

Farragut MPC rejects apartments

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The process took two hours of public hearing but when the dust settled and the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission voted Thursday night, the body did not recommend the development of 22 acres for a 220-unit apartment complex.

The 6-2 vote came with few questions from the planners but many comments from both sides of the request, which is to rezone from low residential (R-2) to high residential (R-6). Continental 333 Fund was asking for the change with the idea of building an upscale development on property owned by Doug Horne on Smith Road just off of Kingston Pike. The matter, however, isn't settled and the planning commission's recommendation not to change the zoning now goes to the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

The planning commission meeting was standing-room only as citizens packed the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

An overflow crowd of Farragut citizens packed the town's planning commission meeting Thursday evening in opposition to an apartment complex proposed for Smith Road.

room in the town hall and the crowd even spilled out the door into the main hallway.

Most of the meeting involved statements by various citizens including Horne

and much of the subject was the town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan which was adopted in 2012. Opponents of the rezoning claimed that the proposed

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PREP FOOTBALL KICKS OFF



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Hardin Valley's Tim Frizzell powers into the end zone to give the Hawks an early 6-2 lead against West on Thursday, August 20th. However, the Rebels rallied to win 16-15. For additional high school football coverage and schedules, please see Sports. Section C.

Farragut Hotel gets the OK

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The multimillion-dollar renovation of the historic Farragut Hotel at 530 Gay Street got a go-ahead vote from Knoxville City Council Tuesday night with only one councilman objecting. The project, by Rick Dover's Dover Development Corporation, received approval to become the recipient of a \$2.9 million loan if approved by the federal Housing and Urban Development. The city will apply and then loan the money to Dover.

The 18-month renovation is expected to create an upscale hotel and create 83 full-time jobs downtown.

The project was also granted a 25-year property tax break as part of the city's Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, meaning that the site would continue to pay the current tax rate until the end of the agreement.

The parking of guests' cars brought the objection because Dover, who bought the hotel building nine months ago, had initially requested free parking in the State Street Garage. A

final compromise was worked out so the hotel would pay the current residential rate of \$32.50 per space, per month for 160 spaces for ten years, at which time the rate would be prorated.

While Councilman Nick Della Volpe applauded Dover's renovation and restoration of several area projects and complimented the firm for "quality workmanship," he said that the hotel spaces might take up residential spaces and that all other hotels downtown have built their own garages. Dover

said that the hotel was built back when the guests arrived by trolley or train. He indicated that the new facility would supply valet parking.

Della Volpe and a couple of councilmen agreed that another floor or two might eventually be needed at the State Street facility to handle the increased parking. Although Della Volpe suggested the hotel pay the current commercial or business parking rate instead of what he called "a dollar a day" rate, the council voted 8-1 to approve the parking offer.

Public Meeting Tomorrow on Fountain City Lake Improvements

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, Mayor Madeline Rogero will join City Council representatives and City staff to present a public update on plans for long-term improvements to Fountain City Lake. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Building located at Fountain City Park, 5345 N. Broadway.

The 125-year-old manmade lake has for many decades suffered from excess algae growth and poor water circulation.

Mayor Rogero and City Council included \$250,000 for improvements in the 2014-15 budget, and work began last fall with the repair of a leak in the earthen berm that surrounds the lake. At this meeting, City Engineering staff and consultants will talk about the next phases in the project and the timeline for completion.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to attend the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Cook, at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034.

Knoxville could get \$5 million

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The City of Knoxville is in the running to possibly receive \$5 million and is currently 13th out of 50 middle size cities across the country in the Energy Prize Contest sponsored by Georgetown University. The two-year contest started in January of this year.

The city Office of Sustainability is promoting the energy savings contest which involves not only city properties but schools located inside the city and, most importantly, individual homeowners. The office's Knoxville Scores is teaming up with city residents to get homes weatherized and increase energy efficiency.

Louise Gorenflo is a volunteer who is a coordinator of the Scores project and told *The Focus* last week that she is meeting with groups, including churches and neighborhood organizations, to encourage everyone to take part in TVA's eScore Energy Audit and weatherize their homes.

"Our 2015 goal is to get 1,000 homes to take part in the TVA energy audit and, through July, we've had 733 do so," she said. She added that TVA in Knoxville is trying to get at least 10 percent of its employees to take part and get an eScore from TVA. The city and KUB are encouraging their employees to get the TVA home energy audits as well.

The eScore audit costs \$75 for an in-home visit and examines appliances, insulation, ducts, window caulking,

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Double Jeopardy

Both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee prohibit double jeopardy. Article I, section 10 of the Tennessee Constitution reads



By Sharon Frankenberg,
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"That no person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." The concept of being put in jeopardy of "life or limb" comes from the common law rule developed from criminal cases in England which recognized that the "State with all its resources and power should not be allowed to make repeated attempts to convict an individual for an alleged offense, thereby

subjecting him to embarrassment, expense and ordeal and compelling him to live in a continuing state of anxiety and insecurity, as well as enhancing the possibility that even though innocent he may be found guilty." Green v. United States, 355 U.S. 184, 187 (1957).

The reference to "life or limb" in the clause does not limit the prohibition's application to just cases where capital punishment is possible. The protection from double jeopardy has been applied with regard to "every indictment or information charging a party with a known and defined

crime or misdemeanor, whether at the common law or by statute." Ex parte Lange, 85 U.S. 163, 169 (1874). Double jeopardy applies in juvenile court proceedings despite them being formally civil proceedings. Breed v. Jones, 421 U.S. 519 (1975). The protection against double jeopardy may also be applied to civil sanctions if they are clearly applied in a manner that constitutes a punishment. For example, the tax instituted by Montana on the possession of illegal drugs to be collected only after any state or federal fines or forfeitures have been satisfied was found to constitute punishment for the purposes of applying double jeopardy. Montana Dept. of Revenue v.

Kurth Ranch, 511 U.S. 767 (1994). On the other hand, the U.S. Supreme Court found in United States v. Ursery that civil forfeitures of property under federal statutes in drug and money laundering offenses are not punitive and thus not subject to the protections of the double jeopardy clause. 518 U.S. 267 (1996).

How do we handle the application of the double jeopardy clause when we have a federal government as well as 50 state governments? These two different units of government are treated as two sovereignties pursuant to what is known as the dual sovereignty doctrine. They each have laws describing criminal offenses and how these laws may be

enforced. There will sometimes be situations where an individual's conduct may violate the laws of more than one unit. In these situations, it is permitted for both units of government to try the same defendant for the same conduct. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the conviction in federal court of a person previously convicted in a state court for performing the same acts in United States v. Lanza. The opinion reads "We have here two sovereignties, deriving power from different sources, capable of dealing with the same subject-matter within the same territory...Each government in determining what shall be an offense against its peace and dignity is exercising its own

sovereignty, not that of the other." 260 U.S. 377, 382 (1922). The U.S. Supreme Court also upheld the successive prosecutions by two states for the same conduct under the dual sovereignty doctrine. Heath v. Alabama, 474 U.S. 82 (1985) permitted a defendant to be prosecuted for murder where he crossed state lines in the course of a kidnap murder.

If you are charged with a criminal offense, you should certainly consult a criminal defense attorney for assistance and advice with your individual situation. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced civil attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. Her office number in Knoxville is (865)539-2100.

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basements, etc. and makes recommendations on energy savings.

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"Weatherizing your home makes it more comfortable and adds value when you want to sell," Gorenflo said, adding that Knoxville is number 3 in the state for the number of eScore audits.

The TVA program is available through KUB and, if homeowners follow through with the in-house audit and recommendations, homeowners can take advantage of TVA rebates and tax incentives.

The Knoxville Score program's partners include such groups as the Office of Neighborhoods, Climate

Knoxville, Community Action Committee, Compassion Coalition, GreenVillageGreen, Knoxville Zoo, KUB, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, SEED, SOCM, TN Interfaith Power and Light, TVA, United Way, UT Extension, and Volunteer Knoxville.

"Everyone is a winner," Gorenflo said about the program. She said that presentations about the program are available and is working with churches, neighborhood associations, and businesses to spread the word about Knoxville Scores.

"All major faith traditions call on us to be stewards of creation and to care for each other," she said, adding, "We all see a need for action on all levels, government, business, nations, churches and communities and in our personal lives."

In-home energy

evaluations are performed by TVA certified advisors and improvements are inspected after installation is completed. You can learn more about how to get a home energy audit by going to the eScore website: www.2escore.org

Knoxville Scores is asking everyone to help Knoxville win the \$5 million by taking part in the TVA eScore audit and by spreading the word within families, faith groups, workplace, civic groups and clubs. Gorenflo said that the energy savings from KUB's "Round Up" utility bill program and other initiatives to weatherize lower-income homes will help Knoxville win.

Homeowners can get more information online at www.KnoxvilleScores.org and can email the program at knoxvillescores9@gmail.com.

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development violated several parts of the Land Use Plan.

"Will the town uphold the plan?" asked Michael Wilson of the Baldwin Park neighborhood. Wilson also said that if the commission allows the development, then it could not reject similar applications for development of 19 other sites in the community.

John Baker of Horne Properties said the Land Use Plan was "a guide, not a law" and reminded the audience that many of them live on property that was, at one time, owned or developed by Doug Horne.

Horne, whose community involvement was praised by both sides, said the \$37 million apartment development would allow new residents to walk to shopping.

"I'm one of you people. We're overlooking the dynamic young people and investors and developers coming to this town," Horne said.

Horne said that his attorney had advised him that he could file a law suit if the project is rejected and he said he would not.

"We won't sue," he said, adding, "We're Farragut people."

FMPC member Noah Myers said, "I'm guilty. The creation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan has been elevated to the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Farragut's Municipal Planning Commission awaits the public's comments about a 220-unit apartment development on Smith Road.

Holy Grail."

John Minahan, Continental's Director of Development, described the changes that have been made with the plans since initially introduced and noted that additional property has been added and the density reduced. He said the apartments would not decrease property values and said, if passed, the planners could put caps on the number of units per acre.

"What you don't see here is the number of people who support it," he said and referred to the Farragut Business Alliance and the Farragut Economic Development Alliance. He said the gated development would have very little impact on the community.

Several Farragut residents commented on a traffic increase on Smith Road and Christy Hold, President of the Village Green Home

Owners, said the development "does not fit with the character this town was founded on."

Bill Johns said he spoke to represent those citizens who support the development but "who are intimidated to come" to the meeting and said the business leaders were ill-treated by the opposition.

In the vote, which took place with only a few planners commenting, Mayor Ralph McGill's "No" vote drew an applause.

Following the vote to recommend denial, which drew loud applause, Myers asked that the planners have a special meeting to revisit the Land Use Plan.

The town board meets September 10 and the Continental development request could be on the agenda. The board consists of the mayor and four aldermen.



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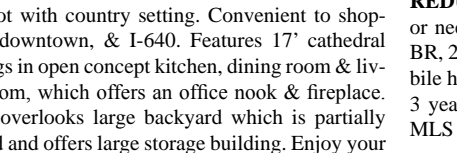


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Bits of News About Local Education

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Superintendent School Visits

Dr. McIntyre will wrap up his morning school visits during the week of August 24 as follows:
Monday Aug. 24 – Brickley-McCloud Elementary, Halls Elementary, Halls High
Friday Aug. 28 – New Hopewell Elementary, Bonny Kate Elementary, South-Doyle Middle.

Local High Schools Make Newsweek’s Ranking List

Last week Newsweek, in collaboration with research partner Westat, published the 2015 list of “America’s Top High Schools”—an ‘absolute’ list that ranks schools solely based on performance—and “Beating The Odds,” a ‘relative’ list that ranks schools based on performance, while also accounting for student poverty rates.
Farragut High School (#402) made Newsweek’s “America’s Top High

Schools” list, which ranks 500 public high schools across the country. Six Tennessee high schools made the list for 2015, including East Tennessee’s Gatlinburg-Pittman (#348).
The Top 500 High Schools were ranked by their College Readiness Index scores, which measures factors including college enrollment rates, graduation rates, weighted AP/ID/Dual Enrollment composite, weighted SAT/ACT composite, student retention (change in student enrollment between 9th and 12th grades, as an attempt to account for drop-out rates), and counselor-to-student ratios.
The Newsweek High School Rankings—recognizing the achievements of the best public high schools in the United States for college readiness—have been published for more than a decade. For the past two years, Newsweek has published two separate lists in an effort to address the complexities of assessing the “best” high schools when students’ socioeconomic backgrounds are taken into account.

Latest Spin on Common Core Standards

Politico reports on the latest opinion poll conducted by the journal Education Next:
Support for the Common Core standards is dropping, but it’s not in a freefall. In fact, it might even be stabilizing. Education Next’s new annual survey [http://bit.ly/1Kso0F2] released with the Program on Education Policy and Governance at Harvard Kennedy School shows overall support slipped this year, falling four percentage points to 49 percent. A year earlier, however, support fell 12

points in one year.
The survey has two more key takeaways on Common Core: Democrats over Republicans favor the standards (by a 57 percent to 37 percent margin), and the standards are becoming less popular with teachers. (Seventy-six percent of teachers in 2013 said they support the standards compared to 40 percent this year).
But as Diane Ravitch points out, “The big story here is the dramatic decline in support for the standards by teachers: from 76% in 2013 to 40% in 2015. That is a dramatic decline. Teachers know the standards. The general public does not. Pay attention to the connoisseurs.”
While Education Next says a majority oppose opting out from (high stakes standardized) tests, what is remarkable is that a third of parents and teachers support opting out. Acts of conscience do not require majority approval. If the civil rights movement and legislators had abided by opinion polls in the 1950s and 1960s, American society would still have laws

requiring racial segregation.

Jeb Bush’s “Chiefs for Change” Falling Like Flies

DelawarePolitics.net reports that Delaware Education Secretary Mark Murphy has resigned. Murphy was a strong proponent of Common Core and Race to the Top.
He was one of the few remaining members of Jeb Bush’s shrinking “Chiefs for Change.” Murphy joins former Chiefs Gerard Robinson (FL), Tony Bennett (IN, FL), Chris Cerf (NJ), Mike Miles (Dallas), Janet Barresi (OK), Kevin Huffman (TN), Stephen Bowen (ME), and Chris Barbic (TN) in stepping down amidst controversy and votes of no confidence.
Another Chief, Deborah Gist, recently moved from RI to Tulsa, where she is a district superintendent. Only two original members are left: John White and Hannah Skandera, neither of whom is popular with educators or parents.
The original Chiefs for Change was funded by Jeb

Bush’s Foundation for Educational Excellence (FEE).
As the 2016 presidential election cycle is already upon us, it is important to remember that Jeb Bush was one of the biggest supporters of the Common Core. Education researcher Diane Ravitch reminds us that “when the criticism started, he defended Common Core. When the criticism intensified, he said he would not cut and run from Common Core. He stood on principle in their defense. He saw the Common Core standards as the answer to closing achievement gaps and doing all sorts of important and good things.”
She adds, “Now that he is in a hotly contested primary campaign, he forgot what the Common Core standards are. He doesn’t remember supporting them. He just likes high standards. He wants to get as far away from the Common Core brand as possible. It has become ‘poisonous,’ he said recently.”
Fifteen months until the 2016 election. Please pay attention.

Value Added Modeling on Trial in New York



By Sally Absher
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Valerie Strauss, writing at the Washington Post (08/15/2015), provided a report last week of a high-profile New York court case brought by Great Neck public school district fourth-grade teacher Sheri G. Lederman. Lederman is suing state education officials over the controversial method used to evaluate her, and other New York Teachers.
The implications of this court case go far beyond the state of New York, however, as “value added measurement (or modeling)” or VAM, is used to evaluate teachers across the country. In Tennessee, the “Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System,” or TVAAS, is the model used. VAM uses standardized test scores to determine the “value” of a teacher while presumably factoring out influences a teacher has no control over, such as hunger, sickness, or

stress.
VAM uses a complicated computer model to predict how students with similar characteristics are supposed to perform on standardized tests, and then evaluated teachers on how well their students measure up to the predictions. VAM became popular among the school reform crowd as a “data-driven” evaluation solution. But statisticians and evaluation experts have warned that this method is not reliable for evaluating teachers.
Lederman’s story is all too familiar to many (including Knox County) teachers. In 2012-13, nearly 70% of her New York students met or exceeded state standards in both English and math. She was labeled “effective” that year. In 2013-14, her students’ test results were comparable, but she was rated “ineffective.” At least her district superintendent,

Thomas Dolan went to bat for her, declaring that Lederman, whose students’ standardized math and English Language Arts (ELA) scores were consistently higher than the state average, has a “flawless record.”
Lederman and her husband, attorney Bruce Lederman, sued state officials, challenging the rationality of the VAM and alleging that the NY State Growth Measures “actually punishes excellence in education through a statistical black box which no rational educator or fact finder could see as fair, accurate, or reliable.”
They obtained affidavits of support from a number of education experts. On August 12, New York Supreme Court Justice Roger McDonough presided over a hearing in the case, and he was “not amused” with the state’s case.
Carol Burris, a former award-winning principal at a New York high school and currently the executive director of the nonprofit

Network for Public Education Fund, attended the hearing.
Burris writes that NY Supreme Court judge McDonough became exasperated when Assistant Attorney General Colleen Galligan responded to his questions, with “circutious responses about bell curves, outliers, and adjustments.”
McDonough understood that the state’s VAM system artificially sets the percentage of “ineffective” teachers at 7%. He asked, “Doesn’t the bell curve make it subjective? There has to be failures.”
Galligan replied she didn’t like the word “failure,” preferring the term “outlier.” Those who received ineffective growth scores were the “outliers who are not doing a good job.”
The judge persisted, “Did her students learn nothing? How could it be that she went from 14 out of 20 points, to 1 out of 20 points, in one year?” He noted that the students’ scores were “quite good,

and not that different from the year before.” He said, “Therein lies the imprecise nature of this measure.”
But if Sheri Lederman is an “outlier,” we need more teachers like her.
Burris recounts that she met Lederman in 2013, at a forum held at Hofstra University, called “More than a Score.” Lederman’s principal recommended her as a panelist, saying, “She is not only a remarkable teacher, she is a scholar in childhood education.”
Burris continues, “During the forum, Lederman explained what good elementary education should be. Her thoughtful presentation full of authentic concern for the effects of Pearson testing on her 4th graders was the most moving presentation of the evening. The following year, in 2014, Lederman received her ineffective score from the state.”
“The master teacher, known for her high expectations for students and her belief that every single student can succeed with

her help, was in shock,” Burris writes. “After being told the bad news, Lederman recalls sitting at her desk thinking there must be some mistake. She thought about quitting, and then she got angry.”
Lederman recently told Burris:
“I spend a lot of time teaching my students about the injustices that have historically plagued populations across the world. It is often the case that one single person must step up and take a stand against an unjust law or governing body, becoming the tipping point for so many others. I could not stand by and accept what SED [State Education Department] and the Legislature were doing to me and every other educator out there. I have made the choice to take a public stand. Win or lose, I won’t stand by and be ineffective in this fight.”
Burris writes that Lederman was not the only teacher at her school, one of the highest performing

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Arnett quizzed before Commission

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"Several citizens have asked me if you are up to the task," Commissioner John Schoonmaker told County Clerk Foster Arnett last Monday. Arnett was appearing before the 4 p.m. special session of the Knox County Commission and had been called with questions about \$475,000 in uncollected hotel-motel taxes. Several of the commissioners quizzed the county clerk. An investigation of his office by the county internal auditor found that several hospitality sites have not been paying the taxes they collect from customers who rent rooms. All

hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns and campgrounds are required to pay the occupancy tax. When asked why he hasn't been pursuing collection of these outstanding taxes, Arnett said his staff is too small. He then admitted that, when he took office, he cut the size of his staff. He also said he didn't want to put (hotel) workers out of work by padlocking a hotel. Arnett said that 94% of lodging facilities in the county are paying the taxes and are current on their payments. He said 12 are delinquent. He said that his office sent out two delinquent notices last week and plan to send out 6 more. Asked

why he hadn't been doing this before the internal audit found the problem, he said he doesn't have the staff to do so. Commissioner Sam McKenzie suggested that Arnett should have been collecting the delinquent taxes earlier in his administration. Arnett said he's looking into hiring an outside auditor to determine how much is actually owed by whom and that four hotels and motels would be audited in the plan every quarter. Two commissioners suggested the clerk's office use the internal auditor for the process. "We'll take all the help we can get," Arnett said. Commissioner Randy

Smith quizzed Arnett on how much is actually owed, referring to the \$475,000. "With no audit, how sure are you?" Smith asked. "You have to trust them," Arnett said of the hotels and motels reporting. "We haven't done an audit. My bad," he said. The clerk also said he didn't know which lodging facilities owe the back taxes and couldn't publicly release the hotel names anyway. County Law Director Bud Armstrong confirmed that and said that a state law prohibits release of that information. Schoonmaker asked if a list of those hotels and motels

that have paid their taxes could be released and Armstrong said, "No." Armstrong indicated that if a facility is padlocked because of non-payment then the identity of that place could become known. State law allows such action after due notification. "If I'm not doing what needs to be done, there's an election in three years. I know I'm up to the task," Arnett said. "I hope we get more aggressive, they are stealing money from Knox County," McKenzie said. Schoonmaker suggested that a personal visit to the delinquent hotels might be more effective than a letter. Smith asked

if any of the delinquent hotels had appeared and paid their back taxes after the audit was released. Arnett said they had not. Commissioner Ed Brantley asked Arnett if he's made any changes in his office since news broke about the problem and Arnett said he had not. "We're going to collect the money. I hope we can do it without closing motels," Arnett said. In referring to the non-paying hotels, Commissioner Charles Busler said, "Sometimes we've got to trust the people but it doesn't seem they are being honest with us."

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elementary schools in the state, to receive an "ineffective" score. In 2014, 21% of the staff received a score of "ineffective," 21% were deemed "developing" and 57% were "effective." The previous year, not one teacher received an ineffective score.

This was repeated in high achieving schools across the state in 2014.

Yet at the Lincoln School in Rochester, which is designated as a priority/failing school by the state and had a proficiency rate of less than 3%, 100% of the teachers received "effective" scores from the state, with 7% rated "highly effective." Martin Luther King Jr. School in Utica NY is another priority/failing school, yet 60% of the teachers received "effective" VAM scores and 40% received "highly effective" scores.

These dramatic differences illustrate the irrational state-produced teacher scores based on the New York Common Core tests. Insert your state in place of New York. The same thing is happening across the nation.

Burris continues her recount of the hearing:

"Bruce Lederman argued the irrationality of that rating system before the

court. He laid out a careful, systematic argument. He was not opposed to evaluation. He was not even opposed to evaluation based on a measurement of student learning growth. He objected to a rating created in a black box that spit out predictions that compared his wife's students to "avatar students." He was disturbed that when questioned, that system responds with "because we say so." He noted that "the magic of numbers brings a suspension of common sense."

"There is nothing in the law that requires a bell curve," he argued. He explained that a bell curve with its forced failures violates that law that requires that every teacher must be able to get all scores. Not only did he want the court to set aside his wife's score, he wanted the court to "declare the measure an abuse of discretion" because "the State Education Department does not get a pass on unreasonable and irrational actions."

After 90 minutes of argument, the court adjourned.

Supreme Court Justice McDonough's decision is expected in two to three months. Teachers across the nation are watching this court case carefully.

Lions Club Vision Van makes stop in Fountain City

By Ken Lay

The Smoky Mountain Lions Club Mobile Vision Lab made its monthly stop in Fountain City Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The van made its visit to Fountain City Park to provide eye glasses to patients who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

"We do this once a month and it's usually on the third Wednesday of the month," said Lions Club member Jim McFarland, who coordinates the van's visits.

The van currently stops at Fountain City Park but McFarland said that he's looking to take the van to upper East Tennessee soon.

"Right now, we're focused on setting up in Fountain City but by the time the year's out, we're hoping to go up to Johnson City," he said.

The vision mobile is a labor of love for McFarland and eye care professionals who volunteer their time to

a cause that the Lions Club has championed since 1925.

"This all started with Helen Keller back in 1925," McFarland said. "The Lions Club became the Knights for the Blind. Later, around 1951 or 1952, she came back and challenged the Lions Club to take on a hearing and speech foundation.

"One hundred percent of this is done by volunteers.

While the Lions Club works with the hearing impaired, the expense limits what the organization can do. The organization, does however, continue to help those who are visually impaired.

And there's plenty of help coming from the community.

Area ophthalmologist Paul Wittke volunteers when he can and has nothing but high praise for McFarland's work.

"When Jim came up with this, I decided to volunteer," Wittke said. "I'm a member of the Lions Club and Jim's



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Area optician Thomas Zuraf consults with a patient after fitting her for glasses recently when the Lions Club vision van made its monthly visit to Fountain City Park.

really a trooper."

For his part, Wittke goes above and beyond the call of duty.

"I give eye exams here," he said. "Those eye exams are for glasses but sometimes, we see some other things like cataracts and some other eye diseases. We see things that we are not equipped to deal with here.

"When we have those,

I refer the patients to my office and I take care of them there and I do it free of charge."

The Lions Club Charities is a 501C-3 non-profit organization and it relies on private donations. McFarland encourages those who wish to contribute to send donations to Smoky Mountain Lions Charities-Mobile Vision Lab at P.O. Box 70276 Knoxville, Tn. 37938.

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Lost and Found Pets at Young-Williams Animal Center

By Mike Steely
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My wife and I awoke one morning to find a small white kitten crying near the fence in our back yard. We have an older house cat that will not abide any other animal in the house and even when we put the kitten in a pet carrier and brought it inside our cat, Tiger, hissed at it and scratched the carrier until the little cat cowered back into a corner.

So, what to do?

I checked the internet and called the Young-Williams Animal Center. The center has a motto: Happy Reunions Start with Us! And that certainly applies to the center's Lost and Found Department. I took the kitten, in the carrier, down to the side door at the Lost and Found entrance and walked inside to be greeted by a very friendly and understanding staff.

After a small wait for my turn following other people with found pets, I answered a few questions, saw the kitten taken to the examination room, and left feeling like I had done a good deed.

So my curiosity was kindled. Is there anything else to know if you find a stray? What do you do if your pet is lost?

I met the following week with Monica Brown, the Shelter Director, and Amy Styles, the Marketing Director, I found both of the ladies deeply involved in the center and open to just about any question.

What do I do if I find a stray animal?

Dropping off a found animal at the shelter is FREE to Knox County residents. While Young-Williams Animal Center will accept pets from out-of-county residents, there is a \$20 fee and it is not the preferred best practice. The staff recommends that those pets be taken to the appropriate shelter in the county where found, because it would be easier for owners to find them locally.

Young-Williams Animal Center's Lost and Found Department is located at its 3201 Division



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Stormy Farr, an Intake Technician, greets a pet owner bringing in a stray cat to the Lost and Found at the Young-Williams Animal Center on Division Street.

Street location and it is open seven days a week from noon until 6 p.m.

"We're the only intake facility for the county. This is where it's best to bring any stray pet, not the Humane Society or the veterinarian down the road," said Brown.

So far this year, more than 6,903 animals have been brought to the Lost and Found Department, 1226 just during July. In addition to dogs and cats, the shelter takes in all species. In past years they've seen an alligator, pigs, fainting goats, an emu, and others. The center finds homes for all kinds of animals through adoption, rescue, and transfer. Some animals are returned to owners who come and look for them.

What if I have lost a pet?

"We ask pet owners not to call about their missing pet but to come by in person to our Division Street center and check. Take for instance someone is missing a black Lab, well we have many of them here," Brown said. She said

the same is true for cats.

On the wall of the waiting room at Lost and Found is a large bulletin board with photos of missing pets. Often the staff will check the wall and then check the animals that have been dropped off. Sometimes they find the missing animal has been turned in to the center. They also maintain a log of found and missing pets. Brown said it is important for lost pet owners to check back at least every other day to see if their missing pet has been brought to the shelter.

There is a minimum 72-hour hold on dropped off pets and those brought in with identification are held for five to seven days. There is a \$30 fee to reclaim a pet plus a \$10 a day boarding fee.

If the pets are not claimed after the appropriate time period, they are assessed for adoption; some have restrictions based on these evaluations. Young-Williams has a foster program for animals with medical and behavioral needs. The center also works with rescue groups to help find homes for animals that are ready to be adopted. The last thing

the center wants to do is euthanize a pet, but sometimes it is necessary.

What other services are available?

Young-Williams Animal Center has two locations, one at 6400 Kingston Pike on Bearden Hill, and the main facility where the Lost and Found Department is located is at 3201 Division Street. The Division Street location is just off Sutherland just beyond the entrance to John Tarleton Park. Intake of animals



The Young-Williams Animal Center's main adoption facility is located on Division Street, just off Sutherland Drive at the entrance to John Tarleton Park. The Lost and Found Department entrance is located on the west side of the building

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This historic home, relocated to 1201 Clinch Avenue, received approval from the Historic Zoning Commission Thursday for foundation completion, steps, and parking. Photo by Mike Steely.



'New' old home in Fort Sanders

By Mike Steely
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Can you imagine the difficulties of moving a large two-story house from one location to another? The historic home that was at 1302 White Avenue is now at 1201 Clinch Avenue, on the corner with 12th Street where another house was previously located.

It took the owner, Carl Lansden, more time than planned to relocate the home and now the large structure sits atop a temporary foundation waiting to become a permanent part of a historic district. The home is one of the structures that had to be moved or demolished to make room for UT Science Building. Knox Heritage has recognized Lansden's contributions to historic preservation in the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood. The "new" old home is now in the Fort Sanders area.

Because of all the difficulties in moving such a large house, including clearing the electric lines and tree limbs along the way, Lansden was given an extension in the time to move. Last Thursday the future of the house was before the Knoxville-Knox County Historic Zoning Commission.

The home was built in the 1890s by

a former University of Tennessee professor and dean. The moving of the large home caught the attention of residents and media. The hearing before the Historic Planning Commission resulted in several requirements and recommendations for the new location.

Kaye Graybeal, Historic Preservation Planner with the MPC, told *The Focus* that the foundation of the home will need to use the bricks from the former White Avenue location and closely match any other bricks to the original. She said that once the house is lowered to a new foundation that new steps will need to be added in the front that match the historic nature of the house and neighborhood.

The historic planners also authorized parking behind the house and an entry to parking off of 12th Street. Graybeal said current plans are to have the large home become a duplex of two residences but if three residences are planned a waiver for parking will need to be requested.

The home is only a block from the World's Fair site and the planners are asking that when the home is lowered the porch align with the house next door.

B. Chesney

A Great Educator

By Ralphine Major
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Mr. C. B. Chesney was the Principal at Karns High School where Bob Dagley graduated. I recognized the name. Chesney was a member of the Gibbs High School basketball team that won the Knox County Rural League Championship in 1921. The team's picture was featured in the 1963 Gibbs Yearbook. He was an uncle to former Gibbs Elementary teachers Sue Cardwell (my fourth grade teacher) and Lue Cardwell Reynolds (my brother's fourth grade teacher). They were featured in my *Focus* column 10-24-11, 'Miss Lue' and 'Miss Sue.' Our father had Mr. Chesney for a teacher at Gibbs High School before he moved to Karns. After our father passed away, the late Dr. Bill Butler suggested we



Bob Dagley coaching at a Gibbs High School basketball game, from the archives of Les and Judy Spitzer

call Mr. Chesney to see if he would give a home to our geese on his farm. He did.

One of the first things Dagley remembers about the Karns Principal was at the first assembly at the beginning of each school year. Chesney would take his Bible and

read the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes which began with "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." Usually, Chesney would pause, read it again, and then finish reading the chapter. "He wanted to show his faith and guide us in ours," Dagley said. (To be continued)



Kiwanis Club of Norwood Presents \$4,000 in Annual Student Scholarships. The Kiwanis Club of Norwood Scholarship Fund presents four one thousand dollar scholarships each year to deserving young students for use in the furtherance of their education. This fund was established in memory of Dr. Drexel Davis, one of the founding members of the Norwood Club. This year's scholarships were presented at the Kiwanis Club of Norwood meeting on August 7, 2015 to these four students: Bryce Brewer, Jared Johnson, Chase Morris, Erin Elizabeth Williams. Pictured L-R: Scholarship Fund Chairman Harold Greene, Chase Morris, Erin Elizabeth Williams, Bryce Brewer, Student Fund Executive Director Bob Dawson (not pictured Jared Johnson).

Neighborhood Bylaws Writing Class

By Mike Steely
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Are you in a neighborhood association with nonexistent or outdated bylaws? Are you interested in forming an association and writing bylaws?

The Office of Neighborhood will host a free class on Bylaws on Tuesday, August 25 at 5:30 in the United Way Building at 1301 Hannah Avenue. Bill Murrah, a longtime Knoxville resident and a board member of the Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association, recently served on a committee

that rewrote that group's bylaws and has worked with several community-based groups on bylaws and other organizational issues and concerns. Murrah will present the class.

The class will last about one and one half hours but those interested are requested to dedicate a couple hours so they can ask questions. Neighborhood groups and individuals can learn methods to clarify how officers are elected, how members are defined, and the basic operating rules.

"These are very important to a well-run and effective neighborhood association," said David Massey, of the Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Massey at 215-3232 or email him at dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

The classes are not intended for homeowner organizations which are established by subdivision developers, have mandatory dues and enforce covenants. Priority for the classes will be given to city neighborhood organizations.

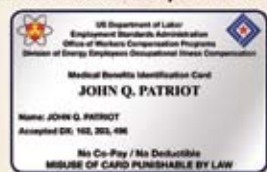
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The Colonel: Luke Lea

Part 3

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator Luke Lea had lost his reelection bid in November of 1915, running third behind Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar and former governor Malcolm Patterson. Lea's defeat occurred for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was his affiliation with the "fusionist" movement in Tennessee. Having benefited from his alliance with "Independent" Democrats and Republicans, Luke Lea was despised by many regular Democrats. Despite his strong support for Tom C. Rye's election as governor in 1914, Lea had not erased the perception amongst most Democrats that he was, at heart, a fusionist or rank opportunist. Lea had also been unable to refrain from interfering in political matters in Tennessee during his time in the United States Senate, nor had he provided especially effective constituent service, something for which K. D. McKellar would become legendary. McKellar would go on to become Tennessee's longest serving United States senator, a record he still holds to this day.

Senator Lea was bitterly disappointed by the failure of Governor Tom C. Rye to endorse his reelection bid, although it was hardly a reasonable expectation. Rye clearly understood Lea was a controversial figure inside Tennessee's Democratic Party and the governor didn't want to offend the supporters of the other candidates for the United States Senate.

Lea's biographer and daughter, Mary Louise Tidwell, cites opposition from the L & N Railroad has contributing materially to the senator's defeat. Mrs. Tidwell pointed out in the biography of her father that allegedly the railroad poured money into the McKellar campaign in Knox County.

Senator Lea watched as McKellar again stunned most observers by winning the run-off election, beating Malcolm Patterson by more than twenty thousand votes. McKellar handily defeated former governor Ben W. Hooper in the general election, although Hooper made a good showing. It would be the last time a Republican would seriously contest a seat in the U. S. Senate in a general election until Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall ran in 1964.

Although defeated, Luke Lea had sixteen months left to serve in the United States Senate. Lea returned to Washington,

D. C. for the session of Congress. Lea served out the remainder of his term, but the health of his wife was quite precarious. Mrs. Lea had been gravely ill during much of her husband's senatorial campaign and in September of 1916 she was described by her daughter as being "desperately ill." Mary Louise Lea actually suffered a series of heart attacks, although she survived and seemed to improve slowly.

After leaving the United States Senate, Luke Lea, already a successful businessman and publisher, worried about the country becoming involved in the World War raging in Europe. Lea thought it increasingly likely America would be drawn into the conflict and the former senator concluded he would raise a volunteer regiment to fight should the United States enter the war. Governor Tom C. Rye gave Lea a commission as a lieutenant colonel and was later made a full colonel, a title he kept for the remainder of his life.

Lea succeeding in forming an artillery company and the crossing of the Atlantic to Great Britain was a trip the former senator never forgot. There was always a threat to the convoy of attack by German submarines and the captain of the ship ferrying Lea and his men across the Atlantic told him on at least one occasion, a ship had been fired upon. Rough weather made the voyage miserable and Lea was much relieved when he and his troops landed near Liverpool. Lea and his soldiers left the ship and were reviewed by the Duke of Connaught before boarding yet another ship to cross the English Channel. It was not a comfortable crossing, as the ship was designed to hold less than two hundred passengers and there were at least one thousand troops on board.

Colonel Lea and his men were stationed at a camp in Brittany and commenced training. Lea kept in touch with his business affairs and managed to keep an eye on Tennessee politics, as well as penning regular letters to his ill wife. Lea and his men eventually went to defend Verdun, a powerful French fortress under attack by the Germans. A line of some two thousand artillery guns opened fire simultaneously, inflicting heavy casualties to Kaiser Wilhelm's armies.

Luke Lea's participation

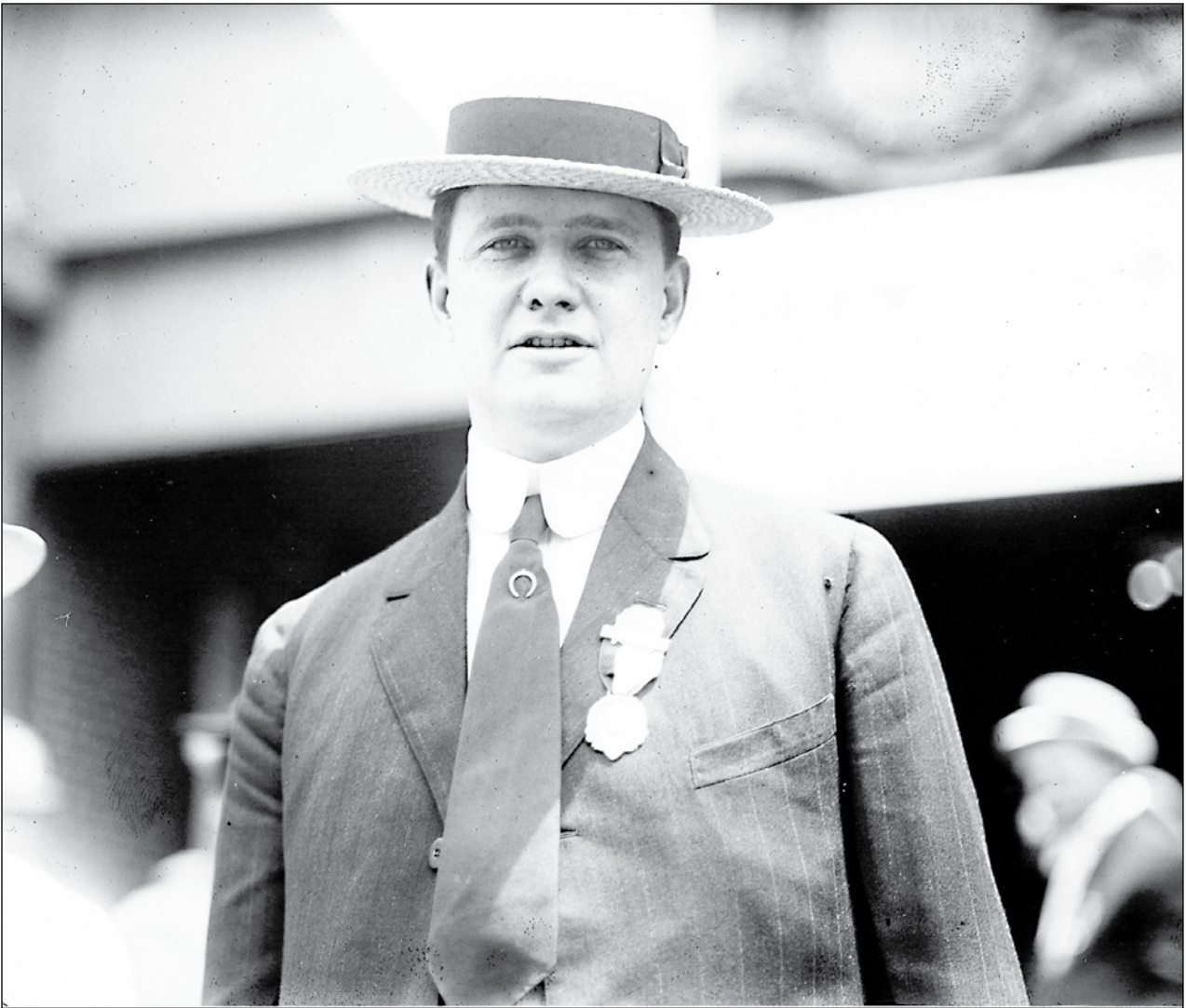


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Senator Luke Lea at the 1912 Democratic National Convention.

in the World War has largely been forgotten, save for one episode that became famous: Lea's attempt to seize Kaiser Wilhelm. With the close of the war and Germany's defeat, Kaiser Wilhelm, Emperor of the German Empire and King of Prussia, was forced to abdicate. The former Kaiser sought asylum in Holland, which was granted by the Queen of the Netherlands. Wilhelm and his entourage were guests in the home of Count Godard Bentinck. According to Lea's biographer, the former senator blamed the deposed Kaiser for the war and was determined to see Wilhelm punished.

Lea developed a clandestine plan to capture the former German monarch while on leave and did not inform the servicemen with him of the true nature of their excursion until the last possible moment. Lea gave each man the option of remaining behind, but each man decided to follow his lead. Despite being on leave. Colonel Lea was dressed in his uniform and when he and his men reached the gates of County Bentinck's castle, the sentry on duty inexplicably opened the gates at Lea's demand and took them inside, where they were ushered in the library.

Lea was greeted by the son of Count Bentinck who, although exquisitely polite and coldly formal, demanded to know why the Tennessean was there. After introducing himself and the other officers accompanying him, Lea did not reveal the true purpose of his visit, but rather merely asked to see the Kaiser.

Lea claimed he heard a conversation, in German, between the Count's son and someone he addressed as "Your Majesty." The younger Bentinck returned to the library and told Colonel Lea that the Kaiser could not possibly grant an audience without knowing

the purpose of their visit. It was then another young man arrived, who introduced himself as the Burgomaster of Amerongen Castle. He, too, demanded to know the purpose of the Americans' visit.

Luke Lea began to reply in German, when the Burgomaster interrupted in what the Colonel later described as "beautiful, fluent Bostonian English". Despite speaking in his own native tongue, Colonel Lea still refused to reveal his true purpose.

The Kaiser's Dutch hosts finally demanded to know if Lea and his soldiers were there as the official representatives of the American government. Lea could not make that claim. After being served water and cigars by the butler, Lea and his men left, only to discover their cars were surrounded by armed sentries and townspeople. No effort was made by anyone to detain them and they left Amerongen Castle peacefully.

Lea was quite nearly court martialed over the affair and the Americans were further embarrassed by the fact one of the soldiers had taken as a "souvenir" an ashtray bearing the monogram of the German Kaiser. General John J. Pershing, head of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe, described Luke Lea's foray to capture the Kaiser as "amazingly indiscreet". According to Lea's biographer, off the record, General Pershing was quoted as saying he would have given a year's pay to have accompanied Lea.

Luke Lea was on board a ship, returning to the United States when he received a telegram that his wife had died. Upon reaching American shores, Lea was met by his father-in-law, Percy Warner, and his son and namesake, Luke Lea, Jr. To add to his sorrow, Lea learned that his wife had been beside herself with happiness to hear that her husband was making his way home. Mary Louise Lea had then become quite ill and asked her son to telephone the doctor, but she had passed before the doctor could arrive.

Lea's homecoming to Nashville was a happier affair and the Colonel led his men on parade and were officially welcomed back by Governor A. H. Roberts. A banquet of roasted turkey was provided by the American Red Cross at the Nashville Hippodrome.

Luke Lea resumed his business affairs and ownership of the Tennessean. There was speculation he would run for office again and many thought he would be a strong candidate following his service in World War I.

Lea had other things on his mind. Devastated over the loss of his wife, he found solace in the company of his late wife's youngest sister, Percie, named for her father, Percy Warner. "Miss Percie" and the former senator became engaged and were married on May 1, 1920.

Lea purchased a new house for his bride, although he began to experience some financial

difficulties following the war. According to his daughter and biographer, Lea found himself "usually overextended". The former senator attempted to reduce his indebtedness and Mrs. Tidwell acknowledged there was friction between Lea and his mother, who had loaned her son considerable sums. Lea decided to purchase a bigger house for his family when Miss Percie announced she was expecting. Mary Louise Lea, named for Lea's first wife and her mother's sister, was born on February 21, 1923.

Although there was occasional talk and speculation the former senator would be a candidate yet again for some high office, Luke Lea was preoccupied with his business affairs. That is not to say that Lea had lost interest in politics; quite to the contrary. In fact, Luke Lea's interest in politics was as great as ever. In time, he would become one of the most influential men in Tennessee politics.

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Festive Italian Music with Maestro Marcelo

For the free concert on Saturday, August 29, Maestro Marcelo Urias has programmed the energetic Roman Carnival Overture by Berlioz and the vibrant Capriccio Italienne by Tchaikovsky. In addition, he has arranged a surprise bonus of famous and fabulous opera arias sung by April Hill, Kathryn Marvel, Taylor Stone, and Ryan Colbert.

To enjoy these compositions, join the concert on Saturday, August 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of

Oak Ridge, on the corner of the Oak Ridge Turnpike and LaFayette Drive. Admission is free. But, modest donations at the door to support the orchestra's routine operating expenses will be appreciated.

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The Celtic Collaborators will give a free performance of Celtic, bluegrass and folk music at an open-air concert at the Seymour Public Library gazebo, 137 West Macon Lane, Seymour, at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. Evan Carawan, son of famed folk musician Guy Carawan, will play the hammer dulcimer. Barbecue, desserts and beverages go on sale at 6:30 p.m. The evening is part of the Summer Sounds & Sweets series sponsored by Friends of Seymour Library. Proceeds benefit the Library Building Expansion Fund. For more information call the library at 573-0728.

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Parkinson Support Group of North Knoxville

Parkinson Support Group of North Knoxville will hold our monthly meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 7535 Maynardville Hwy (37938) in Halls. The program will be on Cognitive Issues and followed by open discussion. For more information, visit the Facebook page "Parkinson Support Group of North Knoxville, TN" or call Rev. Scobie Branson (865) 806-6907.

Sevier County Tea Party Meeting

The Sevier County Tea Party will meet Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Sevierville Courthouse, 3rd floor. Sevier County Sheriff Ron (Hoss) Seals will be the guest of honor.



Rosie's World

I love all kinds of music. A little bit of opera, jazz, country, classical, you name it, I love it. A man named William Congreve once wrote, "heaven has no

rage like love to hatred turned, nor hell a fury like a woman scored. Music has charm to sooth a savage breast, to soften rock or to bend a knotted oak." Music brings to mind dreams and magic.

I was surfing the TV channels one evening and came across "Hee Haw." No, not the show that was on TV in 1969 but an advertisement to get people to buy DVDs of the show. In between the advertising were clips of the show that brought back memories of music and laughter, which is why it was one of my favorite hours on TV.

Country music is like ballads of life, full of love, marriage, cheating, and divorce, sung and played by the people who lived through these magical and not-so-magical moments. A lot of the famous singers of yesterday appeared on that show, which was co-hosted by Buck Owens and Roy Clark. I don't think the strumming of their guitars and the melodious tones they conveyed can be reproduced in this day and age.

Add to the harmonious music the hilarious one-liners, it made for an hour of fun-loving moments and gales of laughter. There are thousands of movies with glorious songs and many musicals but the most recent one is my favorite, "Mr. Holland's Opus." The music in that movie was haunting and beautiful, especially the end when Mr. Holland's Opus was played.

Reba McEntire, who appeared on Hee Haw quite a few times once said, "for me, singing sad songs often has a way of healing a situation. It gets the hurt out in the open into the light, out of the darkness." Whatever the song is, put music into your life.

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College Costs

Attending college is an expensive venture for young people these days. My two children made it through before the prices skyrocketed; the cash we forked out was still close to a king's ransom, but nothing like what students face today. Somehow we managed to get through without owing stacks of money.

My brother Jim and I moved into a dorm on the campus of Tennessee Tech University in 1974. Although the school was only 100 miles from home, it seemed to be another world away. We rented a small refrigerator from the school for \$20 and stored our food and drink in it. That first dorm room cost \$110 per quarter. It had air conditioning, sometimes, but no phone, and cable television and Internet were still years away from creation. The bathroom was down the hall and served all the residents of the floor.

Most of my meals consisted of Bologna and cheese sandwiches. My older brother Dal and his wife lived in another dorm where he served as head resident. On most evenings, Brenda cooked supper for three of us; Jim had left school after the first quarter. She'd also make a gallon pitcher of tea that I stuck in my refrigerator. On Friday nights, I splurged and bought hamburgers and fries for the evening meal.

Registering for classes required patience, varying strategies, and a checkbook. As best I remember, the cost for a full class load and student fees equaled about \$135. The next step was to travel to the bookstore in search of textbooks for classes. I always tried to find used books for two reasons: important material was already underlined and the cost was a fraction of new textbooks. I'd hold my breath as the stack was totaled and prayed that I wasn't spending more than \$50-\$75. The sad part of the book buying was that when the term was over, I could count on getting, at most, 1/2 the price that I'd paid only three months earlier.

Jim and I left for school driving a 1960 Studebaker Lark. On a late night trip back to Knoxville one Saturday, the car engine threw a rod trying to pull Monterey Mountain just outside

Cookeville. For the

rest of the year, I had no vehicle for transportation. Trips home were limited to times when I could hitch a ride with someone going toward Knoxville. Eventually, we got our old '54 Chevy back in running condition, and I traveled in it back to Tech.

Mother made a whopping \$10,000 a year



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as a teacher, and she managed to juggle finances enough to get us in college. Jim and I worked during the summers to earn money that would help with college expenses. Each month, Mother would deposit \$100 into my checking account. That was the money for everything I needed for the month. Yes, that included

food, school supplies, clothing, and entertainment. Somehow, I managed to make it to the end of each month with some money left. Too many guys received their money from parents and squandered it on booze, girls, and pin-ball machines, and I vowed not to ever fall into the same mess.

After 4 years of school, I graduated with a BS degree in English education. After worrying all summer, Knox County Schools hired me to teach high school English at Doyle High School. My yearly salary was \$7200, and I felt rich. My next goal was to make \$10,000 a year. By the time I retired with 30 years of teaching, my yearly salary had swollen to a whopping \$48,000.

Amy and I promised our children that we would provide them with a four-year college education. We expected them to work in the summer and to be frugal with their money. Both of them did work and did graduate. Yes, sometimes money was tight, but I figured that if my mother could sacrifice for our education that we could do the same.

Today, the cost of a year's school at Tennessee Tech for an in-state student is \$17,053. That includes tuition of \$8353, a dorm room for \$4590, and a meal plan for \$4110. I'm not sure that I'd be able to attend college now, nor do I know whether or not Amy and I could pay for our children to go. It would take a great deal of work and dedication by all of us, and maybe the kids would have to work part time during the school year. Still, I'd try to cover expenses without their having to take on student loans.

College costs continue to soar. Before long, an education might become just another thing that the "one percent" can afford. The rest of us middle class folks will have to find ways to make a living in a high tech world without that college degree.

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Lady Bulldogs overcome slow start, sweep CAK

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School volleyball coach Zach Forgani had to call an early time-out Tuesday night to settle his team down. The Lady Bulldogs got off to a sluggish start but once the new coach temporarily halted play, he saw his squad respond.

"I just told them that we weren't playing our kind of ball," Forgani said after his Lady Bulldogs overcame

their lackluster start to nab a 25-23, 25-9, 25-15 road victory in hostile territory Tuesday night at Christian Academy of Knoxville. "It worked.

"I just pulled them together and told them that we weren't playing our kind of volleyball. We were playing a little lax. But [after the timeout] we really picked up the intensity."

CAK, the defending Class AA State Champion, darted

to an 8-1 lead in the first set of the 2015 season opener for both schools before Forgani called a timeout to rally his troops.

After the brief break, Bearden rallied. The Lady Bulldogs scored seven of the next nine points and pulled to within 10-8 before the Lady Warriors (0-1), sparked by their boisterous home crowd, regained the upper hand in the first set of the match which lasted

only 1 hour, 4 minutes.

CAK managed to hold leads of 16-9 and 17-12 before Bearden (1-0) stormed back after falling behind 18-14. The Lady Warriors then bounced back to open a 22-19 advantage. A side-out cut the home team's advantage to 22-20 and gave the Lady Bulldogs the ball.

Then, they turned to Chesney McClellan and the junior, who sat out last

season four straight points to give the visitor 24-22 lead. CAK scored on a side-out before Bearden completed its comeback with a side-out of its own.

Forgani wasn't happy with his team's start. He was, however, pleased with the comeback in a small and boisterous gym.

"This was a good test for us," Forgani said. "I didn't like the fact that we got down but I liked the way

that we came back. CAK is a great team and they had a great crowd.

"I told our girls that this would probably be the toughest place we would play all year. They have big crowds at Farragut; but here, the crowd's right on top of you."

The Lady Bulldogs wasted little time grabbing a 2-0 lead in the match. Bearden jumped to a 7-1 lead thanks

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PHOTO BY JEREMY KWASNEY

Seymour running back Jeremy Bryant stretches the football over the goal line for a 2-point conversion in the Eagles' 44-26 win over The King's Academy Friday night. Bryant, a senior, rushed for 152 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown in the first football game ever between the two schools.

First win in Battle of Boyds Creek goes to Seymour

By Steve Williams

The King's Academy players had named it The Battle of Boyds Creek, but Seymour High players celebrated the victory Friday night in the first football game ever played between the two schools.

The Eagles, with their offensive line leading a strong rushing attack, pulled away from the Lions 44-26 at Benton Householder Stadium in the season opener for both teams.

The two schools are so close – just across Boyds Creek Highway from each

other – The King's Academy team and many of its fans literally walked from the TKA campus to the game site.

"They named the thing the Battle of Boyds Creek as soon as they figured out they were playing us," recalled Seymour quarterback Clayton Ogle, a senior captain who had a big hand in the special win. "They had shirts going along with it. They had everything promoting it."

The Eagles, meanwhile, took a low-key approach to the new rivalry.

"We kind of set back

and let our game develop," said Ogle. "We waited until we knew we had the preparation to beat them."

The spirited contest was action packed – filled with a lot of scoring plays but also many personal fouls and unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. Although there had been some heated words exchanged during the game, the two teams shook hands before parting ways.

Six different players scored touchdowns for Seymour, which jumped out to a 22-6 lead in the first quarter and extended the margin to 30-6 early

in the second quarter.

The King's Academy didn't let the game become a rout. The Lions scored twice to pull within 30-19 at halftime and were still close (36-26) with 4:50 remaining in the third quarter. But they couldn't get any closer.

"The team that won the game is the team that won the line of scrimmage," said Seymour coach Jerry Cooper. "Our offensive line blocked and held up and did a good job so we could run the ball. And that was the difference in the game."

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Powerful Tornado Run Game Storms Spartans

By David Klein

It was a grinding, physical game Friday night at Alcoa between the Alcoa Tornadoes and the Webb Spartans. Both teams love to run the football and the ground and pound game was in full force Friday night. Alcoa used a multitude of running backs to rush for 291 yards on 32 carries while five different Tornado players ran for five touchdowns in Alcoa's 35-0 victory.

"That's what we want," Tornado Head Coach Gary Rankin said, of the five different Tornado scores. "We've had five tailbacks and we've lost three or four of them. We spread it around. (Dustin) Clabough did a great job. Fullback ran hard. Number 33 (Malik Salter) ran well. It was a good opening game."

Webb struggled offensively the whole night, netting 40 total yards. The Spartans managed just eight yards rushing on 32 attempts. Alcoa's defensive line got into Webb's backfield time and time again, creating havoc for the Spartan ball carriers. "Our defensive line is our strength, I don't think there's any doubt about that," Rankin said. "We've got three college prospects up there maybe. It starts with our defensive front, there's no doubt about that."

Alcoa got the running game off to an effective start with 155 yards rushing

in the first half, but Webb struggled, mustering only 27 yards on 19 carries.

The Tornadoes' first drive was very methodical as they rattled off nine plays in just under five minutes and capped the drive with a four-yard Mitchell McClurg touchdown run on a pitch around the left side for a 7-0 lead. "It was a simple toss sweep to our left. I noticed the corner had come up the field, if I could just get outside of him, I could dive in for the score. It's a great feeling to start off the year with a touchdown."

Webb looked like they were going to answer the Tornadoes' touchdown, and the Spartans marched the ball down the field in 13 plays. However, they could not convert a fourth down as the Tornadoes' batted away a play-action pass in the end zone intended for Andrew Craig.

Alcoa would add to their points on a Dustin Clabough 19-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0. Alcoa with 2:10 left in the second quarter.

The second half was all Alcoa. Webb went three and out on its first drive then the Tornado running backs took over. Malik Salter ran for a 13-yard touchdown, Taylen McNear ran for a 4-yard touchdown, and second string running back Kareem Rodriguez ended Alcoa's scoring with a 7-yard touchdown run.

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Admirals start fast, rout Powell 49-6

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School football coach Eddie Courtney couldn't have scripted a better beginning for the 2015 season. The Admirals scored early and often and dominated the action.

And when the dust had settled, Farragut notched a big road win over Powell Friday night at Scarbro Stadium.

"I challenged our kids to compete and they did," Courtney said. "We had two good weeks of practice and our kids needed something to happen and it did. "We also got some kids a chance to play and that's always good to see early in the season."

The Admirals (1-0) scored on their drive when Jacob Naumoff connected with Cole Morgan on a 28-yard scoring strike midway through the first quarter. Carter Philippy's extra point made the score 7-0.

The first drive was especially big for Naumoff, Farragut's senior quarterback, who misfired on his first passing attempt but bounced back with five straight completions on the drive, which consumed just under 2 ½ minutes.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Farragut's Cole Morgan pulls in a touchdown pass in the Admirals' 49-6 win over Powell Friday at Scarbro Stadium. Morgan's scoring reception culminated an 8-play, 88-yard drive and was the first score of the game.

"I was a little nervous coming into the game and that's why that first past sailed on me," Naumoff said.

Farragut's defense all but stifled Powell's anemic attack and forced seven turnovers. Admirals' defensive back Justin Kirkendall had three interceptions before halftime, after having just one interception. All three of Kirkendall's picks set up touchdown runs by senior Tanner Thomas, one of Knox County's premiere running backs.

Thomas scored his first TD of the night on an 11-yard run with 49 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

His next scoring dash came just 50 seconds into the second quarter and

covered 22 yards to extend the visitors a 21-0 lead. Thomas scored again on a 5-yard run a short time later to make it 28-0.

Thomas' final score came on a 3-yard plunge with 2 minutes, 32 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

The Admirals added another score when Naumoff hit Michael Travis from 56 yards out just before halftime to make the score 42-0.

The second half was played with a running clock but Farragut's Amon Johnson scored the Admirals' final touchdown on an 11-yard run with 3:23 left in the third quarter.

Powell scored a late touchdown to get on the board with 11 seconds left in the

game.

Next up for Farragut is its home opener against Gibbs Friday night at Clabo Field. The Eagles opened the 2015 campaign last week at Campbell County and escaped Jacksboro with a 12-7 victory.

Meanwhile, the Panthers will begin a three-game road trip at Bearden Friday night. The Bulldogs routed Karns 50-7 last week. Powell will then play at Gibbs. They'll have an open date before traveling to Bill Wilson Field to take on defending Class 5A State Champion West High on Sept. 18. The Panthers will return home on Sept. 25 to entertain Hardin Valley Academy.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Farragut High's Caroline Bower leaps to spike the ball while Catholic's Keilah Carter (3) and Margaret McCarty wait to defend. The Lady Admirals swept the Lady Irish 25-18, 26-24, 26-24 Wednesday night.

Farragut sweeps Lady Irish in key early match

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School volleyball coach Susan Davidson might've seen her team record a season-opening sweep of Catholic High School Wednesday night but she was impressed with the Lady Irish.

"I think we'll see Catholic in Murfreesboro [at the State Tournament] again this year," Davidson said after her Lady Admirals swept the Lady Irish 25-18, 26-24, 26-24 Wednesday night at Catholic High School. "This was a good test for us. It was a good early season match."

The game featured a pair of squads that each ended their respective seasons at the State Tournament in 2014. Catholic reached the Class AA semifinals while Farragut was eliminated in a heartbreaking loss to Brentwood in the Class AAA Championship Match.

If Wednesday's match is any indication, then Davidson's prediction may have been a prophetic one. Meanwhile, the Lady Admirals (1-0) are seeking their third consecutive trip to Murfreesboro --- and their fourth in five years.

Farragut started fast and opened an 13-6 lead

Catholic had to dig itself out of an early hole and rallied back to pull to within 21-17 before Farragut scored four of the next five points to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

The Lady Admirals surrendered the first point of the second set before setter Tia Madden served up three aces on the next six points. Farragut would open the set with an 11-3 run before the Lady Irish would again fight their way back and pull to within 18-17.

Catholic would fall behind 20-18 before storming back to take leads of 21-20 and 24-23 before Farragut evened the game at 24-24 on a side-out before Lady Admirals' libero Mikaela Brock scored the final two points of the set.

Madden scored the first four points of the final set and gave Farragut a 4-0 lead before committing a service error to put the Lady Irish on the board.

Catholic would go on to open an 11-6 advantage and held the upper hand until the visitors battled back and knotted the game at 18.

The Lady Irish then took a narrow 24-23 lead before Farragut scored the final three points. The Lady Admirals won the match on a hitting error by the Lady Irish.

Despite the loss, Catholic assistant coach Andre Alves (who coached the team because head coach Brent Carter was in Colorado) was pleased with his team's effort.

"Playing a match like this was awesome because it gives me the chance to see what my girls can do," Alves said. "Farragut is a great team and we thought we could at least win one set."

"But sometimes, things just don't go your way and we really need to work on our passing."

Farragut got significant contributions from everywhere on the floor.

Madden had 24 assists and Lovelace scored 22 points.

Defending District 4-AAA Player of the Year Alexis Parker had 11 kills and four blocks while fellow junior Anne Abernathy finished with nine kills.

Kamila Cieslik paced the Lady Irish with six kills, three blocks and 14 digs.

Webb impressive in soccer opener

By Ken Lay

Neither a steady rain shower nor the Central High School defense could put the clamps on the Webb School of Knoxville girls soccer team early last week.

The Lady Spartans scored four goals in the first 20 minutes en route to an 11-0 victory over the Lady Bobcats at home on Monday, Aug. 17 in the 2015 season opener for both schools.

"We got off to that start and it all happened so fast that I don't even know what happened," Webb coach Sonny Trotter said. "We're trying to go hard early and I thought they went hard early too."

"I think both teams put up a good fight early."

It was apparent from the outset, however, that the Lady Spartans, who have aspirations of going to the State Tournament, just had too much firepower for the Lady Bobcats (0-1).

Lexi Reeves opened the scoring with a breakaway goal in the seventh minute. The Lady Spartans tallied another goal a minute later when Apple Lee, off a

counter attack, buried the ball past Lady Bobcats junior goalkeeper Chloe Maxey and into the back of the Central net.

Reeves tallied her second marker of the match in the 12th minute to make it 3-0.

Evey Satterfield and Virginia Sances added goals in the 20th and 25th minutes respectively.

Webb's Reagan Taylor closed out the scoring with a pair of goals in the final two minutes of the opening half to make the score 7-0. Sances picked up an assist on Taylor's second goal, which came just before halftime. By the time the dust had settled, the Lady Spartans peppered Maxey with 16 shots on goal in the opening 40 minutes.

Webb added four more goals after the break. Darby Bauman scored twice early in the second half. She scored one of her markers on a long-range shot from just inside midfield in the 54th minute to extend the Lady Spartans' advantage to 9-0.

Audrey Hall and Ellie Mamantov added second-half tallies for Webb.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Webb School of Knoxville's Kathryn Lee (18) battles with Central's Kayley Siler for the ball in the Lady Spartans 11-0 win over the Lady Bobcats in last week's season opener for both schools.

Freshman Madalyn Mead and Satterfield, a senior captain, split time between the goalposts. Mead started and Satterfield came on after halftime. Neither was really tested in the match.

The lopsided score allowed Trotter to get everybody some

playing time and permitted him to play some players at different spots on the field.

"We played all of our girls and we had a lot of people playing in different positions," Trotter said. "We played everybody in so many different positions."

First win in Battle of Boyds Creek goes to Seymour

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"We handed the ball to a lot of different players and that line just kept blocking. I thought Jeremy Bryant had an exceptional game and ran really hard."

TKA coach Matt Lowe saw the game the same as Cooper.

"They controlled us at the line of scrimmage, particularly offensively. We have to run the ball better as well."

Lowe did praise his team's competitiveness.

"They showed a lot of heart," he said. "They showed a lot of effort. We've just got to get better at playing football, but the effort was unbelievable tonight."

Senior linebacker Reid Taylor's 38-yard interception return gave Seymour the lead less than a minute into the game. Jalen

Minefield added a 2-point run.

TKA struck back quickly as Isaiah Gilmore scored on a 44-yard run around right end. Ryan Louallen pulled down Phillip Sellers on the extra point attempt to keep Seymour on top 8-6.

Devante Farmer matched Gilmore's TD with a 39-yard run around right end of his own to put the Eagles up 14-6.

The King's Academy appeared to run a fake punt on its next possession but came up short.

Taking over at the TKA 45-yard line, the Eagles overcame a 7-yard loss and 15-yard personal foul penalty to sustain a scoring drive that was capped by Minefield's 1-yard run up the middle. Jeremy Bryant stretched the ball over the goal line for the extra two points, giving Seymour its 22-6 lead with 2:14 left in

the opening quarter.

A short punt (11 yards) by the Lions gave the Eagles good field position again. Seymour capitalized on it when Ogle hit Hunter McClary with a 25-yard touchdown pass. On the play, Ogle scrambled to his left, and then threw back across the field. Isaiah Johnson's 2-point run made it 30-6 with 9:27 remaining in the second quarter.

A pair of touchdown passes by sophomore Brandon Burgess, sandwiched around Shawn Hamilton's fumble recovery, gave TKA new life. Isaiah Jefferson made a good catch on the first one, pulling in a high toss from 3 yards out. A 23-yarder to Gilmore and Nao Shimamora's PAT kick reduced the deficit to 30-19.

An interception by Ogle set up a huge Seymour touchdown in the third

quarter -- a 34-yard run by Bryant, increasing the Eagles' lead to 36-19.

The Lions came back again. Chandler Viscardis snagged a 27-yard pass at the Seymour 1 despite pass interference by the Eagles. Sellers ran it in and Shimamora's kick made it 36-26 with 4:50 showing in the third quarter.

"It's not over," chanted the large turnout of TKA fans. "It's not over."

But the Lions couldn't stop the Seymour ground attack. Bryant ran seven times for 41 yards in a 70-yard march and Ogle had a 17-yard run to the 10 before Austin Brewster got in from the 1. Ogle's 2-point pass to Brewster made it 44-26.

The Lions didn't threaten in their final two possessions.

Fulton vs. Maryville: Much wanted matchup will be ‘a measuring stick game’

By Steve Williams

A dream matchup will become a reality this coming Saturday night when high school football powers Fulton and Maryville collide.

The showdown will be played at Maryville with kickoff set for 8 o'clock. It also will be televised on WVLT.

"This is a game that East Tennessee football fans have been wanting to see," said Fulton head coach Rob Black via e-mail.

"I think it will be great for both teams and very entertaining for high school football fans. It is a chance for us to compete with one of the best and a chance for us to get better."

George Quarles, the highly successful head coach at Maryville, echoed Black's expectations.

"This is a game many people have asked for throughout East Tennessee for a number of years," commented Quarles via e-mail. "I believe our players love these kind of games because the build-up and the hype surrounding this game."

Maryville has more state championships (15) than any school in the state and won the past two Class 6A

titles. Quarles' Rebels have played in 11 straight state championship games since 2004, winning eight titles and finishing runners-up three times in that stretch.

Fulton also has been on a roll in recent years, having won three straight Class 4A state championships. The Falcons now have a total of six state titles in football.

"Fulton has a great program," stated Quarles. "The true sign of a program is sustainability and they have that. We are excited to have the opportunity to play a great team like Fulton. It is a measuring stick game. We will know more about ourselves after playing them."

Black also is looking forward to the game and the benefits of it.

"I am excited about the opportunity to play Maryville," stated Black. "Year in and year out they are the top team in the highest classification. This is a great early game for us and really gives us a chance to see where we are as a team."

"I know our players have an enormous amount of respect for them and enjoy competing against great teams like Maryville."

Maryville has a long win

streak (84 games) over teams from Knox County, dating back to the 2000 season. Black was asked if he thought that would give his team extra incentive to defeat Maryville.

"I do not know if any statistics could give anybody extra incentive against Maryville," answered Black. "I think just the name Maryville itself gives enough motivation."

"Everybody knows that Maryville has a great program and everybody knows that Maryville will be well coached, have great players and they will not beat themselves. I think a game like this forces teams to be fundamentally sound and to play with great discipline."

Halls was the last Knox County team to beat Maryville, posting a 21-14 victory in 2000. That loss dropped Maryville to 0-4 – the rock bottom for Quarles' Rebels, who bounced back and went on to capture the first of 11 state titles in 15 years.

TOP TWO: Maryville was No. 1 and Fulton No. 2 in Sonny Moore's Computer Power Ratings of Tennessee high school football teams to start the 2015 season.

Maryville's rating was 158.77 and Fulton's rating was 153.20.

AP POLL: Maryville (Class 6A), West (5A), Fulton (4A), Christ Presbyterian Academy (3A), Adamsville (2A), Union City (1A) and Ensworth (Division II) were ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press' preseason poll.

Oak Ridge was ranked No. 4 in Class 5A, Catholic No. 3 in 4A, Alcoa No. 2 and CAK No. 3 in 3A, Grace Christian No. 4 in 2A, Coalfield No. 5 in 1A and Webb No. 7 in Division II.

DOUBLE FEATURE: West will be on television for the second week in a row when the Rebels host Sevier County Thursday night on MyVLT. The Rebels won at Hardin Valley Academy on TV in Week 1.

SPECIAL SITE: Knoxville Catholic will travel to Nashville Friday and play Christ Presbyterian Academy at Vanderbilt.

"CPA is an outstanding opponent that will be a huge test for us," said Catholic coach Steve Matthews. "We are excited about playing a premier team in an SEC stadium. This will be

a great opportunity for our team to play in a great environment."

CPA shut out Alcoa 7-0 last season to capture the Class 3A state title.

The Irishmen will leave by bus at noon, have a walk-through at Vandy, followed by a pre-game meal. Kick-off will be at 7:30 (CDT).

Other top Friday night games in Week 2 include Halls at Austin-East, Jefferson County at Carter, CAK at Grace Christian, Oak Ridge at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett and Lenoir City at Loudon.

THE JAMBOREE: "It's a chance to showcase your program in front of communities that would normally not get to see you play," said South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan, whose Cherokees lost to Fulton 6-0 in the KOC Kick-off Classic.

"The greatest benefit is for insurance purposes, as the proceeds go towards athletic insurance, which helps keep the players' cost at a minimal."

NEW CHALLENGE: "I feel positive about the new region alignments Knox Central is in," said Bryson Rosser, who is in

A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

his second season as the Bobcats' head coach.

"Changing classifications (to Class 4A) this year is always challenging, no matter who you are. East Tennessee football is some of the most competitive regions of the state. We have a very competitive region and non-region schedule. We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete on a high level every week."

GREAT ESCAPE: New West coach Jeff Harig liked how his team kept battling to pull out a 16-15 win at Hardin Valley Academy in Thursday's season opener.

"I was impressed with our ability to preserve in spite of our struggles on offense," said Harig. "I thought our special teams played well and our defense created some big turnovers and forced some field goals."

By Alex Norman

In 2014 the West Rebels finally got over the hump, winning their first state championship in Class 5A.

If they are going to get back to Cookeville in 2015, they'll have to improve on offense. But on Thursday, August 20th, the Rebels did just enough to win their season opener, 16-15 over Hardin Valley.

On West's second possession in a scoreless first quarter, it looked like the Rebels made their first mistake of the evening.

Quarterback Zach Harshey and receiver Jermaine Buchannon couldn't get on the same page on a handoff. The ball hit the soggy, dug up turf at Hardin Valley, and senior middle linebacker Joe Reed made the recovery at the Rebels 26 yard line.

But since the ball was going forward ever so slightly, it was ruled to be an incomplete pass, and West dodged a bullet.

The Rebels got another break on the Hawks next possession. On their first play of the drive, starting at the Hardin Valley 23, a high snap went over the head of Hawks quarterback Mihir

Barot and back towards their own goal line.

Running back Issaih Aguerro picked it up and his momentum carried him into the end zone. Barot tried to help Aguerro but was called for holding while in the end zone. By rule that's a safety. And with 4:43 to go in the first, West had a 2-0 lead.

The Hawks responded. Tim Frizzell scored on the ground from 5 yards out early in the second quarter. The extra point was blocked, but with 11:15 to go in the first half, Hardin Valley was on top by a rarely seen 6-2 score.

However, an Augero fumble and an Eric Middleton recovery gave the Rebels the football at the Hawks 36. But first year starter Zach Harshey made an ill-advised pass into the end zone that was picked off, halting the West drive.

Certainly both teams were rusty. On the Hawks next possession Barot couldn't handle the snap and West recovered at the Hawks 29. The West offense couldn't do anything with that great field position however, and West took possession at their own 23.

The Hawks offense was forced to punt the football

away, and Jermaine Buchannon made the most of the opportunity. He went 67 yards, breaking a boatload of tackles along the way, and with 2:20 to go in the half, West led 9-6.

And that was the score at intermission as well.

The Hawks took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove deep into West territory, to the 11 yard line. But the turnover bug bit them again. Barot fumbled the snap, picked it up, and fumbled again. This time West recovered at the 22.

But new coach Jeff Harig saw his offense struggle throughout much of the night. Eventually his defense would break. For at least one drive. Hardin Valley's Aaron Dykes scampered 25 yards for a Rebels touchdown. The extra point was wide to the left; as the Hawks took a 12-9 lead with 3:15 to go in the third quarter.

After a Hawks field goal early in the fourth made the score 15-9, West took possession at their own 27 yard line. For the first time all night, the Rebels offense moved the football. The passing of Zach Harshey and the rushing and catching of DeVante Patrick brought

the Rebels to the Hawks 15. There, Harshey threw it to an opening in the middle of the field. De'erik Elder caught it, and then ran into the end zone.

Incredibly, with 6:48 to go, West had a 16-15 lead.

With 2:32 remaining

Hardin Valley had one last chance to pull it out, starting their final drive at the West 46. With 58 seconds left the Hawks faced 4th and 11 at the 47. Barot threw deep, but it went through the hands of Jeremiah Russell, a former West Rebel himself.

West would run out the clock.

Next up, on Thursday the Rebels host Sevier County, while Hardin Valley doesn't play again until September 4th when they host Bearden.

Lady Bulldogs overcome slow start, sweep CAK

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to a five-point service run by Claire Duncan, which included three aces.

Ashley Pittman, CAK's first-year head coach, called timeout, but the Lady Warriors just couldn't find any answers against the Lady Bulldogs, who reached the state sectional round in each of the last two seasons after making the Class AAA State Tournament in 2012.

Bearden also won the third set with relative ease. CAK never led after letting the first set get away.

"We just weren't the same," Pittman said.

"Bearden is a great team and we were thankful to get the chance to play them."

"They will make us better."

McClellan and Shelby Wilkinson each had five kills for the Lady Bulldogs.

McClellan scored 12 points and finished with six blocks. Wilkinson scored eight points and four digs.

Bearden setter Kristin Dowling dished out 23 assists, scored seven points and had four digs.



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Concord Christian upbeat after loss in first varsity game

By Ken Lay

CHATTANOOGA ---Concord Christian's high school took the field for the first time as a varsity team Friday night.

The Lions dropped their first-ever varsity game at Grace Baptist 45-7; but despite the seemingly lop-sided score, coach Troy Fleming said he saw plenty of reasons for optimism.

"What I'm looking for is

consistency, toughness and eagerness to compete and toughness," said Fleming, the former University of Tennessee and NFL player.

"My kids showed me all three of those things. They didn't quit.

"Last year, we had guys, who weren't quite sure if they wanted to play football. But [Friday] night, they showed me that they wanted to play."

Fleming said that he found a jewel in reserve lineman Hunter Templin.

"Last year, Hunter played several positions because we had to move him around," Fleming said.

"He's a reserve on the offensive and defensive line. We had to put him in because some of our starters were struggling.

"He played well and I'm really happy for him. He

might be a starter for us now. He's really improved now that he has a steady position."

The Lions (0-1) got their first-ever varsity touchdown on a 30-yard scamper from Nathan Deets.

"That was a beautiful run," Fleming said of the touchdown.

The coach said that he was pleased with his team's effort at Grace Baptist.

"I was really happy with the way our kids grew up and improved throughout the game," Fleming said.

"The speed of the varsity game is a little different than the JV game.

"But our kids just didn't quit and that was big because of our 22 players, 16 are either freshmen or sophomores."

The Lions, who played a junior varsity schedule in

2014, will host Sale Creek in their first-ever varsity home game Friday night at Bob Leonard Park in Farragut.

And something will have to give when the Lions and Panthers tangle in East Tennessee this week.

"Somebody's going to get their first win because they lost [Friday] night too."

Behind the numbers, Dobbs provides hope for banner year

My advice to Tennessee fans heading into the 2015 football season would be to enter with cautious optimism.



By Steve Williams

running game. Maybe this also will be the season the receiving corps reaches its full potential.

The offensive line remains a question mark and two from that group – redshirt senior Marcus Jackson and redshirt sophomore Austin Sanders – were lost for the season when they suffered bicep tendon injuries in preseason camp.

The Vols could have a big-play defense with the likes of sophomore end Derek Barnett, senior LB/DL Curt Maggitt and junior cornerback Cameron Sutton. Two of the nation's top freshmen tackles – Kahlil McKenzie (6-3, 344) and Shy Tuttle (6-2, 311) – also will be a big part of a six-man rotation up front.

On paper, the past six-year record against ranked teams suggests a title run would be a pipe dream.

Butch was 0-5 against ranked teams last season, but the first three of those losses – against Oklahoma, Georgia and Ole Miss – were played with Dobbs on the bench.

Jones was 1-6 versus ranked teams in his first season at Tennessee, but he did coach the Vols to a 23-21 win over No. 11 ranked South Carolina in Knoxville.

The closest Dooley came to notching a win over a ranked opponent came in 2010, his first season at UT. In fact, his Vols were already celebrating a huge win over No. 12 LSU in Tiger Stadium when officials informed Dooley LSU would be allowed to snap the ball again even though it had committed a foul on what was thought to be the game's last play.

LSU punched in a touchdown for a 16-14 victory.

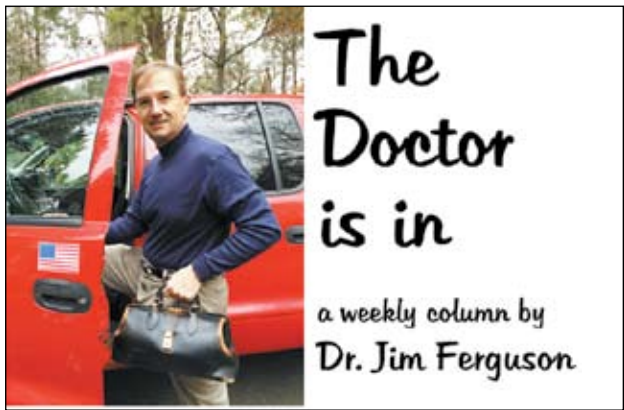
In 2009, a week after almost upsetting No. 1 ranked Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Kiffin guided the Vols to a 31-13 win over No. 21

ranked South Carolina on Halloween night in Neyland Stadium. That was the game the Vols wore the black jerseys.

By the way, earlier that season, Kiffin saw his Vols fall at top-ranked Florida 23-13. Kiffin kept the contest against

PREP FOOTBALL

	WEEK 1 Aug. 20-22	WEEK 2 Aug. 27-29	WEEK 3 Sept. 3-5	WEEK 4 Sept. 10-12	WEEK 5 Sept. 17-19	WEEK 6 Sept. 24-26	WEEK 7 Oct. 1-3	WEEK 8 Oct. 8-10	WEEK 9 Oct. 15-17	WEEK 10 Oct. 22-24	WEEK 11 Oct. 29-31
TSD	VS. GA School for Deaf	VS. Sc School for Deaf (SC)	OPEN	VS. IL School for Deaf	VS. NC School for Deaf	VS. SC School for Deaf (SC)	VS. Louisiana School for Deaf	VS. Mississippi School for Deaf	VS. NC School for Deaf	OPEN	OPEN
Concord Class A, R1	VS. Grace Baptist L 7-48	VS. Sale Creek	VS. Unaka	OPEN	VS. Cloudland	VS. Davidson Academy	VS. Hancock County	VS. King's Academy	OPEN	VS. Ezell-Harding	VS. Oakdale
SEYMOUR Class 4A, R1	VS. King's Academy W 44-26	VS. Pigeon Forge	VS. Sullivan South	OPEN	VS. Sullivan Central	VS. Sullivan East	VS. Cherokee	VS. Scott	VS. Grainger	VS. Volunteer	VS. Greenville
BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	VS. Karns W 50-7	VS. Powell	VS. Hardin Valley	VS. Farragut	VS. William Blount	VS. Maryville	VS. Bradley Central	OPEN	VS. Dobyns-Bennett	VS. Science Hill	VS. Jefferson County
HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	VS. West L 15-16	OPEN	VS. Bearden	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Dobyns-Bennett	VS. Powell	VS. Science Hill	VS. Jefferson County	VS. Bradley Central	VS. William Blount	VS. Maryville
WEBB Class A, R2	VS. Alcoa L 0-35	OPEN	VS. Mt. Juliet Christian	VS. CAK	VS. Friendship Christian	VS. Grace Christian Knoxville	VS. DCA	VS. BGA	OPEN	VS. Oak Ridge	VS. King's Academy
KING'S ACAD Class A, R2	VS. Seymour L 26-44	VS. Boyd Buchanan	VS. Friendship Christian	VS. Oneida	VS. DCA	OPEN	VS. Lancaster Christian	VS. Concord Christian	VS. Mt Juliet Christian	VS. Lenoir City	VS. Knoxville Webb
AUSTIN-EAST Class AA, R2	VS. Scott W 33-8	VS. Halls	VS. Tellico Plains	VS. Fulton	VS. Wartburg	OPEN	VS. Oliver Springs	VS. Union County	VS. Rockwood	VS. Sweetwater	VS. Grace Christian Knoxville
GCA Class AA, R2	VS. Jefferson County L 21-48	VS. CAK	VS. Oliver Springs	VS. Campbell County	VS. Rockwood	VS. Knoxville Webb	OPEN	VS. Wartburg	VS. Sweetwater	VS. Tellico Plains	VS. Austin-East
CAK Class AA, R2	VS. Livingston Academy W 37-7	VS. Grace Christian Knoxville	VS. Scott	VS. Knoxville Webb	VS. Kingston	VS. DCA	VS. Loudon	VS. Clinton	VS. McMinn Central	OPEN	VS. Alcoa
ANDERSON COUNTY Class 4A, R2	VS. Greeneville L 9-38	VS. Heritage	VS. Fulton	VS. Oak Ridge	VS. Union County	VS. Clinton	VS. Knoxville Catholic	OPEN	VS. Knoxville Central	VS. Morristown East	VS. Carter
CARTER Class 4A, R2	VS. Halls W 46-34	VS. Jefferson County	VS. Union County	VS. West	VS. Central	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Fulton	OPEN	VS. Knoxville Catholic	VS. Gibbs	VS. Anderson County
CATHOLIC Class 4A, R2	VS. Morristown East	VS. CPA	VS. Central	VS. Notre Dame	VS. Fulton	VS. Belfry	VS. Anderson County	OPEN	VS. Carter	VS. Cloudland	VS. Union County
CENTRAL Class 4A, R2	VS. South Doyle W 38-3	VS. Campbell County	VS. Knoxville Catholic	OPEN	VS. Carter	VS. Morristown West	VS. Union County	VS. Halls	VS. Anderson County	VS. Powell	VS. Fulton
FULTON Class 4A, R2	VS. Morristown West	VS. Maryville	VS. Anderson County	VS. Austin-East	VS. Catholic	VS. Gibbs	VS. Carter	OPEN	VS. Union County	VS. West	VS. Central
GIBBS Class 5A, R2	VS. Campbell County W 12-7	VS. Farragut	VS. Powell	VS. Karns	VS. Heritage	VS. Fulton	VS. Halls	OPEN	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Carter	VS. West
HALLS Class 5A, R2	VS. Carter L 34-46	VS. Austin-East	VS. West	VS. Union County	VS. South-Doyle	OPEN	VS. Gibbs	VS. Central	VS. Powell	VS. Karns	VS. Heritage
POWELL Class 5A, R2	VS. Farragut L 6-49	VS. Bearden	VS. Gibbs	OPEN	VS. West	VS. Hardin Valley	VS. Heritage	VS. Karns	VS. Halls	VS. Central	VS. South-Doyle
SOUTH DOYLE Class 5A, R2	VS. Central L 3-38	VS. Karns	VS. Heritage	VS. Hardin Valley	VS. Halls	VS. Carter	VS. West	OPEN	VS. Gibbs	VS. Farragut	VS. Powell
WEST Class 5A, R2	VS. HVA W 16-15	VS. Sevier County	VS. Halls	VS. Carter	VS. Powell	OPEN	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Farragut	VS. Heritage	VS. Fulton	VS. Gibbs
CLINTON Class 5A, R1	VS. Oak Ridge L 13-24	VS. Morristown East	VS. Karns	VS. Rhea County	VS. Campbell County	VS. Anderson County	VS. Lenoir City	VS. CAK	OPEN	VS. Heritage	VS. Farragut
FARRAGUT Class 5A, R3	VS. Powell W 49-6	VS. Gibbs	VS. Oak Ridge	VS. Bearden	VS. Karns	OPEN	VS. Campbell County	VS. West	VS. Lenoir City	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Clinton
KARNs Class 5A, R1	VS. Bearden L 7-50	VS. South-Doyle	VS. Clinton	VS. Gibbs	VS. Farragut	OPEN	VS. Oak Ridge	VS. Powell	VS. Campbell County	VS. Halls	VS. Lenoir City



Bullying

We Tennesseans live in what is called a red state. You might find it interesting that the current color convention for politics was made popular by Tim Russet during the 2000 election cycle, and is obviously useful for television. Actually, blue has historically been more often associated with the Republican Party, and red more often with Democrats. The modern color scheme is merely a convention, and may only be important to identify certain areas of the country as unimportant and uninformed. Red states have often been referred to as “fly-over country” by politicians and “sophisticates” in the New York-Washington corridor and on the “Left Coast” (Los Angeles-San Francisco).

Tennessee is a conservative state and east Tennessee is perhaps the most conservative part of our state. By contrast, Oregon has a more liberal

philosophy. A friend of mine traveled with us to Oregon to attend my daughter’s wedding. She asked a lady in the grocery if wine was sold there, and could it purchased on Sunday. The store lady said yes to the first question, but told my friend she’d never been asked the second. The store lady kindly reminded my friend that she was in Portland, Oregon and could even purchase marijuana legally.

My daughter, Emily, and I were were walking one afternoon prior to the wedding and she asked me, “What’s the deal with this Trump fellow, Dad?” Maybe she thought that since I’m a conservative I’d be a Trump supporter. On the other hand she knows that I keep up with current events, daily reading multiple newspapers and online news services, as well as watching cable news and listening to several talk radio sites. Actually, I had never heard Mr.

Trump articulate social, economic, religious or national conservative perspectives prior to bursting upon the political scene.

Personally, I don’t find Trump very presidential at this moment, but we’ve had seven years of someone who can read a teleprompter and who promotes liberal-progressive policies that I believe are destructive to our country. Trump is like the valve on a pressure cooker. He is voicing the discontent of the majority who are being ruled by a minority of radicals. Trump may not last, but I believe he has done our nation a great service by voicing the anger of the country. We wouldn’t even be talking about illegal immigration, which some have labeled as an invasion, without Trump. And because Trump is fabulously wealthy, he can’t be bought by the usual lobbyists, money-PACs and politically correct bullies.

Bullying is a term most often used these days to describe inappropriate behavior of kids and teenagers. It is defined as the “use of force, threat or coercion to intimidate, dominate or abuse others.” An important component of bullying is the perception that there exists an “imbalance of social or physical power.”

I remember having to deal with two bullies when I was a kid. It was tough,

but bullies must be faced, and I finally mustered the courage to defend myself just like Ralphie in the movie classic A Christmas Story. On our last day at Tyson Junior High School, my best friend asked me to accompany him to the boy’s bathroom. Guys don’t ordinarily ask other guys to go with them to the can, but my friend had apparently been unable to deal with the tough guys in our middle school. As a result, he had never seen the inside of the boy’s restroom in our three years there.

Fast forward to adulthood and ask yourself if the IRS qualifies as a bully. George Washington once said, “A free and independent people ought not only be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which could include their own government.” Was he referring to our second amendment rights or was he encouraging people to be informed and get involved?

I maintain that bullies exist everywhere, even in adulthood. The two Black Lives Matter activists who took over Bernie Sanders’ political rally and prevented the other 2000 attendees from hearing the Senator speak are bullies. I may not agree politically with

Bernie, the self-described socialist, but he should not be bullied into silence, nor should other Democrat presidential candidates, like Martin O’Malley and Hillary Clinton, be bullied and forced to recant their comments that “All lives matter.” The politically correct thought-police are certainly bullies.

It has been asked, “Are we losing the country?” Obama promised to transform America, and he’s doing so with an imperial presidency and a bullied Congress. In 2010 Republicans recaptured the House of Representatives, but nothing was done to stop the transformation that the majority of Americans do not want. In 2014 the Senate was handed back to the Republicans by the voters and nothing has been done to stop the Democrats and Obama. Actually, the Republican leadership is so focused on recapturing the Whitehouse they have surrendered to politically correct minority bullies and the media.

Illegal immigration is the “tectonic” fault line of our time. As I see it, the majority of Americans are on one side of the issue and believe if we have no borders and do not enforce our laws we have no country. The Democrats who want new voters and the Chamber of Commerce crowd who want cheap labor at

any cost are on the other side. Remember, we are a country of immigrants; the issue is illegal immigration without assimilation. Vast numbers of immigrants came to America legally in the late 1800s and early 1900s. If you’ve never toured Ellis Island in New York you should do so and learn. Did you know that America drastically curtailed legal immigration between 1924 and the 1960s in an effort to maintain the ethnic balance of immigrants coming to America and to allow their assimilation as citizens? Again, the issue is illegal immigration and Trump has made everyone address the broken, corrupt system.

I don’t begrudge anyone who wants to come here for a better life and to become an American, just as my Burundi friends have done so legally. I believe we should help those who are suffering and metaphorically drowning in poverty. However, I learned in the Boy Scouts that I can’t just jump in to save a foundering person.

Yes, we are called to help, it’s called agape or sacrificial love in Greek. However, who is helped if we allow America to be destroyed by an invading mob?

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Priority Ambulance hires Debbie Stone as national director of human resources

Priority Ambulance has hired Debbie Stone as director of human resources to oversee all recruiting, hiring and benefits management throughout the company’s national network.

“Our human resources are our company’s greatest strength and developing those assets is critical to our continued growth,” Priority Ambulance CEO Bryan Gibson said. “Debbie will oversee the recruitment and management of the high-caliber employees who provide the excellent local customer experience associated with Priority Ambulance. Debbie’s expertise will continue to elevate our position as a

premier employer in the EMS industry.”

Stone has nearly a decade of experience in human resources and legal and regulatory oversight with emergency medical services companies. Stone will apply her expertise in developing human resources policies and procedures for startup ambulance companies, mergers and acquisitions to Priority Ambulance’s rapidly growing national footprint. In addition to human resources experience, Stone has managed state, vehicle, pharmacy and Medicare/Medicaid licensure and inspection processes that will help as Priority

Ambulance expands into new territory.

Prior to Stone’s work in EMS, she worked as a paralegal at several law practices. Stone holds a paralegal degree from Barkley College in Los Angeles.

Stone volunteers with the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and attends retreats that support individuals living with the disease. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world’s largest human resources membership organization. She has three grown sons.

Stone will be based at Priority Ambulance’s headquarters in

Knoxville, Tenn., and will serve Priority’s national ambulance network in Tennessee, Alabama, New York, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Indiana.

About Priority Ambulance: Based in Knoxville, Tenn., Priority Ambulance provides the highest level of clinical excellence in emergency and non-emergency medical care to the communities it serves. Throughout its national service area, more than 600 highly trained paramedics, EMTs and telecommunicators staff approximately 100 state-of-the-art ambulances with the latest medical equipment and technology.

Priority Ambulance provides emergency and non-emergency medical transport options to communities in Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama and Indiana. Operating as Priority Ambulance, the company serves Knox, Loudon and Blount counties in East Tennessee. Priority Ambulance operates as Kunkel Ambulance in Utica, New York; as Trans Am Ambulance in Olean, New York; as Shoals Ambulance in Alabama; and as Seals Ambulance in Indiana.

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