ivey was asked what

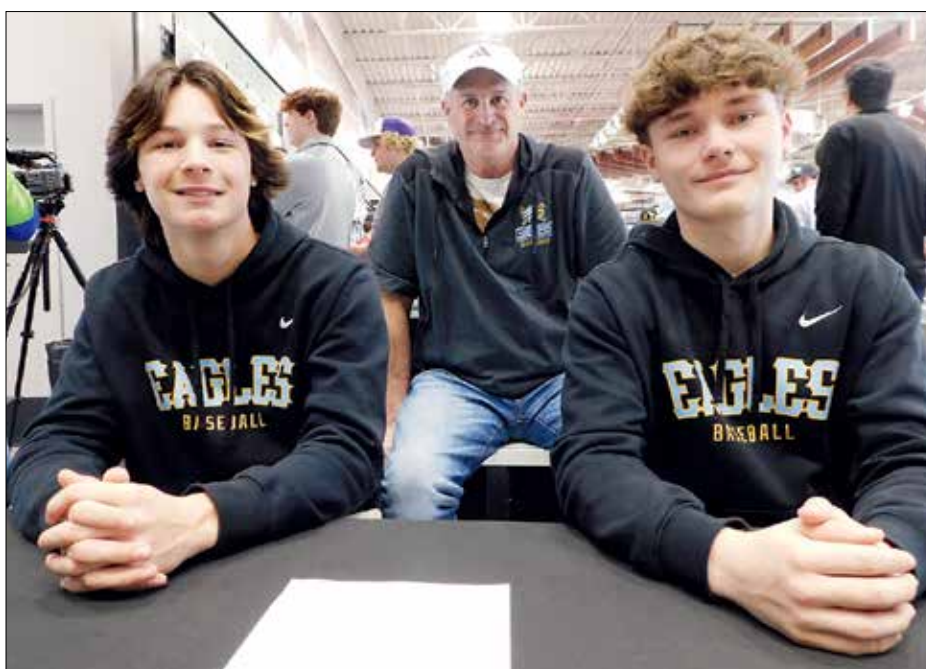


PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Pitcher Will Price (left) and catcher Zaydin Ivey join Gibbs Head Coach Geff Davis at the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Media Day this year.

he enjoyed most about high school baseball. "I like being able to see the whole field and being a part of every play."

Last spring, the Eagles (36-5) defeated White House and Dyer County in the state tournament but lost to champion Tullahoma twice.

Gibbs returns three starters, including center-fielder and leadoff hitter

Westyn Fields to go along with Price and Ivey.

"We're trying to develop some chemistry and figure out what works the best," said Coach Davis at Media Day. "We are deep in pitching and have seven or eight we can trust on the mound."

The Gibbs' skipper added "the team had done a good job and worked hard in the off-season.

"We have to replace a couple of infielders, but the outfield is in good shape. Just need the infield to be tighter."

On the lighter said, Coach Davis found out during the summer last year that former UT football coach Phil Fulmer's grandson had been the shortstop and leadoff hitter on the Tullahoma team.

## Hornets look to compete for district baseball title

By Ken Lay

fielder).

The 2025 high school baseball season is underway and Chris Armstrong recently began his sixth campaign as Carter High School's baseball coach.

Armstrong, who guided the Hornets to a 16-16 record last season, makes it no secret that he has some lofty goals for his squad this season.

"My expectations are to get 20 wins and finish in the top two in the district and make it to the region," Armstrong said. "And I'm not shy about saying it because everybody knows that it's true."

Carter, which finished .500 overall in 2024 with a young team, features eight returning starters and has youthful experience that Armstrong hopes will bring the team success this season.

Key players for the Hornets include: Cooper Cardwell (a senior pitcher/third baseman that was the team's leading hitter in 2024); Cainan Crowe (junior, catcher/pitcher); Luke Burnett (junior, shortstop/pitcher); Kingston Griph (sophomore, center fielder/pitcher) and Miguel Hernandez (freshman, left

fielder).

The Hornets have won their first four games this season as they have edged Sequoyah (7-6), toppled Clinton (9-4) and swept a pair of games against Campbell County notching a 22-4 win and a 22-0 victory.

The team's strengths, according to Armstrong, are team speed, pitching, and a group of competitive players.

Areas of concern are depth and offense.

"We're really thin and we'll just have to see how well we can hit the ball," Armstrong said. "We have team speed and we can pitch and play defense and we will have competitive players."

The Hornets will look to be in the mix for the District 3-3A regular-season championship, but Armstrong said he knows that things won't be easy as many of the league's teams have experience.

"I think Seymour is the team to beat," he said. "Fulton has everybody back and Cocke County has everybody back. Northview (Academy) graduated a lot of people, but they have a lot of good players back."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEWS

Offense is expected to lead Red Devils

By Steve Williams

Easton Kitts said he was "pretty sure" he had a baseball name when he was about 8 years old, as Easton baseball bats have been popular for 40 years.

"Dad loved baseball growing up and played in high school," added Easton, who is now a senior pitcher and first baseman on the Halls High team.

Kitts had an "ACL injury" and missed last year, but he was at the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Media Day on Feb. 26 along with senior second baseman Landan

Wells and Head Coach Ryan Gentry, who is in his second season at Halls.

Other returning starters for the Red Devils this season are senior infielder Parker Mease, junior catcher Amari Lethgo, junior outfielder Cooper Faust and junior 2B-OF Colby Comparato, who was All-District and All-Region last year.

Coach Gentry said the team's strength is "swinging the bat with a good mix of power and speed, but we have to find pitching to step up in bigger roles than in the past."

Halls was 5-5 in District 3-4A last season and 14-19 overall.

Wells was asked what he enjoyed most about high school baseball.

"Playing with people I have grown up with all of my life," answered Landan, who has signed with Kent State-Tucrawas.

This week Halls is scheduled to host Grainger Tuesday and South-Doyle Wednesday on "Middle School Night." The Red Devils will play at Grainger on Thursday.



Halls High Coach Ryan Gentry with Landan Wells (left) and Easton Kitts at the second annual ETBCA Media Day. Photo by Steve Williams.

Beavers headed for Sunshine State

By Steve Williams

Karns High's baseball team is scheduled to be in the 'Sunshine State' today through Thursday (March 17-20) during the Knox County Schools' Spring Break.

"We have started off the first two weeks of the season with a 5-3 win-loss record so we have started off rather hot," said Coach Drew Patterson Friday.

"We are headed to Panama City Beach for a spring break baseball tournament. We leave Saturday and will be back in a week. Our varsity will play five games in Florida and our junior varsity will play four games in Florida."

Patterson is in his second season as the Beavers' head coach.

The former Cherokee High coach saw Karns finish with an 11-18 record last season, but was optimistic about the 2025 campaign at the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Media Day on Feb. 26.

"We have eight returning



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Sophomore pitcher Blake Bowers (left) and senior outfielder Clayton Kelley accompany Karns Coach Drew Patterson at the ETBCA's Media Day, which was held at Dick's House of Sport in West Town Mall.

starters and only lost one senior starter," he said. "We are youthful and have a lot of guys coming back."

His roster includes eight seniors, three freshmen and a lot of sophomores, he added.

Patterson said sophomore right hander Blake Bowers was his No. 1 pitcher at Media Day. The 6-foot, 180-pounder was 4-2 last season and earned All-District and All-Region honors as a freshman.

The Karns coach also pointed out he has six starters who can pitch and that includes No. 2 senior hurler Brayden Elliott and senior INF/P Owen Burnette.

Also representing the Beavers at Media Day was Clayton Kelley,

a starting senior right fielder and leadoff batter, who suffered a broken nose a little before halfway through the season last spring.

"He collided with another player in practice, but got healthy for the district tournament," Patterson recalled. "We are looking for him to have a big year, like he could have had last year."

Other starters Patterson penciled in were freshman INF/P Carter Branson, senior OF Brodie Miles, senior first baseman Bryce Eagin, senior catcher Isaac Schmidt, sophomore shortstop Braden Harness and sophomore left fielder CJ Burnette.

The Karns coach also indicated Tucker Fowlkes will play as a sophomore utility player.

Sophomore catcher Joe Currier and junior pitcher Sam Akers also are expected to see action.

At the end of their Media Day session, the Beavers on hand were asked who the team to beat was this year? The answer was "Oak Ridge."

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated September 17, 2012 of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument No. 201209250019622, Freddy E. Smith and wife, Barbara Smith conveyed to C. David Allen or Todd Bolinger, as Trustee, for First National Bank, predecessor in interest to United Community Bank, certain described property located in 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, to secure an indebtedness owing to United Community Bank, in the original principal sum of \$106,066.71 reference to said Deed of Trust being expressly made for further description of said property and indebtedness as modified in Instrument No. 201606170073845 and the undersigned having been appointed by instrument of record in Instrument No. 202502180042718 in said register's office and default having been made under the terms of said Note and Deed of Trust and all provisions of same having been complied with so as to authorize the Trustee to advertise and sell the property described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

Therefore on March 25, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the front door of the Knox County, Tennessee Courthouse, 400 Main St SW, Knoxville, TN 37902 the undersigned will sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, and hereinafter described, at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in bar of all equities of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, all of which were expressly divested in said Deed of Trust, said property described as follows, to-wit:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and identified on Tax Map 0670B as Parcel 001 in the Property Assessor's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 1, Property of Ross D. Morris, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet O, Slide 340-A, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which particular reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Kenneth D. Church, Surveyor, dated May 27, 1998, bearing Work Order No. 98-05-55, containing 1.0382 acres, more or less, BEING the same property conveyed to Barbara Smith also known as Barbara Elaine Smith by Quitclaim Deed of record as Instrument No. 201510090022827 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The above described property is conveyed together with and subject to a Boundary Line Agreement of record in Deed Book 1802, Page 10, corrected in Deed Book 2056, Page 898, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Subject to any and all governmental zoning and/or subdivision ordinances, regulations and requirements in effect thereon.

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This sale will be made subject to all unpaid taxes, and subject to any applicable easements and restrictions or prior liens or mortgages, if any. In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have the option to accept the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply or to re-advertise and sell at a later sale. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another date certain without further publication upon announcement on the day of the sale at the time set forth above.

Proceeds of the sale shall be applied as provided for by the terms of the Deed of Trust, and this notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, three times on the following dates: March 3, 2025, March 10, 2025, and March 17, 2025.

Other interested parties: Discover Bank Judgment Liens of record as Instrument No. 202310260021714 and 202502030040377

This the 20th day of February, 2025.

Timothy E. Scott, Substitute Trustee 135 W. Main Street, Suite 200 Kingsport, TN 37660 (423)247-9376

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROBATE COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN RE: ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, Deceased No. 86280-2

NAMES OF PARTIES INTERESTED: Linda Walker, Debbi Mitchell, Gary Alexander, Alex Walker, Bradley Alexander, Chris Alexander, John Walker, Jason Alexander, Crystal Field, Cory Mitchell, Beth Arroyo, Jeremy Alexander, and the Bureau of TennCare

LOCATION: SITUATED in the Eighth (8th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 1, Final Plat of Alexander Property, as shown on map of the same of record in Instrument 200805130085382 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING part of the property conveyed to Thomas L. Alexander, Jr. and Elizabeth Anderson, as tenants by the entirety, by Quitclaim Deed dated January 6, 2003, of record in Instrument 200303190083328 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 3803 Strong Road, Mascot, TN 37806 and bears Tax Parcel Identification No. 033-060.01

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 August 5, 2024, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 11, 2025 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 entity. 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; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master Notice to run in The Knoxville Focus: March 17, March 24 and March 31, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY DOCKET NO. 207547-3 CREST BROOK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Petitioner, v.

GARY WAYNE FOUST, MORTGAGE INVESTORS GROUP, INC., and REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC, Respondents. LOCATION: SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 8, Corrected Final Plat, Crest Brook Subdivision, as shown on map of the same of record in Map Cabinet F, Slide 20D (Map Book 74-S, page 45), in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO non-exclusive perpetual easements running with the land, said easements consisting of ingress and egress across certain common areas more particularly described on said map of record in Map Cabinet F, Slide 20D (Map Book 74-S, page 45) in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to GARY WAYNE FOUST, unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated April 5, 2001, of record in Instrument 200104090067672 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

This parcel is commonly known as 1215 CREST BROOK DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37923 and bears Tax Parcel Identification No. 105LD-008.00.

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 March 26, 2024, in the above cause of action.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 11, 2025 at 11:00 am 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 property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder on a credit basis of not less than six (6) months nor more than two (2) years and taking from the purchaser a deposit of no less than ten-percent (10%) of the purchase money, provided, however, that the sale shall be in bar of all redemption or repurchase either in equity or by statute of any Defendant or of any creditors, the same to be terminated and the title to the purchaser shall be absolute. This sale is the foreclosure of a lien recorded in Instrument No. 202309150014556 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. The property as sold will be subject to the liens of Mortgage Investors Group, Inc. and Republic Finance, LLC.

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 upset bid within ten (10) days following the sale and reopen bidding in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-110. Any upset bid shall be at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the original winning bid. If the Clerk and Master receives an upset bid, he shall conduct an upset sale on April 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the same location as the initial sale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 865-215-2555; J. Scott Griswold, Esq., Clerk and Master Notice to run in The Knoxville Focus: March 17, March 24 and March 31, 2025.

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS

IN RE: TWILLA ROBINSON-BOOKER vs. PEARL ROBINSON, VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ARTHUR DEWAYNE ROBINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, and PHYLLIS BUIS

NO. 209809-3 IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS, 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 VERONICA RENEE STINSON, ROGER LYNCH, CHARLES JONES, JAMES LEE STINNETT, KAZRYNE ROBINSON, PHYLLIS BUIS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Ann Mostoller, an Attorney whose address is 136 S. Illinois Avenue, Suite 104, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 18th day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TIMOTHY R. HAMMERSMITH IN RE: JANET S. HAMMERSMITH -Vs- TIMOTHY R. HAMMERSMITH

Docket # 160903 IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JANET S. HAMMERSMITH, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with ADAM PRIEST, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is PO BOX 870, KNOXVILLE, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2025. Mike Hammond Clerk

Michelle Henry Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HOWINGTON, INC. IN RE: KINCER FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Vs. HOWINGTON, INC., and ANN R. TIPTON NO. 210296-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant HOWINGTON, INC., 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 HOWINGTON, INC., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Cameron D. Bell, an Attorney whose address is 8913 Town and Country Circle, #1103 Knoxville, TN 37923 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 13th day of March, 2025.

J. Scott Griswold Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MELISSA STEWART IN RE: RONALD STEWART -Vs- MELISSA STEWART Docket # 160619

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by RONALD STEWART, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with MATTHEW MCCLANAHAN, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is PO BOX 51907, KNOXVILLE, TN 37950, (865)347-3921, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 10TH day of MARCH, 2025. Mike Hammond Clerk

Michelle Henry Deputy Clerk

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ANN M. BALLOU DOCKET NUMBER 90593-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect Estate of ANN M. BALLOU, who died December 24, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF ANN M. BALLOU

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANNE KATHRYN BALLOU FOWLER  
1210 PEAKE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

LESLIE BALLOU CALANDRO  
14030 NEW BEDFORD CT.  
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

P. NEWMAN BANKSTON, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARTHA SCARBRO BOULTON, a.k.a. MARTHA ORELL BOULTON DOCKET NUMBER 90569-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA SCARBRO BOULTON, a.k.a. MARTHA ORELL BOULTON, who died January 8, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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  
(2) 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MARTHA SCARBRO BOULTON, a.k.a. MARTHA ORELL BOULTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NIGEL PAUL BOULTON  
P. O. BOX 1249  
POWELL, TN 37899

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF TONY LYNN CROWE DOCKET NUMBER 90607-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TONY LYNN CROWE, who died Jan. 11, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF TONY LYNN CROWE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BILL ROSE, EXECUTOR  
7804 SAGEFIELD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

T. SCOTT JONES, ATTORNEY  
2125 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GARRY LYNN DANIEL DOCKET NUMBER 90563-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of GARRY LYNN DANIEL, deceased, who died January 13, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in paragraphs (1) or (2), below, otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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  
(2) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF GARRY LYNN DANIEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSHUA LYNN DANIEL  
1514 WASHINGTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

PHILIP R. CRYE, JR., ATTORNEY  
125 N. MAIN STREET  
CLINTON, TN 37716

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. DAVIS a.k.a. SHIRLEY ANNE DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 90527-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY A. DAVIS, a.k.a. SHIRLEY ANNE DAVIS, who died December 8, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. DAVIS a.k.a. SHIRLEY ANNE DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ARLEY L. HARRIS, JR.  
103 W. AVENUE E  
VALLEY MILLS, TX 76689

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE DUPES DOCKET NUMBER 90608-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of MARY KATHERINE DUPES, deceased, who died on December 9, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division for Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his/her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) 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  
(2) 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the Decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE DUPES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEOFFREY S. DUPES  
204 WALLACE TRAIL  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOSEPH DANIEL ELDER DOCKET NUMBER 90369-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH DANIEL ELDER, who died March 24, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 5 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JOSEPH DANIEL ELDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NANCY ADDERHOLDT ELDER  
1717 WATERVIEW TRAIL  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MILDRED FARMER DOCKET NUMBER 90596-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED FARMER, who died May 7, 2024, 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) 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 this first publication; or  
(2) 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MILDRED FARMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANICE C. EVERETT, ADMINISTRATRIX  
7905 WIEBELO DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JULES MALCOLM FONTENOT DOCKET NUMBER 90517-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JULES MALCOLM FONTENOT, who died Dec. 24, 2024, 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the 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  
(2) 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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JULES MALCOLM FONTENOT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANNE CELESTE MAY, EXECUTRIX  
2829 MAPLE HOLLOW LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

TERRILL L. ADKINS, ATTORNEY  
1900 N. WINSTON ROAD, SUITE 600  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD KAYS DOCKET NUMBER 90566-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters of Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JAMES EDWARD KAYS, who died on August 10, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) 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 posting); or  
(2) 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD KAYS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD L. PATTON  
837 TANNER LN,  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

DOMINIC A. GARDUNO, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 2348  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LORENE FOUSE LONG DOCKET NUMBER 90560-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LORENE FOUSE LONG, who died Jan. 6, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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 this first publication; or  
(2) 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF LORENE FOUSE LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JESSIE FOUSE, ADMINISTRATOR  
825 WEST OUTER DRIVE  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MOHAMED NAGY MAKRAM DOCKET NUMBER 90500-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MOHAMED NAGY MAKRAM, who died Sept. 14, 2024, 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) 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 this first publication; or  
(2) 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MOHAMED NAGY MAKRAM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NORA BUCHNAG, ADMINISTRATRIX  
404 CROSS CREEK, APT. B  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JIMMY WYATT MCELROY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 90540-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of JIMMIE WYATT MCELROY, SR., who died on December 22, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 3 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JIMMIE WYATT MCELROY, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHAD EVERETTE JENKINS  
CHARLES H. CHILD, ATTORNEY  
116 AGNES ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN M. PARKER DOCKET NUMBER 90514-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN M. PARKER, who died April 27, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 5 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JOHN M. PARKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANN B. PARKER, EXECUTOR  
6601 LILLIAN DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

BRENDA S. MORIARTY, ATTORNEY  
1111 N. NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELEANOR H. PEPLAW DOCKET NUMBER 90521-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR H. PEPLAW, who died December 20, 2024, 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) 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  
(2) 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF ELEANOR H. PEPLAW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATELYN MCCALL  
2935 NILES FERRY ROAD  
VONORE, TN 37885

BRADLEY H. HODGE, ATTORNEY  
900 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2100  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CRAIG B. ROBERSON DOCKET NUMBER 90588-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of CRAIG B. ROBERSON,

who died on December 11, 2024, 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) 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  
(2) 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF CRAIG B. ROBERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MELISSA B. ROBERSON, EXECUTRIX  
907 FOREST HEIGHTS RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HERMAN ROBERT RODRIGUEZ DOCKET NUMBER 90542-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of HERMAN ROBERT RODRIGUEZ, who died on the 6th day of January, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF HERMAN ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF GREGORY CHRISTIAN BALLARD DOCKET NUMBER 90409-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GREGORY CHRISTIAN BALLARD, who died November 14, 2024, 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 this 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 paragraph (1)(A); or

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

This the 10 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF GREGORY CHRISTIAN BALLARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CLARENCE WAYNE BALLARD

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JAMES CLIFFORD BERRIER DOCKET NUMBER 90515-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters of Testamentary/ Administration in respect to the Estate of JAMES CLIFFORD BERRIER, deceased, who died on October 20, 2024, 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 and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claim 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 10 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF JAMES CLIFFORD BERRIER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY E. BRYANT  
3904 KIMBERLIN HEIGHTS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY W. DAVIDSON DOCKET NUMBER 90620-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY W. DAVIDSON, who died on the 19th day of December, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF SHIRLEY W. DAVIDSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
N. ALLEN DAVIDSON  
9227 MIRKWOOD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

BRYCE M. HARDIN, ATTORNEY  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MAURICE EUGENE DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 90558-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MAURICE EUGENE DAVIS, who died Oct. 16, 2024, 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 this first publication; or

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

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

This the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MAURICE EUGENE DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARKE DAVIS, ADMINISTRATOR

P. O. BOX 32212  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARI RICHARD DECUIR DOCKET NUMBER 90574-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARI RICHARD DECUIR, who died on December 10, 2024, 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received a 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 FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MARI RICHARD DECUIR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN ROBERT HORNER  
P. O. BOX 266  
COSBY, TN 37722

N. DAVID ROBERTS, JR., ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 2564  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF LAWRENCE L. DIETZ DOCKET NUMBER 90592-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LAWRENCE L. DIETZ, who died Dec. 19, 2024, 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 date of the 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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF LAWRENCE L. DIETZ

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LEE H. WHITE, EXECUTOR  
60 DEER TRAIL DRIVE  
SPRINGBORO, OH 45066

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. DRINNEN AKA MARY ELIZABETH DRINNEN DOCKET NUMBER 90609-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH S. DRINNEN, AKA MARY ELIZABETH DRINNEN, who died Dec. 6, 2024, 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 this 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 3 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. DRINNEN, AKA MARY ELIZABETH DRINNEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GARY E. DRINNEN, SR., EXECUTOR  
5813 WIL LOYD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

DANA S. PEMBERTON, ATTORNEY  
920 VOLUNTEER LANDING LANE, SUITE 100  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SANDRA ARMES FARMER DOCKET NUMBER 90595-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SANDRA ARMES FARMER, who died Dec. 25, 2024, 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 this 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF SANDRA ARMES FARMER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HOWARD E. FARMER, JR., ADMINISTRATOR  
611 MITCHELL DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF OBIE LEWIS GOINS DOCKET NUMBER 90516-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of OBIE LEWIS GOINS, who died October 29, 2024, 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 date of the 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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF OBIE LEWIS GOINS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARTIN GOINS  
17 COUNTY ROAD 746  
COLT, AR 72326

L. ERIC EBBERT, ATTORNEY  
9145 CROSS PARK DR., STE. 103  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF SALLIE NICHOLSON GRAY DOCKET NUMBER 90586-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of SALLIE NICHOLSON GRAY, who died on the 5th day of October, 2024, 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 date of the 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 FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF SALLIE NICHOLSON GRAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHERINE FELTS KAVANAGH  
1131 HEATHERFIELD LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

MATTHEW B. FRERE, ATTORNEY  
1001 E. BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BETTY ELLIS HALL DOCKET NUMBER 90613-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY ELLIS HALL, who died on February 2, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 7 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF BETTY ELLIS HALL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LYNNE HALL SPIRES  
124 CLOWER ROAD  
KINGSTON, TN 37763

KEVIN A. DEAN, ATTORNEY  
550 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELEANORE C. HANCOCK DOCKET NUMBER 90549-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELEANORE C. HANCOCK, who died November 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF ELEANORE C. HANCOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN MICHAEL CAMPBELL

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DOLORES MURPH HANCOCK DOCKET NUMBER 90624-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DOLORES MURPH HANCOCK, who died December 2, 2024, 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 13 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF DOLORES MURPH HANCOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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7313 PALMYRA DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

BEN T. NORRIS, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 397  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CHARLES E. HARMON DOCKET NUMBER 90579-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of CHARLES E. HARMON, deceased, who died November 3, 2024, 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:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) 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 months from the date of the first publication (or posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF CHARLES E. HARMON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GINGER DEVAULT, EXECUTRIX  
4513 HIGHWAY 61 E.  
LUTTRELL, TN 37779

K. DAVID MYERS, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 13  
MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MILDRED FAYE HARMON DOCKET NUMBER 90580-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025 Letters Testamentary, in respect of the Estate of MILDRED FAYE HARMON, deceased, who died January 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured against his 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 (or posting, as the case may be) 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 months from the date of the first publication (or posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

### ESTATE OF MILDRED FAYE HARMON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GINGER DEVAULT, EXECUTRIX  
4513 HIGHWAY 61 E.  
LUTTRELL, TN 37779

K. DAVID MYERS, ATTORNEY  
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MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF WILLIAM DONALD HATCHER DOCKET NUMBER 90612-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DONALD HATCHER, who died January 9, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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 7 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF WILLIAM DONALD HATCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSHUA M. HATCHER  
3325 BAKER TOWN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

PEYTON N. RING, ATTORNEY  
900 S. GAY STREET, 14TH FLOOR  
P. O. BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELIZABETH IMES DOCKET NUMBER 90568-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH IMES, who died December 8, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County 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 (or posting, as the case may be) 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 posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 10 day of MARCH, 2025.

### ESTATE OF ELIZABETH IMES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEREK BROWN  
907 DARTMOUTH RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY  
1810 MERCHANT DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF HARVEY HOWARD JACK DOCKET NUMBER 90564-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of HARVEY HOWARD JACK, who died September 30, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KIMBERLY SUE MCNEIL  
DOCKET NUMBER 90589-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY SUE MCNEIL, who died October 11, 2024, 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY SUE MCNEIL  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANITA GIDEON  
246 E. MOODY AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

MICHAEL R. CROWDER, ATTORNEY  
4TH FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA BLDG.  
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-0442

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANNETTE MERRITT  
DOCKET NUMBER 90616-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNETTE MERRITT, who died Dec. 29, 2024, 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 this 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ANNETTE MERRITT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRYAN J. MERRITT, EXECUTOR  
1001 QUAIL RUN  
ERWIN, TN 37650

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELEANOR JEAN MOCK  
DOCKET NUMBER 90487-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR JEAN MOCK, who died on October 3, 2024, 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ELEANOR JEAN MOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GEOFFREY G. DEICHERT  
691 CARRINGTON BLVD.  
LENOIR CITY, TN 37771

ANN MOSTOLLER, ATTORNEY  
HEATHER ELLIS BANKS, ATTORNEY  
136 S. ILLINOIS AVE., SUITE 104  
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHARLSIE R. NEIL  
DOCKET NUMBER 90559-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLSIE R. NEIL, who died Jan. 12, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this 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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CHARLSIE R. NEIL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERRI GUGLIOTTA, CO-EXECUTRIX  
2266 ARGONNE DRIVE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

LYNNETTE D. WHITSON, CO-EXECUTRIX  
6308 FOOTE MINERAL LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGIE ELLEN OWENS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90645-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of MARGIE ELLEN OWENS, who died JUNE 28, 2024, 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 13 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF MARGIE ELLEN OWENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARK L. MORGAN,  
5524 STONELEIGH RD.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

JERRY R. GIVENS, ATTORNEY  
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, STE. 504  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALLEN RICHARD PENNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90543-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALLEN RICHARD PENNER, who died on the 24th day of September, 2024, 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 first publication; or

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

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF ALLEN RICHARD PENNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RICHARD LEE PENNER  
15235 WEDGEWOOD COMMONS DR.  
WEDGEWOOD, NC 28277

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JANET C. PHILLIPS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90539-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JANET C. PHILLIPS, who died October 2, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JANET C. PHILLIPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MATTHEW CARTER  
5616 BRIERCLIFF RD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

DAVID B. HAMILTON, ATTORNEY  
1810 MERCHANT DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATSY CAROL ROMINES  
DOCKET NUMBER 90643-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MARCH, 2025, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of PATSY CAROL ROMINES, who died JUNE 28, 2024, 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 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 13 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF PATSY CAROL ROMINES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ELIZABETH ROMINES BEIDELSCHIES  
1361 WOODRIDGE DR.  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN SAMPSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90457-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JEAN SAMPSON, who died December 12, 2024, 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 date of the 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 FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN SAMPSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CHARLES P. SAMPSON, EXECUTOR  
7442 NUBBIN RIDGE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF QUENTIN ALLEN SCHNEIDER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90453-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters administration in respect of the Estate of QUENTIN ALLEN SCHNEIDER, who died June 19, 2024, 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 this 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 18 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF QUENTIN ALLEN SCHNEIDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
COREY SCHNEIDER, ADMINISTRATOR  
8044 GLEASON DRIVE #K16  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA I. SHANKS  
a.k.a. BRENDA SUE INGRAM SHANKS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90528-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA I. SHANKS, a.k.a. BRENDA SUE INGRAM SHANKS, who died November 27, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF BRENDA I. SHANKS  
a.k.a. BRENDA SUE INGRAM SHANKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CYNTHIA SHANKS BROWN  
1501 MIMBRES CANYON PLACE, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DEAN A. SUMTER  
DOCKET NUMBER 90598-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEAN A. SUMTER, who died Jan. 25, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this 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 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

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

This the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF DEAN A SUMTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA ANN SUMTER, EXECUTRIX  
8235 HILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WALTER ORUM WADDEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 90599-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MARCH, 2025, letters of administration, c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of WALTER ORUM WADDEY, who died November 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF WALTER ORUM WADDEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY HAM WADDEY,  
ADMINISTRATRIX, C.T.A.  
2042 COUNTRYHILL LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923

REGAN CARUTHERS, ATTORNEY  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA J. WHITE  
DOCKET NUMBER 90657-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MARCH, 2025, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA J. WHITE, who died February 5, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of 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 13 day of MARCH, 2025.

ESTATE OF BARBARA J. WHITE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LISA GAMMELTOFT, ATTORNEY  
110 COGDILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JENNIE LYNN STEFFEY WHITED  
DOCKET NUMBER 90548-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JENNIE LYNN STEFFEY WHITED, who died on January 21, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF JENNIE LYNN STEFFEY WHITED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DONNA L. CORUM  
3521 BROOKFIELD CROSSING  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

JOHN M. WHITED  
6925 TAYLORS VIEW  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

MATTHEW C. HARALSON, ATTORNEY  
217 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
MARYVILLE, TN 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CARLY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS  
DOCKET NUMBER 90510-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of CARLY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, who died on December 26, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The TDEC Division of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to issue a water quality National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit:

Applicant:	City of Gatlinburg Gatlinburg STP TN0020117
Permit Number:	
Permit Writer:	Maybelle T. Sparks, P.E.
Rating:	Major
County:	Sevier
EFO Name:	Knoxville
Location:	1025 Banner Road
City:	Gatlinburg, TN 37738
Activity Description:	Treatment of municipal wastewater. Allows increase from 3 to 6 MGD to exceptional waters per antidegradation demonstration in 2012.
Effluent Description:	Treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001
Receiving Stream:	West Prong of the Little Pigeon River Mile 16.4

The proposed permit contains limitations on the amounts of pollutants to be discharged, in accordance with Federal and State standards and regulations. Permit conditions are tentative and subject to public comment.

For more information, or to review and/or copy documents from the permit file (there is a nominal charge for photocopies), contact Maybelle T. Sparks, P.E. at (615) 532 0651 or the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at (865) 594 6035.

To comment on this permit issuance or proposed conditions submit written comments to water.permits@tn.gov or TDEC DWR, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Pkwy, 9th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Comments should be received within 30 days from the Legal Notice and should include the applicant name and NPDES Number.

Interested persons may request a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Rule 0400 40 5.06(9)(a), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

ESTATE OF CARLY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JANE CLEAR WILLIAMS  
7745 DAN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

H. STEPHEN GILLMAN, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 870  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID STEWART WILSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 90634-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MARCH, 2025, Letters Of Administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID STEWART WILSON, who died November 3, 2024, 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 abovenamed 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 date of the 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 13 day of MARCH, 2025.

THE ESTATE OF DAVID STEWART WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LESLIE R. GUIER, ADMINISTRATRIX  
1139 BELLE POND AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARTHA COX WOODALL**