

# Stout announces candidacy for 6th District County Commissioner

I am Phillip Stout. I am seeking election as 6th District County Commissioner.

I was appointed to serve in this position in 2017 when it was vacated by Linda Jones who moved out of the district. I have resided in the 6th District for 48 years. I am currently serving on the Health and Welfare Committee. I am running as a Republican.

I am a graduate of Tennessee Technological

University where I received BS and MA degrees. I was employed by Warren County Schools for 34 years, having taught in both elementary and high school before becoming secondary curriculum supervisor. I then was named as director of materials, purchasing and safety. After retirement from the school system, I was an employee at Walmart for 10.5 years.

I have been a member

of Northside Baptist Church for 48 years where I have served on numerous committees as well as serving as Sunday school teacher and director, choir member and deacon. I serve our community on the Warren County Foster Care Review Board. I have served in



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this capacity for 14 years.

I am married to Scarlett Stout, who is also a retired educator. We have three adult children and seven grandchildren. Our favorite pastime is attending sports activities the grandchildren are involved in. We also enjoy attending the local com-

munity theatre productions at the Park Theater. We enjoy traveling and are blessed to have traveled to all 50 states.

Since retirement, I have more time to serve the community. I desire to see more industry come into the county to provide better job opportunities for our residents. I have a special interest in the education of Warren County citizens, whether it be public school, adult education or literacy pro-

grams. I have served as a tutor in the English as a Second Language program. I would like to see more young people involved in the government of Warren County.

I urge everyone to vote in the primary and Aug. 2 election. I would greatly appreciate votes and support from those residing in the 6th District. It is an honor and privilege to serve as Warren County commissioner of District 6.

## Dean

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Dean says the state's last two governors, Phil Bredesen and Bill Haslam, have made education a focal point and the results are apparent. More Tennesseans than ever are earning college degrees and better-paying jobs are locating here as a result.

Many Tennesseans list healthcare as their chief concern, according to Dean. He had visited 94 of the state's 95 counties as of Monday night and said he would be visiting the 95th county shortly.

"If you're in a part of the state where there's been a hospital to close, that's a big issue," said Dean referring to 10 rural hospitals to close in recent years. "The opioid crisis, if you want to combine that with healthcare, that's a big issue."

When asked if some of those 10 rural hospitals could have been saved if Tennessee were to opt into the Affordable Care Act,

Dean said, "Medicaid expansion would make a difference. Tennessee still needs our fair share when it comes to healthcare dollars. It certainly exacerbates the situation when you take away those dollars. It's a complicated issue, especially surrounding rural medicine."

When asked about enacting gun control as a way to slow the mass shootings we're seeing in Tennessee and throughout the nation, Dean started by stressing he's a firm supporter of the Second Amendment. However, he admitted the shootings are occurring with alarming regularity and suggested some government action.

"Nothing is going to happen unless we have a common agreement and I think an area where most people can agree is that we don't need people who are mentally unstable running around with guns," said Dean in promoting a need for greater background checks.

# Seals faces charges of theft and exploitation of an elder

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
Editor for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A local woman faces two felony charges after reportedly stealing more than \$1,000 in antiques and trying to resell the items falsely claiming the owner was dead.

Carolyn Denise Seals, 54, has been charged with financial exploitation of an elderly or vulnerable adult, a Class D felony.

She's also charged with theft over \$1,000 but less than \$2,500, a Class E felony.

Seals was indicted on both charges by the Warren County grand jury earlier this month.

According to the indictment, Seals wrongfully obtained the property from a family member

without permission between the dates of Feb. 19 and Feb. 27 of this year.

This included antique furniture and glassware. She then tried to sell the antiques as her own, claiming the former owner was deceased.

"The person is in fact very much alive," said District Attorney General Lisa Zavogiannis, who has worked to strengthen laws pertaining to abuse against the elderly.

Last year as chair of the Elder Abuse Committee for Tennessee District Attorneys, Zavogiannis worked to get legislation passed on the state level



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to enhance the punishment for those convicted of crimes against mentally challenged individuals or the elderly, defined as persons 70 and older. The crime is enhanced one class.

The result is a longer sentence.

For example, a Class E felony carries a 1 to 2 year sentence, while a Class D felony carries 2 to 4 years.

The committee contin-

ued its work this year and got legislation passed to enhance fines for those who commit elder abuse.

That money is then put in a fund to help victims.

Zavogiannis also worked to increase the punishment for the most serious elder abuse offense.

"If you neglect an elderly person to the point where they die, you can now be charged with felony murder," said Zavogiannis. "Previously, the highest charge was second-degree murder."

# Haslam allows legislation barring sanctuary policies

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — Republican Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam says he's allowing legislation billed as a push against sanctuary cities to become law without his signature, saying it has stirred up irrational fear on both sides.

Haslam told reporters Monday that Tennessee has no sanctuary cities and state law prohibits them. He said it's not a mass deportation bill.

Haslam said it's best for Tennessee to move on.

The legislation bars local "sanctuary" policies and threatens to withhold future state economic and community development money from those not complying.

Local governments would have to comply with federal immigration detainers of people identified as in the country illegally without requiring warrants or probable cause.

## STATE ROUNDUP

TWRA spokesman Matt Cameron tells the Knoxville News Sentinel that wildlife officers trapped the sow and two yearlings behind a hotel Saturday, and the National Park Service assisted with chemical euthanasia.

Cameron says the bears ripped the screens

off a man's house and chased him inside. The bears were also reported to have broken into vehicles and chased construction workers.

Cameron says officials believe the bears lost their natural fear of humans through being unintentionally or intentionally fed by people.

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**NASHVILLE (AP)** — In a blow to the owner of Opry Mills Mall, the Tennessee Supreme Court has let stand a lower court's ruling that stripped \$150 million of insurance coverage for the 2010 flood.

The state's highest court announced it would not hear an appeal from the Simon Property Group.

The mall was submerged in 10 feet of water during the flood that killed 10 people in Nashville. It took two years for the property to be rebuilt and cost millions of dollars.

A jury awarded the property group \$200 million from a group of insurers. But an appeals court said the company was only due \$50 million, which was the limit for properties listed in "high hazard flood zones."

**GATLINBURG (AP)** — Three bears who authorities say damaged property and chased people have been euthanized in Tennessee.

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ANTIQUES & GLASSWARE: Some of the many items to sell will include, Fenton glassware, carnival glass, milk glass, crystal, clear glass, vasoline glass, pink depression, several great pieces of antique furniture, new collectibles, wreaths, new flowers, flower arrangements, arrangement supplies, dolls, Christmas items, several new pictures and frames, display cases, glass display cases, metal shelving, warehouse shelving, hundreds of ceramic molds, kilns, antique collectibles, many, many, items that we don't have room to list. This will be a two-day auction to give you an idea of the many items of merchandise that we will have to sell. This will be a complete liquidation of Creative Paradise. If you are a private collector or in the flower or antique business, you do not want to miss this sale. We have something for everyone.

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