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Replica of Mayberry Sheriff Car at Fountain City Auction

By Mike Steely
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Who doesn't like Andy Taylor and Barney Fife of Mayberry fame? Both Andy Griffith and Don Knotts are gone now but their fame lives in reruns and in the memories of many, many people.

This Friday, September 4, at Fountain City Auction there's a very special item: a classic 1967 Ford Custom 500 detailed out as Andy's Sheriff Car. The Mayberry replica will be sold during the auction which starts at 6 p.m.

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Fountain City Auction's Greg and Sarah Lawson show off the 1967 Ford Galaxy 500 Mayberry replica police car which will be one of several items in Friday night's auction. Photo by Rose King.

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In Memoriam



Paul Michael "Mike" Beeler

November 23, 1953 - August 26, 2015

Paul Michael (Mike) Beeler, age 61 of Corryton, passed away unexpectedly the morning of August 26, 2015. Though the Beeler family and friends mourn the loss of their beloved husband, father, papaw, brother, and friend, they are secure and comforted in the knowledge that as a man of faith and acceptance, he is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior.

A hardworking man, he took great pride in providing for his family. Nothing brought him greater joy than being surrounded by family and friends to enjoy a good meal, singing or listening to the great old gospel hymns, watching his precious grandbabies playing at his feet, attending every sporting event in which his children participated, or a quiet weekend getaway with Becky in the RV.

But most of all, Mike loved his family and the comfort of home. He and Becky hosted countless family get-togethers filled with laughter, music, good food, and always love.

Mike leaves behind many loved ones to cherish memories of him until they meet again. Loving and faithful wife of 40 years Becky Beeler; daughter (his "baby girl") Ashley and husband Christopher Foster and grandsons Jack and Ryder; beloved son Christopher (Chris) and wife Carrie and granddaughter Chloe; sisters Teresa (Bob) Garland, Karen (Alan) Beal, Brenda (Jeff) Taylor, Susie Cox, and Velma (Claude) Killion; brothers Loy Dunsmore, Hollis (Mary) Dunsmore, Bob (Blanche) Dunsmore, James (Sandy) Dunsmore, and Ray Dunsmore; sisters-in-law Annette Moore, Judy (Bob) Buchanan, Sandra (Ron) Tilley, and Brenda Dunsmore; brothers-in-law Doug (Dana) Moore and Blaine Cupp along with many special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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Council race forum draws modest crowd



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Incumbent 5th District Councilman Mark Campen and his opponent, Jennifer Mirtes, talk after the City Council Forum Thursday evening.

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Most candidates for city council appeared at a forum at the Woodlawn Christian Church Thursday night and answered questions from moderator Allen Williams of WVLT. The forum was sponsored by the South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition, and Mayor Madeline Rogero and At-Large Councilman George Wallace both spoke briefly.

Amy Strange of the Lake Forest Neighborhood Association welcomed the candidates

and audience and reminded everyone that early voting for city commission starts September 9th with the primary election on September 29th.

Most of the attention went to the At-Large Seat C race where incumbent Councilman Finbarr Saunders faces three opponents. Two of the candidates, Kelly Absher and Pete Drew, did not attend the forum.

Saunders and the other two opponents, David Williams and Paul Bonovich, answered questions submitted by South Knoxville Residents.

When asked why the dirty lot ordinances apply to residences but not to businesses, David Williams said he would go to the businesses before asking for codes enforcement. Saunders said the city codes already cover the problem. Bonovich said that property owners have rights to protect but they also have responsibilities.

Asked if the city Office of Redevelopment was too easy on variances for business development in South Knoxville, Bonovich said the

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National Quartet Convention returns to Pigeon Forge

Thousands to return for seven days of concerts in Great Smoky Mountains

The attention of the Southern gospel music industry will again be on Pigeon Forge from September 27 through October 3 when hundreds of performers and upwards of 40,000 fans unite for the 59th National Quartet Convention.

"Coming off of our largest convention in 13 years, we are excited about what is in store for our second year in Pigeon Forge," said Clarke Beasley, Executive

Vice President.

J.D. Sumner, a gospel music legend and former backup singer for Elvis Presley, founded the NQC in 1957 in Memphis, co-producing it with James Blackwood. It later moved to Nashville and has been in Louisville, Ky., for 20 years.

Its Pigeon Forge home is the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge, a \$45 million special events facility that opened in 2013. The

center's primary space will be configured for 11,000 seats for the NQC, with no seat more than 150 feet from the stage.

Featured artists are a "Who's Who" of Southern gospel music, and nightly concerts feature up to 20 acts. Among them are the Booth Brothers, Greater Vision, the Hoppers, the Kingdom Heirs, Triumphant and the Collingsworth Family, as well as prominent soloists such as Grammy Award winner Jason Crabb.

Special events during the week include the Singing News Fan

Awards, a fan-voted program of Singing News Magazine, on Sept. 30, the keynote address by Dr. David Jeremiah on Oct. 2nd, the Cathedrals Family Reunion featuring several alumni of gospel's most celebrated group on Sept. 30th and a Gospel Music Hymn Sing hosted by Gerald Wolfe on Oct. 3rd.

"We are excited about the enhancements we have made to the production this year including elevated seating and doubling

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No Strikes and You're Out?

In the quiet of July 4th week, parent and former president of the Bearden Softball Booster Club Randy Susong addressed the Board of Education about the forced resignation of Bearden High School softball coach Leonard Sams.



By Sally Absher
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Sams was asked to resign on June 4 after seven years of coaching at BHS. Susong said, "This forced resignation is baffling to everyone in the softball community, especially to those still in the program." Susong asked the Board to not accept the resignation, and to let Sams continue as BHS softball coach.

Susong explained, "We don't have a coach, nor do we have a team. We built an indoor practice facility on (school) property last spring, which helped bring this team to the State tournament. The indoor practice facility currently has zero funds." Susong and Adam McKenry, Booster Club treasurer, signed the note for the building construction, and are now personally making the \$750/mo payments. There is still \$44,000 owed on the building, which was to be paid through fundraising efforts of the Boosters.

When the Softball program, funded by the Booster Club, lost Coach Sams they lost their summer and fall fundraisers, which "led to lost revenue of approximately \$21,000 for a summer camp, UT concession revenue, and a fall golf tournament," according to parent Cheryl McKenry.

Booster Club Officers met with Dr. McIntyre on July 20 to ask for the reinstatement of Sams. McIntyre said he would speak with BHS principal Dr. Bartlett and make a decision within two weeks. On July 27, BHS Athletic Director Nathan Lynn announced Angelica McClerkin had been hired as the new head coach of the BHS Softball program.

On July 28, the Booster Club officers received a letter from McIntyre stating, "I believe that Dr. Bartlett made a reasonable decision regarding the softball

coach based on his determination of the best interests of his students." The Booster Club is still searching for answers. On what facts was this "reasonable decision" made? How is the current situation in the "best interests" of these students, since none of

the returning players, parents, or Booster Club officers were contacted prior to Sams' dismissal?

Eleven of the 14 returning players have indicated they will not be playing for Bearden now that Coach Sams is gone. Two more are on the fence. Most plan to play for Sams on a spring travel team, forgoing their High School season so they can get the coaching and competition that will help them achieve their goal to play college softball.

Dr. Bartlett spoke with several players on June 9. After the meeting, freshman pitcher Kaylor Susong told her parents, "If I can't trust these guys to have my best interest in my athletics, how can I trust them to have my best interest in my education?"

Per TSSAA rules, McClerkin is not qualified for the head coaching position. A head coach must be a full time or retired teacher, or have been an assistant coach for five years. McClerkin is not a teacher, and has just one year of experience as an assistant coach. Also per TSSAA, with the timing of the hire, tryouts can't be held until February, so Bearden currently has no softball team.

McKenry emailed Bernard Childress of TSSAA about the new coach's lack of qualifications. He was told that a one year waiver was granted because the administration couldn't find a qualified candidate and they were in jeopardy of losing the program. Childress also indicated that McIntyre and KCS AD Marion Quinn were involved in the process of requesting the waiver.

There is a difference between hiring a coach, and hiring a qualified coach.

KCS Board member Doug Harris, who represents BHS, arranged a meeting with Bartlett,

Lynn, and Booster Club officers on June 22. Harris said, "It seems to me you guys just assume you won't be able to hire another coach." Ultimately it took BHS almost two months and a TSSAA waiver to hire a coach who by TSSAA rules is not qualified. Harris did offer to write a check to help cover some of the cost of the practice facility, but the donation hasn't been received yet.

The Booster Club asked Harris to put them on the agenda for August's BOE meeting, but he said, "I'm not going to buck my only high school principal's decision."

Board member Terry Hill met with Dr. Bartlett on August 17 after being contacted by parent Sharon Glass. Hill later emailed Glass: "Coach Sams DOES know why he was fired and there were others that were there when this meeting was held... I believe I have done due diligence as a school board member. I support this decision and am hopeful your student will move forward with choices that are best for her this school year."

The Focus spoke with Leonard Sams. He explained that when former AD Scott Witt hired him, all the athletic programs at BHS were thriving, except the softball program. "Witt told me that he wanted this program strong. I told him it was going to take several years to get this up and running, and turn it into a powerhouse program. I told Mr. Witt there would be obstacles and adversities along the way. Some parents would oppose the new direction and would like to keep the same old status quo at Bearden. Now with three ADs in the matter of four years, I think that they've lost sight of what me and Scott Witt started out doing."

Sams told us that there were no allegations of wrongdoing. He said the only thing the administration would tell him is that "some of the players didn't respect me," and "they wanted to take the team in a different direction." Lynn was quoted in PrepXtra, "(Sams') departure didn't involve misconduct." Why fire a winning coach?

This is not the first successful,

popular athletic coach forced out under Bartlett for dubious reasons. Football coach Brad Taylor resigned in 2013, to be replaced by then-AD Morgan Shinlever, who amazingly hired himself as football coach to replace Taylor.

Track coach Steve Prince resigned in 2015 after 13 years at BHS. Prince took his team to State 11 times and was named Coach of the Year 7 times. In 2012, Jack Tate stepped down as BHS baseball head coach after he took the team to State and had players sign with UT and commit to Walters State.

While it is easy for this type of situation to dissolve into a "he said, she said" battle, there are a number of indisputable facts about Coach Sams:

- 25+ years softball coaching experience, including 9+ years at the High School level
- Started and coached the Bearden Middle softball team over the last 5 years to help build the BHS program
- In 2015 took Bearden to the State Tournament for the first time in school history, voted District Coach of the year
- Coached 60+ players who have gone on to play at the college level, including 4 of the 6 Bearden Seniors who graduated in 2015
- Coached a 16U travel team this summer and took the 6 Bearden players on that team to the ASA National Championships in Chattanooga
- Selected to coach the 18U America's Team in Europe next summer

Insiders in the local softball community think there is another explanation for the inexplicable coaching change, but the Focus has not confirmed this. There are other concerns with Dr. Bartlett as well. Before coming to KCS, he was under investigation in Loudon County over irregularities with a "slush fund." Four years ago, BHS received a \$100K grant from U.S. Cellular, but former members of his staff say only \$30K in expenditures was ever approved. At \$102,512, Bartlett is the second highest paid secondary principal in Knox County (only L&N Stem's Becky Ashe makes more).

Susong and McKenry met recently with County Law Director Bud Armstrong about the outstanding building loan. Armstrong told them that "since Knox County owns the property in question, it would not be advisable to have taken out a loan and build on the property without going through Knox County Commission." Unfortunately the Board of Education and principals allow that to happen all the time with booster clubs. Armstrong stated, "The only way anyone is supposed to be able to build on County property is with approval of Commission. County Commission is the only body within Knox County Government that has the power to finance via bonds for construction or other debt on behalf of the County."

But it was not the Booster Club that brought the project to the BOE for approval on December 3, 2014. Bartlett and Lynn submitted the plans to the Board, and told the Booster Club they needed proof of the funds. The bank provided written confirmation that the loan was approved and the funds were available. Susong and McKenry never imagined that six months later, they would be without a coach, a team, and the ability to fundraise to pay off the loan.

Armstrong told *The Focus* that at this time, Susong and McKenry have no legal recourse, and are on the hook to either personally pay the balance of the loan, or solicit donations to pay it off. Susong said if he had known this was even a remote possibility, the Booster Club would have waited to build until they had raised the necessary money for the project, and not taken out a loan.

Susong said the next step is to meet with each and every Board of Education member to discuss the facts. As Armstrong is fond of saying, "this Board can do whatever it wants with five votes." But right now, it doesn't look like there are five Board members who will vote to bring back Coach Sams.



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Ethics Committee seeks members

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The Knox County Ethics Committee is looking for two new members, but so far no one has applied. The deadline for submitting a name is September 1 and the committee will meet Wednesday, September 9 to consider applicants.

The two current members whose terms are expiring are eligible for reappointment but, so far, neither has applied. The committee was created by the Knox County Commission in 2007 to receive and investigate complaints of violations of policy. The committee refers matters to the appropriate person or agency for further action.

The committee has nine voting members and three non-voting members. The

membership is made up of one citizen appointed by the Sheriff's Department; three appointed by the Knox County Mayor, two by the Ethics Committee and three from the Knox County Commission. The three non-voting members consist of one county commissioner and one appointment each from the county mayor and the sheriff.

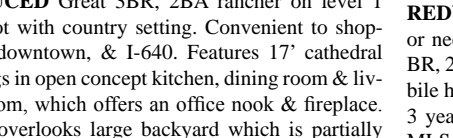
Two terms expire October 31 including that of Chair Mae Killebrew-Mosley. Currently Gina Oster is Vice Chair, B. DeWitt Burleson is Secretary and other members include Elaine Davis, Capt. Tom Cos, Raj Patel, Garrett Swartwood, Bobby Baker and Johnathan Cooper. Non-voting members include Brown, Sheriff's employee Sgt. Carl King, and Dean Rice of the

Mayor's office.

In recent history the Ethics Committee has had little to do because there have been few ethics complaints come to them via the county Law Director's Office. David Buuck, Deputy Law Director, told *The Focus* that the Fraud Hot Line, where callers can choose not to be identified, has taken some of the ethics complaints off of the committee.

Buuck said that anyone wanting to serve on the Ethics Committee must be a Knox County resident and a registered voter. The applicant can't be an employee of the county or related to an employee.

Applicants must attend the Ethics Committee's September 9 meeting or their application will not be received.



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Bits of News About Local Education

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Belle Morris Elementary Celebrates 100 Years!

Last Thursday morning, Belle Morris Elementary School hosted a celebration commemorating the 100 years anniversary of its founding in 1915. Dignitaries including Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, and City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero kicked off the celebration at 9 a.m.

The students performed a Maypole dance, which was a tradition Mrs. Belle Morris started when she founded the school. There were refreshments, tours of the school, and historical video footage. The celebration culminated with an open house for the public from 3:30 until 6 p.m.

Many alumni were in attendance, including the oldest living Knoxville alumni, Ruth Snelson. At nearly 100 years old, Ruth still lives independently and is full of energy and enthusiasm. We also spoke with alumni Pat Lowry, who is the aunt of BOE member Patti Bounds. Patti's great-grandfather, Joe Bise, was principal of Belle Morris in 1915. Historical Board of Education records indicate he earned \$65 a month!

School librarian Martha Koho worked diligently to research historic documents and photographs. She helped set up a "museum" in the gym with a timeline of the school and yearbooks, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia dating back to the early days of the school.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Belle Morris students celebrated the school's 100 year anniversary with a Maypole dance.

Sweeping Literacy Initiatives Announced

The Tennessee Department of Education notes a "persistent and disturbing trend." Math and science scores are steadily increasing, but reading scores are declining. This year 48.4 percent of students in grades 3-8 were "proficient" in reading, down from 49.5 percent in 2014 and a peak of 50.5 percent in 2013.

Grace Tatter over at tnchalkbeat.org reports, "Calling Tennessee's stagnant reading scores a 'true ethical and moral dilemma,' Education Commissioner Candice McQueen is rolling out a pair of initiatives to boost students' literacy skills, starting even before they enter school."

But not by spending more time actually reading.

The first initiative, "Ready

to Read," focuses on children from infancy to second grade. The Department of Education will partner with other state agencies including children's services, health, human services and mental health to ensure that children who enter Kindergarten in Tennessee are "primed to learn to read."

Tatter adds, "The Department will work to create and implement higher standards for literacy in both public pre-K programs and private childcare centers, so more people are aware of what it means to be ready for kindergarten."

While it may be true that "studies have found that children who are raised in literacy-rich environments, where parents speak in complex sentences and expose them to the written word, enter kindergarten knowing more words and are more ready to start reading," we seem to have

completely forgotten that children learn best through play!

We already have stressed out, burned out kids in first and second grade. Are we now going to do this to kindergarten (or younger) kids?

There's more for grade K-2 kids. The Department is "developing tools to help schools and teachers assess the literacy skills of students who are too young to take the state's required reading exam, first administered in third grade."

One tool will help kindergarten teachers understand the literacy skills of their students before they enter the classroom. The second tool is an "optional" standardized test which will measure the literacy skills of children in kindergarten through second grade.

McQueen told Chalkbeat that when she toured the state last spring, "it was striking the number

of times I heard a teacher say, 'I really need better information about how my students are performing before they get into third grade.'"

But David Dickinson, a professor at Vandy's Peabody College of Education who specializes in early childhood literacy, echoes the cautions of many early childhood education and development experts when he says, "I haven't seen any mass-administered tests in school districts that are effective in measuring those skills."

The second initiative, called "Ready to be Ready," focuses on better preparing students in grades 3-8 for the new state assessment, TNReady, which replaces the TCAP test this year. Ready to be Ready includes "strategies to help teachers prepare students for more complicated reading passages and questions that require strong

comprehension skills to answer."

McQueen plans to use literacy coaches across the state to model lessons for teachers and help them create lesson plans. Tennessee educators will get "additional training about how to teach reading, support from a growing fleet of literacy coaches, and insights from new standardized tests."

Because somehow it's always the teachers' fault that Johnny can't read. And spending more money on literacy coaches, focusing on test preparation and testing the kids more will help that?

You can't make this stuff up.

Teach for America Coming to Knox County?

Teach for America Knoxville is currently soliciting applications on Indeed.com.

Here we are, three weeks into the school year, with over 40 open certified positions listed on the KCS website, and qualified candidates reporting that they aren't even being granted interviews.

TFA "cadets" are generally recent college graduates who undergo five weeks of "training" over the summer and are placed in low-income rural and urban school districts. They are paid the same full salary and benefits as regular certified teachers by the hiring district. In addition, the district pays TFA a fee - typically \$5K per year - for each "cadet" hired.

Knox County can, and should do much better. Please urge your Board of Education members to keep TFA out of Knox County Schools.

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issuance of granting a variance will always crop up. Saunders referred to the redevelopment of the former Baptist Hospital and said that might need revisiting to require retail on the first level. David Williams said that Variances work and the city should work with neighborhoods and businesses.

Councilman Mark Campen and his opponent

in the 5th district, Jennifer Mirtes, also had two questions.

When asked if a "landlord registry" for the City of Knoxville might help with abandoned or blighted property, Campen said he doesn't think such a registry is needed but added that being pro-active with codes enforcement would help.

Mirtes said she believes in a registry and said there

are too many properties owned by slumlords.

Asked for their position on the South Waterfront Development and the Chapman Highway Plan, Campen said he fully supports the project and wants to see it through. Mirtes said she also supports the plans and applauded Mayor Rogero for her efforts.

In closing remarks Mirtes said she's an Air Force Veteran and not a politician.

She said she is passionate about the community and someone who doesn't give up.

Campen said the momentum is going with the city and he wants a more proactive outreach.

All of the candidates, opposed or unopposed, spoke briefly, answered questions and made closing remarks.

Waiting on a kidney

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What would you sacrifice for someone you didn't know? Would you give a kidney?

Gretchen Hollifield brought the story of her husband, Junior Hollifield, to the attention of *The Knoxville Focus* and the tale should have a happy ending thanks to the donation of a kidney by a young woman who doesn't want to be identified. The transplant is scheduled for September 8 but the story goes back several years.

Junior Hollifield is currently the Night Sort Manager at UPS in Knoxville. He first got sick after returning from Desert Storm and was diagnosed with Glomerular Sclerosis. In October of 2012 he received a cadaver kidney transplant at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. His wife said it was a miracle because his blood type is rare and sometimes the waiting list can take five years. The transplant worked well for

a year but then complications from the BK Virus and Rhabdomyolysis led to renal failure.

"I started reaching out to friends and family with an immediate need for a live kidney donor," Gretchen said.

"I have been working out at the Central Baptist Church in Fountain City for a few years with a wonderful group of ladies and after every workout we close with a prayer. I have been praying for Junior for some time," Gretchen said.

"Our instructor, who owns and operates a local business and is married with two children, frequently asked me how he is doing. One day she said 'I wonder what blood type I am.' She said she would ask her doctor and one day told me she was a match, with Blood Type B+," Gretchen said.

The young lady had never met Junior but said she would ask her husband and wanted to get information about donating. She drove



Junior and Gretchen Hollifield with their 10-year-old twins, Gracelyn and Lucas. (Photo courtesy of Gretchen Hollifield)

to Vanderbilt, and because of her good health she was approved to donate the kidney.

In May Junior underwent surgery for a torn rotator cuff but the surgery was a

tipping point for his kidney failure. He had to be taken to Vanderbilt by ambulance in order to get an emergency dialysis port installed and to begin dialysis. Currently he is on dialysis

awaiting the September 8 transplant date.

After deciding to donate the kidney the young woman and her family visited the Hollifields for lunch and to finally meet Junior.

"God sure works in incredible ways and we are so thankful for her gift of a better life for Junior," Gretchen said.

Zachary appointed 14th District House Seat

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The new and temporary State House Representative, Jason Zachary, was appointed to serve until the general election last Monday by the Knox County Commission. Zachary, the winner of the Republican primary against Karen Carson, will face no opposition on the ballot as the Democrats have not placed a candidate against him.

Zachary told the commission that the appointment will give him the opportunity to attend a couple of meetings in Nashville before being certified.

The appointment was the highlight of a very brief regular commission meeting. Most of the numerous items were placed on "consent" and voted on in one motion. The commission also decided to discuss the Hotel-Motel tax at the next work session and honored two people: the late Richard Beeler and Dr. Rodney D. Bennett.

Jim Jennings was appointed in a split vote to be an alternate member of the Sheriff's Office Merit System Council.

The outside audit firm of Pugh and Company were rehired to conduct the 2016 audit for \$445,187 with an option to renew annually for three years.

Additional nursing staff services were given \$150,000 for the school's

Flu Mist Program and the possible relocation of the County Clerk's offices in Halls and Farragut was discussed. Under questions from Commissioner Dave Wright, Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the Halls office may move facilities but would remain in Halls.

The commission also voted to grant America's Collectible Network, doing business as Jewelry Television, a payment in lieu of taxes for properties at 9600 Parkside Drive and 505 North Peters Road. The company is buying the facilities it now leases.

Tuesday, September 1 was set as the commission's reorganization meeting. The meeting starts at 4 p.m. and the commissioners will select their chair, vice-chair, and committee appointments.

Wright also announced that three public meetings to consider the Northeast Sector Plan amendments will be held September 17, 21, and 22 in Corryton, Gibbs and East Knox County and mentioned the probable reappointment of Kevin Murphy to the Board of Zonings and Appeals.

Monday's meeting marked the one-year anniversary of the election of commissioners Randy Smith, Charles Busler, Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas. Randy Smith told his fellow commissioners that he found them "open and receptive" and said they had respect for one another.

National Quartet Convention

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the amount of large screens, and we are also excited about the improvements the LeConte Center has made to the acoustic environment of the Center with the installation of acoustical treatment on the walls. As much as our attendees enjoyed the event's first year in Pigeon Forge, we are confident that they will enjoy this year even more," said Clarke Beasley.

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Fountain City Lake update draws a crowd

By Mike Steely
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Fountain City residents packed the Lion's Club house Tuesday afternoon to hear an update and plans for restoring the Fountain City Lake. Mayor Madeline Rogero recalled the \$250,000 allotted last year for repairs and reminded everyone that while the city doesn't own the lake or the park, she felt a need to help the Lion's Club with its efforts.

"They do great work in our community and don't have deep pockets. I know the value of this lake to this community," the mayor said.

She said the city's effort so far, to stop the leaks

and repair the walls of the lake, was known to not be enough.

"We knew there was more that needed to be done," she said.

With that she introduced David Hagerman of the city's engineering department who told the large audience he gets questions every day about the lake and its future. He said the upcoming work will involve the city, TVA, TWRA and other agencies. Maintaining the park will require the assistance of private companies, volunteers, businesses, visitors and park users to be successful.

"How we use the park is important," he said.

Hagerman detailed some of the plans including backfilling the banks, placing new sidewalks, and adding carp to the lake for algae control. He also said the plan includes adding a fish screen with mesh small enough to let small fish enter and leave from First Creek but large enough to contain the large carp.

Other plans include decreasing the fowl population, possibly planting grass between the walks and the lake, and discouraging the feeding of the birds with bread. He said the algae growth is a direct result of the excrement from the fowl.

Jason Brooks of environmental engineering

firm LDA Engineering detailed some of the plans. The steps include draining the lake this fall and mucking it out, reducing the water fowl population, installing a new fountain system and its plumbing, and stocking the lake with carp and tilapia and later with bass and blue gill.

Once repairs are completed by next summer, the engineering firm is proposing a manual be developed and left with the Lions Club about maintaining the lake. He said sidewalk management is important as well and that a wetland area in the shallow part of the lake is planned which would allow for education programs and



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

David Hagerman explains the what the city has done so far to deal with problems at Fountain City Lake. Knoxville had allocated \$ 250,000 to bring the lake back to life.

improve the water quality. He said that when completed the restored lake will need a public partnership with monthly and quarterly checks on the ecological system there. He said that only the needed amounts of chemicals would be used to control the algae.

Our Neighborhoods Knoxville's Safety City Teaches



By Mike Steely
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Knoxville is the only city in Tennessee with a special "Safety City" that teaches children, especially 2nd graders, about traffic and fire safety. The facility, at 165 South Concord Street between Sutherland Avenue and Kingston Pike, is a city in miniature and hosts more than 15,000 children, parents, teachers and groups each year.

Within the complex are miniature replicas of many Knoxville buildings, including a residential replica, downtown section, the Sunphere, and many other buildings. Some were built from donations by companies, like Shoney's Restaurant, and some duplicate public buildings.

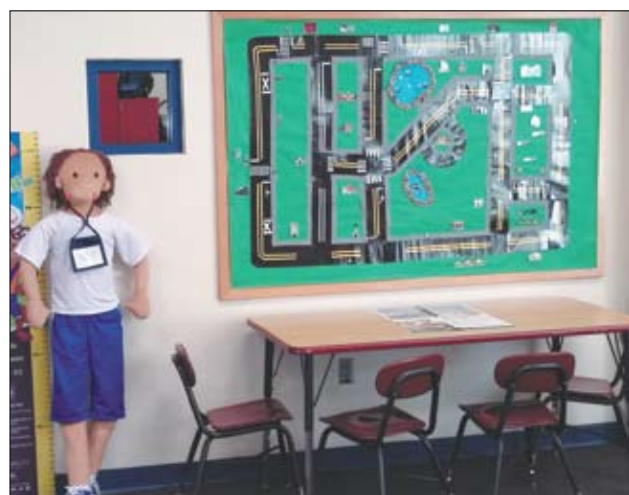
In between the many buildings are striped city streets with stop signs, pedestrian crossings, direction signs and even railroad crossings.

During the school year various county second graders arrive by bus to attend a four- or five-hour visit that starts with some classroom traffic and fire safety lessons and then the children are taken into the miniature city streets and allowed to drive the little cars or bicycles along the streets. The visit also includes a visit to a house that has been prepared with examples of fire hazards the children can identify and two bedrooms where the children are taught how to crawl to safety or use an emergency escape latter from a second story window.

"Some children have said a visit here is better than Dollywood or Disneyland," said Vicki Dagnan, Safety City Director. She and a full time staff of three, along with volunteers, see about 7,000 second graders each year and about 8,000 other visitors for special events.

The City Council recently allocated more than \$600,000 for the construction of eight more buildings which will, according to Dagnan, will include a downtown Yogurt Shop, a hospital heliport, a gas station, car wash, town clock, post office, the Southern Railroad Depot, and a replica of Neyland Stadium.

Photos by Mike Steely. Above, Knoxville's Safety City has child-size replicas of area landmarks as well as a miniature residential neighborhood. Far right, classrooms are available where students learn about traffic and fire safety. Right, Safety City's replica of the Tennessee Theatre.



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Rosie's World

Bits and pieces

I am an avid reader but once in a while I latch on to a book that is disappointing and not to my liking at all. That was the case with a book I picked up by one of my favorite authors, Nelson DeMille. The title misled me. I thought "Radiant Angel" was, well, maybe about angels, or something on that order, so I picked it up without reading the jacket and, as I browsed through it, I knew it wasn't exactly the kind of book I like. It was all about the CIA, FBI, and the threat of a newly resurgent Russia. However, I read it because Mr. DeMille is such a prolific writer, you can't lay it down.

Another book I read was "Legends and Lies" written by David Fisher in collaboration with Bill O'Reilly's Fox News Series about "The Real West." It is a fascinating, eye-opening look at the truth behind the western legends we all think we know. It is amazing how people survived back in those days when there were bank and stagecoach robberies, and Indian attacks on wagon trains. This book brings to life the stories about such characters as, Jesse James, Doc Holiday,

Daniel Boone, Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill, Kit Carson and many others. Their lives were embellished by reporters and writers of that long-ago era and whether they were true or not, the public back in those days feasted on their exploits. A lot of them managed to convince their admirers that they were future "Robin Hoods," robbing the rich to help the poor. Whatever their intentions were, they made for heroic tales that will last forever. It was an interesting read.

News Flash: In my home city of Lancaster, Pa., they now have sweet corn ice cream. It is blanched, then cut off the cob, then it is mixed in the ice cream machine. You will taste pieces of corn when you bite into it. It can be dusted by Old Bay Seasoning. I kid you not! I can't make an accurate assessment on this until I actually taste it. That may take a while since I don't know when I'll be going up North. And I'm doubtful if this concoction will make it down here.

Things money can't buy:

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5. Common Sense
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8. Class
9. Integrity
10. Love

Sidewalks and mistakes at County BZA

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The Knox County Board of Zoning and Appeals only had two items on their agenda Wednesday but it took them almost four hours, the majority of which was spent on deciding on the location of a sidewalk for a proposed retail center at 1315 Lovell Road.

At the end of the attorney for Partners V, LLC., declared "We're right back to where we started."

Partners V have a grading permit and are planning a small retail complex. The Planning Commission approved the proposal but put four conditions on it;

one of the requirements is that the developers build a sidewalk along Yarnell Road that extends to the Weigel's Store on Lovell.

The objection that the developers have is that the sidewalk isn't on their property and would basically serve the residents of the nearby apartment complex.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, representing the developer, told the BZA that the required sidewalk would not even touch the Partner's property and was a violation of ordinances. He said that no sidewalk should be required there. The sidewalk across from the planned retail center

is partly on the right of way and possibly infringes on property of the apartments.

Several board members addressed the matter and, after more than three hours, the board decided to make the developers a compromising offer. They voted the sidewalk must be included but gave an option as to which side of Yarnell was used. The BZA also said the sidewalk must be at least five-feet wide with a two-foot buffer from the curb.

Seymour said that decision took the matter back to where it started.

In other action, the BZA admitted a mistake

by the planning commission for a property at 808 Bob Kirby Road. Worley Builders approached the board to appeal this MPC ruling. Initially a mistake was made by an earlier survey and then the lot was plotted without understating how short the odd shaped lot is to meeting the required area for a dwelling.

BZA member Kevin Murphy moved to refund the filing money but deny the variance. The developer asked that a future fee to file also be waived and Dan Kelly of the planning commission staff agreed.

Emory Road development withdrawn

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Citizens turned out in force last Monday during the county commission's zoning session to oppose a large development on the northwest side of E. Emory Road and north-east of Morris Road.

The developer, Belle Investment Company, Inc. was represented by attorney John King, who was asking the commission for twelve dwellings per acre. The planning commission had approved and recommended only five

dwellings per acre.

The apartment project, in the middle of a low density residential zone, would have required a change in the Sector Plan and King said that if five units or less per acre were approved he would withdraw the motion. That would permit the developer to come back with a lower density plan or wait one year before reapplying.

Sarah Johnson spoke for the residents and told the commissioners that the development is "outside the scope" of the residential area and would create traffic problems. She said that area of Emory Road had a fatal accident recently and pointed out that the proposed development would only have one entrance.

She requested the commission set the zoning at 2.5 units per acre.

Commissioner Mike Brown asked MPC Director Gerald Green why the commission would allow five units there and Green said that one to five units were permitted under the current Sector Plan.

King said that if they voted to send it back to the planners it would be back before the commission again and asked for a show of hands of those commissioners who might vote against the plan. Commission Chairman Brad Anders said that wasn't permitted.

"This fits into uncharacteristic zoning in that area," Commissioner Charles Busler said, adding, "I'm ready to make a motion for 2.8 to

3.1 units per acre."

Anders said he was uncomfortable rezoning property when the owner was not at the meeting.

King said that rather than have a vote for five or less units he would withdraw the motion.

Busler then cancelled his motion and the commission voted to accept the withdrawal of the proposal.

In other action, the commission voted to approve the Northwest Sector Plan and granted JMB Investment Co., LLC permission to build on Raccoon Valley Road near Interstate 75.

The commission also approved Huber Properties, LLC for five units per acre on the north side of Choto Road.

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The Colonel: Luke Lea

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Pages from the Past



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Once again happily married, dotting on his newborn daughter, former United States Senator Luke Lea concentrated upon reducing his indebtedness after his return from the World War. Frequently discussed as a potential candidate for high office, Lea made no move to seek election, but he was becoming more and more influential in Tennessee politics. The machine in Davidson County and Nashville was headed by Mayor Hillary Howse, which generally had the editorial support of E. B. Stahlman, publisher of the Nashville Banner. One of the most important men in the Nashville machine was attorney K. T. "Kit" McConnico. Once upon a time, Lea and McConnico had been warm friends, but McConnico's ties to the Nashville machine, which Lea opposed, not only eventually ended their friendship, but also made them arch enemies. Lea had refused to support Governor A. H. Roberts for renomination in the 1920 Democratic primary. Roberts had managed to alienate a large number of groups and people during his single two-year term as governor and Lea backed William R. Crabtree, the former mayor of Chattanooga. Lea's opposition to Governor Roberts did not cause the chief executive to lose the primary, but he did lose the general election to Republican Alf A. Taylor.

Lea was more successful two years later when he supported Clarksville attorney Austin Peay for the governorship. Peay only barely won the Democratic primary over seventy-seven-year-old former governor Benton McMillin, but he defeated Governor Alf Taylor in the general election by a decisive margin. Lea's influence with Governor Peay was immense. While Governor Peay was certainly independent-minded, Luke Lea likely had more influence with Peay than most.

Austin Peay began his first administration by reforming all of state government. He consolidated an unwieldy structure into one more accountable and efficient. Where the governor once was at the mercy of the legislature and departments and agencies frequently operated outside the control of the chief executive, Peay's reforms significantly strengthened the governor's office. Peay also brought the state budget directly under the governor purview.

Lea's friendship with Governor Peay was hard not to notice; the governor and his family were

frequent guests for supper at Lea's home on Sunday nights. When the governor imposed a luxury tax on tobacco, the tobacco industry responded by refusing to advertise its products in Lea's newspaper, the Nashville Tennessean.

Governor Peay, although a relatively youthful man, was in somewhat delicate health. The governor had gone to rest at a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan for a heart condition. Lea's biographer quotes from a letter sent by the governor which references the infamous Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee. Peay's mention of the "abominable Dayton trial" went on to acknowledge the governor was "suffering over those two death cases," involving men condemned to death. Peay concluded, "It is worth all it has cost being Governor two terms to know you and your wonderful family."

A brittle alliance between the governor and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County machine, was beginning to fray at the edges. Crump thoroughly disliked Luke Lea and was never comfortable in an alliance which included the former senator. Crump was also unhappy with Governor Peay's taxation policies, which collected the money where it was, the urban areas of the state, and spent the proceeds in the rural areas of Tennessee. Crump was less than enthused about the notion of Peay running for a third consecutive two-year term in 1926. The Memphis Boss also suspected if reelected again in 1926, Peay might decide to challenge Senator K. D. McKellar in 1928, a thought that had also crossed the senator's mind. The temporary alliance came to an end with the 1926 elections.

Both Crump and Senator McKellar opted to support State Treasurer Hill McAlister to run against Governor Peay. McAlister was something of an underwhelming candidate, although apparently quite competent. McAlister also drew the support of the Nashville machine, which was opposed by Luke Lea and his Tennessean.

It was a hard fought campaign inside the Democratic primary and McAlister proved to be quite strong in Tennessee's urban areas. Governor Peay maintained his hold on rural Tennessee and carried East Tennessee, where his support for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park was highly popular. Peay won renomination by some eight thousand



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Senator Luke Lea and his wife, Percie in 1935.

votes. Peay's appeal in East Tennessee was not limited to the governor's support for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Peay had seen to it that East Tennessee was treated fairly in the distribution of new roads and had been a strong supporter of higher education, which benefitted the University of Tennessee. Winning almost seventy percent of the vote in East Tennessee, it accounted for the governor's winning margin in the primary. Peay's popularity in the eastern part of the state helped him to win the region in the general election.

Peay was stricken with a serious heart attack during the legislative session and the General Assembly took off for six weeks to allow him to recover. Relations between the governor and the legislature had deteriorated along with Peay's health. When the General Assembly increased the tax on gasoline, Governor Peay vetoed the bill. It appeared that the governor's veto might be overridden and Luke Lea appealed to Congressman Gordon Browning of Huntingdon for help with a particular state senator in Browning's home county of Carroll. According to Lea's biographer, the senator very reluctantly agreed to veto to sustain Governor Peay's veto if Browning were to accept the blame or credit for his vote, depending upon one's view. Browning sat on the floor of the Tennessee State Senate that evening and just so no one would mistake the reason for his switch, the senator pointed to Browning as he cast his vote.

It was one of Austin Peay's last victories as governor. Peay died from a cerebral hemorrhage on October 2, 1927. Luke Lea was one of the governor's pallbearers.

Henry Horton, Speaker of the State Senate and Lieutenant Governor, became the acting governor of Tennessee. A state senator and farmer from Marshall County with little political experience, Horton turned to Luke Lea as his mentor and advisor, a role the former senator happily accepted. It was during the administration of Governor Henry Horton that Luke Lea reached the apex of his political influence in Tennessee. It would also be the cause of his own political, personal and financial ruin.

Unlike Austin Peay, Henry Horton had no particular scruples about using state projects and money to his political advantage. Also unlike Governor Peay, Henry Horton had little ability to reject Lea's advice. Peay had been both high minded and independent, while Henry Horton was neither. With the 1928 election fast approaching, it became quite clear that Horton intended to run to succeed himself and it was also equally clear that the Crump machine and that of Hillary Howse in Nashville would field a candidate to oppose the governor in the Democratic primary.

Once again, Crump and Howse chose to back former State Treasurer Hill McAlister for the gubernatorial nomination. Luke Lea had been expanding his newspaper empire, which not only included the

Nashville Tennessean, but the Knoxville Journal and the Memphis Commercial Appeal as well. With newspapers in each of Tennessee's three grand divisions, especially at a time when there was no television and radio was not the widespread medium it would become a few years later, Luke Lea's influence was enormous.

According to Lea's daughter and biographer, Mary Louise Tidwell, the former senator even attempted to purchase the Kansas City Star when the newspaper became available for purchase following the death of its owner. Lea's former secretary, John D. Erwin, told Tidwell Lea had left Kansas City believing he had negotiated a deal to purchase the Star for \$10 million. The paper's trustees, however, preferred local ownership and accepted a higher offer, deeply disappointing Luke Lea.

To raise the money needed to buy the newspapers, Lea had become acquainted with Rogers Caldwell of Caldwell and Company. The enterprising Caldwell had believed a company floating bonds to provide funds for ventures would be profitable and help to expand business in the South. Caldwell helped to provide the much needed capital for Lea's expansion of his Tennessee Publishing Company.

As Luke Lea expanded his business empire, he made a gift to Nashville through several hundreds of acres of land he owned near the Belle Meade Country Club. Lea's gift was to be used as a public park and was

named for his father-in-law Percy Warner after he died in 1927.

The 1928 Democratic primary for governor was a brutal affair and Governor Henry Horton managed to win the nomination. Hill McAlister's appeal inside the urban areas was still strong, but like the late Austin Peay before him, Horton managed to do quite well in the rural areas.

The crafty Lea had conceived of a means to divide the resources, time and attention of E. H. Crump by encouraging a candidate to challenge Crump's warm personal friend and political partner, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar. Congressman Finis Garrett of Dresden was the Minority Leader in the U. S. House of Representatives. Despite being a Democrat, Garrett was thoroughly conservative and considered the more liberal McKellar as quite nearly a socialist. Lea backed Garrett's candidacy and it did indeed achieve its purpose of keeping McKellar busy with his own campaign and dividing the resources of the Crump machine.

Senator McKellar, highly popular in Tennessee, turned back Garrett's challenge, winning renomination by a two-to-one margin. Yet, Henry Horton only scraped by to win a term in his own right as governor of Tennessee.

Luke Lea had reached the zenith of his political influence in Tennessee.

Sneakers

I just watched a news story about the re-birth of Converse tennis shoes. Such things as this give me confidence that our country is still clinging to the goodness that



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has been around for years. Okay, that's a bit of a stretch, but I did feel good hearing that a 98 year-old product is still hanging around, even though the new model is sleeker and more expensive. They served a generation of kids well before today's bigger name brands existed.

Each year, Jim and I got a pair of orthopedic shoes to wear to school and church. Our feet were as

flat as boards, and mine were wide, about a 4E size. At some point, we also got a pair of tennis shoes. They were canvas with rubber soles. Each day, we were to come

home, change into our old clothes, and put old pairs of regular shoes or those tennis shoes on. They were our play shoes. Woe unto the boy who chose to keep his newer shoes on to play. One time, I clomped around a muddy area at school while Mother served bus duty. I walked into that room, and she zeroed in on my shoes. The next thing I knew, I was standing in front of a room filled with

kids as Mother administered a quick spanking to my backside.

Those tennis shoes held up as we played baseball, football, and basketball, all in our yard. Grass stains turned the once white soled a septic tank-green color. Every so often, we'd dunk them in water and scrub the canvas with a brush and cleaner. No, the shoes didn't look brand new, but at least they were free of stains and dirt, and that meant they didn't smell like little boy feet anymore.

By the end of the school year, our old Keds or Converse shoes gave up. They were tired of the wear and tear to which we boys exposed them. The soles were thin and sometimes

filled with holes. Even the insoles were frayed or thin as tissue. However, no shoe ever left our house so quickly. In the summer, Mother took her scissors and reconstructed the tennis shoes. The toes were cut from the tops of the canvas, and Jim and I wore them as summer knock around shoes.

When my kids arrived, so did the beginning of the tennis shoe wars. Nike, Adidas, and Reebok all poured new models into the market. Kids begged for the latest pairs, even before the old ones were worn out. The prices also soared, and sometimes I worried that we'd have to take out a loan to afford the shoes that they needed, although the

brands weren't the most popular or expensive.

I wore new types of shoes as I began coaching football. The program purchased pairs for us coaches, and I proudly wore them on game days. The only problem was that the shoes didn't come in wide sizes, and by the end of a game, my feet hurt so badly that I could barely walk.

These days, I wear New Balance products. They are comfortable and, most important, they come in 4E sizes. Each year, I buy a new pair of discontinued styles. Just like during childhood, the old shoes go outside and are used to mow grass, work in muddy conditions, or walk around in wet, sloppy weather.

All of my life, I've called shoes like Keds, Adidas, and New Balance "tennis shoes." I don't know why so many people call them sneakers. They squeak too much to be quiet enough to "sneak" up on someone. The name "sneaker" comes from some section of the world other than the south. I'd also bet that those who wear sneakers never cut the toes out of them for summer wear or had only one other pair of shoes to do them for the entire year.

I might try to buy a new pair of canvas tennis shoes, but they must not cost too much, and they'd have to have that same new smell that the old ones had. I will never, however, own a pair of "sneakers."

Super Subs: Gene Cantley (Part III)

The sense of community for a rural school in northeast Knox County was strong. It was evident by the support they showed to the Gibbs High School basketball team Bob Dagley coached to a 31-2 record in 1965. Many families of the players had strong ties to the school.

Gene Cantley was the youngest member on Dagley's team, and his family was one that had a special connection to the school. Rowena Cantley,



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Gene's mother, worked approximately ten years as an employee in the Gibbs cafeteria. I remember seeing her serving food in the cafeteria year after year.

Gene's father was employed for thirty-three years on the campus of The University of Tennessee in the printing department. Though the facility was moved several times, the last location he worked at was across from the football stadium. Gene remembers that his father always enjoyed seeing the

players come down the hill during spring practice. As football season nears, that is a sight Volunteer fans certainly enjoy!

Family is also important

to the Cantleys as shown in this photo of a special time together taken by Jennifer's husband, Tim Graves. Gene's sons and daughter bear a striking

resemblance to him.

Piddle Diddle update: Thunder Road Author Rally, Maynardville Public Library, September 12, from 9-1.



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Bearden starts fast, holds off HVA in four sets

By Ken Lay

When Bearden High School volleyball player Logan Kael served up a pair of aces to close out the second set of the Lady Bulldogs' District 4-AAA opener against Hardin Valley Academy Thursday night, it appeared that Bearden was poised to win its home match in easy fashion.

Well, it wasn't quite as easy as the Lady Bulldogs hoped it might be as the Lady Hawks battled back to make things interesting. In the end, however, the Lady Bulldogs were able to leave the floor with a 25-21, 25-13, 17-25, 25-21 victory in the district opener for both schools.

Bearden (7-3 overall, 1-0 in District 4-AAA) opened big leads in every set thanks to some big early serves from Kristin Dowling. The Lady Bulldogs, however, struggled a bit through the middle stages of the first game.

The Lady Bulldogs opened leads of 5-0, 8-3 and 14-9 before the Lady Hawks stormed back to pull to within 14-13 before the home team scored the next four points to open an 18-13 advantage.

The Lady Hawks pulled to within 18-16 with a side-out and a pair of service aces by Jana Giaquinto. But the Lady Hawks couldn't come any closer as Bearden

scored seven of the next 11 points to close out the set and take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five match.

The second set looked much the same as the Lady Bulldogs darted to a 9-3 lead before Hardin Valley finally awoke from a slumber.

HVA first-year head coach Mitzi McCurry called a time out and got the response she was looking for as the Lady Hawks score six of the next seven points to pull to within 10-9 before the Lady Bulldogs, who never trailed in the first two games, cruised and took a commanding 2-0 lead in the match.

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Hardin Valley Academy's Carol Waite spikes the ball against a Bearden defender in the Lady Hawks' four-set loss to the host Bulldogs. Waite had nine kills in the match.

Sevier County edges West 29-26



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Sevier County's Dorian Banks loses his helmet but finds the end zone in the first quarter of the Smoky Bears game at Knoxville West High School. Sevier County got the win 29-26."

By Alex Norman

Perhaps the most entertaining football game of the week took place on Thursday, August 27th in Knoxville.

Sevier County and Knoxville West, two teams with the potential to play well into November, gave a

regional television audience a show.

In the end it was the right foot of Smoky Bears kicker Anthony Velasquez that made the difference in Sevier County's 29-26 victory over the Rebels.

The Smoky Bears (2-0) got on the board first, on

their second drive, when Dorian Banks, a Tennessee commitment for the Class of 2016, dove over the pile from two yards out, and Sevier County led 7-0 with 5:19 to go in the first quarter.

Early in the 2nd quarter a Sevier County mistake

set the Rebels up with great field position. Charlie Brown ran a long way to field a punt, but it hit him after a bounce. West sophomore Juan Davis recovered, and the Rebels had the ball at the Smoky Bears 35.

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Admirals go to 2-0 for first time since 2009

By Ken Lay

For the first time since 2009, Farragut High School has opened its football season with two consecutive wins.

The Admirals improved to 2-0 on the young 2015 season by notching a 38-14 victory over Gibbs Friday night before a packed house at Bill Clabo Field.

Farragut coach Eddie Courtney was pleased to his squad undefeated after two weeks but he said that the Admirals were not about to rest on their laurels because they simply can't afford to.

Oak Ridge, which is also 2-0 after a hard-fought road win at Dobyms-Bennett in Kingsport, will be in West Knox County this week in the Region 3-5A opener for both schools. That game, early though it may be, will have some magnified league title implications.

"We made some big plays tonight but we also made some mistakes," Courtney said after his team recorded its second victory is as many weeks. "We have to clean that stuff up because we have a big game [this] week against Oak Ridge.

"Whoever wins that

game may very well have a shot at the [region] championship because they'll be a game up. If you lose that game, you'll have to hope that they lose [later] too."

The Wildcats already have a region win in 2015. They outlasted Clinton 24-13 in the season opener for both teams on Aug. 21.

The big tilt with Oak Ridge is looming but Courtney wanted to make sure that his team took some time to enjoy its win over the Eagles (1-1).

"We're 2-0 and that's the good thing about all of this," he said.

Farragut jumped ahead early Friday night. The Admirals, who were playing in front of their home crowd for the first time this season, stopped Gibbs on the first series of the contest. After the Eagles punted, Farragut took the ball on the Gibbs 46-yard line.

From there, the Admirals engineered a nine-play drive that consumed just over two-and-a-half minutes, which ended when senior running back Tanner Thomas scored from five yards out with 6 minutes, 39 seconds

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Seymour High product Nick Sexton drops back to make a pass in an East Tennessee State University scrimmage. Sexton is battling for the starting quarterback position as the Buccaneers prepare for their first football game in 12 years. ETSU dropped its football program in 2003 because of financial reasons.

Knoxville area players benefit from ETSU's return to football

The excitement over the return of football at East Tennessee State University can be felt 100 miles away.

That's about how far it is from Knoxville to Johnson

City, where the Buccaneers will kick off their first season in 12 years Thursday night. Many players from the Knoxville area will be a big part of the rebirth of ETSU football.

First-game opponent Kennesaw State is really the new kid on the block in this unique opener. The Owls from just north of Atlanta will be launching their inaugural season.

The game, which starts at 7:30, will be played on Steve Spurrier Field at Kermit Tipton Stadium, which is located on the Science Hill High School campus. This will be the Bucs' home field until their new on-campus stadium opens in the fall of 2017.

East Tennessee State announced in 2013 it was bringing football back. That was good news for not only ETSU but also for Knoxville area high school football players then, now and in the future.

Having the Buccaneers back in business means many young men from Knoxville and the East Tennessee area will have an additional place close to home where they possibly can continue to play the game and get a college education after their high school playing days are over.

I counted 24 players from The Knoxville Focus' coverage area on ETSU's current roster and eight who are No. 1 or bracketed at No. 1 on the team depth chart released last week.

Probable starters include left tackle Matt Brewer (Hardin Valley Academy product), center Matt Pyke (Anderson County), right tackle Patrick McFall (Catholic), tailback Jajuan Stinson (Central),



By Steve Williams

wide receiver Drake Powell (Clinton), wide receiver Brock Beeler (Webb) and kicker JJ Jerman (Seymour). Nick Sexton of Seymour is bracketed No. 1 at quarter

back along with Austin Herink of Cleveland. Head coach Carl Torbush said that battle may not be decided until game day. Sexton also will be the holder on special teams.

Other local guys high on the depth chart and expected to be in the rotation include fullback Jack DeFur (Hardin Valley), wide receiver Hank Black (Carter), wide receiver Kobe Kelley (Grace Christian Academy) and linebacker Cameron Kuerschen (GCA).

"I think we have 33 or 34 guys from the Knoxville area," said Torbush, "and being from there, I'm proud of that. I've always felt like they play good football in that area.

"Teams from there also have won many state championships over the past 10 years, so obviously they've had a lot of really good players. That needs to be a big recruiting area for us. We need to get the ones that don't go to Tennessee or another FBS school."

In conjunction with its return to football, the 25 "top moments" in the history of the ETSU program are being listed on ETSUBucs.com.

Number 10 on that list is the 2003 season ending with a 16-13 win over The Citadel and the following notation: "That victory capped - what was at the time - the final season of Buccaneers football, but served to inspire a generation of supporters to work tirelessly to bring the football program back."

East Tennessee State had been playing football since 1920. It just didn't seem right without the Navy Blue and Old Gold.

Former UT Coach Phillip

Fulmer probably could have been ETSU's new head coach. Instead, the College Hall of Fame coach serves as a consultant and special assistant to ETSU athletic director Richard Sander. Torbush, a longtime collegiate coach and former head coach at Louisiana Tech (1987) and North Carolina (1997-2000), was hired for the job in June of 2013. He's a perfect fit.

In February of 2014, the Bucs signed their first recruiting class in 12 years. Their first Blue/Gold scrimmage game of the new era drew 3,000 fans last September as part of a Game Time 101 tailgating event.

Last Monday morning, despite the hectic and busy start of a fall semester, ETSU students picked up all their tickets for the opener in five hours, displaying their excitement for the return of football.

A Top 10 "Things to Know" about ETSU football game day also has been posted on the athletic web site. Topping that list is the announcement that there will be a post-game fireworks display. Fans also are advised to memorize again the words to the ETSU fight song and to make note of when and where the Buc Walk will be.

ETSU will play as a NCAA Division 1 FCS independent this year and rejoin the Southern Conference in 2016.

The Bucs' second game this season will be a visit from the Maryville College Scots on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Already on the Buccaneers' schedule for 2018 is a trip to Neyland Stadium to play the Tennessee Vols. This season's freshmen and red-shirt freshmen will be seniors when that game rolls around. It'll be a 100-mile trip they won't forget.

For now, however, it'll just be fun to play anybody anywhere.

Welcome back, Bucs!

Bearden starts fast, holds off HVA

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"We dug ourselves too many holes tonight," McCurry said. "My girls are fighters and they don't quit.

"But we just dug ourselves too many holes. Bearden came out ready to play and we struggled."

Hardin Valley fell behind 6-4 before Giaquinto scored the next three points (including a pair of aces) to help the Lady Hawks take a 7-6 lead --- which represented their first advantage of the match. Bearden would never lead in the set again.

After the Lady Bulldogs pulled to within 10-9, the Lady Hawks pulled away. HVA claimed the third set

thanks to a pair of late service aces by Izzy Mitchell.

For his part, Bearden first-year coach Zach Forгани was pleased with the win despite some lapses at points by his squad.

"We got our first district win and we won our first home match all in one and I'm happy to be leaving here with the 'W' tonight," Forгани said. "Hardin Valley is a good team and they have some good hitters. Most of their kids play club, so they have some smart kids.

"But we have to be a little more consistent and a little more focused."

The Lady Bulldogs regained their edge in the

fourth set and had just enough to keep Hardin Valley from forcing a winner-take-all fifth game.

Chesney McClellan provided a big spark for the Lady Bulldogs as she finished with 10 kills, two blocks, 14 points and an ace. Claire Duncan had six kills, scored 12 points (including one on a service ace) and had six kills, a block and 14 digs.

Katie Filipkowski, Hardin Valley's libero, finished with 18 digs. Giaquinto served up six aces, many of which kept the Lady Hawks within striking distance. Carol Waite led HVA's hitting attack with nine kills.

Top soccer teams to compete in Bearden Invitational

By Ken Lay

Some of the state's best high school soccer teams will play in the Knoxville area at the 2015 Bearden Invitational.

Tournament play opens Thursday night with defending Class A/AA State Champion Catholic traveling to Maryville to take on the Lady Rebels, who won last year's District 4-AAA regular-season championship.

Friday's slate features five games at three locations. Action begins at 5 p.m. with three matches. Maryville will play host to Father Ryan; Farragut will entertain Clarksville at Farragut Soccer Stadium. At Bearden, the 5 p.m. tilt features Catholic against McMinn County. The host Lady Bulldogs will tangle with Baylor at 7 p.m. before action concludes at Bruce Allender Field with Hardin Valley Academy, a 2014 Class AAA State quarterfinalist, taking on Notre Dame.

On Saturday, action shifts exclusively to Bearden. Games begin at 10 a.m. with Hardin Valley playing Baylor. At noon, Farragut takes on Father Ryan. Notre Dame tangles with Lincoln County at 2 p.m. At 4 p.m., Hendersonville takes on Baylor. Lincoln County plays McMinn County at 6 before Bearden tangles with Clarksville at 8 p.m.

Another big slate of games is scheduled for Bruce Allender Field on Sunday. Action begins at 9 a.m. with Catholic taking on Notre Dame in a battle of the Lady Irish. The Lady Admirals will play Lincoln County at 11:30. Maryville will play Clarksville at 1:30 p.m. The host Lady Bulldogs will entertain Father Ryan at 3:30 and Hardin Valley will tangle with Hendersonville at 5 p.m.

The tournament concludes Monday, Sept. 4 when McMinn County and Hendersonville collide at noon at Bearden.

Freshmen lead Farragut past Lady Hawks 3-1

By Ken Lay

Last season Farragut High School's girls soccer team struggled to score goals but Wednesday night, the Lady Admirals has no such trouble as they received three goals from a pair of youngsters.

"It was really nice to see those freshmen score goals," Farragut coach Dennis Lindsay said after his young squad nabbed a crucial early-season 3-1 District 4-AAA victory over rival and defending district and Region 2-AAA champion Hardin Valley Academy before a spirited crowd at Farragut Soccer Stadium. "Last year, we had trouble generating goals."

The Lady Admirals (2-0 overall, 2-0 in the district) has certainly found the back of opposing nets early and often in 2015. Farragut won its season opener in impressive fashion recently when it knocked off traditional district cellar dweller Heritage 11-0.

Early on Wednesday, however, it was the Lady Hawks, who enjoyed a

pair of scoring chances. But HVA was turned away by Farragut senior goalkeeper Miranda Burt, who still couldn't forget what happened to her team against the Lady Hawks last season.

"This is a big win for us, especially considering what happened last year," said Burt, who made four point-blank saves while Hardin Valley circled the net in droves. "Last year, they beat us twice and knocked us out [in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals]."

Burt is a veteran in the Hardin Valley-Farragut athletic rivalry. She's not only been through the battles on the soccer field. She's also a basketball player and she's faced her archrivals on the hardwood as well. But the two players that scored for the Lady Admirals on this night were new to the fray.

Freshman defender Amy Cloud gave Farragut a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute when she beat HVA netminder Taylor Schott. Lady Admirals' sophomore

forward/defender Megan MacLean was credited with an assist on the game's first marker, which represented the only scoring of the opening half.

After halftime, the Lady Hawks (1-1, 1-1) got off to a fast start but Burt made a couple of quick stops to keep them at bay.

"Miranda is a top-notch keeper and we're lucky to have her," Lindsay said.

Burt kept HVA off the scoreboard until she was beaten on a shot by Kelsey Green in the 50th minute of the match.

The Lady Hawks had 21 shots in the game (only eight landed on frame) while less than half of Farragut's 15 shots were on target. The Lady Admirals managed to get seven shots on goal in the match. But two of Farragut's shots in the second half wound up getting past Schott and into the back of the Hardin Valley net.

Freshman Aleyse Evers helped the home side regain the lead when she scored an unassisted goal.

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Admirals go to 2-0 for first time since 2009

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remaining in the opening stanza. Carter Phillipy kicked the ensuing extra point to make the score 7-0.

Gibbs would answer on its next drive with a big play. The Eagles pulled to within 7-6 at the 5:50 mark of the first quarter when quarterback Zack connected with Tanner Rhodes on an 81-yard scoring strike. Justin Kirkendall blocked Robbie Kincaid's extra point attempt, allowing the Admirals to hold the narrow one-point edge.

Thomas closed out the first-quarter scoring with a 3-yard run to make it 14-6 with 3:03 left in the inaugural frame.

The Eagles appeared poised to respond by Kirkendall thwarted the next Gibbs drive when he picked off a Beeler pass deep in Farragut territory. The turnover halted a long drive.

As it turned out, the blocked extra point and the interception were only warm-ups for Kirkendall, a senior wide receiver and defensive back who had three interceptions in the 49-6 win at Powell in Week 1.

He extended the Admirals advantage to 21-6 with a 32-yard punt return with just under three minutes left in the first half.

He also closed the scoring before halftime when he was on the receiving end of a 43-yard touchdown pass from senior Jacob Naumoff with 19.2 seconds left until halftime.

In the second half the Eagles moved



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Farragut's Amon Johnson (9) eludes a host of Gibbs defenders to score the final touchdown in the Admirals' 38-14 victory over the Eagles Friday night at Bill Claborn Field.

the ball well at time but couldn't score again until early in the fourth quarter.

Demarcus Hight's 2-yard run with 10:20 left in the final frame pulled Gibbs to within 28-12. Gibbs made the two-point conversion to make it 28-14.

Gibbs coach Brad Conley said his team moved the ball efficiently but the Eagles just couldn't score.

"We moved the ball well at times but then we would shoot ourselves in the foot with a penalty or they would make a big play," Conley said. "You have to give credit to them.

"We have to learn from this and get better."

Phillippy kicked a 32-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter before Amon Johnson polished the game off with a late 9-yard scoring scamper.

UT commitment Higgins and Oak Ridge to test Farragut this week

By Steve Williams

Tee Higgins will be the star attraction when Oak Ridge plays at Farragut Friday night in a key Region 3, Class 5A high school football matchup.

The Wildcats' outstanding junior wide receiver, who recently committed to the University of Tennessee, should be easy for fans to pick out.

The 6-4, 185-pounder runs the 40 in 4.56 seconds and currently is a 4-star prospect in the Class of 2017. He'll be wearing No. 5.

Higgins has caught three touchdown passes in the Ridgers' first two outings.

Meanwhile, the game itself should be a good one, with the winner expected to have the inside track to the regular season region title. Both teams are off to 2-0 starts.

Oak Ridge notched a region win over Clinton in its season opener and defeated Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 17-14 in Week 2, while the Admirals have posted wins over Powell and Gibbs.

Other top attractions Friday night will pit Central (2-0) at Catholic (1-1) in a Region 2, Class 4A battle and Bearden (2-0) at Hardin Valley (0-1) and Jefferson County (2-0) at Maryville in Region 1, Class 6A contests.

Thursday night's TV game on MyVLT will spotlight the Northview Academy Cougars at Pigeon Forge in a Region 1, Class 3A game. Northview is a new Sevier County school in Kodak.

With many teams beginning region play this week, Catholic head coach Steve Matthews will see if his Fighting Irish can bounce back after losing to Christ Presbyterian Academy 38-10 last week in a game played at Vanderbilt.

"CPA is an outstanding football team," said Matthews via e-mail following the game against the defending Class 3A state champion. "We turned the ball over four times inside their 20. We are a young football team still learning how to play the right way. Knox Central will be a huge test in our

next game."

George Quarles will be going against his alma mater - Jefferson County - for the first time since he's been head coach at Maryville.

Quarles was a three-year starter (1982-84) at Jefferson County, playing wide receiver and defensive back his first two seasons and quarterback in 1984.

SOLID START: Bearden has a three-game win streak. The Bulldogs won their first game of the season over Karns and toppled Powell in Week 2.

"Last Friday (Aug. 21) was a solid start to the season and we will use it as a platform to build off of for the rest of the season," stated head coach Morgan Shinlever after the 50-7 win over Karns in Week 1. "We still have a long way to go, but it helps show the players what we are doing daily will work."

The Bulldogs also won their last game of 2014 after losing nine in a row.

STINGY DEFENSE: Fulton head coach Rob Black said he thought his defense was "huge" in the Falcons' 12-9 win over Morristown West in Week 1.

"We were able to limit a very good football team to under 100 yards of offense," said Black via e-mail.

"Individually, Chaton Mobley (junior inside linebacker) had 12 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, one fumble recovery and was a workhorse running back in our final go-ahead drive to win the game."

TAKING A STAND: Brad Conley said there were "two things" that impressed him after his Gibbs Eagles' 12-7 season-opening win at Campbell County.

"1. The defense played so well; we had two goal-line stands in the game," e-mailed Conley. "2. The kids played so hard and never gave up. When an opportunity to make a play occurred, we had multiple guys step up."

A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

ALOTTO LIKE: It wasn't perfect, but Bryson Rosser, Central's second-year head coach, found a lot to his liking in the Bobcats' 38-3 season-opening win over South-Doyle in Week 1.

"I was very pleased with the overall team performance but as in every game, especially the first, we have things we need to correct," said Rosser. "I also was very pleased with the team's attitude, effort and enthusiasm during the different moments of the game."

Central made it two wins in a row when it shut out Campbell County 28-0 last week.

Bearden's Strong Defense Propels Bulldogs to 30-0 Victory

By David Klein

Despite three turnovers in the first half, the Bearden Bulldog's defense stood tall, holding the Powell Panthers to a shutout Friday night at Bearden's Bill Young Field in a 30-0 victory. Bearden also forced multiple Powell turnovers, registering three interceptions off freshman quarterback Carson Cole, who was making his first start.

Bearden converted their first interception into Ty Warren's seven-yard touchdown run with 5:41 left in

the first quarter for a 7-0 lead. Following the score, the Bulldogs forced a Panther punt, and drove the ball again, ending the drive with a John Matthew Lee 28-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

"They were knocking at the door several times," Bearden Head Coach Morgan Shinlever said of the Panther offense. "The defense rose to the occasion and answered the call," he added.

Bearden had turnover problems of their own in the first half. Quarterback

Cameron Jones threw two interceptions on deep balls in the end zone that were intercepted by Brandon Smith.

Powell Head Coach Rodney Ellison said of Smith, "I think he's one of the best kept secrets in Knoxville. I think he's one of the best defensive backs in the area. For some reason they thought they could pick on him."

Powell could not take advantage of Bearden's turnovers as the Bulldog defense continued to make life difficult for Cole. The

defensive line kept getting in the backfield, hit Cole, and forced him into another interception that Jordan Cameron grabbed and returned 18 yards. Warren capped off the drive with his second touchdown run from four yards to make it 17-0 Bearden.

"I just told them (offensive line) at the beginning of the game if you create the holes, I'll get them there," Warren said. We did well as an offensive unit. We had a few penalties here and there, but that stuff can be fixed."

Powell's best chance to score came after recovering a Jaquez Dove muffed punt return. The Panthers took over at the Bulldogs' 28-yard line and moved it all the way to Bearden's six-yard line. However, the Bulldog defense sacked Cole on 4th and-goal.

Bearden could not take advantage of the stop as Jones threw his second interception of the game to Smith. Answering the call again and shaking off the turnover, the Bulldog defense again stood tall as Bryce Robertson

intercepted Cole, his third interception of the game. That's where the half ended, with Bearden up 17-0.

Both teams' turnover problems did not carry over into the second half. Bearden used their powerful run game to milk the clock. Warren scored his third touchdown on a 4th-and-seven. The Bulldogs would miss the extra point but went up 23-0.

Senior Bulldog running back Chase Berry put the finishing touches on the

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Sevier County edges West 29-26

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West got to the 17, but on fourth a two a bad snap doomed the drive, and Sevier County took over at the 34-yard line.

After a penalty made it first and 15, Sevier County got tricky. A double pass went from Deuce Wallace to Devante Matthews and then deep to Hunter Miniard. The play went for 71 yards, and the Smoky Bears were in control 13-0 with 8:15 to go in the first half.

Late in the half a Rebels mistake proved to be costly. Zach Harshey threw over the middle, and linebacker J.D. Griffin dropped into coverage and made the interception, giving the Smoky Bears the football at the West 29.

The drive would stall at the 14, leading to a 29 yard field goal by Velasquez, and the lead was 16-0 with 1:04 to go in the first half.

But just when you thought this would be a blowout, the Rebels offense gets moving. A 60-yard drive culminating in a Harshey to Demarcus Smith touchdown pass from 2 yards out with only 2.5 seconds left in the first half. The two point conversion didn't work, but West had some momentum heading to the locker room, trailing 16-6.

It didn't take long for West to get on the scoreboard once the game resumed. A 74-yard pass play from Harshey to Jermaine Buchannon made it

a 16-12 game after a blocker extra point, with 11:08 to go in the third quarter.

A 28-yard field goal from Velasquez put the Sevier County lead up to 19-12, but West once again used the big play. And again it was Harshey to Buchannon. A high arching pass down the middle of the field to a wide open Buchannon covered 67 yards and the game was tied at 19 with 4:45 to go in the third quarter.

It stayed that way until the fourth... when once again, the Smoky Bears went back in front. With a first and goal from the West 6, Deuce Wallace threw to Griffin, who also plays full-back, and with 6:40 to go in the game, the Smoky Bears were up 26-19.

But West (1-1) was not done. It was 3rd and 9 from their own 29 when Harshey threw deep yet again, and yet again, the game

Demarcus Smith won a jump ball with Chase Wallace, then outran Banks and with 4:15 to go the game was even at 26.

Sevier County moved down the field, and with 53.4 seconds to go, it was 4th and 9 from the West 29. The decision was made to try a long field goal instead of going for it. Anthony Velasquez made his coaches look like geniuses, drilling a 46-yard field goal that would turn into a game winning kick when his team held the Rebels, forcing them to turn the ball over on downs.

It was Velasquez's third field goal of the night.

Sevier County will try to improve to 3-0 this week when they host Cocke County. West, the defending state champions in Class 5A, will try to bounce back when they go on the road to play Halls.

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Beep! Beep! Big plays power Roadrunners past Halls, 46-22

By Steve Williams

Austin-East quarterback Darius Harper is known for his passing arm, but it was his legs that broke Halls' back Friday night.

After the Red Devils had rallied to within eight points of A-E early in the fourth quarter, Harper avoided being thrown for a huge loss and ran into the end zone from 40 yards out to give the Roadrunners breathing room on their way to a 46-22 win at Sam Anderson Field.

On the key third-and-three play at the Halls' 25 yard-line, Harper was chased back to near the 40, where he broke loose from would-be tacklers, got going in the right direction and battled his way across the goal line.

"The score was getting close and I had to do something," said Harper, a 6-3, 195-pound junior. "When I need to, I feel I can get out of the pocket and scramble a little bit."

On the ensuing 2-point conversion, Harper dropped back again, saw an open

field to his left, tucked it and ran it in to give Austin-East a 16-point command.

A-E defensive back Xavier Ligon delivered the knock-out punch on Halls' next possession with a 58-yard interception return to the 2. It was the Roadrunners' third big defensive play of the game and running back Gedarian Mobley cashed in with 5:47 left.

The win lifted Austin-East to 2-0 and the public address announcer at George "Dusty" Lennon Stadium often said during the game that "the winning tradition has returned."

The Roadrunners will play at Tellico Plains this week in their Region 2, Class 2A opener. Halls, now 0-2, will host West (1-1) in a Region 2, Class 5A contest.

"It was a big win for our confidence and our fans," said Harper. "The past two years haven't been so good and we've known that. We have just put in so much work for this year, and I think it's going to be a big year."

The Red Devils looked impressive as they drove 64 yards in six plays on their



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Austin-East scoops and scores a defensive touchdown on this play to take the lead against Halls Friday night at A-E. The Roadrunners won, 46-22.

first possession to take a 7-0 lead. A 41-yard screen pass from Andrew Davis to Matthew Runge-gold set up Hutson Woods' TD dive from the 1.

A-E's offense answered with a three-and-out. But freshman linebacker Jatwan Forbes got the Roadrunners going when Halls attempted another screen pass on their next possession. Forbes picked off the deflected pass and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown to cut the Red Devils' lead to 7-6.

"We just woke up," said

A-E Coach Jeff Phillips. "I think the defense decided to wake up and get some turnovers and that was huge for us."

Austin-East's big-play defense struck again when freshman linebacker Robert Allen forced a fumble and junior linebacker Tim Forbes scooped it up and returned it 60 yards for a TD, giving A-E a 12-7 lead.

After Halls had a 76-yard touchdown pass nullified by offensive pass interference, the Roadrunners' offense got in on the big-play stuff with Harper hitting a wide

open Kashif Warren Jr. for a 67-yard TD play. It produced sound effects, too. Beep! Beep!

A 3-yard keeper up the middle by Davis increased Austin-East's lead to 24-7 midway through the second quarter.

A defensive stand - stopping Halls on fourth-and-one at its 43 - gave A-E good field position. The Roadrunners wasted no time scoring, either, as Harper and sophomore Kajuan Hale-Ligon hooked up on a 44-yard TD play. That made it 30-7.

A 57-yard kickoff return

by Runge-gold gave Halls a spark and the Red Devils got their second touchdown when Caden Harbin dove for the pylon to complete a 6-yard pass from Davis. That made it 30-14 at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Halls drove 42 yards and got within eight when Woods slashed over from the 1. Davis tossed a 2-point pass to Nick Gangeloff, making the score 30-22 with 10:18 remaining.

That set the stage for Harper to show he wasn't just a passer.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Bearden's Ty Warren runs for his third touchdown of the game to put Bearden up 23-0.

Bearden's Strong Defense Propels Bulldogs to 30-0 Victory

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game with a 16-yard touchdown run. Berry plowed through the middle of the defense, then cut back to the left for the score with 2:59 left in the game to make the final score 30-0 Bearden.

Both teams start regional play next week. Bearden plays at Hardin Valley. Powell plays at Gibbs.

Bearden has gained some confidence from a 2-0 start, according to Shinlever. "This just reinforces what we preach to our kids each week that what we're doing is working," he said. "They just got to continue coming back to the well each week with the focus of getting better and improving their game."



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Farragut High goalkeeper Miranda Burt makes a save in the Lady Admirals' 3-1 home district victory over rival Hardin Valley Academy Wednesday night. Burt had seven stops against the Lady Hawks.

Freshmen lead Farragut past Lady Hawks 3-1

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in the 63rd minute. Evers closed out the scoring in the 72nd minute when she tallied off another assist from MacLean.

Lady Hawks' coach Mark Patterson was another new face in this heated rivalry and he learned plenty on this night.

"As a coach, I learned a lot tonight," Patterson said. "I learned a lot about my players."

"We made mistakes and they punished us and that's soccer. Sometimes, losing a game is the best thing that can happen to you. I'd rather lose tonight than lose later in the year."

Hardin Valley's new coach is confident that his squad will see the Lady Admirals again in the district tournament.

"I'm sure our paths will cross again," Patterson said. "Hopefully next time, the score line will be different and we'll have a more positive score for ourselves."

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Memories

One of the most iconic and intriguing works of modern art is Salvador Dali's *The Persistence of Memory*. You may remember Dali's visionary landscape of his native Catalonia festooned with melting clocks. One art critic described the surrealist landscape as dream-like, whereupon awaking the contents of the dream melts away.

Everyone north of fifty has lapses of memory, where content or names just can't be recalled, and seem to have melted away. Actually, the memories are there, but they've been "misplaced," like your car keys. I think of my memory like a large library, and when I look for a "book" or a memory I have to search the archives. The problem is my librarian (search engine) is slow in computer terms and has a lot of shelves to search. I used to be able to know lots of phone numbers, but this

was when most began with 588, 577 or the "exotic" 687 (which I suspected was from Ooltewah). When I get a call these days, I'm clueless of the caller's origin.

Many patients express to me their fears that memory lapses are due to dementia. I once read a paper which noted that intellectual quickness peaks when we're about twenty-five years old. This might explain why many scientific advances originate in twenty-somethings. An example is Einstein's Theory of Relativity, imagined one afternoon as he sat by a roadside intersection. However, lest you despair, the learned experiences from a lifetime more than make up the difference of losses in cognitive quickness. I can testify that I was a fact-filled fool when I was twenty-four. I'm much wiser now even though I'm challenged by phone numbers.

As an internist and geriatrician I have evaluated hundreds, if not thousands, of patients with memory loss or dementia. While it is true that virtually all patients with Alzheimer's disease have memory loss, lots of patients have memory issues in the absence of dementia. A crucial point is that Alzheimer's disease affects other areas of function besides memory. Losses in executive functioning are integral in the diagnosis of dementia. These include difficulties in problem solving, planning, self-control and decision making. Additionally, as dementia advances patients may be unaware of their problems, while loved ones see issues of progressive memory loss and impaired functioning. A patient once came to see me with his wife and said, "Doc, I'm fine. I don't know why I'm here." All the while his wife was shaking her head and rolling her eyes at his protestations.

A recent posting on Facebook caught my eye. Someone had compiled a list of twenty-five places everyone should visit before they die. I had experienced eleven of those twenty-five places, though I took issue with the list which did not include Crater Lake or rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

I believe travel broadens the mind, filling it with memories that can be replayed for a lifetime. A now departed relative also believed in travel. In her later years, as she struggled with dementia, she tragically told her travel companions to pay attention to help her remember what she saw.

A recent article in JAMA addressed the concept of cognitive aging, defined as a gradual and highly variable decline in reaction time, thinking and memory which occur over a lifetime. Cognitive aging is not a disease, nor is it a harbinger of dementia like Alzheimer's disease. The brain ages just like every other part of the body, and some people maintain their physical or cognitive capabilities better than others. We recently attended the Greensboro Open golf tournament and watched fifty-one year old Davis Love III best other, younger golfers including Tiger Woods. Apparently, there's hope for my golf game because I learned that Mr. Love now drives the golf ball even farther than he did as a younger man.

Studies show that the brains of animals age, just as human brains age. In normal aging it is thought that the ten billion neurons of the human brain

don't die off as they do in Alzheimer's disease. Animal studies show that neural connections diminish in aged brains. Older human brains have been shown to have diminished levels of the neurotransmitter ACh (acetylcholine). This protein enables neurons to communicate with each other, which collectively we call thinking. We want our neurons to stay connected! Older brains are more sensitive to medications that inhibit already diminished ACh production. On a regular basis I advise older people to avoid agents like Benadryl which diminishes ACh production and can cause confusion - and difficulty urinating.

One of the great concerns of older people is the loss of independence. We've all seen older drivers whose reaction times are slower. However, in defense of older drivers, they usually don't drive fast like teenagers, and there is less probability they are on a cell phone or texting. Older persons may also be at increased risk of fraud, though watching "man on the street" interviews, I'm not very impressed by the disconnected and "uninformed" millennials so often misinformed by the New York Times and other scurrilous news media.

We all want to maintain

our physical and cognitive functional status. Therefore, it is imperative to do what we can to promote health. Mini-strokes cause repetitive injury to the brain. These can be lessened by controlling blood pressure and diabetes and avoiding smoking. Furthermore, being physically active maintains muscle tone and flexibility, and lessens falls. Current science also supports the role of "brain exercises." Apparently, the notion of "use it or lose it" applies to our brains as well.

There are a number of brain exercises available on the Internet that are superior to just working crossword puzzles. However, just interactive dialogue has been shown to stimulate more areas of the brain than any other activity. As it turns out, simple conversation with other human beings is a better brain tonic than just watching TV, the aptly named "idiot box."

And don't forget to order "Well...What Did the Doctor Say?" at Amazon or Barnesandnoble.com. A great Christmas gift!

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Treating Others like Jesus Would

Something that disturbs me is when I hear people outside the kingdom of God say that Christians hate people. The truth is, there are some "so called" Christians that do hate people." I say "so called" because a true follower of Jesus doesn't hate sinners.

We don't like what they do or how they act, but we don't hate.

There is a story recorded in John's Gospel that shows how Jesus treated sinners. He meets a woman caught in the very act of adultery. What does Jesus



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

tell her? Jesus doesn't yell at her or berate her. Jesus stands up to the religious bullies who are ready to throw rocks and kill her. Then Jesus says something to this woman. "I don't condemn you - go and leave your life of sin" (8:11). Jesus offers her compassion - I don't

condemn you. And Jesus offers her conviction - go and leave your life of sin. A much different Jesus is often presented today.

We have major shifts in what people believe in our society. In the midst of shifting beliefs, we

are called to be people of conviction. Belief is acceptance of truth, but conviction is more. It is a demonstration of the firmly held belief. We base our life around it.

So how do you know if you have a belief or is it a conviction? When the going gets tough, when you are challenged, you find out if you have a conviction or a belief. Howard Hendriks said a conviction is something you will die for while a belief is something you argue about.

We are called to be convicted and compassionate. Peter calls people to conviction even if it leads to suffering (I Peter

1:6-7). But there is also a call to compassion. We can't have an "us versus them" in our approach. We are called to love everyone. As Christians, we are to be known by those outside Christ more by our love than our convictions. There is a problem when we are known more by our convictions than our love. This doesn't mean we set aside our convictions. But it does mean we should be known by our love (John 13:34-35). Only when others see our love will they be ready to hear and respect our convictions.

What if instead of marching around with signs and

megaphones about God's judgment coming and how He hates sin, we tried loving people and showing kindness and generosity? When people encounter our compassion, they will start to care about our convictions. If people see our convictions but don't see our compassion, they will be pushed away.

How do we show conviction and compassion at the same time? It's not always easy. One person calls this messy grace. It is not one or the other, it is both compassion and conviction as Jesus molded for us.

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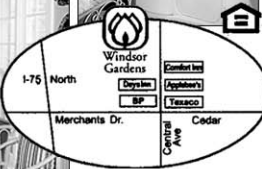


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