



## Keck grievance hearing set for KCSO Merit Board

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The grievance of former Corrections Officer Westley Keck is set to be heard by the Knox County Sheriff's Merit Board on March 1 at 9 a.m. in the City-County Building's main assembly room.

Keck, fired by Sheriff Tom Spangler following a domestic dispute three years ago, appealed his firing and a hearing on the appeal was scheduled a couple of times by the previous three-member merit council. Keck continued his grievance and a hearing is scheduled before the newly reorganized Merit Board.

Attorney Myers Morton has told the new board that each grievance case should be considered new although one case, that of Westley Keck, had been heard but not decided by the previous council.

Merit board Chairman Christopher Manning said subpoenas should be issued for the two officers who made the Keck arrest and the merit board should receive all the text from the prior hearing and the attorney general's ruling.

One more grievance, that was filed by long-standing current sheriff employee Lisa Jarrell, has been set for a hearing on April 12.

The Keck grievance will be the first heard by the new board, which was reorganized after reforms created by the Knox County Commission. The other members include former merit council members Jim Wright Jr. and John Marshall, and Kenny Boatman, Clarence Vaughn and Lindsey Willis.

## Jacquie Litton Brokers Sale of Midway IGA



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Realtor Jacquie Litton, Haven Gopal, Joe and Becky Longmire, Ellen and Dale Longmire, and Neal Gopal pose for a picture outside the Midway IGA.

## New Owners Receive Warm Welcome from Community

By Ralphine Major

It looked the same. It even felt the same when I walked inside even though I knew behind the scenes, something had changed. I was at the Midway IGA grocery store in the Gibbs Community on the day it officially changed hands. It was truly a historic moment in our rural community. On July 4, 1988, Joe and Dale Longmire purchased the original IGA that was located near Harbison's Crossroads at the intersection of Tazewell Pike and Emory Road where Home Federal now stands. In 1997 the Longmire brothers built the current IGA store as well as the

entire Gibbs Center located just a short distance down Tazewell Pike.

The Longmire brothers grew up in the grocery store business. Their parents ran Longmire's Grocery in the heart of Corryton for 35 years. The Gopal brothers, Haven and Neal, grew up in Bristol, Virginia. They followed in their parents' footsteps working in the hotel business. February 21, 2023, marked the start of a new chapter for the two brothers from Corryton and the two brothers from Bristol. The common thread linking them was a community grocery store. The person responsible for orchestrating a deal connecting

the Longmires and Gopals is longtime Knox Realtor Jacquie Litton who has been negotiating real estate deals since graduating from The University of Tennessee. But her qualifications go far beyond a degree. Jacquie Litton cultivates relationships with clients. Her connections with the Longmire family began early in life. Joe Longmire's wife, Becky, was Jacquie's seventh grade teacher at Gibbs. As a youngster, Jacquie would ride her bicycle to House Mountain Market on Washington Pike which was the Longmire brothers' first store. She and her husband, Barry, are members of the Corryton Community

as well. Focus readers may recall that Barry Litton is the owner of the popular Litton's Restaurant, a landmark establishment in Fountain City.

Jacquie knew both the Longmires and Haven. She put together an amazing deal that not only incorporated the obvious facts and figures of real estate transactions but also focused on values like "authenticity, fellowship, and community involvement" that have been such an important part of the IGA and Gibbs Community. As the page turns, a new chapter begins. Best wishes and many

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## Knox County Commission debates minimum age for corrections officers

By Bill Howard

What should be the minimum age for a corrections officer?

At its monthly meeting on Feb. 21, the Knox County Commission dealt with the issue. There is currently a shortage of some 93 corrections officers in the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Being considered was lowering the minimum age from 19 to 18.

KCSO Chief William Purvis addressed the commission at length.

"We're continually trying to recruit individuals to work in the corrections division," Purvis said. "We're at 93 vacancies. We've exhausted everything we

can to try to get individuals in. One group that we haven't been able to reach out to is the one just leaving high school. Would we be reaching out to 18-year-olds if we weren't in a crisis in corrections? Maybe not."

Purvis acknowledged an obvious obstacle: money. "The Sheriff has done everything he can to include bonuses and longevity raises," Purvis said. "Within the scope of his budget he's done everything possible to try to reach out to folks right now. I know there's a lot of concern about the training hours."

"Tennessee Corrections Institute requires basically

seven days of training and two of those are online," Purvis went on. "We have six weeks of training in the classroom and we have an additional on-the-job training program. If at any point in time someone does have issues, we will continue to train that individual until they are comfortable entering into that job."

"If we get to the end of the six-week process and the trainers see that their job skill isn't up to the standard, we can continue that training process up until that individual is able to do the job."

Sheriff Tom Spangler told the Commission that not all 18-year-olds are the same.

"I've gotta make sure we have the employees we need," Spangler said. "Not every 18-year-old is gonna make it through the vetting process before the psychological evaluation even comes into play."

Said Commissioner John Schoonmaker: "I'm willing to give them the chance. If you don't try something you'll never know it works. If a year and a half from now this is not the way to go, I'll be the first to say we need to move it back to 19."

"Noone makes an 18-year-old apply and makes them do this," said Commissioner Terry Hill. "This is not a case where anyone is telling these

high-school graduates they have to do this. I'm not sure it's our place to limit our high-school grads, those that may want to go into law enforcement, tell them they can't go in that direction because they haven't turned 19 yet."

"I do believe becoming

a law enforcement officer is a calling," said Commissioner Dasha Lundy. "Some people grow up and say that's what they wanna do. If this passes we need to make sure we create an environment of empowerment for the officer."

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# Pat Buchanan – America First Long Before Trump

From a distance



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I have had several heroes in my life – my Father, my Uncle Joe, Zane Daniel – and from a distance, Pat Buchanan.

I say from a distance because I never had the opportunity to get to know him in a close, personal way.

But I did get to know him through his columns, books, television appearances, and presidential campaigns.

The first time I met Pat Buchanan was

unforgettable to me but certainly never even given a second thought by him.

It was the summer of 1967, and I was working full-time in the Nixon For President campaign in Washington, D.C., on my break from UT.

The campaigns were much smaller back then, and there were about 20 people working in the D.C. Headquarters, while Pat Buchanan and Rosemary Woods worked for Mr. Nixon at his law firm in New York.

No candidates had Secret Service protection at that point, and Mr. Nixon often flew alone on an Eastern Airlines shuttle between New York and Washington.

I was told to go to National Airport the next day – a Saturday – and pick up Mr. Nixon and drive him wherever he wanted to go.

I was very excited and nervous and got to the airport very early. However, much to my disappointment, Pat Buchanan came instead.

He gave me a huge stack of press releases with directions on where to deliver them, said almost nothing to me, and left.

Instead of getting to spend time with Mr. Nixon himself, I got to spend a whole Saturday driving around Washington, by myself, delivering press releases.

In spite of this, I became a very big fan and wrote an article in 2019 in the American Conservative Magazine about Pat Buchanan being one of my heroes.

Tim Alberta, writing in Politico Magazine in 2017, described Buchanan as “that patriot from ordinary

stock whose life journey positioned him to witness, influence, and narrate the pivotal moments that shaped our modern world and changed the course of this country’s history.”

Diana Banister, who converted to Catholicism because of Pat Buchanan and who rode a bus from California to New Hampshire to campaign for him, said, “Pat seemed to understand conservatism better than anyone else. He was so articulate, so informed. He saw something before others saw it.”

Buchanan wrote in 1992: “Our resolve is to put America First again, and to keep America First. For 50 years we have liberated, defended, and aided nations all over the world. It was the right and just thing to do. But, now, we must begin

to look out for the forgotten Americans right here in the United States. Our great manufacturing base needs to be re-tooled and restored; our economy needs to be revived; our society needs to be healed; and our people need to become one again.”

He wrote in 2002: “In half a lifetime, many Americans have seen their God destroyed, their heroes defiled, their culture polluted, their values assaulted, their country invaded, and themselves demonized as extremists and bigots for holding on to the belief Americans have held for generations.”

A few weeks ago, Pat Buchanan announced he was retiring his nationally syndicated column. This was a loss for me. It was a loss for the country.

Pat Buchanan was a fighter. He didn’t back down to anyone. Yet, even those he debated for years on television said he was one of the kindest, most likable men they knew.

I was thrilled when he spent an hour with me having lunch in the House Dining Room a few years ago.

I ended the article I wrote about him in the American Conservative by quoting from a short-lived television show called Grand. Its opening theme song had these words: “See, we’re all different drummers playing in the same big band, and if you’re going to play it, play it grand.”

Pat Buchanan played it grand. He lived his life in the arena, inspired millions all over this country, and was a hero to me.

# DEI: Useless or Useful?

There is little doubt that diversity, equity and inclusion have added administrative bloat on many college campuses. Ron DeSantis has asked for an accounting of DEI on Florida’s campuses. It was reported that one university had 31 administrators solely devoted to DEI. One conservative website claimed that “The average American university has more than 45 individuals with jobs devoted to promoting so-called diversity, equity, and inclusion.” It further states that “DEI programs push divisive identity politics as well as distorted narratives about American History.” Personally, I find it hard to believe that the average university has 45 plus jobs solely to promoting DEI. What would all those folks do? While it is true that universities have engaged in administrative bloat in the



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face of declining enrollments, 45 DEI administrators would have difficulty finding something to do. At best, many DEI officials engage in make-work. For example, many universities require their professors who are already overwhelmingly progressives to swear on the DEI altar. They have to sign statements, often put statements on course syllabi and take tests to determine implicit bias. Clearly, none of this is significant and given the professors’ politics is redundant. No matter. Your flaming lib sociology professor with the Karl Marx poster may be a closet racist. Too often, even progressive professors look down their noses at DEI administrators claiming that those positions were just added to increase the high administrators’ kingdom and to provide make-work for minorities.

DEI staffing may be bloated but that is the norm for campus administrations. I would wager that administrators could be cut by a third without any loss of function. However, I do not favor the elimination of DEI on campus. Yes, on some campuses, DEI needs to pivot in order to actually be useful. Some universities have programs that advocate racial segregation with no whites allowed. This amazes me since it is whites who are okaying programs to exclude other whites. There are black dorms, black programs, black scholarships, black workshops and black initiatives. If it were reversed, the condemnation would be deafening. Some universities teach Critical Race Theory which brands all whites as racists – including liberal professors.

But DEI on campus need not do any of these. Rather it would serve a useful purpose if it provided a foundation for first-generation college students to acclimate

to the university. Rather than segregating by race, DEI should bring students together to get to know each other and to discuss important issues that arise on campus. For me, the ideal model is what is averred on the University of Tennessee’s DEI website. It reads “We are committed to supporting the creation of equitable and inclusive spaces for students, faculty, and staff, with a focus on removing structural barriers and fostering an atmosphere in which every member of the campus community matters and belongs. We work to advance access, accountability, an inclusive campus climate, and equity while combating racism, bias, and discrimination.” This is ideal. Instead of being exclusive as some DEI programs clearly are at other universities, this statement aims to truly be inclusive and the only way to accomplish that is to include students from all backgrounds, all beliefs and all political views. Moreover, on a college campus, DEI should further the mission of the university to promote educational and professional advancement and excellence. Unfortunately, too many of our colleges have lowered academic standards and encourage mediocrity rather than excellence. Rigorous courses have been eliminated

from those that are required or eliminated altogether. Exams are now mostly machine-graded true-false and multiple choice. I became increasingly frustrated with my undergraduate students over the years. They knew less and less about less and less. Sometimes, I would wager my seniors that they could not get 50 percent on an entrance exam to Bronx High School administered in 1888. They said they could so the bet was that if they made 50 percent I would increase their final grade one level, but if they got less than 50 percent, I would reduce it one level. I let them see the exam first. None of them took it. I was asked occasionally by students “Why do you know so much?” My response was always “Why do you know so little?”

I know it is asking the impossible, but I would like to see the universities recommit themselves to academic excellence. Ideally, DEI could help lead the way by exposing students to successful people from all backgrounds in various fields who have triumphed against daunting odds. DEI could play a valuable role on college campuses. That it does not is an indictment of campus administrators and not of DEI.

## Commission

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Commissioner Carson Daily asked Purvis how many years experience he had in law enforcement; the answer was close to 40. It was noted that Sheriff Tom Spangler had about as much.

“I’ll trust 80 years of experience,” said Dailey. He then asked Purvis if there was a shadow program for new recruits.

Purvis replied that each new hire had a one-year probationary period, and was evaluated at six, nine, and 12 months.

Said Commission Gina Oster: “We wouldn’t be looking at 18-year-olds if we had 93 officers. I can’t wrap my mind around anybody thinking putting an 18-year-old in a pod with career criminals makes sense. To me it doesn’t.”

Commissioner Kim Frazier told Purvis she was having difficulty deciding because she herself had sons who were 17 and 18.

The motion to allow 18-year-olds to be hired passed with seven yeses, one no. and two passes.

Voting yes were Lundy, Hill, Schoonmaker, Kyle Ward, Larsent Jay, Richie Beeler, and Rhonda Lee. Oster voted no. Frazier and Courtney Durett passed.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Pirates Walk the Plank

The little band of political pirates who boarded the GOP Ship of State two years ago walked the plank earlier this month. Erik Wiatr and his merry band sought to perpetuate their hold on the throat of the local Republican Party organization. Slick hand cards appeared promoting a "ticket" loyal to Wiatr with prospective Knoxville city mayoral candidate Keith Lyon heading it.

Daniel Herrera opened the Knox County GOP Reorganization meeting with a speech lauding himself and his law practice.

The contest came down to a fight between the Wiatr loyalists and the rest of the Republicans. The alternative to Keith Lyon was Buddy Burkhardt, a former chair of the Knox County Republican Party. Burkhardt spoke first (speakers appeared in alphabetical order) in a short little talk emphasizing the grassroots of the party; Burkhardt stated under the previous regime, the grassroots had been ignored. Burkhardt reminded the gathering it was that same

grassroots who had funded and worked for and built-up Knox County's Republican Party that had made it the majority party.

The contrast between the candidates became evident when Lyon took the podium and gave a lengthy talk about his program and background. The delegates became restive as Lyon spoke as there likely weren't 10 people attending who didn't already have their minds made up.

When former state Representative Roger Kane announced the results, the room collectively let out its breath. Knox County Democrats won't find Burkhardt and his administration as such an inviting target as Herrera. The Democrats won't find it as easy to fund raise off of Buddy Burkhardt and the local Republican party as they did Herrera and Wiatr.

A few oddities were noted during the voting with some delegates roaming the floor who were known to vote in other counties and must have moved to Knox County in recent weeks. Evidently, the Wiatr workers couldn't float in enough roving patriots or disqualify enough delegates to squeeze out a majority.

Outside the Herrera-Wiatr crowd, the local Republican Party came together as never before. Factions that had never agreed on anything agreed that it was time for internal strife to end; to stop allowing the party's resources to be used for personal profit and to challenge incumbent GOP officeholders.

Some delegates sought to make light of the previous Focus editorial by

wearing pirate garb. By the end of the meeting, the pirates had walked the plank, and the pirate garb was no where to be found.

## And Poof! It Was Gone

State Representative Elaine Davis is serving her first term and has sponsored a slew of bills, including one that would kill Early Voting. Evidently, Elaine heard about it from some folks and dropped it like a hot rock without any explanation of any kind.

The math was evident from the beginning. Even more Republicans than Democrats vote early. Davis dropped the bill in record time.

## Will Bridge Be An Issue In Upcoming City Council Races?

The University of Tennessee has announced its plan to buy property directly across from the proposed bridge to nowhere. UT is buying the area near Scottish Pike for \$9 million for student housing, etc. The City of Knoxville is already paying 150,000 taxpayer dollars just to find someone who can write a grant proposal in order to secure federal funds. Evidently, there's nobody either in the city government or at the University of Tennessee who can write grant proposals, necessitating the expenditure of more taxpayer dollars for some private firm to do the job.

Funding for the bridge, which conveniently comes out at Thompson-Boiling arena, is supposed to be

comprised of a variety of sources with the City of Knoxville chipping in 6 million more taxpayer dollars. The bridge is supposed to cost somewhere around \$50 million and from what I've seen, the folks pushing the new bridge are thinking they might snag \$25 million in grant funding. Add the City's \$6 million to that amount and it comes to \$31 million. Where does the other \$19 million come from?

Nobody has ever explained why other governments - - - and every Knoxville taxpayer is also a county, state and federal taxpayer - - - would chip in for a project that so clearly benefits the University of Tennessee and nobody else. It will add significantly to growing traffic problems along an already overburden Chapman Highway, add nothing in the way of more property to the tax rolls, and quite possibly continue to drive up rents.

Opposition is beginning to form, but the current city council and Indya Kincannon will move ahead, but the bridge may very well be an issue in the coming city council races.

## No Consequences For Bad Behavior Won't Work

Daniel Buck, a teacher, has a new book out entitled, "What Is Wrong With Our Schools: The Ideology Impoverishing Our Schools and How We Can Do Better for Our Students." In his book, Buck argues discipline in the classroom is an essential ingredient in learning. Buck is no fan of restorative practices.

"I think the idea we're going to solve misbehavior is kind of utopian," Buck said. Yet the author and educator flatly states that is the idea promoted by progressives.

"If we just get the system right, then kids are going to behave. And that's never going to happen," Buck says. Daniel Buck argues instead schools need a strong disciplinary "system in place that anticipates and responds to misbehavior."

The current lack of discipline in the classroom is causing school systems across the country to lose teachers, who quit or retire early. Readers will recall we saw a situation that could have come right out of Buck's book. There was a period of time when South-Doyle Middle School was in dire shape due to a lack of enforcing a disciplinary policy. Fully 25% of the teaching staff left. The downtown administration had to move principals around to stop the slide.

Daniel Buck teaches middle school English and language arts. Asked by an interviewer, Buck said he is deeply concerned because of "the removal of consequences and discipline in schools."

"There's this trend, in the broader American politics, everyone's arguing about policing and bail reform. Similar arguments are happening in schools, but people just aren't as aware of it. So, getting rid of things like suspensions, expulsions, detentions, and there's a school, I think it's in Dallas, that has, instead of, if you kick a kid out of class for one reason or

another, instead of going to the principal, they go to a reset center where there's bean bags and snacks and they get to hang out."

Buck strongly disagrees with the philosophy behind the idea and stated, "So the idea that we're just kind of going to friendly kids, we're going to just be nice to them, and then they're going to behave well - - - which any parent knows, that's not how parenting, that's not how teaching, that's not how raising children works."

Buck said the removal of consequences and discipline is "just proving a nightmare." Buck contends the current educational system is the same woke approach pressed by progressives everywhere. "This idea that adults having authority is oppressive. There's this trendy idea that the teacher-student relationship is the same as the oppressor-oppressed dynamic of Marx. So, imposing any kind of rules on children is oppressive, even racist. And that's really what's causing it, is just these woke ideas are becoming mainstream in education."

Buck mentioned the case of one teacher who wrote an open letter to her school board, saying she was becoming fearful of going to work. Instead of teaching, the teacher wrote she and many of her colleagues spend their time "trying to put out bigger fires like fights, vandalism, the destruction of property."

Too many Americans have forgotten or never learned the old adage, "You get what you tolerate."

# You are Liable for Your Spouse's Construction Contract

So your spouse decides to hire a construction company to build an addition to your house...without telling you.

As with many construction contracts, things go sideways halfway through the project and your spouse fires the construction company and refuses to pay them the remaining funds they are owed under the contract.



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Within the next few months a lawsuit arrives at your door that lists both your spouse and you as defendants. Wait a second, you had nothing to do with that contract! You did not even want an addition!

Unfortunately, Tennessee law states that you are on the hook anyway for the construction contract your spouse signed.

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# New Owners Receive Warm Welcome from Community

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blessings go with the Longmire brothers in their well-deserved retirement. They will long be remembered after they leave the store. To the Gopal brothers-- "Welcome to the Gibbs Community!" I was thrilled to hear the new owners say they were "excited to be in Gibbs and excited to keep the Longmire name and legacy going." The community owes a huge "thank you" to Jacquie Litton for finding the right persons to continue the all-important

legacy that the Longmires started at the IGA in Gibbs Center.

By the time I left the store, it was getting later in the afternoon. The sun would soon be setting on this day, a day that had brought huge changes to the local grocery store in our rural community. Yet, in a strange way, everything still seemed the same when I walked out of the IGA. The spirit of community was still there. Truly amazing!

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## Author’s Guild to meet

The Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30. Published authors are invited to attend. AGT is now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book but are not yet published. Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT Website for updates and information: authors-guildoftn.org.

## You are Liable

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the contract within 10 days after learning of the contract.”

Ouch! I have no idea who would actually be aware of this law in order to object to being liable for a contract, but unless you do so, you are on the hook for any construction contract your spouse signs.

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# Heavy Industrial zoning and Tax Break for Riverside mixed-use approved

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It’s unusual for a property in a traditional single-family neighborhood to have its zoning changed to Heavy Industrial, but last week the Knoxville City Council did just that.

CMC Steel US LLC has promised not to expand any further if allowed to use part of their property for storage, which would be hidden behind fencing and trees. The company also promised no entry to the lot from New York Avenue and has locked gates all around their site, locks that are accessible by the fire department. One council member said she had visited the site and the change would have “minimal effect” on the residential

neighborhood.

Councilman Charles Thomas said the change is the “most appropriate use of the property.”

Other zoning changes approved by the council included 910 Zoe Way, from Office Park to Single Family Residential; three lots on Linden Avenue from RN-4 General Residential to RN-5 General Residential; 2337 Money Place from Neighborhood Commercial to RN-2 Single Family Residential; and Zero Cross Park Drive from Office to Highway Commercial zoning.

The council also approved a tax break for a proposed multi-use development at 1624 Riverside Drive.

The eight-acre Dominion

Riverside LLC complex will have 350 residential units as well as retail space and parking for 875 vehicles. The city hopes the development helps open the river for visitation and recreation.

“This is a win for East Knoxville,” Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie said. The development is next to Ned McWherter Park, a little-used city water park. “I’m very excited about this project,” she said.

The council also approved \$100,000 to purchase 18 tracts of property for the Burlington Streetscapes Project, \$5.2 million for street resurfacing in a contract with Rogers Group Inc. and increased a contract with McKinnon Construction to \$3.2 million

for the Atlantic Avenue Sidewalk Project.

About \$1.2 million was approved for the 2023 Sidewalk Replacement Project with Design and Construction Services and an easement was granted to Round Up Restaurant on Sevierville Pike to use part of the right of way there.

LMK Communications LLC, doing business as Segra, was granted permission to build and operate a fiber optic network in certain parts of the city and an application to the federal Department of Justice for \$700,000 was approved for the police forensic unit.

# City to apply for \$25 million for UT Pedestrian Bridge

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With the federal deadline looming, the Knoxville City Council agreed to apply for a grant from the Department of Transportation for \$25 million with UT and the City promising an additional \$6 million for the project.

The pedestrian and bike bridge will link the university with South Knoxville near West Blount Avenue and the former site of the Ready Mix plant. Apparently, UT has moved ahead of the project and purchased the landing site on the south bank.

About \$150,000 has been set aside by the city

to prepare the application.

Two council members questioned the application and the need for the span and two citizens spoke against the idea. Tyler Gibbons said any need for the bridge is spurred because UT is “packing in too many freshmen” without adequate housing.

Vivian Shipe said the money could be used for much-needed projects and said the local homeless would be camping beneath the proposed bridge.

“This is a long-standing idea,” replied Mayor Indya Kincannon, who added the bridge cannot be built without the cooperation

of the city, UT, the state and the federal government, adding, “We’re going to need all the partners together.” She said she and UT have signed a memorandum of understanding about the financing of the project.

“We can’t do it without them,” the mayor said of UT and the federal grant adding that UT has agreed to abide by South Knoxville Codes if it builds mixed-use buildings at the south landing.

Councilwoman Seema Singh questioned the project and referred to 2006 and 2015 when similar grant proposals were

sought but no funding was granted. Knoxville Chief Operating Officer David Brace responded that UT will pay for one-half of the local cost.

Brace said UT “took a big chance” in purchasing the south shore property.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker said the city should wait until the results of South Knoxville open houses are made public, adding “We have very little information.”

Questions about adequate parking for the UT development on the south shore were raised along with how the local residents there feel. Current

South Knox regulations prohibit parking garages or lots. A single-car underpass beneath the railroad leading to the site along Scottish Pike was also mentioned.

“I’m glad that UT is finally ready,” Councilman Tommy Smith, who represents the area, said of the new effort to get funding.

Councilman Andrew Roberto mentioned the benefits to UT from the project and Councilwoman Lauren Rider said more information would be helpful.

The final vote was 7-2 with Singh and Parker voting against the application.





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## The Doctor is in

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### Crazies

Remember, no country that lost its moral compass and character has ever kept its liberty.

General Michael Flynn.

I can't keep up with the Biden Administration's disasters. If I wrote a story every day, I couldn't chronicle all of the mayhem they create. On Presidents' Day, Biden had the gall to go to Ukraine instead of supporting the people in East Palestine, Ohio. He promised Zelensky more money and arms to fight Russian aggression while doing didly-squat for the citizens of Ohio.

I am not an isolationist, and I am sympathetic with the Ukrainian people, but I care more about my own border - eliminated by iPOTUS - than Ukraine's border. We're now fighting another war in Europe - the third in the last 100 years

- which is the result of poor foreign policy. We are pushing Putin into economic and military ties with China and risking nuclear war. NATO and the free world are now fighting a proxy war in Ukraine against Communist Russia and China. WWI began with similar lunacies of escalating tensions and shadowy alliances.

Recently, I woke up in the middle of the night worrying about the European war, destructive Democrat policies, my family and EMP weapons. What?

I first heard of electromagnetic pulse weapons (EMP) some years ago when I read "One Second After" by William R. Forstchen. I don't like apocalyptic stories, but I was intrigued by the author who was ex-military and taught history in a western Carolina college where the 2009 book takes place. I won't tell you about

the novel or the sequel, "One Year After," but you need to be aware of the dangers we face.

A nuclear detonation at ~70,000 feet is designed to produce a surge of gamma radiation instead of ground level destruction. This radiation interacts with atoms in the atmosphere, stripping electrons from their nuclei and creating a secondary pulse wave of electromagnetic radiation. This wave is designed to disrupt electrical signals, and will literally fry microcircuitry such as computer chips. The electrical grid will collapse, cars won't run and planes will fall from the air.

President Trump commissioned experts to find ways to protect our electric grid from an EMP attack by shielding our infrastructure. Biden canceled this project. The huge Chinese balloon was shot down at 60,000 feet. Now, I'm no expert, but it certainly seems plausible that a balloon flying over our country could be a vehicle for transporting a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse weapon.

I've been thinking. What would it be like if you woke up some morning and everything that you held as true was false? A friend recently discovered her spouse has been unfaithful for years, and she has been forced to

confront that terrible reality. I've been wondering what it would be like for someone who voted for Joe Biden to be confronted with the reality of his mayhem and dementia.

I recently wrote that Becky and I saw Hamilton. The staging and the choreography were wonderful. And although much of the history is told in rap, which is not my thing, the story is nonetheless compelling. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison hated Hamilton and worked to destroy him. However, at the end of the play, they were confronted with the reality that Hamilton was a genius and moved the country "from bankruptcy to prosperity." I wonder if anyone else in the audience considered the analogy to "45."

Becky is the manager of our home and is the undisputed Queen of Kroger coupons and gas points. Consequently, we were troubled to hear of a young mother who was shot to death in a Kroger parking lot in Columbia, South Carolina. A friend recently told me about a teenager who asked her to explain her bumper sticker thanking President Trump for Operation Warp Speed. The teenager's mother flew into a rage when my friend answered the young

man's question. I've always thought that driving in parking lots is dangerous. But it may not be just automobiles. Crazies are dangerous, especially now that crime and Gotham have spread to Main Street.

The leadership of the FBI, DOJ and Department of Homeland Security are crazy. They seem to think that white supremacists are everywhere so they continue to investigate parents at school board meetings, the Catholic Church and perhaps conservatives who write newspaper columns.

I have never known a white supremacist. Last week I read of a woman in Florida who was randomly shooting at cars and killed someone. Neither the South Carolina or Florida women murderers are white or reportedly "supremacists." Perhaps it's just me, but it seems like the Feds should be addressing the daily carnage in Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia and other Democrat run cities. And here's another factoid: people who are licensed to carry a firearm rarely commit murders.

But there is more. Just in the last few weeks I've read of food processing plants being destroyed, 100,000 chickens burnt up at a chicken farm, people shooting and disabling power

stations in North Carolina and a renewable energy plant in Miami consumed by fire. You hadn't heard of this last conflagration? Well, neither had my friend who lives in Miami because the news media didn't report it. And another train just derailed in the Midwest, but Pothol Pete says there's no problem. "We have 1000 train derailments a year."

You've seen the mayhem commercial. I see it as a metaphor for the Democrat's America. There is a perspective in medicine called the "captain of the ship." As a doctor, I was responsible for the actions of my staff just as a surgeon is responsible for the people in the operating room. I blame the progressive liberal Democrats, the DEI warriors and woke anarchists for the mayhem in our country. And I blame the crazies who vote for them.

You can't fix something unless you have a diagnosis. I have the diagnosis. The cure is a return to faith in God and The Constitution. The NFL finally gets it after the Damar Hamlin collapse. The revival at Kentucky's Asbury College is a good sign. So, I pray the crazies are driven to their knees and we can all be saved.

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The SoKno Art Trail is a Legacy Parks proposal to run along the railroad tracks near the South Knoxville Waterfront.

## SoKno Art Trail proposed by Legacy Parks

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The South Knoxville waterfront area is booming with new businesses, improved and paved sidewalks, apartment buildings and a proposed pedestrian bridge to link it with the UT Campus. The entrance to the Urban Wilderness Gateway,

Suttree Landing Park and an expanded river walk may be enhanced with yet another project.

Legacy Park is hoping to raise \$1.5 million to create a 1.5 mile-trail along the Gulf & Ohio railroad line stretching from Chapman Highway to the Island Home neighborhood. The trail

would run through the heart of the South Knoxville business district and add to the 50 miles of trails in that part of town.

The SoKno Art Trail would offer a pedestrian connection to the Urban Wilderness and a public display of murals, sculptures, graffiti and youth-created artworks.

## Good Neighbor of the Year to be named Thursday

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The Office of Neighborhoods is doing something different this year. This Thursday a special dinner will be held at The Brookside to announce the Good Neighbor of the Year and the Liaison Officer of the Year.

Normally the nominees are announced and then chosen at the annual Neighborhood Conference but this year the nominating neighborhood representatives and their nominees will be attending the event.

Nominees for Good Neighbor of the Year include Amy Hathaway, nominated by Forest Heights Neighborhood Association; Eric Johnson,

Vestal Community Organization; Jeff Johnson, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association; Mae Moody (posthumous), Murray Drive/Wilkerson Road Neighborhood Watch; and Margareth Olsson, Old North Knoxville.

Nominated as Knoxville Police Liaison Officer of the Year are: Officer Adam Barnett, South Haven Neighborhood Association; Officer Seth Blaine, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association; and Officer Don Mullins, Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association.

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# The Mystery of the Creative Power of God

When Jesus came to usher in the kingdom of God and when Peter and John talk about the new heaven and new earth, mysteriously describes these things. You might say the Bible in its entirety is about the mystery by which the power of God works to form this world into the New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven from God, like a bride that is beautifully dressed for her husband.

This begs the question: How does God use power to achieve His ends? God used an ethic that looks different from anything you would expect. When Jesus walked this earth, He didn't use power in the way you would expect. From

His temptations on, Jesus refused to use His miraculous power to draw attention to Himself and set up a human system of power and control. Jesus showed that His kingdom is about love and being a champion of life.

I think the best place to begin is to go back to the beginning, creation itself, where we see the mystery of the creative power of God. Genesis 1 shows God creating everything. In fact, after God created the water, the land, the plants, the trees, the mountains, and all the animals – it was good. God saw all that he had made and declared it good. After the sixth day, when God had created man, we have these words: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day" (Gen. 1:31).

Notice that the creation of man was not just good, but very good. I think that we have a tendency to

forget how incredible life really is. It is truly miraculous. This is something I love about being around kids. They tend to see the wonder in God's creation that we older people miss or forget about. I can't tell you how many times my kids, when they were small, would bring into the house a rock, a bug, a frog, a firefly. To them, it was something worth showing off. You have to admit, when you look at a firefly, God did something pretty amazing there.

Consider some amazing facts of our earth. Each day, the atmosphere, God's protective shield around our earth, keeps us from being hit by one hundred tons of small rocks and other pieces of space debris that would otherwise destroy the earth. There are nineteen essential factors that not only make life on earth unique and miraculous but provide the precise conditions for life to be possible at all. Here is just one example of the nineteen:

the alignment of the earth's poles, thankfully, is off by exactly 23.5 degrees which creates the earth's tilt on its axis. This detail is why we have seasons and climates. Without this tilt, we would either freeze to death or burn up.

To me, it takes more faith to believe that all of this just happened on its own (materialistic worldview – no outside force guiding creation by intelligent design) than to believe in a divine creator behind it. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands" (Psalm 19:1). God is crying out. Are we listening? We need to keep our wonder when it comes to God's creation. When you lose that sense of wonder, the easier it is to devalue life and even to destroy it with no hesitation. We want to keep our awe of fireflies and ladybugs. We want to view the stars and sunsets and recognize them as moments of worship.

# A Wall Can Teach Us All

I watched the State of the Union message. Senators and members of the House mingled for several minutes before the official proceedings began. The cameras showed what one might have thought was a meeting of good friends. However, when the gavel struck, it was as if the bell for the



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first round of a prize fight had begun.

The GOP side interrupted the president. They blamed him for too many illegal immigrants, pooh-poohed his pledge to veto bills, and screamed "Liar" at the leader of

the country. The Democrats proved to be rowdy as well when they whooped and cheered for some proposed legislation that the opponents find unacceptable. All in all, it was a night that lacked any signs of bipartisanship or respect.

The U.S. democracy lags in second place to a speedy, dark opponent: extremism. Leaders of the race are the fringes of both parties. The loss to either side is the death knell to democracy. The American people seem to have forgotten the importance of a democratic country, a free homeland. How sad and discouraging that is.

My son-in-law is responsible for the writing of this column. He developed a site on YouTube recently. His intentions were to save old VHS tapes from his youth. The title of the site is "darkWorkOne." it is a compilation of touring by his family during the time the Air Force stationed his dad in Germany. The film

covers those adventures in 1989. What is captured are the two worlds of that country one day and the reunification of it the next.

Nick's family took a tour of Berlin. Part of the trip covered the Eastern section, the portion of Germany on the communist side. The bus stopped at Check Point Charlie, and Nick remembers the stop as a scary time.

On the other side of the wall, Berlin was stark. Old buildings stood, some of them leftovers from World War II. They were bombed-out shells. An eerie quiet filled their ears. Folks weren't stopping to talk to visitors. Perhaps they feared the reactions of soldiers eyeing every move.

On the western side, life much more resembled what Americans enjoy. Shops and tourist attractions welcomed travelers. Still, the wall loomed across the city, and between sides lay "no man's land," a much farther distance than I had realized. Individuals had to cross that barren stretch of ground to reach freedom in the west. The names of those who failed were printed on large white crosses, and some were infants.

The next day, November 9, a different mood existed. The films that Nick's dad recorded showed a slow drip of people swelling to a tsunami of individuals and vehicles swamping

checkpoints used to cross into freedom. Escapees streamed to the west, and when a siren sounded, their paces quickened. At those crossing points, West German residents and tourists met them with smiles, hugs, and pats. Nick and his family handed out candy to children in cars and flowers to women who had finally found freedom.

It was that collection of films that made me feel so sad for our own country. I urge everyone to watch Nick's films from the day before and the day of the knocking down of that wall. There you will see the great joy and unspeakable thanks for democracy. Those people who'd been captive in the WW II world of Berlin left the gray skies for sunny ones. They walked into a life of possibilities. Freedom became sacred, and it was worth defending.

We in the U.S. need to watch Nick's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/@darkWorkOne](http://www.youtube.com/@darkWorkOne) and then think how little in recent times we have appreciated our democracy. Other forms of government are not close to what we've always enjoyed. Perhaps the happiness and smiles and dedication of East Germans can now inspire us to heal old wounds and once again become the last, best hope for freedom.

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# The Last Campaign: Overton vs. Orgill

## Pages from the Past



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The story of Samuel Watkins Overton is as interesting as it was turbulent. Overton came from one of Tennessee's most aristocratic families; his great-great-grandfather John Overton was one of the Volunteer State's most distinguished citizens. John Overton was one of the founders of Memphis; in fact, it was John Overton who owned the forest which was cleared to build the City of Memphis. Watkins Overton was also the maternal grandson of Napoleon Hill, one of the most notable and wealthiest individuals in Memphis. Hill, no relation to the "self-help" author of the same name, became wealthy as a partner in a cotton and wholesale grocery business. Napoleon Hill became president of the Cotton Exchange in the Bluff City and was one of the owners of the first streetcar systems in Memphis. Hill invested money in the steel industry in Birmingham, Alabama as well as the Union and Planters Bank, which became Union Planters.

The enormous wealth accumulated by Napoleon Hill was evidenced by his spectacular home built in downtown Memphis, a mansion built in the baroque style of the French Renaissance style of architecture. It was said when Hill died his was the largest estate in Tennessee.

Watkins Overton possessed an impeccable pedigree coming from two very wealthy and notable families. The income from vast real estate holdings made it unnecessary for Watkins Overton to work, yet he became an attorney, joining the law firm founded by Kenneth D. McKellar, then serving his first term in the United States Senate following six years of service as the congressman from Shelby County.

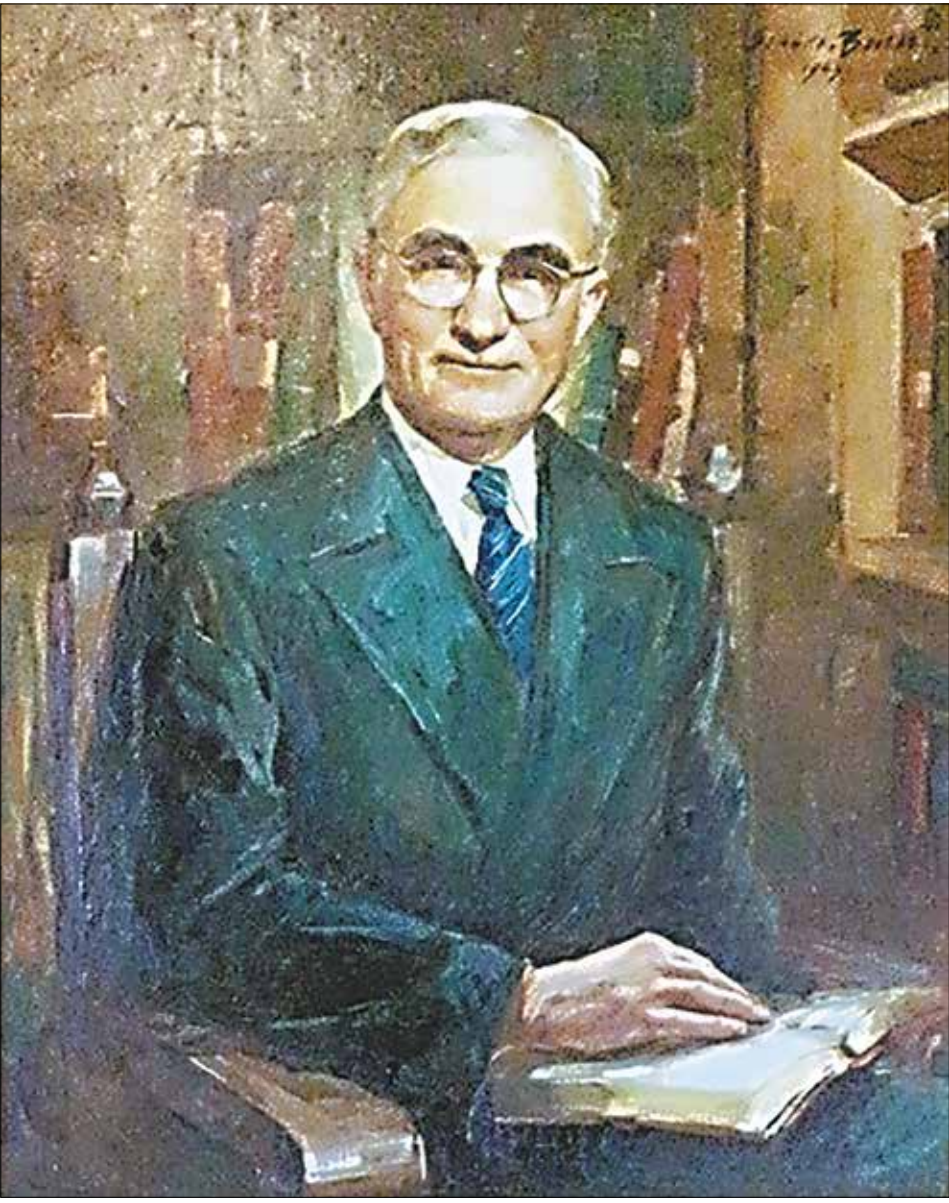
No one ever accused Watkins Overton of being lazy; quite the contrary, Overton was known for working hard at his job and his diligence. By 1924, Overton had been noticed by Edward Hull Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization. Crump sponsored Watkins Overton as a candidate for the Tennessee House of Representatives. Two years later, Overton was elevated to the State Senate. Crump had yet to fully consolidate his political power inside Shelby County, which he hoped to do in the 1927 mayoral election. Crump backed Watkins Overton to challenge incumbent Rowlett Paine. Following a hard-fought and bitter campaign, Watkins Overton eked out a narrow victory. From that time until his death in 1954, E. H. Crump was the master of Memphis politics. One good reason for Crump's influence in city elections was the record built by

Watkins Overton. To this day, many consider Overton to have been the greatest mayor the City of Memphis ever had. Mayor Overton's accomplishments still dot the landscape of the city. Watkins Overton was the mayor during some of the most challenging of times for the City of Memphis and its people. Overton guided Memphis through the hardships of the Great Depression and was mayor when the Great Flood of 1937 inundated areas of the city. The suffering in Memphis from the Depression was considerably alleviated by the position of influence held by Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth McKellar. McKellar was the ranking member of the Senate's powerful Appropriations Committee, the portal through which every federal dollar allocated by the government passed. Senator McKellar was much admired by not only his colleagues, but also by the people of Tennessee for his propensity to direct as many of those federal dollars as he could get to the Volunteer State. Mayor Watkins Overton worked closely with Senator McKellar in steering projects, which meant jobs for local men and women, and dollars for Memphis, which did much to help insulate the Bluff City from the worst aspects of the Great Depression.

It was the administration of Mayor Watkins Overton that righted the financial ship of the City of Memphis, turning a \$900,000 deficit into a million-dollar surplus. Overton oversaw much of the development of modern Memphis, including one of the best zoos in the world at the time, as well as Crump Stadium, the Overton Park Shell, and a state-of-the-art Humane Society facility.

Even the Mayor's critics readily acknowledged Watkins Overton possessed a remarkable mind for the many technical aspects of public policy, not the least of which was finance. Recognized as "a man of strong sentiments" he was also highly cognizant and sympathetic where those less fortunate were concerned. A reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar recalled Overton as "a man of dignity and a man of warmth and humor." Overton was also well able to handle his end of any argument and was known for his "eloquent rebuttals to personal attacks" by political opponents.

A diminutive man, Watkins Overton was always well-dressed and exemplified the courtly Southern gentleman. E. H. Crump was not well-known for his ability to get along well with others; quite the contrary. James A. Farley, Franklin D. Roosevelt's Postmaster Master General and chief dispenser of patronage during the New Deal, knew



Official portrait of Mayor Watkins Overton of Memphis.

every important politician in the country during his heyday. Farley once said apparently the only person Crump could get along with for any extended period of time was Senator McKellar. Watkins Overton might very well have agreed with that assessment of the Memphis Boss. Overton was a determined leader with a mind of his own, a man of ability. It was quite likely the relationship between Mayor Overton and E. H. Crump would become untenable after a period of time.

Crump had shoved aside Congressman Hubert Fisher in 1930 by abruptly announcing his own candidacy for Congress that year. Fisher, who was growing increasingly deaf, wisely opted not to run again. After being reelected in 1932, the Memphis Boss decided he didn't much like being in Washington, D.C., for half of the year. Crump owned a very successful insurance company, as well as other business interests, and found it difficult to attend to his personal affairs and disliked being away from his family. Nor did the Memphis Boss much like the idea of being only one of 435 members of the House of Representatives. In the nation's Capitol, Crump was constantly reminded of the prestige and power of Senator McKellar and it was hardly surprising the Boss preferred to return home to Memphis where he was the dominant political figure.

In 1939, Overton and Crump fell out in a sensational disagreement over the City of Memphis purchasing the local power company. Memphis had been the first city in Tennessee to use power generated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, which provided its citizenry with cheaper electric rates. The end result of the dispute was Crump had his way and Watkins Overton resigned after serving for eleven years as mayor of Memphis. The former mayor exited the office with an emotional blast at Crump, saying he would never raise his hand in salute to any dictator.

Much of the trouble between Crump and Mayor Overton may well have been instigated, at least to some degree, by Ralph Picard, who was once described as "a brilliant and vigorous young newspaper reporter" who had joined the administration in 1935. Picard quickly became a confidant of the Mayor and pushed Overton to become politically independent of Crump. Ralph Picard had political designs himself, working with Overton to create the Council of Civic Clubs and organizing a strong and vibrant Young Democratic Club of Shelby County. Picard saw himself as building his own political organization to replace that of the Crump machine.

Following Watkins Overton's exit from the mayor's office, Ralph Picard waged a quixotic bid for Congress in a 1940 special election to fill the seat of former congressman Walter Chandler who E. H. Crump had summoned home to serve as mayor in place of Overton. Crump backed Clifford Davis who crushed Picard. Ralph Picard left Memphis for Washington, D.C. where he was employed by the Department of Agriculture.

For a time, Watkins Overton resumed the practice of law and managing his investments and properties. In 1947, Overton was approached by Ed Crump who urged the former mayor to run for president of the city school board. Overton agreed and was elected. As usual, Watkins Overton worked hard at his new position and enjoyed something of a political reconciliation with the Memphis Boss. That rapprochement was close enough that Watkins Overton was elected mayor of Memphis once again by the City Commission in

1949 following the resignation of James J. Pleasant, Jr.

One likely reason for Watkins Overton being reinstalled as mayor was due to the defeat suffered by the Crump machine in 1948. The 1948 election represented the greatest political mistake of Ed Crump's long political career and it was the worst defeat ever suffered by the machine. Crump had decided he would no longer support Tennessee's junior United States senator, Tom Stewart for reelection. The Memphis Boss notified Stewart of his decision and almost certainly expected the senator to quietly retire. If so, the Memphis Boss was surprised when Stewart stubbornly announced he would be a candidate for reelection and denounced Crump roundly. Crump's mistake was compounded by his decision to back an obscure Circuit Court judge from Cookeville, John A. Mitchell, for the Democratic nomination instead. Some Crump associates indicate the Memphis Boss was influenced by Will Gerber who had whispered Senator Stewart was antisemitic, which was untrue. Crump had never even met Judge Mitchell when he endorsed him for the U. S. Senate.

Crump's mistake opened the door for the candidacy of Chattanooga Congressman Estes Kefauver who ran as an opponent of the machine. The contest for the Democratic senatorial nomination became a three-way affair between Senator Stewart, Congressman Kefauver and Judge Mitchell. Crump was bitterly opposed to Kefauver, who won the nomination with a plurality of 42% of the ballots cast. Mitchell carried little more than his home

county of Putnam and Crump's domain of Shelby County. Senator Stewart ran second and it was clear Crump's backing of Mitchell had not only defeated the incumbent but had also elected Kefauver.

Likewise, the Crump machine had been defeated in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor. Crump supported incumbent Jim Nance McCord who faced former governor Gordon Browning in the primary. Browning was Crump's most vocal critic in Tennessee, along with Silliman Evans, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean. Browning had left office in 1939 as one of the worst defeated governors in Tennessee's history, but he came roaring back to win in 1948. Jim McCord's defeat was less a rebuke of his support by the Crump machine than the fact he had instituted the sales tax in Tennessee. Most of the sales tax went to education and for the first time provided free textbooks to school children, but Tennesseans are notoriously opposed to tax increases irrespective of how high or noble or deserving the beneficiary of the increase might be.

The 1948 election also witnessed the first real sign of a rebellion on the part of members of the establishment in Memphis' business and social life defying the will of Ed Crump. Congressman Estes Kefauver had received open and strong support from some of the Bluff City's most prominent business leaders, including attorney Lucius Burch and businessman Edmund Orgill. Kefauver naturally also had the backing of perpetual Crump critic Edward Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar. The machine had been astounded when the ballots were counted. Judge Mitchell won with 37,771 votes and Estes Kefauver had 27,621. Senator Stewart ran a pitiful third with only 2,733 votes. Likewise, Jim McCord had easily carried Shelby County with 48,261 votes while Gordon Browning received a respectable 20,435. Clearly, the days when the machine could deliver huge majorities to its favored candidates were numbered.

The 1948 election shook the Crump machine to its very foundations and that is likely why Watkins Overton experienced a political revival. The former mayor was rather like a safe harbor for the Crump machine in a storm. Overton was a figure well known to most Memphians, a great majority of whom believed had done a good job in office previously.

For a while, the seas were calm. It was not to last.

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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:

- (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF FERN ELIZABETH SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHEILA BUNDREN; EXECUTRIX  
10405 RAVENBROOK LANE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37922

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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ESSIE L STANFILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CATHY RAUHUFF; EXECUTRIX  
371 ROLLING MEADOWS DRIVE  
NEW MARKET, TN. 37820

PAUL HENSLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- 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 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA S DAVIS who died Dec 18, 2022, were issued the undersigned, by the

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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- 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 NAOMI ANN BENNETT  
DOCKET NUMBER 87315-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NAOMI ANN BENNETT who died Aug 1, 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 NAOMI ANN BENNETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARY ANN WHITE; ADMINISTRATRIX  
905 ARTISAN WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

WILLIAM D EDWARDS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1111 N NORTHSHORE DRIVE, SUITE S-700  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 87101-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN who died Jun 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN BOWMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
GIBBY BOWMAN; EXECUTRIX  
3668 CAMELOT DRIVE  
MARYVILLE TN 37803

DANIEL F WILKINS ESQ ATTORNEY AT LAW  
7632 GLEASON DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA S DAVIS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87308-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA S DAVIS who died Dec 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF BARBARA S DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
RUSSELL J DAVIS; CO EXECUTOR  
5526 MEADOW RUE TR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

LOIS ANN SMITHERS; CO EXECUTOR  
8269 ELM HILL CR  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY ST SUITE 2300  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87301-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF TIFFANY MARIE FLETCHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TANYA YVONNE SMITH; ADMINSTRATRIX  
16020 EL CAMINO LANE  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN MARIE GRIMM  
DOCKET NUMBER 87300-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HELEN MARIE GRIMM who died Sep 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF HELEN MARIE GRIMM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MICHAEL WAYNE NORMAN;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
1448 BUXTON DRIVE  
KNOX TN 37922

JOHN W ROUTH ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3232 TAZEVELL PIKE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK DYER HUFF  
DOCKET NUMBER 87309-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACK DYER HUFF 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JACK DYER HUFF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JODY T HUFF; ADMINISTRATRIX  
6720 NUBERT SPRINGS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37920

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET  
KNOXVILLE TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87204-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JANUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON who died Oct 19, 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 18 day of JANUARY, 2023

ESTATE OF EDGAR JASON HUTCHISON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANNY RAY HUTCHISON; EXECUTOR  
4602 HALL ROAD  
LOUDON, TN. 37774

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III  
DOCKET NUMBER 87310-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III who died OCT 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH KARNS III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICOLE KARNS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
10806 MODESTO LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

KEITH BURROUGHS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O BOX 2047  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOANN M LEE  
DOCKET NUMBER 87303-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOANN M LEE 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JOANN M LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANNE E WOODRUFF; EXECUTRIX  
2925 CUNNINGHAM DRIVE  
FORY WAYNE IN 46804

JOEL D ROETTGER ATTORNEY AT LAW  
900 S GAY STREET SUITE 2300  
KNOXVILLE 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ALDRIDGE  
MONTGOMERY  
DOCKET NUMBER 87306-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ALDRIDGE MONTGOMERY who died OCT 1, 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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  - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- This the 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROBERT

CONCURRENT NOTICE  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 27, 2023  
Knox County  
400 West Main Street, Suite 634  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
865-215-3980

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Knox County Grants & Community Development

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 14, 2023 the Knox County KCGCD will submit a request to the Tennessee Department of Economics and Community Development for the release of Block Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Little Vols Learning Center Acquisition Project for the purpose of acquiring an existing preschool and daycare facility located at 7533 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, in Knox County, TN. If released, \$400,000.00 in HUD Community Development Block Grant will be used to assist to assist in the purchase of the property to retain its current use.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Knox County KCGCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at: [https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public\\_notices.php](https://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/public_notices.php) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the CDFeedback@knoxcounty.org. All comments received by 3/14/2023 will be considered by the Knox County KCGCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Knox County KCGCD certifies to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development that Mayor Glenn Jacobs in his/her capacity as County Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce the responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Knox County KCGCD to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the Knox County KCGCD certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Knox County KCGCD (b) the Knox County KCGCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennessee Department of Economics and Community Development, Community and Rural Development, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 27th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102. Potential objectors should contact Community and Rural Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs

ALDRIDGE MONTGOMERY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAULINE MOULTON  
DOCKET NUMBER 87313-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAULINE MOULTON 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:

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



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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GEORGE SAMUEL STANSBERRY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87281-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GEORGE SAMUEL STANSBERRY who died Nov 28, 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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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 16 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF GEORGE SAMUEL STANSBERRY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NATHAN T STANSBERRY; CO EXECUTOR  
7507 MARY LAY LANE  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS 37871

NATALIE LAUREN RANDOLPH;  
CO EXECUTOR  
8923 JOHN DAVID DRIVE  
MASCOT TN 37806

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5401 KINGSTON PIKE SUITE 130  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87316-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER who died Oct 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEROY WEAVER**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PHYLLIS ROCHELLE COTTEN  
WEAVER; EXECUTRIX  
1031 ROYAL MEW CT  
KNOXVILLE TN 37922

PHILIP R CRYE JR ATTORNEY AT LAW  
125 N MAIN ST  
CLINTON TN 37716

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87332-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS who died Dec 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF MARY NOTTINGHAM AYERS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACQUELINE LOU AYERS; EXECUTRIX  
12215 MOSSY POINT WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

PATRICK NOEL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1001 E BROADWAY  
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN STELK BARRON**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87069-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN STELK BARRON who died Jul 1, 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 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Another thrilling chapter in Fulton vs. A-E rivalry

Falcons pull out 80-78 OT win

By Steve Williams

Moments prior to the opening tipoff between Fulton and Austin-East in the District 5-3A championship game, the public address announcer promoted it as the “Main Event.” It lived up to the billing as the Falcons pulled out an 80-78

overtime win at Clifford H. Ross Gymnasium last Tuesday night. “In my 37 years of coaching, I’ve been around about 150 of these games,” said Fulton Coach Jody Wright. “I told him (new A-E Coach Denard Bertram) after the game, welcome to the Fulton vs. Austin-East rivalry and there have been a lot of them like this.” The Roadrunners lost despite a 43-point effort from sophomore

guard Shane Cherry. Fulton overcame a five-point deficit in the final 36 seconds of OT, starting with a 3-pointer from the left corner by Marcellus Jackson, who is known more for his football skills than his talent on the hardwood. After A-E turned the ball over, junior point guard Denaj Kimber put in a layup to tie the score. Jackson then drew a charge to get the ball back with 16.3

seconds remaining for the Falcons’ winning basket. “We had a play called, but weren’t able to run it,” said Wright. “We just did a nice job of penetrating (with) some action we work on every day – and a bounce pass to Tyler Lee for a dunk.” Lee’s shot put Fulton ahead by two and A-E quickly called time to stop the clock with 1.5 seconds

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Notes from the hardwood: Boys district championships

By Ken Lay

The 2023 boys high school basketball district championships have been decided. One area team repeated as District 3-AAA Tournament Champion while another local squad captured its first district title in more than a decade.

In District 3-3A, Carter High School, playing on its home court at the Jim Williams Gymnasium in Strawberry Plains, won its second consecutive district championship with a 67-48 victory over rival Gibbs.

Dalton McNew led the Hornets (22-9) to victory over the Eagles as he scored 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds en route to being named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Zane Brown also had 16 points for the Hornets while Zion Oliver scored 10 for Carter, which held a slim 20-19 advantage at the end of the first quarter before blowing things open in the second frame with a 19-4 run.

Zack Turner led the Eagles (14-15) with 15 points while Zion Oliver finished with 10.

Both the Hornets and Eagles hosted Region 2-3A quarter-final games Saturday but results were not available at press times.

Carter played Scott, the No. 4 seed from District 4-3A while Gibbs tangled with Emory Road rival Halls in Corryton.

The Red Devils the tournament’s top seed, toppled the Highlanders in the District 4-AAA third-place game, notching a 59-39 victory after being upset by No. 4 Clinton, 44-41, in the semifinals on Friday, Feb. 17. Scott, the No. 2 seed was upset by Anderson County on Thursday, Feb. 16.

The Mavericks won the District 4-3A Tournament with a 50-43 triumph over the Dragons, their crosstown rivals.

In the District 3-3A consolation game Tuesday night, Northview Academy routed Seymour 82-55. The Eagles were led in the game by Connor Hilton’s 16 points. Cam Soullages had 10 points for Seymour.

The Cougars played at Clinton Saturday while the Eagles traveled to Anderson County. The Mavericks defeated Seymour twice during the regular

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The Halls High School girls basketball team celebrates its 2023 District 4-3A Tournament Championship. The top-seeded Lady Devils claimed the title with a win over No. 2 seed and host Clinton Tuesday night at the Don W. Lockard Gymnasium.

Lady Devils come back to nab tournament title in hostile territory

By Ken Lay

Postseason victories are hard to come by and tournament championships are even harder to obtain. Just ask Halls High School girls basketball coach Savannah Harrison.

Harrison breathed a sigh of relief Tuesday night after the Lady Devils notched a 46-42 comeback victory over No. 2 seed Clinton in the District 4-3A Tournament Championship Game before a packed and spirited house at Clinton’s Don W. Lockard Gymnasium.

With the win, the Lady Devils culminated a perfect run through their league schedule, going 6-0 in the regular season and sweeping through the district tournament.

But the reward was anything

but easy. “We knew that this was going to be a tough game. They’re a good team and we were playing them on their home floor,” Harrison said. “I have nothing but great respect for Clinton. “They were battling. They battled us all over the place.”

Halls trailed 35-34 heading into the final eight minutes of the game but a pair of field goals from Sophie Tharpe and Kiera Everett broke a 40-40 tie and gave the Lady Devils a 44-40 lead with 52.1 seconds remaining in the game.

Clinton narrowed Halls High’s advantage to 44-42 when Addi Gamble converted a pair of free throws a short time later.

Ella Tharpe, Sophie’s twin sister sealed the win to give the Lady Devils their second consecutive

tournament championship, from the charity stripe with a pair of foul shots with 9.4 seconds to go. But this was a victory that Halls had to earn.

The Lady Dragons (15-14) got off to a hot start and opened a 14-8 lead thanks to freshman Lane Carmichael’s six first-quarter points. Allie York scored five points and Josie Moody buried a 3-pointer to help Clinton open its advantage while the Lady Devils endured their share of offensive struggles out of the gate.

Halls (22-7) would find its shooting touch and turn up the defensive pressure in the second frame. The Lady Devils forced Clinton into multiple turnovers that led to easy transition points.

The Lady Devils used a 12-0 run to open a 20-14 lead when Ella Tharpe made two free throws

with 5 minutes, 13 seconds remaining until halftime. But the Lady Dragons didn’t go away.

Carmichael, who finished the contest with a game-high 18 points, scored six of those in the second period and York buried another long-range jumper to help Clinton pull to within 26-23 at the break.

Harrison was obviously ecstatic after her team left Clinton with the tournament championship.

“I’m really proud of my girls,” she said. “To be quite honest, this was just a helluva game and a great game to be a part of.”

Both the Lady Dragons and Lady Devils advanced to the Region 2-3A Tournaments and had home games Friday.

Clinton hosted Gibbs and Halls entertained Carter but results were not available at press time.

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# Seymour runs past Northview Academy to win District 3-3A Tournament

**By Ken Lay**

A fast start propelled the Seymour High School's girls basketball team to a District 3-3A Tournament Championship early last week.

The Lady Eagles captured the title with a 52-34 victory over Northview Academy on Monday, Feb. 20 at Carter High School's Jim Williams Gymnasium in Strawberry Plains.

It was Seymour's third victory over the Lady Cougars this season and the Lady Eagles put this one away early as they opened a 12-0 lead to open the game.

From there Seymour (23-9) never looked back against the Lady Cougars (20-10)

Bailey McCoy, the District 3-3A Tournament's Most Valuable Player, posted a double-double as she pumped in 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. She also dished out three



*The Seymour Lady Eagles won the District 3-3A Tournament Championship with a win over Northview Academy last week. Seymour opened an early 12-0 lead against the Lady Cougars and cruised to a 52-34 victory.*

assists and recorded two blocked shots and one steal.

While Seymour's offense was clicking on all cylinders, the defense was stifling for the Lady Eagles as Northview Academy shot just 30 percent (12-for-40) from the floor and missed its first six shots of the contest.

The Lady Cougars were 6-for-18 from the field over the first 16 minutes.

Jaden Cummings

finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and one block for Seymour while Caiden Russell knocked down three 3-pointers and

had 12 points.

Both the Lady Eagles and Northview Academy hosted Region 2-3A Tournament games Friday night. Seymour hosted Scott while the Lady Cougars hosted Anderson County (10-20) but results were not available at press time.

In the tournament consolation game: Gibbs outlasted the host Lady Hornets 54-42 as Dakota Large recorded a double-double as she scored 12 points and grabbed 10 boards. Jady Porter had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

Mara Yeo led the Lady Hornets with 14 points, while Ivey Jones, Lily Lampkin and Madi Whaley scored eight points each.

Gibbs played at Clinton while Carter traveled to Halls Friday for region tournament games but results were unavailable at press time.

# Treadwell dominates Undefeated Lady 'Dogs win 4-4A District Tournament

**By Bill Howard**

When undefeated Bearden High School's girls' basketball team squared off against Heritage High School for the 4-4A District Tournament championship Monday night at Farragut High School, the Lady Bulldogs were an obvious favorite.

BHS answered the call and won 62-48.

But the Lady Mountaineers didn't go easily, and cut a 22-point fourth-quarter lead to eight, with two minutes left.

Bearden finished the game on a 7-1 run to seal it. All seven came from senior post Avery Treadwell, who led all scorers with 27 points. The MVP of the District

All-Tournament team also grabbed 14 rebounds and had six blocks in a dominant performance.

"I thought we did a good job keeping our composure when they went on runs," said Treadwell.

They're a good team; we just had to keep our heads and pull it out."

"She's been playing her best ball," said Lady 'Dogs' coach Justin Underwood. "Defensively when we're able to be aggressive on the outside and they get past, she does a fantastic job of not getting into their bodies and still blocking the ball at the top."

After Bearden turned an early 9-5 deficit into a 20-9 advantage with a 15-0 run over a six-minute span from the first quarter into the second, the game was all BHS until three minutes into the fourth.

Kendall Anne Murphy's two free throws with 5:22 left in the game gave the Lady 'Dogs a 49-28 lead, and the game was long over.

Except that it wasn't.

Seven straight by HHS cut it to 14, 49-35 with 4:31 left. A minute and a half later, Heritage went on a 10-1 run, and with just under two minutes left, Bearden led by only eight, 55-47.

Treadwell then took over and enabled Bearden to close it out.

The game was physical to say the least.

Numerous bodies hit the floor and dozens of fouls were called.

"They're physical, scrappy," said Underwood. "Got to fight to win a district championship. We knew they were gonna make a run. We did a good job of bending but not breaking."

"It was pretty aggressive both ways," said Lady Mountaineers coach Rick Howard. "We finally decided to show up. I'm proud of my kids."

Bekah Gardner scored 18 for Heritage, on six treys, three in the fourth. Carsyn Swaney added 16. BHS's Natalya Hodge scored 12.

The Lady 'Dogs will host Powell Friday at 7 in the first round of the Regional.



*Karns High's J. J. Faulkner runs past Central's Devin Ferguson for a layup in the Beavers' 82-52 victory over the Bobcats in the District 3-4A Tournament Championship Game at Powell Tuesday night. It was the Beavers' first district title since 2012.*

# Another thrilling chapter in Fulton vs. A-E rivalry

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left. The Roadrunners managed to pass the ball up court in time for Tyric Jones to get off a 3-point desperation shot from out on the right wing. It almost went in, but bounced off the back of the rim.

"This game certainly ranks right up there with any of the others that's for sure," said Coach Wright.

"When you talk about some of the great high school rivalries in this city, this has got to go down as one of the best, and because of games like this tonight."

Denaj Kimber scored 23 points to lead Fulton's balanced attack. Lee totaled 21, Jackson 18 and Taj Kimber 10.

Besides Cherry's 43 for A-E, senior JaQuarrius Sanders tallied nine points before fouling out early in the OT period. LeShaud Holloway and Jones had six each. Juwaan Troutman, 6-4 sophomore, scored two baskets inside to help A-E take its

five point lead in OT.

At the end of regulation play, a long 3-point shot from the left wing by Fulton senior reserve Jordan Wrancher swished the net with 5.4 seconds on the clock to tie the game. Sanders' potential game-winning attempt from the left wing went in for the Roadrunners, but it was ruled the shot didn't get off in time.

Austin-East led 16-12 after one period of play, 33-30 at halftime and 54-47 after three stops, thanks to a 14-2 run to end the third period. Fulton took a 59-58 lead with 4:48 left in the fourth period and the contest remained close the rest of the way.

"They made game-winning plays down the stretch," said Coach Bertram. "We had our opportunities and squandered some of them away between missed free throws, turnovers and giving up offensive rebounds down the stretch. But that is the type of team that they are and

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season.

**Beavers run past Central to win District 3-4A Title:** Karns won its first district tournament championship since 2012, as it routed the Bobcats 82-52 Tuesday night at Powell High's Jeff Hunter Gymnasium.

The second-seeded Beavers (23-7) were led by tournament MVP J.J. Faulkner, who scored 29 points in the contest.

The No.4 Bobcats (15-16) advanced to Tuesday night's championship tilt with a 66-62 overtime win over top-seeded Oak Ridge in the semifinals.

In Tuesday night's third-place game, the Wildcats (23-5) routed No. 3 West High 73-36 and avenged their only regular-season league loss. Kaden Bright-harp had 16 points and Cooper Williams added 14 for Oak Ridge.

Karns was set to host Farragut Saturday but results from the Region 2-4A elimination quarter-final were unavailable at press time. Central hosted Bearden. Oak Ridge traveled to Hardin Valley and the Rebels played at William Blount.

Region tournaments continue through Thursday with region finalists playing in state sectionals on Monday, March 7.



Super Bowl LVII is now in the rear-view mirror, but the memories of former Vol All-American guard John Michels (Feb. 15, 1931 – Jan. 10, 2019) coaching in four Super Bowl games remain fresh in Tennessee football history.

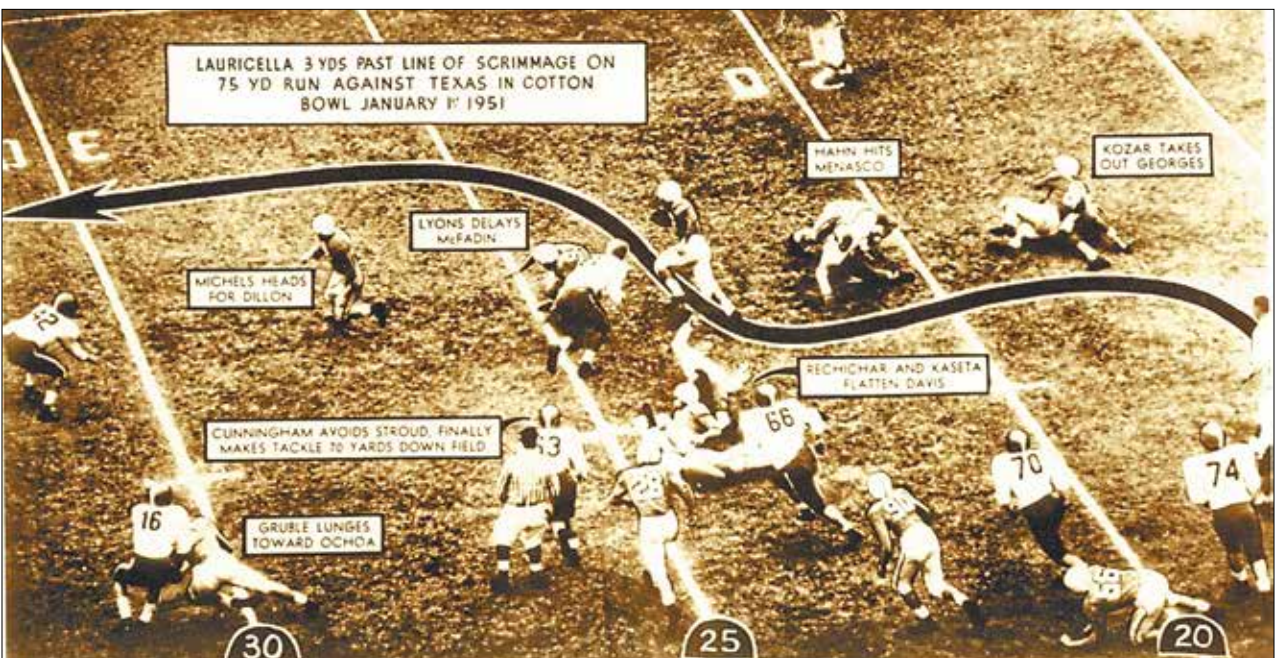
Michels was an assistant coach with the Minnesota Vikings under long-time friend Bud Grant for 27 years and was on the sidelines against Kansas City in Super Bowl IV, Miami in Super Bowl VIII, Pittsburgh in Super Bowl IX, and Oakland in Super Bowl XI. During this time, he coached the offensive line, except for 1984, when he coached the running backs. He retired in 1993 as the longest-tenured assistant coach in Vikings' history.

"Guys loved to play for him because many times he competed harder as a coach than the players did, and they recognized that," said Grant. "There was a mutual admiration there that showed. He was demanding, but they trusted him. There was a camaraderie with those linemen and John that you can't buy."

He was a key fixture in the



By Tom Mattingly



John Michels leads Hank Lauricella into the wide-open spaces in the 1951 Cotton Bowl game against Texas.

offensive line for the Volunteers (1950-52) as a three-year starter. He won the 1952 Jacobs Trophy as the SEC's best blocker and was a consensus All-American selection that season. He was a 1996 inductee to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

"Being elected to the College Football Hall of Fame means more to me than any award I've ever received," said Michels. "It's the culmination of a lot of wonderful things that have happened to me over the course of my life. It's something I've worked toward my whole career and achieving it is an uplifting feeling."

He offered a unique

perspective about the ambience surrounding the penultimate pro football game.

"The hype and the pressure are just unbelievable," he said. "If you can control the hype, it makes the game a lot easier. There's constant pressure for players to do things, and the game becomes secondary to a point. All of it occasionally becomes just too much. We never learned to control it, and I guess the coaches who won did."

Michels also disagreed with those who say that getting to the Super Bowl is the goal.

"When you lose the Super Bowl, it's like the end of the world," he said. "It just

destroys your season. I'm not really over it yet. You can flip a coin as to which of the games hurt the worst."

Michels remembered Kansas City coach Hank Stram's taped commentary on the sidelines at the 1970 contest that made things even worse than losing the game. It was hard, he recalled, to watch the tape of Stram's wide-ranging and caustic comments, that still occasionally appear on ESPN, especially during Super Bowl week.

"I didn't like it," he said, "but he backed it up and won the game."

A native of Philadelphia and graduate of West Catholic High School, Michels wore No. 38 on his orange

and white jersey and played at 5-11, 195 pounds, typical of Vol linemen of his day. He played on teams that were undefeated against Alabama and never lost a game on Shields-Watkins Field. Bob Neyland called him the "best blocking guard in the United States."

"Inordinately quick, combative, and hard-running," wrote sportswriter Stanley Woodward in the 1952 edition of Football Magazine, "an effective blocker on the line and one of the players most likely to be found ahead of the runner twenty-five yards down the field, with body control which makes it possible for him to fake a defender into position to be obliterated."

The photograph of Hank Lauricella's legendary 75-yard run against Texas in the 1951 Cotton Bowl shows Michels well ahead of the play looking for someone to block downfield.

The Vols were 29-4-1 during his time on campus, playing in the Cotton Bowl twice and the Sugar Bowl once. The Vols finished No. 4 (AP) and No. 3 (UPI) in 1950, No. 1 in both polls in 1951, and No. 8 in both polls in 1952. Tennessee won the Dunkel National Championship in 1950 and the SEC and Consensus National Championships in 1951.

Michels was a 25th round NFL Draft choice, pick No. 297 of the Philadelphia Eagles, playing there in 1953 and 1956 and with the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1957. He was offensive line coach at Winnipeg when the Blue Bombers played in and won the Grey Cup in 1959, 1961, and 1962.

He was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, joining former Vols Harry Anderson (basketball), Curt Watson (football), and Joe Steffy (football).

They didn't call them Vols for Life in his day, but he definitely was one and still is.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

# Karns girls 'go back to work' after bowing in district finals

By Steve Williams

The bright lights of a district championship game and going against tradition-rich Oak Ridge may have contributed to Karns' shooting woes in its biggest game in years.

But first-year head coach Lauren Trent wasn't going to let it tarnish the Lady Beavers' sparkling season after their 65-47 loss in the District 3-4A finals last week at Powell High

"At the end of the day, I felt like they made shots and we didn't," said Trent. "You're not going to win a basketball game if you can't make shots."

"Credit to Oak Ridge," added Trent. "They played really well. They're a young team, but also a veteran team in that they've been there before. And our girls haven't and I think in moments that showed."

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*Karns sophomore Rylee Roberts goes up for a shot against Oak Ridge in the District 3-4A championship game last week. The Lady Beavers lost but took home the silver in what has been the Karns girls' best season in over 15 years.*

*Photo by Luther Simmons.*



# Fulton girls basketball program put on probation and fined

By Steve Williams

Fulton High's girls basketball program has been placed on probation through the end of the 2024-25 school year and fined \$1,000 after a fight broke out near the end of the Lady Falcons' game against Lenoir City in the District 5-3A tournament at Austin-East High on Feb. 20.

Three Fulton players and one Lenoir City player were suspended for fighting. Officials and game administrators agreed to clear the gym for the remainder of the game.

Fulton ended up winning the game in overtime but has lost two of its players

for two games due to being suspended and one player for four games.

The fact that there were multiple Fulton players who were ejected in the altercation as well as multiple fans on the floor was taken into consideration when determining the length of the probationary period.

The Lady Falcons were scheduled to host Red Bank in a Region 3-3A quarterfinal game last Friday night.

In the TSSAA's letter to Fulton principal Seth Smith: With just over two minutes left in the contest, a Lenoir City player was fouled while attempting a layup. After making

the basket, she turned and immediately moved toward the Fulton player. The Fulton player struck the Lenoir City player and a fight ensued.

There were some fans from both schools who came onto the floor as security and administrators attempted to break up the fight and restore order. The conflict was quickly deescalated by security, coaches and administrators from both schools.

Fulton High School levied a two game suspension in addition to the minimum two game suspension for one of the players involved in the incident. FHS also ruled the father

of the student-athlete that came onto the floor will be banned for the rest of the season and a meeting will be held with this parent prior to the start of next season.

During the probation period, Fulton may participate in girls' basketball at all levels including the season-ending playoff series. However, if there are any other incidents that happen involving the girls' basketball program during the probationary period, the TSSAA will have no choice but to consider taking further disciplinary action, according to Mark Reeves, the TSSAA Executive Director.

## Are the Vols heading to another disappointing March?

By Mark Nagi

Under Rick Barnes, Tennessee has turned into one of men's college basketball's top programs.

They've sat at the top of the national rankings for a few weeks. Last year they won the SEC tournament for the first time since 1979. Multiple recent Vols alums are playing professional basketball around the world, with Grant Williams the most successful as a regular contributor to the NBA's Boston Celtics. Sold out crowds are a common occurrence at Thompson-Boling Arena.

But they have yet to do any real damage in the NCAA tournament.

Back in 2019 the Vols advanced to the Sweet 16, losing in overtime to Purdue. And that's as far as they've gotten in the Field of 68 under Barnes, now in his eighth season in Knoxville.

This year the Vols have been a constant in the national rankings, with much of their time spent in the top 10. You'd think that they have a good chance of making a run next month.

But Tennessee is maddeningly inconsistent. Look at what the Vols have done since the end of January.

They beat eighth-ranked Texas 82-71, then fell at mediocre Florida 67-54. An ugly 46-43 win over Auburn was followed by inexplicable buzzer beating losses to Vanderbilt and Missouri.

With the Vols seemingly reeling, they came up with one of their biggest wins in program history, a 68-59 victory over top-ranked Alabama. Dixieland Delight played over the Thompson-Boling Arena loudspeakers. It felt like UT was back on track.

Then came a 66-54 loss at Kentucky, UT's second straight defeat to their I-75

rivals. The Vols couldn't get to the free throw line, they couldn't hit open shots, they couldn't collect key rebounds and they couldn't keep possession of the basketball. Beat UK in those two games and the Wildcats probably miss the NCAA tournament. Instead, they are likely safe.

Earlier this season the Vols beat then third-ranked Kansas as well, the defending national champions. This same Vols group that beats Top 10 teams also puts up clunkers against unranked opponents only a few days later.

That type of inconsistency does not bode well for a survive and advance situation.

So why is this such a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde team?

"I wish I knew," Barnes said after the most recent Kentucky loss. "I wish I knew. If I did, we would fix it. I don't understand it. As much time as we spend with our guys talking about doing your job playing your role night in and night out... not letting emotion get the best of us sometimes... When you are coming back, and emotion is kicking in, you still have to make smart plays."

Barnes has been a head coach for 36 seasons, spending time at George Mason, Providence, Clemson, and Texas before coming to Tennessee in 2015. He's won over 770 games in his Hall of Fame career, but only been to the Final Four once, a 2003 trip with Texas.

It's well past time for Barnes to get back to the final weekend of the season. Tennessee's men's basketball has never been there.

Will both droughts end in a few weeks? Or should we expect more disappointment for the Vols?



# Treadwell and Underwood: Player and Coach of the Year

By Steve Williams

The numbers alone tell a lot when it comes to Avery Treadwell and Justin Underwood, the Knox County girls' Player and Coach of the Year.

The 6-foot-3 Treadwell averaged 16.7 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.6 blocks per game during Bearden's 29-0 regular season.

Underwood, Avery's coach, also has some awesome numbers. Last season, he guided the Lady Bulldogs to a school

record 36-3 record on their way to Bearden's first state championship in girls basketball. This season could end up being even more impressive numbers-wise, as his team went into the Region 2-4A tournament this past Friday with a 31-0 record and 53-game winning streak.

Treadwell, a Florida State signee, was a runaway winner in the voting for The Knoxville Focus/Coaches' Player of the Year award, while Underwood had a

little more competition for Coach of the Year honors.

Avery will probably be glad to know her freshman teammate, Natalya Hodge, got a vote, and Coach Underwood no doubt will be pleased to hear that too. He said Natalya and Avery both "have been extremely important" in the team's undefeated record.

Hodge, a guard with outstanding speed, had regular season game averages of 14.3 points, 4.4 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 3.6 steals.

CAK's Abby Williams, whose Lady Warriors are contenders for a Division II-A state crown, was second in the voting for Coach of the Year. First-year Karns coach Lauren Trent, who has turned around the Lady Beavers' program, also was recognized in the voting, as well as Farragut Coach Jason Mayfield.

Speaking of Mayfield, he was asked to comment on Underwood and Treadwell's awards.

"Justin does a great job every year and has turned

that program into one of the better programs in the state," said Jason. "If a team goes 31-0, I feel like the coach should obviously be the Coach of the Year.

"Avery is a great high school player," he added. "She has been the focal point of our defense since her sophomore year and she continues to get better each year."

Coming from a district rival coach, Avery and Justin will probably appreciate Mayfield's compliments even more.

When asked the main reasons she chose Florida State, Treadwell said: "It was a great fit with all the coaches and the school itself and I wanted the challenge of trying to go play at a big Power 5 school. You know, see if I could do it."

Avery also had offers from Ole Miss, Mississippi State and West Virginia.

"I'd rather go seven hours south than seven hours north," she pointed out.

Florida State is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference and located in Tallahassee.



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**Bearden's 6-3 power forward Avery Treadwell is double-teamed by Alcoa, which happens often to the Knox County Player of the Year.**



**Bearden High's Justin Underwood works the sideline in a game this season. He is the Knox County girls basketball Coach of the Year.**



STATE INDOOR TRACK PHOTOS BY BARRY HOUGHIN

**Above: Hardin Valley Academy's Maddie Archdale on the podium stand after winning one mile run at Tennessee State High School Indoor Track Championships. Right: Keegan Smith, Catholic sophomore, poses for a picture as he shares the podium with the boys' Top 5 mile run finishers in the State Indoor Track Championships at Vanderbilt. Smith won the race in a time of 4:14.84.**

# Archdale and Smith sweep mile runs at State Indoor

By Steve Williams

Knox County's reputation for having strong distance runners was bolstered in the 2023 Tennessee State Indoor Track Championships recently as Maddie Archdale and Keegan Smith swept the one mile

run titles.

Archdale, a Hardin Valley junior, posted a time of 5:05.36, while Smith, a sophomore at Knoxville Catholic, covered the distance in 4:14.84.

The state meet was held at the Vanderbilt Multipurpose Facility in Nashville

on Feb. 19 and hosted by Knoxville Youth Athletics.

Maddie's victory plus her third-place showing in the 800-meter run (2:16.93) helped lead Hardin Valley to second place in the team scoring with 31 points. Keegan's title run also contributed heavily to the Irish's fourth place team finish.

Knox County actually dominated the girls' mile run. In addition to Archdale's showing, Webb School had three runners to place in the Top 5. That included freshman Jazzlyn Garmer coming in second (5:09.25), sophomore Kristina Weaver taking third (5:11.12) and Calysta Garmer, Jazzlyn's twin sister, placing fifth (5:12.52).

Several other Knox County competitors also placed fifth or better in their events.

Bryce Thompson of Farragut took state runner-up honors in the shot put with a toss of 54 feet, 10.75 inches.

On the girls' side, HVA junior Gracie Waite also finished second in the

shot put with her throw of 39-06.75 and placed fifth in the weight throw too with a mark of 32-11.25.

Catholic junior Braylon Harmon sped to third place in the 200 dash (22.31) and fourth in the 400 (49.76). Teammate Radek Molchan, a freshman, was fifth in the 2-mile run with a time of 9:34.98.

The Lady Irish's Chloe Truss was clocked in 25.22 in her third place showing in the 200.

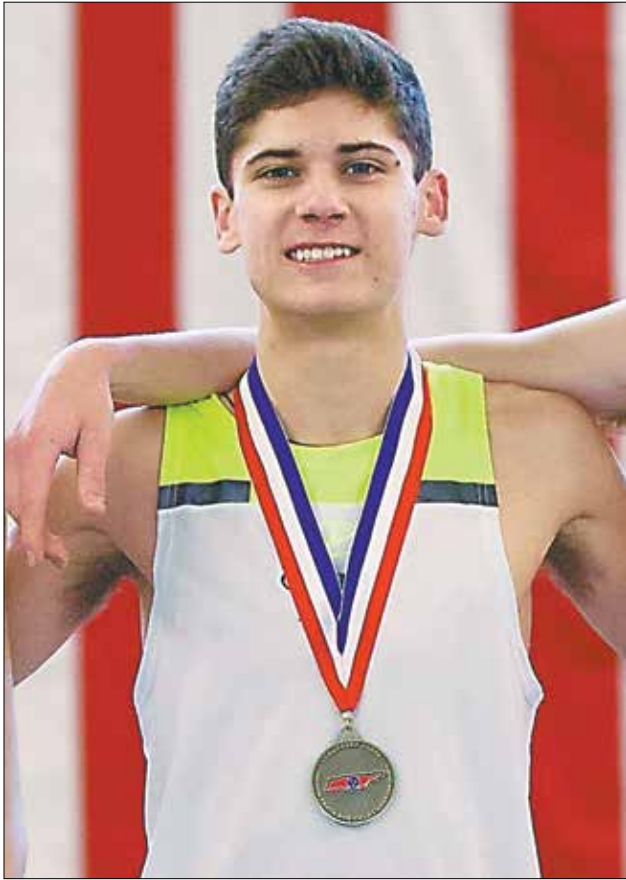
Bri Baker of Grace Christian was fifth in the 60 hurdles with a time of 9.23 seconds.

Catholic's 4x400 girls relay team came in fourth place at 4:05.83.

Brentwood swept the team titles with its boys piling up 75.5 points and its girls totaling 61.

Christian Brothers placed second in the boys' scoring with 59 points, followed by Collierville (27) and Knoxville Catholic in fourth place with 25 points.

Following Hardin Valley's runner-up Lady Hawks, the Houston girls scored 25 points and Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 24.



# Karns girls 'go back to work' after bowing in district finals

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Oak Ridge (20-9) extended its streak of district tournament titles to eight.

Madison Perrin, a 5-8 junior, made her first of four 3-pointers to give Karns a 3-2 advantage in the early going – its only lead in the game.

The cold-shooting Lady Beavers fell behind 12-3 but rallied to within two points (14-12) by the end of the first period. However, sophomore standout Ze'Yana Stewart came alive for the Lady Wildcats, who jumped out to a 22-12 command at the start of the second period.

After a 3-point shot by senior Kannon Green, Stewart scored on a floater in the lane, a fast-break layup and a basket inside.

Stewart finished with 30 points.

A 3-point bank shot from the top of the circle by Perrin pulled Karns within seven (28-21) at halftime. The Lady Beavers got as close as five points (34-29) when Perrin hit again from 3-point land midway into the third period. But OR scored the last five points of the quarter to build its lead to 43-32.

A 3-point shot from the left wing by sophomore

Lauren Martin pulled Karns within eight (43-35) early in the final period, but the Lady Beavers wouldn't get any closer.

In addition to Stewart's big game, the Lady Wildcats also got 11 points (eight in the final period) from junior Bella Boone on her birthday. Sophomore Ayana Porter chipped in 10.

Perrin fired in two more 3-pointers in the second half and totaled 16 points to lead Karns. Martin scored 13 points, including three treys. The Lady Beavers also got seven points from sophomore Reese

Roberts and five from her twin sister Rylee. Junior Abby Harris added four.

Karns' best 2-point score of the game came on a weave play, with a wide-open YuYu Kennedy catching the last pass and scoring inside.

The Lady Beavers (19-11) were scheduled to host Farragut in a Region 2-4A quarterfinal game Friday. Karns, which didn't have any seniors on its roster, finished second in the district at 8-2 in the regular season.

It's the best season in years for the Lady Beavers. "I hope our girls

understand the gravity of that, because they are so competitive and they wanted to win more than anybody," said Coach Trent. "They've given our entire school and community something to be really proud of."

Trent, who was selected Coach of the Year in District 3-4A, believes this season has been the launching pad for having a good program.

"When I took the job in March, I didn't really know what to expect," she said. "We played summer ball and it was atrocious. We won like two of 15 games.

I told the girls I only knew one thing to do, and that's go to work. That included me, our coaching staff and our players. They've fought and changed the culture. We've had a lot of kids transfer or quit. And these 12 have stayed.

"I'm proud of my girls. I'm proud of our season. I'm proud that we played for a district championship. You always want more, but I told them 'Let it drive them. Let it make them better.' We've got to go back to work and prepare for our region game." And the future.