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The ribbon-cutting of the Emergency Mobility Equipment Trailer was held Wednesday, February 1. The trailer is stocked with devices that give mobility to the disabled in the event of evacuation. From left: Paul Trumpore - Executive Director, Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains; Stephanie Cook - ADA Coordinator, City of Knoxville; Glenn Jacobs - Mayor, Knox Co.; Indya Kincannon - Mayor, City of Knoxville; Colin Ickes - Director, Knoxville-Knox Co. Emergency Management Agency; John Brinkley - Knox/East TN Healthcare Coalition, Knox Co. Health Dept.; and Carly Pearson - ADA Coordinator, Knox Co.

## New Emergency Mobility Equipment Trailer to assist first responders, disabled

By Bill Howard

Suppose a fire in a high-rise apartment building required the desperate evacuation of someone confined to a wheelchair.

Waiting for an elevator that might not work could mean death, and trying to include the person's wheelchair in a manual rescue would likely make it vastly more cumbersome and life-threatening.

Carrying the person to safety might well be the only option. But how then to deal with the person's mobility challenges after they are safely out of the building?

Two such incidents over the

last 15 months in Knoxville raised that question front and center. And a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday will help provide the answer.

A panel that included Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and various members of the disability, firefighting, and emergency management communities cut the ribbon on the Emergency Mobility Equipment Trailer.

The event occurred at Knoxville Emergency Management Agency at 605 Bernard Ave.

The trailer is chock full of

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The new Emergency Mobility Equipment Trailer is stocked with devices that give mobility to the disabled in the event of evacuation.

## KCSO Merit Board calls for election for new law enforcement member

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The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employee's Merit System Board of Directors is made up of seven appointed and approved members who oversee Merit System

Executive Director Paula Taylor and her staff. The board hears grievances from KCSO employees under a new set of guidelines established last year by the Knox County Commission.

The second meeting of the new board was held last week. The new board selected Christopher Manning as chair and attorney John Valliant as vice chair in its first meeting last month. Manning had served as the alternate member of the prior merit council. Other members now include former council member John Marshall along with newly appointed members Kenny Boatman, Clarence Vaughn, Lindsey Willis and former co-chair Jim Wright Jr.

The merit system board is in the process of getting its procedures and policies in order. Deputy Law Director Myers Morton briefly explained Robert's Rules of Order and those rules set by the Knox County Commission last week. The members also discussed meeting times and locations with Taylor offering the merit office space in the Old Knox County Courthouse if needed.

In addition to the appointed members of the new

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Officer Winston Ragon had represented the uniformed Law Enforcement Division on the merit board but, since he was transferred to the Corrections Division, no longer qualifies under the board's new rules. The merit board has called for a new election to fill the slot since Ragon is no longer with that division.

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## Disability council, traffic lights upkeep and zoning on city agenda Tuesday

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon plans to name several new members to the Council on Disability Issues when the city council meets Tuesday evening. The appointments include Logan Black, Nancy Carter, Christopher Mathison and Paul Robertson.

City council will be asked by the Engineering Department to contract with Davis H. Elliott Construction Company, Progressive Electric LLC and

Stansell Electric Company. Each company would be hired for \$125,000 in an annual agreement to maintain the Citywide Traffic Signal Project.

The fire department is asking the city to apply for a grant from the federal government of \$390,319 for the health and safety equipment needs of the department. The Public Service Department is seeking an agreement with MidAtlantic Solid Waste Consultants LLC to

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# Top Athletes, Coaches Being Paid Way Too Much

## From a distance



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Johnny Akridge ran a small furniture store in Happy Hollow just below the old Sears on Central. His son, Chip, became one of the biggest developers of office buildings in downtown Washington, D.C.

After he started becoming very successful, Chip got his brother, Steve, to move to Washington to work for him. Mr. Akridge said one day that Steve told him, "Dad, there's no difference between what I was doing in Knoxville and what

I am doing in Washington, except we just added three zeroes."

I suppose this is true all over the world – the main difference between big business and small business is a few more zeroes.

It is also true in government. The federal government is doing many things that state and local governments do, but with many more zeroes.

The late Senator Everett Dirksen once famously said "a billion here and a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money."

After a while, the zeroes seem to lose their meaning. Many years ago we talked about billions the way we talk about trillions now, such as the trillions that have been wasted on our foolish and unnecessary wars in the Middle

East.

I thought about all this in relation to the ridiculous salaries being paid now to some athletes and coaches.

The University of Tennessee head football coach has just been given a \$4,000,000 raise to \$9,000,000 a year. This comes out to about \$171,000 a week or roughly \$24,000 a day.

He seems like a very nice man and a great football coach. But I believe down deep inside, even he would admit he is not worth \$24,000 a day.

This pay for athletes and coaches has just gotten ridiculous – in fact, I think it is sinful.

I grew up playing all kinds of sports and I sold programs at UT football games and popcorn and cokes at the basketball games.

Throughout most of my life I have been a really big sports fan, but this crazy money, these ridiculous salaries, have almost ruined it for me.

When I was in Congress, the Republicans had two African-American men serving as our Parliamentarians. I was often asked to preside in the Speaker's Chair since I had been a judge. Many times before the session started or during brief recesses, I would talk sports with these two men. One day one of them asked me what I thought about the Washington Nationals signing Max Scherzer, a great pitcher, to a \$240 million contract, \$30 million a year. I said, "It might surprise you, but I find it almost impossible to root for anyone making \$30 million a year."

Auburn agreed to pay a man \$21.7 million to not coach. Now they are going to have to pay another \$15 million to get rid of the coach who replaced him but did not pan out, either.

At the barber shop a few years ago, I told the barber, Roy Berrier, that Phillip Fulmer was a good friend of mine and a really fine man, but I added: "He has to be the luckiest man I know. How many people do you know who could be fired, paid \$6,000,000 for leaving, and have everybody in East Tennessee feel sorry for him?" If Coach Fulmer was being let go today he would probably get a lot more than six million.

At a hearing a few years ago on drug prices, one of the witnesses who headed a big drug company admitted her salary that year was \$19.8 million. I told her I

didn't think anyone could really "earn" that much money.

When LSU Coach Ed Orgeron was fired before this past season, he was so happy he was going to be paid the \$17.1 million left on his contract to not coach, he responded this way: "I said, 'What time do you want me to leave and what door do you want me out of, brother?'"

Every major university could get great football coaches for far less than these people are being paid today. Any university whose athletic department is taking in so many millions of dollars should not have the gall to keep asking state legislators to also give them millions from low and middle-income taxpayers.

## How the Democrats Could Pass Legislation in House

Although the Republicans are in the majority in the House of Representatives, there is still a way that the Democrats can pass legislation and get it signed into law. The Republican majority is slim



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222-213, ironically the same as the Democrats in 2020. Unlike the Democrats who typically voted as a 100 percent block, the Republicans will oftentimes splinter. Consider that 10 House Republicans actually voted to impeach Donald Trump. Of that group, two return in 2023. Too often trying to hold the Republican caucus together is like herding cats. The latest instance was in the vote for Speaker which does not augur well for the Republicans. The Democrats nominated Hakeem Jeffries and their vote was unanimous in each round. The Republicans never had 222 votes

for McCarthy. Initially, 20 members from the Freedom Caucus voted against McCarthy unless he had made concessions on at least 12 issues. In the end, rather than vote for McCarthy several diehards voted "present" to allow him to be elected with a simple majority. This raises the question as to whether the new speaker can hold his caucus together when it is time to vote on legislation.

It would be possible for the Democrats to craft legislation that would get six Republicans to vote for, allowing passage. Two cases come to mind. First, northern Republicans opposed the \$10,000 limit imposed on home mortgage deductions in the tax legislation signed by President Trump. Thus, there is an opportunity for Democrats to propose an abolishment of the limit and with

the help of six Republicans could pass the repeal. This would have to be a "clean" piece of legislation with only the repeal in it. Otherwise, it would not be able to get Republican support. Republicans could not introduce the bill because it would be looked upon by Trump supporters as a repudiation of the former president. The second case is that of the "Dreamers", those people whose parents were illegal aliens (now called migrants) who were brought into the country as minors. Eighty percent of Americans support legalizing Dreamers. There is considerable support on both sides of the aisle to grant citizenship or an easy path to citizenship for this group. In 2017, 34 House Republicans stated they would vote to legalize Dreamers. However, attempts to do so failed, mainly because the proposed legislation had provisions that the other Republicans could not support. Consider how ever new legislation that is

clean – devoid of any provision other than granting citizens to the Dreamers. My bet is that such legislation would pass. In the past, it has been said that neither party would support immigration reform and just want to use it to political advantage. My bet is that legislation that only considered the Dreamers would pass. But the Republicans, because of opposition from their base, could not introduce the legislation. It would have to come from the Democrats instead. My bet is that it would pass the House, would sail through the Senate and be signed into law by the President.

If the Democrats proposed those two pieces of legislation they would be passed despite the Republican majority. It could severely damage the Republicans who would lose the support of their base. The Freedom Caucus might even threaten to leave the party. The Republicans who voted for the Democrat-proposed bills would be harassed and called RINOs like the 18 senators who voted for the Omnibus spending bill.. McCarthy's status as Speaker, now tenuous at best, would be threatened. The Republican party would be in shambles. If this is so obvious to me, I am sure that it must have occurred to others – including the Democrats in Congress.

## New Emergency Mobility Trailer

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devices that aid the mobility-challenged: wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches, among other things. Blankets and earmuffs are also included.

"We can carry the patient down from the upper floors, but how do you put them on the bus, how do you get them to the shelter?" asked Paul Trumpore, executive director of the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains. "This is a ready resource that will greatly help."

Colin Ickes, director of Knoxville-Knox Co. Emergency Management Agency, thanked two primary figures in the disabilities community: Stephanie Cook, ADA Coordinator, City of Knoxville; and Carly Pearson, ADA Coordinator, Knox County.

"We have a lot of partners, supporters, and collaborators to thank today," Ickes said. "Stephanie and Carly, thank you for your leadership and expertise, without which we could not have moved to make the progress we have."

According to Ickes, Cook and Pearson were instrumental in developing a committee called SAFE: Securing Accessibility for Emergencies. The committee addresses a wide

range of issues and challenges faced by the disabled.

"This emergency trailer has long been needed, and it has become a more salient priority after a series of difficult evacuations, said Kincannon. "(The two evacuations) were a wake-up call. So here we are today, grateful for the broad and compassionate partnership that quickly provided this trailer and filled it with critically important equipment."

Multiple organizations have combined to provide funding and support for the trailer and equipment. In addition to the City of Knoxville and Knox Co., they include the City of Knoxville Disability Services Office, Knox East TN Healthcare Coalition, the American Red Cross, Region II EMS Directors Association, and Emergency Management Knoxville-Knox Co.

"Because of the crucial partnerships, we've been able to purchase and stock this trailer with vital safety equipment," said Jacobs. Jacobs thanked Kincannon for the city's help. Trumpore gave special thanks to Jacobs.

The trailer, bought by Knox Co., is to be operated by the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains.

"When there's a need you call for help," said Trumpore. "I'm just blessed that I know some folks to call. This just makes it a ready resource."

"Mayor Jacobs, I seriously want to thank you," Trumpore went on. "I didn't have the money to buy a trailer. You made the impetus to make the next step so that we could say 'we now have something to put it (the equipment) into, now let's go.'"



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## They Should Pay For It

The City of Knoxville has paid \$150,000 to hire someone to write a grant to build a “pedestrian” bridge across the Tennessee River. The proposed bridge would span the South Knoxville waterfront to the University of Tennessee campus. The original idea had been to build the bridge to further develop the South Knox waterfront.

The Knoxville City Council voted 8 – 1 to hire CDM Smith as a consultant to seek federal funds for the bridge, which is supposed to cost somewhere between \$50 - \$70 million. The UT Daily Beacon refers to the bridge as a “pedestrian – bicycle bridge” in an effort “to extend campus southward.” Supposedly, the City of Knoxville, Knox County and the University of Tennessee are all involved in the process to make the bridge a reality.

Naturally, anyone even remotely familiar with Knoxville knows there are

already two bridges in place; the Gay Street and Henley Street bridges connect South Knoxville to the downtown area. Both of those bridges are mere blocks away from the UT campus. Both bridges allow motorists and bicycle fanatics to cross them; both bridges also have sidewalks for pedestrians.

Frankly, it is questionable just how much the proposed new bridge will contribute to the development of the South Knox waterfront. Not only that, some South Knoxville residents wonder if the development would simply allow the university to build across the river as the campus is currently landlocked. Others speculate it would surely allow the construction of boat slips to allow the Vol Navy to dock on game days so that the owners might saunter across the bridge, which conveniently comes out at the stadium. That is likely not a mere coincidence, so the speculation seems quite plausible. There is the natural supposition the “development” would also include more student housing, which has some South Knoxville residents worried about the already overburdened Chapman Highway. Advocates for the bridge are promoting it as a tool for the benefit of UT saying a “college campus with access to natural recreation could encourage prospective students to choose UT and increase Knoxville’s graduate retention.”

The truth is Knoxville

and Knox County are growing faster than the governments can handle. The City just popped taxpayers with a 40% increase in the property tax. With an influx of tens of thousands of people, local infrastructure begins to fall behind. Roads have to be repaired and/or expanded; schools, some of them brand new, become full to capacity and need expansion the day they are opened. It drives up the cost at a time when hyper-inflation is already hurting folks and their purchasing power.

Generally speaking, the elite who do the planning and promotion of spending taxpayer dollars are so well paid, they rarely ever think of the folks who are actually paying the taxes. While city officials say they are concerned about rising rents, all but Janet Testerman and Amelia Parker voted for the 40% increase in the property tax. The bottom line is a big property tax increase drives up rents and mortgages, which is devastating to working families. People like David Brace, Knoxville’s COO, are paid salaries that dwarf those earned by most county officials, whose government is more than twice the size of that of the City and more efficient. Rarely ever is the cost of something ever related to the people who actually pay for it and their ability to pay.

Whatever the reality of the proposed pedestrian bridge, one thing that is almost always true of government projects is the fact

there will be cost overruns. If the bridge is \$50 million or \$70 million at first estimate, one can be certain that it will actually cost far more when the bill comes due. The Safety Center is a good example of a project that cost far more than anticipated, almost double, in fact.

It is also true the construction of yet another bridge across the Tennessee River next to the two existing bridges, really benefits nobody except for the University of Tennessee. Tossing aside the astonishing notion the City of Knoxville employs no grant writers in its government and needed to pay \$150,000 for a consultant, one entity which likely keeps grant writers on its payroll is the University of Tennessee.

Is it really necessary in a terrible economy to build a third bridge for the University of Tennessee? Taxpayers are already building a stadium for the university’s president. If the University of Tennessee really feels it needs a new bridge and would derive the most benefit from it, then they should pay for it.

agenda” it would have been allowed to continued to be aired. “They have a history of this,” Burchett said during an appearance on Newsmax. “This is what goes on when these people are unchecked.”

The satellite and streaming provider earlier this week announced it had pulled Newsmax from its lineup, provoking an angry response from conservatives all across the country. DirecTV’s explanation was that it was necessary as a cost cutting measure, which is precisely the same explanation it used when it removed OAN last year.

“We need to start casting our dollars elsewhere,” Burchett told an interviewer. The Tennessee congressman said entities like DirecTV understand one thing and one only: “the dollars.”

“We’ve got to stand up,” Burchett said. “Congress is starting to take notice of this. If they want to mess up their deal, let Congress get hold of it. We’d mess up a bucket of water. They don’t want that.”

Congressman Burchett pointed out that, “It needs to be neutral. That’s what the First Amendment is about. The First Amendment is great, until somebody says something you don’t like. That’s what happened here.”

Of course Congressman Tim Burchett is exactly right. Nothing would make the Left in this country happier than to have a state-run media. Much of the news media is merely an

extension of the Left as it is and one only has to note the crashing of the once-mighty CNN, which has suffered dismal ratings because it became less of a news agency than a source of propaganda.

The Left has no trouble squalling when it is mad and conservatives need to learn to do the same thing. If you are a DirecTV customer, call 1-877-763-9762 and insist they bring Newsmax back on the air now.

## Everyone Should Have A Decent Burial

I was really surprised the other day when I read there were as many as 300 unclaimed bodies being held at Knox County’s forensic center. There was a time when the county used “Potter’s Field,” a graveyard for the truly indigent, to give those folks a decent burial. Frankly, I think every person deserves a decent burial and it’s been on my mind ever since. The subject bears some looking-into, at least inasmuch as are these folks eventually laid to rest? Are they given a proper headstone? Are they put to rest with some final words spoken over their mortal remains?

I think there’d be a number of Knox Countians, myself included, who would give to a fund so that these folks could be laid to rest and given decent burials.

## KCSO Merit Board calls for election

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merit board are three members elected by KCSO employees—one each from Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civilian Divisions. These three representatives do not vote but voice concerns from their departments to the executive director and attend merit board meetings.

Taylor reported a problem with one of the employee-elected members and Officer Winston Ragon, elected under the old merit council, told the board he has been transferred from the KCSO Law Enforcement Division to the Corrections Division.

Ragon said he would continue to represent those patrol officers if needed but Morton said the member must be a patrol officer

under the new board policies.

Chairman Manning said the board must follow the new rules and called for Taylor to set an election to replace Ragon. Marshall noted that Ragon had approached Director Taylor with the issue.

Vaughn moved to accept the new rules on the conflict and called successfully for the uniformed officers in the Law Enforcement Division to select a new representative.

Grievances filed by Lisa Jarrell and Wesley Keck will apparently be heard in the next two meetings of the merit board. The Keck hearing is set for the merit board’s March 1 meeting with the Jarrell hearing set for April 12.

## You Cannot Get Served With a Lawsuit On a Sunday

When we think about a lawsuit, we generally think about it starting on the date the lawsuit is filed with the Court. While the filing of the lawsuit is an important event, the case does not really start until the defendant is served with a copy of the lawsuit. Why is that? Because the defendant is not required to respond to the lawsuit or file anything with the Court until they are actually



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served with the lawsuit.

Service can happen through a number of ways, but the most common methods are by law enforcement or a private process server handing a copy of the lawsuit to the defendant. Once a defendant is served, they are required to file a written response to the lawsuit with the Court within 30 days of being served.

One quirk of being served is that serving a defendant with a copy of the lawsuit is not supposed to occur on Sundays unless it can be shown that the defendant is about to flee to avoid being served. Tennessee Code Annotated section 20-2-106 states, “...civil process shall not be executed on Sundays.”

This law has not been updated by the Tennessee legislatures since 1932, but one can only guess why this law exists. Was there some belief that Sunday was a sacred day for spiritual worship that should not be disturbed by the serving of lawsuits on defendants? That is one guess, but we may never know the answer to why this law exists.

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# Commission looks at rule changes, first-reading items

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While the Knox County Commission may pass a large tax break for a future mixed-use complex at 1624 Riverside Drive, the vote is but one item on a long agenda next Monday.

The work session's Riverside vote, recommended by Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Commissioner Dasha Lundy, was deferred from January.

The commission's Rules Committee has several items up for consideration next week including changing the name of the Cable TV Committee to the Telecom Committee. The Rules Committee is also suggesting updating the definitions of honorary resolutions, proclamations and discussion items.

Another Rules Committee recommendation is to clarify that a person who has signed up to speak on an agenda item will be given the option of speaking either at public forum or when the chosen agenda item is being discussed.

Commissioner Carson Dailey wants a first-reading discussion on the commercial storage of used tires. He also wants to talk about amending the code to increase the fine of a third offense for illegal signs placed on public right-of-ways.

Commissioner Kyle Ward wants a discussion on amending the Animal Control codes dealing with "Impoundment" and adding a section regarding the inhumane chaining of dogs. The discussion has been deferred for several months and follows the Knoxville City Council's code changes inside the city prohibiting the unsupervised chaining, or tethering, of dogs in home yards.

The Planning Commission wants to change parts of the Knox County Code dealing with drive-through businesses.

In other action during the 78 agenda item meeting, Commissioner Lundy is asking the body to declare Black History Month and Commissioner Rhonda Lee wants to honor Samantha



*The hiring of a designer for the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge is on the Knox County Commission agenda next Monday along with several commission meeting rule changes.*

Monday for her work for drug treatment and mental health in the county.

The work session items will be chosen for public discussion by the chair or individual members and scheduled to speak are Lisa Zenni on ARPA funds for the County Arts and Cultural Alliance; Jim Snowden may speak on Knox County Roads, and Jeff Bagwell is scheduled to give a report on Rural Metro.

Ten new subdivision roads are scheduled for approval.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker may appoint

a replacement for Steve Weiner, who has resigned from the Knox County Library Advisory Board.

Gresham Smith may be hired as the contractor for the design of the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge and Thompson Engineering may be contracted to design sidewalks along Bluegrass Road from Zachary Taylor Road to near Ebenezer Road. The intersection improvements at Emory Road and Beaver Ridge Road may be approved with an agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

## Commission to consider several law enforcement agenda items

The Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board has asked the county commission to change the minimum age of starting corrections officers from 19 years to 18 years of age. The commission will meet in a work session next Monday.

Sheriff Tom Spangler mentioned the idea last month, with the idea of employing high school graduates, and the merit board is asking the commission to amend system rules to allow the change.

The sheriff is also asking the commission to approve reimbursement of overtime of officers from the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area to the tune of \$95,000. The sheriff's department

also is asking for approval of a letter of agreement for \$455,839 from the state for the transportation of mental health prisoners.

A \$1.1 million agreement between the state criminal justice office and the county is on the agenda for the purchase of a Mobile Command Center, with the state granting \$835,032 and the county coming up with \$264,968. The agreement is requested by the sheriff's department as part of the Violent Crime Intervention program.

Commissioner Dasha Lundy is asking the commission to subpoena the sheriff and deputies to appear before the commission and give sworn testimony about the incident at McAlister's Deli.

## KAT Reimagined: Draft Released for Public Comment

After receiving community input on transit priorities during Phase 1 of KAT's public engagement process, the new draft transit network is now available for the public to review and provide feedback.

KAT will be engaging the public in multiple ways throughout the month of February to get feedback from riders and the general public. Opportunities for public engagement include the following:

- Review the draft network and take the online survey at [www.katreimagined.com](http://www.katreimagined.com).

- Register for the virtual public meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 8 from noon to 1 p.m. Registration available at [www.katreimagined.com/connect](http://www.katreimagined.com/connect).

- Attend one of two in-person open house-style public meetings at Knoxville Station Transit Center's Community Room, 301 Church Avenue: Thursday, February 23 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. or on Saturday, February 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

This draft plan shows how the KAT bus network could be run differently within its existing budget, with a shift

toward routes with higher frequencies with less overall coverage. This was developed based on feedback from public during the first phase and direction from the Knoxville Transportation Authority Board. According to the plan analysis, on average, the draft plan allows more people to get to more places sooner, but some places do lose coverage. Different locations are highlighted in the draft network report to show how access to jobs and other opportunities are impacted by the proposed new network.

## Disability council, traffic lights upkeep and zoning on city agenda Tuesday

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provide consultation services for downtown residents and businesses in a \$52,2000 contract.

The mayor may be approved to execute an agreement with TVA for consulting services in support of the city's electric vehicle fleet.

Seven retiring city

employees are on the agenda for pensions, five of whom are fire and police employees.

Zonings before the council on first reading include properties on Zoe Way, Linden Avenue, New York Avenue, Money Place, Cross Park Drive and East Scott Avenue.

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## The Doctor is in

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### Community

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

Coretta Scott King

I once read that the first rhythmic sound a baby hears is the mother's heartbeat. We might not immediately consider a heartbeat as musical. However, Webster defines music as "vocal, instrumental or mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody or harmony."

Probably, the earliest "music" was rhythmical percussion of wood, bones or even rocks. A lithophone is a musical instrument made of rocks that when struck produces different notes. These have been found worldwide with some of the oldest examples dating to prehistory in India or the Vietnamese đàn (instrument) đá (stone).

I don't make music, but I

appreciate it. And I appreciate art and especially sculpture, which I wrote about recently (The Cathedral).

I was a good doctor and I have become a pretty good writer. Expertise in anything should be appreciated. I appreciate a pretty face, but too often we celebrate beauty to the exclusion of substance. The façade of a building does not tell the whole story.

Music has always touched my soul. I even notice (and often I'm distressed by) so-called elevator music. Such "music" is neither musical nor background for me. It often grates on me like fingernails scratching a blackboard.

When Becky designed our smaller retirement home, I only had a few requests. I wanted a bigger closet so that my modest wardrobe would not be spread all over the house. And I wanted a hot tub. But we also installed outdoor

speakers in the ceiling of our bathroom, one of which is in the shower. You may find this odd, but I now enjoy stereo music with marvelous acoustics. I swear I can hit a high C in the shower - at least in my imagination.

One of the aspects of Methodism that I always appreciated was its hymnody, integral to the theological message. Methodism evolved in camp meetings during colonial times where singable songs augmented the Christian message. In the 19th century, Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8000 hymns and gospel songs which became "paradigmatic of all revival music." I don't do "revivals," but when I need inspiration I often hum or sing Fanny Crosby hymns.

I like all types of music. The only exception is "Gangsta Rap" which is misogynistic and glorifies criminal behavior. I came of age with 60s Rock 'n' roll, Motown, the British invasion and poetry set to melodious rhythm by Simon and Garfunkel. The syncopated rhythm of their song "Cecilia" could move a stone wall. In some ways, their hummable melodies with contemplative lyrics remind me of Fanny Crosby.

My formal education was in the sciences, but my informal education in the humanities began in

earnest after my medical training. Although I've always been drawn to history, music, art, travel and science, I recently asked Becky if I had a philosophical bent when she married me 47 years ago. Her terse answer came quickly, "No." Perhaps something awakened a latent tendency. And I guess I'm "still crazy after all these years" (Simon and Garfunkel song). In marriage, you take the good with the quiriness.

Mike Rowe is known for his Dirty Jobs TV show which celebrates people who make the world function. As you are well aware, I do not hold in high regard the mainstream media, politicians or the elites who fritter in Davos. But I highly respect my plumber who is more valuable than a doctor when water is flowing across your floor. And despite the war on the police, I appreciate the vast majority who are the professionals who keep us safe.

There are other vocations who may not be included among Rowe's dirty jobs, but make things work such as truckers who transport our food. And I appreciate my neighborhood Kroger grocer as well as the employees who stock the shelves and help me find items when I have been sent to the store on "assignment."

There are others who are part of my community. I now attend two worship services on Sunday morning after Covid killed my Sunday school class. I love my neighborhood Sevier Heights Church and its gifted senior minister, Tim Miller, who lives up the street from us. It was SHC that expanded my musical education. I've come to appreciate contemporary Christian music (not praise bands). If you're unfamiliar with this genre I recommend you sample The Goodness of God and Way Maker on YouTube.

I've always liked Bluegrass, but Mike Kelly's "Sunday Morning in the South" program at 8 a.m. on Merle 96.7 features Country Gospel and Bluegrass. The program has become part of our Sunday morning community. Becky has never been a music aficionado, but now she reminds me it's time to tune in as we get ready for Church.

I've been blessed to travel extensively in a dozen trips to Europe and on five continents. I mention this only to explain that my wanderlust has been sated. I now "travel" on my devices through the internet's "windows on the world." My geographical community is actually a five-mile radius from our home in the UT Hospital area. Part of this

neighborhood community is the Szechwan restaurant on Chapman highway. I appreciate the delicious Asian food prepared by the Chu family.

And a final shout out is to the Phone Exchange on Bearden Hill. I'm not a "techy" guy, but I need technology and the devices which allow "my mind [to wander] where it will go" (lyrics from The Beatles' song "Fixing A Hole"). We've used The Phone Exchange for years and they are fine folks, and offer excellent service, repairs and technical advice.

Mr. Webster offers many definitions of community including a group in a geographical area, or those with common interests, common characteristics, history, politics or policy. My community begins at home, but then extends outward to my neighborhood. However, my community is also my readers, my city and my country. Technology allows me to stay engaged with my family, fellow citizens and the world.

I am blessed to know where I came from, my purpose and where I am going. As Horatio Spafford's famous hymn goes, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

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## Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union to celebrate Grand Opening of Northshore Location

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union is hosting a grand opening celebration for the new Northshore Branch on Friday, February 10. In the Credit Union's 89 years of serving East Tennessee communities, this milestone marks the opening of the 25th location to serve Credit Union members.

The Knox County Mayor, city and county officials, the Knoxville Chamber and local businesses will be present for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. The grand opening, to be held at 1974 Town Center Blvd., will feature refreshments and a drawing for prizes throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend.

"We are grateful for the support of our members in reaching this historic milestone," says president and CEO Glenn Siler. "At Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, our philosophy is people helping people. Opening the Northshore branch will allow us to become part of this neighborhood and give back to the local schools, events and organizations."

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union has a long history of helping members live better lives and grow financially. Today, more than 260,000 members entrust the Credit Union with their finances. The Credit Union recently achieved the Callahan

& Associates ranking as one of the Top 15 Credit Unions for Member Service Nationwide for providing outstanding value to its members.

"We serve communities in eight East Tennessee counties and Johnson City," says Lynn Summers, Executive Vice President. "When members turn to us for their finances, the money they deposit stays here in East Tennessee and helps other people. We are proud to not only support our members, but also the thriving communities where they live and work."

The Northshore Branch is conveniently located at 1974 Town Center Blvd. in Northshore Town Center



Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union is proud to announce the Grand Opening of its 25th location in Northshore Town Center to serve the needs of this growing West Knoxville corridor. On Friday, February 10, everyone is invited to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m. or drop by for refreshments and prize drawings held throughout the day.

at the intersection of I-140 and Northshore Rd. Credit Union hours are Monday to

Friday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. For more information on membership benefits at

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# New book documents 'A Bloody Reign of Terror in the Great Smoky Mountains'

By Christy S. Martin, Ed.D

East Tennessee has a rich history. There are many positive things that have happened in our area. There are also things in our history that should be remembered because they are so bad, that we hope they will never be repeated. A recently published book revisits one of those eras of crime and vigilante injustice. "At the Dead Hours of Midnight: A Bloody Reign of Terror in The Great Smoky Mountains" is a book that those who love our area's history will not want to miss. It is the story of high crimes committed by a secret organization that wreaked havoc in Sevier County, Tennessee.

Authors Richard Way and Stanford Johnson have connections to the story. Richard Way first heard it from Cas Walker who was raised in Sevier County and whose father was connected to this story about the White Caps. Way played drums on the Farm and Home Hour and never forgot those times and stories with Cas. Stanford Johnson's connection is through family ties to one of the main characters in the book.

Some of the story has been told before. Cas Walker published a book in 1937 about the White Caps that was reprinted in 1974 called "The White Caps of Sevier County." Other accounts and news outlets of the time, as well as resources, have provided documentation that was used to write of the events and the people involved in the crimes in this new account.

Author Stanford Johnson describes the book: A vigilante group called The White Caps of Sevier County organized in Sevier County, Tennessee, in the early 1890s. Their original mission was an expression of community consensus, meant to enforce community standards of conduct and behavior when a group of prostitutes arrived in a rural, mountainous community in that county—Emert's Cove/Copeland Creek. The original White Caps were believed to have been a group of wives and a couple of men, who threatened the prostitutes with a whipping if they didn't leave. The prostitutes didn't leave, and the White Caps made good on their promise. It is believed the postmaster of Emert's Cove, John Sam Springs, organized another vigilante group, The Blue Bills, to counter the White Caps. Springs was evidently successful in eradicating the White Caps in Emert's Cove, but they soon metastasized throughout the rest of the county's civil

districts—and their mission changed from upholding Victorian morals to something way more nefarious."

This newly published true account of the history of the White Caps of Sevier County is a well-researched and carefully documented account that includes newspaper clippings and photographs of the people from the time as well as interviews with some of the descendants of the main characters in the book. It includes stories about the White Caps from the sheriff and deputy sheriffs to the postmaster that likely created his own vigilante group to counter the violent injustice happening in the county.

The story is engaging and entertaining, told chronologically and as concisely as possible given the secrecy of the White Cap organization and its counter group, The Blue Bills. This crime wave was not pretty. It included whippings, threats and killings. It resulted in what seems to be just but example hangings. It involved law enforcement in neighboring counties and several national manhunts.

The era of the White Caps invoked fear in the citizens of Sevier County. What started out as a mission to rid an area of some prostitutes via a threatened whipping resulted in violent acts and murder in the middle of the night and terror throughout the entire community. As the authors of "At the Dead Hours of Midnight" point out, two men were eventually brought to justice and punished for their role in White Cap activities. However, at its peak, it is estimated that 650 – 1500 participated in the secret White Cap vigilante activities.

This book is a must-read for lovers of good stories, justice (even too little, too late), and history. It can be found locally at Southland Books and Neighborly Books in Maryville and The Abbey, Ace Hardware, The Chocolate B'ar and Smoky Mountain Outdoor Center in Townsend. It is also available on Amazon. Wherever you get it you will not want to miss this piece of local history, "At the Dead Hours of Midnight: A Bloody Reign of Terror in The Great Smoky Mountains" is a must-read.

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By Ralphine Major  
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It was not a crescent moon, and it was not a full moon. It was somewhere in between the two more recognizable shapes of the moon. The month of January has produced so many spectacular scenes in the sky---beautiful golden sun rises, an unusual blazing red sky, and interesting moons.

Even with a very limited knowledge of the various clouds, stars, and phases of the moon, I was intrigued early one January morning when I looked up and saw the partial moon pictured here. Usually, when I see these natural occurrences, I just stand in awe of the God who created our world and everything that is in it. At that moment, the sky seemed so huge! The moon appeared so small. We are blessed every day



Picture of the magnificent moon on a January morning, by Ralphine Major.

to enjoy the wonders of the universe. A look to the sky on an ordinary day can bring us extraordinary joys, and the Lord God created them all!

Words of Faith from Psalm 8:3-5 (KJV): "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art

mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor."

## Still the one

The band called "last song," and couples scooted to the center of the gym floor. Teenagers had spent the last couple of hours gyrating to some songs and then holding onto each other for slower selections. Everyone in the gym knew what the final tune would be. After introductory chords, the lead singer softly sang "When the night has come, and the land is dark," and couples embraced and sang the chorus of "Stand by Me." Just for a few minutes, they imagined that only the two of them were alive in the world and that they would be together forever.

That's the kind of effect the music of the '60s and early '70s had on those of us in high school. Music helped young folk escape every problem and hurdle that might exist in the world. Some felt the ache and fear of leaving home for college. That meant leaving family and a boy or girlfriend behind. Others wanted no part of college and chose instead to begin careers. Too many

teens graduated high school only to receive the news that their lottery numbers were selected and they'd been drafted.

No matter what the situation, we foolish young people let music lighten our loads and send our spirits soaring. Sure, plenty of listeners thrived on the Beatles or the Rolling Stones, but another huge group loved a variety of music. The Four Tops and The Temptations could sing us to the highest mountain tops or to the depths of despair with their songs. The Supremes always produced catchy tunes. Oliver had us all singing "Good Morning Starshine," and the "Classic Four" sang of the sadness in breaking up in "Traces."

In our day, a car radio was essential. WNOX and WKGN kept us in the groove with upbeat music most of the day. On those occasions when we had dates, slow, emotion-filled songs filled the car as couples parked on out-of-the-way streets, fogged the windows, and

swore devotion. Concord pool was the only public pool around us, and teens packed the pavilion where the jukebox was located.

At some point, the music changed again. Groups like BST, Chicago, and Chase caught our attention. Their use of brass sections made the music different and added a cutting edge. We high school band geeks loved them and listened with delight as trumpets screamed higher octaves and trombones produced magic with their slide.

The most wonderful thing about our music from way back then is the fact that today's young folks like it. Today's teens know the lyrics to some of the best songs of the time. Put on a song by The Four Tops, play "Respect" by Aretha, or "The Twist," and watch folks of every age group begin to sing. In just a few seconds their hips begin to move ever-so-slightly with the rhythm. Older folks might take a minute to remember how many of the songs from back then were performed

on the most serious and joyous occasions of their short lives.

I watched a documentary about the group Chicago the other evening. They have toured for 55 years and have a schedule of tour dates for 2023. Over that time, the band has cut 38 albums and sold more than 100,000,000 of them. That's staying power. I know that several of their early songs are tied to some of the most precious memories I have.

God decided that we humans needed music. He knew that the notes that the human voice or an instrument sounds can affect our moods and lives. I'm not a fan of too much present-day music. I might be wrong but seriously doubt that many, if any, of the selections today will achieve the eternal popularity of the '60s and '70s music. If you are too young, take time to listen to those songs and pass them along to your children. As far as making people happy, that music is still the one.

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# H. Clay Evans of Tennessee, I

## Pages from the Past



**By Ray Hill**  
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Named for the four-time presidential candidate and Kentucky statesman Henry Clay, H. Clay Evans was a highly important figure in Tennessee's Republican Party. Evans had a storied and diverse career, a successful businessman who manufactured freight cars for railroads, he served a term in Congress, was the mayor of Chattanooga, organized the public school system in Chattanooga, and was elected governor of Tennessee on the returns. Unfortunately, the majority Democrats threw out enough votes to give the election to Governor Peter Turney.

H. Clay Evans was also recognized nationally, having served as Commissioner of Pensions in the administration of President William McKinley. Evans was the American General Consul in London under President Theodore Roosevelt. H. Clay Evans was also the leader of Tennessee's Republican Party and one of the leading GOP figures in the South.

The first thing one noticed about Henry Clay Evans was his appearance, which was striking. Today, Evans would look precisely like Hollywood's version of the Southern "colonel." The Nashville Banner stated Evans "had the knack of making and retaining friends in all classes of society." While H. Clay Evans carried the reputation of a great man, "his intimates knew him as a lovable character" whose "kindly heart" always answered "every appeal." While a leader in public affairs, Evans was known for his "genial and considerate and self-effacing" attitude in private. The Chattanooga News remembered H. Clay Evans as a "man of magnetic and attractive personality and strong individuality" whose "positive views" made him a natural for public life.

Evans was born in Pennsylvania and moved with his family to Wisconsin as a boy. Like most other young men of his time, he enlisted to fight in the Civil War. For a brief time, he was in Chattanooga with the quartermaster's department before wandering off to Texas where he helped in rebuilding the Army post in Brownsville

and later to New York. Likely the reason for his travels to New York was a young lady named Adelaide Durand. The two were married in Westfield, New York, in 1869. Their marriage produced three children.

In 1870, H. Clay Evans moved his family to Chattanooga, which was to be his home for the remainder of his life. There he began his business of manufacturing freight cars at a time when virtually all American commerce was carried by railroad or water. Evans quickly became one of Chattanooga's leading citizens and was elected mayor in 1881. H. Clay Evans served two terms as Chattanooga's mayor and was later Chattanooga's first school commissioner. Eventually, Evans founded the Bromley & Evans Car Wheel Foundry Company, which flourished.

By 1888, H. Clay Evans was contending for the Republican nomination for Congress from Tennessee's Third District. Evans was contesting the nomination of his party with H. M. Wiltse and the candidate was to be decided in a convention rather than a primary election. Evans was duly nominated by a delegate from Bradley County and his nomination was seconded by a number of orators, including Parsons Houston, a Black delegate who proclaimed Evans the friend of both the poor and African-Americans inside Tennessee's Third District. It was an age when oratory and the ability to make a moving speech were highly appreciated and valued. One delegate from Grundy County gave a sample of an oratorical flourish when he bellowed, "I arise to second the nomination of that matchless name; the name at whose sound democracy (meaning the Democratic Party) trembles --- the Hon. H. Clay Evans."

H. Martin of Hamilton County offered his own speech which rivaled that of his friend from Grundy. "I desire to put into nomination a man who has always been a Republican; who never knew what it was to scratch a ticket; a man of princely parts; a man who is the friend of the working-men, and who has never failed a friend in the hour of an emergency. I allude to the Hon. Henry M. Wiltse."

As the roll was called and county delegations cast their ballots, it became obvious H. Clay Evans was the choice of the convention. S. H. Martin who had put Wiltse's name



*H. Clay Evans around the time of his election to Congress in 1888.*

into nomination arose and asked for recognition by the chair, which was granted. Saying he was a friend of Mr. Wiltse "and out of deference to what I believe is the majority will of this convention, I desire to withdraw his name from before this convention." Martin's statement was greeted by thunderous applause from his fellow delegates. Evans received more than 233 votes to 29 for Henry Wiltse.

The Chattanooga rose to thank the delegates for making him their GOP nominee to run in the general election. He had run for Congress once before in 1884 and Evans told the delegates, "Four years ago you did me the honor to nominate me. I did not have ten acquaintances outside of Chattanooga in this district." That first congressional campaign, although lost, provided Evans with a host of friends outside his own community. Evans promised, "And I am going to make the race to win." The Republicans roared their approval in reply.

Evans briefly recounted the election four years earlier when Grover Cleveland had reclaimed the White House for the Democratic Party. H. Clay Evans noted the Democrats had made good on providing good government "for a year and a half" or so. "Business was revived and we had prosperity all over the country. We enjoyed such a boom as this country has not seen before," Evans told his fellow Republicans. After a brief pause, he added, "But the Democratic Party cannot stand prosperity." As a result, according to H. Clay Evans, the Democrats had "set about to end the boom and bring about hard times." Evans blamed the

bust on President Cleveland and the Democratic Party's free trade policies.

The incumbent congressman was John Randolph Neal, father of the famed law professor and perennial candidate of the same name. Congressman Neal was not seeking reelection due to ill health despite being a relatively young man. The Democrats had nominated in place of Congressman Neal forty-year-old Creed Fulton Bates. An attorney, Bates enjoyed a lucrative law practice and was known for having an "almost heroic build" and sunny disposition.

The campaign for Tennessee's Third Congressional District ended with a massive political event in Chattanooga, the home city of both candidates. Evans and Bates had been making a joint canvass of the district and each spoke at a gathering that night, with both the GOP and Democratic candidates speaking for an hour. Evans spoke first and his partisans applauded, yelled and bellowed their approval as he took his seat while Colonel Bates was introduced by a supporter. The campaign ended with passions running high on both sides.

The Chattanooga Daily Times heralded "It's Bates" yet reported Democrats had suffered "a Waterloo defeat" for its own ticket inside the City of Chattanooga. Chattanoogaans turned out in record numbers and posted the largest vote ever recorded in the city previously. H. Clay Evans polled 4,248 votes to 2,428 for Creed Bates, a majority of 1,820. Evans also carried Hamilton County, winning with a 315-vote majority outside the city limits. The day after the election not all the votes had been counted and Republicans confidently expected Evans' majority in Hamilton County to grow.

The Daily Times reported after "a calm and conservative study of the figures" it had concluded Colonel Creed F. Bates had been elected to Congress.

According to the Daily Times, Bates had carried Grundy, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, and White counties, while Evans had prevailed in Bledsoe, Bradley, Cumberland, Hamilton, James, Marion, McMinn and Rhea. Each candidate won eight of the sixteen counties comprising Tennessee's Third Congressional District.

For those readers wondering about James County, it was created out of parts of Hamilton and Bradley counties by an act of the Tennessee General Assembly in 1871. The county went bankrupt and its residents voted to become part of Hamilton County in 1919.

A day later, the Chattanooga Daily Times reported the Democrats had conceded the congressional race and H. Clay Evans had been elected by about 200 votes. Republicans celebrated the election of Evans with a parade, bonfires, and fireworks.

Clay Evans only served two years in Congress as Democrats conspired to alter his district successfully, leading to the election of Henry Clay Snodgrass in 1890. Much of the reason for Democrats having gerrymandered Evans out of the House of Representatives was his support for the legislation sponsored by Congressman Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. The Lodge Bill was popularly known by its supporters as the Federal Elections Bill. Among its opponents, especially in the Southland, it was referred to as the Lodge Force Bill. The purpose of the bill was to protect the integrity of elections for the U. S. House of Representatives. Much of the bill's purpose was to allow Blacks, which were then mostly Republicans, to vote in the South. The Lodge Bill had passed by only six votes in the House and one of those had been the vote of Congressman H. Clay Evans.

Following his defeat by Henry Snodgrass, President Benjamin

Harrison appointed Evans as an Assistant Postmaster General.

In 1894 H. Clay Evans became a candidate for governor against incumbent Peter Turney.

Turney, a ponderous and portly man, balding with a beard, had been Chief Justice of Tennessee's State Supreme Court when he had first been elected governor in 1892. A plurality of the vote had elected Turney in 1892 as incumbent John Buchanan ran in the general election as an Independent after it became increasingly clear he could not win renomination as a Democrat. With four candidates running in the general election, Peter Turney won with a plurality of the ballots cast.

Governor Turney's administration was beset by several nagging issues which helped to continually diminish his personal popularity with Tennesseans. The country was also plagued by an economic depression in 1893 referred to as the "Panic of 1893." The depression had a profound effect on every segment of the American economy and caused something of a political realignment in much of the country. It also affected the political fortunes of Governor Peter Turney in Tennessee.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal reported what had once been "a little whisper" that H. Clay Evans would be a candidate for the GOP nomination for governor had "become a real loud sound" the week before Republicans met in the convention. When Republicans did gather together to choose their gubernatorial nominee, a headline in the Chattanooga Daily Times read, "The Republicans Name Their Lamb for the Slaughter Today."

Evidently, the Republican state convention was a lively and colorful affair. One delegate drew a pistol and the Knoxville Journal and Tribune primly reported some delegates had indulged "in the language of the bar room." According to the Republican Leader, which was published in Knoxville, John E. McCall placed in nomination the name of H. Clay Evans. McCall said conditions in Tennessee were so gloomy only a candidate like Evans could possibly have a chance of winning the general election. McCall cried only H. Clay Evans could put Governor Peter Turney in his political grave.

Evans was duly nominated at the state convention, a choice that was quickly applauded by the Knoxville Journal and Tribune, which called the selection of the former congressman "wise." H. Clay Evans would not only make a good governor and provide Tennesseans with honest government but the Journal and Tribune assured its readers he was a man of high character, "an able man, a clean man, a pure man, a patriot, a useful and valuable citizen." H. Clay Evans was in fact the kind of man other men could vote for "without having to apologize to their own consciences or to their wives and daughters." Needless to say, the Knoxville Journal and Tribune was for H. Clay Evans for governor of Tennessee.

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NICHOLAS PETER PORCO  
DOCKET NUMBER 87247-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NICHOLAS PETER PORCO who died Dec 3, 2022, were issued 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 30 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF NICHOLAS PETER PORCO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK  
DOCKET NUMBER 87228-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK who died Sep 2, 2022, were issued 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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANNE SHIRK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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ESTATE OF SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87227-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS who died Oct 7, 2022, were issued 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.

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This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2023.

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ESTATE OF SCOTT THADDEUS STEVENS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87241-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR. who died Aug 30, 2022, were issued 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 26 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES SIDNEY STEWART, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES S STEWART, JR.; CO-EXECUTOR  
7716 CAMBERLEY DRIVE  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD REEVES WYNN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87017-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD REEVES WYNN who died Aug 19, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and

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This the 25 day of JANUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD REEVES WYNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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**By Ken Lay**

Turnovers and a prolonged scoring slump spelled defeat for the West Valley Middle School boys basketball team Thursday night. The Wolves' offense finally came to life after halftime.

But it was too little, too late for West Valley, which saw its 2022-23 campaign come to an end in the Class AAA Sectionals with a 43-31 loss to Alcoa at Powell Middle School.

The Wolves, the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference regular-season champions and Class AAA county tournament champions, struggled out of the gate and scored just six points over the first 12 minutes of the contest against the Tornadoes and managed just two points in the second quarter.

That all added up to an 18-6 halftime deficit for West Valley, which made just three baskets before the break as Damian Cullom, Paxton Parrott and Brendon Murphy made field goals.

“They had 18 points at half-time and normally, I’d take that.”

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*'Dubs' for West and winners! Some of West High's nine football signees make the "W" sign with their hands as they pose for a picture on National Signing Day. The Rebels went 15-0 and won the Class 5A gold football this past season. Front row (left to right): Omarii Mc-Cleary, Ja'Qurrius Wrenn, Cayden Latham. Back row (left to right): John Sartelle, Brayden Latham, Jones Conner, Jameiyes Mills, R.J. Brooks. Quandarius Hayes and Head Coach Lamar Brown.*

**By Steve Williams**

Lamar Brown described the mood and feeling as “bittersweet” in his introductory comment at West High’s National Signing Day ceremony on Feb. 1.

The main auditorium was almost full as students, teachers and administrators were on hand for the 10 a.m. event along with parents, family members and friends of the eight West High football players who were about to sign college football scholarships.

"It's a great day that you get to see eight of your players achieve the dream that they dreamed about – playing college football," said Coach Brown. "It's great to know that they've put in the work on and off the field to do this because it all starts with academics."

"It's a sad day in that these seniors are always going to have a special place in my heart," added Brown. "It has nothing to do with the state championship. It has everything to do with the quality of young men

they have become and the way they have changed this school and the football program.”

Each of the eight signees made a few remarks at the head table on stage before putting pen to paper. They included tight end R.J. Brooks (who signed with Carson-Newman University), offensive lineman Jones Conner (University of the Cumberlands, KY), offensive lineman Quandarius Hayes (Carson-Newman), running back Brayden Latham (Eastern Kentucky), defensive back

Cayden Latham (UVA-Wise),  
linebacker Omari McCleary  
(Alderson Broaddus, W. Va.),  
defensive lineman Jameiyas  
Mills (University of the Cumber-  
lands, KY) and defensive back  
Ja'Qurrius Wrenn (UVA-Wise).

Lineman John Sartelle, who signed with Air Force in December's early signing period, also joined the ceremony and picture-taking.

Coach Brown saluted and thanked the West High staff and faculty in his closing

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### By Ken Lay

All good things must  
come to an end.

The Farragut Middle School girls basketball team saw its magical 2022-23 season come to a screeching halt Thursday night in the Section 1-AAA semifinals at Powell Middle School.

The Lady Admirals never really established any offensive rhythm in a 44-33 loss to Alcoa.

Although head coach Devan McIntyre saw plenty of positives in the rearview mirror.

"You're never ready for your season to end."

McIntyre said. "Especially when it was such a fun year, but one loss doesn't define or ruin a great season."

In a low-scoring first quarter, the Lady Tornados had a slim 8-5 lead but things would only get worse for Farragut, which finishes the season with a 22-2 record. The Lady Admirals also had a perfect record in the Knox County Middle School Conference regular season. They also swept through the Class AAA county tournament, winning the championship with a close victory over Powell as Gabby VanAcker sent the game to overtime with a late 3-pointer in

regulation.

In the extra frame, VanAcker had a steal and a transition basket to clinch the victory and the title against the Lady Panthers.

She scored all five of her points in the final frame against the Lady Tornados. But she spent much of the game on the bench due to foul trouble.

McIntyre credited Alcoa for disrupting her team's rhythm in Thursday night's contest.

"Alcoa took us out of what we wanted to do and we made mistakes that we don't usually make," she said. "We had a lot of

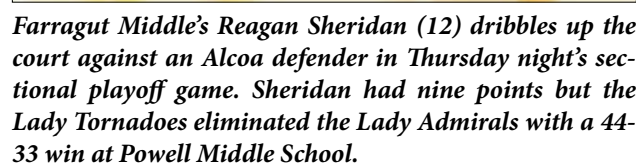
turnovers.

"Everybody has a bad night and unfortunately, ours happened at a bad time and I give credit to Alcoa. Gabby was on the bench with fouls and we really needed her on the floor. We just couldn't get in the flow."

Post player Trinity Curry had 11 points in Farragut's 2022-23 finale and Reagan Sheridan scored nine.

Accentuating the Lady Admirals' difficulty was their abysmal showing at the foul line.

Farragut made just 10 of its 23 free throw attempts against Alcoa.



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

## LOCAL COLLEGE SIGNEES

According to athletic directors at local high schools, here's a list of student-athletes who have signed or will be signing scholarship papers in the National Signing period (beginning Feb. 2) of 2022-23 and later will be enrolling in college for the 2023-24 school year.

### AUSTIN-EAST

LeShaud Holloway, Maryville College, football

### BEARDEN

Marcus Bishop, Berea College (KY), soccer  
Alyssa Campbell, Walters State, volleyball  
Cash Coggins, LMU, CC / Track  
Mary Sims Cross, Utah Tech, swimming  
Jeb Cox, Southwest TN CC, baseball  
Emma Coolie, Erskine College (SC), cheer  
Cayden Douglas, ETSU, track and field  
Rayonna Greenlee, Roane State, volleyball  
Ayla Hauser, Smith College (MASS), tennis  
Lucas Nordin, ETSU, soccer  
Laila Rudolph, MTSU, track and field  
Aiden Tipton, Tusculum, baseball

### CAK

Keira Leffew, Lee University, basketball  
Luke Jones, LMU, baseball  
Aaron Bobo, Carson-Newman, baseball  
JK Hamilton, Dyersburg State, baseball  
Josh Price, Roane State, baseball

### CARTER

Caleb Harper, Emory & Henry (VA), football  
Belle Gibson, Tusculum, bowling  
Jackson Steele, Lindsey Wilson (KY), football

### CENTRAL

Drew Brown, Carson-Newman, football

### FARRAGUT

Trevor Coggin, UT, track / CC  
Riley Hanson, UTC, track / CC  
Michael Mendonca, MTSU, track / CC  
Quinn DeGuira, MTSU, track / CC  
Sammy Harvey, TTU, track  
Reese Keeney, Rice, football  
Ashton Auker, Campbellsville (KY), football  
Elijah Gibbs, Georgetown (KY), football  
John Duncan, Berry College (GA), football  
Will Gallaher, Maryville College, soccer

### FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

Zachary Helton, Carson-Newman, fishing (Will sign Feb. 10)

### HALLS

Caden Earle, UVA-Wise, football  
Landon Pique, Roane State, baseball

### KARNS

Garrett Rice, Carson-Newman, football  
Chris Hunter, UT-Martin, football  
Jami Searle, Cleveland State, volleyball (Signed Dec. 2)

### KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Ella Jabaley, Averett Univ. (VA), volleyball  
Gigi Sompayrac, Anderson Univ. (SC), tennis  
Will Ramsey, Young Harris (GA), lacrosse  
Henry Bertucci, Carson-Newman, football  
Richie DeLaCruz, Virginia Peninsula, baseball  
Evan Kolesar, King University, baseball  
Ryan Theobald, King University, baseball  
Miller Spence, Milligan University, baseball  
Jacob Camfield, Asbury Univ. (KY), baseball  
Joey LaMattina, LMU, baseball  
Emma Ackermann, Mount Union (Ohio), swimming  
Evan Deichert, Univ. Cumberlands (KY), CC/Track

### POWELL

Gianni Magdos, Carson-Newman, football  
Jahkye Irby, Butler CC (KS), football  
Adisyn Smith, Maryville, basketball (Signed January 21)

### WEST

R.J. Brooks, Carson-Newman, football  
Quandarius Hayes, Carson-Newman, football  
Jones Conner, Univ. of the Cumberlands (KY), football  
Brayden Latham, Eastern Kentucky, football  
Cayden Latham, UVA-Wise, football  
Omari McCleary, Alderson Broaddus (W.VA), football  
Ja'Qurrius Wrenn, UVA-Wise, football  
Jameiyes Mills, University of the Cumberlands, football  
John Sartelle, Air Force, football

- Compiled by Steve Williams

## A 'bittersweet' day

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remarks.

"It starts with our administration with Dr. Speas," he said. "But our faculty is unbelievable. They go above and beyond to help every kid achieve their dream here at West High School and that includes athletes.

"I've had teachers stay after school and come in before school for tutoring, so these guys would have the GPA to go to college," continued Brown. "And a lot

of this credit goes to those people."

The West coach also remembered that some of the kids didn't think school was very important when they first arrived, but through the last four years they have grown and become better students.

"Our teachers here don't give up on kids," summed up Brown. "They challenge kids to be the best that they can be and do an unbelievable job for us."



*Powell basketball player Adisyn Smith will play at Maryville College next season. Smith, accompanied by friends, family and teammates signed with the Scots on Saturday, Jan. 21.*

# Adisyn Smith signs with Maryville College

By Ken Lay

Adisyn Smith finalized a few of her future plans recently.

Smith, a basketball player for Powell High School, signed her National Letter of Intent on Saturday, Jan. 21, at a local restaurant as her family, teammates and friends were in attendance.

She'll continue her basketball career and academic pursuits just down the

road at Maryville College.

Smith said she chose to play for the Scots in part due to head coach Darrin Travillian.

"A big reason that I chose Maryville was because of coach Travillian. He was very welcoming," Smith said. "He was also the first college coach to reach out to me. He still makes me feel at home. Maryville just felt like home."

She'll enter Maryville as a nursing major.

"I'll major in nursing and they have a good program," Smith said. "It's a small campus and they have small classes and I've always been a one-on-one learner."

At first, Smith said that she really wasn't looking to stay close to home. During the recruiting process, however, she had a change of

heart as she also considered Berea College in Kentucky.

"At first, I didn't really want to stay close to home," she said. "My other choice was Berea, but they're switching conferences and my family wouldn't get to see me play."

"I decided that I wanted to stay close to home because family is a No. 1 priority for me."



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

*Central High offensive lineman Drew Brown with his dad, CHS principal Andrew Brown, on National Signing Day. Drew will be following in his father's footsteps to Carson-Newman.*

# Brown chooses C-N after attending first home game

By Steve Williams

Carson-Newman University didn't have to wine and dine Drew Brown.

His mom and dad had played there and "ever since I was little, I've always had Carson-Newman stuff," said Drew, a Central High offensive lineman who signed with the Eagles last week with a big crowd on hand at the Tommy Schumpert & Bud Bales Hitting Facility.

"He went to their first home game this past fall," recalled his dad, Andrew Brown, who also happens to be the CHS principal. "They played Franklin Pierce. And just the game day atmosphere and seeing the guys, meeting the coaches, he said when we left that day, 'This is where I want to go to school.'"

"And so for somebody who had the opportunity to be a part of the teams there, and for your son to have that same experience, it was pretty special."

For the record, Andrew played for legendary head coach Ken Sparks and tight end position coach Mike Turner in the mid to late 1990s. In 1996, he was a teammate of Mike Clowney, who is now the C-N head coach.

Mom Beth Brown played softball at C-N. His younger brother Zack was a freshman player for the Bobcats last fall.

Drew is a 6-foot, 240-pound offensive lineman who played left guard his sophomore season, center his junior year and went back and forth between the two positions as a senior.

Central Head Coach Nick

Craney revealed what probably was Drew's best football stat as a Bobcat in his opening comments at the ceremony.

"Drew started 36 of 37 games (his last three seasons)," said Craney. "That is rare."

Nick went on to say: "Only a very few have the opportunity to play college athletics and Drew I'm personally so proud of you and so excited for you ... There is so much that goes in to having this moment."

Drew said he was really impressed with the turnout.

"This has been a dream for a long time for me, so it was just nice to see everyone come out and knowing the people who helped me get here."

Drew lettered as a freshman in 2019 when the Bobcats won their second

straight state title. "I played a little bit when a game was decided so starters wouldn't have to risk getting injured," he said.

As for his goals as a college student-athlete, Brown said: "I always keep my grades good. I want to work hard and get stronger and faster so I can come up in the program and eventually start."

Brown plans to major in physical education and minor in business. He said he wants to be a football coach.

"Yes, that's my plan. I don't know about that (being a head coach). I'll see how it goes."

On this special day in his life, Brown added: "I would just like to thank everybody for supporting me throughout the years and thank God for giving me this opportunity."



# The decade of the 1950s was an exciting one for Tennessee fans

In 2007, Sports Illustrated named Tennessee the “Team of the Decade” for the 1950s as the Vols compiled a 72-31-4 record overall, 38-20-4 in the SEC, and earned a consensus national title in 1951. There were two SEC titles (1951 and 1956) and two Heisman runners-up (Hank Lauricella in 1951 and John Majors in 1956).

The Vols were 7-1-2 against Alabama during that time frame, shutting out the Tide five times in 10 years.

Gen. Neyland’s final three years as head coach brought a 29-4-1 record, with three bowl games. The 1955 season brought the return of a Tennessee folk hero —1938 Vol captain and All-American selection Bowden Wyatt — as head coach.

That was balanced against losses to Auburn (the Vols failed to make a first down), Chattanooga, and Florida State in 1958 and not-so-hot seasons in 1953 and 1954, after Neyland had stepped down as head coach.

No decade better symbolizes the ups and downs inherent in college football than Tennessee’s seasons

from 1950 through 1959.

In 1959, Tennessee was coming off a 4-6 mark that made Vol partisans uneasy about the prospects for the coming years.

What lay ahead was a season marked by two “highs” — victories over the previous national champions (Auburn and LSU) — and three “lows,” consecutive losses to conclude the season and the decade.

In September, the Vols, still smarting from the 13-0 loss to Auburn a year earlier, won 3-0 on Shields-Watkins Field on Cotton Letner’s 20-yard field goal in the second period. It was a second chance for the junior from Ten Mile, who had missed one earlier in the quarter.

Bill Majors, a marvel in the secondary, picked off two passes, while Neyle Sollee added a third that thwarted the final Auburn scoring drive.

When LSU came to town for Homecoming on Nov. 7, Vol fans in the know were convinced, perhaps instinctively, that the Vols would win.

There were signs around campus that read, “LSU, who are you? You won’t be first when the Vols get through.”

LSU led 7-0 at intermission, with the Tigers boasting a streak of 40 quarters since the LSU goal line had been crossed. That

lead looked rock-solid until Tiger quarterback Warren Rabb tossed a pass in the flat toward running back Johnny Robinson. Vol line-backer Jim Cartwright intercepted and returned the theft 59 yards for a touchdown.

Newspaper reports indicated that Cartwright’s theft woke up the “tomb-like stadium.”

When the Vols recovered a fumble, and Neyle Sollee ran 14 yards for a score to make the count 14-7, Vol fans were back in the game in a big way.

After a punt took a big bounce and hit Majors on the shoulder, LSU recovered and scored to close the gap to 14-13 early in the fourth quarter. Head coach Paul Dietzel decided to go for two and the lead, probably the win, even though there was an eternity of time remaining.

Former LSU head coach Charley McClendon, an assistant that day, said years later there was no doubt Cannon would get the ball on the two-point play. “We’d have been run out of the state of Louisiana had we not given the ball to Cannon. Can you imagine what would’ve happened had we given the ball to someone else and not made it?”

Cannon, the 1959 Heisman trophy winner, got the pigskin on a sweep to the



The press box shadows are just hitting the west sidelines as Tennessee competes on Shields-Watkins Field in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

east side of the field. The play had been diagrammed earlier in the week in a Knoxville newspaper, and it appeared Cannon would walk into the north end zone.

Cannon did get the ball, and Wayne Grubb of Athens, Majors of Sewanee, and Charley Severance of Knoxville, were there, on a play known historically as “The Stop.”

Legend has it that this play decided the game. LSU did actually have three legitimate shots to win afterward but was stymied

each time. Jack Kile recovered a fumble and Cartwright had another pick, as Vol defenders simply refused to yield.

The end of the season and the decade were not what the doctor ordered for the Vol program. After a close first half, Ole Miss won 37-7. Kentucky won 20-0 at Stoll Field, and Vanderbilt won its first game in Knoxville in 22 years with a 14-0 triumph. A 5-1-1 season thus turned into a 5-4-1 campaign just like that.

There was a 6-2-2 record

in 1960, a 6-4 record in 1961, and 4-6 in 1962. The winds of change were swirling around the program.

That change would happen in December 1963 with the hiring of Doug Dickey.

The single-wing would be out, and the “T” formation in. In the years that followed, the Vols became one of the nation’s finest programs, bringing excitement to Vols fans wherever the Vols played.

## Slow start dooms Wolves in sectional

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We’re a defensive team,” WVMS coach Noel Landrum said. “And we played well in our half-court defense, but they scored a lot of their points off our turnovers, our mistakes.”

While West Valley’s season came to a close and the Wolves finished with a 25-4 record, Alcoa played Blount County rival Maryville Saturday in the sectional championship for the right to play in this weekend’s state tournament but results were not available at press time.

“They’re good,” Landrum said of the Tornadoes. “Whoever wins between them and Maryville will go a long way at state.”

In the third quarter, the Wolves doubled their offensive production. They scored 12 points in the frame but still faced a steep uphill climb as they trailed 29-18 heading into the final stanza.

The Tornadoes’ Jay Kirk scored the first basket in the fourth quarter to give Alcoa a 31-18 lead with 5 minutes, 47 seconds remaining in the contest before West Valley heated up.

The Wolves reeled off the next 10 points and pulled to within 31-28 when Murphy hit the second of his back-to-back long-range jumpers with 4:14 to play.

Kirk would answer for Alcoa to make it 33-28 a short time later before Murphy, who finished with 10 points (including eight after halftime), pulled the Wolves to within three points again.

West Valley, however, wouldn’t come any closer as the Tornadoes closed the contest with a 10-1 run and added the exclamation point with an alley-oop that led to a dunk by Jamir Dean on the final play of the game.

Dean finished with a game-high 21 points.

While Landrum was obviously disappointed with the loss, he certainly didn’t let it dampen a great season.

“We went 25-4 and if you told me that we would be 25-4 at the start of the season,” I would’ve taken it,” he said.

**In the Section 1-AA Tournament at Pigeon Forge:** Vine edged New Center Elementary 43-41 in Thursday night’s sectional semifinals.

The Golden Bears played Sweetwater Junior High Saturday for the sectional title and state tournament berth but results were not available at press time.



Above: Farragut High had 10 student-athletes to sign college scholarships on Feb. 1. Back row (left to right): Riley Hanson, Trevor Coggin, Quinn DeGuira, Michael Mendonca, Sammy Harvey. Front row (left to right): Will Gallaher, John Duncan, Reese Keeney, Elijah Gibbs, Ashton Auker.

Right: Karns’ two football players on National Signing Day: Garrett Rice (left) and Chris Hunter. Rice will be going to Carson-Newman and Hunter to UT-Martin.



## PHS signing day has ‘two different stories’

By Steve Williams

Powell High Head Coach Matt Lowe accented the positives that lie ahead for football players Gianni Magdos and Jahkye Irby who signed college scholarship papers Feb. 1 in the school’s auditorium.

Magdos, a slot receiver and return specialist, will be headed to Carson-Newman University and Irby, an offensive lineman, is going to Butler Community College in Kansas.

“I’m just so proud of them individually,” said Lowe. “This was a big goal of theirs to play college football. And it’s two different stories.

“Gianni had a lot of early success and has been playing for us the last four years and he’s had an incredible career. We have no doubt he’s going to have opportunities at Carson-Newman to go up there and make a name for himself, get on the field and find a berth.

“Jahkye didn’t have a lot of experience when he got to Powell High School. He’s obviously very long and a very big kid and he’s put in the work over the last two or three years to really change his body and flexibility to give himself this



Head Coach Matt Lowe with Jahkye Irby (left) and Gianni Magdos on National Signing Day, and the Panthers’ 2021 Class 5A gold ball on display, too.

opportunity after high school.”

The 6-8, 290-pound Irby will be playing in a program with a tradition of winning national junior college championships and putting players in the NFL. Irby’s intention is to have success with the Grizzlies and then move on and play at the major college level.

“I hope to spread my name and get noticed by most schools and be able to go to a better place after,” he said. “I feel like Butler is going to help me to do that, so I feel good going there.”

Gianni said his No. 1 goal

at C-N will be “lifting myself to the next level as a football player.

“Whatever road that I’m on, I will trust in God that whatever happens it’s the way that it is supposed to be,” he added. “I was taught to dream big, so whatever goals I will set, they will be as high as I possibly can and one way or another I will get them.”

The 5-8, 160-pound Magdos is fast and strong. He has run the 40 dash in 4.44 and has highs of 430 pounds in the squat, 235 in the power clean and 445 in the dead lift.

Magdos, who also was a stand-in in the secondary at Powell, was asked if he would play any as a defensive back at C-N.

“Maybe not initially, but I do look forward to that opportunity coming,” he said. “I would love that if it did happen.”

Coach Lowe ended what he called an “incredible” signing day by saying: “I’m so proud of them as two more guys in this year’s signing class are going to have that opportunity to go on and make a lifelong dream come true.”



# Super Bowl LVII Preview

By Mark Nagi

Coming up on Sunday in Glendale, Arizona the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles take on the AFC champion Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII.

The Super Bowl almost single-handedly keeps Roman Numerals in the public consciousness.

Enjoy it while you can, because this is the final football game that matters for about seven months.

I don't want you to be the lone person with nothing to say at the Super Bowl party, so take a few minutes to read this insightful article.

There are storylines a plenty for Super Bowl LVII. It matches the team that won this game six years ago (Philadelphia) with the

team that won it four years ago (Kansas City).

Chiefs head coach Andy Reid knows the Eagles franchise very well, as he was their coach for 14 years. Philadelphia got to the Super Bowl once in that time, losing to New England in 2005. The Eagles always seemed to be a Super Bowl contender during his tenure. Reid finally got that elusive title with KC.

This game also features the biggest brother-versus-brother matchup since Kane and Abel. Kansas City's Travis Kelce, considered to be the best tight end in the game, will look across the field and see his brother Jason, starting center for the Eagles.

The quarterback matchup is a

great one, with MVP candidates on each team. Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes has been a starter for five seasons, and the Chiefs have made it to at least the conference championship game in each of those years. Mahomes has that one Super Bowl win on his resume, and with a second joins the exclusive company of QBs with multiple Super Bowl victories.

Mahomes is playing through a high ankle sprain he suffered in the Divisional round against Jacksonville. His mobility is a concern.

Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts has had quite the career arc. From getting benched in the national championship game with Alabama to transferring to Alabama,

and finally being a second-round draft pick in 2020 by the Eagles. He became the starter near the end of his third pro season and has the Eagles on the cusp of their second Super Bowl title in team history.

Hurts has a bad shoulder but hasn't seemed bothered by it.

If you are looking for Tennessee connections to this game, we've got a couple. Derek Barnett, the all-time sack leader for the Vols, is an Eagles defensive end, but tore his ACL in the season opener and will not play in his second Super Bowl.

Kansas City offensive lineman Trey Smith is one of the feel-good stories in this game, even if that has been mostly ignored nationally. Smith was a 5-star recruit and a standout with the Vols but suffered through blood

clots during his UT career. Smith saw his stock drop because of those health issues, all the way to the sixth round of the 2021 NFL draft.

Smith became a starter quickly for one of the best offenses in the sport, protecting the game's best player. He hopefully has many years of football ahead of him and could achieve the top team award early in his career.

The Super Bowl has seen its share of great games over the years, and this one has the potential to be another classic. These are two terrific teams and the top seeds in their conferences. The folks in the big, shiny buildings in the desert at last look have the Eagles as a slight favorite.

Try not to overindulge in food and drink and enjoy the commercials, everyone.

## Leffew and CAK girls getting ready for II-A state run

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville girls coach Abby Williams likes where her basketball team stands as tournament time nears.

A 59-50 win last week over Knoxville Catholic, a Division II-AA team, gave her what she hoped to see.

"We're excited," said Williams. "Anytime you can play an across-the-street rival and a team that's got a lot of good players and a great coach who runs a great system, it's good for you and we needed a game like that. I'm really proud of our girls for their effort."

Keira Leffew, a shooting forward and Lee University signee, scored a career high 29 points and collected 16 rebounds to lead the Lady Warriors, who are 22-5 and one of the top-rated teams in the state in Division II-A.

"Every night Keira carries us," said Coach Williams. "She's a big-time player. She's going to do great at the next level."

"She wore us out," said Catholic Head Coach Travis Mains.

CAK seniors Madi Jones and Emily Wilson added 10 and eight points, respectively. Wilson also had four assists.

Sydney Mains and Amaya Redd



**CAK's Keira Leffew fires a shot from the outside in her 29-point career high performance in last week's big win over Knoxville Catholic. With tourney time just ahead, Leffew said: "I think we should have a pretty good run at state again."**

tallied 10 points apiece for the Lady Irish, a highly regarded team despite its 13-11 record.

The game itself was pretty much nip and tuck through the first three quarters. Catholic briefly led by eight (22-14) after a baby hook by Maggie Frana midway into the second period.

After Catholic freshman Evaiya Mitchell contributed a four-point flurry late in the third quarter,

CAK snuck ahead by one (38-37) on a rebound basket by Leffew in the closing minute.

But the game was still anyone's to win at the midway point of the final quarter when freshman Logan Connatser's 3-pointer at the top of the circle gave the Lady Irish a 44-43 lead.

An ensuing 11-2 run by the Lady Warriors, however, was too much to overcome. Wilson sparked the

flurry with two 3-point baskets and Leffew scored inside and added two free throws to make it 53-46 with 1:53 to go.

CAK went into keep-away mode and Catholic never got closer than six.

"They made more plays in the end than we did," said Coach Mains. "We just couldn't get the ball to go in the basket."

Leffew didn't have that

problem. She made 10 of 13 field goals and eight of 11 free throws in her big night. She shared the spotlight after the game, too. "We had some people to come off the bench like Karlie Whited, who hit a big 3 for us. Emily Wilson also was making some great passes to me down low and I got several points off that.

"Playing as a team," Keira added was the key to the win.

Three of CAK's losses came in the first two weeks of the season and one was to Division II-AA Webb just before Christmas. Catholic has been its only other II-AA opponent. CAK also has wins over Division I's Science Hill, Dobyns-Bennett, Oak Ridge and McMinn Central.

"Tonight was the night that I wanted to see what we were made of," said Williams. "Tonight was the night that an opponent was going to come in and rival what a post-season was going to look like for us. I wanted to see how we performed. I thought (after it was over), Okay, we can do this."

Coach Williams is now looking forward to seeing what the future has in store for her team.

## NOTES FROM THE HARDWOOD

### Catholic defeats Gaffney Prep

By Ken Lay

Action continued to heat up last week for area boys basketball teams as regular-season district titles hung in the balance.

Halls claimed the District 4-3A Title early last week. Fulton continued its long winning streak while Gibbs notched a last-second victory and Catholic got a big non-league win Wednesday night.

Big games continued Friday night but results were not determined at press time.

**Catholic defeats Gaffney Prep:** The prep basketball schedule was a light one Wednesday night but one local team, the Catholic Irish, made the trip south to Cleveland and returned home with a 66-57 victory over Gaffney Prep Academy.

The Irish (18-4) had three players post double figures in the scoring column Wednesday as Deondrea Lindsey had 28 points. Caleb Asbaty added 12 and Alex Doerger finished with 10.

Catholic was idle Friday night but the Irish traveled to Greeneville Saturday night but results were not available at press time.

**Falcons run past Clinton Tuesday night:** At Jody Wright Arena, Fulton won its sixth consecutive game Tuesday night as it ran past the Dragons 66-48. The Falcons (20-5) got 22 points from forward Tyler Lee, who opened the second half on a scoring tear, dropping 10 of his points in the third quarter.

Guard Denaj Kimber added 17 points for the Falcons.

Red Devils claim district title: On Monday, Jan. 30, Halls edged the Scott Highlanders 61-59 to claim the District 4-3A regular-season title.

Caleb Shaffer continued his stellar

campaign and high school career with 15 points early last week. Elijah Elliott finished with 13 for the Red Devils who won their second outright league title in school history.

**Gibbs gets past Anderson County in waning seconds:** The Eagles avenged an earlier loss to the Mavericks with a 61-59 victory over the Mavericks in Clinton Tuesday night.

Zack Turner led Gibbs (13-11) with 20 points and scored the game-winning basket with 10 seconds to play.

Braden Graves had 14 points in Gibbs High's sixth straight victory.

**Panthers work overtime to defeat Campbell County:** Powell has had its share of struggles this year but the Panthers notched a District 3-4A victory as they outlasted the Cougars 78-73 in double overtime Tuesday night.

Bryce Jardret knocked down five 3-pointers en route to racking up 21 points for the Panthers. Powell's Connor Wheeler had 13 points and five steals but Kaleb Walker scored 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to post a double-double to propel the Panthers into the win column.

**Farragut edges Maryville:** Dom VanAcker scored 15 points and freshman Parker Lee added 10 as the Admirals edged the Rebels 52-49 in a key District 4-4A contest.

**William Blount takes down Bearden:** The Governors continued their breakout season with a 66-59 victory over the Bulldogs.

**Lions close out regular season with win over Lakeway:** The Lions defeated Lakeway Christian 58-55 Tuesday night.

Elia Bongiorio scored 17 points and Harrison Rollins had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Lions.

### Lady Devils make program history

By Ken Lay

The high school basketball season is entering its home stretch for most area teams and some top girls matchups were contested early last week as Bearden continued its long winning streak and Halls posted an unblemished district record for the first time in school history.

The season continued Friday with some other crucial matchups.

**Lady Devils make program history:** Halls got things off to an early start last week. The Lady Devils defeated Scott, 50-38, at home on Monday, Jan. 30.

The victory over the Lady Highlanders capped a regular-season District 4-3A championship and it also helped the Lady Devils (16-7 overall, 6-0 in the district) cap a perfect league campaign and claim their second district title in school history.

Raegan Corvette scored 15 points and Kiera Everett added 13 points for Halls.

**Bearden stays perfect:** The Lady Bulldogs toppled William Blount Tuesday night as they came away with a 53-28 victory.

The victory marked the 47th consecutive win for the Lady Bulldogs (25-0 overall, 8-0 in District 4-4A).

Freshman Natalya Hodge

posted another stellar performance against the Lady Governors as she tallied 18 points. Senior post player Avery Treadwell, a Florida State signee, finished with 14 points.

**Lady Spartans pick up key district victory:** Webb School of Knoxville upended Chattanooga Baylor in a Division II-AA East Region tilt Tuesday night. The Lady Spartans prevailed 59-43 behind a solid performance from Meeyah Green, who had 14 points and six rebounds against the Lady Raiders.

Madelyn Ladd, a senior for the Lady Spartans, had a game-high 21 points as Webb improved to 15-7 overall and 4-1 in the district.

**Lady Admirals get past Maryville:** Farragut notched a key district win as it got past the Lady Rebels 45-36 Tuesday high. The 2022 Class 4A State runner-up improved to 17-9 overall and 5-3 in league play as junior guard/forward Hannah Enderson had 15 points and K.J. McNealy added 10 points.

The Lady Admirals got off to a fast start as they opened an early 16-4 lead only to see Maryville battle back to pull to within 32-30 by third quarter's end.

But Farragut closed out

the game with a flourish as it outscored the Lady Rebels 13-6 over the final eight minutes of the contest.

**Lady Lions win sixth consecutive contest:** The King's Academy ran past Lakeway Christian Tuesday night as they found their way into the win column with a 79-67 victory. Brady Branum scored a team-high 20 points and eighth grader Skylar Walden added 16 for the Lady Lions, who improved to 16-8 overall and 10-3 in Division II-AA East by winning their sixth straight game.

**Lady Beavers fall at Oak Ridge:** Karns got 12 points, including nine in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough for the Lady Beavers as they dropped a 61-54 decision to Oak Ridge Tuesday night at Wildcat Arena in Oak Ridge.

With the win, the Lady Wildcats clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming District 3-4A Tournament after getting off to a 3-8 start this season.

Despite the loss, the Lady Beavers, coached by former Hardin Valley Academy player and Oak Ridge assistant coach Lauren Trent, are in the midst of their best season.

With the loss at Oak Ridge, Karns dropped to 17-10 overall, 7-2 in the league.