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## Questions about the Amazon Distribution Center continue

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As the city and county tout the approval of the Sports Authority's issuance of bonds for stadium construction and the city finalizes reconstruction of the former St. Mary's Hospital for the new Safety Center, there's one huge project that sits complete and empty.

The Amazon Fulfillment or Distribution Center sits idle on the site of the former East Towne Mall. The building appears complete, the parking lot is finished, and it looks like everything is ready for Amazon to move there. The questions remains: does Amazon plan to locate there and if so, when?

The city confirmed last year that the real property there has been sold but that was not unusual and Amazon might lease the

completed facility and open but no date has been set if one exists.

The Knoxville Focus asked several officials, including Amazon, about plans for the facility.

David Brace, Knoxville Chief Operating Officer, referred The Focus to Harold Cannon, chief economic development officer.

"This is one that many in our City would like to know the answer to," replied Cannon.

"The most recent information

was provided through the Chamber. Specifically, Amazon has shared their continuing commitment to open the Knoxville Facility. While this commitment is great news, there is not a schedule for when this will occur," he said.

"I don't have any updates on timing of Amazon opening their Knoxville Delivery Station," replied Doug Lawyer, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce's Director of Economic Development.

The Focus was referred to Amazon Public Relations person Divina Mims. Steve Kelly, Amazon's Director of Corporate Communications, responded that the Knoxville facility still has some work going on inside the building and confirmed that Amazon plans to use the place as a "delivery station" where items would be received and loaded onto smaller vans for delivery.

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## School board hears parents' concerns, custodial update, tribute to McGinnis Bus Line

By Bill Howard

At its monthly meeting last Thursday, the Knox County School Board was presented, as usual, with an interesting agenda of issues and matters to consider. Toward the end of each meeting, the Public Forum part of the agenda allows speakers to address the board with their concerns.

Jennifer Rose was first in line. She requested the board to allow ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) in the schools. It wasn't the first time the board has heard such a request.

"I'm here today to ask for immediate action to allow outside ABA therapy in the schools, as the children can't continue to wait for the services they need," Rose said. "It's time for KCS to stop being reactive and start being proactive."

According to Rose, lawsuits all over the country, including Tennessee, have been won by showing that ABA therapy was "an appropriate educational need to make improvements in academics, social and emotional skills, cognitive development, and their overall quality of life."

Rose acknowledged that KCS has a Behavioral Team, but that ABA is needed to address specific needs. "It's no different than if you had a heart attack and were sent to a podiatrist," she said.

Michelle Mehan, a mother of a child with Down Syndrome, also addressed the board. Her complaint was that her child's curriculum was not being modified according to his IEP (Individual Education Plan).

According to Mehan, the child's general curriculum "must be modified appropriately to his level and interest. Modified content is critical for my son and others with disabilities to gain access to the general curriculum," she said.

"Just having a disability and an IEP is not enough to receive the appropriate services in Knox Co.," Mehan said.

Kids in KCS used to have a service called curricular materials preparation, Mehan said. The service was a crucial part of making a disabled child's curriculum more effective because it oriented the child's material and instruction to his particular needs.

"KCS used to provide this service, and it worked wonderfully, but then it was taken away," said Mehan. (My son's) teacher has to do modified content on her own time. Can't we do better by bringing it back?"

Earlier, the board heard a report about filling custodial vacancies from Garfield Adams, Assistant Superintendent of Operations.

A recent contract with Duncan and Sons

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Nominees for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award await the naming of the winner. Pictured above L-R are nominees Amy Hathaway, Eric Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Cyndi Buchanan (representing her grandmother, the late Mae Moody), and Margareth Olsson.

## Winners honored in festive Neighborhood Awards Dinner

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The recent 2023 Neighborhood Awards Dinner was a festive and well attended celebration of community leaders. Presented by the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, the event was held at The Brookside on North Central and attendees included Knoxville city officials, nominees for various awards, and those citizens who suggested recipients of honors.

Neighborhood Coordinators Debbie Sharp and Courtney Durrett opened the celebration with Mayor Indya Kincannon welcoming the crowd. Other portions of the event included Emma Ellis-Cosigua, Monty Howard, Brent Waugh and

Evan Mays who spoke and presented the nominees. Prior to the Covid pandemic the awards were a part of the annual Neighborhood Conference. This year a Neighborhood Resource Fair will be an occasion for neighbors, vendors, networking and food and will be held on August 12th.

Achievement awards were presented to neighborhood associations for outstanding service to the communities.

The neighborhood association winners were the Forest Heights Neighborhood Association, Historic Fourth and Gill, Parkridge, Timbercrest and West Hills, and Western Heights.

Officer Seth Blaine, liaison officer in the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood, was

recognized as Liaison Officer of the Year. Two other officers were honored with a nomination and included

Adam Barnett of the South Haven neighborhood and Donald Mullins, nominated

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2023's Good Neighbor of the Year is Eric Johnson, president of the Vestal Community Association and member of the South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition. Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon made the presentation Thursday, March 2, evening at the inaugural Neighborhood Awards Dinner.

## Memorial service for unclaimed vets set

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Several unclaimed military veterans will be memorialized on Wednesday, March 22, at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway.

The memorial service is provided by the Dignity Memorial Homeless/

Unclaimed Veteran Burial Program, The East Tennessee Regional Forensic Center and the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Scheduled to attend the service are Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Chaplain Pat Polis, and the East Tennessee Veterans, Volunteer State and Pigeon Forge Honor Guards.

The remains of the

veterans will be escorted by Knox County Sheriff's Office vehicles and several veteran motorcycle chapters.

Among those being interred are Knoxville veteran Specialist Four Robert Daniel Edwards, Sergeant Jerry Alan Palmer; Specialist Five David Brent Bledsoe, Specialist Four Robert Daniel Edwards, Private First Class Terrell

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# People Still Fleeing Crime, Taxes In Democrat Cities

From a distance



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Crime is out of control in many, maybe even most, cities where the mayor and/or district attorney are liberal Democrats. It should be embarrassing to Democrats that all across the nation people are fleeing the cities and states where they are in charge. Not only is crime a problem, but Democrat-run cities and states are also where state and local taxes are the highest. These are the places

where public employees are the most highly paid, but even they leave these high-tax cities and states about as soon as they can and take their lucrative pensions to states with no state income tax, like Tennessee, Texas, and Florida. Home prices in Knoxville and Nashville have gone almost out of sight because of all the people moving in from liberal states. This is good for our economy and for people who are selling homes here. But it has made it very difficult for young couples or families who are hoping to buy a house. If you want to find a bargain in the housing market today, I guess you would have to move to a city or state where Democrats are in charge. But the future is not bright when people are trying to flee.

A friend of mine who is President of his condo association in downtown Knoxville told me a few days ago about a telephone conversation he had just had with a woman from California. He said the woman had decided to move here, and he told her to please not bring California political views to Tennessee. She told him not to worry, because that was why she was moving – to get away from liberal Democrats. You have no idea how often I hear things like this. My mother moved to Knoxville in the very early 1940s after attending Iowa Wesleyan College. She had an older sister who had moved here after her husband, a University of Iowa engineering graduate, had gotten a job at TVA. My mother came just to

visit, and her sister talked her into staying. Obviously, I am glad we let people move in, or I wouldn't be here myself. The latest example of the mess in a very liberal city is in Portland, Oregon, where Walmart has announced it is closing its last two stores there. In December, the Walmart CEO had warned that "theft is an issue. It's higher than it has historically been," and he added that "prices would be higher and/or stores will close" if Oregon authorities failed to address rampant shoplifting. Portland has had nothing but Democrat mayors since the 1950s, and Oregon has had Democrat governors for the last 35 years. Nike and Cracker Barrel closed stores there in 2022. A major clothing

store closed and posted this letter: "Small businesses (and large) cannot sustain doing business in our city's current state. We have no protection, or recourse, against the criminal behavior that goes unpunished. Our city is in peril." A restaurant owner, Eric Post, closed for good and blamed it on Democrat mayors and governors who have been too soft on crime. Even Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco, one of the most liberal cities in America, got so fed up with so many stores closing and so much shoplifting and crime, they voted to recall (kick out of office) the left-wing district attorney. California, because of Pelosi, received mega-billions in Covid money, much more than their share. Yet

California, despite a wonderful climate and great beauty, has led the U.S. in people leaving. One report I read said 700,000 moved out last year, while 200,000 moved in (probably illegal immigrants). For all of the last century, when California's state government and most of its cities were controlled by Republicans, millions moved in. Not only are people fleeing cities and states run by socialist Democrats in the U.S., but people are also fleeing socialist-run countries all over the world. Democrats need to explain why - if their policies are so wonderful, why are so many people voting with their feet and trying to get away from them?

# Driving Teslas over Stolen Lands

Virtue signaling is "the act or practice of conspicuously displaying one's awareness of and attentiveness to political issues and matters of social and racial justice, especially instead of taking effective action." An obvious example is the proliferation of Teslas in West Knoxville. Their



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like "we are killing the planet in order to save it." But of course, this is just virtue signaling on a massive scale. No country ever emerged from poverty without cheap energy. That fact alone relegates climate change to a multi-trillion-dollar Western Ponzi scheme driven more by massive payoffs than by science. China and India are not condemning their citizens to perpetual poverty by adopting expensive energy. Africa has over 100 million people living in extreme poverty. Those in the West are trying to bribe African leaders to move toward "green" energy hoping that those leaders would be more willing to line their pockets than to advance the well-being of their people. Recently, Gabon was given \$150 million to "protect" its rainforest. Payments are flowing to the leaders of other countries. How much? The UN reports that the cost of going green will be \$1.9 trillion for the next 40 years, or \$76 trillion. Hey, virtue signaling is not free.

Virtue signaling abounds in the rash of trendy apologies to Native Americans for "stealing" their land. Land "acknowledgments" abound on the websites of woke institutions. For instance, "Colorado State University acknowledges, with respect, that the land we are on today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed." Even the University of Tennessee has a land acknowledgment. "A committee was formed in November 2020 to review our history as it relates to the original stewards—Native Americans—of the land we now occupy and to recommend ways to pay homage and respect to them. Next steps include forming a Native and Indigenous Advisory Council." Again, these are empty platitudes. Why not simply give the land back? This assumes that the Indians cited were the original "owners" of the "stolen" land – which they are likely not.

These acknowledgments show that virtue signaling is expressing platitudes without taking effective action. If the universities were serious then they, and all the rest, would give the Native Americans back the land or at least engage in serious discussions about reparations. Isn't it curious that the reparations issue has focused almost exclusively on black Americans? I believe that the case for Native American reparations is much stronger than that for blacks. The taking of Indian land continues today. Joe Biden recently designated Camp Hale National Park in Colorado, taking the land from the Ute nation. "Seizing American Indian land for the U.S. government is an unlawful act of genocide," a spokesperson from the tribe said on the day of Biden's announcement. "This unlawful action by the president today is a desecration of our ancestors that remain buried on our homelands." Where was the hue and cry from the virtue signalers on this latest theft of Indian land? Their silence speaks volumes.

# Winners honored

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by the Chilhowee Park Association.

The winner of the 2022 Wiffleball Tournament, the Westwood Neighborhood Association, was recognized and honored. Six teams competed and now a kickball tournament is planned.

Westwood and West Hills neighborhoods were recognized for their participation in the Healthy Knoxville Program for sustainable changes to live healthier lives. The categories included physical activity in outdoor spaces, nutrition and health food access, tobacco and vaping cessation and mental health and wellness. The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award went to Eric Johnson, president of the Vestal Community Association. Nominees for the award included Amy Hathaway of Forest Heights, Jeff Johnson of Fourth and Gill, Margareth Olsson of Old North Knoxville, and the late Mae Moody of Norwood.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## District Council Members Should Be Elected By Their District. . . Not Citywide!

In his blog, "Comments from the Councilman," City Councilman Andrew Roberto opposes the legislation sponsored by state Senator Richard Briggs that would eliminate district council races from being run citywide. Briggs needs to amend his bill so that instead, the residents of the six city council districts would actually vote for the person they wish to represent them. Imagine that! Yet Roberto says the Briggs Bill would "strip

Knoxville voter rights," which of course it does not. The Knoxville City Council presently has three members who are elected at-large, meaning they run citywide. The other six districts are supposed to be exactly that - - - districts. Yet for decades the district chooses two people in a primary who then head into a runoff citywide. Do you think Bill Hagerty and Marsha Blackburn would be the U.S. senators from Tennessee if the voters in New York State and California were allowed to vote with us?

Should the ten members of Congress from Tennessee be elected at large after a primary inside their respective districts? Should all 100 U.S. senators be elected nationwide after winning a primary in their respective states? Of course, not and the notion is just plain silly. Nobody is losing a vote for anything; voters will still be able to vote for the mayor and the three at-large members of the city council every four years. Other districts just don't get to choose the representative of a district

they don't live in, just like Knoxvilleians don't get to pick the mayor of Memphis because we don't live there. By Roberto's logic why shouldn't the mayors of Tennessee's four big cities - - - Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga - - - all be picked by ALL Tennessee voters at-large? Something tells me Andrew wouldn't like that idea much either.

There is a very good reason why districts should be represented by the choice of the people living inside that district. Running a district race, then having to run citywide where the choice of the district is overturned by people who don't live in the district is entirely contrary to the American form of government. Representatives should be elected by the people they represent.

Roberto says the present system needs to be continued because it encourages "collaboration" with the other members of the city council. The reason the other council people don't like Amelia Parker is because

she isn't a sure vote to go along with whatever Mayor Kincannon wants to do. I can't remember when the last time Andrew Roberto or any of his fellow collaborators dissented from whatever The Great Incompetent wanted to do. The members of council ought to be asking more questions, not sitting there like bumps on a log or only opening their mouths to praise Kincannon.

No one of any gender or race is entitled to a seat on city council or any other elective office. The voters decide that themselves and the fundamental premise of having districts is that they are represented by a person elected from that district BY that district. Just because we've been doing it this way for 54 years doesn't make it a good idea.

Nobody is being stripped of anything unless it is the folks in Sequoyah Hills not being able to select the council person for Burlington. Now, according to Andrew Roberto, that's a prime example of democracy in action. Not hardly!

## Brooks Kicks Off Campaign

Speaking of city council, Cameron Brooks, a former member of the Knox County Election Commission, opened his campaign for an at-large seat on the council last week. Brooks is running a full-blown campaign and has been busy for the last few weeks walking through neighborhoods and knocking on doors.

Brooks drew a good crowd to a campaign opener at the Beck Cultural Center with a healthy mix of Democrats and Republicans, which is a good sign in a nonpartisan race.

Cameron Brooks is by vocation a realtor and has a healthy dose of respect for homeowners' rights, so it isn't surprising he would advocate for neighborhoods. Brooks told the audience he will NOT vote to increase any taxes during his four-year term as a member of the city council if elected. Brooks also promises he will be a voice for working people and working families. That has certainly been a voice that has been sorely missing on

the city council, especially after the city government raised property taxes by 40%.

Brooks is campaigning for the seat held now by Lynne Fugate.

## Thank Kincannon

Rents in Knoxville have grown faster than anywhere else in the country, at least according to the National Association of Realtors. The rate of rent growth for 2022 was 9.6%. Knoxville is the 11th highest city in the nation for inbound migration. Folks are pouring in from Nashville, Atlanta, and Charlotte, North Carolina. 40% of homebuyers were looking to purchase homes outside Knox County. According to statistics, household income needed to be \$90,331 annually to be able to afford a median-priced home in Knoxville and Knox County.

Yet Mayor Indya Kincannon and the city council raised the local property tax 40%, which has caused rents and mortgages to rise. Some 54% of people living in the City of Knoxville are renters.

## Knox County's Junior Commission to meet in mock session

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The Knox County Junior Commission will hold a mock commission meeting and will reflect the adult elected members with those representing the Second and Sixth Districts acting as chair and vice chair. Commissioner Larsen Jay, who spearheaded the creation of the junior commission, told The Focus, that Commissioners Courtney Durrett and Kim Frazier have worked out a mock agenda for the session.

The junior commission meets on Monday, March 20, from 3:30 until 5 p.m. prior to the commission's work session.

"Feedback from junior commissioners has been great. They really like the program and find it

eye-opening and valuable," Jay said, adding, "We will be creating an exit survey for them to complete so we can get feedback and tweak the program for next year."

The idea of selecting junior and senior high school students, one from each commission district, apparently will become an "annual model" to get those youth involved in local government. The junior commission meeting should illustrate what the students have gleaned from the various duties and functions they attended. There could be some debate on the mock agenda before them as some of them stated different opinions during the commission vote to drop the age of correction officers from 19 to 18 years of age.

Chairing the mock session will be Chairman Courtney Durrett's and

District 2's Gabriela Sánchez Benítez (junior, Fulton High School), and Vice Chair Terry Hill's and 6th District's McKayla Muse (senior, Home Life Academy)

The rest of the junior commissioners are District One: Caroline Schoonover (junior, West High School); District Three: Dain Shelton (senior, Hardin Valley Academy); District Four: Ethan Coffey (senior, Christian Academy of Knoxville); District Five: Anand Patel (junior, Farragut High School); District 7: Lily Hutchison (senior, Halls High School); District Eight: Madelyn Dyer (senior, Berean Christian School); District 9: Emily Child (junior, South Doyle High School); District Ten: Ella Parker (junior, Bearden High School); and District 11: Maya Farrar (junior, Farragut High School).

## Sports Authority approves funding for multi-use stadium project

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The Knoxville Sports Authority Board approved issuing \$65 million in bonds on Tuesday to finance the construction of the multi-use stadium downtown that will become the home of the Tennessee Smokies baseball team. The name may become "The Knoxville Smokies" when the team moves to town.

The total price of the stadium project is about \$114 million with team owner Randy Boyd promising to pick up the difference of about \$30 million and has committed to provide up to \$20 million in funding to be paid in new revenue during the city and county's Tax Increment Funding.

Boyd has also committed to pay \$1 million in rent annually.

With the vote of the Sports Authority, construction can begin on the vacant site near Knoxville's Old City area. Both Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs

and Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon promoted the project and applauded the final agreed price. Neither jurisdiction has taxpayer funds invested in the stadium project and the Sports Authority's funding did not increase despite construction costs increasing over the past three years.

Sales tax is expected to add revenue to both the city and county as businesses develop in and around the stadium. A study has estimated the new revenue resulting in and round the stadium to be \$480 million over the next 30 years.

The Sports Authority, created by the city and county, will be the owner of the facility and Boyd's company will supervise rentals for community events, concerts, etc. It may take the baseball team a few years to move from the Kodak stadium to the new facility. The Knoxville stadium is expected to be completed in 2025 with a groundbreaking to be announced for this spring.

## School board hears parents' concerns, custodial update, tribute to McGinnis Bus Line

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Building Maintenance, Inc. has filled 50 of the vacant positions recently, but some 95 positions remain open.

According to Adams, the principals who have received the new staff are happy with the results.

"A number of principals are excited and very grateful for the services provided," Adams said. "We've gotten really good feedback. There's been overwhelming appreciation."

Ryan Dillingham, KCS Director of Transportation,

gave a special award to McGinnis Bus Lines, which has been taking kids to and from school for some 100 years. McGinnis's route has included Corryton Elementary, Gibbs Middle School and Gibbs High School.

Dillingham told a funny story about McGinnis's history. Joseph P. McGinnis, who retired in 1986, took over for his father when he was 14. "They waived the requirement because his birthday was in January," Dillingham said. "I want to assure you there are no 15, or 14-and-a-half year-olds,

driving buses for Knox County."

"Operating a bus is often difficult and thankless work," Dillingham said. "Buses are a bedrock upon which public schools are built. Buses allow students, regardless of race, creed, wealth, heritage, ability or disability, to access the high-quality education that is their birthright."

"When I think of the hundreds of thousands of students who have ridden the bus with the McGinnis family over the past century," Dillingham went on, "and who owe to them at least in some small way their successes and triumphs throughout their lives, I'm awed, humbled, and incredibly grateful."



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# A higher privacy fence approved for local couple

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How high can a privacy fence be in the city?

According to current city regulations, a solid fence can be no taller than 42 inches, but a couple living at 7601 Bennington Drive appealed a citation for their 72-inch fence and won in a 7-2 vote decided by the Knoxville City Council.

The 7-2 vote came on a motion by Vice Mayor Andrew Roberto who said the couple have a hardship given the location of the property. Both Thomas and Renee Pelicano told the council of problems they

had before erecting the taller fence, including noise from traffic and cars lining up there to pick up and drop off school children, people coming through their yard, vandalism, and, in one case, a homeless man passing out in the back yard of their home.

Mrs. Pelicano compared the traffic to a drag strip. They explained the fence only covers the back side of the home. Roberto described their problem as “unique.”

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** More than a half dozen citizens spoke in public forum at the council meeting about the death of Lisa Edwards.

The elderly lady died after being taken by Knoxville Police Department officers in an arrest after being discharged from Fort Sanders Hospital.

All of the speakers were critical of her care both at the hospital and by four officers who eventually loaded her into a squad car where she became seriously ill. She died a day later at the same hospital.

Mayor Indya Kincannon opened the council meeting by saying the incident “was upsetting for me” and the handling of the woman was “not close to expectations.” The incident is now in the hands of the police

department’s internal affairs.

Councilman Tommy Smith spoke briefly on the completion and opening of Fort Kid and noted that near the playground is a marker for a Union Soldier which was discovered by Terry and Charles Faulkner.

In other action the council voted to contribute to the TKJ Foundation for a youth leadership camp, the Urban League for an Achiever’s Society Sneaker Ball, and to the Parks and Recreation’s fund for various Challenge Grant Awards.

They also approved transferring about 55 feet to Lincoln Memorial University

on the former St. Mary’s property, and to apply for \$50,000 for the African American Equity Restoration Taskforce to support initiatives.

Property at 203 South Day Street was permitted to encroach on the public right-of-way for utility room doors. Edison Electric LLC and Progressive Electric LLC were both allotted funds for maintenance services to the city’s street lights.

The council also approved using a portion of South Twenty First Street as a pedestrian corridor at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, approved

the preliminary plans for a residential development at the Galbraith School at 433 Galbraith School Road, and approved a six-month agreement with Southland Commercial Group VII, LLC, for renewal of rental space for the police department for \$3,540 each month.

The base zoning at 308 South Gay Street was rezoned to Downtown Knoxville Grid Subdistrict and three parcels at the former St. Mary’s Hospital campus were transferred to the Knoxville Community Development Corporation.

## Questions about the Amazon Distribution Center continue

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“We don’t have an exact date but it is still in our plans,” he said. He also confirmed that the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Alcoa will be opening later this year.

Kelly told The Focus that about 90 percent of the Amazon facilities in the nation operate on property the corporation does not own.

“We are a tenant at this facility,” he said.

“The Knoxville delivery station remains in our plans. While we don’t have a specific launch date to share right now, once we have a better sense of timing, we’ll work with the local community and employment organizations in the area to hire for the facility,” Kelly said.




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*The Amazon facility is all but complete with some work going on the inside. The corporation told The Focus that it does, indeed, plan to move in the property and use it as a “delivery station.”*

Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood Association President Ronnie Collins had this to say about the distribution center: The Alice Bell/Springhill Neighborhood Association worked for years to try to help save East Town Mall. After it eventually closed we were concerned about having a huge big box building sitting in our area for years and years. When we were approached about the possibility of a reuse of the property that would create a lot of jobs we were excited. There have been lots of rumors and questions about the facility since it has been completed and nothing was going on. It is good to hear that the Knoxville facility is still in the plans.

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### Seeking Truth

A prophet is someone who can not only predict the future, but can see the truth around him.  
Michael Knowles

Fifteen years and 800 essays ago, Steve Hunley approached me about being a columnist for his newspaper, The Knoxville Focus. I was flattered but told Mr. Hunley I had minimal writing experience, having written only a half dozen opinion pieces for the Sentinel years ago. He countered by observing I had published a novel (Epiphany 2007). So, I asked him what he suggested I write about and he said, "Anything you want." So, I discussed the offer with my wife, Becky, and ultimately decided to give it a try. And that's how The Doctor Is In began more than eight hundred thousand words ago.

The column has evolved

called a polis. Hence, we get the word politics, which describes the workings of the polis. We live in a bigger community than a polis; we live in a nation-state, the USA.

Politician Tip O'Neill once said, "All politics is local." I agree. My politics begin at home and expand outward in concentric circles to include town, state, country and then the world. As a result, my essays often include politics and reference historical issues.

I'm sure I repeat myself at times, but sometimes things should be repeated for emphasis. The Bible often uses repetition because ancient Hebrew did not have punctuation, such as exclamation marks. Historians believe punctuation evolved to indicate how the written word should be read aloud. In fact, a period at the end of this sentence derives from the Latin word punctus or point.

If repetition creeps into my columns, it is because they are not designed to be research papers with footnotes. I have published scientific papers. But that type of prose is dry as toast and unsuitable for the Focus.

I once worried that I would run out of things to say. It hasn't happened. And since I also write about music, cinema, the arts, spirituality, philosophy and

science, I doubt that I will be stumped anytime soon. I have also written about travel, since throughout my life I had a wanderlust. That has dissipated, and now I relive my journeys by traveling in my mind.

I don't think retelling stories is wrong as long as they are presented in a new or interesting way. I love listening to my favorite pieces of music again and again. And I have a stash of favorite movies which bring me joy over and over again.

As spring bursts forth around us, I'm relishing daffodils and the char-treuse of new growth. I challenge you to "google" and read the last stanza of William Wadsworth's beautiful poem, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud and we can share the vision of an "inward eye." Next, read Robert Frost's evocative paean to spring, "Nothing Gold Can Stay." Magical metaphors and beautiful wordsmithing!

Sometimes, I think my essays are becoming too stylized or predictable. But I'll bet you didn't expect the above poetic references!

There is a woman at church, who tells me she has trouble finding the theme of my essays. Obviously, the title is an indication of an essay's direction. I collect quotes and about a year ago I

started using quotes as headers for my essays. Like the title, headers are used to grab a reader's attention and to introduce a thematic focus. Sometimes the purpose of an essay is obvious. At other times it may be a bit enigmatic and thoughtful reflection is necessary. Good!

The recent storms caused me to recall the adage of "March coming in like a lion." In grammar school, I was introduced to that observation in Laura Ingalls' books. These days I don't think kids read Ingalls and that's unfortunate. Perhaps "A Little House in the Woods" or "A Little House on the Prairie" are dated, but I believe the concepts of family and American virtues are timeless and superior to sexually oriented books.

Lately, I've been reflecting upon Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America." The Frenchman toured America in the 1830s and wrote about American uniqueness, including the importance of Christianity which he said, "facilitates the use of freedom." Tocqueville considered religion "the first American political institution." Tocqueville saw American small villages and local churches as fostering self-governance because there were no lords, kings or

even historical traditions in the New World. But perhaps of most importance, there existed in America an equality of conditions and opportunities. There was no aristocracy, only meritocracy; people were not frozen in a class due to birth or conditions.

Recently, I thought about Tocqueville as I read about Bill Maher's interview with Bernie Sanders. The self-described Democrat-Socialist was asked about equality and then asked to explain the difference between equality and equity, the Democrat buzzword and mantra. Sanders could not define equity. So, Maher explained to the "Senator" that equity is legislated equal outcomes. Whereas equality of opportunities is guaranteed by law and the Constitution.

The tide continues to shift as the truth keeps trickling out. The week before last it was the Covid origin revelations. Now, it's the January 6th video tapes. The truth is, the media and the government "tells us A story rather than THE story." All the while Biden keeps "stumbling," trains keep derailing and China keeps threatening. Wake up America.

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# Knoxville songwriters give Tennessee visitors a musical welcome



Knoxville Songwriters who performed at the Tennessee Welcome Center in Jellico are, from left, Nita Graves, Gene Blair, Mark French, Randy Ott, Edna Riddick, Austin Burdick, John Rose, and David Lauver.

Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association gave visitors to the state a musical greeting Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Tennessee Welcome Center at Jellico on I-75 South.

KSA President Randy Ott said the performance by the group helped promote Tennessee Songwriters Week, the annual celebration of musical creativity in the Volunteer State.

"The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development does a great job celebrating songwriters and welcoming our state's visitors, so KSA

wanted to show our support," Ott said. "Many of the folks who stopped by to listen said they enjoyed the musical hospitality."

Ott said KSA members have been among hundreds of songwriters who have performed at venues across the state leading up to the showcases held Feb. 19-25 during Tennessee Songwriters Week.

KSA, East Tennessee's largest and most inclusive songwriting organization, meets most Tuesdays at the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road. Founded in 1983, the group helps

area songwriters develop their musical talents and broaden their understanding of the music business.

KSA holds a jam session at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the library's community room, followed by a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. that includes writing lessons and song critiques.

KSA's annual membership dues are \$30 (\$15 for writers under 21 years of age). Prospective members are welcome to attend up to two meetings at no cost to jam, have a song critiqued, and get to know KSA members.



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Picture of a favorite pet resting near the daffodils last year, by Ralphine Major.

## Watching for Spring

I watch for them each year. By the time March arrived this year, they were in full bloom. The flowers all but disappeared with the recent severe storm. The beautiful yellow daffodils seem to



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be one of the first signs that spring is not far behind.

Windy March brings so much with her. It is time for Daylight Savings Time to "spring forward" once again, a time that so many

people are happy to see. For basketball fans, March brings the excitement of tournament play for several weeks. March often brings unseasonably warm temperatures that tease, causing us to

think that winter is over. But one cold snap will be a stark reminder that winter is not totally done. So far,

not even a snowflake has fallen in March. In fact, the winter has brought

practically no snow to many regions. Looking toward spring, many turn their thoughts toward Easter Sunday which sometimes comes early in March. This year, however, the all-important day for Christians falls in the month of April. Regardless of the month, Easter is truly something to look forward to and celebrate!

*Words of Faith: "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified." Psalm 70:4 (KJV).*

# My Truth

One of the benefits of getting older is that a person can more easily say what he thinks or feels. Most of us are too worried about what our comments might do to others or to our professional standing. Ah, the joys of retirement and age give us the courage to be true to principles. Just today, I commented that I began teaching in 1974, and a woman wrote, "Wow! That was five years before I was born!" That should qualify me to speak my truth.

First, I believe that the worst invention of modern times is the cell phone. Oh, the phone itself is wonderful. It's reassuring to parents that their children can contact them in case of emergencies. The rest of the features are things that make the cell phone so bad. I've never known another generation so absorbed in themselves. They constantly take "selfies" in every situation. Most people don't care what someone else has eaten for supper unless it's strange, but meals are photographed and uploaded by the thousands. Games of all kinds and for all ages can be downloaded. Social media sites are available with the touch of an app. These people can spread rumors, make comments, and join like groups. All the



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while, people are looking down at a small device in their hands. They have no idea who or what is surrounding them. Minds are shut and personal communications cease to exist.

For 30 years, I taught English to high school students. Grammar was one of my specialties, and I pounded personal pronoun usage into students' brains. I clobbered their grades when the wrong ones were used. Now, some people tell me that the use of "they" is acceptable for those who identify as "non-binary." Who determined that? How many future students are going to struggle with pronoun usage with this change? I have no bias against any person's sexuality; however, I say that he should be used for males, and she should be used for females. If a change occurs, then a different pronoun can be used. Allowing people to use incorrect grammar to defend their personal beliefs is ridiculous. If language is a legitimizing tool, before long, groups will be unable to communicate because of their altered English.

I am disgusted by extremist groups and their fights to control this society. No fringe group should have the power to tell the majority how to

act or what to say. Neither should they have the ability to "cancel" or "segregate" another who fails to live by their rules. Some words are purely evil, but in the end, they are only words, and their effects are dependent upon those who hear them and the acts which are associated with them. The middle is where most of us live, and we're growing tired of the tripe that both extremist sides spout.

Last of all, I am tired of the citizens of this country taking democracy for granted. Most of the world's countries practice some type of authoritarianism. Few people live with the freedom that we have. In these days, our political parties seem to care little about supporting and defending that freedom. Instead, they snipe at each other and throw one-sided arguments at opponents so that they can stay in power. The idea of governing for the good of the people has disappeared. More important is the political agenda of parties. It's about time that our representatives stopped polarizing their parties and members and started working together to make this democratic experience work.

I told you I am old. Whether or not I have the right to directly call out things and people and action is up for debate. At least anyone who reads this will know my truth.

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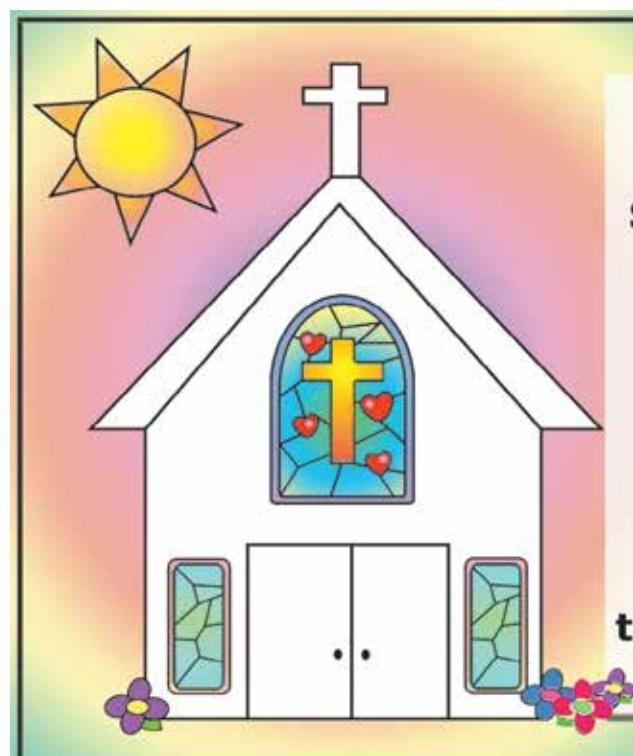
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# The Last Campaign: Overton vs. Orgill, Part II

Pages from the Past



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Watkins Overton had been the longest-serving mayor of Memphis when he had been called back to office in 1949. Overton was easily reelected to a four-year term in 1951. Once again, Overton was thwarted by the personal pique of Edward Hull Crump. A majority of the city commissioners fired Stanley Dillard, whom Mayor Overton had appointed director of the city's department of personnel. Naturally, the mayor was outraged and he once again resigned his office in a fury.

Clearly, things were changing in Tennessee. Senator Kenneth McKellar, eighty-three years old and ailing, had carried Shelby County in the 1952 reelection race but had lost statewide to Congressman Albert Gore. Governor Gordon Browning, a battle-tested veteran of Tennessee's political wars, had been beaten by thirty-two-year-old newcomer Frank Clement. The trifecta of Clement, Kefauver and Gore ushered in a new political era in the Volunteer State.

In Memphis, the most significant political change occurred on October 16, 1954, when eighty-year-old Edward Hull Crump died at his home on Peabody Avenue. Almost immediately, the cogs and wheels of the machine Crump had so meticulously put together over 50 years began to falter and fall apart.

The Nashville Tennessean and its publisher Silliman Evans had been a harsh critic of the Crump machine. Evans envisioned himself as a kingmaker in Tennessee politics and had been the most vocal backer of Estes Kefauver in the 1948 election and Albert Gore in 1952. Yet Evans barely outlasted Crump, dying alone in a hotel room in Texas of a heart attack while visiting to attend the funeral of fellow publisher Amon Carter, for whom he had named one of his sons.

The new publisher of the Tennessean was Silliman Evans Jr. who would continue to support those candidates backed by his father. The Tennessean referred to the 1955 mayoral campaign in Memphis as the first "free" election in a half century with Crump consigned to his grave.

In the prelude to the mayor's race before any candidate had officially declared, Edmund Orgill,

speaking before a women's group, advocated for the council-manager form of government for Memphis and pointed to how former mayor Watkins Overton had bickered with commissioners and resigned his office. The businessman pointed out "you have seen Overton twice get crossways with the others on the City Commission." Since the death of E. H. Crump, Orgill speculated the problems would only get worse.

"Prior to his death in October, Mr. Crump ran Memphis," Orgill said bluntly. "He selected the commissioners, rode herd over them, kept after them, and saw that they did a good job, along his lines. And it was pretty good." Yet Edmund Orgill told the ladies, "The way the city employees in Memphis - - - and it's not different from other commission - - - governed cities - - - the way the employers are obliged to go out and campaign and work their ears off in every way for the officials in power is a crying shame." Orgill pointed out in the council-manager form of government, government employees usually had civil service. Some of the women in the audience beamed when Orgill said "there is no reason why a woman shouldn't serve on the Council of a city like Memphis." "And I think under council-manager, women will be more likely to enter politics," he added.

When asked by one of the women if the group pushing for the council-manager form of government had any "Negro members" Orgill said there were several. "I'd like to have more negro members, and we will have," Orgill said confidently. Another woman asked, "What do you think of having a negro member on the Council?"

"That is a matter that will take care of itself. In Nashville, I think, there are two negro councilmen. In Richmond, a negro was elected to the first council.

"I feel that there are, in the city of Memphis, a good many negroes who would make good members of our city council. They would have the same right to run as they have now," Orgill stated.

Watkins Overton, widely rumored to be mulling over yet another political comeback, was recovering from an operation in early May of 1955. Overton was

certainly the best-known of any possible mayoral contenders, including the incumbent, Frank Tobey. If anything, the former mayor was even more distinguished looking than ever. White-haired, bespectacled, with coal black bushy brows hanging over his glasses like drapes, Watkins Overton looked the part of a statesman. Overton informally started the 1955 mayoral campaign by appearances at various organizations and service clubs promoting a change in the city government. Considering his own experiences as mayor, it could hardly surprise anyone Overton favored a "strong mayor" rather than the present system which he criticized because the mayor had to have the approval of the city commissioners. Nor did Overton support the manager-council form of government promoted by many of the self-named "good government" types in Memphis.

"I don't think the people of a growing city want a hired expert brought from another town to run our city," Overton told the members of the Memphis Catholic Club. "I believe we should elect our own mayor and he should be subject to you and responsible to the people.

"He ought to have the authority to run the city right and employ responsible men to head the departments, and if he doesn't do a good job you can elect someone else."

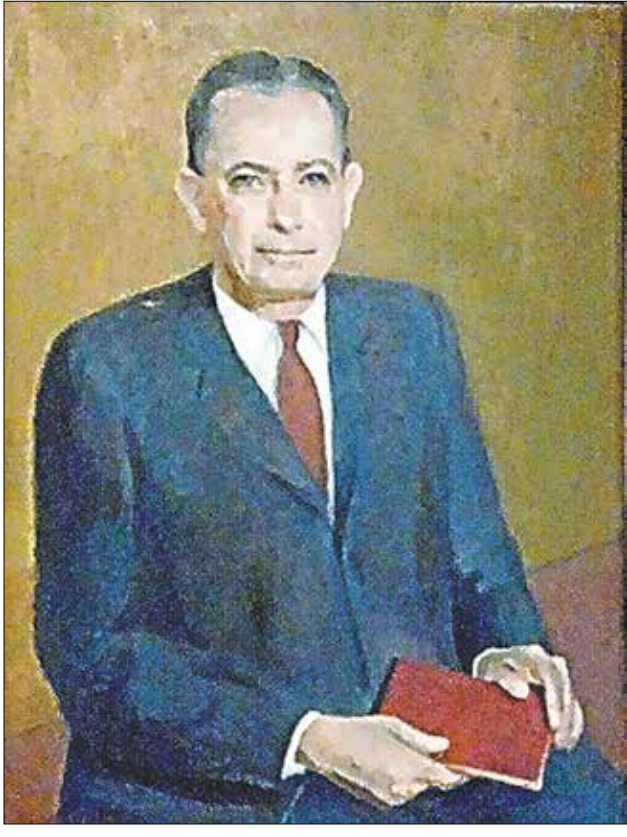
Speaking to forty-five members of the Tuesday Nighters, a club composed of businesswomen, Overton charged, "Commission form of city government is antiquated and obsolete." "Every city larger than Memphis has abandoned it. Under the commission form, the mayor has no real executive authority. He cannot represent the people in planning for the future," Overton said.

"I do not think the people want any imported city manager brought in to run our city. To employ a city manager means that we have lost faith in the people to choose their own chief executive," the former mayor told the businesswomen. Overton noted both Tennessee's state government and the federal government operated under a chief executive and legislative body.

By June there were rumors Watkins Overton had "lost interest in returning to the position of Mayor of Memphis" according to a report written by Clark Porteous of the Press-Scimitar.

"Not so," Overton retorted.

Porteous reported while the former mayor had somewhat slowed his efforts to convince voters to change the city's form



"Official portrait of Edmund Orgill, Mayor of Memphis."

of government, it was due less to lost interest than having been slowed down by two hernia operations. Clark Porteous informed readers Overton was feeling better and was "beginning to act like a potential candidate" once again. The newspaper reporter noted Overton had gone to downtown Memphis "for the first time in more than a month" where he had lunch at the Peabody Hotel with a group of CIO labor leaders. The union leaders had been invited by the former mayor who Porteous reported had "picked up the check" for his guests.

Overton intended to give a speech promoting the "strong mayor" form of government over television station WHBQ sponsored by the Citizens' Committee for Mayor-Council Government. Asked whether he would announce his candidacy, Overton hedged. "I'm just starting to get out again," Overton insisted. "I'm definitely very much interested in running for mayor. The committee is still operating. I intend to get more active now."

In his fifteen-minute televised speech, the former mayor replied directly to Edmund Orgill. Overton scoffed at the notion "a mayor elected by the people might become a dictator" as Orgill seemed to believe. "My answer to Mr. Orgill is that there is no danger of our mayor being a dictator so long as he is elected by the people, and responsible to the people."

Contacted by reporters following Overton's television address, Edmund Orgill calmly replied, "I think the record shows that entrenched political machines run things in the large cities are under the so-called 'strong mayor' form of government.

"These political machines get a large part of their support from the gambling and racketeering elements. In reality, the mayors in these cities

are nothing more than puppets dancing to the tune of some political boss operating behind the scenes," Orgill stated.

Edmund Orgill said he was personally "opposed to changing our form of government until we change to the one which is regarded as best by most students of municipal government."

There were some reminders of the old Crump machine in Overton's television speech. Sitting behind the former mayor was Shelby County Trustee Riley Garner, who had been supported by Crump. Also sitting on the speaker's stand was Judson McKellar, the nephew of former Senator K. D. McKellar, Crump's warm personal friend and political partner.

It was becoming increasingly clear there was no doubt Watkins Overton was intending to run again for mayor when he issued a public blast at incumbent Frank Tobey who was pushing construction of a plant to produce steam power. Overton denounced the move as injurious to consumers and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Overton felt Frank Tobey and the incumbent mayor's "great love of publicity" had caused him to fall into the "trap" set by opponents and critics of TVA.

By mid-June, Watkins Overton confirmed his interest in once again occupying the mayor's office. Frank Tobey, who had become mayor following Overton's resignation from the office in 1953, had already indicated he would be seeking a full term in his own right.

Watkins Overton became an open candidate for mayor of Memphis once again at the end of August 1955. The former mayor immediately fired off a barrage of charges, accusing Mayor Tobey and Commissioner Joe Boyle of "preparing to set up an enormous slush fund and arguing about how big it should be."

"Mayor Tobey should tell

the people why he needs such a big campaign fund if he and his ticket merit reelection on their record," Overton thundered. "What does he intend to do with all this money?"

Frank Tobey dismissed the former mayor's accusations as "ridiculous."

Overton came out for consolidation of the Memphis - Shelby County school system, improving expressways in the city and maintaining TVA-supplied power.

Joe Hatcher, longtime political columnist for the Tennessean, noted the many "strange angles" of a race between Mayor Frank Tobey and former mayor Watkins Overton. "Strangely, the Crump dictatorship may not be the real issue," the veteran columnist wrote. Hatcher opined should Overton be returned to the mayor's office, it "would undoubtedly mean the complete demolition of the old Crump machine as far as the outside world is concerned." Hatcher emphatically stated, "The Tobey administration is a Crump-dictated regime without question, and its expected fight to hold together as a unit will be a fight to maintain the power of the old machine." Yet Frank Tobey had managed to earn a "reputation of having maintained a certain independence of thought even after his promotion to the mayor's office." Still, Joe Hatcher seemed puzzled, admitting Tobey had shown not the slightest reluctance in accepting the "entire four-man commission with obvious weak points even when ruled by the hand of Crump."

Yet it was impossible to get away from the fact Watkins Overton's sixteen years as mayor of Memphis had all been accrued while E. H. Crump was the overlord of Shelby County. "Twice he broke with the boss, or vice-versa, and left the office," Hatcher recalled. Hatcher reminded his readers, "And while in office Mayor Overton was all the way a Crump machine lieutenant, as ruthless and unbending as necessary."

Joe Hatcher, admittedly not unprejudiced where the topic of Crump was concerned, concluded "there is no real clear-cut issue between" the two mayoral candidates "over the one-man rule" of Memphis. Lastly, Joe Hatcher wrote, "So whatever the public issues, it may well be that the breaking of the last shackles of a dictatorship will be the primary, fundamental principle behind the campaign after all."

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## COURT NOTICES

### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION UPON UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, Deceased.  
Docket No. 81508-3  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION UPON UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE T.C.A. §21-1-204

This cause came to be heard on January 12, 2023, upon the Petition to Sell and Confirm the Sale of Real Property filed by Cindee H. Lambo, Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, deceased, by and through counsel, Fiona F. Hill, filed on December 8, 2022, and an Amended Petition to Sell and Confirm the Sale of Real Property filed on January 11, 2023. Pursuant to T.C.A. §21-1-204, it appearing from the allegations in the Petition and Amended Petition, being duly sworn to, that all identified heirs listed below, any unknown heirs of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, and any other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described in the Petition and Amended Petition, cannot be served with ordinary process of law as their whereabouts cannot with due diligence be ascertained. The Court found the Petition to be well taken, but determined that prior to granting the relief sought to sell the real property identified therein, that Service by Publication was necessary in order divest all right, title, and interest, legal and equitable, in the property to be sold and to vest clean title and interest in each purchaser identified therein. The identified heirs whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained are as follows: Denise Medved Burton, Darrien Gideon, Darlene Keener Fierle, Helen Pope Strausbaugh, Mary Agne Pope Khavari, Shirley Pope Wilson, Jenice Cox Hicks, Sheila Cox, Barbara Ann Williams Ward, Carol Janice Williams Collier Wills, Jack Raymond Williams, Jr., Jacqueline (Jackie) Williams Hicks, Gracie Ellen Williams Blisard Greenway, Katie Marie Sanders, John Phillip Sanders, Steven R. Parsons, Tracy Tyler Parsons, Dorothy Faye Parsons Ellis, Dennis Parsons, Brenda Parsons White, Mark Parsons, Rhoda Marie Parsons, and Rev. James T. Turner.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus newspaper to give the opportunity for all identified heirs and any unknown heirs to 1) enter an appearance and provide name, relationship, residence, and contact information, and 2) to file an answer or otherwise defend against the relief sought in the Petition and Amended Petition, within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication by contacting the Clerk & Master of the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division, 400 Main St., Room 125, Knoxville, TN 37902 and to send a copy of the same to Fiona F. Hill, Esq., Attorney for the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr, 550 W. Main St., Ste. 310, Knoxville, TN 37902.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the failure of any unknown heirs not identified in the Petition and Amended Petition, and any other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described in the Petition and Amended Petition, to file an appearance and provide proof of heirship or interest in the real property will result in a finding by the Court of negating any interest of such unknown heir, person, or party, in the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr and the real property identified in the Petition and Amended Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the failure to file an answer shall result in the granting of the relief sought in the Amended Petition to sell the real property of the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr and to vest clean title and interest to each purchaser identified therein.

THIS THE 20th DAY OF January, 2023

Christopher D. Heagerty  
Chancellor

Approved for Entry:  
Fiona F. Hill (BPR #014840)  
Tom R. Ramsey, III (BPR #013926)  
Attorneys for the Estate of Nancy Leona Carr Ramsey Hill, LLC  
550 W. Main Street, Suite 310  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
(865) 291-1551  
(865) 291-1552 (fax)

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT  
IN RE: JENNIFER NORTHCUTT  
NO. 205977-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, it is ordered that said defendant, DANIEL WAYNE NORTHCUTT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with John D Haines, an Attorney whose address is 109 S. Northshore Drive, Suite 401 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 10th of February, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHAUNTAY R WATSON  
IN RE: MAHAYLA D LLOYD - BARBARA D. MAHAYLA V SHAUNTAY R WATSON AND BRYAN D LLOYD  
NO. 208077-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHAUNTAY R WATSON, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHAUNTAY R WATSON, it is ordered that said defendant, SHAUNTAY R WATSON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Curtis W Isbell, an Attorney whose address is 251 Short Street, Clinton, TN 37716 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken

against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D Heagerty at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th of February, 2023.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY OF TONYA JUSTICE FELTS LEFT AT THE HOME OF DECEDENT, LOIS JUSTICE OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS JUSTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION

TO: All Unknown heir(s) and unknown Child(ren) of Tonya Justice Felts and known heirs of Tonya Justice Felts, her adult child, Kaitlyn Felts, and her minor children: J.F., E.F., C.F., and J.D.

IN RE: Estate of: Lois Justice  
Docket Number: 87016-3

In this cause, it appearing that Tonya Justice Felts left some personal property, i.e. furniture and other items at the residence of the decedent, Lois Justice, several years ago. The personal representative of Lois Justice's estate is now faced with the task of cleaning out the residence of Lois Justice in an effort to complete the probate process.

In this cause, it appearing that a Motion for Instruction has been filed by the personal representative regarding the disposition of said property left by Tonya Justice Felts at the home of the decedent, Lois Justice, and it further appearing that the following beneficiary(ies) and unknown heir(s) whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, to wit: All Unknown heir(s) and unknown Child(ren) of Tonya Justice Felts and known heirs of Tonya Justice Felts, her adult child, Kaitlyn Felts, and her minor children: J.F., E.F., C. F., and J.D., pursuant to TCA § 30-2-603 this notice is published to advise the above beneficiary(ies) and all interested parties that the Clerk and Master will hear the Motion for instruction as filed by the personal representative on the 13th day of April, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Room 352 City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. This matter may be continued from time to time as provided by TCA § 30-2-605.

This 23 day of February, 2023

ROGER L. JUSTICE  
Personal Representative  
By Rebecca Bell Jenkins  
Rebecca Bell Jenkins, BPR 017249  
For further information contact:  
Rebecca Bell Jenkins  
Attorney for the Estate  
Franklin Square  
9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 202  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
(865) 691-2211

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHARON L BAILEY NON-RESIDENT OF STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHTS, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION IN RE: SEAN M WILES, JR AND WIFE NANCY MARIE WILES v SHARON L BAILEY, NON-RESIDENT OF STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHTS, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION.

NO. 206328-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHARON L BAILEY, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHARON L BAILEY, it is ordered that said defendant, SHARON L BAILEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of February, 2022.

J Scott Griswold  
Clerk and Master

## PUBLIC NOTICE

COURT ORDERED AUCTION - 6704 Stone Mill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919. Property to be sold by auction with bids to be accepted in accordance with the Auction Terms and Conditions from March 1, 2023, at 2:00 a.m. EDT to March 31, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. EDT. Auction governed by Order of the Knox County Chancery Court. For Auction Terms and Conditions and Orders affecting this property, please see [www.bondhousesale.com](http://www.bondhousesale.com) or call (865) 235-1632

## ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ASHLEY JOHNSON,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
JUSTIN PAULK,  
Respondent.

No. 2022-CV-815

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
This matter came to be heard before the Honorable Terry Stevens, Roane County General Sessions Judge, upon Petitioner's oral Motion for Service by Publication as to Respondent, which was filed on the 9th day of February, 2023.

WHEREAS, upon the inability to effect personal service of process on Respondent, whose whereabouts are unknown, the Court finds that it is in the best interests of the minor child to serve Respondent by way of publication in a local newspaper of his last-known address.

Accordingly, it is therefore ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Justin Paulk, is ordered to file an Answer to the Complaint in this matter within thirty (30) days, if he intends to contest this matter;

2. A copy of this Order shall be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox

County, Tennessee; and,

3. Respondent, Justin Paulk, you are put on notice that failure to file an Answer may result in a default judgment being entered against you that modifies your parenting time.

ENTERED this 13 day of February, 2023.

Judge Terry Stevens

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:  
  
Tyler Davis  
Petitioner's Counsel  
804 West Race Street  
Kingston, Tennessee 37763  
865-354-3333

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF KRIZITNA KAY BRAUNER NO. 205989-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon T-IE UNKNOWN FATHER OF T-IE CHILD, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B Armstrong at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 9 of March, 2022.

J SCOTT GRISWOLD  
Clerk and Master

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEROME CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 87327-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEROME CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR who died Aug 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

(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 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF JEROME CHRISTOPHER ABLES JR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SUSAN JANE SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX  
5129 WEBBER ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

M SAMANTHA PARRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE TN 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD ARMSTRONG  
DOCKET NUMBER 87345-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD ARMSTRONG who died May 13, 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

(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 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ARMSTRONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
CAROLYN FAYE ARMSTRONG; EXECUTRIX  
109 IVY MILL COURT  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA AUXIER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87045-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA AUXIER 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.

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

date of death.  
This the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF MARTHA AUXIER  
  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHERINE AUXIER RAZOR; EXECUTRIX  
12720 PROVIDENCE GLEN LANE  
FARRAGUT TN 37934

JASON ROSE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
611 SMITH VIEW DRIVE  
MARYVILLE TN 37803

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY  
DOCKET NUMBER 86987-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY who died Aug 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.

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

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

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

This the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CLYDE WAYNE BRADLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MATTHEW LYNN BRADLEY;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
2252 DEERWOOD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

D CHRIS POULPOPOULOS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
611 S WASHINGTON STREET  
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA T BRUNER  
DOCKET NUMBER 87349-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA T BRUNER who died Aug 13, 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

(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 1 day of MARCH, 2023.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA T BRUNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES C BRUNER; EXECUTOR  
2009 RUDDER LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

ANNE M MCKINNEY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1019 ORCHID DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH CAULEY BUSSARD  
DOCKET NUMBER 87089-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH CAULEY BUSSARD who died Sep 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.

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

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

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

This 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF RUTH CAULEY BUSSARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JACQUELINE RAE BUSSARD  
BERTUCCI; EXECUTRIX  
9914 CEDAR CROFT CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

STEPHEN C WALLING ATTORNEY AT LAW  
707 MARKET STREET, SUITE 1  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROY LEE CAR, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87000-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROY LEE CAR, JR. who died May 20, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to

creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF ROY LEE CAR, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHERRY A WAGNER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
161 TANGLEWOOD ROAD  
HARRIMAN, TN. 37748

BRYCE M HARDIN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10413 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 87321-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR. who died Jul 6, 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

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

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

This the 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF CHARLES FOSTER CART, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ANDREW CHARLES CART;  
ADMINISTRATOR  
7832 JEFFERSON OAKS DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

M SAMANTHA PARRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2908 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE G  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS  
DOCKET NUMBER 87343-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS who died Nov 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.

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

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

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

This the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

ESTATE OF DENNIS CLARENCE CHILDRESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICHOLAS IRWIN CHILDRESS; EXECUTOR  
6221 RUGGLES DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

ROBERT GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4611 OLD BROADWAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL T COFFEY JR  
DOCKET NUMBER 86986-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of FEBRUARY 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL T COFFEY JR who died Aug 26, 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.







# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDWARD CURTIS DENNY, JR**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87005-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD CURTIS DENNY, JR who died Sep 13, 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

(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 1 day of MARCH, 2023.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HILDEGARD MCBEE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87169-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 03 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HILDEGARD MCBEE who died Jul 11, 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

(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 03 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF HILDEGARD MCBEE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
FREDERICK MCBEE; EXECUTOR  
1015 WESTMORELAND BLVD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRENDA MCFADDEN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86847-2**

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This the 1 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF BRENDA MCFADDEN**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ROBERT ALDRIDGE MONTGOMERY**  
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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, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

**ESTATE OF ROBERT ALDRIDGE MONTGOMERY**

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF FLORA LEE MYNATT**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87371-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 06 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FLORA LEE MYNATT who died Nov 22, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 06 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF FLORA LEE MYNATT**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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**DOCKET NUMBER 87354-2**

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This the 2 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF WAYNE LAWRENCE PERDUE**

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD QUARLES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86982-2**

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This the 1 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF RONALD QUARLES**

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOANNA M STAMPS**  
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Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2023, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOANNA M STAMPS who died Sep 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 3 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF JOANNA M STAMPS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STANLEY JOSEPH STUTLER II**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 86824-3**

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This the 02 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF STANLEY JOSEPH STUTLER II**

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This the 2 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY S WEAVER**

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8517 KINGSTON PIKE  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF IMOGENE WEST**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 87195-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 03 day of MARCH 2023, letters administration in respect of the Estate of IMOGENE WEST who died Oct 5, 2022, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk

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This the 03 day of MARCH, 2023.

**ESTATE OF IMOGENE WEST**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
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## KNOX COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD NOTICE

The Knox County Air Pollution Control Board will meet in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room (Room Number B500) located on the basement floor of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917, on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023. Public comment is welcome.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend this public meeting, please contact the Knox County ADA Coordinator, Carly Pearson, at 865-215-3603 or [carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org](mailto:carly.pearson@knoxcounty.org) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Amendments to the agenda
- Approval of minutes from meeting of January 18th, 2023
- Citizens' comments and requests
- Reports
- Director's report
- Air Monitoring report
- Enforcement report
- Other business
- Adjournment



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

# Team play leads Lady Irish to gold

By Steve Williams

A “team philosophy” won out in the end said Knoxville Catholic Head Coach Travis Mains after the Lady Irish captured the school’s first-ever girls basketball state title.

Ensworth’s Jaloní Cambridge, the No. 1 player in the ESPN Top 50 and the starting point guard for the USA U-17 team that won a gold medal, scored 41 points, but the defending state champion Tigers didn’t have enough to go with it as Catholic prevailed 64-59 in the BlueCross State Championships in Cookeville on Saturday, March 4.

Sydney Mains, a junior and daughter of the Catholic coach, may have been outscored by the athletic Cambridge, but she out-shot the Ensworth star in Eblen Center at Tennessee Tech University.

Mains, still wearing a knee brace after an ACL injury and having surgery in July, totaled 33 points as she connected on 8 of 16



When Irish eyes are smiling! The Knoxville Catholic girls team with the school’s first-ever gold basketball after its 64-59 win over Nashville Ensworth March 4 at Tennessee Tech’s Eblen Center in Cookeville.

field goal attempts (50 percent), 5 of 9 from 3-point range (55.6 percent) and 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent).

Cambridge was 15 of 41 from the field (36.6 percent), 2 of 13 on 3’s (15.4 percent) and 9 of 13 at the foul line (69.2 percent).

As a team, Catholic (21-12) also had three other significant contributors. Amaya Redd, a 5-11 sophomore forward, scored 14 points and collected seven rebounds. Freshman guard Evaíya Mitchell came off the bench to score seven straight points in a key

stretch in the third period to erase a four-point Ensworth lead. Jazmine Williams, a 5-9 guard and one of only two seniors on the team, tracked down six defensive rebounds and had five assists.

Alana Wells chipped in seven points and was the

only other player to score more than three for the Tigers (27-5).

“Jaloní is a really good player, but you have to compete against really good players and make her take off-balance shots,” said Coach Mains. “Some of the stuff she does is amazing,



but again, five for one team is going to beat one or two kids. A team will always win in a team sport.”

The Lady Irish got off to a slow start and failed to score on their first six possessions. When Ensworth made it 10-0, Coach Mains signaled for a timeout.

A drive inside by Redd finally got Catholic its first points with 4:25 on the clock. The first period ended with the Tigers ahead 16-9.

Mains swished in a 3-pointer from the top of the circle that cut the deficit to 20-18 and brought a roar from Catholic fans at a key point in the second period.

Ensworth Coach Mary Taylor Cowles called a timeout and was assessed a technical foul before play

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# Hot shooting Volunteer eliminates Halls in state sectional

By Ken Lay

Excitement was in the air at Halls High School as the Red Devils hosted a state sectional playoff game for the first time in nearly four decades.

The school’s pep band played as things reached a fever pitch as the Region 2 champion prepared for tipoff as the Red Devils took the floor for their first sectional home game in 36 years.

But things didn’t end well for the Red Devils as they dropped a 95-71 decision to Volunteer High School in the Section 1-3A tilt on Monday, March 6, before a packed and spirited house at Halls High School.

The Region 1 runner-up Falcons led throughout

but the game was tightly contested early as Halls and Volunteer matched blows in a shootout in the first quarter. The Falcons, however, manufactured enough offense to take a 23-17 lead by the end of the opening frame.

The Falcons would pull away in the second stanza as they continued their hot shooting, opening the frame with an 18-8 surge. Volunteer (23-11) opened a 41-25 lead when Andrew Knittel drained a 3-pointer with 2 minutes, 48 seconds remaining until halftime.

The Falcons outscored their hosts 25-13 in the period and took a 48-30 lead into the locker room at the break.

From there, things would

only get worse for the Red Devils, who finish their 2022-23 campaign with a 20-13 overall record.

Volunteer’s hot shooting continued throughout the game as they would open a 34-point lead in the fourth quarter. The Falcons boasted a potent and balanced offensive attack as they knocked down nine long-range jumpers in the contest and had four players post double figures in the scoring column. Jolton Harris scored 17 of his game-high 26 points in the first half.

Knittel finished the contest with 24 points while Brandon Minton had 19 and Tucker McClain chipped in with 12. Post player Cason Christian had eight points, including



Halls junior guard Jake Lane dribbles into the frontcourt in a state sectional game early last week. Lane made a pair of 3-pointers but the Red Devils’ season came to an end with a 95-71 loss to visiting Volunteer High School.

six before halftime as the Falcons posted a dominant performance on their way to punching their ticket to this week’s state tournament in

Murfreesboro.

Chandler Gamble led the Red Devils with 18 points and sharp-shooting senior guard Caleb Shaffer

finished with 17.

Shaffer, however, was shut out over the inaugural 16 minutes of the contest.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

# Beavers fall short in comeback attempt; season ends in Sectional to Sevier Co.

By Bill Howard

Heading into its Sectional Round game against visiting Sevier Co. Monday night, Karns High School's boys' basketball team had every reason to feel confident.

The Beavers were at home, had outlasted Oak Ridge in overtime to win Region 2 the week before, and had momentum on their side. A win would send them to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro this week.

But in the end, Karns couldn't overcome Sevier Co.'s red-hot shooting.

The Smoky Bears used effective ball movement to score 12 layups. They also drained six treys, including three in a row during a second quarter run that

was pivotal in determining the outcome of the game.

After building an early lead, Karns fell behind early in that second period. They spent the rest of the game fighting back, but in the end fell short. The final score was 70-59.

"That's unfortunate (SC's hot shooting), said Beavers' coach Lee Henson. "That happens, it's not a surprise. We knew they'd come in and shoot it well. They did a good job; they outplayed us. When you fight that hard (to come back) it's hard to maintain it the whole half."

"Our seniors stepped up, they did a great job," said Bears' coach Ken Wright. "We had to control tempo; we couldn't run with them. It was a great team

effort. They're a great team."

After jumping to a quick 7-2 lead - all by Jaylen Roberts on a three and a pair of jumpers - the teams traded baskets the rest of the first period which ended with the teams tied at 15.

The game got away from Karns in the second. The Smoky Bears scored the final basket of the first quarter, which was the first two points of a 14-point run. SC went from trailing 15-13 late in the first, to leading 27-15 with 4:52 left in the half.

The Beavers, meanwhile, scored a mere seven points in the second. After the 14-point run, the Bears kept pouring it on. By half, they had built the lead to 16, 37-21.

"They jumped on us early and

made some shots early and got the momentum and felt good about themselves," Henson said.

KHS tried to fight back in the third. After a layup by Roberts cut the lead to 13 with six minutes left, Karns outscored SC 14-9 over the next four and a half minutes to trim the lead to eight, 48-40. The third period ended 51-40, SC.

The Beavers turned up the pressure in the fourth, trying to trap in the backcourt to force turnovers. But the closest they would get before the game was out of reach would be eight, the last time with 3:40 left.

The Smoky Bears then hit a pair of layups to put the lead back to 12 with barely three minutes left. Time had run out on Karns.

Time and again Karns had good looks at the basket but the ball just wouldn't fall.

"We had a couple chances to make it 4 or 6 late," said Henson. "It just didn't fall."

Beavers' wing Jaylen Roberts scored 20 to tie for leading scorer. Point guard JJ Faulkner added 19. Reed Ownby led the Bears with 20. Caleb Tarwater added 19 while Jayden Barton chipped in 12.

"We started off bad," said Karns big-man Aiden Goins. "We played poor defense; it was just a bad night for us. Usually it's us getting the bucket and going on a run but we were chasing tonight. Usually we're the ones who are up."



PHOTO BY TAMMY KREGEL

Bearden players on the bench react to a big play against Bradley Central in their quarterfinal showdown.

## Heartbreaker: Bearden streak ends at state

By Steve Williams

Bearden played with the heart of a champion in its TSSAA state quarterfinal game last Wednesday, but their gallant comeback ended with a heartbreaking 55-53 loss to Bradley Central in the BlueCross Basketball Championships at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

The Lady Bulldogs battled back from a 16-point third period deficit and finally pulled even with Bradley Central on a basket by freshman standout Natalya Hodge with 33 seconds left in the contest.

But Bearden would not get another offensive possession.

After Hodge's tying shot, Bradley Central lost the

ball and the scramble for it ended up being a jump ball with the Bearettes having the possession arrow with 19 seconds on the clock.

Bradley Central couldn't get the ball in bounds against the Bearden defense and BC Coach Jason Reuter had to call a timeout.

With another opportunity, the Bearettes got the ball in play. Erika Swick took a jump shot from the right corner that fell short of the basket, but sophomore teammate Harmonie Ware ran in, grabbed the ball and put it in just before the buzzer for the winning score.

A Bearden season that had produced a 35-0 record

and extended a winning streak to 57 games all of a sudden was over.

"I could not be prouder of our team," said Bearden Coach Justin Underwood. "We didn't shoot well in the first half, but our girls never gave up. Today wasn't close to our best game, but our kids fought all the way. It's tough to lose on a last-second shot, but these young ladies have nothing to hang their head about, 35-1 is an amazing season."

"The girls took today's outcome hard, but when you put your blood, sweat and tears into something, it hurts when it comes to an end. But I told them as time goes on they will realize

what an amazing season they had - an undefeated regular season, District tournament champions, Region champions and a 57-game winning streak. That's something special."

Bradley Central (33-1) was a tough draw. The Bearettes have a rich tradition in girls basketball with six state titles, the last coming in 2019, and two runner-up finishes.

Despite going 0 for 10 from the field in the first period and seeing Avery Treadwell, their 6-3 senior force inside, pick up her third foul in the second period, the Lady Bulldogs only trailed by three (21-18) at halftime.

But Bradley Central started the second half with a 12-0 run to make it 33-18. Its biggest margin got to 43-27. Bearden answered with a nine-point flurry that closed that gap to 43-36 early in the fourth.

Treadwell fouled out with 2:22 to go and the Bearettes leading 51-45. The Florida State signee went to the bench without a field goal in the game but made 12 of 14 free throws.

Bradley Central's Malia Wilcox missed the front end of two 1-and-1s and Kendall Murphy hit a 3-pointer to pull the Lady Bulldogs within two (51-49) with 1:21 remaining.

Hodge scored Bearden's

next two baskets to tie the score at 53-all and finished with a game-high 23 points.

Treadwell had six rebounds to go with her 12 points. Murphy added nine points, Lindsay Wilson seven and Lainey Cox six. Wilson also collected 11 rebounds.

Freshman 6-footer Kimora Fields led Bradley Central with 22 points. Ware scored 16. Hannah Jones contributed 10.

Good free throw shooting kept Bearden in the game as the Lady Bulldogs made 26 of 34 (76.5 percent). However, from the field, they made 12 of 40 (30 percent) and made 3 of 9 from 3-point range.

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## TOURNEY NOTES

# Catholic cheerleaders and fans get a hand from the AD

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic High Athletic Director Jason Surlas was not able to attend the Catholic girls' state title victory over Nashville Ensworth at Tennessee Tech on May 4, but he wanted to comment on the support of the Catholic cheerleaders and the fans who made the trip to Cookeville to root for the Lady Irish.

"I am very proud of our cheerleaders who support our basketball teams all year," said Surlas. "There are a

lot of games in a basketball season, especially when the girls and boys play in different venues. This year we had several cheerleaders that we could count on to be at every game.

"I am thrilled our cheerleaders were able to be a part of this special season for our girls' basketball program, and I want to thank the coaching staff and players for including the cheerleaders in their celebration."

Surlas added: "I also want to acknowledge the incredible support

that our team received from all of our 'Irish Nation.' We are truly blessed to have such an amazing community of support."

**MAINS ON TARGET:** In Knoxville Catholic's run to the Division II-AA girls state crown, Sydney Mains got rolling in the second half of a 56-46 semifinal win over Harpeth Hall.

The junior shooting guard scored 27 points, including 19 in the second

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# The ball is not heavy

Legend has it that an enterprising journalist once asked Southern Cal head coach John McKay why he gave the ball to O. J. Simpson more than 20 times a game. His response was, "It's not heavy."

It is an article of faith that players should be able to hold onto the ball, but we have seen over the years that fumbles can change the course of a game and a season very quickly.

That leads us to fumbles by Arian Foster at the Outback Bowl against Penn State in 2008 or by Cory Anderson at Alabama in 2005 as a couple of examples. Both those bobbles turned the game around. One team is close to scoring, but the other team grabs the momentum. It happens in an instant.

Vol fans also remember the "Stoerner Stumble" at Neyland Stadium in the national championship season of 1998, when Arkansas looked to be in control of the game and their destiny. Things looked so bleak for the home team that more than a few fans in orange were streaming

toward the exits. That also changed in an instant.

Quarterback Clint Stoerner tripped over lineman Brandon Burlsworth coming out from under center and tried to break his fall with the ball. That was a bad move, as defensive tackle Billy Ratliff grabbed the ensuing fumble. The Vols then go in for the score, 43 yards in five plays, win the game, and keep hopes alive for a national title.

On Homecoming Day in 1959, the Vol defense denied LSU's Billy Cannon a two-point conversion early in the fourth quarter. If "The Stop" is No. 1 on the best defensive plays list in Vol football history, the "Stoerner Stumble" has to be 1A.

Georgia might not have won the national title in 1980, save for a Glenn Ford fumble near the Bulldog goal at the south end in the final minutes. Had the Vols gone in for a score or even kicked a field goal, the whole season might have turned out differently for both teams.

The momentum engendered by the 16-15 victory in the season opener carried the Bulldogs a long way. Having freshman running back Herschel Walker didn't hurt either.

Then there was the John Majors fumble in the 1957

Sugar Bowl against Baylor, leading to a 13-7 loss for Bowden Wyatt's team.

Someone asked his mother, Elizabeth Majors, about it, and her reply was something special. "Everybody burns the biscuits once in a while," she said. Many years later, she told one reporter covering the Vol program she wished she hadn't said it.

John Majors told Ben Byrd an interesting story about the aftermath of that game.

"At Kingsport, a gentleman came up to me with a little girl about one-year-old," said Majors. "He said he wanted to talk with some friends. I asked him if I could hold his little girl while he was gone."

Majors said he got a letter from that gentleman the next week. His friends had been curious to know who was holding his child while he was away.

"Johnny Majors," the man had told them.

"Johnny Majors?" his friends had replied. "Aren't you afraid he'll drop her?"

In the 1971 Liberty Bowl, Tennessee looked dead in the water. Arkansas had the ball late in the game leading 13-7, when there was a loose ball in front of the Vol bench. Players from both sides went after the ball, while everyone on the

Tennessee side was pointing emphatically toward the Arkansas goal.

That tradition probably dated to Gen. Neyland's tenure as head coach and has been a vital part of Vol football history. Nothing wrong with helping the officials make the call, right?

There's no telling what happened under the pile that night, but Carl Witherspoon somehow came up with the pigskin, or at least the officials said he did. Thus inspired, Tennessee went in for the winning score. Jim Maxwell completed a pass to Gary Theiler, and Curt Watson scored. The game tape shows Vol wide receiver Joe Thompson clearing Watson's path to the Promised Land.

Arkansas backers thought they had gotten hosed twice in that game, the other penalty coming for holding on a successful field goal attempt.

Former UT assistant coach Bob Davis often told the story of a freshman game at Notre Dame in 1968, when freshman games were in vogue. Bob remembered a pileup after a fumble, when one official ran in, quickly assessed the situation, and said, "Our ball." He then gave the signal giving possession to Notre Dame.



Elizabeth Majors, shown here with husband Shirley, had a perceptive response when asked about their son John's fumble in the 1957 Sugar Bowl.

What all this shows is that the ball may not be heavy, as McKay observed, but the spheroid can come loose when you least expect it.

## Lady Vols' Time to Shine?

By Mark Nagi

Heading into the 2022-2023 season, the Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team looked the part of a legit Final Four contender. They were ranked 4th in the country to start the campaign.

Before right from the jump, things have been a struggle.

They were upset at Ohio State in the opening game. Then in December, it was announced that star center Tamari Key would miss the rest of the season with blood clots in her lungs.

Except for a nine-game winning streak December 27 through January 22, this was a team that just could not get into a rhythm.

But their performance in the SEC tournament gives us a hint that things might be turning around. The Lady Vols beat Kentucky in the quarterfinals, then rallied from a 17-point deficit to knock off third-ranked LSU in the semifinals.

"It's been a lot of fun. Obviously, it's tournament time," said Lady Vols head coach Kellie Harper. "There is something you gotta love about how you just feel drained from day-to-day. It's just part of it. You love that. You love to

compete. Coaches stay up late trying to get a scouting report together. You're trying to make sure the team is recovered and rested. It's just part of tournament time. That's what our sport is. Basketball is a tournament sport. Boy, you better love this time of year. We do. I do. I love the emotions; I love the competitiveness."

Tennessee ran out of gas in the title game against undefeated and top-ranked South Carolina, falling 74-58. But the message is clear. The Lady Vols aren't ready for a quick out in March.

"It just builds our confidence," said Lady Vols forward Rickea Jackson. "We know the things that we must work on and continue to get better at, but also like for us to even make it this far says a lot about our toughness and our mental toughness. This (SEC) tournament is tough. Our bodies hurt, we are mentally tired, but we had a hard fight and I feel like we were relentless."

"We always knew we had it in us," said Lady Vols forward Jordan Horston. "Everybody else didn't know that, but we knew, and we still know. This fight ain't over. Like I said, I'm not holding my head on this loss. That's

the number one team in the country and we were hanging with them. Once we clean up what we need to clean up, we can beat them, like I said, but we are happy being the underdogs. It's okay."

I think we have had some really good basketball and we've shown a lot of grit," said Lady Vols head coach Kellie Harper. "I think we have come a long way. I'm excited for the journey to continue, to see what this team can do. I think they really believe in each other, and they believe in this basketball team."

The Lady Vols will open NCAA tournament play later this week. They are hoping this run ends with their first trip to the Final Four since 2008.

"I think how we've evolved as a team has been what we wanted to see," said Harper. "We've always - from the beginning of the season we had the talent, but I just wanted to see a little bit more grit and a little bit more toughness, and I think we've developed that. I think we're a little bit more physical than we were early on. I think our understanding of how we need to play has been good for our team's success."

## Team play leads to gold

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resumed. Mains made both technical foul shots, and after Catholic was awarded possession, Mains was fouled on a drive inside and converted two more free throws that gave the Lady Irish their first lead of the game (22-20). The half ended with Catholic ahead 29-27.

After Ensworth went up by four points (36-32) midway through the third period, Coach Cowles surprisingly called a timeout less than a minute after a media timeout had been taken.

It was at this point, when play resumed, that Mitchell had her seven-point flurry that erased the Tigers' lead and Ensworth never led by more than two points the rest of the way.

"Double zero (Mitchell) is feisty and plays extremely hard for them," said Coach Cowles in the post-game interview. "She had a good run for them. Her

quickness was extremely very bothersome for us during that stretch."

Ensworth led 43-41 at the end of the third period and the contest remained close the rest of the way.

Cambridge picked up her fourth foul with the score tied at 51 and 4:22 to go.

Catholic took the lead for good at 53-51 on a drive inside by Mains.

Cambridge made one of two free throws with 29.8 seconds left as the Tigers trimmed Catholic's lead to 61-59.

Mains made two clutch free throws to extend the lead to four (63-59) with 22.9 seconds remaining and Cambridge misfired on a 3-point attempt at the top of the circle.

Catholic inbounded the ball to Mains, who was fouled with 4.3 seconds on the clock. She tacked on one more free throw for the final score.

"These seniors (Kate Pettinger and Williams) definitely have a special place

in our heart, so we wanted to achieve (the state title) for them and also for us and our school because we had never won one in girls (basketball)," said Mains, who was named the tournament's MVP.

Coach Mains said "the key to the victory was Evaiya Mitchell coming in when it looked like we were shot by John. She just took it over. She said, 'Let's Go!' over and over and over (clapping her hands hard). And everybody goes, 'We're gonna win this thing. This is crazy.'"

Evaiya later explained her emotions: "I was just like, we can't lose this game. We've been through so much as a team and I knew I had to put it all on the court and just give it all I have. And it ended up paying off. So I'm very thankful for this team. I'm very thankful for this opportunity and we'll be back next year."

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

# Fulton wins 'ugly' to claim state berth

By Steve Williams

Fulton took surviving and advancing to an extreme in last week's Class 3A sectional round.

The Falcons had what seemed to be a comfortable 17-point lead late in the third quarter but had to battle in the final minute to eliminate Stone Memorial 58-54 at Jody Wright Arena and secure a berth in this week's BlueCross Basketball Championships at Murfreesboro.

The Panthers from Crossville outscored Fulton 20-3 and pulled into a 54-all tie when sharpshooter Matthew Milbrey hit a 3-pointer from the left corner to even the score with 1:01 on the clock.

Seconds later, after both teams had moved to Fulton's offensive end of the court, Milbrey went down with cramps in both legs.

Officials stopped the game to allow the senior guard to be attended to and taken back to his team's bench.

It was Tyler Lee and Taj Kimber who pulled Fulton through.

With 48.2 seconds on the clock, the Falcons held the ball for the last shot and Lee went in for a dunk but had to settle for two free throws after being fouled. Lee made both shots to give his team a two-point lead with 3.5 seconds left.

Following a timeout, Stone Memorial set up to make a throw-in pass from its baseline. Milbrey returned to court. Taj Kimber positioned himself



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*Fulton's Marcellus Jackson drives against Stone Memorial in the Falcons' 58-54 sectional win on March 6 at the Jody Wright Arena.*

at the free throw line on the opposite end of the court. Taj intercepted the pass and was immediately fouled with 1.5 seconds remaining. He sank both foul shots to give the Falcons a four-point lead and all but lock up the win.

Fulton Coach Jody Wright called a timeout at 1.2 seconds to make sure his players would not foul. The Falcons gave the Panthers a 3-point shot that was off the mark.

The veteran Fulton coach was not surprised by the close finish.

"They are never easy this time of year as much as you would like for them to be," said Wright. "I just felt this game was going to go right

down to the wire and I told our guys at halftime that this game was going to be won and lost in the last two minutes.

"That's a classic example of this time of year," added Wright. "Whether you win ugly or whether you win pretty, it's all about winning. And tonight we made that an ugly win and I'm tickled to death with it because it's all about surviving this time of the year. We're still standing and that's all that matters."

Fulton (29-5) will face Volunteer High (24-11) in the opening game (Class 3A) of the tournament on Tuesday at 10 a.m. (CDT) at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center.

Both teams are nicknamed the Falcons. Other than that, they have little in common. Fulton will be making its 27th appearance in the state tournament, while Volunteer will be making its first appearance.

Fulton has won three state titles and finished runner-up six times.

Volunteer High is located in Church Hill, about 10 miles from Kingsport.

"Our coach said don't let anything get behind you, so I anticipated the pass and got the interception," said Taj Kimber, recalling what might have been the play of the game.

As for the state tournament, Taj said: "We got three

games man. I feel we can go all the way and win it. We've just got to be prepared."

Twin brother Denaj Kimber led the Falcons with 20 points, including three of his team's seven 3-pointers. Lee was close behind with 18 points and Taj tallied 11.

Fulton also had a good night at the free throw line, sinking 8 of 9.

Milbrey led Stone Memorial (25-7) with 21 points. Sophomore Cade Capps, the son of SM Head Coach Neal Capps, scored 14.

Fulton led 20-12 after the opening eight minutes and 29-22 at halftime. Lee stepped out and bombed in a 3-pointer from the right wing to give the Falcons their biggest lead at 51-34 in the third.

Both teams went cold in

the first four minutes of the final period and the Falcons remained that way as they scored only seven points in the quarter.

Stone Memorial had an 11-0 run during a six-minute scoring drought for Fulton to get within six (51-45) with 3:10 to go and eventually tied the score as the contest headed into the final minute.

"I'm really proud of our team and how they fought and didn't lie down in a very, very tough environment," said the Panthers' Coach Capps. "To be able to come back from 17 down and tie it like they did, I couldn't be more proud of them. Just the legacy our seniors showed right there and how they are leaving the program in a better place, I couldn't be more proud of our team."



*Fulton players Dexter Lewis (15) and Derrick Smith congratulate and hug each other at the end of last week's sectional game. Stone Memorial made it close, but the Falcons survived and advanced, 58-54.*

## Catholic cheerleaders and fans get a hand from the AD

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half. Her shooting line for that game was 9 of 21 on total field goals, 5 of 14 on 3-pointers and 4 of 6 at the foul line.

**SPARTANS FALL:** Webb School's boys made it to the Final Four but saw their season end with a 62-57 loss to Brentwood Academy in the Division II-A state semifinals in Cookeville on March 3.

The Spartans trailed by only two points at halftime (22-20), but Brentwood Academy pulled away by outscoring Webb 24-13 in the third period.

Freshman guard Owen Lentz made four 3-pointers in the game's final 2:20 as the Spartans reduced an 18-point deficit to five. Lentz finished with 18 points.

Lukas Walls had 12 points and five rebounds for Webb, which ended the season with

a 24-8 record.

**TOUGH TASK:** Making it to the TSSAA Division I state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro was tough to do for local teams this season.

Only the Bearden girls made it that far after rolling past Daniel Boone 71-50 in the Class 4A sectionals.

In the Class 3A sectionals, host Seymour fell to Greeneville 68-43 and Halls bowed at Elizabethton 57-40.

On the boys' scene, Fulton will be the only team to represent Knox County at this week's state tourney.

In addition to Karns and Halls losing at home in the sectionals, White County rallied past Austin-East in the fourth quarter for a 54-53 win at Sparta, while Carter lost at Unicoi County 77-63.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

*Knoxville Catholic High cheerleaders join the celebration after the Lady Irish captured the 2023 Division II-AA basketball championship for the first time in school history. Members of the cheer squad are (front row, left to right): seniors Ellie Brickner, Ella Perry, Julia Leonard and (top row): Kylie Stout, Kenzy Navarro, Sophie Brickner, Clare Robertson, Chloe Surlas, Ryan Davenport, Elly Varner, Sarah Hazel Fields, Ella Fuesting.*



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