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Kroger Marketplace opens in Powell

By Ken Lay

The sounds of drums thundered through the air on a humid Wednesday morning in East Tennessee's oldest community last week. Drumlins from rival Emory Road high schools, Powell and Halls, provided a festive atmosphere while area shoppers filtered in an out of Powell's newest store.

A new Kroger Marketplace Store opened its doors last week and area residents took time off and used vacation days to help

christen the fourth marketplace store that Kroger has in the Greater Knoxville Area.

Kroger also has marketplace stores in Farragut, Maryville and in the Cedar Bluff community.

"We are so excited to be here and we're excited to open a Kroger Marketplace Store in Powell," Kroger spokesperson Melissa Eads said. "This is the fourth Kroger Marketplace store in the Greater Knoxville Area. "It's always exciting to open a new store and

it's also always fun we open in an area like Powell.

"We're looking forward to serving the community of Powell and Halls."

Kroger has already given back to both North Knox County Communities. The company donated \$500 to both the Powell and Halls band programs. In addition, Kroger made a \$2,500 donation to Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

In addition to purchasing groceries, customers can take advantage of a

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PHOTO BY PAM POE

Store manager Molly Stiles and her employees celebrate the grand opening of the Kroger Marketplace in Powell. The new store, which opened Wednesday, is the company's fourth superstore in the Knoxville area. Other locations include Farragut, Cedar Bluff and Maryville.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Members of Zoo Knoxville brought a special guest to the Senior Picnic Friday and allowed senior citizens to pet the little creature.

Senior picnic draws large crowd

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Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett's 10th Annual Senior Appreciation Picnic drew a huge crowd Friday as older citizens turned out at John Tarleton Park to be entertained by "The Chillbilies," dine on a variety of food, and get information from more than 40 vendors about senior services.

Partners sponsoring the event included Independent Insurance Consultants (ICC) of Knoxville and the

Oakwood/Northshore/Knoxville High School Senior Living Facilities. Various agencies, companies and services gave out information, small gifts, and consulted with the seniors.

City and County agencies such as the Office on Aging, Visit Knoxville, the District Attorney's office, Veterans Services, and many more agencies and companies had booths.

Other exhibitors included Zoo Knoxville, AARP, Humana, Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel, and many, many

more.

Mayor Burchett attended and spoke with several older citizens. Also several commissioners and council members, along with Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero attended.

It was a warm day with a warm reception for the seniors, offering everything from a free lunch beneath large tents to a chance to speak with agencies and elected officials.

County Commission

Another Community Center for Knox County?

By Mike Steely
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Knox County may have another community center if a resolution appears before the commission on a motion by Charles Busler. The commission meets at 5 p.m. today in its work session and the motion may be discussed but won't face a final vote until Monday, September 26.

Commissioner Busler, who represents the area, is asking that the county buy the former Heiskell Community Center in Powell, now simply called "The Center" from the owners for \$200,000.

"It's already been appraised for \$250,000 so the county is making a profit by buying it," Busler told The Focus last week.

The resolution called for the county to buy the center from Ruth Wheeler and Steven and Carolyn Vineyard. Busler describes the facility as "self-running" as it now has computer classes, line dancing, and a variety of other activities.

The commission will also consider approval of payments in lieu of taxes for the restoration of the Historic Knoxville High School, being developed for senior housing by developer Rick Dover.

Also on the agenda are

several appointments and reappointments including Mayor Burchett's naming of Eddie Mannis to Visit Knoxville, and replacing now-commissioner Carson Dailey with Robert H. Thompson on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The mayor is also asking that Herbert Anders and Art Clancy, III, be reappointed to the planning commission and to appoint Chris Ooten to that group.

A visit by a national author, Matt de la Pena, to Knoxville may also be authorized. The school system is asking that \$1,000 in PTA funds be used for the author to make a presentation at the L&N STEM Academy on September 20. He lives in Brooklyn, NY., teachers creative writing and is the writer of six books for young adults including "Last Stop on Market Street."

Just over \$150,000 for 3,672 linear feet of sidewalks along Shropshire Blvd. may be discussed for Powell Middle School.

The issuance of \$5 million in tax anticipation notes is also on the agenda as is transferring Meads Quarry to Ijams Nature Center.

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Common Misconceptions When Being Arrested or Questioned

You have probably never been questioned or arrested by the police, but, in the unlikely case this happens in the future, here are some tips to keep in mind and some misconceptions presented by movies and TV that you may want to avoid.



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property, you are not obligated to allow them to do that.

In fact, I would suggest that you do not allow them to search without a warrant. There is rarely any good that can come of from you agreeing to a search.

Now if there is exigent circumstances, which is when the law enforcement officer has a probable cause and no sufficient time to secure a warrant, then you need to comply with the officer's request. Exigent

circumstances include when someone is in danger of dying or the officer is in need of protecting himself and must conduct a patdown for weapons, for example.

Otherwise, you want to make the officers go through the proper channels and obtain a search warrant.

Similarly, if you are being asked questions by a police officer, I highly recommend you do not answer any questions and inform them that you want to have an attorney present before you will continue.

One thing you should do,

even though it often angers officers (but it is your right to do so) is to ask if you are being detained. If you are not being detained, then you are allowed to leave whenever you wish. You are not required to answer any questions or stay.

If you are actually arrested, and not read your rights, then some people consider this a "get out of jail free" card because the officer messed up. In actuality, unless you have confessed to something before being read your rights, this argument does not hold up.

Since a lot of crimes include a victim, such as

someone whose items have been stolen or who has been physically abused, there is a misconception that if the victim does not show up in court, the case will be dismissed. This is not always the outcome.

In some instances, the officer might have seen something or there is other evidence against the person being charged. Or maybe the charges are dismissed but they could reserve the right to bring the charges up at a later time. These are issues you should keep in mind when being charged with a crime that involves a victim.

These are just a few misconceptions that arise when encountering the criminal system for the first time.

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clothing department, a delicatessen and bistro, a Starbucks Coffee shop, a medical clinic, a salad bar, a sushi bar, a wine center, a pharmacy, a pet center and other amenities.

The new store will soon begin its Click List program. That will allow shoppers to shop on-line and pick up their orders in the store parking lot.

"Our Click List will allow shoppers to shop on-line from home and come and pick up their orders and not have to get out of their car," Eads said. "This will be good for professionals, and mothers with young children.

"It will also be good for the elderly and shut-ins who can order their groceries and have someone come by and pick the orders up."

Store manager Molly Stiles said that she's

excited to have her store in Powell.

"Kroger is here to be a vital part of the community," she said. "This store has created about 400 new jobs and this is a one-stop shopping experience."

Seventh District Knox County Commissioner Representative Charles Busler was on hand and he too is glad that Kroger has chosen to open the superstore at the former home of the Powell airport.

"We're happy that Kroger has come to Powell," Busler said. "Powell is the oldest community in the Knoxville Area. It precedes the City of Knoxville and it may be the oldest community in the Southeast.

"This Kroger will be one of the first things people will see, coming into Powell from the north and it will be one of the last things they see when they are leaving."



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Early bird shoppers take a look around the new Kroger last Wednesday morning prior to the official opening.

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Proposals sought for community projects, featured artists

Proposals are being sought to compete for funding at the next SOUP dinner on Thursday, October 6. Knoxville SOUP is a dinner and micro-funding event designed to raise money for creative projects that are proposed, voted on and enacted by members of the community.

The most recent Knoxville SOUP, held July 7th, raised money for the Seniors Walking Their Way to Better Health Program of the South Knoxville Community Center.

The participants of this program were in need of a new treadmill, and Debbie Beeler, from the South Knoxville Community Center, presented on their behalf and after all the votes were counted, walked away with over \$700 to put towards a new treadmill for her Seniors.

Knoxville SOUP also showcases a local artist at each dinner. Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to complete the online application and have the opportunity to show their

art or share their talent.

Applications can be completed online at Knoxville-SOUP.org to submit a community project proposal or to be a featured artist. The proposal application is simple. Just answer four questions about the project and why the project matters to Knoxville.

Project proposals should be submitted online no later than September 30th. Up to four individuals or teams will be selected to present their project at the dinner; they will be notified no later than October 3. If a project is chosen, the presenters will give a brief four-minute oral presentation and answer a few questions at the dinner. Winners will be invited back to report on the success of their project at future dinners.

Proposals can be for anything that will benefit the community or society in general. Winning projects in

other cities that have SOUP dinners have improved playgrounds, performed landscaping and beautification projects, created free lending libraries at area bus stops, sponsored educational programs, supported other charitable endeavors and even launched small businesses with a social focus.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on October 6th for the dinner at the Kerbel Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave - in South Knoxville. Suggested donations of \$5 are collected at the door.

Proposals will be presented at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Diners will have about an hour to eat, share and connect with others while voting for the project they like best. By 8:15, the votes will be tallied and the winning project will be awarded all donations raised at the door.

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Forum solicits suggestions on potential superintendent

By Ken Lay

Interim Knox County Schools Superintendent Buzz Thomas makes it no secret that he wants the community involved in the process to find his replacement. He and some members of the board of education hosted a public forum to seek some public input on the matter at Central High School Thursday night.

And while the meeting wasn't heavily attended, it accomplished exactly what Thomas wanted.

"We didn't have a big crowd but we had a good discussion," Thomas said. "We had a good conversation. I'll bet we probably had about 50 people."

"I didn't know how well this would be attended because we didn't have a lot of lead time."

Thursday night's forum was the first of two that are scheduled to seek public comments about the search for a new superintendent. The second will be held at Bearden Middle School Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

"We didn't have a lot of lead time on this because we wanted to wait until we elected a new [school board] chairman," Thomas

told the attendees. "As you know, we didn't elect a chairman at our last meeting."

Thomas noted that he expects a bigger turnout Tuesday night because that forum will be held in conjunction with a PTA meeting at Bearden Middle. He noted that people can provide feedback via the internet soon and said that the county has yet to compose a list of potential candidates.

That process will begin when the board members take their annual retreat in October. He said that those meetings will be open to the public as well.

The meeting at Central may have been sparsely attended. But teachers, parents and others showed up to voice their concerns. And Thomas and the board members presents listened.

The people in attendance made it clear that they want to put the county's children first. Some pushed for more Career/Technical Education classes. Others called for a return to the basics and some called for more support for the arts; but all seemed to agree that the new superintendent needs to have classroom

experience.

The people also agreed that the new leader for the school system must have strong communication skills and that the new superintendent must put the needs of the students ahead of the need of those of the school district.

There was also a call for teacher autonomy.

Heather Wallace, a former teacher in Knox County who was once vice president of the Knox County Education Association, called for teacher empowerment.

"We need to worry less about the demographics of it and worry more about the fact that they need to put the focus on the kids," said Wallace, who now teaches in Jelico but has two children in the Knox County system. "They need to give teachers autonomy to teach in their classrooms, to teach the curriculum."

"The way I taught at Lonsdale was way different than the way that [current KCEA President] Lauren [Hopson] taught at Halls because my kids needed something different than her kids did because of where they came from. As a teacher and a professional, I know that. Any professional worth the salts know



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Schools Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas welcomes the public to the forum last week at Central High School. There will be another meeting Tuesday at Bearden Middle School.

that."

The opening public comments came from Carl Wheeler. He is a Knox County resident who had two children go through Knox County Schools.

His list of qualifications stated that the new superintendent must have at least five years of classroom experience; high moral character; the ability to collaborate and a focus

on engaging the community.

Wheeler also voiced his desire that the new superintendent must come from outside Knox County.

Many agreed with Wheeler's opinions but some noted that Knox County has its share of qualified candidates.

Knox County education advocacy group Students, Parents and Educators

Across Knox County (SPEAK) called for an end to so-called "high-stakes testing" and articulated that inappropriate standardized testing is a factor in teacher turnover and student stress.

For her part, Hopson commended Thomas for being transparent.

"He's certainly trying," she said

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the most riotous fundraising event of the year for the community and the entire family.

In addition to the Llama Stars, there will be games, activities, vendors, live music from local bands and entertainment, all coming together to raise funds and provide opportunities for at-risk children through the CASA de SARA International and Knoxville organization.

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Nominations sought for inspiring coaches

Last week U.S. Cellular launched the Most Valuable Coach program, a campaign to highlight and recognize current high school football head coaches who have made a profound impact on an individual, school or community.

Through October 3, the wireless carrier is encouraging the Knoxville community to nominate a current high

school football head coach by visiting TheMostValuableCoach.com and sharing their story about why the coach is "most valuable." At the end of the program, two coaches will be recognized on the field at the Under Armour High School All-America Game on Jan. 1 and receive \$5,000 each for their school.

Once a coach is nominated, U.S. Cellular will evaluate each nominee based on leadership qualities and the positive impact they have had on their community. The top 50 coaches

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Opposition to brew pub loses at city council

By Mike Steely
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Sometimes the legal use of a property may not be what a neighborhood wants and the only option is to appeal to the city. That's what residents around Lockett Road did Tuesday by attending the City Council meeting and stating their case.

The garage building at 100 Lockett Street has been abandoned for a couple of years and has been leased by a Brett Honeycutt who wants to make the six-bay building into a brew pub and restaurant. The problem is parking there.

The existing zone, C-3, permits such a use and the applicant has a rental agreement with a nearby church for parking, with a short walk from the church to the business. He has permission for a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals that drops the requirement from 43 spaces to zero. The neighbors are not happy and told the council they were not notified of the BZA hearing. Several citizens spoke and asked that the BZA approval of the parking variance be overturned.

Maha M. Ayesh called the proposed business "a bar" and said it would draw customers who would have to park down the street at the church and walk to the

establishment. She said the increased traffic would endanger children in the neighborhood.

Gene Harold, who said he lives only 115 feet from the business, said the brew pub would cause a racket late at night and that customers would be walking in his yard.

"It's all going to change when this bar moves in. I'm not going to be a good neighbor," he said.

Attorney Benjamin Mullins represented Honeycutt and said that there's no legal parking in front of the building. Honeycutt said there are plans to construct a cobblestone walk from the church to the restaurant; he intends to have a draft brewery and full-service restaurant there and wants to be a good neighbor.

"Without the parking there is no use for that building," Mullins said.

Several council members asked questions of both sides. Brenda Palmer asked how far the proposed brew pub was from the church and George Wallace asked about the parking agreement between the leasee and the church. Daniel Brown asked how late the business would stay open and Nick Pavlis asked if there will be outdoor dining.

Ayesh repeated that the nearby residents were not notified of the BZA hearing

and there were no signs posted there to notify citizens.

Councilman Marshall Stair said he emphasizes with the homeowners but said that some people would see the use of the building as a restaurant, rather than an auto repair shop, as a benefit.

The council voted 7-1 to deny the neighborhood appeal of the BZA decision and to authorize the use of the former garage for a brew pub and restaurant.

The council also denied an appeal by Page Coleman of another BZA decision prohibiting a ground sign at a business at 7824 Kingston Pike. The BZA had voted 5-0 to prohibit a 4 by 4 sign at the street entrance. The appeal was opposed by Scenic Knoxville's Joyce Feld who said that a legal non-conforming roof sign there was enough signage for that establishment.

The rehabilitation of the Sanitary Laundry building received an additional \$16,300 for roof repairs, increasing the total contract amount to more than \$47,000. Ann Wallace said the old building is eligible for the National Register of History Places.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe asked Wallace how long it will take to complete the renovation and what will become of the building after repairs



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Meredith Liemohn and Joan Easterly presented an embroidery of the Knoxville City Shield during the city council meeting Tuesday evening. The women, current a past presidents of the Embroiderers Guild of America's Knoxville Chapter, gave the presentation to Mayor Madeline Rogero.

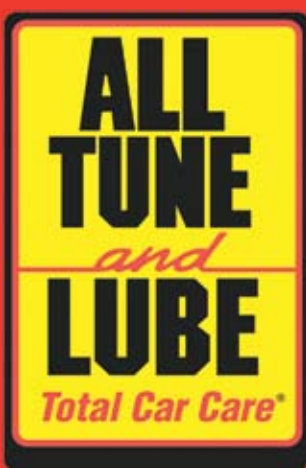
are completed. Wallace, manager of the City's Office of Redevelopment, said there's a two-year timeline and that the building is "economically viable" and would be sold after the project is completed.

The council also passed, on first reading, an amendment to the Rules

of Procedure, a change in how council vacancies are filled. City Council Attorney Rob Frost said the current language is in conflict with state law. They also voted to allot \$5,000 from a grant by the U.S. Lacrosse to develop an inner-city youth lacrosse team.

Increased funds were

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Strawberry Plains history recalled

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Sometimes we forget that there is more to Knox County than just Knoxville and Farragut. Several smaller communities, from Concord to Powell and Dixie Lee to Corryton, have their own unique history and social systems.

Strawberry Plains is unique in several ways. It straddles Knox, Sevier and Jefferson Counties, still has a small "downtown" area, and basically stretches from Interstate 40 to Asheville Highway and the Holston River.

Strawberry Plains was the site of a large limestone quarry and an underground zinc mine. The mine shut down in 2009.

Named for the wild strawberries found there by early settlers and a

short line railroad that once served the area, Strawberry Plains was the site of an attempted bridge burning during the Civil War and the Confederates occupied the community during that struggle. Most of the community is served by Rush Strong School and one of the graduates of that facility will address a gathering at the Parrott-Wood Memorial Library there today at 5 p.m.

Cherel Bolin Henderson, director of the East Tennessee Historical Society and a founder of the First Families of Tennessee, has transcribed and published census and cemetery records along with several articles on the region's history. She will speak on "Tidbits from Strawberry Plains' Storied Past."

Henderson has gleaned information from newspapers, family histories, and memories. She has written "First Families of Tennessee" and was editor of the East Tennessee Historical Society's genealogy magazine. She enjoys traveling to historic places and is deeply rooted in our region.

Tonight's event kicks off a library series known as "Step Back into the Past Stories" that will feature guest speakers at the library, located at 3133 West Old Andrew Johnson Highway.

The series will also present Sherry and Mark Finchum speaking about Cherokee Indians on October 17; Kim Stapleton will speak about Frances Hodgson Burnett, author of "The Secret Garden," on

November 14; and Drama Silver Robeson will speak about Frankie Silver and the murder of her husband on December 5. All the Monday "Step Back" events start at 5 p.m.

The library also features Story ABC 123 Story Time each Monday from 1 until 2 p.m., Movie Time each Tuesday starting on September 13, Basic computer and The Amazing Teen Program every Wednesday afternoon, Reading to Remington every other Thursday at 4 p.m. starting October 6 and Genealogy Classes every other Thursday starting September 28.

The library and town section are located just north of Highway 11E. You can get additional information by calling the library at (865)933-1311.



Cherel Henderson, a Strawberry Plains native, will speak about that community's past today at 5 p.m. at the Parrott-Wood Memorial Library there.

Public Meeting to Review Proposed Mixed Use District Zone in Bearden

Staff from the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed Mixed Use District zone for the Bearden Village area on Tuesday, September 20, at Bearden United Methodist Church, 4407 Sutherland Avenue, from 6-7:30 p.m.. Interested residents, property owners, and business owners are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

The agenda for the meeting will include an overview of revisions to the proposed zoning regulations, zoning map and height map; detailed discussion on frontage types; and a draft frontage type map for the district. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft frontage type map at the meeting and it will be posted online as well.

The Bearden Village Opportunities Plan was developed in 2001 with extensive input from the community. The plan for this "urban village" focuses on enhancing

pedestrian activity and access, enhancing the sense of place and community, and building upon Bearden's urban character and unique atmosphere. Recommendations include creating a complete and integrated community of housing, shops, workplaces, schools, parks, and civic facilities within easy walking distance of each other.

In order to realize the Bearden Village concept, new types of development are necessary. Over the past year, MPC staff has determined that existing development standards are not adequate for residential uses and that changes need to be made to existing commercial areas. MPC has proposed the Mixed Use District zoning to achieve this. Public input from three previous meetings has helped shape the current draft.

The proposed Mixed Use District zoning regulations and a mapping tool that compares current and proposed zoning and height maximums are available online at <http://www.knox-mpc.org/mixed-use/bearden>.



The new Public Works Building is on Morris Avenue near Middlebrook and houses most of the offices of that city department. There's a new bus stop there plus parking for the more than 265 employees.

Neighborhood Council tours new Public Service Building

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville Neighborhood Council met Wednesday afternoon in the new Public Works Service building at 3131 Morris Avenue and Senior Director David A. Brace explained the building was constructed on a brown field site of the former

Footo Mineral Company. The council usually meets in the Cansler YMCA but was invited to meet at the new facility and tour the building.

Brace said the Neighborhood representatives were the first citizens to tour the new facility which has not yet had an official

ribbon cutting or opening. He described the large building as a "place the neighborhood can use and great for public meetings."

The new building is a backup for the City-County Building, has an emergency generator, and is

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Questioning the educational model

Ah, the return to the classroom brings about both good and bad memories. It recalls some of the same questions I posed so many years ago. I hope I find answers to them before my time on this earth is done.

First, I still wonder what is the reason for demanding 4 years of English from every student. The same question applies to math and science. Schools should construct their curricula in ways that meet the needs of each student. If the goal of school is to prepare individuals for life's work, then perhaps one person can survive well with 2 years of English, math, or science. Another student might need to concentrate on a core course when it directly relates to the future field of study he or she enters. A student who wants to pursue a specific trade skill might find vocational courses more beneficial than



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the overkill of so many years of a core courses. **S e c o n d**, shouldn't school prepare students for a well-rounded life? If so, then isn't education much more than core courses? Music and art are those areas that bring joy and spirit to life. It's also been proven that individuals who participate in music performance classes perform better in academic areas. These outlets allow young people to develop other talents not addressed in traditional courses of study. A dapping in them can provide much entertainment during leisure hours for the rest of a person's life.

Along the same lines, shouldn't a complete education include social aspects? Learning to get along with others is an important lesson. Developing a sense of loyalty and community is accomplished more effectively through sports, band, and clubs. Those activities

might be every bit as important as calculus or physics since success many times is dependent upon effective communication among individuals pursuing a common goal, and they are learned in extra-curricular activities.

Third, is literature created to express the passions or musings of authors? So often, the beauty of a novel or play or poem is obscured by the insertion of endless analysis. Does the author tell of the hidden meanings of his story? Does the poet choke his message with attention to correct rhyme scheme and meter? The use of figurative language is simply to make the passage clear through comparison. In and of themselves, personification or metaphors or alliteration are of no value. The joy of literature is the reading of it, not the over analysis of it.

It's true that I've been away from the classroom for several years. However, the same stale school models govern education. The demand that every person go to college is

absurd. Just as one size of shirt doesn't fit everyone, college doesn't work for all people. Technical schools meet some needs for students. Apprenticeship programs are better suited for others. Another truth is that the old ways of education bore students stiff; they search for way to escape school as soon as possible. Education is valued only when it meets the direct needs of each student.

The good of my new role is that I merely babysit students. Only on rare occasions do I teach them. The lack of change over the last 8 years caught me off guard. I supposed that the high demand for testing and accountability had dramatically changed the educational model. Sadly, it remains the same except for the introduction of technology. I can only hope that those in charge will someday revise schools so that they address the areas that will help to make students successful in their lives.



Cecil and Emerson Mynatt at the Chop House for their 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Photo courtesy of Gwen Mynatt.

65 Years for The Mynatts!

Sixty-five years is a major milestone for any occasion! Emerson and Cecil (Welch) Mynatt of Halls were married in 1951. On Labor Day Weekend, their family surprised



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them with an anniversary celebration at the Chop House in Fountain City.

These days, it is quite an ordeal to get the family all together. Daughters Carol and Gwen are Halls residents, but the sons had to come from out of town. Dwight (Butch) and wife, Pam, came from Alpharetta, Georgia. Dr. Randall Mynatt flew in from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Cecil, Emerson, Carol, Butch and Pam, Randy, and Gwen are all graduates of Halls High School! The Mynatts have long been members of the Halls

Community. They have been featured in several Focus columns, including "Another Generation of Mynatt Brothers" and "A Birthday Celebration--the Mynatt

Brothers' Dad Turns 80!" I have always known this branch of the Mynatt family tree. Emerson and our father, Ralph O. Major, were first cousins.

Our mother graduated from Halls High School, also. It was through Emerson that our parents met.

Congratulations to Emerson and Cecil on their 65th Wedding Anniversary! May they have many more special occasions in life to celebrate and enjoy God's abundant blessings with family and friends--the best gifts of all!

Neighborhood Council tours new Public Service Building

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houses most of the Public Works offices of the city. Some 265 Public Works employees work in and out of the building. The department oversees everything from garbage and brush pickup, to maintenance of the 140 structures of the Parks and Recreation Department, street and sidewalk repairs, and codes enforcement.

"Public Service is your boots on the ground,"

Brace said, adding that the department has "just moved in here" and the building has geothermal heating, modern LED lighting, lots of light from large windows, and is a "smart building" that turns off lights in rooms not being used.

Eventually employees at the site will have access to a soft-surface greenway trail around the site that may be connected with local greenways along

nearby Liberty Street.

Unlike the police and fire departments the Public Works department operates, for the most part, behind the scenes. The department is responsible for many direct services and its duties are everywhere you look. The employees make sure homes, apartments and places of business are safe and secure, sidewalks are repaired, waste is disposed, and

parks and greenways are maintained.

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'Alfalfa Bill'

Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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"A college boy cannot successfully go through life by graduating in football, baseball or highballs, for the responsibilities of life are not ball-bearing." – William H. Murray

William H. Murray is almost invariably described as Oklahoma's most colorful political figure. Considering he went out of office in 1935, that is saying something. Lean and lanky, rough hewn with a weathered face dominated by a drooping moustache, William Murray had been in and out of office for decades before reaching the pinnacle of his political success by being elected governor of Oklahoma in 1930. "Alfalfa Bill" received his nickname, which stuck to him even in death, for his fiery campaign speeches which usually contained some reference to the merits of growing alfalfa as a crop. Murray grew alfalfa himself and could rhapsodize about the crop at length. Murray was the friend of the farmer and the champion of the little man.

Born November 21, 1869, in Toadsuck (the town, thankfully, changed its name years later), Texas, William Henry Davis Murray taught school, as well as largely taught himself. Murray was also a prolific writer and a farmer. A self-educated lawyer at a time when one could "read" the law, he passed the examination and became a practicing lawyer. Yet in truth, Murray never really prospered in any of his chosen professions.

Financially and personally, Murray's most significant affiliation was with Douglas H. Johnston, the governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Murray became legal counsel to the Chickasaw Nation through his friendship with Governor Johnston. Later, he married Johnston's niece, Mary Alice Hearrell. Together, the Murrys produced five children.

Murray led a convention to propose statehood for the State of Sequoyah, which was to be composed of the Five Civilized Tribes living in the Indian Territory. President Theodore Roosevelt, leery of a state which would likely be dominated by the Democrats, refused to consider statehood for both the Indian and Oklahoma territories. Ultimately, statehood was granted to one new state, Oklahoma, and William H. Murray served as the first Speaker of the House of Representatives. Murray was also a racist who had appended several clauses to the state constitution and Theodore Roosevelt had refused to allow Oklahoma to become a state until those same clauses were stripped away. After that, Alfalfa Bill was not much enthused about any Roosevelt.

As Speaker, Alfalfa Bill tried to revive his Jim Crow

laws. He was dissatisfied as a member of the Oklahoma House and quit after a single term. Murray had his sights set on bigger things and ran for governor in 1910, but lost. In 1912, he ran for an At-Large congressional seat and won. By 1914, the At-Large seat had been abolished and he ran for reelection from the Fourth District and was elected. Congressman Murray sought a third term in 1916, but lost inside the Democratic primary. Murray was on the campaign trail again in 1918, fervidly seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. Murray lost again.

Bill Murray returned to his home in Tishomingo, but his law practice did not flourish and his political disappointments left him unhappy. Thinking he might find a better life elsewhere, Murray led a group of Americans, including his own large family, to Bolivia, where he established an American colony in 1924. Life in the colony was almost unbearably hard and by 1929, Murray, his family and followers had returned to Oklahoma.

Once again, Bill Murray sniffed the political air and thought the time ripe for a comeback. He entered the Democratic primary for governor, facing at least four serious opponents. Among his opponents were a sitting congressman, a former governor, and the state auditor. Murray's incendiary rhetoric lit up the Oklahoma prairies and he led in the first primary by almost 65,000 votes. Facing a run off election, Alfalfa Bill swamped his challenger by almost 100,000 votes.

The Great Depression had thoroughly depressed Oklahoma and Oklahomans. Murray buried his hapless Republican opponent in the general election. Murray had run on a platform of what he referred to as the "three C's", which allowed him to revile "Corporations, Carpetbaggers, and Coons".

Taking office as the ninth governor of Oklahoma, Murray's elation at having been elected melted into a realization of just how grave the situation was for the state. The State of Oklahoma was quite nearly bankrupt; tax collections had trickled to almost nothing. People didn't have the money to pay their bills or buy food for their families, much less pay their taxes. Oklahoma had incurred a \$5 million deficit when Governor William J. Holloway had tried to bolster the economy by creating jobs and providing a form of welfare for suffering citizens.

Oklahoma's suffering became even more intense as the ravages of the Dust Bowl arrived. For those who lived through it, they could never forget the "black blizzards" that came roiling across the plains and



Oklahoma Governor William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray speaking in 1932

prairies. Clouds of dust traveled from the Midwest to New York City. Severe drought made it impossible to plant and grow crops of any kind. Livestock died pitifully as animals bleated for water and food. People died as well.

The winter of 1932 saw things get worse, if possible. Out of some eight hundred thousand urban residents, more than three hundred thousand were jobless. Some 60% of the farming population were tenant farmers, meaning they did not own the land they worked. Oklahoma's farm income declined 64% during the decade of the 1930s.

Humorist Will Rogers, Oklahoma's most famous native son, gave benefit performances to raise \$100,000 for relief of suffering in the Sooner State. Many families, left homeless by the Depression, eked out what living they could in caves, cardboard boxes, tents and shacks. Yet there were those who decried free soup kitchens, claiming it would attract transients. Governor Murray ordered St. Anthony's, an Oklahoma City hospital, to keep its soup kitchen open.

One of Oklahoma's biggest industries --- oil production --- saw prices plummet and barrels of oil were selling for record low prices. Alfalfa Bill ordered the oil producers to cease production, believing it would raise the price of oil. These were the producers of what was known as "hot" oil, meaning it was produced outside of state and federal regulations, or above the quota allowed. The hot oil producers refused and the hard faced governor called out the National Guard and declared martial law. Oil production stopped and the price immediately began to rise.

Murray used the National Guard like his own private army whenever he felt the

need or his will was thwarted. During his four years as governor, Bill Murray summoned the guard into action forty-seven times.

The people of Oklahoma put their faith in Franklin D. Roosevelt, who swept every county in the state during the 1932 presidential election. Their faith was well placed and their Congressional delegation, led by Senator Elmer Thomas, nudged \$40 million federal dollars into the Sooner State. Another \$18 million came from the Civil Works Administration, which helped to provide jobs for hungry Oklahomans. The \$58 million spent in Oklahoma at the beginning of the New Deal would equate to about \$1.4 billion in today's currency, yet it remained far short of meeting the needs of Sooners. It was not long before Governor Murray was feuding with President Roosevelt. The disagreements between the two became so intense the president removed FERA, Federal Emergency Relief Administration, from Murray's control. The governor had insisted upon running the federal program as if it were a state agency and his personal fiefdom.

Alfalfa Bill Murray was hardly the only obstacle in Roosevelt's political path in Oklahoma. Senator Thomas P. Gore was opposed to the New Deal and Governor Leon Phillips, elected in 1938, was profoundly opposed to the Roosevelt administration. It was Leon Phillips, when asked if he supported Henry Wallace for vice president at the 1940 Democratic National Convention replied, "Why, Henry's my second choice."

When asked who was his first choice, Phillips barked, "Anyone --- red, white black or yellow --- that can get the nomination."

Oklahoma likely got less than it could have because so much of its political

leadership was against the New Deal. Had it not been for Senator Elmer Thomas, Oklahomans would likely have suffered even more.

Constitutionally unable to succeed himself, Bill Murray had to leave the governor's office in 1934. Oklahomans elected Congressman E. W. Marland as governor, who promised a "Little New Deal" for the Sooner State. Bill Murray had been elected governor precisely because of the suffering in Oklahoma, being the little man's friend. He symbolically allowed the poor to use the land surrounding the governor's mansion to plant gardens, but interfered with the delivery of money and services from the Roosevelt administration.

Finally out of office in 1935, Murray, smoking one of his trademark long black cigars, plotted his return to office. Perhaps some of his hostility to FDR and the New Deal came from his having made an ill-fated run for the Democratic presidential nomination himself in 1932. Murray had campaigned on his "Four B's" slogan -- "Bread, Butter, Bacon and Beans". His campaign went nowhere.

By 1938, Alfalfa Bill was on the campaign hustings yet again, but his time had passed. Murray was no longer the most conservative candidate in the field, nor the most aggressively populist. The sixty-eight

year old former governor, his suits ruffled and stained with tobacco juice, food and ashes from his cigars, was a picturesque figure, but not many Oklahomans took Murray very seriously any longer.

Murray ran third in the primary. That same year, Murray's wife Mary Alice died in Oklahoma City. A retiring woman who was well liked by those who knew her, Mary Alice's body lay in state inside Oklahoma's Capitol, the first woman in the state's history to be accorded that honor. It was one of the few times the highly opinionated, obstreperous Alfalfa Bill was largely silent.

In 1940 Oklahoma once again had an election for an At Large congressional seat and Alfalfa Bill campaigned hard, despite being seventy years old. He faced one of the most famous names in Oklahoma history: Will Rogers. The humorist had died in a plane crash years before, but his name was still so popular with Sooners that Congressman Will Rogers (no relation) won the primary easily and was elected statewide.

Alfalfa Bill's last political hurrah was in 1942 when he challenged incumbent Josh Lee for the United States Senate. Amongst a host of lesser candidates, the former governor could muster less than 11% of his fellow Democrats.

William H. Murray continued to write books, usually on topics involving the constitution and race, but he had saved little for his retirement and eked out an existence in one of Oklahoma's hotels. Ed Moore, a very wealthy oilman, elected to the United States Senate in 1942, would occasionally send the former governor a check, gently noting he still respected the service Murray had rendered to Oklahoma.

Alfalfa Bill lived long enough to see his son, Johnston Murray, elected governor in 1950. An ailing former governor Murray administered the oath of office to his son in January of 1951. William H. Murray could take some solace in his son having won the governorship, but his health was increasingly frail. In his last years, Murray was both largely deaf and blind and required assistance to accomplish the simplest things.

In October of 1956, the eighty-six year old Alfalfa Bill struggled with double pneumonia. Already very frail and incapacitated by a serious stroke, it was Alfalfa Bill's last battle. Murray slipped into a deep coma and with two of his three sons by his bedside, the highly individualistic former governor passed away on October 15, 1956.

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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

are photographs and names of each of the victims of that dreadful day and the display brings tears to your eyes.

Nearby is a sealed room that contains the body parts and remains that have not been identified and that attempt to identify them is ongoing.

Although we didn't take it, there is a quick ride from the street to the top of the new tower there.

We also visited the fire station up in Manhattan where so many firemen had been stationed who perished in the fall of the towers.

The progress at the World Trade Center, which takes up several blocks, is amazing and is still being developed. The entire city, it seems, is under construction with renovation and new buildings. The attacks there apparently marked a new beginning.

New York City, 15 years ago, had some dangerous places and visitors were urged not to venture to some areas because of the crime there. Our latest visit found that most parts of the city are now safe to walk, visit, and shop. There's a resurgence of safety now and a blossoming of commerce.

What a difference a sheer number of years can make in New York City and our nation. The amazing progress that our nation's largest city has made should inspire the entire country and maybe, for a brief moment, sooth over the division of the upcoming

you're there and what a change of cultures.

My wife and I recently spent six days in New York City, the first time we'd been there since the events of 9/11. Then, 15 years ago, we took a bus down to the still-smoking sites of the twin towers and saw all the tributes left there by survivors and citizens.

Our recent trip found the sites totally different, with the new tall tower built and operating, and thousands of people there prior to the ceremonies on September 11. The huge crowd was respectful and courteous to tour the 9/11 museum, visit the two waterfall pools there, and walk the site of the historic and horrible events.

At the pools, which mark the footprint of the two buildings, are the names of all the victims and a flower is placed on the name on the day of the birthdate of each person. What might surprise you is the number of Arab or Muslim names among the victims who worked in the towers.

Inside the museum are the relics and photos of all of the events of that day, not only the two tower attacks, but also of the Pentagon and Pennsylvania airplane crash where the passengers rebelled and forced the plane down. In one room of the museum



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

In the bowels of the World Trade Center Museum are relics of the New York attack including this shaft recovered and displayed. The center also includes a sealed room that contains unidentified remains of the victims.

election. There seemed no division in NYC in the days leading up to the September 11th ceremonies and we saw no incidents or major protests of any type. Each day in the city was enlightening and exhausting. The transit system functioned well despite the huge crowds; there was no pushing or shoving even with the closeness on busses or subways.

It isn't the same city we'd visited many times before 9/11; it was better and more civilized and welcoming. After a few days we got into the flow of things and temporarily became part of the spirit and community that is now New York City.

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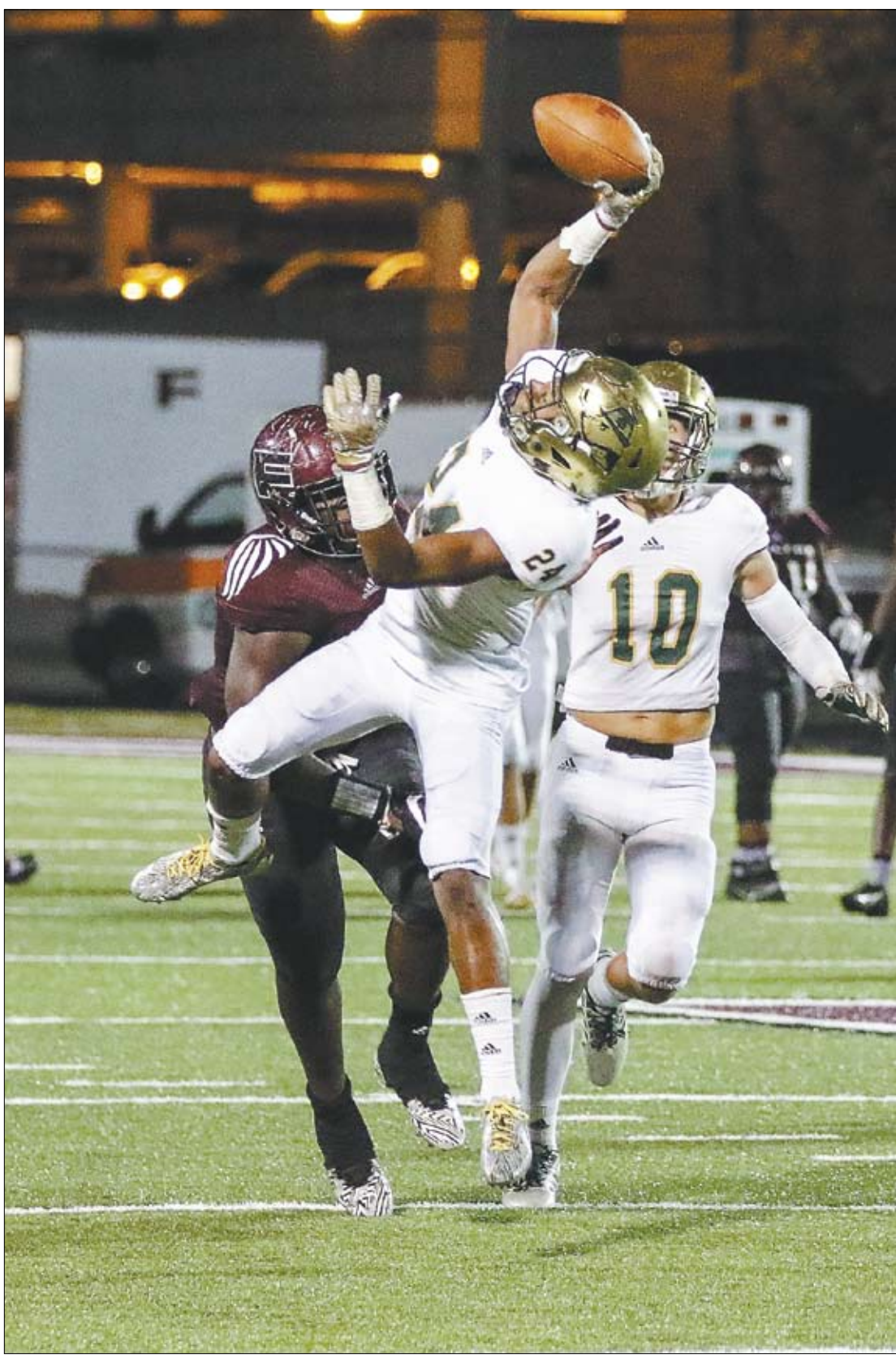


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DJ Mitchell of Knoxville Catholic makes a one-handed interception against Fulton late in the first half of the Irishmen's 69-42 win Thursday night. The catch ranked No. 1 on ESPN SportsCenter's "Top 10 plays" of the night. Full story inside.

Soaring DJ and Irishmen get ESPN's attention

By Steve Williams

DJ Mitchell looked strong in press coverage and stood out as a hard hitter. But it was his finesse and athletic ability that really caught the eye of the nation last week.

Late in the first half of Catholic's impressive 69-42 win over Fulton Thursday night, the 5-8,

155-pound junior cornerback perfectly timed a pass thrown by Falcons quarterback Xavier Malone and intercepted it with one hand.

DJ's play was picked up by ESPN and rated No. 1 on SportsCenter's "Top 10" plays of the night.

"DJ's an outstanding young

man, and an excellent football player," said Steve Matthews, Catholic's head coach, via e-mail Saturday. "He continues to get better each day in practice because of his work ethic. "He's played well for us all year, but he had his best game against Fulton."

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Red Devils hang on, edge Cherokees 39-37

By Ken Lay

When Halls High School senior Caden Harbin threw a short 5-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter Friday night, it looked as though the Red Devils would hit cruise control and notch an easy Region 2-5A victory over South-Doyle.

But the Cherokees had other ideas.

After spotting the Red Devils 19 points, South-Doyle clawed its way back and there would be no easy victory for Halls — only excitement — and when the dust had settled, it was the host Red Devils who left Dinzle "Dink" Adams Field with a

hard-fought 39-37 region victory.

Halls (4-1, overall, 1-1 in Region 2-5A) darted to an early lead but they were stopped temporarily. Not by the Cherokees (2-3, 1-1), but by Mother Nature.

The Red Devils took the opening kickoff and engineered a drive halted when the officials cleared the field due to lightning in the area with 8 minutes, 43 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Soon after the team returned, the Red Devils took a 6-0 lead when Harbin culminated the drive with a 4-yard touchdown dash on fourth-and-goal. The extra point was wiped

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A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

Computer rates Roadrunners No. 2 in state in Class 2A

By Steve Williams

Associated Press voters may have overlooked Austin-East's impressive win over Fulton in Week 4, but the Roadrunners received rightful recognition in Sonny Moore's Computer Power Ratings of Tennessee high school football.

A-E was No. 2 in the state in Class 2A in Moore's ratings, trailing only Marion County. The computer gave Coach Jeff Phillips' Roadrunners a 119.78 rating after their 20-13 win at Fulton in Week 4. Marion County leads Class 2A with a 121.05 rating.

Trezevant (118.72) is third in the Class 2A ratings, followed by Adamsville (115.98) and Watertown (113.29) in the Top 5. Two upper East Tennessee Class 2A teams — Hampton (108.98) and Happy Valley (108.87) — were rated No. 8 and No. 9, respectively.

Austin-East was ranked in a tie for 10th place with Happy Valley in The AP's Class 2A state rankings last week.

Adamsville was the top ranked team in The AP's Class 2A poll. Hampton was ranked in a tie for sixth place.

Meanwhile, Catholic remained the top-rated team in the state

counting all classifications after its Week 4 win at Chattanooga Notre Dame. Catholic's rating was 160.18. Maryville was No. 5 with a 148.50 rating.

DREAM GAME: Catholic and Maryville both have open dates in Week 8. Wouldn't it be something if these two state powers could be allowed to play each other that week!

Catholic High fans, Maryville fans and fans of high school football in general no doubt would love to see such a matchup. It would make for a great charity game, too.

By the way, according to Sonny Moore's latest Computer Power Ratings, Catholic would be an 11½-point favorite over Maryville on a neutral field. Moore says to add two points when figuring in home field advantage.

WEEK 6 ATTRACTIONS: Central, fresh off its 43-42 win at Carter last week, will travel to Burke-Toney Stadium in Morristown Thursday and play Morristown West (4-1) in the Rivalry Thursday game on MyVLT. Game time will be 7 p.m.

Highlighting Friday night games this week will be Belfrey, Ky. at

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Poisal returns to coaching at Gresham Middle School

By Ken Lay

Tom Poisal is returning to the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

After a two-year hiatus from coaching, Poisal was recently tapped to take over the reins for the Gresham Middle School boys basketball team.

Poisal most recently had a successful run as the girls basketball team at Halls Middle, where he replaced longtime coach Neil Walker. After coaching the Lady Demons, Poisal got out of the game to pursue his interest in sports talk radio.

Now, he's back and he's on the south side of Black Oak Ridge and he's looking forward to building a winner with the Gladiators.

"I got away from radio sports talk for multiple reasons and just had the itch to continue coaching," Poisal said. "I looked around at the county's coaching vacancies and the Gresham position stood out to me for a few reasons."

"Donna Parker is the principal and I coached her daughter for three years at Halls. We've always had the same vision with regards to athletics and developing the student-athlete both on and off the court. I also live in the area so convenience played a huge part as well."

When Poisal inherited the Lady Demons, he took over a proud program that was ready to compete for KCMSBC championships. With the Gladiators, he'll look to build a successful program almost from scratch.

"We all want to win and I'm

no different than any other coach in that regard," Poisal said. "I want to build a consistent winner, year after year, that also develops kids with great character and a high basketball IQ."

"I want the students, teachers, administration, parents and community to be extremely proud of the players that represent Gresham. I love to build things from the ground up."

He'll certainly get that opportunity as coach of Fountain City's resident public middle school basketball team and he will relish it.

"Most of the players from last year's team have moved on to the high school so the challenge of pretty much starting over with a completely new unit appeals greatly to me," Poisal said.

He made several friends during his days coaching at Halls, where he continues to be a physical education teacher. He'll get a chance to re-kindle those relationships.

"I'm also looking forward to renewing a ton of the coaching friendships I developed from a few years ago," Poisal said. "I think it's kind of sad that there are so many excellent coaches in our middle schools that aren't moving up to the high schools."

"There's a stigma there that needs to be eliminated."

Although he's no longer a local sports talk show host, Poisal hasn't abandoned his other passion. He's currently doing play-by-play for Central High School on the internet. He's working for Diamond Clear Media.

Blocked punt produces safety and lifts Central over Carter, 43-42

By Steve Williams

Carter appeared to have a comeback win in the bag with less than a minute to go Friday night. But Jadarius Sackie ripped a hole in that bag.

With his team trailing by a point, the Central senior outside linebacker stormed in and blocked a Carter punt that resulted in a safety with 23.1 seconds to go and the Bobcats got out of Strawberry Plains with a thrilling 43-42 victory.

"We were going to go safe punt, but I asked coach if I could go get it, because I had seen earlier in the game it was there and I could get it," said Sackie. "My team needed that."

The force of the blocked punt caused the football to roll into the end zone, where Carter's Isaac Scarborough fell on it, resulting in the two-point safety for Central.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak and lifted the Bobcats to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in Region 2-4A. Carter, coming off a big win over West, now stands 2-3 and 1-1 in the region.

The Hornets trailed Central 41-29 with 6:08 to go but rallied to go ahead.

Senior split end Jake Riley hauled in a 63-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Dakota Fawver despite pass interference and Dakota Dalton's PAT kick pulled Carter within five.

Fawver then hooked up with senior running back



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Despite tight coverage by Central's Jadarius Sackie, Ben Flowers stretches to make the touchdown catch that put Carter ahead by one late in the Region 2-4A game. The Bobcats, however, pulled out the win, 43-42, in the game's final minute.

Ben Flowers for a 14-yard TD pass play with 2:04 remaining after a fumble recovery by freshman Kalen Jones at the Central 15. Fawver's two-point pass attempt fell incomplete but the Hornets led by one with 2:04 on the clock.

When Riley picked off a long pass by Central quarterback Trey Mitchell at the Carter 5 with 1:32 to go, the Hornets sensed victory.

The game, however, still had time for one more great play and Sackie made it when Jake Hurst lined up in punt formation on fourth and 1 at the 14-yard line.

"It was painful," said Flowers, describing his feelings when he saw the blocked punt and safety and the lead change hands. "I wasn't expecting that at all."

Carter may have engineered its best drive of the year when it took the

game's opening possession and marched 80 yards in seven plays. Flowers capped it with a 6-yard touchdown run around the right side for a 7-0 lead.

Fawver ran for 21 yards on Play No. 1. He also hit sophomore Jonathan Rynes over the middle for a 15-yard gain and 15 more yards were tacked on when the Bobcats were penalized for roughing the passer on the play.

Central got even on Sackie's 5-yard TD run up the middle and Eli Holbert's first PAT kick. The Bobcats went ahead 14-7 on Teakok Stanley's 3-yard run.

Central outscored Carter 17-12 in the second quarter to lead 31-19 at halftime. Shermar Moore caught a tipped 19-yard TD pass lying on his back. Sackie snagged an 8-yard pass in the flat and scored. Holbert booted a 23-yard field goal.

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'You don't fight like that and lose,' says Carter coach
By Steve Williams

His feelings aren't reflected in the standings, but Carter High head football coach Jeff McMillian said there was not a losing team in Friday night's game against Central.

"What a special group of kids that is right there," said McMillian, looking toward the field house where many of his players were still present after Central pulled out a 43-42 victory in the game's final minute of play.

"To be down the way they were and come back and take the lead and fight their butts off."

"The game wasn't as pretty as you would like it to be, but we didn't lose, we just got the short end of the scoreboard."

Central 43, Carter 42 ... it indeed was an exciting game and one the visiting Bobcats pulled out with a blocked punt that produced a safety. Those two points took Central off the short end of the scoreboard.

"You don't fight like that and lose," said McMillian. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

The hero of the game, Central's Jadarius Sackie, who blocked the punt that flipped the lead in the closing seconds, complimented the Hornets and their effort.

"Last year they weren't that good," said Sackie. "But they stepped up and

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Red Devils hang on, edge Cherokees 39-37

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off the board by a Halls penalty. The second attempt failed.

Harbin would extend the Red Devils advantage to 12-0 when he had a 35-yard touchdown toss to Matthew Runge Gold with 3:45 left in the opening stanza. Halls went for two and missed.

Harbin had a big game against South-Doyle and he made a big impact before halftime. He threw for three touchdowns and ran for another on offense. He had a sack on defense and blocked a punt on special teams.

"He's a great player," Halls coach J.D. Overton said of Harbin, who's also one of the county's top linebackers. "He's a tough hard-nosed football player and I'm glad he plays for the Red Devils. Let's put it that way."

Harbin would finish with 433 all-purpose yards and have a hand in six touchdowns. And as fate would have it, the Red Devils would need everything their quarterback would give them on this night.

Halls never trailed in the contest but the Cherokees mounted a furious comeback attempt that was finally halted when linebacker Colton McMahon picked off a pass from South-Doyle senior field general Caleb Wender with 2:45 left to play.

Overton applauded South-Doyle's effort but said his team must learn to finish games.

"We have to learn how to keep our foot on the gas. We have to learn to finish games," he said. "We have to learn how to finish people off."

"But credit has to go to South-Doyle. They're well-coached. They fought hard and

they didn't quit."

After falling behind, the Cherokees had two touchdowns and a field goal in the second quarter. Wender scored on a 30-yard scamper and the extra point enabled the visitors to within 19-7 with 6:22 left in the first half.

Halls would answer when Harbin lofted a 62-yard touchdown pass to JT Freels midway through the frame.

"We have guys on offense who can strike quickly," Overton said. "Our offensive staff does a great job and we're really happy with the way things are going on that side of the ball right now"

The Cherokees, after sputtering out of the gate, would close the opening half with a flourish. Austin Morse would kick a 33-yard field goal and Wender's first touchdown pass of the game made the score 26-17 just before halftime.

The second half was full of explosive plays. Halls took a 32-17 lead when Harbin connected with Hunter Huff on a 22-yard scoring strike before Wender responding with a pair of scoring passes.

His 79-yard strike to Ton'Quez Ball made it 32-24 and his short pass to Jake Harper made it 32-30 before the Red Devils blocked the extra point attempt.

Harbin's final touchdown pass, a 71-yarder to Freels, made it 39-30 before Wender closed the scoring with a 3-yard run.

Even in defeat, South-Doyle coach Clark Duncan was pleased with his squad effort.

"I've never been prouder of a group of young men than I am tonight," he said. "We had opportunities to quit when we fell behind a good football team 19-0."

"But we didn't quit. We kept fighting and they gave me all they had."

It's time for Vols to get down to business

Many Tennessee football fans including myself weren't sure what to expect from the Vols when they went into Saturday's game against Ohio.



By Steve Williams

After the struggle to get past Appalachian State in the opener and the slow start before pulling away from Virginia Tech in the Battle at Bristol, we were still scratching our heads about this team.

It didn't matter that Tennessee was favored by almost 28 points over Ohio. We hadn't forgotten it took a fumble recovery in the end zone in overtime for UT, a 20-point favorite, to turn back Appy State 20-13 and escape the Mountaineers' upset bid.

If anything, we might have expected another slow start. Tennessee fell behind Appy State 13-3 in

the opener and was even worse in the beginning against Virginia Tech, trailing the Hokies 14-0 before racing to a 45-24 win.

As it turned out, Tennessee started fast against Ohio and roared to a 7-0 lead in the opening 38 seconds. For a few moments it felt like the Vols were headed for a big day. However, it ended up being another struggle and the 28-19 win also included injuries to some key players.

"We have to get a lot better in a hurry," UT Coach Butch Jones told the SEC Network audience moments after the game.

So after the bumpy pre-conference ride, Tennessee is fortunately 3-0 and still has all of its goals in place. The only damage has been the Vols dropping a few spots in the

national rankings, but they can make up for that in the games ahead.

And it starts with a four-game stretch that will define their season.

Yes, a month from now, the Vols, the preseason pick to win the SEC Eastern Division, will pretty much know where they stand.

First on the list is Florida. Those Gators come to town this coming Saturday in what most UT fans consider the Game of the Year. Losing 11 years in a row to the same foe will definitely bring out "Most Wanted" signs.

Two tough road trips follow – first to Athens to take on Nick Chubb and the Georgia Bulldogs Between the Hedges, then a first-ever visit to College Station, Tex., to play Texas A&M and its "12th Man."

The fourth and last assignment lines up perfectly with the calendar this

season as Alabama rolls into town on the Third Saturday of October, the way it used to be every season.

The air should be cool and crisp and the leaves red and orange for this SEC classic. If only the teams could once again face each wearing these colors, it would be perfect.

If Tennessee somehow comes into this game unbeaten against an undefeated and No. 1 ranked Alabama team, well, let's just say anything could happen in Neyland Stadium that day.

The Vols will have an open date on Oct. 22 and surely will be ready for it.

Five games will still be left on Tennessee's schedule, but none of them are expected to be difficult.

If the Vols end up having a banner season, they can trace the spark back to the opening play of the second quarter of Game 2 when

Virginia Tech quarterback Jerod Evans mishandled the snap and Micah Abernathy recovered the fumble at the Hokies' 5-yard line. That turnover changed the momentum of the game as Joshua Dobbs, on the very next play, tossed a touchdown pass to Jauan Jennings to cut the Hokies' lead to 14-7 and the opportunistic Vols went on a 45-3 run.

Many in college football's biggest crowd ever – 156,990 at Bristol Motor Speedway – couldn't see what happened because they were so far away from the action, but they could feel it.

Tennessee would go on to recover four more Virginia Tech fumbles and Abernathy, a sophomore defensive back, finished with a school-record three recoveries and was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week.

Fortunately, the coaching staff allowed Dobbs to do his thing and he responded with three scoring passes and a pair of TD runs. Somebody, please, hide the shackles.

Some of the Hokies' turnovers were forced by the Vols' ball-hawking play.

"We've talked about hunting the football and taking the ball away on defense and that's been one of our main priorities," pointed out Coach Jones after the game.

Kendal Vickers stripped the ball out in the fourth quarter that kept the Hokies spiraling.

"We're going to need that as the season continues to move on," Jones summed up.

Particularly over the next four weeks.

Catholic impressive in win over Fulton

By Alex Norman

Over the past few years Fulton and Catholic has turned into one of the state's biggest rivalries.

Today, it appears that the Fighting Irish have taken a step ahead of the Falcons.

On Thursday, September 15th, top-ranked Catholic looked like the team to beat in Class 4A in Tennessee, knocking off Fulton 69-42 in North Knoxville.

"We did a nice job on offense, we protected our quarterback, and our receivers were outstanding," said Catholic head coach Steve Matthews. "We ran the ball well and really did a nice job all the way around."

The Irish jumped out to a quick start with a 69-yard drive, culminating with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Chase Cunningham to Chase Kuerschen. Only 87 seconds into the game, it was 7-0 Catholic.

On the third possession for the Irish, they were pinned back at their

own 4 yard line. But that wasn't a problem. The Irish mixed the pass and the run, and eventually Joshua Brown powered his way in from the two yard line, and it was 14-0.

The scary thing for the rest of the state is that Catholic (4-1, 2-0 in Region 2-4A) has so many weapons on offense. Jeffery Wood had huge holes to run through, and Jeffery Wood ran it into the end zone untouched from 36 yards away.

After the first quarter, it was 21-0 Catholic.

The Falcons wouldn't quit, however. Sophomore quarterback Xavier Malone scrambled, then heaved it deep towards the end zone, where Dashaun McKinney adjusted to the football, caught it at the 3, and strolled past the goal-line for a 52-yard touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but Fulton was on the board, down 21-6.

The score happened with 11:19 to go in the first half. Only 44 seconds later though, Catholic

got those points back. Joshua Brown made a couple of nice moves, cut to the outside, and scored his second touchdown of the game from 10 yards away, making it 28-6.

Fulton (2-3, 1-1 in Region 2-4A) drove to the Catholic 39 on their next possession, but on 4th and 5, Malone would be sacked by Tony Scott, ending that drive.

The points kept coming, and the Irish went into halftime with a 42-12 lead.

What a first half it was for Cunningham. Two touchdown passes, a touchdown run, and over 350 yards through the air.

"He's outstanding. He (Cunningham) practices well and is only continuing to get better," said Matthews. "We talked about completion percentage during the off-season. He's at 60 percent now. He isn't throwing interceptions and he is playing as well as any quarterback can play right now."

On the evening

Cunningham threw for five hundred yards and five touchdowns. His go to receiver for three of those scores was Kuerschen, who had over 250 yards receiving.

In the second half defense was hard to find, and both teams found their way into the end zone on multiple occasions. Fulton's Malone ended up with five touchdown passes himself. But Catholic's dominance was so complete that the game was played with a running clock for some of the fourth quarter when the Irish led by more than 35 points.

"We know that Coach Black does an outstanding job," said Matthews. "They are so athletic. They were banged up which hampered them tonight, but they are our measuring stick. We have a huge test next week against Belfry, the Kentucky state champs."

Fulton will try to get back on track with another home game, against Gibbs.

Blocked punt produces safety and lifts Central over Carter, 43-42

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Fawver passed 30 yards to Riley and Carter Dunlap returned a fumbled punt 15 yards to complete Carter's first half scoring.

The two teams matched field goals in the third quarter, with Holbert kicking a 35-yarder and Dalton converting from 31 yards away.

Fawver escaped a Central rush and found Clarence Smith in the left corner of the end zone for a 12-yard TD pass with 9:01 left in the game, slicing the Bobcats' lead to 34-29. Flowers had a 30-yard run in the

82-yard drive. Mitchell's 67-yard bomb to Tony Reeves increased the Bobcats' margin back to 12 (41-29).

"I think the game lived up to the hype. Everybody kind of tagged this as the Game of the Week," said Bryson Rosser, Central head coach.

"Those were two tough region teams going at it and it was huge standings-wise. We were just able to make one last play there at the end. I'm extremely happy and proud of my guys and this program and the direction we're moving."

'You don't fight like that and lose,' says Carter coach

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came ready to play tonight. They wanted it as much as we did.

"It just came down to the end of the game. And by the grace of God we got it."

Ben Flowers, a workhorse running back in the game for Carter, spoke for his team in the Hornets' locker room after the game.

"I felt like we should have won," he said. "But they played as hard as we did. They gave great effort and we gave great effort."

"We're going to bounce back from this. We shouldn't lose any more games."

"No one blamed anyone after the game. Everybody picked their teammates up. We are a family."

Soaring DJ and Irishmen get ESPN's attention

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University of Tennessee head coach Butch Jones was among the spectators at Fulton's Bob Black Field. He viewed the action standing behind the end zone on the northeast end of the field.

Coach Jones has had two sons play for Catholic. Alex was a senior kicker for the Fighting Irish in 2014. His younger brother, Adam, is a sophomore wide receiver on this season's team.

PRE-GAME SIGNS: High school football cheerleaders still make those run-through signs with catchy messages for their players to sprint through as they come on the field.

Catholic's sign last week read: "Catholic can't be held responsible for ruffled feathers."

Fulton's reminder: "Here on Broadway we're doin' it for Zae."

FIRST IMPRESSION: When the game started, the first thing this reporter noticed about Catholic was its huge team size, starting with No. 8 Cameron Blakely, a 6-4, 190-pound junior wide receiver who was targeted early by quarterback Chase Cunningham.

SPECIAL TEAM: Watching from the sideline as Catholic's first-half lead over Fulton swelled to 42-12 by halftime, Dickie Sompayrac, in his 12th year as President of Knoxville Catholic High School, couldn't hold back the compliments for this season's Fighting Irish football team.

He called it a special team and the best high school team he's ever seen. He mentioned its abundance of skill players. If the team can stay healthy, it can be a special season, he added.

Farragut Rolls on Homecoming over Beavers

By David Klein

The Farragut Admirals swooped in on Friday night to run away from Karns 71-3 on homecoming night at Farragut.

By halftime, Farragut had accumulated 395 yards of offense on its way to a 51-3 lead that allowed the Admirals' backups to get significant playing time in the second half.

To start the scoring, Farragut's Amon Johnson ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 5:30 left in the first quarter. It was the first of his three rushing touchdowns on the night with all of his scores coming in the first half.

"I knew starting the game I had to come out focused, hit the holes hard, get my team motivated," Johnson said. "I could punch it up the hole or use my speed to the outside. I was just seeing the holes," he added.

Moments later, the Admirals would record their first turnover of the game, a Drew Butler interception of Karns' quarterback Daniel Kitts. On the next play, running back Cooper Hardin converted the turnover, rushing for a 20-yard touchdown, and the Admirals led 14-0.

Not only did the Admirals have success running, but their passing attack got into the act as well. Quarterback Adam Fulton found Grayson Utterback for a 22-yard touchdown pass with 31 seconds left in the first quarter. The score put the Admirals up 21-0.

Seventy-two seconds later, the Admirals took advantage of another Karns' interception. They began the drive in Beaver

territory at the 18-yard line. On second and goal from the 2, Johnson ran for his second touchdown. Farragut led 28-0 with 11:19 left in the second quarter.

Hardin, who also plays defense, added to the Beavers' misery. He sacked quarterback Daniel Kitts, knocking him out of the game on the Beavers' next offensive possession. "They were rolling out left," Hardin said. "I was on the right side. I came in untouched. I just had a blitz from the outside. We had good coverage, allowed me to get in there good."

One play later, Karns' backup quarterback Logan Hayden fumbled the snap and recovered the ball in the end zone, giving a safety to Farragut and a 30-0 Admiral lead. Karns punted the ball back to Farragut.

Eight plays later, Hardin rushed 11 yards for his second touchdown of the game to put the Admirals up 37-0 with 8:22 left in the second quarter.

The only score for the Beavers came on a 33-yard field goal by Sam Frazier following a 56-yard run by Teahzawon Harper.

Johnson scored his third touchdown of the game on a 26-yard touchdown run, and Farragut's lead jumped to 44-3 with 4:10 left in the second quarter.

Backup running back Isaiah Gibbs also got into the scoring act as well. He ran 23 yards for a touchdown, and the Admirals led 51-3 with 2:02 left in the first half.

With a 48 point halftime lead, Farragut was able to get the mercy rule going

in the second half with continuous running of the clock. The Admirals tacked on three more touchdowns; two of those came from third string quarterback Jake Evans for a final score of 71-3 Farragut.

For the game, Farragut ran 45 times for 319 yards and passed for 200 yards. Farragut's defense limited Karns to 106 total yards. Fifty-six of those yards came on Harper's first half run.

"I challenged them all week," Farragut Head Coach Eddie Courtney said of Farragut's fast start.

The Admirals have this week off before traveling to Campbell County for a Thursday night game on September 29. Speaking of the off week, Courtney said, "We're going to work on ball security with our running backs, receivers running routes. We still can have a better kicking game. Our secondary is going to work on pattern reads."

Courtney praised his running backs. "Ammon Johnson and Cooper Hardin both came out there and pulled for each other," he said. "They got their touchdowns. We gotta have those guys," Courtney said. Going forward, Courtney said, "They're going to have to block for each other and run like they did tonight."

Farragut improved to 4-1 overall, 1-1 in Region 3, Class 5A. Karns fell to 0-5, 0-2 in Region 3, Class 5A and has another tough game at Oak Ridge on September 30.

Computer rates Roadrunners No. 2 in state in Class 2A

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Catholic (10News2), Bearden at Maryville, Donelson Christian Academy (5-0) at CAK (4-1), Gibbs at Fulton, Carter at South-Doyle and Clinton at Anderson County.

OLDEST RIVALRY: When Harriman plays at Rockwood this Friday night it will be the 97th meeting between the two Roane County schools. It is the state's longest consecutive running rivalry in high school football. The Blue Devils and Tigers have played every season since 1924.

BIG TEST: Belfry, Ky., which defeated Catholic 38-14 last season in Belfry, is 4-0 coming into this week's game at Catholic.

The Pirates, who shut out Lexington Catholic 43-0 to capture their third straight Class 3A state title in Kentucky last season, have

outscored their four 2016 opponents by a combined score of 191-46.

Belfrey has five state titles in all and Philip Haywood has been the head coach in each of them.

After last season, Haywood, the winningest coach in Kentucky high school football history, had a 403-128 record in 41 years, with 32 of those seasons at Belfry.

Catholic also will finally be playing its home opener this week.

"We have been on the road in 10 out of our last 11 games, and we have won all 11, so I'm proud of our players for dealing with some adversity that being on the road creates," said Steve Matthews, Catholic head coach, via e-mail Friday. "We are extremely excited to be playing in front of our home crowd on Friday night."

PREPS OF THE PAST: Fifteen years ago, on Sept. 21, 2011, South-Doyle's

unbeaten season came to an end at the hands of the Powell Panthers 21-0. A week earlier the Panthers had suffered their first loss at Halls. Jonathan Bryant's 34-yard field goal just before intermission was the only score of the first half.

Senior tailback Andrew Tudor, after being held below 100 yards for the first time in the season by Halls, bounced back to gain 116 yards on 24 carries against the Cherokees, now 4-1. His 53-yard TD run in third quarter gave the host Panthers (4-1) a 10-0 lead and ignited a slumbering offense. Bryant added a 41-yard FG in fourth quarter. Bryan Sharp recovered a S-D fumble. Matt Dake's 25-yard run set up Tudor's second TD from the 2. Derek Milligan added a two-point pass to Ryan Lindsey.

Clark Duncan was the Powell head coach that night. He's now directing the South-Doyle program.

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 ANDERSON COUNTY Class 4A, R2	vs. Greenville L, 9-55	vs. Heritage L, 16-21	vs. Fulton L, 21-42	vs. Oak Ridge L, 34-48	vs. Union County W, 62-0	vs. Clinton	vs. Knoxville Catholic	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Central	vs. Morristown East	vs. Carter
 CARTER Class 4A, R2	vs. Halls L, 23-27	vs. Jefferson County L, 22-40	vs. Union County W, 47-8	vs. West W, 14-12	vs. Central L, 42-43	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Fulton	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Catholic	vs. Gibbs	vs. Anderson County
 CATHOLIC Class 4A, R2	vs. Morristown West L, 0-1	vs. CPA W, 45-0	vs. Central W, 49-19	vs. Notre Dame W, 54-9	vs. Fulton W, 69-42	vs. Belfry	vs. Anderson County	OPEN	vs. Carter	vs. Cloudland	vs. Union County
 CENTRAL Class 4A, R2	vs. South Doyle W, 33-7	vs. Campbell County L, 13-17	vs. Knoxville Catholic L, 19-49	OPEN	vs. Carter W, 43-42	vs. Morristown West	vs. Union County	vs. Halls	vs. Anderson County	vs. Powell	vs. Fulton
 FULTON Class 4A, R2	vs. Morristown East W, 67-7	vs. Maryville L, 29-45	vs. Anderson County W, 42-21	vs. Austin-East L, 13-20	vs. Catholic L, 42-69	vs. Gibbs	vs. Carter	OPEN	vs. Union County	vs. West	vs. Central
 GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Campbell County L, 14-48	vs. Farragut L, 21-31	vs. Powell W, 42-14	vs. Karns W, 48-0	vs. Heritage W, 40-27	vs. Fulton	vs. Halls	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Carter	vs. West
 HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Carter W, 27-23	vs. Austin-East W, 41-38	vs. West L, 9-13	vs. Union County W, 50-6	vs. South-Doyle W, 39-37	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Central	vs. Powell	vs. Karns	vs. Heritage
 POWELL Class 5A, R2	vs. Farragut L, 6-55	vs. Bearden L, 20-57	vs. Gibbs L, 14-42	OPEN	vs. West L, 0-35	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Heritage	vs. Karns	vs. Halls	vs. Central	vs. South-Doyle
 SOUTH DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Central L, 7-33	vs. Karns W, 34-3	vs. Heritage W, 21-14	vs. Hardin Valley L, 7-47	vs. Halls L, 37-39	vs. Carter	vs. West	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Farragut	vs. Powell
 WEST Class 5A, R2	vs. HVA W, 17-10	vs. Sevier County W, 34-7	vs. Halls W, 13-9	vs. Carter L, 12-14	vs. Powell W, 35-0	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Farragut	vs. Heritage	vs. Fulton	vs. Gibbs
 CLINTON Class 5A, R3	vs. Oak Ridge L, 21-56	vs. Morristown East L, 14-44	vs. Karns W, 29-26	vs. Rhea County L, 14-59	vs. Campbell County L, 0-35	vs. Anderson County	vs. Lenoir City	vs. CAK	OPEN	vs. Heritage	vs. Farragut
 FARRAGUT Class 5A, R3	vs. Powell W, 55-6	vs. Gibbs W 31-21	vs. Oak Ridge L, 25-30	vs. Bearden W, 28-27	vs. Karns W, 71-3	OPEN	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	vs. Lenoir City	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Clinton
 KARNs Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 7-59	vs. South-Doyle L, 3-34	vs. Clinton L, 26-29	vs. Gibbs L, 0-48	vs. Farragut L, 3-71	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Powell	vs. Campbell County	vs. Halls	vs. Lenoir City
 HERITAGE Class 5A, R2	vs. Maryville L, 6-44	vs. Anderson County W, 21-16	vs. South-Doyle L, 14-21	vs. William Blount W, 32-17	vs. Gibbs L, 27-40	vs. Alcoa	vs. Powell	OPEN	vs. West	vs. Clinton	vs. Halls
 BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. Karns W, 59-7	vs. Powell W, 57-20	vs. HVA L, 7-35	vs. Farragut L, 27-28	vs. William Blount W, 28-21	vs. Maryville	vs. Bradley Central	OPEN	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Science Hill	vs. Jefferson County
 HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. West L, 10-17	OPEN	vs. Bearden W, 35-7	vs. South-Doyle W, 47-7	vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 7-31	vs. Powell	vs. Science Hill	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Bradley Central	vs. William Blount	vs. Maryville
 W. BLOUNT Class 6A, R1	vs. Lenoir City W, 28-23	vs. Alcoa L, 7-45	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 37-28	vs. Heritage L, 17-32	vs. Bearden L, 21-28	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Science Hill	vs. Maryville	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Bradley Central
MARYVILLE Class 6A, R1	vs. Heritage W, 44-6	vs. Fulton W 45,29	vs. Jefferson County W, 41-17	vs. Alcoa W, 43-29	vs. Science Hill W, 35-14	vs. Bearden	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	OPEN	vs. William Blount	vs. Bradley Central	vs. Hardin Valley



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Rivers of Life

After last week's polemic, I need a rest from our country's civil war; and so do my readers. Life will go on without listening to Clinton and the Trumpster's attacks on each other. There will be ample time to re-engage before November 8th. And frankly, though there may be disengaged, clueless, zombies in America, I don't believe there are many undecided voters left.

I've always had a wanderlust, but it has dissipated in recent years with the chaos in the world and my own health issues. It is amazing how new life has rekindled in me a desire to travel again and has refocused me on what is really important. It happened virtually overnight with the recent birth of my fourth grandchild. And by the time you read this Becky and I will be in Portland, Oregon, cradling Cleo Rebecca. I love my children, but I worship my grandchildren. Perhaps this is because, as a grandparent, I'm in a different place and a

different season of my life.

I am blessed with a healthy family and enough of everything I need. The ancient Romans had a goddess of chance named Fortuna from which we derive the word fortune. I believe reality is one of Grace rather than chance. However, I don't pretend to understand God's big picture where suffering exists. I don't even know that prayer changes God's mind, but I do know prayer changes us. and for that reason, I regularly ask Him/Her/Spirit to remember me just as King Hezekiah prayed for the Lord to remember him (II Kings 20).

My granddaughter was born September 1, 2016. All babies are cute, but I have to admit this little girl is beautiful. They say she has my hair, but I suspect they remember my mop from years ago. Her natural part does seem to be on the left just like mine - necessitated by my boyhood cow lick. I'll let you decide for yourself with

another baby pic which is undoubtedly more fetching than my standard Focus mug shot.

Momentarily, it may seem tangential for me to say that I remain fascinated by rivers, but hang with me. Civilization originated alongside rivers such as the Indus River in India, the Nile in Egypt and in Mesopotamia, the land "between" (meso) the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (potamos).

This is my sixth trip to Portland since my daughter moved there after college. Like Knoxville, Portland is a city on a river spanned by many bridges. I've previously written about the Tennessee River as it forms just outside of Knoxville, and then in another essay as it flows southward through Chattanooga. Portland sits astride the Willamette River just as Knoxville does the Tennessee. Rivers don't determine a city's size because Portland is three times more populous than Knoxville, even though our rivers are comparable in size.

Portland is known for its many bridges, but also for beautiful Mount Hood a short drive away, just like our Smoky Mountains which are just up the road from K-Town. Like Knoxvillians, Portlandians love their microbreweries. However, Portland's passion for coffee houses exceeds our local interest. Perhaps our southern climate stifles the desire for a hot cup of Joe.

We certainly don't have the scantily clad baristas some Portland coffee houses use to attract business! Despite having the latitude of Maine, Portland's climate is quite similar to Knoxville's. The Japan Current in the Pacific ocean is the reason. It brings warmer water to the northwestern coastal areas of the US and tempers the climate.

Becky and I have traveled along the mighty Columbia River many times. It is the fourth largest river in the US and drains an area the size of France. Its headwaters originate in British Columbia and is joined by multiple tributaries, including the Snake River, before cutting a path through the Cascade Mountain Range to form the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. I never tire of sightseeing along this beautiful River and gorge lauded by Lewis and Clark on their epic Journey of Discovery.

A tragedy recently struck a friend of ours. Humans are rational creatures and realize that we all die. However, there is a difference between logic and personal tragedy. And some deaths are just less understandable than others. An early morning car wreck took our friend's daughter, carving an emptiness in her father's heart.

As a high school senior, Taylor had many aspirations, but one was to see the spectacular Multnomah Falls in the



Columbia Gorge just outside of Portland. This weekend Taylor will make it to the Falls as we carry her ashes and sprinkle them into this tributary of the Columbia River. Though Taylor's spirit has moved on, her ashes and her atoms will now be resculpted and used in God's further creative efforts. And a part of Taylor will merge with the "living" waters which enable and sustain life on earth.

I often imagine my life as seasons. Figuratively, I was born one "spring," and hopefully grew in "wisdom and stature" like Jesus (Luke 2:52). I then cruised through the halcyon days of my summers raising a family and practicing medicine. Now, as I look

in the mirror, I know that my "leaves" are changing, heralding autumn's arrival. Thankfully, those leaves have not yet fallen as the prelude to the deep sleep of winter, because, as the great poet Robert Frost once said, "I have miles to go before I sleep and promises to keep."

So in this autumnal season of mine, I am encouraged as I see the great "circle of life" continue, renewing itself in earthly newborns and the liberation of souls "born again," who now fly unfettered to drink at the Holy font of the Living Waters.

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Kick the Flea Not the Dog

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I kick the flea and hope you do too. Dog fleas (Ctenocephalides canis) are common pest in our area. Fleas not only affect Fido they also cause problems for his owner. The adage: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

of cure" is no truer than when talking about fleas. From egg to adult, fleas multiply quickly in only twelve days. One flea can build an army of six hundred in a matter of days and six hundred can become an invasion of hundreds of thousands of fleas before you know what is

happening. Several years ago a friend took in a stray cat for an overnight stay until she could find the rightful owner. The next morning the cat was out of her house and she was off for a two-week tropical vacation. What happened

next is hard to say—but when she returned home two weeks later in the middle of the night she was tired, sleepy, and retired to bed. The next morning she woke with itchy red bumps on her legs. Not giving it much thought continued to get ready for her day. As she walked through her house

she began to notice black specks on her pant legs and attempts to brush them off only made them worse—the harder she brushed them off the more seemed to appear. At this moment she realized she had been invaded by fleas. My friend had no idea of the battles in store to reclaim her home and defeat the mighty flea. Her battles lasted for about eight weeks and cost her hundreds of dollars and sleepless nights from itchy flea bites.

I won't bore you with the life cycle of the mighty flea. Remember, a flea can lay fifty eggs per day, hatch in six days, and complete their life cycle in about three to six weeks. Fleas can survive in carpets and cracks in hardwood

floors for weeks. I recommend hiring a professional when possible and doing your research on products and processes if you choose to go it alone. Remember, a day wasted by no action can compound your problems in a very significant way.

If you find a flea on your dog—don't panic. Hopefully you have a flea and tick prevention program in place for your dog. If not, it is a good idea to discuss a prevention treatment plan that best fits your budget and health of your dog. Hobo the Wonder Dog uses Nex-Gard® to help control ticks and fleas, the cost is about twenty dollars a month and we have not had any issues with fleas or ticks. My dog Skyler has complications

taking oral flea and tick medications and we use a Seresto® Flea and Tick collar which last about eight months, making the final cost per month about seven dollars.

The products mentioned above should not be considered an endorsement by Hobo the Wonder Dog. Flea prevention medication regardless if over the counter or prescription should be discussed with your veterinarian. Nothing can replace the relationship between you, your pet, and your veterinarian. When it comes to fleas—trust me "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Kick the flea!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church of Heiskell, in conjunction with Knox County GAC (Meals on Wheels), is serving lunch to all seniors every Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All seniors 60 or older are invited but anyone can join. A small donation is encouraged, if possible. Come enjoy a good meal, fellowship and bingo. For more information call Louise Lewis (865) 947-1192. Calvary is located in North Knox County in the Heiskell Community.

At Large Commissioners September Night Out

The next Ed and Bob's NIGHT OUT in Knox County is downtown at Archer's BarBQ on South Gay Street.

Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas will be at Archer's Bar BQ, 408 South Gay Street, Wednesday, September

21st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to listen to any concerns of citizens. Ed and Bob feel that going out to the people eases the strain on those who, because of work, commitments, financial situation or the distance to the City-County Building, cannot attend regular commission meetings.

Community Shares

Community Shares is celebrating its 30th workplace giving and fundraising campaign, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. at Last Days of Autumn Brewing at 808 E Magnolia Ave in Knoxville, TN. In addition to learning more about the social change groups that are a part of Community Shares, there will be live music, and you can enjoy locally brewed beer (\$1 per beer donated to Community Shares). For 30 years Community Shares has helped its

member organizations fight to advance social justice in Tennessee through employee giving campaigns. We believe that all Tennesseans deserve a clean and safe environment, affordable healthcare, economic opportunity, and freedom from violence and abuse.

Fall 2016 East Tennessee Plant Swap

Everyone is invited to attend the Fall meeting of the East Tennessee Plant Swap on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Harvest Park.

The ETPS is a group of men and women who love plants and enjoy sharing them with friends.

There is no fee for attendance and no money can exchange hands for the plants. This is a great way to add lovely plants to your lawns and gardens at absolutely no cost.

If you do not have plants to share, you are encouraged to attend anyway. You can bring gardening magazines, small tools, potholders, wind chimes, or any small items gardeners might enjoy. Over the years those new to the meeting have brought canned foods such as homemade pickles or beets, garden signs, books and homemade bags.

For more information: www.easttnplantswap.com.

Fulton High Alumni Wall of Fame

Fulton High School Alumni Association will host the 6th Wall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony Thursday, October 6, at Rothchild Catering and Banquet Hall on Kingston Pike. Meet and Greet will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. For more information, email

fhسالumni@hughes.net or contact Fulton High School Alumni Association, PO Box 27431, Knoxville, TN 37927-7431.

Master Gardener Workshops

Bulbs: Now is the time! They're not just for Spring Blooms. Join Master Gardener Alice Greene to learn what to do with bulbs. Plan and plant the spring bloomers, AND dig up and store those tender summer bloomers like gladiola, caladium, and dahlia. This free public event is scheduled on Thursday, September 22, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. at the Humana Guidance Center, 4438 Western Avenue, Knoxville TN 37921, phone (865)329-8892.

Fall Lawn Repair. Did your lawn have problems this summer? Fall is the time to fix those lawn problems. Join Master Gardener Ron Pearman to learn how. Your lawn will reward you next year. This free public event is scheduled on Saturday, September 24, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Cedar Bluff Branch Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, phone (865)470-7033.

Vermiculture: Worm Composting. Join Master Gardeners Marsha Lehman and Sandra Lee to learn how to do smaller scale composting with worms. It is a bit different than the traditional composting. Come and learn how! This free public event is scheduled on Monday, September 19, from 1-2 p.m. at Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922, phone (865)777-9622 and on Tuesday, September 20, from 1-2 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street, Knoxville, TN 37917, phone (865)637-9622.

Mount Harmony Food Drive

Mount Harmony Baptist Church will have a community food drive on Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., weather permitting. The Heiskell Fire Dept. located at 9444 Heiskell Rd in Heiskell is the drop off point.

In addition there will be a special singing benefit for the food drive on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11:00 a.m. with Rick Alan King. The church is located at 819



Pictured left to right are: Tracy Liverman, Patricia Chumney, "Buffy" Wyrosdick, Jan Scobey, Marcy Lay, Virginia Jacobs, Lexie Randolph, Marti Hobson, Ann Tipton, Joan Shrader, Margaret Scobey, Anne Haston, Susan Lee, "Sam" Wyrosdick and Jyl Riehl.

Samuel Frazier Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution September Meeting

The Samuel Frazier Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met for brunch on September 3, 2016 at the home of their Regent, "Sam" Wyrosdick.

The meeting was very well attended with committee goals and reports discussed for the coming 2016-2017 business year. The group appreciates Susan Lee for finding a fitting devotion to celebrate the Constitution; Martha Kroll for providing directories for everyone; and "Buffy" Wyrosdick for laminating the rituals.

The Hostess Committee will be participating

in a service project on October 11, 2016 at Ben Atchley where they will be running a bingo game or other fun group activity.

Anne Haston has coordinated with the Veteran's Day luncheon event for November 11, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Knoxville and Samuel Frazier will have a table. There should be great attendance for this most important event.

The next meeting will be on October 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Farragut Folklife Cultural Center located at 11408 Municipal Center Dr., Knoxville, TN. 37934.

Raccoon Valley Rd NE, Heiskell, TN 37754, 1 mile west of I-75 at Exit 117.

Old Harp Shape Note Singing

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5 p.m., McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 West Madison Ave., Athens, TN and 7 p.m., Sevier County Middle Creek United Methodist Church, 1828 Middle Creek Rd., Pigeon Forge, TN. All are invited, tunebooks provided. For more info, contact Cora Sweatt, (423) 745-0248 or David Sarten at (865) 428-0874.

Sunday, Sept. 25th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Annual Headrick Chapel Singing and Dinner on the Grounds at Noon. Wears Valley in Sevier County, TN. From Townsend, TN, take the turn onto Rt. #321, east to the Sevier Co. line. One hundred yards past is the Chapel, on the right. www.oldharp.org

The Church of God Annual Camp Meeting

The Church of God, 5912 Thorn Grove Pike, Knoxville, will be holding their annual camp meeting September 18 - 23, 2016 with daily services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For further information contact Pastor Robin L. Thames, (865)748-5403. Everyone is welcome! You can be set FREE!

Used book sale

Friends of Seymour Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 at Seymour Library, 137 West Macon Lane, Seymour. Books cost \$1 or less.

Selections include non-fiction, popular fiction authors, children's books and Louis L'Amour Westerns. Proceeds benefit the Seymour library extension fund. For more information, call (865)573-0728.



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Rosie's World

I read in the newspaper stories of our nation's policemen being ambushed and shot. Policemen who vowed to protect the citizens of America.

And I cried.

I also read of men (and women) in the upper echelons of the federal and local governments lying, stealing, and causing general mayhem in all walks of life.

And I cried.

Also I read of the infamy that terrorists caused in our country fifteen years ago, taking thousands of lives.

And I cried.

Pictures of the homeless sleeping under bridges, huddled under

blankets to keep from freezing from the bitter cold, or gasping for breath during the torrid summer nights.

Make me cry.

Sick men who abuse their wives, abuse God's little children, engage in pornography....

Makes me cry.

A nation that is besotted with drugs, causing families to break up, causing young people to leave this world before they have lived a full life...

Makes me cry.

Finally, pictures of terrorists beheading innocent people because they did not conform to their beliefs.

Made me cry.

Then one day I picked up my Bible and came across this verse in Revelations, chapter 21, verse 4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

And I smiled.

Thought for the day: Be still, my soul: Your best, your heavenly friend, through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Katharina von Schlegel --A German hymn writer

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

Advice from Jonah



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Jonah is a prophet of God in Israel. This was quite a privilege and responsibility. It is one thing to preach in a location where people like you and you are known. It is something altogether different to preach to a nation that you despise.

Jonah was told to go to Nineveh and preach against it. What do you do when God calls you to go to Nineveh, to a place you don't want to go? What do you do when God's commands are contrary to what you want to do? Some of you are there. God has spoken to you, convicted you of some sin, and you don't want to hear it. You want to keep doing what you want to do.

Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, which we are told was a great city. Great doesn't mean a good city. It means a powerful city, and a powerfully wicked one at that. Assyria was a world empire in the 7th and 8th century BC. They were feared among the nations because when they took over a nation, they committed genocide. They tortured and impaled people on stakes. This was not a tourist hot spot. This is not a place Jonah would choose to go.

Nahum speaks about Nineveh: "Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims! The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots! Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses" (Nahum 3:1-

3). Nineveh is a city of blood and people stumble over corpses. This was not a place Jonah wanted to go. He treated God's clear direction as a suggestion. But God is not making a suggestion, He is giving a command. God is not a consultant. When we make Jesus Lord, He is now in charge of our lives. Our job is not to like what He says, but to do what He says.

God got Jonah's attention by sending a fish to swallow him, an amazing miracle, as Jonah tried to run from God's mission for his life. In the belly of the fish, Jonah repented. Jonah makes his way to Nineveh with a message that unless the people repent, God will destroy them. And then something amazing happens, the people actually listen to Jonah and repent. Jonah cannot believe it. Jonah didn't want them to repent. He had hoped God would destroy them. But God shows in this account that He loves all nations.

Jonah is a flawed individual, yet God chose him to undertake a very special mission. Obviously Jonah changed. He became more humble and less selfish. How do we know? Guess who wrote Jonah? Jonah did. He doesn't talk about his good qualities. He highlights his failures more than his successes. It takes a man of great humility to do this. Let's be thankful for Jonah and the reminder that God loves everyone and desires to use you and me to share His love.

Karns Senior Center hosts Market and Craft Fair

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

Since opening last summer the Karns Senior Center has grown to have a calendar full of events and things for older citizens to do.

This Friday the Center will host a Market Day and Craft Fair from 1 p.m. until 4:30.

Vendors will be at the 8042 Oak Ridge Highway facility and sell household items, crafts, plants, make up, homemade jams and jellies, and other items. Many of the vendors are members of the center there according to Robyn Trostie, Assistant at the Center.

Other activities planned that day include a Veteran Services presentation with a snack and learn session. Bill Robinson of the Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1078 will provide coffee and doughnuts and lots of information.

On Wednesday, September 21 there's a class on "iPad and iPhone" at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$10.

Covenant Health will sponsor Dr. Joel Norman speaking on Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery at noon on September 22. Bingo is being offered on Tuesday, September 27 at 2 p.m. and a talk about a Tour of Scotland will be presented on Thursday, September 29 at 1 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 4 John Peach will talk about President Thomas Jefferson at 1 p.m.

You can contact the Karns Center by calling (865)951-2653 to get more information.



Ron Jones recently discussed the history of the Scots-Irish at the Karns Senior Center. The program included the origins, traditions and religions of the people who have inhabited Scotland over its 8,000 year history as well as recent history.

Jacobs Insurance Associates advertisement featuring Glenn Jacobs, Owner/Agent, and contact information for 6918 Neal Chase Way, Knoxville, TN 37918.

Advertisement for a clinical research study on psoriasis, featuring an image of a hand with psoriasis and text: "Do you have Psoriasis? YOU MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR A CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY"

Advertisement for Three Ridges Golf Course featuring a scenic image of the course and text: "Save this September! With this ad, receive FREE 55+ program or FREE Ridge Card program with any regular green and cart fee. Offer Expires 9-30-16. Not good with any other discounts."

Advertisement for Dermatology Associates of Knoxville, PC, featuring text: "We are currently enrolling qualified participants in a clinical research study with a new investigational drug. To qualify, you must be 18 years of age or older with plaque psoriasis; other restrictions may apply. Health insurance is not needed to participate and you may receive compensation for time and travel. Eligibility is determined at time of initial visit. 939 E. Emerald Avenue, Suite 705 Knoxville, TN 37917. To see if you or someone you know qualifies, please call 865.524.2547 or log onto dermaknox.com"

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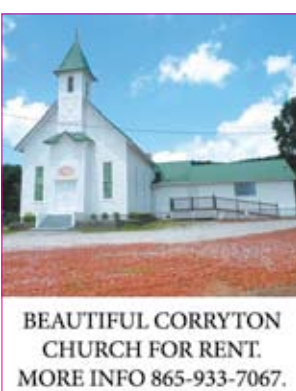
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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 5, 1998, executed by JAMES P. RABY, SONORA L. RABY, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE PROFESSIONAL, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded January 12, 1998, in Deed Book 3339, Page 519; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee, for ABS RED TRU III who is now the owner of said debt;

shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of ELEANOR LUTIE FISHER Docket Number 77731-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELEANOR LUTIE FISHER, who died Mar 18, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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Estate of PEGGY ELIZABETH DAVIS Docket Number 78051-2
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of September, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PEGGY ELIZABETH DAVIS, who died Dec 18, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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Estate of ELEANOR LUTIE FISHER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES C. FISHER III, Administrator 1244 Lovell View Drive Knoxville, TN 37932
PUBLISH: 9/12/2016 and 9/19/2016

LEGAL SECTION 94

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Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 2437, Heavy Duty Office Chairs (re-bid), due 10-11-16;
Bid 2445, Motorcycles (re-bid), due 10-12-16;
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Purchasing Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/purchasing. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated November 5, 2009, and recorded as Instrument No. 200911090032388 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Willard M. Ramsey, single, ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to Thomas R. Underwood, as Trustee for Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, a certain tract of land located in Knox County, Tennessee, and the owner of the debt secured, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is give notice that the undersigned will, on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the City-County Building, outside the large assembly room, Knox County, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:
SITUATE in District 9 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being Lot 4, Block 17, Geyland Heights Subdivision, as shown on the map recorded in Map Book 6, page 11, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is made for a more particular description, and being the same property conveyed to Willard M. Ramsey and wife Mary Jane Ramsey on October 7, 1998, by the deed recorded in Deed Book 2302, page 958, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. See also Instrument Numbers 200909030009404 and 200908030009405 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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Estate of MARTH A LEE MILES WALLACE Docket Number 78010-3
Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTH A LEE MILES WALLACE, who died Jun 28, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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TO: ECHOLS ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED IN RE: BUILDERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY NO. 191071-3
PUBLISH: 9/12/2016 and 9/19/2016

MISC. NOTICES

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The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Clinton Hwy Service Center, 5929 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37912.
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