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## City to ask for \$25M to build South Waterfront pedestrian bridge

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The city of Knoxville is seeking a federal grant of \$25 million to help build a pedestrian bridge to link the South Waterfront with the University of Tennessee.

A resolution asking for funding from the Federal Department of Transportation that would include a community match of \$6.2 million is before the city council Tuesday evening. The span would carry pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The bridge would span the river

from Clancy Avenue on the south side to the pedestrian concourse on the north located between Thompson-Boling Arena and Pratt Pavilion on campus.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** The council will also vote on a tax break for Dominion Riverside LLC for a multi-use development between Riverside Drive and the Tennessee River on the north bank of the river next to the James White Parkway. The request for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes, or PILOT, comes from the Economic Development Department.

Also on the agenda is an

agreement with Rick Dover's Development Corporation for the use of parking spaces in the State Street Garage by the Hyatt Place Hotel on Gay Street.

Several zoning change requests are on the agenda including lots on Zoe Way, Linden Avenue, Money Place, Cross Park Drive and New York Avenue. The New York Avenue request is to change the zoning from Single-Family Residential to Heavy Industrial. A property owner along East Scott Avenue is asking that her zoning revert to a previous designation.

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The proposed South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge would link the UT Campus to South Knoxville and the city is seeking federal funds for the project.

## County may foot the bill for a turning lane in Farragut

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"This is totally wrong," was Commissioner Carson Dailey's comment about hundreds of thousands of dollars in county taxpayer money going to construct a turning lane for a Farragut subdivision. Knox County Director of Engineering Jim Snowden estimated the costs of right-of-way acquisition and construction to be between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

The topic came up during Knox County Commission's work session last week when they discussed a request from Engineering and Public Works to hire Robert Campbell and Associates in a \$37,300 agreement to design a left turn lane at Campbell Station and Fretz Road.

Commissioner Kim Frazier asked why the county is footing the bill. She noted that prior approval of a subdivision there, just inside town limits, required the developer to install the turning lane.

Snowden replied the original agreement required it but the developer has notified the county it has "no authority to enforce" the turning lane agreement. Since the development is "inside town limit" but the road is in the county, Snowden called the issue "an unfortunate situation." He said he has checked with the Knox County Law Department which confirmed the county's lack of authority.

Snowden said the developer was contacted again but refused a cost-sharing proposal.

When Dailey asked about the county's cost Snowden confirmed

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PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

Eddie Manuel and Margaret Hill of WKXV are celebrating the station's 70th year.

## WKXV Radio Station Celebrates 70 Years of Southern Gospel Broadcasting

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WKXV celebrated its 70th anniversary in business this past week with an impromptu party of staff and members from churches within the community. Locally owned and operated, WKXV features southern gospel and religious programming that has remained consistent in its

format since its first broadcast in 1953.

Ted Lowe Sr., a preacher for 26 years, began the station's legacy on a single AM 900 station, with the legacy continuing to Ted Lowe Jr. WKXV has grown to include an FM station, broadcasting on both AM 900 and FM 100.7. WKXV Radio is also proud to offer online streaming,

bringing the best in southern gospel music and religious programming to a global audience. WKXV's religious programs are available in 15- and 30-minute broadcasts and include gospel talk shows, singing, bible study, preaching, piano playing, and inspirational and uplifting motivational speakers. Because of this mix of preaching and music,

some of their listeners, which include the elderly in the community, rely upon WKXV as their church.

Account executive and on-air personality Eddie Manuel reflected on the history of WKXV, "Seventy years is a lifetime, and we want people to know that we are still around." Eddie spoke

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## Parrott-Wood Memorial Library receives 525 new books

Kids Need to Read will be arriving at the Parrott-Wood Memorial Library with Grow Your Library, an inspiring library donation program led by KNTR board members Gary and Tina Mlodzik. Inspired by the Mlodzik's shared love of reading, family, and public libraries, this program delivers free books and story time to local libraries and children during the couple's travels.

According to Library Director Donna Phillips, the Parrot-Wood Memorial Library serves an area where an estimated 60% of children do not have access to books at home. Ms. Phillips has an annual budget of \$500 to purchase books for the children's section. To entice children and young adults to come to the library, KNTR is providing

525 new books to the Parrott-Wood Memorial Library. The cover value of these new books is \$6,598.

Retired elementary school librarian Tina Mlodzik stresses the importance of supporting public libraries, especially in communities where children may not own their own books. "Giving children access to a large quantity and varied selection of books has many benefits," Tina explains. "The more books a child sees, the more motivated they are to read. Borrowing books from the library teaches sharing and builds respect for things that belong to others."

On Tuesday, February 21, at 4 p.m. Grow Your Library will hold a special

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Leah Erne processes the 525 book donation at Parrot-Woods.

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# Pete Rose Deserves To Be In Hall Of Fame

From a distance



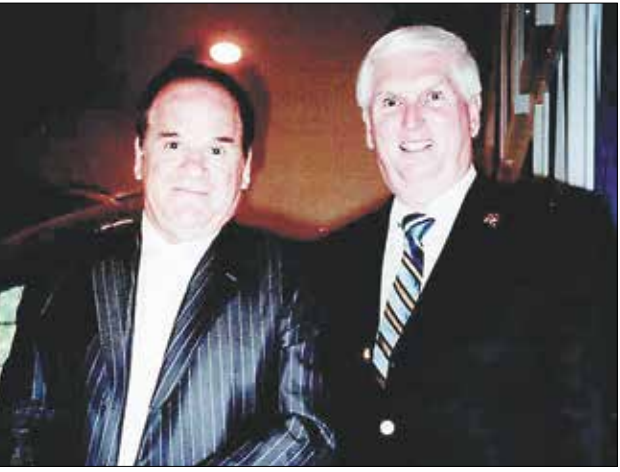
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I first saw the famous baseball player Pete Rose when I was a batboy for The Knoxville Smokies. He was memorable even then because he was the only player anyone ever saw run full-speed to first base after being walked by the opposing pitcher. He later acquired the nickname "Charlie Hustle" because he almost never hit a single that he didn't try to turn into a double. He had a thick head of hair in his playing days and his batting helmet would

almost always fly off his head as he zoomed around the bases. I sat by him at the head table at two different dinners over the years and have stories from both. The Smokies used to sponsor an annual Diamond Dinner, and one year Pete was the main speaker. He spoke for about half an hour and then answered questions for about an hour. If a politician had gone on that long, most of the audience would have left. But the 600 baseball fans there that night loved it. At one point, Maynard Glenn, the longtime City Recreation Director who had presented one of the awards that evening, got up from the head table. Pete stopped talking and said to Maynard, who was walking out, "Wait a minute. I sat through your

speech, now you can sit through mine." Maynard looked back with a big smile and said "I have to go to the little boys room." Pete immediately held up a paper cup and said, "Here, this will hold it." That got a big laugh. Then, the first question that night was from a fan who asked, "Pete, is any player worth a million dollars a year?" Rose had become the first one to reach that level. He replied, "Hell, no – not me or anyone else, but put yourself in my shoes! If they're crazy enough to pay it, I'm crazy enough to take it." He said he loved the game so much he would play for \$200 a month like he did when he first started in the rookie league. A few years later at a dinner in Athens, I sat by him and told him I had

been batboy for The Smokies when he played for The Macon Peaches. I was probably 12 or 13 at the time. When Pete stood up to speak, the first thing he said was "Congressman Duncan, I wish you were a Senator", because he liked some of my views. But then he added: "But you were nine years old when I played at Macon. What the hell happened to you? I thought I was sitting next to Col. Sanders up here." That night, one of the first questions he got was "Pete, should you be in The Hall of Fame?" He had been banned because he had gambled on some games. He said, "Hell, yes, I should be in there. If I had been a wife-beater, I would have been in. If I had been an alcoholic, I would have



Pete Rose and John Duncan Jr. at a Diamond Dinner.

been in. Even if I had been a drug addict, I'd have been in." Then he added: "I'll tell you this, I never once bet against a team for which I was playing, coaching or managing. When I put on the uniform, I did everything I could to win." Pete Rose holds the major league records for games (3,562), at bats (14,053), hits (4,256), and singles (3,215). He had a career batting average of .303. I have been to The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, three times. Most of the players enshrined there do not have statistics as impressive as his. He deserves to be there, too.

# No More "Now We're Cooking with Gas?"

In case you missed it, the left's latest jihad is the war on gas stoves. Never mind that most cooks prefer gas. Never mind that 40 million households have gas stoves (including my two cook-tops). The powers



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that be have determined that gas stoves are bad for you and (gasp) bad for the environment. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) said it was contemplating a ban because of health and pollution concerns. One of its commissioners tweeted that "gas stoves can emit dangerous [levels] of toxic chemicals—even when not in use—and @USCPSC will consider all approaches to regulation." New stoves might be banned but existing stoves could face being regulated. The governor of New York also proposed banning all natural gas heating and

appliances from new buildings. She said "Buildings are the largest source of emissions in our state, accounting for a third of our greenhouse gas output, as well as pollution that aggravates asthma and endangers our children. I'm proposing a plan to end the sale of any new fossil-fuel-powered heating equipment by 2030." Not surprisingly California was the first state to prohibit natural gas appliances when the California Air Resources Board approved to ban them by 2030. Other leftist-governed states will follow. The Biden Administration which has prostrated itself to the green god of the left, included an \$800 rebate in the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" if you buy an electric stove. There have been a few studies

citing the health effects of breathing in the nitrogen dioxide emitted from gas stoves. But the conclusions have been questioned by other researchers. Never mind that the number of cases cited are few, that has never concerned those interested in eliminating fossil fuels and controlling you via the nanny state. As to the claim that your gas stove contributes to polluting the earth, one study estimates that the emissions from gas stoves are equivalent to that of one half million automobiles (there are around 280 million cars in the US). Several Republicans lashed out at the Biden Administration, calling such rules evidence of the nanny state gone wild. Even Democrat Joe Manchin tweeted "The federal government has no business telling American families how to cook their dinner. I can tell you the last thing that would ever leave my house is the gas stove that

we cook on." In reaction, the chairman of the CPSC said "to be clear, I am not looking to ban gas stoves and the CPSC has no proceeding to do so. CPSC is researching gas emissions in stoves and exploring new ways to address health risks. CPSC also is actively engaged in strengthening voluntary safety standards for gas stoves." Biden even had his press secretary issue a statement that the president was not looking to ban gas stoves. There is a very simple way to prevent emissions of nitrogen dioxide from causing harm as a result of cooking: turn on the stove's vent. But of course that involves personal responsibility which is an anathema to the left. Of course, gas stoves are also asserted to be racist. Some Democrat legislators sent a letter to the CPSC alleging that gas stove emissions had a disproportionately adverse affect on the health of black, Latino and low-income households. One study found that 12 percent of children with asthma lived in households with gas stoves and since black children are three times more likely than white children to have asthma, then this becomes an "equity" issue. However, the authors of the study noted that there is no hard evidence that cooking with gas actually caused the asthma. It seems to me that a reasonable person would note that if 12 percent of asthmatic children live in homes with gas stoves, then that must mean that 88 percent do not. So shouldn't we ban electric stoves as well? Obviously, those on the left would blanch at reverting to using wood or coal, so they are touting induction stoves, which start at over \$1,000. The Inflation Reduction Act rebate will come in handy here.

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**Cont. from page 1** the cost and said Engineering would be back before the commission to authorize the project and promised to take steps to ensure a similar situation doesn't happen again. Snowden said the county-funded turning lane should be completed before the subdivision houses are completed. The commission's Tuesday meeting will see a vote on a tax break for "Prosperity Crossing" — a 260-acre, mixed-use development. The proposed development would stretch along Camino Lane, Everett Road and Buttermilk Road. The tax break goes through the Industrial Development Board to determine its amount and length and the vote

by commission will authorize an economic impact study. The \$14.7 million project will apparently include a park, hotels, restaurants, shops and residences. The commission may also vote on a \$7.5 million request from the school board for math and science books after some questions arose during the work session last week about books versus laptops. The commission may also consider a motion by Commissioner Dasha Lundy declaring February as Black History Month and recognize Samantha Monday for her work in drug treatment and mental health in a resolution by Commissioner Rhonda Lee.

# City to ask for \$25M to build bridge

**Cont. from page 1** The Burlington Streetscapes Project may get \$100,000 to purchase 18 tracts of real property and the city would use negotiation or condemnation to secure the property. Rogers Group Inc may be hired for \$5.2 million for street resurfacing and the Atlantic Avenue Sidewalk Project may get an additional \$166,808 in funding, bringing the total cost there to about \$3.2 million. LMK Communications may get permission to build a fiber optic

telecommunications network in some areas of the city along public right-of-ways. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force may get an agreement with the TBI for about \$60,000. On the first of two readings, the council will look to amend the city budget and allot \$7,500 each to Inner City Kids Outreach, TKJ Foundation and the Knoxville Urban League. Mayor Indya Kincannon is making several appointments to the Design and Review Board, the Public Arts Committee and the Better Building Board.



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# Publisher's Positions



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via email from Kevin Hill and replied, holding nothing back. Buuck told Hill all he needed to do was check with the election office. The law director did provide a copy of his voter registration card from Knox County. David Buuck also pointed out he is an elected official and according to the by-laws is therefore qualified, apparently a fact Hill overlooked or didn't know. "I have grave suspicions about this registration process," Buuck wrote in his reply. "It appears to be a vehicle of Eric Wiatr. It is just another way for the Knox County Republican Party Executive Committee to waste unneeded services – e.g., paying \$20,000 + to some unknown DJ at Lincoln Day Dinner when we had never paid anyone to speak other than travel expenses."

It may well be a coincidence that one of the candidates on Erik Wiatr's slate for the GOP reorganization, Sherry Garrett, had opposed Steve Triplett in the GOP primary during the last school board race and lost and not a by a little bit. Who do you suppose ran Garrett's campaign?

Ironically, Kevin Hill's email to David Buuck mentions, "In order to be registered as a voting delegate we must confirm your voting record is compliant with the state GOP by-laws for voting in County Convention" yet he seems unaware those same bylaws state Republican elected officials are qualified as voting delegates. It is also entirely possible Hill doesn't know who Knox County's elected Republicans are.

Or it could be as simple as trying to disqualify as many delegates as possible who are not backing the Wiatr slate. Unfortunately, that seems entirely plausible.

## Kincannon Won't Rule Out Another Tax Increase

Folks are beginning to get mortgage statements showing the 40% increase in the property tax in the City of Knoxville. To put that into perspective, Davidson County had suffered through a tornado that tore through much of downtown as well as funding a stadium, raised property taxes 30%.

Mayor Indya Kincannon called her budget a "no frills" effort, yet the City has a spending problem. Kincannon's insistence the increase would only mean \$10 or \$20 a month for most people seems wildly inaccurate.

Even with the spending, City officials are looking at ways to increase taxes even more. Kincannon's appearance on "Inside Tennessee" confirms what this newspaper has said repeatedly; that Kincannon and her allies on the city council are planning to raise property taxes yet again. When asked by one of the panelists whether she would rule out yet another tax increase during the next four years, Kincannon refused to rule it out.

The one thing missing from the dialogue on the city council is cutting costs. Kincannon and her minions talk about "affordable housing," yet the large property tax increase has the effect of raising rents and mortgages during a time of high inflation and wages, except for city employees, are stagnant.

While Knox County government concentrates on

being business-friendly and hasn't had to raise taxes in more than 20 years. By contrast, the City of Knoxville has been much less friendly to business and has raised taxes continually for pensions with defined benefits. The City concentrates on building a \$50 to \$70 million bridge to nowhere, spanning from South Knoxville to Neyland Stadium.

Nashville at least can point to the tornado as cause for raising taxes. The only natural disaster Knoxville has suffered is Indya Kincannon.

## Are Government-Funded Stadiums A Good Investment For Taxpayers?

With the Tennessee General Assembly having provided half a billion dollars in direct funding to a new Titans' stadium in Nashville, comes a new academic paper by scholars. J. C. Bradbury, a Kennesaw State University economist, along with Brad Humphreys from West Virginia University, and Dennis Coates of the University

of Maryland-Baltimore County, concluded, "The common justification that stadium-related spending results in increased economic activity is not well founded." The paper points out that, "... spending at sports events crowds out other local spending and does not represent net new spending to the area."

In case someone failed to get the point, the paper states: "The empirical evidence is unambiguous: stadiums do not confer large positive economic or social benefits on host communities."

The authors came to the following conclusion:

"The incidence of these alternate tax instruments may be difficult for the general public and policymakers to observe, which fosters the perception that public funding does not burden taxpayers. Instead, the alternate tax sources serve to produce fiscal illusion, which results when the connection between the total and individual share of resources used to fund public services is obscured to hide the true burden to taxpayers."

# Are 18-year-olds mature enough to be correctional officers?

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler is having trouble recruiting men and women to become correctional officers at the county jail. He recently asked the Knox County Commission for permission to drop the minimum entry age to 18 years.

Spangler told the commission that this would permit the department to recruit at high schools similar to the U.S. Military. Currently the minimum age is 19 and, prior to that, the age to work in corrections was 21 years.

The request hit some opposition on the commission last week and even among the junior commissioners who sat in on the meeting. Merit board member John Marshall described the recruitment of 18-year-olds as "needed to fill vacancies."

Sheriff Spangler and Corrections Chief William Purvis spoke in favor of the idea. Commissioner Kim Frazier questioned a psychological



Sheriff's Correction Department Chief William Purvis and merit board member John Marshall spoke in favor of hiring 18-year-olds to serve as correction officers. The matter is on the Tuesday agenda again for a decision.

evaluation of 18-year-olds. Commissioner Richie Beeler said he trusted the change, pointing to the request coming from the sheriff and the merit

board.

Commissioner Kyle Ward, a combat veteran, said becoming a correctional

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# Candidates lining up for City Election

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Although the city elections are months away with a primary in August and the General Election in November, candidates are already naming treasurers for their campaigns.

"No one can pick up a petition for any office until Monday, March 20," Cliff Davis told The Knoxville Focus.

That hasn't slowed the number of candidates from announcing for election or re-election. Voters will be choosing a mayor, four council members, and a municipal judge.

Those people who have named a treasurer include Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and mayor candidates Kerry Williams, Keith Lyon and Constance Every.

Councilwoman Lynne

Fugate has named a treasurer for re-election for at-large Seat A and is opposed by Cameron Brooks. Debbie Hensley has named a treasurer for the at-large Seat B race and would face incumbent Janet Testerman. Matthew Best and Tim Hill have named treasurers for their at-large Seat C campaigns. Both would face incumbent Amelia Parker for the position.

Charles Thomas is the District 5 council member and, thus far, has no opponent.

John Rosson has a treasurer for reelection as municipal judge.

Not all of the current city council members up for re-election have named a treasurer.

A database for potential candidates is available online at [www.knox-county.org/election/candidate\\_info/index.php](http://www.knox-county.org/election/candidate_info/index.php)

## Parrott-Wood Memorial Library receives 525 new books

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story time event at the Parrott-Wood Memorial Library, 3133 West Old A.J. Highway in Strawberry Plains. Each child in attendance at story time will receive a free book and a Highlights magazine courtesy of KNTR. After the event, each child will have the opportunity to donate a book in their name on behalf of KNTR. This no-cost opportunity teaches

the children to use their own love of reading to help their library earn even more free books in the future.

"I developed the Grow Your Library program to introduce a giving culture in the youth we meet at literacy events," said Gary Mlodzik. "Putting a book in the hands of a child and allowing them to expand their horizons is magical. Allowing that child to make a small effort in order to

share that magic for future generations is a priceless lesson. It is my hope that the children will be proud of the book donations made in their name and tell their friends, thereby further encouraging both literacy and philanthropy."

When asked about the motive behind the project, Kids Need to Read Executive Director Jessica Payne stated, "A library is the heart of any community. Kids

Need to Read's Grow Your Library program not only invests in these indispensable bastions of literary treasure, it also encourages and connects the communities served by each library in order to inspire support for future generations. Children who participate in this program learn that they too can make a difference."

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Pond Gap Neighborhood President David Williams has been working for several years to get some recognition for his community. The area, between the neighborhoods of Marble City and Bearden along Sutherland Avenue and Hollywood Drive, was the site of the first Knoxville airport and the home of multi-racial baseball

games in the years before school integration and the Civil Rights Movement. Williams and his neighbors created banners for power poles in the neighborhood and created a mini-park at a Williams family home near Hollywood and Sutherland. Overshadowed by the larger and active Bearden Village Council the small Pond Gap organization continues to try to wade through the mountain of city regulations to get the recognition Williams feels his home area deserves. “We have filed papers with the City to give an honorary name to part of Sutherland Avenue to honor the baseball games played there. We are going with ‘Home Run Alley,’” Williams told The Focus last week. “First up we go before Public Property Naming

Committee and then to the city council if all goes well. Lots going on in Pond Gap. Some West High Art students are working on a mural. I will keep you posted,” he promised. Councilman Tommy Smith heads the city’s property naming committee and has noted the naming request, calling the request “a good story.” The committee meets as needed and is now

looking at two possible options on street naming. Honorary street names are just that and do not replace or rename a street. Street renamings must be initiated through Knoxville-Knox County Planning; the Public Property Naming Committee reviews this request after the planners approve the request. While the honorary naming is pending, Williams is continuing to

lead his neighborhood’s efforts to keep things clean, recognize history, and get some city recognition for the area. Williams also said that he’s been working with Katherine Bike to improve the grounds at Hollywood and Papermill Drive, adding “AT&T has made a mess around their utility boxes.”

# Trial dates set for disruptive protesters

**By Focus Staff**

Two trial dates in Knox County Sessions Criminal Court have been set for the six activists arrested for disrupting city and county meetings in 2021. A hearing for the dismissal of charges was held by Judge Hector Sanchez last Tuesday but no ruling was made. Both trials would be the first to fall under a Tennessee law upping the penalties for anyone guilty of disrupting a public meeting. Rev. Calvin Skinner and community activist Constance Every will be tried on March 28 for disrupting meetings of the Knoxville City Council and the Knox County Commission following the shooting death of Anthony Thompson Jr. at Austin-East High School. Dozens of shouting protesters, led by Every and Skinner, appeared at the meetings, and caused the meetings to recess while the protesters were removed. Several, including Every and Skinner, were arrested. Every, Skinner and the four other arrested protesters will face a hearing on April 6 for pretrial motions and the trial is set for October 2. The others charged included Mary Winter, Gavin Guinn, Kevin Andrews and Aaron Valentine. The trial dates were confirmed on Thursday by Stephanie Ogle, criminal court office supervisor.

The protests took place in 2021 in the City-County Building during meetings of the Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission. Both meetings resumed after the protesters were removed, following loud outbursts. The new Tennessee Code 39-17-306 states: “A person commits an offense if, with the intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, the person substantially obstructs or interferes with the meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance. A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.”

# Are 18-year-olds mature enough to be correctional officers?


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officer should be a choice of the 18-year-olds and noted soldiers of that age serve in the military. The maturity and mental development of that age group was questioned by Commissioner Gina Oster, the former chair of the merit council. She said the frontal lobe does not fully develop until age 25. “The maturity level is not there,” Oster said. She said that other metropolitan counties require correctional officers to be 21 years old and only the more rural counties surrounding Knox County hire at 18 years old. Frazier made a motion to move the issue to Tuesday’s commission meeting without a recommendation but that effort failed in a vote 5-4-1 with Ward abstaining. Voting to pass the substitute motion saw Commissioners Oster, Frazier, Terry Hill, John Schoonmaker, and Courtney Durrett voting yes but Rhonda Lee, Beeler, Carson Dailey and Larson Jay voting “No.” The motion to approve passed 7-3 but Knox County Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said although it passed the same issue will be back on the agenda at Tuesday’s regular meeting. The opinions of the junior commissioners, honorable members who sat in on the work session beside their commission sponsors, varied. Anand Patel told the meeting that 19-year-olds are more mature and it was a choice between quality and quantity. Gabriela Sanches Bentiez questioned the trauma on young minds and asked about resources to deal with trauma. Ethan Coffey asked about the flexibility of working hours for correctional officers.


# WKXV Radio Station Celebrates

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of the various southern gospel groups that have filled the studios of WKXV, such as Kingdom Heirs who recorded for the first time at WKXV. Eddie thanked his listeners “because if they weren’t listening, I wouldn’t be here.” Station manager Margaret Hill told The Focus, “Eddie is really good and has such a great rapport with our clients.” They both attribute WKXV’s success to being surrounded by a great Christian family within their clients, listeners, and staff (which have maintained 8-13 throughout the years), including engineer for 50 years, Frank Folsom. Their goal is to continue to expand the number of listeners to a broader audience and to “renew the spirit of the southern gospel industry.” WKXV continues to honor the legacy of the Lowe family, which Margaret describes as being very dedicated to a purpose that is “near and dear” to her heart. “We love this station and look forward to what’s coming in the new year.” WKXV’s last formal celebration was held on its 55th anniversary. For this year’s milestone, the station is seeking help in securing a venue space within a 20-mile radius to host up to 300 attendees to celebrate its 70 years of religious broadcasting in the spring. WKXV Radio Station is located at 5106 Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville. To book an available time slot, or to submit a song or prayer request, call the studio at (865)558-0900 or visit/listen at Wkxvradio.com.




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### The Wheels Have Come Off

People don't realize how hard it is to speak the truth to a world full of people who don't realize they're living a lie.

Eric Snowden

I remain highly critical of Eric Snowden who betrayed our country and defected to Russia. If we ever get the opportunity, he should be tried for treason for stealing classified information and giving it to the Russians. But apparently a lot of people trade in classified documents and state secrets these days.

People ask me where I get my stories. The humorist Will Rogers once quipped, "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

I read widely from many sources and various genres. I love good science fiction, not Flash Gordon or apocalyptic themes. Many turn up their nose when they hear the term science-fiction. But how would you

know you don't like something unless you've tried it? I challenge you to read the short story, "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes, before you turn your nose up at science fiction.

"The Matrix" was, in my opinion, an overdone science-fiction movie, but asked one important question: What is reality? The movie depicts humanity as unknowingly held prisoner by technology, which controls and perverts their reality. The protagonist is ultimately forced to make a decision whether he will swallow the red pill and end his idyllic non-reality, or take the blue pill and continue as a psychological and physical prisoner. Perhaps America is struggling with whether to take the red pill of freedom and hardship or the blue pill of enslavement and comfort.

I thought about "The Matrix" as I watched the apocalyptic mushroom-like cloud over East Palestine,

Ohio. The train derailment, and resulting environmental disaster, was a metaphor for the wheels coming off the train of America.

It is hard to imagine anyone worse than Biden's Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas who labels parents at school board meetings terrorists and has made our southern border nonexistent. However, iPOTUS' Transportation Secretary, "Pothole Pete," is undeniably incompetent, woke and insensitive.

Apparently, the optics of the toxic cloud rising above Palestine, Ohio, interrupted Pothole Pete's focus on preaching racial quotas for construction crews, and forced him to deal with yet another train derailment. This train wreck has led to an environmental disaster with vinyl chloride and other carcinogenic chemicals leaking into the soil and water. Then the geniuses of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) decided to burn the vinyl chloride, to "prevent an explosion," producing phosgene gas, a poisonous gas used during WWI. Pete, who can also claim ownership of the airline, shipping and supply chain crises, then typically blamed the derailment on President Trump.

Last week, seeing the pale faces of Congressmen, leaving government briefings about the balloon/

UFO issue, gave me no reassurance that my government knows what it's doing. This government asks us to believe they are in control of our airspace, intelligence agencies, the economy, the money supply (Federal Reserve), the border, the environment and I could go on. Our government is as incompetent, woke and insensitive as Pothole Pete. Folks, the wheels have come off.

And it is especially disturbing that a recent Rasmussen poll revealed 45% of Americans would vote for Biden over President Trump. But then Pothole Pete is polling ahead of Biden. Perhaps Breitbart is right, "Politics is downstream of culture," and our culture is the wreck.

And did you hear that the "50 members of the intelligence community" - a bunch that is not intelligent nor a community - now maintain that they were misquoted? Their infamous letter, released two weeks before the 2020 election, stated that the Hunter Biden laptop was a Russian disinformation ruse. We now know that the laptop is real, scandalous and was in the possession of the corrupt FBI for two years prior to the letter signed by, among others, James Clapper, the former Director of National

Intelligence who previously perjured himself before Congress. These elites actually interfered with the 2020 election, but since the Department of Justice has also been corrupted, we have no justice.

There are other examples of the American trainwreck. A recent, huge, worldwide study showed that face masks, including N95s, did nothing to stop the transmission of Covid-19 or flu-like illness. And yet I still see people at the grocery wearing masks, while politicians still threaten us with these "facial diapers." I grant that social distancing and masks initially seemed reasonable, but both recommendations were based on poor science and have subsequently been disproved. And the well intentioned "shelter in place," which was supposed to be for two weeks to bend the hospitalization curve, continued for years and destroyed freedom, education and produced terrible consequences of depression and social isolation.

It was my turn to select the book for my egghead book club, so I chose "The Quest for Cosmic Justice" by Thomas Sowell. In a nutshell, Sowell maintains that attempting to correct the wrongs of the universe without considering the consequences is impractical and destructive. Equality under law is not the same as

equality of outcomes (aka equity).

Milton Friedman said it best: "A society that puts equality - in the sense of equality of outcome - ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom. The use of force will destroy freedom, and the force, introduced for good purposes, will end up in the hands of people who will use it to promote their own interests."

We have strayed far from the ideals of the Founders and the Constitution. I saw the play "Hamilton" which is currently the rage. I just hope it will stimulate people to once again consider history and the genius of men like Hamilton, Franklin and even Jefferson, who justifiably fares poorly in the play. Jefferson finally concedes that Hamilton "took us from bankruptcy to prosperity." Hamilton was hated because of his genius and brashness.

We can put the American train back on track, but we must demand the truth, accountability and consequences. And we need to stop listening to the race hustlers and the entitlement hucksters.

Nancy Reagan had the "Just say no" campaign. Let's say NO! to the haters of America.

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## The visionary neighborhood Sequoyah Hills

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It's one of Knoxville's most upscale neighborhoods, named for the inventor of the Cherokee Alphabet. The area began being developed in the 1920s and has many examples of mid-century residential homes designed by noted local architects.

The Talahi subdivision there was advertised as a "utopian getaway" in the 20s. Cherokee Boulevard was the home of the first "Dogwood Arts Trail" and the neighborhood's greenway trail crosses a marked Native American mound.

The Kingston Pike-Sequoyah Hills Association is a non-profit group concerned with preserving its neighborhood. Association President Jay Schmid told The Focus Sequoyah Hills is one of Knoxville's oldest neighborhoods and its park has almost 90 acres of lakefront, ballfields and open spaces.

Association membership is voluntary for all residents and the board meets monthly at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. The goal is to protect the natural beauty of the area and keep the neighborhood from commercial

encroachment.

Schmid said past efforts of the group have been to raise funds for the restoration of Talahi Park, the Sunhouse Fountain, and Panther Fountain. Continual and future goals include neighborhood beautification and a possible arboretum designation for city land in the area.

The Kingston Pike-Sequoyah Park's annual membership meeting is held every spring and the group also holds a Christmas tree lighting every December and a Labor Day outdoor picnic.

Several public officials

are active in the neighborhood including Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto. Janet Testerman and Lynn Fugate are at-large council members who live in the neighborhood.

"We speak with them frequently," Schmid said.

"Several city parks are in our area," he said, adding, "The Bearden area businesses are adjacent to our area and there's a small commercial section in the center of the neighborhood."

More information is available online at [sequoyah-hills.org](http://sequoyah-hills.org).



Sequoyah Hills has a neighborhood park and greenway that many residents use and enjoy. Part of the greenway crosses an ancient Native American mound. (City of Knoxville Photo)



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# Looking forward

**By Mark Brackney,**  
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Something I have discovered about life is that everyone deep down enjoys meaningful work, good friends, and something to look forward to. I doubt that will change as we continue on into eternity. It is amazing to me how many people think of the eternal life to come with terms like boring. They picture an endless worship service or sitting around and pretty much doing nothing. Studies show that the average person upon reaching retirement, something many have been looking

forward to their entire lives, ends up dying within two to seven years of retirement. Retirement ended up being boring and lonely.

If our eternal life to come after the resurrection is like retirement, lonely and boring, who would look forward to that? If someone makes that remark to you, there is something you can say in response. God and the life to come are anything but boring. In eternity, our lives will be fully complete. We will lack nothing. We will be completely focused on perfectly loving God and loving all the people we get to enjoy the new heavens and

earth with. Jesus' prayer will be fully realized – thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

We want to look forward to what is in store for us. Listen to what the Hebrew writer said about Abraham and his faith: "By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:9-10). God is the architect of our home. God has built a house, the

kingdom of God. It is a kingdom being built right now and it will continue to be built until it is complete.

We will all take a final breath one day. When we do so, we can be at peace knowing that we are going to our loving Father. This is what helped Jesus go through the agony of the cross: "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28).

Read 2 Peter 3:10-14, and notice Peter's attitude about the future. Three times Peter uses the phrase "looking

forward to." We are encouraged to live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the day of God. The day of God will bring judgment and destruction and that is necessary for the new heaven and new earth to come. But what exactly is this new heaven and new earth? Well, if it is new, it is going to be different in some regard. The heavens are where the spiritual forces are located as Paul describes it (Ephesians 5:12). There are spiritual forces of good and spiritual forces of evil. A big change in the new heavens is that those forces of evil will no longer be there. Revelation

tells us they will be destroyed in a lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

The new earth comes after this present earth is destroyed. That does not mean a completely new earth, but a recreated earth. It is so exciting to think about the place we will live out the vast majority of our lives. This is what gets me through tough days. Our brief existence on this corrupted earth is really nothing. Maybe this is why Paul said "Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1).



*The light in this inspiring photo reminds me of a cross, courtesy of Leigh Anne Ellis.*

## Revival at Asbury

I first heard about it from a friend. The next day I saw it on social media and the news. Amid the continuous reports of political unrest, protests, and shootings on school cam-



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learned that the school's switchboard was getting calls daily, and other chapels were being opened nearby.

The VOLS won, beating No. 1 Alabama! It was a huge game, and I was proud of

their resilience. But even bigger is the story of spiritual revival in our land, for it is the game of life that is most important. During these difficult days, may Jesus---the Son of God, our Saviour and Lord---be honored and glorified. May this spiritual revival of prayer, worship, song, and praise at Asbury spread throughout our nation and the world. If ever spiritual renewal is needed, it is now.

*Words of Faith: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 (KJV).*



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If you are reading this article, it is unlikely that you are enjoying a stay in a state prison. Not jail, mind you. You have already been found guilty and sentenced to serve time in the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

Perhaps you are reading this and know someone who is in a state prison. If so, you may want to pass along a tidbit of information that may provide them solace and spiritual comfort during their stay.

Passed into law in 1858 and

updated in 1932, Tennessee Code Annotated section 41-21-211 states, "Each inmate shall be provided with a Bible, which the inmate may be permitted to peruse in the inmate's cell at such times as the inmate is not required to perform prison labor."

So if the person you know has been deprived of all their personal belongings while in prison, know that Tennessee requires that they be provided a Bible for their own personal use in their cell.

I am assuming the prison guards prefer that inmates not use the Bible to hide a hammer to be used to break out of prison like in the movie, "Shawshank Redemption."

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## Wayne Perdue

Just recently, I saw on Facebook that Wayne Perdue passed. It's another one of those times when shock takes over because I still see a man who was a mere high schooler and wonder how he could be

gone. Wayne was a special person to most of us males at Karns High School. It could even be said that Wayne was a legend in our community and to many other folks from around the Knoxville area.

This man didn't acquire legendary status by being a super athlete, nor was he a war hero who came home to glorious praise. To teenagers in the 1960s, his fame came in the form of a pale yellow Chevy II. It was sleek on the outside, but under the hood of that car lived a beast. I never knew what kind of motor and adjustments Wayne made



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to it, and to be honest, I wouldn't have understood anyway.

On weekends sometime around midnight, cars pulled into the old shopping center that housed Ritter's Grocery, Helton Hardware, and Gillenwater Drugs. Back

then, few cars drove on Oak Ridge Highway that late. The ones that did were intent on racing at the red light. A quarter-mile stretch started there and ended at the old library.

All sorts of vehicles in all kinds of conditions pulled into one of the lanes and waited for the light to turn green. Squalling tires, revved engines, and fish-tailing backends sprinted down the highway. Ones that sputtered or headed out of control toward ditches ended a quick race to the sounds of laughter or name-calling. Some races ended when a northbound

car appeared, and racers pulled off the side of the road. Sometimes Everett, the Knox County officer who lived in Karns, drove in and disbursed the crowd. A few poor souls pushed their cars to the breaking point and smoke boiled from under the hood as the car limped to a stop.

We all sat around and talked and waited for Wayne's appearance, and when it came, a crowd encircled the hottest car in the area. Wayne always seemed to have a good time with us and treated everyone with kindness and respect. Cars came from all over Knoxville. Drivers felt sure that they had the horses to beat Wayne. However, when the light turned green, that yellow Chevy II left most other cars sitting in a cloud of burned rubber.

If I recall correctly, Wayne suffered a serious injury to his leg from a wreck. He walked with a limp the last time I remember seeing him. I don't know that

anyone ever beat Wayne Perdue. If that did happen, I don't want to know about it. The way I remember things is the fuel for creating legends, and Wayne Perdue was a living legend. I hope he has the chance to race again in a better, safer place to which he has gone. I also hope he has the opportunity to test his skills against Doyle Green, an older Karns student who lost his life speeding down Beaver Ridge Road in front of the old high school. I thank both of them for giving me people to idolize when I was in high school.

Today, not much interest lies in racing at the red light. For one thing, the roads are much too crowded with cars. Still, many of us remember the days when drivers could so smoothly work the clutch and manual transmission as they sped down the highway. Those who could do so were artists who became legends. Thanks, Wayne Perdue, for making my life a bit fuller and more exciting.



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# H. Clay Evans of Tennessee

Part Two

## Pages from the Past



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Henry Clay Evans had been elected to Congress from Tennessee's Third Congressional District in 1888 as a Republican. His victory had been a profound shock to local Democrats who promptly gerrymandered his district and castigated the congressman for his support of the Lodge Bill, which was intended to preserve the voting rights of Black citizens.

In 1894, H. Clay Evans was nominated by Tennessee Republicans to face Governor Peter Turney in the gubernatorial race. A ponderous, heavysset man with a receding hairline and a beard, Turney had been Chief Justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court and sixty-seven years old at the time. Turney's most notable achievement may well have been siring twelve children between his first and second wives.

At the time, Tennessee's Republican Party was strong in East Tennessee, which corresponded with where the old Whig Party had been strong and where the prevailing opinion favored the Unionist cause over that of the secessionists. Following Reconstruction, Democrats had come back to power in 1870. Republicans were a distinct minority in the Volunteer State and only seemed to be able to win a statewide election when the Democrats were seriously divided. That had happened in 1880 when Republican Alvin Hawkins had been elected. Incumbent Albert Smith Marks had served one two-year term and the state was struggling with a serious debt problem that had plagued the state government. Governor Marks chose not to seek reelection in 1880 because the Democratic Party in Tennessee was deeply divided over how to resolve the debt problem. That division helped Alvin Hawkins to win a two-year term as governor of Tennessee.

Throughout much of 1893, many newspapers across Tennessee, irrespective of party affiliation, speculated that Governor Turney would have a serious opponent if he chose to run for the Democratic nomination once again in 1894. Newspapers regularly reported instances of once prominent Turney supporters who had soured on the governor. Much of that discontent came from those naturally disappointed by the governor's distribution of the patronage at his disposal and other appointments. Those carping about such appointments were soon labeled the "Malcontents" in the state's press. One of the leading malcontents in Tennessee was the editor of the Nashville American. Governor Turney likely did himself some considerable harm when he

engaged in a public spat with State Comptroller James A. Harris over how best to fund a new penitentiary. Democrats were also alarmed when their judicial ticket only narrowly beat a field of candidates backed by a combination of Republicans and Populists. Turney managed to be renominated without any real trouble.

Tennessee Republicans had a division of their own; two factions, one headed by H. Clay Evans and the other by Congressman John C. Houk of Knoxville, contended to nominate the GOP candidate for governor. Houk had succeeded his father, Leonidas, in Congress and bitterly resented the fact Evans, a strong supporter of the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, controlled federal patronage in Tennessee.

The Evans men rallied behind the candidacy of Colonel David A. Nunn, who had been elected as a Republican to Congress for a couple of terms from Memphis. Nunn had also been Tennessee's Secretary of State from 1881-1885. During the state Republican convention, it became all too clear David Nunn had no intention of accepting the gubernatorial nomination. There is some reason to believe the candidacy of Colonel Nunn was little more than a diversion while the potential gubernatorial candidacy of H. Clay Evans was quietly being organized and promoted. Much of the Evans campaign for the GOP nomination was organized by Chattanooga industrialist Newell Sanders, a close personal friend of H. Clay Evans. Sanders would remain one of Tennessee's most prominent and influential Republicans and was appointed to serve briefly in the United States Senate following the death of Senator Robert Love Taylor. Timing is an essential ingredient for success in politics and the Evans organization timed events perfectly. At the appropriate moment, Colonel David Nunn stood up and declared he was too old to run for governor and that Republicans needed a young and vigorous candidate who could carry the campaign to every corner of the state.

Clay Evans inherited much of Nunn's support in West and Middle Tennessee as well as having a strong base in his own East Tennessee. Jack Baker was the candidate of Congressman John Houk yet Houk's leadership was fiercely contested by Judge Henry Gibson of Knox County. Judge Gibson controlled a number of the fifty delegates from Knox County, which weakened Baker's candidacy. Another significant difference between the two gubernatorial campaigns was Evans welcoming support



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

*H. Clay Evans of Tennessee from a vintage magazine in 1911.*

from Black Republicans. In contrast, the Houk faction was considered to be "cool, if not hostile" to Black Republicans. Baker's candidacy was further hampered by the fact a majority of the Davidson County delegation to the Republican state convention favored H. Clay Evans rather than native son Jack Baker.

The standing of H. Clay Evans was such that many of Tennessee's most Democratic newspapers lambasted his record while in Congress, but never attacked him personally nor assaulted his character. Most of the criticism of H. Clay Evans was centered around his support for the Lodge Bill, which was denounced by former Confederates and Democrats as the "Force Bill." Those newspapers devoted to the Democratic Party warned their readers that while Evans likely had no chance of being elected governor, he should not be taken lightly. "Mr. Evans is a shrewd, skilled politician and can bring to bear the strongest influences of his party in his canvass," the McMinnville Southern Standard cautioned.

Evans opened his campaign for governor in Huntingdon, Tennessee, a west Tennessee community in Carroll County, which was also the home of former governor Alvin Hawkins. The wealthy H. Clay Evans had little difficulty in financing his gubernatorial bid, which proved to be another source of vexation by the Democrats. Evans' campaign was also superbly well managed by his friend Newell Sanders. Election night proved to be a harrowing experience for Governor Peter Turney and Tennessee Democrats. As each of Tennessee's counties reported its vote, it became absolutely certain H. Clay Evans had been elected governor of Tennessee. Returns clearly demonstrated Republicans had made gains in virtually every county in the Volunteer State. Almost immediately

Democrats began insisting the Republicans had won by voter fraud, especially in GOP-dominated East Tennessee. Secretary of State William S. Morgan refused to announce the official returns, insisting the sheriff of each county provide a copy of the poll registration books showing the ballots cast. When Morgan finally did release the official vote tally, it showed H. Clay Evans had defeated Peter Turney by 748 votes.

When the legislature met in January of 1895, which was overwhelmingly populated by Democrats, the first order of business was to reelect Isham G. Harris to the United States Senate. A former governor and Confederate general during the Civil War, Harris was the leader of the "bourbon" faction of Tennessee Democrats, of which Peter Turney was a member. The legislature then began an "investigation" of charges of voter fraud made by Democrats surrounding the election of H. Clay Evans. The Tennessee General Assembly allowed Peter Turney to remain in office as governor while they conducted their own investigation.

Eventually, the legislature threw out several thousand ballots cast for H. Clay Evans. The final vote tally accepted by the Tennessee General Assembly was 94,260 for Peter Turney and 92,266 for H. Clay Evans, a difference of 2,354, which gave the election to the incumbent.

Peter Turney's reputation never recovered from the decision and it further split Tennessee's Democratic Party. H. Clay Evans became a martyr and gained a national reputation in the wake of the actions of the Tennessee General Assembly. Evans was the runner-up to winner Garrett Hobart for the GOP vice presidential nomination in 1896. Hobart had 533 votes to 280 for Evans. Still, President William McKinley found a place

for Evans in his administration, appointing the Tennessean Commissioner of Pensions. At a time before there was Social Security and no pensions from the federal government, it was an important and sensitive position. Evans made headlines when he published a list of 3,568 veterans who were receiving a pension of \$45 per month (the equivalent of almost \$1,600 today), which was only supposed to be received by those adjudged to be completely disabled. The list published by Commissioner Evans proved to be quite embarrassing as it continued the names of some very prominent and successful men who were not totally disabled.

That caused a reaction on the part of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic to petition for the removal of Evans as Commissioner of Pensions. Evans was named Consul-General to London in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt and he served until 1905 in that post. Evans was later acknowledged to be one of the best administrators ever to serve as the federal Commissioner of Pensions.

Evans was a candidate for governor of Tennessee once again in 1906 and won the GOP nomination over the determined opposition of his nemesis Congressman Walter P. Brownlow of the First Congressional District. G. Edmund Hatcher writing for the Chattanooga News made the pithy observation following a tumultuous Republican state convention, "But there is not a great deal of difference between a funeral and a wedding. In either case, you start somewhere and you never know where you will get off." The fight between H. Clay Evans and Walter P. Brownlow was for control of Tennessee's Republican Party more than it was about the gubernatorial nomination. Evans emerged victorious. Brownlow, Hatcher

opined, was a "fine fellow" but acknowledged he was certainly not a "statesman" but rather a politician who openly pursued a "rule or ruin" policy in his political dealings.

The Democrats nominated Congressman Malcolm Rice Patterson of Memphis to be their gubernatorial nominee. Patterson had bested incumbent John I. Cox of East Tennessee for the Democratic nomination. Cox had succeeded to the governorship when James Beriah Frazier had resigned, having been elected to the United States Senate. The results of the election were not surprising as Tennessee was a solidly Democratic state and the party was not irrevocably split. Patterson won the election, but his time as governor would deal Tennessee's Democratic Party a bitter blow, tearing the organization asunder and enabling bolting Democrats and Republicans to join together to create the "Fusion" movement. The "Independent" Democrats and Republicans would elect a GOP governor for two terms and both United States senators from the Volunteer State. Malcolm Rice Patterson would become one of the most polarizing figures in Tennessee politics. Patterson fought one of the most bitter races in the state's history when he defeated former U. S. senator Edward Ward Carmack in the 1908 primary. Carmack, a highly popular figure, ran as the champion of the "dry" or prohibition forces in Tennessee, while Governor Patterson was openly "wet." Patterson's pardon of Carmack's killer turned Tennessee's politics upside down.

H. Clay Evans returned home to Chattanooga where voters adopted the "commission" form of government. Evans was promptly elected to serve as Chattanooga's Commissioner of Health & Education. It was H. Clay Evans who organized Chattanooga's first modern public school system. Evans also served as a trustee of both the University of Tennessee and the University of Chattanooga (later UTC).

Sunday, December 11 was an ordinary and pleasant day for the seventy-eight-year-old semi-retired statesman. Evans and his wife had taken a long automobile ride and returned home where they had guests for dinner. There was not a shred of evidence to suggest Evans was remotely ailing.

H. Clay Evans went to bed on the night of December 11, 1921, and was believed to be in the best of health, especially for a man of his years. Sometime during the night, the heart of H. Clay Evans stopped beating and he slipped away. His son-in-law Dr. John W. Johnson found Evans lying in his bed, a smile still on his face. H. Clay Evans had died a happy man.

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# FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

# The Kentucky River Giant, conclusion

By Jadon Gibson

Ray Welday was a next-door neighbor and business associate of Martin Van Buren Bates, “the Kentucky River Giant.” Once when they had a disagreement Bates bought a parrot and trained it for weeks before putting its cage on the porch. There it would tell Welday, “Get off the grass, get off the grass.”

The Kentucky River Giant died in 1919, at age 74. It was written at the time that Bates lived to an unusual age for giants, noting that giants generally don’t live to

advanced ages.

Although giants were not common there were giants living in different parts of the world in olden times. Choung Chi, a Chinese giant, was eight feet and six inches tall and weighed 500 pounds. Donald McGregor, known as “The Scottish Giant,” was 8 feet and 2 1/2 inches tall and weighed 463 pounds. There were many others.

Bates bought his casket years before following the fiasco after Anna’s death. When it arrived at the railway station it required four stout

men to handle. They stored the casket in the barn where it remained for many years before being put to use.

The giant asked several men to serve as his pallbearers. The funeral director named several additional ones because “the chosen crew just wasn’t strong enough.”

The pallbearers were able to carry the casket to the hearse after the service but found that the vehicle was too short for the coffin. The casket hung out the back of the hearse, which sagged in the back, as they slowly

proceeded to the graveyard.

“Captain Bates looked nice,” a friend wrote in a letter on the day of the funeral. “I will miss him. The pallbearers weren’t strong enough and the hearse wasn’t long enough. Mr. Armstrong, the funeral director, had to tie the casket in because the rear doors wouldn’t shut. He had all sorts of problems.”

An interest in the giants and their baby resurfaced at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1932 where plaster molds of Martin, Anna and the baby were displayed. Models and drawings are

part of a continuing exhibit in the Cleveland, Ohio, Health Museum.

Many visitors to Medina County visit the museum which honors the eastern Kentucky native. An annual festival was held in his honor until just a few years ago.

Martin and Anna are buried in the Mound Hill Cemetery in Seville, Ohio, beside their baby. A giant statue of Anna, on a large pedestal, towers above.

Many relatives of Martin Van Buren Bates still reside in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, and

the western part of Virginia, but none are held with such lofty regard as “The Kentucky River Giant.”

He and his wife were the tallest couple, that we know of, that ever lived.

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Jadon Gibson is a freelance writer from Harrogate, TN. His writings are both historical and nostalgic in nature. Thanks to Lincoln Memorial University, Alice Lloyd College and the Museum of Appalachia for their assistance.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM MARK MORSE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87266-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM MARK MORSE who died Oct 15, 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM MARK MORSE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN L MORSE; ADMINISTRATOR  
8113 DEVENS DR  
BRENTWOOD TN 37027

LYNN TARPY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1111 N NORTHSORE DR SUITE N-290  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN ALTON NORRIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87164-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN ALTON NORRIS who died Sep 27, 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 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOHN ALTON NORRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
LOWELL TODD NORRIS; ADMINISTRATOR  
3505 PINE TIMBERS DRIVE  
JOHNSON CITY, TN. 37604

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87026-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON who died Sep 9, 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 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHRISTEL K (FRITZ) ROBERTSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
TANYA L ROBERTSON; EXECUTRIX  
4912 CAIN ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87259-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR. who died Oct 22, 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE TIPPITT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
STUART I CASSELL; ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA LOUISE  
CUMMINGS WEBB  
DOCKET NUMBER 87256-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA LOUISE CUMMINGS WEBB 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA LOUISE CUMMINGS WEBB

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERESA JANE JOHANNES; EXECUTRIX  
4913 IVY ROSE DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LUCIE KAY WILKERSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 86525-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LUCIE KAY WILKERSON who died Jun 8, 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF LUCIE KAY WILKERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MELISSA E BENNETT; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5413 SCENICWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE WRIGHT  
DOCKET NUMBER 87243-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KATHERINE LEE WRIGHT who died Jul 25, 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 1 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE WRIGHT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANDY WRIGHT-STRADER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
1132 MOUNT OLIVE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALICE REFO XIQUES  
DOCKET NUMBER 87261-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALICE REFO XIQUES who died Oct 20, 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 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ALICE REFO XIQUES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)  
PETER J XIQUES; EXECUTOR  
11403 BERRY HILL DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PATSY ONEDA BYRD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87284-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATSY ONEDA BYRD who died Nov 12, 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 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATSY ONEDA BYRD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TAMMY D HANSHAW; EXECUTRIX  
3231 BUFFAT MILL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GAYLE KENNETH CAUGHRON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87018-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAYLE KENNETH CAUGHRON who died May 18, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GAYLE KENNETH CAUGHRON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KIMBERLY MATTHEWS-ROBBINS; EXECUTRIX  
111 MCINTOSH BLUFF ROAD  
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GARY NICHOLAS CLINTON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87058-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GARY NICHOLAS CLINTON who died Oct 5, 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 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF GARY NICHOLAS CLINTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA HUGHES; ADMINISTRATRIX  
13903 VINTAGE VIEW  
ABINGDON, VA 24210

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STEWART SCHOFIELD DAVIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87295-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEWART SCHOFIELD DAVIS who died Dec 5, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF STEWART SCHOFIELD DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JASON RAIROFAD DAVIS; EXECUTOR  
2531 SPARKLING STAR LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAY ELLIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87298-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM RAY ELLIS who died Dec 5, 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAY ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIEL RAY ELLIS; CO ADMINISTRATOR  
1341 WINEBERRY ROAD  
POWELL TN 37849

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF SHERMAN G GLIDEWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 87278-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHERMAN G GLIDEWELL 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 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 7 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHERMAN G GLIDEWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOSEPH C GLIDEWELL; EXECUTOR  
6122 TRAVIS DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CALVIN HARRIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 86906-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CALVIN HARRIS who died Jul 25, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CALVIN HARRIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ERBY LEE HARRIS; ADMINISTRATOR  
12700 CORAL REEF CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES B ISBILL  
DOCKET NUMBER 87282-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES B ISBILL who died May 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES B ISBILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
INA ISBILL; EXECUTRIX  
8340 SUNSET HEIGHT DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 3

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This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CAROL D LOVEDAY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROLYN LOVEDAY; EXECUTRIX  
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37940

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE E MCKISSICK  
DOCKET NUMBER 87014-1

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This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ANNE E MCKISSICK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TONYA M MCKISSICK; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5000 WESTERN AVENUE, APT 2002  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL EUGENE MCMILLAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87288-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL EUGENE MCMILLAN who died Nov 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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This the 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL EUGENE MCMILLAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
K BROOKE HAYNES; ADMINISTRATRIX  
918 BOBO DRIVE  
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ESTATE OF PANSY RUTHERFORD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87296-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PANSY RUTHERFORD who died Aug 17, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PANSY RUTHERFORD  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBORAH G HENDERSON; EXECUTRIX  
6737 LANGSTON DR  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FERN ELIZABETH SMITH  
DOCKET NUMBER 87297-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FERN ELIZABETH SMITH who died Dec 4, 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF FERN ELIZABETH SMITH  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA BUNDREN; EXECUTRIX  
10405 RAVENBROOK LANE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37922

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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF FERN ELIZABETH SMITH  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA BUNDREN; EXECUTRIX  
10405 RAVENBROOK LANE  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ESSIE L STANFILL  
DOCKET NUMBER 86807-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ESSIE L STANFILL who died Jul 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ESSIE L STANFILL  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY RAUHUFF; EXECUTRIX  
371 ROLLING MEADOWS DRIVE  
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1810 PLAZA TOWER  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUSAN ECOLE SWEETSER  
DOCKET NUMBER 86977-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUSAN ECOLE SWEETSER who died May 21, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SUSAN ECOLE SWEETSER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CLARKE ALLEN SWEETSER, JR.; EXECUTOR  
301 E BRUSHY VALLEY ROAD  
POWELL, TN. 37849

SUSAN HAAS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
9416 TRIALS END ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANNE WILLIAMS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87289-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANNE WILLIAMS who died Apr 24, 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 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANNE WILLIAMS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TIMOTHY SCOTT WILLIAMS; EXECUTOR  
657 OLD GLORY ROAD  
MARYVILLE, TN. 37801

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY WAYNE WOLFE  
DOCKET NUMBER 86890-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY WAYNE WOLFE who died Nov 26, 2021, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY WAYNE WOLFE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JESSICA SARAH WOLFE; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3713 WOODLAWN SCHOOL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

will be forever barred.

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This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY WAYNE WOLFE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JESSICA SARAH WOLFE; ADMINISTRATRIX  
3713 WOODLAWN SCHOOL ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAYMOND WILLIAM ZAWOYSKY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87292-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RAYMOND WILLIAM ZAWOYSKY who died Nov 27, 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 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RAYMOND WILLIAM ZAWOYSKY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANGELA MARIA ZAWOYSKY;  
ADMINISTRATRIX  
4429 SAINT LUCIA LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAY ELLIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87298-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM RAY ELLIS who died Dec 5, 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM RAY ELLIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIEL RAY ELLIS; CO ADMINISTRATOR  
1341 WINEBERRY ROAD  
POWELL TN 37849

TAMARA ANN HUMPHREY;  
CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
7912 SHOFFNER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE 94

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The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired towed will be sold at public and or private auction on March 4, 2023 at 9:00 am in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Sutherland Avenue Wrecker Service, Inc., vehicle impoundment lot located at 2607 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles Department, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners/ lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/ or licenses number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a vin/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME



PHOTOS BY JULEE SCHULTZ

Top: The Lady Eagles jump to their feet to cheer on the sidelines at Thursday's game. Above: Seymour High Coach Greg Hernandez and Jaden Cummings (15) have a little fun in pre-game introductions Thursday night as the District 3-3A basketball tournament gets underway at Carter. Cummings went on to lead the Lady Eagles to a 70-19 win over the Lady Hornets.

4-4A District  
Tournament  
**Hawks  
easily  
proceed  
to semis**

**Lady Hawks' season  
comes to end**

By Bill Howard

Hardin Valley Academy's boy's basketball team cruised into the semifinals of the 4-4A District Tournament last Thursday night with a 63-28 first-round thrashing of Heritage High School. Both boys' and girls' tournaments are being held at Farragut High School.

The win propelled the Hawks to a Saturday night matchup against Farragut, the winner of which will play for the District championship Tuesday night.

"Our defensive intensity was the difference," said Hawks' coach Andy Arendt. "We pressured the ball really well. If we play like that we're pretty good."

Down 4-2 in the first, HVA ran off 15 straight points to lead 17-4, and never looked back. The Hawks led 20-7 after one.

The halftime score was 27-12, and in the third Hardin Valley blew it open. The Mountaineers could muster only seven points in the quarter while the Hawks poured in 21. The score after three was 48-19, and the game was long over.

The Hawks' balanced scoring was led by Jack Smith with 12. AJ Gray scored 11 and Hakeem Rashid added 10. Eli Williams led the Mountaineers with 12.

Before the game, Smith, Rashid, and Ben Brophy were awarded as part of the regular season All-District team.

"We have a lot of pretty good players," said Arendt. "No player is gonna wow you but many can contribute. It showed tonight."

"We were playing together as a team and moving the ball," said Smith "We can use this game for confidence. A lot of players contributed; when we play like that we can go a long way."

HVA (22-8) is the tournament's third seed. Arendt was asked about the matchup with the second-seeded archfoe Admirals.

"It's gonna be a difficult matchup," Arendt said. We're gonna try

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3-3A District Tournament

**Hot Seymour  
rolls past ice  
cold Lady  
Hornets**

By Steve Williams

It's no secret that the key to success in basketball is a team's shooting accuracy.

And that was clearly noticeable Thursday night as Seymour's girls scorched Carter 70-19 in the opening game of the District 3-3A tournament at Jim Williams Gymnasium in Strawberry Plains.

The Lady Eagles shot 56 percent from the field overall, 44 percent behind the 3-point arc (8 for 18) and 75 percent at the foul line.

On the other side of things, the Lady Hornets played hard, but it was one of those nights that the ball would hardly

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**Northview 'runs' off from Gibbs girls**

By Steve Williams

Gibbs hung tough for the game's first 10 minutes, but Northview Academy pulled away for a 65-34 win in the District 3-3A girls semifinal nightcap Thursday at Carter.

Down by nine points, the Lady Eagles scored seven straight points to end the first period and pull within two (14-12).

Maddi Whaley led the charge with a fastbreak layup.

Teammate Dakota Large then followed with another layup and Whaley fired in a 3-point shot from the right wing that had the Northview coach calling for a timeout.

Whaley bombed in another 3-pointer with 5:35 remaining in the second period to trim the Lady Cougars' lead to 18-15, but that was as close as Gibbs could get. Northview went on a 12-0 run and had a 36-20 lead

going into the dressing room at halftime.

Another 12-0 run by the Cougars to start the second half was pretty much the knockout punch.

Reagan Brown paced Northview with 21 points and five assists. Gibbs got 13 points from Whaley. Large contributed nine points, six assists and four steals. Brianna Bates chipped in eight points.

"Northview is a very tough and talented team," said Kenedell McGill, who is in her first season as head coach at Gibbs. "They knock down shots. There were times we didn't close out and contest shots, but they are just a very talented and athletic group and well-coached."

"Our kids worked hard, but shots weren't falling."

Prior to coming to Gibbs,

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# 3-4A District Tournament Third-quarter surge propels Rebels into region tournament

By Ken Lay

When West High School guard Jailon Hill knocked down a shot midway through the first quarter of the District 3-4A boys basketball tournament, it looked like the Rebels would cruise past Campbell County.

West would survive a first-round elimination game Wednesday night at Powell High School's Jeff Hunter Gymnasium.

But it was anything but easy. The Rebels prevailed 76-62. But they would have to come from behind against the Cougars, who didn't win a district game all season.

Hill's shot gave the Rebels an 11-0 lead with 4 minutes, 18 seconds remaining in the opening frame but Campbell County would rally and close the frame on a 14-3 run to pull even by the end of the opening stanza.

The Cougars (11-16) not only hung around in the first half, they actually gained the upper hand in the second quarter and held a slim 32-30 lead at halftime, creating some tense moments for the Rebel faithful throughout the gym.

But West (19-8), the tournament's No. 3 seed, didn't stay down long thanks to center Kevin Jack.

Jack scored 16 of his 18 points after halftime and had seven in the third

stanza to key a 30-13 run by the Rebels and put the game out of reach.

He led a potent and balanced attack as he received help from 3-point marksman Joe Dupree, who buried three long-range jumpers en route to scoring 11 points against the sixth-seeded Cougars.

Maurice Clark added 10 points while Dane Britton had nine and Hill and Garrett Bunch finished with eight points each.

"The third quarter was big for us," Rebels' coach Aubin Goporro said. "That was the difference in the game. We did what we had to do and that was get a win and move on."

"It's not easy because we've played each other three times so there were no secrets."

The win enabled the Rebels to advance to this week's Region 2-4A Tournament while ending Campbell County's season.

"This was the win we needed because it gets us to the regionals," Goporro said. "(Jack) did a good job for us. He scored and he always does a good job rebounding too."

The Cougars had three players post double figures in the scoring column.

David Atkins scored 12 points, including 10 in the first half. Adama Sanogo added 11 and Devon Jones finished with 10.

# 4-4A District Tournament Bearden loses big lead, holds on

By Bill Howard

Bearden High School's boys' basketball team survived a furious fourth-quarter rally from Maryville High School, and held on for a 50-43 victory in the first round of the 4-4A District Tournament last Thursday night. The tournament is being held at Farragut High School.

Up 36-24 early in the fourth, and seemingly in command, the Bulldogs scored just two points over the next three and half minutes. The Rebels, meanwhile, scored 13 to pull within one, 38-37, with 4:06 to go.

BHS then went on an 8-2 run to lead 46-39 with under a minute to play, and held on.

"We get ahead of ourselves and don't space the floor like we should," said 'Dogs' coach Jeremy Parrott, of almost losing the lead in the fourth. "We don't use ball fakes and we get in tight spots. The fatigue started weighing in; fortunate tonight to have a few more points."

The win gave the fifth-seeded Bulldogs (17-11) a semifinal matchup against top-seeded William Blount on Saturday. BHS lost twice to Blount in the regular season this year. Both games were close.

Bearden led 9-6 after one, and 21-11 at half. In the third, the teams traded baskets and the period ended with a 10-point 'Dogs' lead, 34-24.

Nelson Karnowski's layup 13 seconds into the fourth made it 36-24, Bearden. But MHS then began to press, and it led both to numerous turnovers by Bearden and the Rebels' 13-2 run.

Karnowski's three-point play with 2:33 left broke the streak and changed the momentum.

Jake Poole led Bearden with 13 points. It was Poole's first game back after missing more than a month because of a groin injury. He was BHS's leading scorer this year before he got hurt. He left the game early in the third because of re-aggravating the injury. His status for Saturday was uncertain.

"I got a steal and got going full speed and it hurt a little bit so I thought I might as well get out," Poole said. "I believed in the boys to finish the game and that's what they did. It was great being back out there."

"We can only use him in spots," said Parrott of Poole. "That groin is probably overuse; he's getting better but he can't play 32 minutes. He did some good things early and we have other seniors on the floor."

Big-man Tyson Pirtle got 10 for Bearden. Maryville's Matt Clemmer led all scorers with 23.

The Bulldogs played Blount in a semi Saturday night. The boys' championship game is Tuesday at 7:30.

# Bearden streak reaches 51, but focus is on next game

By Steve Williams

Bearden High captured its first state championship in girls basketball last March, finishing the season on a 22-game winning streak.

With four seniors on that team signing college scholarships, including Miss Basketball Jennifer Sullivan, the odds were slim that the Lady Bulldogs would be back in this year's post-season play still riding that winning wave.

They made it though, thanks to getting past Class 2A state power Alcoa 61-50 in last week's regular season finale.

Midway through the third period, the visiting Lady Tornadoes opened up a seven-point lead (41-34) after Bearden Coach Justin Underwood was issued a technical foul for disputing a call. The Lady Bulldogs chipped away at the deficit and got it down to one point early in the fourth period before pulling away with a 15-0 run in the final four minutes.

The victory extended the streak to 51 games and put Bearden (29-0) in Friday's District 4-4A semifinals with an automatic berth in the upcoming Region 2-4A tournament.

On Jan. 3, Alcoa had given Bearden its closest game of the season thus far in a 34-33 decision on the Tornadoes' floor.

According to Coach Underwood, Science Hill has held the biggest lead over Bearden this season before falling 48-43 in Johnson City on Dec. 10. "We got down 11 or double digits I believe with them," he said.

Bearden's closest game on its home floor has been a 54-49 win over district rival Heritage on Feb. 7. Two nights later, the Lady Bulldogs won by four (44-40) at Cleveland.

As far as runaway contests, Bearden has won by 34 points or more in six of its games.

Counting all 29 games, the Lady Bulldogs have won by an average margin of 16.4 points.

Avery Treadwell is the lone returning starter and only senior starter for Bearden this season. The 6-3 post and Florida State signee is in the running for Miss Basketball in Class 4A.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*Bearden freshman guard Natalya Hodge drives against Alcoa senior Karli Haworth in last week's final regular season game. Hodge scored a game-high 22 points in the Lady Bulldogs' 61-50 win and has played a key role in Bearden extending its winning streak this year.*

She had 15 points, 16 rebounds and six blocked shots in the latest win over Alcoa, while freshman standout Natalya Hodge, a quick 5-4 guard, scored 22 points and had five steals.

Underwood was asked if the long streak was a heavy load on his team.

"It's one of those things we've talked about and addressed a little bit that we are going to embrace it," he said. "It's not something I think we ever thought was going to happen. But we talk about everyday that we're getting the best (from the opposing team)."

"We're going to take the next 24 hours and celebrate an undefeated regular season and then from there we are going to turn the page and get ready for playoff basketball."

Treadwell added: "They (Alcoa) are a good rivalry. It's good to play that team for us to get ready for tournament season. It's definitely a good trial for us."

Avery remembered when the streak started. "It started my junior year after we played in a tournament in Tampa, Florida. We lost games there and haven't lost since."

Treadwell was asked if the streak gets heavy from a mental standpoint.

"I just come and play, and I think that we all do," she said. "I mean it's not really about breaking the streak; it's more about just coming in and winning. That's more of the focus than the streak."

# 3-4A District Tournament Brown's late 3-pointer lifts Bobcats past Powell in district tournament

By Ken Lay

Josh Brown scored eight points for the Central High School boys basketball team in the first round of the District 3-4A boys basketball tournament.

But his 3-point shot with 18.1 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter was the biggest of the game and of his career as it propelled the Bobcats to victory and to this weekend's Region 2-4A Tournament.

"Mr. Josh Brown hit the shot of the night. He hit the shot of his life," Central coach Joe Ward said after his team notched a 71-68 victory over Powell Wednesday night at the Jeff Hunter Gymnasium. "He has the freedom to shoot that shot and I told him, if he was open, to stroke it and he did."

Brown's aim was true as he hit the 3-pointer that would ultimately prolong Central's season. The Bobcats got some insurance against the host Panthers (8-22) when Reggie Jones converted a pair of free throws with 5.4 seconds to go that provided the winning margin.

Brown's late long-range jumper culminated a come-back in a roller-coaster ride of a contest that went back and forth and up and down

all night.

The Panthers, who trailed 48-43 heading into the fourth quarter rallied and took a 68-66 lead when Conner Wheeler knocked down a shot with 31.4 seconds left in the game before Central (14-15) scored the last five points of the contest.

"This win puts us in the region tournament and I'm proud of our guys because this is a tough place to play," Ward said. "I've been here twice and I know it's a really tough place to play."

"Now, it's always a one-game season and we're taking things one day at a time. Powell has a great team and they play with a lot of heart. Now, we'll get Oak Ridge and they're a great team and they're the top seed."

The Bobcats played Friday at Powell but results were unavailable at press time. The four semifinalists (the Bobcats, Oak Ridge, West High and Karns) will advance to Tuesday night's consolation and championship rounds.

Wednesday night's first-round game was a see-saw ride as Central opened a 19-12 advantage by the end of the first quarter. The Bobcats led 19-9 before Powell's Bryce Jardret



*West High's Maurice Clark attempts a jump shot over two Campbell County players in the Rebels' 76-62 win in a district tournament game at Powell Wednesday night.*

buried a 3-point shot as time expired in the opening frame.

The Panthers grabbed the momentum and outscored the Bobcats 22-9 in the second stanza to take a 34-28 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

Central bounced back in the third quarter, using a 20-9 surge to regain the lead going into the final eight minutes.

Powell scored first in the fourth quarter as Kaleb Walker and Dylan Stooksbury hit consecutive shots to pull the Panthers to within 48-47 with 7 minutes, 22 seconds remaining in the contest.

The Bobcats rapidly reasserted control as they went on a 12-4 run to make it 60-51 at the 4:51 mark.

Powell came back to tie the game 64-64 as Walker made a steal and converted a transition layup with 1:44 left. Walker knocked down a pair of free throws a short time later to give the Panthers the lead, 66-64.

Central's Chris Boseman knocked down a pair of foul shots before Wheeler gave the Panthers their final lead of the game.

Boseman finished the contest with 16 points.

Jardret had a game-high 21 points for the Panthers.

# A for-sure ‘Vol for Life’

Gus Manning, a respected and legendary figure in the University of Tennessee Athletic Department and across the expanse of the campus and state, and wherever Vol fans gather, died Feb. 12 in Knoxville. Across Vol Nation, soft tears of remembrance arrived before many in the fan base knew they were coming. He was 99, born July 8, 1923.

A 1950 Tennessee graduate following his service in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, Manning was a for-sure “Vol for Life. “During his career, Gus was a fixture on campus commandeering his trademark Cushman 4003 through Neyland Stadium and other points of call.

He began his University of Tennessee career as a practice field guard in 1946 and was hired by Gen. Robert R. Neyland as sports information director in 1951. Over the years, “few people knew Neyland more intimately— his moods, his whims, his peculiarities,” as Knoxville journalist Russ Bebb has written.

When Gus was named administrative assistant in 1960, Neyland told him to do a nationwide search for his successor as sports information director.

Gus’s response was vintage: “I think Haywood’s in his office.” Gus and Haywood thus became a dynamic duo, sharing the message of University of Tennessee athletics in a variety of forums.

They were a significant part of that time frame when Tennessee was reaching for the stars and, once again, becoming a major player in college athletics. It was hard to think about Gus without thinking of Haywood, and equally hard to think of Haywood without thinking about Gus.

At one point early in his career, Gus was close to being a one-man athletic department, overseeing the ticket, concessions, and business operations and having a hand in nearly everything else

that went on. A December 29, 1961, memorandum from Neyland listed 31 specific job duties for Gus. Even then, it concluded with, “Accept and carry out any extra duties assigned by Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director, as they see fit.”

More often than not, Tennessee Sports Information staff members reported that whenever they told people they were from the University of Tennessee, the response was to the point: “Isn’t that where Gus Manning and Haywood Harris work?”

He was well known across the collegiate sporting scene, in the SEC and nationwide. It was hard to imagine a major SEC competition taking place without Gus and Haywood in attendance, contributing to the ambience of the event.

Gus retired in 2000, having served as sports information director, administrative assistant, and senior associate athletic director. After retiring, he served in a part-time capacity as consultant to the athletics department.

There’s a classic picture of Gus celebrating a catch by Larry Seivers that gave the Vols a 29-28 win in the 1974 Clemson game. He did that with a cigar in his mouth and keeping a tight grip on his briefcase with his left hand. That briefcase contained players’ weekend meal money.

He and Harris co-authored two books, “Six Seasons Remembered: The National Championship Years of Tennessee Football” (University of Tennessee Press, 2004) and “Once a Vol, Always a Vol: The Proud Men of the Volunteer Nation” (SportsPublishingLLC.com, 2006). Listening to them conduct interviews with the players from across the years was a life-changing experience.

Gus and Haywood were always a much-in-demand duo to speak to civic clubs and at other venues where Vol fans gathered. Rarely did Gus conclude any remarks, especially during football season, without one of his trademark lines: “Tickets are available.”

In 1989, the College Athletics Business Managers Association named Gus the national business manager of the year. He also served as the president of the SEC sports information directors and later as president of the SEC business managers.

He joined the selection committee of the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and was twice honored by that organization—earning special recognition in 1998 and receiving the Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award in 2018. He also received a service award from the UT Lettermen’s T-Club in 2015.

On June 22, 2015, U.T. officials named Gate 16 at Neyland Stadium “The Gus Manning Gate” thanks to a gift in his honor by Peyton and Ashley Manning.

For more than 60 years, he was associated with radio station WIVK hosting the “Vol Reports” for both football and basketball. He and Harris co-hosted the “Locker Room,” the nation’s longest-running locally produced radio sports program each Saturday morning during football season.

Manning and Harris also hosted “Let’s Talk Sports” and “Football Finals” on Knoxville television station WTVK, Channel 26, in the days locally produced sports programs were broadcast live, with all the pitfalls inherent. With live television, what you saw was what you got, with no retakes or other stoppages when things went south.

He had an irrepressible sense of humor that often manifested itself unexpectedly, literally from out of the blue. We were sitting at Al Rotella’s funeral when two heavysset men in identical dark pinstripe suits walked in and ambled down the aisle to greet the family. Al was from Paterson, N.J., leading Gus to ask a pertinent question: “Are those gentlemen from the Mafia?” There were quiet snickers from the immediate area.

He regularly appeared on “Tennessee 101” on UTSports.com, part of an online video



*Shown here with long-time friend Haywood Harris (L), Gus Manning spent a lifetime influencing the growth and development of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department.*

presentation discussing Tennessee traditions.

Manning was inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the TSSAA Football Officials Hall of Fame, the Knoxville Football Officials Hall of Fame, and the Tennessee Sportswriters Hall of Fame. In 2019, he was inducted into the U.T. Athletic Department Hall of Fame.

He was a member of St. John XXIII Catholic Center on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and the Elks Lodge 160.

Gus was the quintessential Tennessee Vol loyalist, once attending 608 consecutive football games, stretching from 1951 to 2003. At one time, he had a string of 71 years attending home games dating to the 1946 season opener against Georgia Tech. His was an amazing life. You couldn’t imagine Gus wanting to

do anything else in his 99 years and 219 days.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Sammy Joe Manning and Meg Cifers Manning; and grandchildren, Chad (Clare) Manning, Nashville; Joe Manning, and Elizabeth Manning (fiancé Alex Snyder), Knoxville; great-granddaughter Elizabeth Rose (Rosie) Manning, Nashville; brother-in-law, A. J. Bussell, Oak Ridge; and special niece, Kathy Manning, along with several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Margaret Bussell Manning, in 1996.

A funeral mass will be conducted today (Monday, Feb. 20), at 10 a.m. ET at The Cathedral of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (711 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919). The family will receive friends after the mass in the Cathedral Hall. The family plans a private burial.

## Northview ‘runs’ off from Gibbs girls

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McGill was an assistant at Central three seasons after being a head coach one year at Grace Christian. She started her high school coaching career as an assistant at Grainger, one of the state’s top girls programs.

“They eat, sleep and drink basketball up there,” said Kendell, who was at Grainger for eight years.

McGill was asked what she hopes to accomplish with the Gibbs program.

“We’ve made great strides,”

she said. “Our kids are competing. They are playing hard. We’re more in games usually than not. So our program has improved significantly. It’s just we still have a long way to go.”

This year’s team is made up of juniors and sophomores.

Gibbs will play Carter in tonight’s consolation game at 6.

**DISTRICT 3-3A BOYS** tournament action is scheduled to conclude Tuesday night at Carter with the consolation game at 6 and the finals at 7:30. The Carter Hornets were the district regular season champions.

## Hawks easily proceed to semis

**Lady Hawks’ season comes to end**

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to play like we did tonight and see what happens.”

**Girls: Maryville 46, HVA 33**

Hardin Valley Academy’s girls’ basketball season ended last Wednesday night with a 46-33 loss to Maryville High School. The fourth-seeded Lady Hawks finished the season 18-12.

HVA coach Jennifer Galloway was disappointed with the loss but feels the program is on the right track.

“This season we had 18 wins which is the most in five years,” Galloway said. “We were starting

to turn the corner. We finished highest in the district than we have in five years. We had tons of injuries. It will happen for this team.”

The game was a tale of two halves. The Lady Hawks led 15-12 at half, but the Lady Rebels turned it around in the third, outscoring HVA 17-7 to lead 29-22 after three.

Lady Hawks’ Kamryn Butcher’s trey brought HVA to within three, 34-27 with 6:20 left, but MHS pulled away after that.

Lily Anderson scored 14 for HVA. Kyndra West added 10.

“I thought both teams played hard,” Galloway said. “I was proud of the way we played.”

## Saying goodbye to a Tennessee legend

**By Mark Nagi**

Last week, the University of Tennessee lost the last remaining administrative connection to General Robert Neyland, when Gus Manning passed away at the age of 99.

Manning, who worked in the Tennessee athletics department for nearly half a century, served eight athletics directors and 11 different head football coaches.

“This is a tremendous loss,” said former Tennessee football coach and athletics director Philip Fulmer. “We’ve lost a major piece of Tennessee history. Gus Manning is an icon. His personality and humor made him a pleasure to be around. And his historical knowledge about all that makes Tennessee Athletics special was second to none. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

Manning was a Knoxville native who served in the Marine Corps for three years during World War II. When he returned from the Pacific, he walked on to Neyland’s football team and played for the Vols baseball team.

For years he was Neyland’s top assistant, serving him and the University in a variety of roles.

“No doubt Gus Manning was a true legend—not only at Tennessee but also throughout the Southeastern Conference and national athletic circles,” said Bud Ford, who now serves as

Tennessee Athletics historian. “He was a principal figure in the growth of Tennessee Athletics as we know it today... I had the great privilege to witness his ability as an administrator firsthand and spent many hours traveling with him to Tennessee sporting events all across the South. His recall of General Neyland and stories of UT football and basketball games was amazing. I will always be grateful to have had a career opportunity at UT and to be mentored by two great men in Gus Manning and Haywood Harris.”

Harris and Manning were big reasons why the Big Orange went from a regional to a national brand. From 1960 to 2016, they teamed up to host “The Locker Room” radio show, which aired on The Vol Network on Tennessee football gamedays and was the longest, continuous-running sports radio show in the country. Long-time Tennessee Sports Information Director Bud Ford took over co-hosting duties after Harris passed away in 2010.

Manning attended a remarkable 608 straight Tennessee football games. That streak ended in 2003 after a car crash prevented his attending the game at Kentucky. He also went to 455 home games in a row, a streak that stopped when he became ill in 2017.

In June of 2015, Gate 16 at Neyland Stadium was named in Gus Manning’s honor, following

a gift from Peyton Manning and his wife, Ashley.

“My thoughts and prayers are with Gus’s son, Sammy, and the entire family,” said Peyton Manning. “I was honored to call Gus Manning my friend. No one has served the University of Tennessee better than Gus. He was the ultimate Volunteer, and he will be missed dearly. What a life! May he rest in peace.”

“Gus Manning leaves behind a legacy that not only touched the University of Tennessee, but also the entire Southeastern Conference,” said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey. “Gus was involved in every area of Tennessee Athletics over the decades with his array of responsibilities and developed relationships throughout the SEC that made him an icon, not only on Rocky Top but throughout the Conference. He was a fixture for many years at the SEC Men’s Basketball Tournament and a regular presence at other events. Condolences to his family, the University of Tennessee and his many, many friends across the SEC and the country.”

Manning retired from working full-time at UT in 2000 but was a regular presence at Vols and Lady Vols athletics events for the next 17 years.

Tennessee is a worse place today because Gus Manning is no longer here.

