

New Chair, Vice Chair for School Board

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Politics continued at the Knox County Board of Education meeting Wednesday in two incidents: a new chair and vice chair were chosen after a month's delay and a single motion by one board member side-tracked a resolution.

First a letter from Mike McMillan was read in which he withdrew his name from the nomination for chairman. McMillan was absent from the meeting due to medical reasons. This left Terry Hill's name up for the chair seat but Hill told the other members she was withdrawing.

Tony Norman and Patti Bounds were nominated and Bounds was elected as chair. Then Norman and Hill were nominated for the vice chair position and two rounds of voting ended up in a 4-4 ties. Hill then withdrew and Amber Rountree was nominated by Lynn Fugate.

Rountree won the seat in a 5-3 vote with Susan Horn, Jennifer Owen and Tony Norman voting for Norman.

After both Bounds and Rountree took their elected seats the meeting proceeded with approval of the consent and regular items until the discussion of Rountree's suggested resolution asking that the use of TCAP Data for teacher evaluations and students grades be waived for Knox County this year. (See related story.)

Four teachers spoke on the resolution, three in favor of requesting a waiver and one against.

It was obvious that Rountree's resolution had enough votes to pass despite Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas opposing it, but, following the comments from the audience, BOE member Gloria Deathridge spoke up with a "point of personal privilege" and moved that the matter be referred to the Teachers Advisory Committee. That body would consider the request and report its findings back to the school board's

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What's planned for East Towne Mall

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The future of East Towne Mall is beginning to take shape as the new owners begin sharing their plans for the structure as some improvements are already happening. Patrick King of Knoxville Partners, LLC., spoke to the East Towne Business Alliance Wednesday morning and said his goal is to "forge relationships with people in under resourced communities."

Henry and Wallace of

Knoxville has 46 active real estate projects and 10 different business interests in Knoxville, Nashville, and Chattanooga according to King. Plans are being made for the future of East Knoxville's neglected mall that initially include parking lot repairs, lighting replacements, fixing an escalator and removal of brush and small trees along I-640 to give motorists a better view of the facility. He said plans for a "second chance exit" on I-640 are in the future.

Beyond those immediate repairs King said the firm is looking to the possibilities of opening up the downstairs shops by providing outside doors, building long-term residential units in the rear parking lot, developing green spaces and connecting with the city greenway near the mall.

He also said that the 1 million square foot mall, with 47,000 parking spaces, may become "a mixed environment" with

the second floor devoted to medical or office use and the bottom floor remaining retail store space.

King explained that Knoxville Partners and Henry and Wallace own the mall along with partners in Minnesota.

The Knoxville owners are actively contacting companies to locate in the mall and he said that 15,000 tenants have been contacted since July, a month before the new owners actually closed the purchase.

King is shooting for 18 to 24 months to begin turning the mall into a new venue.

"I'm very enthusiastic and constantly working on this every day," he said. King added that he has been visiting other malls that came back from near failure including 100 Oaks Mall in Nashville, which partnered with Vanderbilt Medical Center to great success.

Tentative plans could be altered, he said, explaining

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100 YEARS



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Edna Weaver Smith celebrated her 100th Birthday Thursday. Pictured are grandson Scott David Smith, and daughters Shirley Smith and Betty Rae Smith.

Edna Weaver Smith celebrates 100 years

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Born on Raccoon Valley Road and residing there most of her lifetime, Edna Weaver Smith celebrated her 100th birthday Thursday. The centurion had only one birthday gift wish: to meet Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett.

The mayor responded, along with a dozen well-wishers including several elected officials, and Mrs. Smith learned that her birthday was declared throughout the county. Similar declarations were presented on

behalf of Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Legislature in honor of her many years. Members of the Smith family, including Scott David, and Shirley and Betty Rae Smith hosted the joyful event.

Born on a farm, Edna married her sweetheart, Clyde Edward Smith, and had five children. She was just four years old when women got the right to vote and she said she remembers her mother voting for the first time. Her 100 years of life span historic events like the Spirit of St. Louis flight, the

Empire State Building's construction, the attack on Pearl Harbor and the first man in space.

When Edna Smith was growing up, Raccoon Valley Road was a dirt path. With the state and local officials present at her birthday party, she told a story about how her family paid taxes.

"My dad didn't have to pay money because it was during hard times, so he would take his team and pull the grader up and down the road. What's

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City Council

Sidewalks, Greenways, Parking

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It looks as if the promised sidewalk along a very busy Cedar Lane may actually be coming. The Knoxville City Council Tuesday night will consider allocating \$12,500 to purchase right of ways along the route that serves the Inskip Neighborhood and links I-75 with Fountain City.

The council will also consider a resolution to allot \$1.2 million for the construction of an extension of the First Creek Greenway project in Edgewood Park area.

Serving free beer at public events often covered in an admission price could now require a beer permit. Beer Board Chairman Brenda Palmer is asking the commission to require the license by changing and amending the city codes.

The city parking ordinance is also being discussed, on first reading, for various zoning areas on a request from the planning commission.

The mayor may be authorized to enter into a contract agreement with Waste Connections of Tennessee for the collection of all household garbage and recycling materials.

The council is also being asked to hire Kelly Fletcher's PR firm to do marketing, public outreach and education involving the new solid waste campaign as each home gets a 95-gallon trash container. The campaign will run for about 18 months and educate and encourage the public on the benefits of recycling.

Payment in lieu of taxes is being requested by Paramount Hospitality Management, LLC, for a property at 210 West Church Street. The council should also vote to outlaw any use of the bike lanes by motorized vehicles.

More than \$2.2 million in grant monies from the state and federal government could be accepted with a city match of \$564,978 to buy replacement vehicles for the Knoxville Area Transit system.

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Leins

What They Are, What They Do

The Webster's Dictionary definition of the word, "lien," is: a legal claim that someone or something has on the property of another person until a debt has been paid back.

Sometimes the dictionary doesn't do a great job describing legal issues or phrases, but it did pretty well in this instance.

In its simplest form, a lien is a piece of paper owes you money. How is it different from a promissory note, a deed of trust, or a good old fashioned IOU? Well, a lien is almost always



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something that is filed at the Register of Deeds office.

There are two way to use a lien to get back the money you are owed. The first is to file a lawsuit and get a judgment against someone. If that judgment is not paid off, you can file a certified copy of that judgment to the Register of Deeds in the county in which the judgment was granted, or in which the debtor (the person who owes money) resides or owns property. That prevents the debtor from buying or selling property in that county until the

debt is paid. How long is the filing of judgment lien good for? Well, a judgment is only good for 10 years, and then you have to renew it if you want it to stay in place, so no more than 10 years.

The second way you most often see a lien is when there is one placed on specific piece or property by a contractor who performed work on the property. The contractor must file a lien, and then file a lawsuit within a certain period of time to recoup the money they are owed. This is typically what happens in situations where construction or maintenance work is done on a house and the service provider is never paid. The

service provider has either 90 days or a year to file the lawsuit, depending on whether they are a subcontractor or a contractor.

The bottom line is that a lien prevents someone from buying and selling property without paying off their bill to you first and acts as a strong incentive for debtors to pay their debts.

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Rosie's World

A Tribute to Autumn

Why does Fall/Autumn have two names? Autumn, a Latin word, first appears in English in the late 14th century. In the 17th century Fall came into use and meant the act of taking in crops. By the 19th century fall became an "Americanism" primarily used in the U.S. and frowned upon by the British. It doesn't matter what it's called, it is the most beautiful time of the year. Let's look at some beautiful poems that describe Autumn.

My grandmother wrote this lovely autumn poem when she was nineteen years old. According to my calculations it was written in the year 1904.

"Oh, the glory of the autumn
When the woodland's all ablaze;
When the trees in gay apparel
Tell of crisp October days.
When the wind starts moaning softly
And the crackling leaves go drifting by,
The chilling brook, a silvered mirror,
Reflects the deep blue of the sky.
When chestnuts burst from bristling burrs,
To fall among the leaves,
The little squirrel awaiting there
His winter store receives
When at eventide the king of day
Sinks slowly in the west.
When over every hill and vale
He paints crimson crest
'Tis twilight now, the year is spent
Night songs are in the air
Mother nature tucks the flowers in bed
While she kneels down in prayer
We thank thee, Lord, for beauties past
For golden sunlit days
For bounteous harvest gathered in,
We lift our hearts to thee in praise."

A man named Jospheh Renaldi wrote a lovely poem. I couldn't find much information about him except that he was a writer:

Once up an Autumn day
Colorful leaves begin to fade
In the midst of a chilly, frosty air
As multitudes of trees grew steadily bare.

Once upon an Autumn day,
The whispering breeze was here to stay
Moving aimlessly through the countless trees
Scattering leaves with the greatest of ease.

Once upon an autumn day
The trees were dormant and the leaves lay
Waiting for the winter snow to fall
To quickly obscure them one and all.

Last, but not least, my favorite Autumn poem which is also a beautiful, haunting song, sung by many, but my favorite rendition is by Nat King Cole.

Autumn Leaves:
The falling leaves drift by the window
The autumn leaves of red and gold.
I see your lips, the summer kisses
The sunburned hands I used to hold.
Since you went away the days grow long
And soon I'll hear old winter's song.
But I miss you most of all my darling
When autumn leaves start to fall."

Happy autumn to everyone!

Thought for the day: I thank you, God, for this most amazing day. For the leaping green spirits of trees and for the blue dream of sky, and for everything which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes. e.e.Cummings
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a highway now was then just a plain dirty road. Daddy would pull that grader once a month with his team to pay his taxes," she said.

"When we went to school we had to walk that muddy road," she recalled.

She said she didn't vote much as a young woman because she had no way of getting to the voting place unless someone took her but

remembers when her mother voted for the first time.

Mayor Burchett, in his proclamation, noted that the birthday girl had worked as a teacher and at the Palm Beach Knitting Mill.

Present at the event along with family friends were Commissioners Ed Brantley, Michelle Carringer and Charles Busler. Also present were State Representatives Bill Dunn and Roger Kane, Knoxville County Law

Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong and Knoxville Trustee Ed Shouse.

"I want to thank each and every one of you. I appreciate your presents and appreciate meeting you," Mrs. Smith told the visitors. The birthday cake was presented and refreshments served just before several declarations were read honoring her.

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that if a company like Google said it needed 200,000 square feet of space then, "We'd say we're not doing medical anymore."

"We're very committed. It's going to take time," he said.

King also said that the mall, which will apparently not be called "Knoxville Center" but revert to the East Towne, will serve the diverse East Knoxville community and also reach out to the adjoining counties to draw customers.



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Patrick King of Knoxville Partners, LLC, spoke to the East Towne Business Alliance Wednesday about tentative plans the new mall owners are considering.

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Publisher's Position

Pro Achievement vs. No Achievement



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With the division on the Knox County Board of Education widening, fingers are being pointed at Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas for an email to members about the resolution sponsored by Amber Rountree. Rountree's resolution seeks a waiver from the State of Tennessee to keep standardized testing from counting in teacher evaluations and student grades. Thomas cautioned board members about the resolution, making the supposed mistake of honestly saying the "politics" of the resolution was wrong. If people are rational, much less honest, it is easy to understand that every budgetary process is political in nature. It is inherent in the process and Thomas was right

to point out the resolution isn't needed or timely, as well as the fact the board seems bent on antagonizing the very people who hold the purse strings and control appropriations for schools. Thomas's gentle critique of Rountree's resolution was fair and necessary. The outrage, what little there has been, has come from teachers; most specifically from teacher union activists. Patti Lou Bounds, the newly elected Chair of the Board of Education huffed that Thomas set those aligned with "pro achievement folks" against "pro teacher folks." Frankly, folks ought to be concerned there aren't more board members who are pro student and pro taxpayer.

While former superintendent Jim McIntyre was perceived to be a pro achievement person, his style and manner of management made him anathema to most everyone over time. It seems as if our board of education is a microcosm of the national political debate with two extremes battling one another. My own opinion is the truth, as well as the best course, usually can be found in the middle. The pendulum in Knox County has swung

from those pro achievement folks who took things too far. The result was too much testing, unfair evaluations for many teachers and too little progress for students and excessive demands on the taxpayers. The sad truth is there are teachers who don't believe they should be evaluated at all. Some will deny it, but I cannot recall any effort to measure performance that has been supported by teachers' unions. The teachers' union invariably attempts to cloak themselves with the students, intimating their wants coincide with those of the children. The truth is the unions do not differentiate between good teachers and bad teachers. The union does its utmost to protect the jobs of both the good and the bad and even the down right terrible teachers. The fact is there's not a teacher on the planet who cares as much about your child as you do.

That is not to say there aren't some wonderful teachers. Just about any person can recall one or more teachers who made an impact his or her life. There are more than a few teachers who oppose Rountree's resolution and believe success can and

should be measured. All sorts of things are measured; portions, clothing, distance, temperature, weight and volume can be measured. The Focus consistently spoke out against what I believed were unfair evaluation processes; The Focus spoke out against excessive testing of students. I don't regret those actions and you can be sure The Focus will continue to call out those practices, but there is no doubt Buzz Thomas is right.

Buzz Thomas is a remedy for precisely what has been wrong with the Knox County school system for the eight long years of Jim McIntyre's reign. Thomas doesn't lean too far to any particular side and understands those valid concerns that some teachers have. Thomas is equally concerned with student progress as he is with the morale of teachers. Unfortunately, that might be precisely the problem for the teacher-dominated Board of Education currently; it may well be they want a superintendent who is more interested in teachers than anything else.

Sadly, there is a case to be made for no achievement. The Focus has railed against the appalling preparation rates in Knox County;

preparation rates are those students who are prepared to go on and further their educations at colleges and universities or get a job. Those rates remain absolutely abysmal. **We've even failed to do a good job in preparing students for taking the ACT test and I can guarantee you no resolution by the Knox County Board of Education is going to stop the ACT.** Yet I doubt many of you realize how few Knox County students are prepared to take the ACT test. Farragut High School has the best average in the area and still 51% of students are not ready for the ACT; Oak Ridge High School has 58% of its students who are not ready to take the ACT. Maryville High School has 61% of its students unready to take the ACT test. The figures grow even more shocking and frightening. 82% of students at Karns High School at not ready to take the ACT test; 86% of Central High School students are unprepared; 87% of students at South-Doyle High School are not ready; 89% of students at Gibbs High School are not ready and 90% of students at Carter High School are not ready. The worst figures fall

to Fulton High School and Austin-East High School. 95% of students at Fulton are unprepared for the ACT while 100% at Austin-East are not ready for the ACT test.

Knox County claims to have a 90% graduation rate and much of the local media is guilty of trumpeting it as a real achievement, yet just what have we achieved in graduating students unprepared for the ACT test, much less college or life? Is it any wonder that there is an epidemic of young people unable to find jobs and moving in with their parents in record numbers?

The figures cited in this column are from the Tennessee State Report Card. As you can see those are depressing figures and let's not forget, schools have an obligation not only to the taxpayers, the students, and parents, but to society as well. What happens to society if these youngsters don't become productive, taxpaying citizens?

For those who don't believe success or progress can be measured for students as well as teachers, one can only assume those folks are satisfied with no achievement.

Work session debates testing, the necessity of computers

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"I think most of us would agree that the pendulum swung too far in the direction of testing over the past few years. But now I fear the pendulum may be swinging too far in the other direction," said Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas during the Knox County School Board's workshop last week.

"This proposed resolution does not sound like a school district that aspires to greatness. There's no reason to believe that Questar isn't a good company and it won't be a fair test. Tennessee teachers have been involved in both the creation and review," he said, adding that teachers in the state will be the ones reviewing the tests.

Thomas was responding last Monday to a resolution by board of education member Amber Rountree that asks the state that Knox County again be exempted from the results of upcoming TCAP testing as it relates to teacher and student evaluations. Two board members sided with Thomas and both Lynn Fugate and Gloria Deathridge called the request premature.

A similar resolution by Rountree passed

during the last school year after problems with the testing, and the county received a waiver on using the results for evaluations.

Rountree, along with Jennifer Owen, Terry Hill, Patti Bounds and Susan Horn, all voiced concerns about Questar, the new company selected by the state to create and administer the testing. They also noted that, for the first time, students must take the mandatory tests in order to graduate.

Thomas voiced his opposition to the resolution firmly and defended an email he sent each board member on the issue. Several BOE members questioned the email as an attempt to influence a board vote and one said his contact with members before the meeting could be a violation of the Open Meetings law. Thomas replied that since he isn't a board member, he isn't restricted from discussing agenda items outside the meetings as the board members are.

Rountree said that no Knox County teachers have been involved in writing items for the test and noted that Questar is using input from outside the state in designing

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meeting in November. The Deathridge motion immediately halted any further school board discussion on the resolution.

The BOE members left the meeting thinking they will not be admitted to the Advisory Committee's October 20 meeting at West High School to take part in the discussion. This committee consists of the Interim Superintendent, 18 teachers, two principals, and the President of the Knox County Education Association. Thinking this meeting was "closed" prompted Owen to say she had "some concerns" that passing the question to the teacher group "gives up some of our own responsibility."

After the meeting The Knoxville Focus asked Law Director Bud Armstrong if the BOE members could be excluded from the

Teacher Advisory Committee and Armstrong indicated neither the board nor the press can be kept from the meeting. He said that the Sunshine (Open Meetings) Law applies despite attempts to close the meeting because the Deathridge motion includes the committee reporting back to the school board with a recommendation.

The Knox County Law Department issued a memorandum to the school board Thursday stating that the Teacher Advisory Committee meeting MUST be open to the public and that one or more BOE members can attend.

Law Director Armstrong told The Focus Thursday afternoon that since the committee is an "advisory" group that ALL their meetings should be open to the public and press.

The Law Director's ruling on an open Teachers Advisory Committee meeting

It was opined by a Board member that the committee could met in private session without the meeting being "sunshined." After the meeting numerous persons including Board members, citizens and the press, queried the Law Director as to why such a meeting was not required to be "sunshined." No opinion was requested of the Law Director during the meeting itself.

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Members of the American Chemical Society (ACS) nationwide will be celebrating National Chemistry Week (NCW) October 16-22. During this week, ACS members will have the opportunity to present the positive aspects of chemistry, promote science education, and to heighten the public awareness of the contributions chemistry has made to society and to everyday life.

One of the activities planned by the East Tennessee Section of ACS for this year is the annual chemistry show at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK). So, mark your calendars for "THE MAGIC OF CHEMISTRY SHOW" (26th Anniversary!) which will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in 555 Dabney-Buehler Hall at UTK. The one-hour show will feature Dr. Al Hazari.

Everyone (ages 2-102) is invited to attend this FREE admission show. No show reservations are necessary and questions may be addressed to Dr. Al Hazari at (865) 974-1065 or ahazari@utk.edu.

Free parking is available 6-9 p.m. at the UTK 11th Street / White Ave Garage.

Beaver Ridge UMC gives to Karns Kindergarten

Beaver Ridge United

Methodist Church Dorcas Circle recently delivered the "Fall Basket Mission" to Karns Elementary School Kindergarten Class. These baskets full of much needed items will benefit both the children and also the teachers. When these supplies are low teachers have been known to purchase items needed using their own money.

Cedar Bluff PTSA's Fall Festival

Cedar Bluff PTSA is holding their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fun run registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Festivities will be held on the Cedar Bluff campus, 705 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. This year's theme is "Build the Bluff" and the community is invited to help! There will be a 1-mile fun run, inflatables, interactive demonstrations, chili cook-off, bake sale, vendor booths, concessions and more! Proceeds will benefit Cedar Bluff PTSA. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 865-556-6732.

Knoxville Teacher a finalist in national grant competition

Cheryl Burchett of Beaumont Magnet Academy in Knoxville has been named one of the fifteen finalists as part of Farmers Insurance's Thank America's

Teachers Dream Big Teacher Challenge, which awards teachers for their ideas to help create a lasting and positive impact on their classrooms, schools, and communities.

Along with hundreds of other applicants, Burchett's proposal went through a competitive review process. Her proposal to build a space for outdoor education and performance arts, was selected to move on to the public voting phase of the Dream Big Teacher Challenge.

"I am so excited to recognize the amazing work of Cheryl Burchett and share in her excitement of being one step closer to winning a \$100,000 grant through Thank America's Teachers," said local Farmers agent Shannon McCulloch. "Burchett embodies everything we should celebrate in teachers on World Teacher's Day and I urge the Knoxville community, the state of Tennessee, and the entire nation to vote to help make Burchett's big dream a reality."

Finalists' proposals are currently available for public voting at ThankAmericasTeachers.com. The public can vote for any of the 15 teacher proposals, but a person can only vote once for the same teacher proposal per day. Up to six \$100,000 educational grants will then be announced in December to those proposals with the highest vote count across the country.

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The question of books vs. computers came up a couple of times at the same workshop during a discussion of setting consent items for Wednesday's regular meeting.

Within the board of education's requests going to the Knox County Commission are two items involving the purchase of technology: one for Austin-East High School and one for Farragut Intermediate. The Austin-East purchase, at \$39,523, is from Haslam Family Association grant funds.

The Farragut Intermediate purchase request involves \$30,156 from general school funds. Board member Norman has some questions about the increasing use of technology in classrooms.

"We are spending quite a bit of money on technology when basics are not being covered," Norman said, explaining that he's getting concerns from parents in the Sixth

District.

He added that teachers have had to spend "several hundred dollars" to accommodate the needs in the classroom.

"I know we are very technology oriented in the school system but I sometimes wonder about the purpose. I'm not an anti-tech guy, but computers are not required for learning," he said, adding, "I just want us to be careful."

In a related discussion Patti Bounds questioned the shortage of textbooks in classes during a resolution to approve the state Board of Education Textbook Compliance Report for the school year.

Apparently some of the text books being used by the school system are 12 to 14 years old. Patti Bounds said that several parents have complained that their child isn't bringing home textbooks so they can study without going online. The response was that students can "check out" textbooks to take home and use.

Law Director's ruling on open TAC meeting

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The Law Director's office takes this opportunity to clarify the Open Meetings Law as it applies to committees which report to and make recommendations to the Board of Education. The Law Director had previously opined on the issue of committees begin subject to the Open Meetings Act in a memo to the BOE dated August 5, 2013.

The TAC (Teacher Advisory Committee) meeting must be publicly noticed and open to the public, the press and all BOE members. The TAC, as it is presently created, is a functioning committee of the BOE and as such the Chairperson of the BOE should prepare and have circulated, the proper public notice of the TAC meeting(s).

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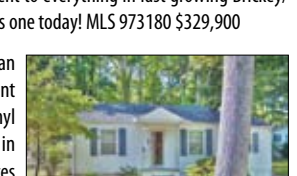
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Our Neighborhoods

East Knoxville residents unite to oppose Burlington cell tower

By Mike Steely
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"We're not opposed to a tower— it's just that there are other locations where it would not be so offensive," Doug Toppenberg told The Focus. Doug is president of the Town Hall East, Inc. that represents east Knoxville, including the Burlington neighborhood. This group is mobilizing residents to attend the Planning Commission's meeting Wednesday at 1:30 to oppose Verizon's efforts to build a 125-foot tower there.

When asked about a court decision overturning the Knoxville City Council's rejection of a cell tower on Ridgcrest above Fountain City, Toppenberg said the situation in Burlington is different. He said Verizon's effort in his community is a "capacity issue" as opposed to the lack of service in the other incident, adding that the company is just upgrading and wants simply wants to get "more people on at the same time."

"Burlington is getting ready for a renovation.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The location of a proposed 125 foot cellular tower in Burlington is marked by this MPC sign. Local residents oppose the tower's location near the revival of the East Knoxville community's "downtown" area.

There are plans to revitalize the little Burlington downtown."

He says a tower there, between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Holston

Drive, would be a distraction to the redevelopment.

Toppenberg also said that the application is really for a 150-foot tower with only 125 feet being built

initially; he said the company could come back and add the additional feet without an approval. He said the "fall area" of a tower could hit businesses and,

when extended, could hit residential houses.

The tower would be built opposite Speedway Circle, a historic street that was

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Preserving history in Burlington

The future of East Knoxville will be the topic of a Knox Heritage public meeting Monday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at the Burlington Branch Library with a look to preserving history there.

Knox Heritage is inviting local residents and business owners to the gathering and is offering to assist in a dialogue and action plan to preserve and improve neighborhoods there.

Focusing on the Burlington Commercial District National Register nomination, Knox Heritage is gathering information and stories about Burlington from 1915 until 1970, collecting oral histories and photos, etc. A complimentary dinner will be provided and those hoping to attend are being asked to RSVP Hollie Cooke at hcook@knoxheritage.org.

Brenda Lee is coming to our area



By Mike Steely
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I must confess I've had a crush on "Little Miss Dynamite: since I was about 12 years old. It is hard to think that she's been recording ever since then and that I'll be able to see her Saturday, October 22.

Brenda Lee began recording the mid-1950s and has had 46 charted songs and was ranked fourth in a decade surpassed only by recording artist Elvis Presley, The Beatles and Ray Charles. Her 1958 hit "Rockin Around

the Christmas Tree" is a holiday standard and most memorable are her songs "Break It To Me Gently," "I Want to be Wanted," and "Too Many Rivers."

She's a member of the Rock and Roll, Country Music and Rockabilly Halls of Fame.

She will be appearing for two shows at Country Tonite in Pigeon Forge. With her is Jimmy Fortune who performed with the Statler Brothers and had many top 10 hits. Fortune also penned many of the Statler songs and has been inducted to the

Country Music Association Hall of Fame and the Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame.

Born Brenda Mae Tarpley in Atlanta, Brenda Lee lives now in Nashville. She's the only female artist to have had hit records in every genre of music. By age 10 she was supporting her family by singing at events, on local radio and on television. Like our own Dolly Parton she became popular at a young age and continues to perform.

By 1956 at age 11 she had signed a recording contract

with Decca Records and her "Sweet Nothings" was a dating favorite. For three years in a row, from 1961 until 1964, she was named World Female Singer.

I remember seeing her perform on the old Steve Allen Show on television. The small teenager belted out her songs like a seasoned adult. I remember thinking that not only is the little lady talented but she was cute as well. From there on through my early teen years I was a Brenda Lee fan and still am.

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East Knoxville residents unite to oppose Brenda Lee is coming to our area

Burlington cell tower

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once a racetrack built by Cal Johnson, a former slave.

"It was originally called the Knoxville Zoo Project," he said and explained it was moved when it wasn't feasible because of permits. Toppenberg said that a private property that adjoins the park is available but Verizon doesn't seem interested in buying

or leasing it.

"If they don't get to put up the tower Verizon will still have service in the area," he said.

The request was postponed at last month's MPC meeting and the applicant was instructed to meet with the neighbors opposing the tower. Toppenberg said the representative met with "the biggest meeting we've ever had" of Town Hall East members and neighbors and was bombarded with questions and concerns.

Informed that the Verizon request is listed as 53 on the MPC agenda, Toppenberg said he may request that the matter be moved up the agenda.

"I sat more than four hours last month waiting for the discussion," he told The Focus.

While the MPC may approve the tower's construction the matter will then go to city council where the neighborhood homeowners may have a chance to stop it.



Above, the Burlington "downtown" is coming alive with new businesses. Local residents want to continue the progress and oppose the construction of a cell tower that would overshadow the unique business area.

Left, the Brown Building, built in 1926, is part of a renovation going on in Burlington. Photos by Mike Steely.

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Everyone who is into 1950s or 1960s remembers Brenda Lee fondly and the show should feature some of her pop songs along with country and Gospel favorites.

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Senator Howard Baker PART ONE

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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During the last decade, Tennessee has become more solidly Republican with the GOP occupying the governorship, both seats in the United States Senate, seven out of nine Congressional seats and a majority in the General Assembly. Not so long ago, Tennessee was a reliably Democratic state.

The father of Tennessee's modern Republican Party was Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Prior to Howard Baker's election to the United States Senate in 1966, no Republican had ever been popularly elected to the U. S. Senate in Tennessee history. The last Republican to occupy a seat in the Senate before Howard Baker was Newell Sanders of Chattanooga, who served a brief time by virtue of appointment by Governor Ben W. Hooper. The last Republican to be elected governor of Tennessee before Winfield Dunn in 1970 was Alf Taylor in 1920.

Following the Great Depression, the Republican Party in Tennessee was little more than a regional organization almost totally confined to East Tennessee. Had there not been a Howard Baker, Tennessee might well have drifted into the Republican column eventually, but it likely would have taken longer to achieve.

Howard Henry Baker, Jr. was born November 15, 1925 to Howard and Dora Ann Baker in Huntsville, Tennessee. Known as "Howard Henry" during his youth to distinguish him from his father, the young Baker attended the prestigious McCallie School in Chattanooga and later went to Tulane University. Even as a youngster, Howard Baker, Jr., showed promise quite early in life. According to Baker's biographer, Lee Annis, one of the future senator's teachers remarked he "was a quiet young man with a good vocabulary" and noted Baker was "easy to get along with." Howard Henry also won an oratorical contest at the tender age of eleven.

During World War II, Howard Henry found himself at the University of the South in Sewanne, Tennessee, where he completed a training program for the United States Navy. Following the war, Howard Henry enrolled at the University of Tennessee Law School and graduated in 1949.

Howard Baker began practicing law the same year he graduated from the University of Tennessee. That was also the year his father, Howard, Sr. made a race for Congress in 1950. Baker was running to unseat the incumbent, John Jennings.

Judge Jennings had been in Congress since 1939 and had turned back

several serious attempts to defeat him, but Howard Baker, Sr. would prove to be a more serious threat than any other opponent. The candidate called on his son to manage his campaign against the long-time incumbent. Howard Baker, Sr. beat Congressman Jennings by an almost two-to-one margin.

Howard Baker, Jr. had occasion to visit Washington, D.C. before his father's election to Congress. His Great Aunt Mattie worked for Tennessee's venerable U. S. senator Kenneth D. McKellar. Aunt Mattie was apparently a highly unusual woman for her time, as Senator Baker recalled fondly, she cursed as well as any man, smoked incessantly and enjoyed a highball frequently. Howard Baker, Sr. was the Republican nominee for governor in 1938 and for the U. S. Senate in 1940, running against the formidable Senator McKellar. That particular campaign must have generated some interesting dinner table conversation from Baker's Great Aunt Mattie.

The 1950 election had also returned Everett Dirksen to Capitol Hill. Dirksen had been a Republican Congressman from Illinois from 1933 until his voluntary retirement in 1948. Dirksen had been having serious problems with his vision and retired from Congress, only to run for the United States Senate in 1950 and defeat Majority Leader Scott Lucas. Both Senator Dirksen and Congressman Baker arrived in Washington, D. C. in 1951 and it was there that Howard Baker, Jr. met the daughter and only child of Everett and Louella Dirksen.

Howard Baker, Jr. happened to attend the Cherry Blossom Ball in Washington in 1951, as his sister Mary was the Cherry Blossom Princess for the State of Tennessee. Illinois' contribution to the Cherry Blossom Ball was Joy Dirksen and Mary made the introductions between her brother and her friend.

Journalist Lloyd Shearer wrote a piece on Howard Baker in the summer of 1973 that ran nationally. Joy Dirksen Baker related the story of the Baker - Dirksen courtship.

"I first met him in 1951 at a wedding in Johnson City, Tennessee," Mrs. Baker said. "It was at the wedding of Louise Reece, the daughter of the late Congressman Carroll Reece of Tennessee. She and Howard's sister Mary and I were very good friends... Anyway, Mary and I were in the backseat of a car - - it was one of those pre-wedding parties - - and some of the fellows dared Mary to smoke a cigar."



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Joy Dirksen and Howard Baker wedding in 1951 and the Baker family as Howard Baker began his campaign for the United States Senate.

Joy Dirksen Baker readily admitted she encouraged Mary Baker to take the dare.

"And I said, 'Go ahead, nobody's watching. I'll smoke one if you will.'"

Joy Baker noted, "And nobody was watching except Howard, who was lurking behind in the bushes. And out he came. He dragged his young sister out of the car and told me I was a very corruptive influence on his sister. Then he pushed me into a rose bush. I got thorn scratches all over me."

"Next day - - - we all had sleeveless dresses to wear for the wedding - - - I looked pretty bad with Mercurochrome and Band-Aids all over my arm."

Evidently Howard Baker felt bad about his behavior and telephoned Joy Dirksen from Huntsville. According to Joy Dirksen Baker, "He said, 'I'd like to come to Washington and apologize to you in person. How about this Saturday?'"

Joy Dirksen coolly replied that she had a date with Sam Oglesby, who was the legislative counsel for Senator Walter F. George of Georgia. Baker was not so easily put off and asked about Sunday. Joy Dirksen agreed and set a date for Sunday at 7 p.m.

Howard Baker's apology must have been more than adequate for the two were engaged to be married within the half hour of his arrival at the Dirksen apartment. "I know it sounds awful funny," Joy Dirksen Baker recalled, "and impetuous. But you see, I knew the Baker family quite well, his mother, his father, and both of his sisters."

Howard Baker and Joy Dirksen were married in her hometown of Pekin, Illinois on December 22, 1951.

Howard H. Baker, Jr. practiced law for more than a decade while his father served in Congress. Howard Baker, Sr. died unexpectedly of a heart attack on January 7, 1964, just five days before his birthday. Congressman Baker was only sixty-one years old. A special election was held and some thought Howard H. Baker, Jr. was a natural successor to his father's Congressional seat. In fact, Baker's stepmother had first insisted he be the candidate, but

Howard Baker replied she should run to succeed her husband. There were a host of ambitious local Republicans who coveted the Congressional seat, but Irene Baker's candidacy eliminated any possibility of GOP infighting and kept the seat in the Republican column.

Howard H. Baker, Jr. had his sights set on a bigger prize. He intended to run for the United States Senate.

Tennessee politics had been slowly evolving from having been a solidly Democratic state. In 1952, General Dwight D. Eisenhower had carried the Volunteer State in the presidential election. Eisenhower repeated the feat in his 1956 reelection bid, despite the fact Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver was on the Democratic ticket. In 1960, Richard Nixon carried Tennessee over Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy. Despite the repeated presidential victories for the GOP in Tennessee, Republicans had made few inroads into state and local offices outside the First and Second Congressional districts, which had always been traditional strongholds for the Republican Party. In fact, the Second Congressional district in terms of never having elected anything but a Republican to Congress since the GOP has appeared on the ballot, is the most Republican district in the country.

As Baker prepared to run for the U. S. Senate, there were a few signs the Republican Party in Tennessee was gaining traction in local races. Congressman James B. Frazier, Jr., a conservative Democrat, was defeated for renomination in 1962 by Wilkes Thrasher, Jr. As the presidency of John F. Kennedy had dawned and approached full blossom, Wilkes Thrasher, Jr. was young, handsome, and striking, an ideal candidate during the age of Camelot. The stately Congressman Frazier was an aging incumbent and his conservatism rankled many Kennedy Democrats, but more importantly, many Democrats who were supporters of Senators Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore backed Thrasher. Frazier

was a throw back to a different time, a different era. The courtly Congressman Frazier was the past, while Wilkes Thrasher, Jr. clearly represented the future. Yet he did not represent the future of the Third Congressional district.

Thrasher confidently expected to be elected to Congress, but Thrasher's plans and election were upset by William E. Brock, III, the grandson and namesake of a Democratic United States senator from Tennessee. Brock beat Thrasher and remained in Congress for eight years. By 1963 all three Congressional seats in East Tennessee were occupied by Republicans.

Senator Kefauver had died from a ruptured aorta in August of 1963 and Governor Frank Clement had appointed Herbert S. "Hub" Walters to serve in the United States Senate. Walters was past seventy at the time and many believed Senator Walters was merely a placeholder for Clement to make his own bid to win a seat in the United States Senate. Governor Clement did announce he would be a candidate for the U. S. Senate and encountered a strong challenge from Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski for the Democratic nomination.

Howard Baker campaigned for the Republican nomination at a time when many counties did not even bother to have a GOP primary election. Baker was duly nominated for the special election to serve out the remainder of Estes Kefauver's term, along with Memphis businessman Dan Kuykendall, who was running against Senator Albert Gore for the regular six-year term.

1964 was also a presidential election year and the Republican nominee was Arizona senator Barry Goldwater. Goldwater's candidacy actually hurt the Republican ticket in Tennessee. Senator Goldwater, a forthright man if there ever was one, made it quite clear he had little use for the Tennessee Valley Authority and stated if he were elected president, he would sell it. Howard Baker later recalled once he heard Barry Goldwater's comments on TVA, he knew it would be

almost impossible to win the 1964 election.

The Democrats were having their own problems; while Senator Albert Gore had no significant opposition inside the Democratic primary, Governor Frank Clement and Congressman Ross Bass had waged a hard fought campaign for the senatorial nomination for the short term. Bass won the nomination, winning slightly more than fifty percent of the vote, while Clement won only thirty-six percent of the vote. A third, less serious candidate, won the rest.

Howard Baker's prediction about Barry Goldwater's stand on the TVA proved to be accurate and despite the fact Baker won counties that had never voted for a Republican in a statewide race before, he lost narrowly to Congressman Bass, while Lyndon Johnson managed to win Tennessee by a healthy margin. Johnson won the 1964 presidential election in a landslide, as Barry Goldwater carried only six states, five in the Deep South and his own Arizona. Democrats were carried into the U. S. Senate and Congress on the Johnson tidal wave of votes.

While losing, Howard Baker ran a strong race. Baker won forty-eight percent of the vote, losing to Ross Bass by slightly more than fifty thousand votes.

Baker's running mate in the 1964 election, Dan Kuykendall, had run a credible race against Senator Gore, winning just over forty-six percent of the vote. Gore, who had been in the Senate for twelve years, had run somewhat better statewide than Ross Bass, defeating Kuykendall by over seventy-seven thousand votes. Yet it was a portent of things to come.

Howard Baker was not morose about his defeat, although he certainly would have liked to win. Baker realized Ross Bass had to run again in 1966 for the full six-year term and Governor Frank Clement was still nursing a grudge over his loss. There was every reason for Baker to believe Tennessee Democrats would once again endure a brutal primary contest and he never stopped campaigning.

Early Education Provides Mold for Outstanding Life (Part VIII)

Unforgettable Moments in a Young Family's Life

By **Ralphine Major**
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This column is a milestone---No. 300! In writing each week for the Focus, I have been so blessed to reconnect with "old" friends and meet new ones. A review of pending topics for my true, human-interest stories turned up another segment on the first dentist from Gibbs High School and his journey into the profession which took him and his family far from Corryton. They have shared much of their early years with Focus readers already in my columns through the years. How inspiring and educational to learn about the Perry McGinnis family. They are among the new and dear friends I have met through The Focus who have helped me out numerous times on other stories, as well.

Perry and Carol (Golden) McGinnis welcomed a second son on November 4, 1963. "Roland was born at a time that would soon become one of extended grief and uncertainty for the country," Perry said. "Roland was 18 days old when President John F. Kennedy (JFK) was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963," he added.

The retired dentist's words are like a brief history lesson about some of our nation's darkest days: "As historic events unfolded with the swearing in of President Lyndon B. Johnson, the return of JFK's body to Washington, D.C., the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald and his assassination by Jack Ruby, and the State funeral and interring of JFK, Carol and her mother sat for days glued to the TV, each taking turns rocking Roland in the family rocker. This was one of those times that would always be remembered, where we were and what we were doing, a time of celebrating the birth of a son while grieving with our former first family and the country." I remember. I was a fourth grader, and my brother and I were outside on our farm. Our mother came out to tell us that President Kennedy had been shot. We watched on television all the scenes Perry described above---current events that would become a sad part of our country's history. One scene that touched the hearts of Americans was little



Picture of Carol and Roland, provided by Perry McGinnis

"John-John" saluting as his father's coffin passed by---a stark contrast to happier times when pictures showed him and Caroline playing in the President's office.

For Perry and Carol McGinnis, the events marked an unforgettable moment in their lives. "So it was that each of our two sons was born at a time that Carol and I would remember in great detail: Barron with his abdominal surgery and Roland with the killing of a President," Perry added.

Many Americans were not even born when these tragic events occurred, and today it is hard to imagine that most people did not own a camera then. In a rare photo, the McGinnis family captured a picture of Carol rocking their newborn. So often, the joy of a new life helps bear the loss of others. What significant events in the personal life of a single family and the historic life of a nation.

The McGinnis family moved a second time to Memphis in December 1963 for Perry's post-doctoral study in oral pathology and subsequent appointment to the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry faculty. The move was made in his dad's new, red Ford coal truck and came within days after this picture was made. (To be continued)

Kicked to the Curb

Isn't it wonderful to land that first full time job? The security that comes with a steady paycheck and affordable insurance is life-changing.

We start off planning to be the best employees in the organization and want to stay with the company until retirement. Somehow, that doesn't happen as much these days. Too many workers are being "kicked to the curb."

Businesses aren't as stable as they once were. They are subject to moves to other states or countries whenever better deals for investors come along. At the end of the week, pink slips are passed out, and workers who have poured years into a company are suddenly unemployed. Many have limited education and few technological skills that might make them marketable as they look for new jobs.

Mergers also lead to massive reductions in forces. Employees are cut loose because duplication of jobs isn't cost effective. An individual can find himself odd-man-out, even though his abilities far exceed those of the person who has been kept in the position. Politics in the workplace doesn't necessarily promote fairness. The outlook for a long-time employee is bleak when



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competitive companies merge into one giant corporation. The move is wonderful for investors but lousy for the employees who have been let go, even though their efforts

helped the company to become such a success.

In present times, a meaner, dirtier thing is happening to long-standing, dedicated employees. CEO's and managers in too many instances look for ways to get rid of older workers. Forget the fact that they are excellent workers. Never mind that they have a wealth of knowledge and experience in their positions and about customer bases. They are old, and too many of them make the company look old as well. The desired appearance for these companies is one that exudes youth and energy. So, the plan is to replace the old workers with young people. This new work force can fill the positions, but can they be as productive? Ask management in most businesses this question, and you'll be told that too often young workers come with high expectations for salaries but weak or nonexistent work ethics. The training period also is long, and that means too many hours are unproductive and unprofitable.

Some might say that replacing old workers with younger ones is an

act of age discrimination. Possibly that is true, but companies have figured out ways around the law. They simply declare that positions have been eliminated. Then they post the same basic jobs under new titles. The companies then save on salaries and benefits paid out to older workers. Meanwhile, a seasoned veteran with years of experience is out of a job, and because of his age, the prospects of landing a new one are slim at best. The golden years of retirement suddenly fade as part time jobs are taken to pay for mortgages, bills, and health insurance.

We all realize that times and conditions change. Companies grow and modernize. Somehow, however, it doesn't seem right to dump experienced workers in the process. Maybe doing so makes good business sense, but it lacks any trace of concern for humans. Of course, ethical behavior too often negatively affects the bottom line. Let's hope that those who make the decisions for companies will discover their consciences and try to find a happy medium between profits and human welfare. No, older workers can't hold back a company's efforts to growth with the future, but they deserve some kind of consideration after all the good they have given the business for so many years.



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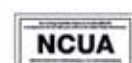
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Bearden routs Lady Governors to reach semis

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School girls soccer coach Ryan Radcliffe gave his young team a mild warning before its District 4-AAA Tournament quarter-final match.

He gave the Lady Bulldogs a lesson in reality.

"I told them before the game that whatever happened in the regular season doesn't matter now," Radcliffe said after his team notched a 12-0 victory over William Blount at Bruce Allender Field on Saturday.

"Now, everybody has the same record and everybody is fighting for their lives."

"This is a new experience for a lot of these girls. We have a young team and they're not used to having to fight for their lives."

The young Lady Bulldogs listened. They struggled to find their shooting touch early against the Lady Governors (who finish the season with a 6-8 record). But once top-seeded Bearden got its offense clicking, it didn't take long for it to put this one away.

Bearden (13-3-2), which peppered William Blount's defense with 27 shots, got on the board when senior forward Taylor Frizen scored in the 13th minute.

That was the first of four markers on the afternoon for Frizen, who has been one of the area's top scoring threats throughout her career with the Lady Bulldogs.

Bearden, which hosts fourth-seeded Farragut in Tuesday night's semifinal match, would go on to score five more goals over the next 22 minutes to take control.

Radcliffe chalked up his team's relatively slow start to nerves.

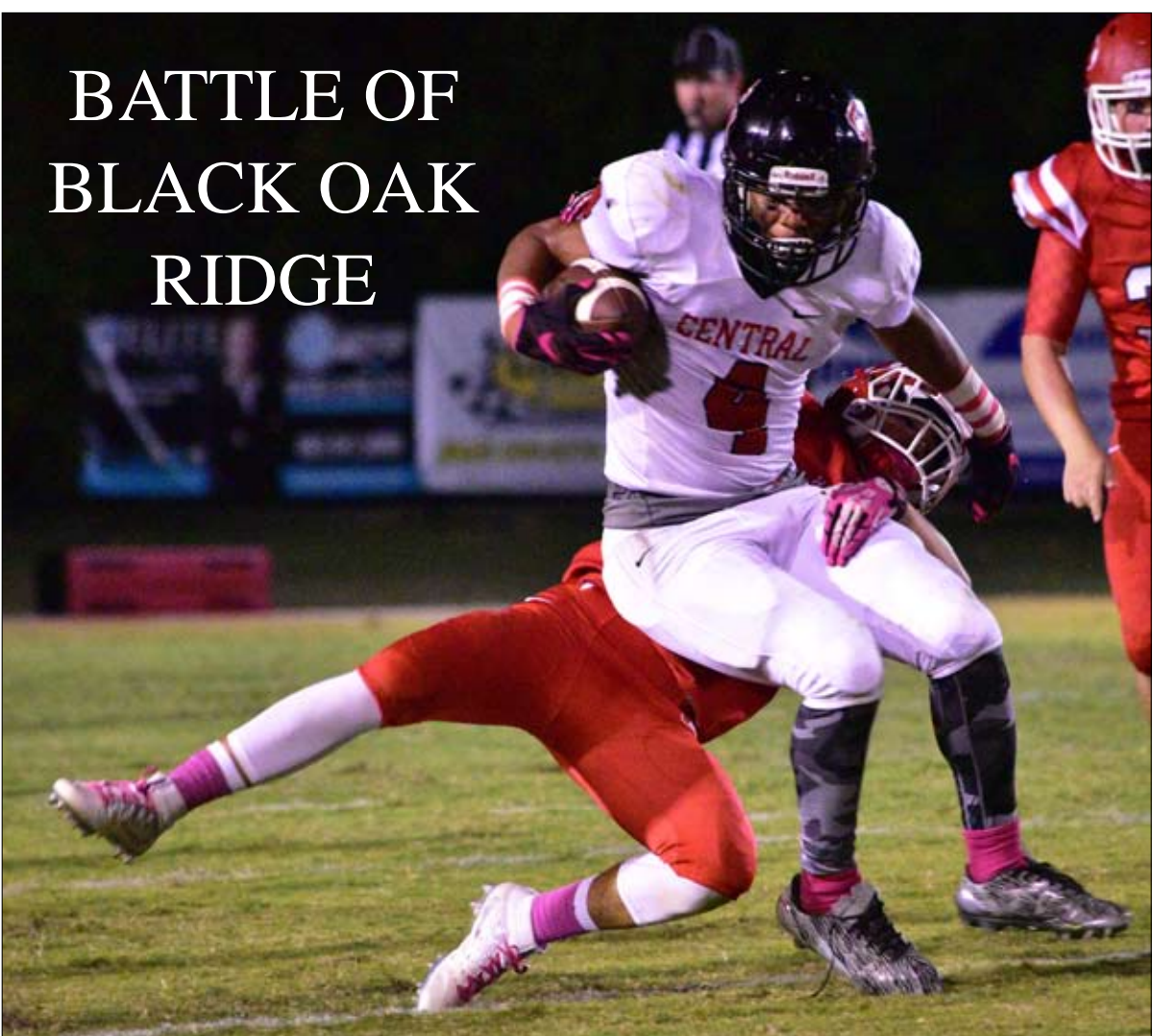
"I don't think that we were nervous about this game but I told the girls that it wasn't about who we were playing against," he said.

"It's about what you're playing against."

"You have to win four games to get to the state and we got one of four today. We'll need to get win No. 2 Tuesday."

Tuesday's match is for

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Central's Rondrow Peebles jr. tries to escape the grasp of a Halls defender in Friday night's Battle of Black Oak Ridge. Peebles and the Bobcats returned home with a 34-10 victory. It was the fourth straight win for Central, which is now 5-2. Halls lost its second straight and fell to 4-3. The Red Devils play at Powell in a TV rivalry game this Thursday night, while Central will entertain Anderson County in Region 2-4A action.

CAK beats Clinton 38-14

By Alex Norman

On Friday night, October 7th, the CAK Warriors wore down the Clinton Dragons, winning 38-14 in a game played in Anderson County.

CAK got off to a good start. They took the opening kickoff and drove down the field, converting on 4th and 4 deep in Dragon territory. Then, on 1st and goal from the 5, Cole Smith found Stewart Howell for the touchdown. West Shuler ran in the two-point conversion, and less than 4 minutes into the game, it was 8-0 Warriors.

It only took the Dragons one play from scrimmage to respond. Sophomore quarterback Luke Harrison went deep, finding J'Quan Thomas down the sideline. He made one man miss and then out ran the rest of the Warriors defense way for the score. That made it an 8-7 game with 7:47 to go in the first quarter.

Tyler Williamson took the kickoff inside the Dragons 33, giving CAK (7-1) great field position. Five plays later Smith avoided the Dragons rush, and threw it to the end zone. The 11-yard pass went through the hands of Bill Bower and into the mitts of Alex Dalton. Just like that, it was 15-7 CAK.

Early in the second quarter the Dragons once again used the big play to get on the scoreboard. Harrison threw to Demarea Whitt on a screen and Whitt did most of the work himself. It was a 57-yard pass play, and with 10:30 remaining in the half, it was 15-14 CAK.

Clinton (1-8) looked to take the lead but CAK's Haydn Tanner came up with an interception. On the ensuing drive, Smith looked down the middle of the field where Howell was wide open. Smith hit him in stride for a 58-yard

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A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

Determined Panthers get first victory in battle of winless teams

By Steve Williams

Heart and determination, said Coach Rodney Ellison, was the key to Powell High cracking the win column Friday night against visiting Karns.

"These kids are fighters and they never quit on us," said Ellison via e-mail after the Panthers' 31-23 victory over the Beavers. "We talked a lot about this being a 48-minute game and it took all 48 minutes to win this one."

Both teams came into the game winless. Powell is now 1-6 and Karns 0-7.

Ellison gave a lot of credit for the win to his offensive line.

"Our running game was huge with Will Hoyle, Tanner Kesterson, Caleb White, Brandon England and Michael Treadwell paving the way up front," he said.

"Dayton Beason ran for a pair of scores behind them. Freshman Bailor Walker and Eli Owens ran hard as well."

Sophomore quarterback Carson Cole completed 12 of 19 passes for 167 yards and two TDs with no interceptions.

"Carson had a great game," said Ellison.

Hunain Rasheed and Brandon Smith were on the receiving end of the touchdown passes.

Defensively, the linemen and senior linebacker Eric Ludwig led the way.

"Eric had several tackles and an interception," said Ellison. "Alvin Stacy has really been getting after opponents from his nose guard position. Eli Owens also intercepted a pass in the end zone with Karns trying to extend its lead early in the fourth quarter."

Coach Ellison hopes to see his team build on the victory.

"The first win is special," he said. "Our young men needed to see that their hard work can pay off. This season isn't over. We are going to try and ride this momentum into a huge region game next week."

Powell will be hosting Halls in a Thursday night game that will be televised on MyVLT.

WEEK 9 MENU: Friday night's top attractions this week will include Catholic at Carter and Anderson

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Farragut outlasts 'awesome team' to win title

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's volleyball team completed the first step in a journey that it hopes will end in another trip to Murfreesboro.

But it was only a first step and it didn't come easily for the Lady Admirals, who have made three consecutive appearances in the Class AAA State Tournament.

"This was an exciting match," Farragut Coach Susan Davidson said after her top-seeded Lady Admirals prevailed 25-15, 22-25, 25-19, 25-23 over host and second-seeded Hardin Valley Academy before a spirited and boisterous crowd Thursday night. "Hardin Valley is an awesome team and we had to play each other twice in a span of 24 hours. This was just like [Wednesday] night."

"This is not just high school volleyball. This is another level. Every kid on this court and on the benches gave their best effort on both teams."

In Wednesday night's match, the Lady Admirals (39-4) needed five grueling sets to pick up their fourth win over Hardin Valley in 2016 and bump the Lady Hawks (29-8) into the loser's bracket.

It was there that the tournament hosts had to go four sets to eliminate third-seeded Maryville while Farragut waited.

"We've had it tough," HVA coach Mitzi McCurry said. "On Tuesday night, we had to play Maryville. Last night, it was Farragut. Then tonight, it was Maryville and then Farragut again."

"So our last four games were Farragut, Maryville, Maryville [and] Farragut. My kids played hard and now we get to play Oak Ridge and I'm excited for my girls. They gave it all they had but we had some things that just didn't go our way tonight."

One thing that didn't go Hardin

Valley's way came in the fourth and deciding set. With the game knotted at 23, a Lady Hawks player was called for a lift as the referees called that she threw the ball over the net. The Lady Admirals were awarded the point and took a 24-23 lead before tournament Most Valuable Player Alexis Parker, an Indiana commitment, served up the final point.

Parker, who was also the regular-season MVP in 2016, finished the title match with 24 kills, four blocks and 12 digs.

She also received plenty of help from fellow senior Anne Abernathy, a Wingate commitment. Abernathy finished with 20 kills, four digs and three aces.

"Alexis, Anne and [senior libero] Madi Howell are our leaders," Davidson said. "They do a great job helping our younger kids. Alexis is humble. Anne is great for us and she had a great game."

"Madi is a great libero and defensive specialist but she's also our floor captain and she makes a lot of our calls."

Parker and Abernathy are two of the area's top hitters but their games are enhanced by setters Sydney Cherney and Allison Yander. Cherney, a sophomore, finished with 28 assists, four aces and four kills. Yander dished out 23 assists.

Mandi Prescott led the Lady Hawks with 15 kills. Isabella Mitchell added eight and libero Katelyn Filipkowski finished the match with 23 digs.

The Region 2-AAA Tournament will be at Farragut Tuesday. The Lady Hawks will tangle with Oak Ridge while the Lady Admirals will play Anderson County.

Both semifinal matches will begin at 5 p.m. The two winners will play the title match at approximately 6:30 with both finalists

qualifying for Thursday's State Sectional round.

In District 3-AAA at Karns: Oak Ridge defeated Gibbs and Anderson County to claim the district title on Wednesday. Alex Sherels was named tournament MVP for the Lady Wildcats, who avenged last year's loss to the Lady Mavericks in the championship match.

In District 4-AA: Kamila Cieslik sparked Catholic to another district championship. She had nine kills and 11 digs to lift the Lady Irish to a 25-15, 25-12, 25-4 victory over Christian Academy of Knoxville Tuesday night at Catholic High School.

Cieslik was the Most Valuable Player for the Irish, who have reached the Class AA State Championship match in each of the last two seasons. Catholic will play Carter Tuesday while the Lady Warriors will move on to face Gatlinburg-Pittman. The Lady Highlanders downed the Lady Hornets to capture the District 3-AA crown.

Webb wins another district title: The Lady Spartans swept The King's Academy 25-13, 25-22, 25-19 to win the Division II East/Middle District 1 Tournament Tuesday night at Friendship Christian School in Nashville.

Webb is seeking its fourth consecutive state championship. The Lady Spartans and Lady Lions were set to host regional matches today (Monday). Match times and opponents were unavailable at press time.

Tournament MVP Nicklin Hames finished the championship match with 14 kills, 29 assists and nine digs. Meredith Wallace had 15 kills and 14 digs and Kayleigh Hames had 21 kills and 13 digs.

Brianna Connaster had 14 digs for the Lady Lions while Sonja LaFallotte scored 11 points and served up a pair of aces.

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County at Central in a pair of Region 2-4A matchups.

Other headliners pit unbeaten Bradley Central at Hardin Valley, McMinn Central at CAK, once-beaten Sweetwater at Grace Christian and Farragut at Lenoir City, which can be seen on TV 10News2.

FIVE FOR TREY: Central senior quarterback Trey Mitchell had five touchdown passes in the Bobcats' 34-10 win at Halls last week.

Red Devils senior quarterback Caden Harbin did not play in the game because of an undisclosed injury.

A-E ON TOP: Austin-East was No. 1 in the state in Class 2A after Week 7 games in Sonny Moore's computer power ratings. The Roadrunners had a 120.34 rating, slightly ahead of Marion County's 120.22.

Meanwhile, Catholic remained No. 1 in Moore's "overall" state ratings that included all eight classifications, although the Irishmen's lead over No. 2 Murfreesboro Oakland is less than one point (158.05 to 157.26).

Fulton continued its climb in the ratings and is No. 10. Farragut cracked the state's Top 25 and is No. 24 after its 38-28 win at previously undefeated Campbell County on Sept. 29.

Oakland is No. 1 and Maryville No. 2 in the Class 6A ratings and could be headed for a state title showdown. The same can be said for Lausanne Collegiate School of Memphis and Webb in Division 2-A.

COOL IS COOL: David Meske, Webb School head coach, welcomed the cooler temperatures for Week 7 games.

"I liked it because we have so

many players playing both ways, which is tough in the heat," he said via e-mail.

HURRICANE STOPS TSD: Tennessee School for the Deaf's final scheduled game against the Carolinas Thursday, Oct. 6, was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew.

TSU, which plays 8-man football, slipped to 4-1 and second place in the Mason-Dixon Conference standings after losing to Mississippi School for the Deaf 66-18 on Oct. 1. Undeclared Louisiana leads the conference.

The Vikings lost six starters, including their top two players, prior to or during its clash with Mississippi.

TSU trailed only 22-12 after the first quarter but had only nine players left in the third quarter.

"It is hard to say if we ran into a very good Mississippi team without my key players," said TSD Coach Barry Swafford via e-mail. "But they hit us very hard and had some quick players just like us. We had only nine players left during the third quarter, but we played our hearts out the rest of the game."

KenMarkis Meek and Kendrick Thomas combined for eight of Mississippi's 10 touchdowns. Thomas' performance included a 102-yard interception return.

Marcus Jones and DeSean Freeman led the Vikings' attack.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Twenty-five years ago, on Oct. 9, 1981, Fulton presented Coach Steve Brewer his first victory with a 13-9 win at Heritage.

Trailing 9-0 in the second quarter, James Yarbrough sparked the Falcons with a 98-yard touchdown kickoff return. Buddy Turner and Richie Dean hooked up for a game-winning 9-yard pass play in

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a spot in the district title game and carries with it a berth in the Region 2-AAA Tournament. But the loser will see its 2016 campaign come to abrupt end."

Bearden was also the

top seed in 2015. The Lady Admirals were seeded second but both were eliminated at home.

Kickoff for Tuesday's semifinal game is slated for 7 p.m. Farragut advanced with a 2-0 win over West High Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Admirals played to a 1-1 draw in their earlier meeting this season, so the stage is set.

Bearden did its part by scoring often and the Lady Bulldogs featured a balanced attack on this day.

Frizen had four goals and fellow senior Claire Greer added two.

Grace Roddy, Ashtyn Glover, Clarity Voy, Emily Carlevato, Addie Crawford and Marissa Noon also tallied for the Lady Bulldogs.

William Blount had just one shot of the match. It came late and didn't land on frame.

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Gibbs rolls past South-Doyle, nears Region 2-5A title

By Steve Williams

Gibbs' magic number is one.

Either a West loss at Heritage this week or a Gibbs win at West in the final week of the regular season will give the Eagles the outright Region 2-5A football championship.

Gibbs clinched at least a tie for the title with a 28-7 win at South-Doyle Friday night.

West, which has lost three of its past four games and was shut out 20-0 by Farragut last week, still could earn a share of the region title and the tie-breaker for the No. 1 seed if it sweeps Heritage and Gibbs.

Coach Brad Conley's Eagles, however, are on a roll, having won five of their past six games and have this week off to rest up for what they hope will be a strong finish.

"I think the most important thing for Gibbs football right now is Week 9 (this week)," said Conley. "We've been through a gauntlet of eight straight weeks of football. The kids have put themselves in a great position. The first thing we are going to do is enjoy a week off."

Gibbs, 5-3 overall and a perfect 4-0 in the region, beat South-Doyle (4-4, 2-2) with a strong running game, a trick play and a defense that bent a little but was pretty stubborn for the most part.

Quarterback H.T. Fortner and Dalton Rodgers, a 5-11, 235-pound running back, combined for close to 200 yards rushing and one touchdown apiece. In between, Noel Leyva scored on a 5-yard run and a wide open Javay Williams hauled in a 59-yard scoring pass from Tanner Rhodes, who had pulled up on a tricky reverse.

End Eli Mikos made the most productive defensive play for the Eagles as his interception return to the South-Doyle 30 late in the third quarter set up Gibbs' final TD.

"We went to work and we grinded tonight," said Ollie Lane, the Eagles' 6-6, 285-pound junior right guard who has offers from Missouri and Vanderbilt. "I've got to give a lot of credit to our quarterback. J.T. made a lot of plays and Dalton refused to go down. We all just kind of fought it out. In the end it's who is tougher and I think we were tougher at the end."

Also paving the way up front were center Dalton Widner, right tackle Noah Beeler, left guards Kelby Ray and Mason Allen and left tackle Devon Huff.

"When you're a running football team like we are the offensive line is going to be the key to success offensively," said Coach Conley.

South-Doyle was without sophomore standout Ton'Quez Ball, one of its top offensive weapons who suffered a broken collar bone in Week 7. The Cherokees avoided being shut out when Kent'ta Tanner scored on a 15-yard run up the middle with 8:43 remaining in the game.

Austin Shuler's kickoff return plus a personal foul on Gibbs had set up the Cherokees' scoring possession at the 45.

The first quarter was scoreless as the two teams traded punts and Gibbs lost a fumble to Dylan Cameron at the S-D 33.

Good gains by Tanner and freshman Elijah Young moved the Cherokees to the Gibbs 38 early in the second quarter, but South-Doyle lost 16 yards when a snap sailed over the head of quarterback Caleb Wender.

Tanner got 17 of those yards back and on fourth-and-nine at the Gibbs 37, South-Doyle faked a punt, but A.J. Nunn's pass fell incomplete.

Gibbs got rolling with a 17-play, 63-yard, seven-minute drive that Fortner finished off with a keeper from the 1. Gabe Martin's kick made it 7-0 with 4:07 on the second quarter clock.

The Eagles forced a punt and got the ball back with 2:20 to go. A 27-yard run to the S-D 30 on first down by Fortner gave the Cherokees a chance for more points. Fortner gained another 15 yards on a bootleg. Leyva stretched the ball across the goal line with 28.4 seconds to spare.

Wender passed 14 and 19 yards to Young to quickly move the Cherokees to the Gibbs 38 with 6.1 seconds on the clock. Could it be time for a Hail Mary? Time and yard line sound familiar?

Wender loaded up and threw it in the end zone for Gus McAnally. But Williams knocked it down.

Conley showed confidence in his offensive line when he went for it on fourth-and-one from the Gibbs 40 with the Eagles leading 14-0 midway through the third quarter. Fortner sneaked for the first down.

"Nothing says confidence like going for it on those fourth down situations," said Conley.

On the very next play, Fortner handed the ball to Demarcus Hight, who handed the ball to Rhodes on the reverse. Tanner tossed it downfield to Williams for the easy six that made it 21-0.

On Gibbs' final TD march, Rodgers carried four straight plays to cover the final 20 yards. Martin's kick made it 28-0 with 9:55 remaining.

"We weren't productive on offense like we needed to be," said South-Doyle Coach Clark Duncan. "They drive, eat the clock up and score. We've got to answer it and we didn't."

"Gibbs had something to do with that, but we're better than that. We've managed to score a lot of points over the past few weeks. It's disappointing that we didn't do it tonight."

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CAK beats Clinton 38-14

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touchdown. The extra point was no good due to a mis-handled snap, and it was 21-14 Warriors.

Clinton had disaster strike when they tried to punt the football away with 7 minutes left in the first half. The snap went over their punter's head, and eventually the Warriors would recover inside the Dragons 10 yard line. On the very next play, Shuler took the snap and barreled his way into the end zone from 8 yards away. It was 28-14 Warriors with 6:40 to go in the half.

A 32-yard field goal by Issac Gallegos gave the Warriors a 31-14 advantage at intermission.

In the third quarter the Dragons were driving, but Alex Dalton picked off Evan Winchester near the goal-line, snuffing out the Clinton attack. CAK proceeded to drive 90 yards for a touchdown. The final play was a 7-yard run by Dalton, making it 38-14 Warriors with 5:22 to go in the third quarter.

Neither team would dent the scoreboard again.

Next week CAK hosts McMinn Central while Clinton gets the week off.

By Ken Lay

By his own admission, Adam Fulton didn't have a great first half Friday night but he kept toiling away and it all paid dividends.

"I didn't have a great first half," Fulton said after he and the Admirals notched a 20-0 victory over West High in a key non-region game at Bill Wilson Field.

Fulton, Farragut's senior quarterback, was just 2-for-9 in the first half against the Rebels.

After halftime, it was a different story. Fulton threw a pair of touchdown passes after the break and that helped the Admirals pull away and snap a two-losing streak in the long-running series between the one-time District 4-AAA rivals.

Friday night's victory erased the bitter memories of last year's heart-breaking 9-7 loss to the Rebels that cost the Admirals a perfect regular season in 2015.

The returning players certainly remembered that contest, which was played in a downpour. But Admirals coach Eddie Courtney didn't harp on that game.

But he didn't half to. "We didn't even talk about that game," Courtney said. "We talked about this game this week."

"I asked them not to be

selfish and they weren't. It doesn't matter who gets the credit. Everybody makes plays and we're unselfish. When you do that, that's what makes you a successful football team."

Points were at a premium in the first half and it was Farragut's defense that had some big plays early. The Admirals (6-1) saw their defense struggle early as West, which has now lost two consecutive games for the first time in recent memory, engineered an 18-play drive that stalled deep in Admiral territory. The drive, which consumed nearly 10 minutes, ended when West kicker Logan Bowers missed a 30-yard field goal.

That was only the beginning of the exercise in futility for the Rebels, who were shut out for the first time since Nov. 24, 2010 in a playoff semifinal loss at Columbia.

West (4-3) lost that game 7-0.

Farragut blanked the Rebels on this night and the Admirals had a pair of interceptions and stopped the home team on downs early in the third quarter.

"We played great defense," Courtney said.

The two squads slugged through a scoreless

opening frame. The Admirals finally got on the board when Joe Doyle kicked a 22-yard field goal with 11 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the second stanza. That would prove to be the only points during the first 24 minutes.

West's first drive stalled after a Farragut penalty netted the Rebels a first down.

After a West punt, Farragut took the ball at the Rebel 45 and constructed a modest six-play drive that was culminated by Doyle's second field goal, a 49-yarder that made it 6-0.

Fulton's first touchdown pass was a 13-yard strike to Cooper Hardin and extended the Admirals' advantage to 13-0 with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

Fulton's 15-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Jacob Warren provided the final margin.

The victory was big for the Admirals.

"It's great to come in here and beat a team like that," Fulton said. "When you have a defense like we have and when you're balanced on offense, like we are, teams don't really know what's coming."

We've already got our money's worth on this season

This had become a season to remember on Rocky Top before it was even half over.

The remarkable rally past Florida had many UT fans calling the 38-28 victory the greatest comeback in Tennessee football history.

For some folks it may very well be. For others, like me, who were around to enjoy the Miracle at South Bend in 1991, the 35-34 win over Notre Dame was also special.

I've watched the replay of that game many times over the years and never get tired of it.

The Vols were down 31-7 late in the first half and the Fighting Irish were moving in for more points. With the guys in those gold helmets lining up for a field goal, it was looking like it would soon be 34-7, but then we hear John Ward's call: "Darryl Hardy blocks, Floyd Miley picks. Floyd Miley can fly. He returns it all the way for a touchdown and turns this thing back Tennessee's way."



By Steve Williams

(The quote above is from memory and may not be exactly word for word, but I guarantee you it's very close).

Before I go any further, I want to

make something clear. My objective is not to argue which comeback – the one against Notre Dame or the one against Florida this season or any other – is the greatest. I look forward to watching the replay of this season's Florida game over and over. What was it? Thirty-eight unanswered points by our Vols after being behind 21-0 in the second quarter? I could feel the momentum turn, couldn't you?

And I'll never get tired of Tim Priest's on-air call on Jauan Jennings' catch, bobble, catch and run down the sideline just an inch or so away from being out of bounds. "Get ya some of that Jalen Tabor ..." shouts Tim.

Then there's the game at Georgia the following week. And we are treated to the greatest winning

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Story wins third KIL cross country title, seeks first state crown

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story is one of the nation's top high school distance runners, but there is something missing on her impressive resume. A TSSAA state championship in cross country. One of her goals this season is to fill that blank spot. The Christian Academy of Knoxville junior took a step in that direction Saturday when she set a personal record on the Sequoyah Hills Park course and won her third consecutive

Knoxville Interscholastic League title. Story, who was clocked in 17 minutes, 15 seconds on the 5K course, said her goals are to "hopefully win state this year and I hope our team can win too." Story was the Class A-AA state runner-up the past two seasons behind Taylor Cuneo of Murfreesboro Central Magnet, who also is a junior. Cuneo missed most of her outdoor track season last spring with an injury. "I believe she's competing this season," said Story, who

added she hopes her rival is 100 percent healthy. "It's always great going to state because I have someone to key off of and someone to compete against," said Story. "I think we make each other better and I always think competition is a good thing." Webb School sophomore Niki Narayani finished second at the KIL in 18:03. Catholic's Shila Kapaya was third, CAK's Taylor Cosey fourth and West freshman Madeline Shook fifth. Webb junior Carter

Coughlin repeated as the KIL boys champion as he posted a time of 15:51. Catholic's Georđe Goodwyn finished second in 16:03. Rounding out the top five were Jack Renfree of Catholic, Max Gillenwater of South-Doyle and Riley Schumaker of Webb. "I felt really good today," said Story. "I've been resting up and getting ready for the championship season. The conditions were great today – not too hot, a little breezy, perfect running conditions and it's a nice flat

course." Coughlin, who also is the defending Division II-A state champion, won despite having a sinus infection. "I started off pretty quickly and then just held on for the rest of it," said Coughlin. "There were a few times when I was having a little trouble breathing but it didn't make a huge difference." CAK's girls team of Story, Cosey, Emily Welles, Sarah Harb and Olivia Williams took first place with 82 points. Hardin Valley Academy girls

(92) were second, followed by Farragut (93), Catholic (95) and West (104). Catholic took the boys' team title with 71 points. In addition to Goodwyn and Renfree, the Fighting Irish also got a seventh place showing from Devin Sullivan. Ethan Tornstrom and Jacob Pettinger also ran for Catholic. HVA boys (81) were second and South-Doyle (86), Webb (91) and Farragut (125) rounded out the top five.

Lady Warriors repeat as state golf champions

By Ken Lay

MANCHESTER – Christian Academy of Knoxville's girls golf team successfully defended its Class A/AA State Championship last week. The Lady Warriors easily repeated as the top team in the Volunteer State at Willowbrook Golf Club. CAK shot a two-day 36-hole team total of 310 and defeated runner-up South Gibson by 24 strokes. Christ Presbyterian Academy took third with a score of 337. The Lady Warriors got off to a fast start on Tuesday as they combined to card a 152. South Gibson entered Wednesday 18 shots behind the two-time state champions. CAK's Caroline Cavin claimed the individual title as she overcame a four-shot deficit to Trinity Christian's Hannah Bratton, who carded a 1-over 73 in Tuesday's opening round. Cavin, who had a 77 in the first round, fired a 2-over 74 and finished at 151, two strokes ahead of Bratton. CPA's Sierra Stout took third (155). Lindsey Hollis of Signal Mountain placed fourth as

she carded a 156. Lipscomb's Christina Vetvong was fifth and Lady Warriors golfer Emma Wasson (159) finished sixth. Grace Christian Academy's Virginia Pirkle finished with a two-round score of 187 and placed 34th in the tournament. **Catholic's Kyle Cottam wins state title:** Cottam, a Clemson commitment finished the Class A/AA State Tournament with a two-round score of 138. He was a model of consistency, shooting a pair of 3-under 69s to lead the Irish to a runner-up finish. Christ Presbyterian wound up claiming a title. The Lions (595) trailed Catholic by three strokes after the first round. They rebounded to outshoot the Irish 291-301 on Tuesday and went on to win the title. Cottam was atop a jammed leader board by tournament's end. Goodpasture's Jay Fox and

Sullivan South's Austin Carter finished in a second-place tie (143). Carter's Jake Mynatt (144) ended up tied for fourth with CPA's Luke Ziemann. Alcoa freshman Brandon Waer carded a 145 and tied for fourth with A Jacks Green of the Lions. Grace Christian's Luke Scealf also posted a Top-10 finish. He was ninth (148). Catholic's Bennett Noe (150) finished 13th. CAK's Cade Russell finished tied for 18th. He finished with a 152. The Irish's Tyler Parker tied for 27th. His teammate Michael Ray finished 36th. L&N STEM Academy's Reece Walker was 52nd and Catholic's Andrew Mountain took 54th.

Please go to www.knoxfocus.com to read Steve Williams' piece, "Thirty years later, Red Devils seeking a second state golf title."

We've already got our money's worth on this season

Cont. from page 4 — play in UT football history. The Hail Mary. Jennings, again, making a play even bigger than the week before as he pulls down the game-winning pass from Joshua Dobbs. Is there another play in Tennessee football history that even rivals it? Nope, not in my book. Now, we've seen a lot of great plays. Some of my favorites ... Peyton Manning's game-opening bomb to Joey Kent at Alabama in 1995 and Manning's naked bootleg against the Tide in the same game, a 41-14 blow-out... Larry Seivers stretching as high as he can for a two-point catch of a pass from Condredge Holloway that beat Clemson in the 1970s ... Peerless Price

pulling down that long pass from Tee Martin just inside the sideline and end zone to put the Vols ahead of Mississippi State in the 1998 SEC title game ... Dale Jones' interception of Alabama quarterback Mike Shula's pass at point-blank range in 1985... Bill Duff stuffing Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George at the goal line as the Vols whipped Ohio State in the 1996 Citrus Bowl. I think that's when Ward exclaimed: "He ... did ... not ... make ... it!" There's never been a finish like we saw this season. Between the Hedges. Georgia throws a bomb and goes ahead with only 10 seconds left. Georgia fans go crazy. Then the Hail Mary and

Tennessee fans are rejoicing. I can't remember feeling that good since the Clint Storner fumble in 1998 opened the door for Tennessee to beat Arkansas and stay on track for its perfect season and national championship. With the second half of the season getting underway this week, I have a request. Could we please see the Crimson against the Orange when Tennessee hosts Alabama at Neyland Stadium this coming Saturday? Traditional fans of both teams, I believe, would absolutely love it. It would be like a cherry on the top of one special season. And like Phillip Fulmer once said, "It ain't over yet!"



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 HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. West L, 10-17	OPEN	vs. Bearden W, 35-7	vs. South-Doyle W, 47-7	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 7-31	vs. Powell W, 42-0	vs. Science Hill W, 23-7	vs. Jefferson County W, 35-0	vs. Bradley Central	vs. William Blount	vs. Maryville		
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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Brothers

Families are living organisms, analogous to human beings. Humans are comprised of integrated organs; correspondingly, each member of a family plays a vital role in the whole. There is an African proverb which says, “It takes a village” to raise a child. The proverb emphasizes the village, a community which is justifiably important. However, we moderns are again learning the wisdom of Creation; it takes engaged parents and a family to properly raise a child and make a village.

I am an observer by nature. The Myers-Briggs typology explains why this internist notices a picture on the wall five millimeters askew. These days I watch the interactions of my children and my children’s children. It takes a lot of work to raise a child to adulthood and self sufficiency. As a parent I once thought it was more

nurture than nature. Now, I’m not so sure. An obstetrical nurse friend of mine once quipped, “Kids are what they are when they come down the shoot.”

In my family we refer to the four grand kids as the “cute ones;” and they are! I’ll admit my bias, but the pictures I’ve shared with you of the cute ones attest to nature’s blessings. But, I’ve wondered, if physical characteristics are inherited and beyond any parental or grandparental influence, what else is genetically determined?

Noah is the oldest of the cute ones and is already turning the heads of middle school girls. However, the picture above best describes Noah. Yes, he’s the big brother and the leader of the pack, but his genuine love for his siblings is what I find most attractive and admirable. Perhaps Noah’s loving nature is genetic. However, I believe it is more nurture

because Noah was shown love and is now able to Pay It Forward - as Kevin Spacey’s character learned in the 2000 movie. As parents and grandparents we hope our nurturing is the right kind. I know you can break the spirit of a thoroughbred. As parents, we just hope that feeding and loving our kids will bring out the best in them.

I am the oldest of three brothers. My wife, Becky, is the youngest of four girls. My parents were only children; Becky’s folks came from large families. Has birth order influenced our development? In the modern era the Austrian psychiatrist, Alfred Adler, theorized that birth order influenced personality. Scientifically, this concept remains controversial because psychological trends and traits are difficult to measure. Like Adler, Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung sought to explain human nature and each founded different movements within psychology. Isabel Myers and Katherine Briggs further developed Jung’s perspectives and now their Myers-Briggs personality indicator is widely used. The tool accurately defines my personality. The Myers-Briggs typology is better than most psychometric tests, but still has only a 70% coefficient of reliability.

Many still see birth

order as important in personality development and family dynamics. Logically, it would be hard to imagine that birth order could alter genetics. And I don’t believe in the pseudoscience of astrology which maintains that the orientation of planetary bodies at one’s birth determines personality and destiny. I can imagine that older brothers and sisters might be given additional responsibility of caring for their younger siblings. This might conceivably accelerate their psychological development. Alternatively, younger siblings might learn they can get away with more as parental anxieties give way to less micro-managing in subsequent children.

Though humans are social creatures, we are not gods and there is a limit to our bonding and caring. Perhaps this is why the family is the social unit favored by nature for humans. I believe that I was first loved by God. Then I was loved by my parents and grandparents. As a result of their gift I am blessed with the ability to love, and now able to share love with others in an expanding fashion like concentric circular waves emanating from a pebble dropped in a pond. However, because I am mortal those waves of love dissipate as they move farther outward into the world.

The gospeler Luke - who I believe was an internist in spirit - relates Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan. The Jews were clannish and nationalistic in Jesus’ time, and looked out for each other as neighbors, families and brothers do. A Jewish intellectual once challenged Jesus with the definition of neighbor. Jesus’ teaching is relevant even today. If you don’t know this story or haven’t read it lately, you should turn to the 10th chapter of Luke and do so now. You will marvel at the wisdom of the Master who extends our boundaries of compassion and love.

Humans are naturally social and clannish. However, we remain sectarian at heart and cleave to those who are similar. I am intrigued by what makes us care about others, even those who are not similar or our immediate neighbors. Is it a genetic survival technique which allows us to be civil and exist within a community’s protection? Is it something we learn from our parents and families? Again the nature versus nurture conundrum resonates. But, I ask why can’t it be both, since everything exists as part of the Creation, and emanates from the will and power of God.

I see nature and nurture in the picture of Noah and his brother Oakley,

together leaping into the future, bound by the brotherly love known as “philia” by the Greeks. Their non-choreographed leap, hand in hand with beautiful symmetry is made possible through joyous love. Our English language defines different types of love with adjective modifiers rather than specific nouns. The Greek language uses “eros” to define erotic love. Whereas, “storge” defines the love and affection between parents and children. Lastly, “agape” is sacrificial love which transcends the boundaries of our skin and drives us outward with compassion for all our brothers and sisters.

The cute ones are absorbing all these facets of love in a supportive and nurturing family and country. These children of God give me hope for the future.

If you liked this essay, check out my book of essays, “Well...What Did the Doctor Say?” It’s available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. A great Christmas gift, if I say so myself! How’s that for shameless promotion? After all, writers believe their work should be read!

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

National Veterinary Technician Week

Hobo the Wonder Dog knows it takes more than a veterinarian to keep him healthy—it takes a veterinary healthcare team. Veterinary technicians have a vast knowledge of animal behavior, life processes, and everything from anesthesia

to x-ray. The veterinary technicians are a valuable and integral part of your pet’s healthcare team. They are educated in the latest medical advances to help ensure they give your pet the best possible medical care.

October 16 – 22, 2016 is National Veterinary Technician Week. This annual event recognizing veterinary technicians for their contributions to your



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

pet’s healthcare and all the contributions they offer not only the veterinary practice, but to the lives they touch. These nurses—these soldiers of compassion are the smiles that greet you on wellness visits and the tenderness to wipe the tears

at the end of life.

Surveys indicate most people are unaware of the valuable work veterinary technicians offer their patients. This year’s theme is “Veterinary Nursing in Action.” It serves as a testament to the diversity they experience and the animals they treat. They must have proficiency to care for animals with feathers, fur, scales, and skin. They must deliver care

and compassion in the best and worst of times. As a nurse I respect and honor the contributions these warriors offer day in and day out to our loving pets—our family.

If you are considering a career in animal healthcare, veterinary technicians are in high demand. According to the Lincoln Memorial University’s web page there are at least four jobs for every veterinary technology graduate. The high demand for veterinary technicians offers flexibility and a wide range of opportunities for example: small animal clinics, zoos, management, research, and public health to name a few. Veterinarian technicians make a difference in not only the animal’s lives—but in the lives of their companions.

Hobo the Wonder Dog will

honor the veterinary technicians who assist in keeping him healthy and happy. Here are a few of Hobo’s suggestions for recognizing the special veterinarian technicians in your life:

- Send a thank you card
 - Volunteer a few hours of your time at a local animal shelter in their honor
 - Make a donation to an animal charity in honor of a technician who has touched your life
 - Post an acknowledgment and recognize a veterinarian technician on your social media pages
- National Veterinary Technician Week is about acknowledging



the contributions these valuable people make in our pet’s lives and the appreciation we have to their dedication and knowledge. Hobo and I say a big thank you to all the veterinarian technicians in his life for making him one healthy and lucky dog!

Life is better with a dog—Woof!



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‘Fountain City: People Who Made a Difference’

A Brown Bag Lecture & Book Signing with Dr. Jim Tumblin

In a Brown Bag Lecture on Thursday, October 20, local historian and Shopper columnist Dr. Jim Tumblin will discuss his new book, Fountain City: People Who Made a Difference, the history of Knoxville's most fiercely independent community as told through the stories of 56 extraordinary citizens. From pioneers to civic leaders and selfless heroes, he shares the history of his beloved community written in the lives of its people. Beginning with the first permanent white settlement in 1788, Tumblin traces the

establishment and growth of the area through the people and families who left a mark on what prior to the 1962 annexation by Knoxville, was one of the largest unincorporated cities in the United States. Books will be available for purchase, and Dr. Tumblin will be sign them following the lecture. Dr. J.C. (Jim) Tumblin is a lifelong Fountain Citian and a 1944 graduate of Central High School. He holds a degree from the Illinois College of Optometry and practiced behavioral optometry in Fountain City for forty-six years.

He is the past president of the Tennessee Optometric Association, the American Optometric Association, and the Optometric Extension Program Foundation. Dr. Tumblin has received multiple honors including the Tennessee Optometrist of the Year, the Fountain City Man of the Year, the Claude C. Myers Lifetime Achievement Award, the Fontinalis Award for Outstanding Contribution in Writing, and the Knoxville Central High School Wall of Fame, just to name a few. His writes a history column, and he is the co-author of

“Images of America: Fountain City.” The program is sponsored by Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

A Holy Nation



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Several years ago we took a family vacation up the east coast and one of our stops was a visit to New York City. We made our way into Times Square and a visit to Toys R Us. We knew our kids would enjoy that store and the highlight was looking at the giant Lego structures. It is amazing all the objects that could be made by combining the unique shapes and colors of this toy. Many people would pose for family photos in front of the various Lego designs. But I noticed that no one was taking any pictures of the individual Lego bins. These bins housed the various types and colors of Legos. Why was no one taking any pictures of the bins? Because Legos are designed to be combined.

This is so true when it comes to living life in the Kingdom of God. There are too many Christians trying to do it alone. We are not called to live in isolation apart from others. We are created to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God, to declare the praises of God who called us out of darkness to live in his wonderful light (I Peter 2:9).

Notice that we are called a nation, a royal priesthood, a people, which is communal language. We press for solitude today in our individualistic culture. But we are not to live out Christ alone. Holiness as community is not easy,

but necessary. We need community. We need the body of Christ. As disciples of Christ, we have family all around the world. You not only gained a Father when you put your faith in God, you also gained brothers and sisters. God is making His followers into a holy nation. To be holy means to be “set apart.” It means to be different, unique, and uncommon. Holy people are not “holier than thou” people. They are not perfect people. But they are being made perfect by the blood of Christ and the transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit. They now offer their bodies as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1).

As God’s holy people, we are to abstain from the sinful desires that wage war against us (I Peter 2:11). There are so many ways we struggle with sin: abusing food, alcohol, drugs, withholding forgiveness, hoarding wealth, gossiping, holding grudges, laziness, selfishness, showing evil for evil.

The holy nation is to declare the praises of God. How do we do this? One way is by living differently. If we blend in or look like everyone else, we are not living holy lives. We need to have a contagious holiness. We want others to see our good deeds and glorify God (I Peter 2:12). How good of a life are you living at home, work, and play?

As God’s people, we offer life, not death. We share the good news of the kingdom of God and all it has to offer. Take some time to read Isaiah 11:1-9. This is a picture of what life in the coming kingdom of God looks like.

Save Our Sons sponsors mobile career fair at North Ridge Crossing as part of jobs initiative

As part of its mission to bring together key stakeholders to implement a coherent “cradle-to-college or career” strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people, with a special focus on boys and young men of color, the City’s Save Our Sons program is sponsoring a jobs initiative next week. The East Tennessee Mobile Career Coach will be at North Ridge Crossing (formerly Christenberry Heights), 712 Breda Drive, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14. Food Trucks will be on site during the event. The jobs initiative is co-sponsored by Knoxville’s Community Development Corp. (KCDC). “One of the things Save Our Sons is focusing on is job creation and partnering with organizations to provide resources focused on

hiring,” said Avice Reid, Senior Director of Community Relations. “Addressing opportunity gaps and working to reduce crime among young men of color begins with jobs.” Career Coaches are mobile centers with services similar to what is found in a Tennessee American Job Center. Vehicles arrive on the scene to provide a mobile computer lab with Internet access, create a venue for workshops, and serve as a recruitment center for companies seeking to match needs with prospective employees. “I encourage anyone looking for a job to attend,” Reid said. “Career specialists will be available to provide assistance to job seekers – everything from tips for successful job searches to preparing resumes to help with interviewing. The specialists also can provide

information about training and education opportunities. These tools are extremely valuable as job seekers market themselves to potential employers.” “KCDC is proud to partner with Save Our Sons in this job initiative,” said KCDC Executive Director and CEO Art Cate. “Part of our mission is community outreach. When members of the community feel empowered and financially secure, all of Knoxville becomes stronger. When Knoxville is stronger, more opportunities are available for development and redevelopment.” Anyone needing a disability accommodation should contact the City’s ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Cook, at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or (865)215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact the City’s Law Department at (865)215-2050.

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 July 17, 2015, executed by SHAUN T. JENKINS, conveying certain real property therein described to STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 20, 2015, at Instrument Number 201507200004252; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NUMBER SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 312, OF THE STERCHI HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT ID # 199907120003058, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 057EB047

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6754 FANTASIA RD., KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): SHAUN T. JENKINS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters 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.

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COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: ZACHARY TAYLOR
IN RE: TRAVIS ALLEN DAVIS
NO. 191190-2**

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Zachary Taylor, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Zachary Taylor, it is ordered that said defendant Zachary Taylor file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore Kern, an Attorney whose address is 800 Gay Street, Suite 160 Knoxville, TN 37929 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of October, 2016

s/s Howard G. Hogan
Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

Publish: 10/10/2016, 10/17/2016, 10/24/2016 and 10/31/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER
IN RE: DUBARI JEROME ALLEN
NO. 192358-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint

filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, is a non-resident of the State of the Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER.

IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Peggy Comstock, an Attorney whose address is 618 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of September, 2016.

/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

To be published: 9/26/2016, 10/3/2016, 10/10/2016 and 10/17/2016

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This 6th day of October, 2016

s/s Howard G. Hogan
Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

Publish: 10/10/2016, 10/17/2016, 10/24/2016 and 10/31/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of
Gaines Andrew Parton
Docket Number 78019-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of Gaines Andrew Parton who died May 22, 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.

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

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

This 30th day of September, 2016

Estate of Gaines Andrew Parton
Angela Louise Varnell; administratrix,
2202 NE 20th Ave.,
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Michael Inman; Attorney At Law,
9111 Cross Park Dr., STE. E-290
Knoxville, TN 37923

PUBLISH: 10/10/2016 & 10/17/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of
Valencia Daniel Keeling
Docket Number 78128-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of Valencia Daniel Keeling who died Sep 17, 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.

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

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

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

This 28th day of September, 2016

Estate of Valencia Daniel Keeling
Beth Childress; Executrix, 7136 Regency RD.,
Knoxville, TN 37931

Lauren S. Brown
Attorney At Law
110 Cogdill RD.,
Knoxville, TN 37922

Publish 10/10 & 10/17/2016

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 2455, Musical Instruments, due 11-01-16;

Bid 2457, Powell Roadscapes Project, due 11-09-16;

Bid 2459, Whiteboard Skins, due 11-01-16;

Bid 2461, Victim Advocate Services, due 11-03-16;

Bid 2462, Housing and Energy Services for CAC, due 11-03-16;

RFP 2463, Senior Center Naming Rights, due 11-03-16

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS A NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE TITLE. ANY PARTIES HOLDING INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON IN POSSESSION OF SAID VEHICLES BY CERTIFIED MAIL, WITH RECEIPT REQUESTED, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: KNOX AUTO PARTS, 8721 OAK RIDGE HWY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37931.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

**Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Executive Board Meeting, October 26, 2016**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, October 26th at 9 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN.

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Draft FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Available for Public Comment

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated every three years. The TIP is a financially constrained four-year program of projects to be implemented within the TPO Metropolitan Planning Area. The draft FY 2017-2020 TIP is available for public review through October 25, 2016.

The draft TIP can be viewed and downloaded on the TPO website at www.knoxtrans.org, where you can submit comments. Copies of the draft TIP are available for review at the TPO offices located at 400 Main St., Suite 403, Knoxville, TN. Comments can also be submitted to Elizabeth Watkins via email at elizabeth.watkins@knoxtrans.org or by phone at 865-215-3825, by letter or at the October 26, 2016 TPO Executive Board Meeting.

The City of Knoxville, the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds, has chosen to follow the public involvement process of the TIP to meet the Program of Projects public involvement requirements. The public participation process for the TIP does satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects.

Visit www.knoxtrans.org/meeting for preliminary and final Agendas or contact the TPO if you would like a copy of the final Agenda. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request. 865-215-2694 or dori.caron@knoxtrans.org.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bells Campground United Methodist Church Homecoming
Bells Campground United Methodist Church, 7915 Bells Campground Road, Powell, TN, will hold its annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 16, 2016. The morning service will start at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at Noon. Bring a covered dish. Afternoon singing will start at 1:00 p.m. Guest singers are bluegrass gospel group Wild Blue.

Bonny Kate DAR Meeting
Bonny Kate Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. Guest speaker will be Lee Ann Harper who will speak on Bone Health.

Coats for Christ Winter Coat Giveaway
Hillside Baptist Church, 1321 Hickey Rd, will be having a Coats for Christ Winter Coat Giveaway for all ages on Saturday, October 22, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. For further details and information, please visit hillsidebaptistknox.com or contact Pastor Terry Richard at (865)898-0502.

FCBPA's October Meeting
The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, October the 12th. Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month at Central Baptist Church, 5364 N Broadway, beginning at 11:45 a.m. This month Chief Harnish with Rural Metro Fire Department will speak on "Rural/Metro ISO Rating and Fire Prevention." Chief Harnish has been Fire Chief in Knox County for more than 10 years and has been with the fire department in Knox County and with Rural/Metro for over 30 years. He teaches insurance rating classes across the state for other fire departments, counties,

and cities. He holds a MA in Fire Administration from the National Fire Academy and is very qualified to discuss a wide range of topics that affect the fire service as a whole, not just in Knox County.

Go Green seminar
Come and learn how making your home green can not only make you feel better about the environment, but put money back into your pocket too! Fifty plus exhibitors will be on hand Saturday, October 22 at Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Road, to help you learn how to lower utility bills, make your home more comfortable and healthier, and other green living ideas. There will also be classes for homeowners at no charge - energy efficiency info, kitchens, bathrooms, historic homes, renovations, getting off the grid and more. Reception with large cash door prize to use for green update for attendees who arrive before lunch. Lunch is available for \$15. The day-long seminar begins at 10 a.m. For more information, please call Carol (865) 271-9348 or email carol@GreenVillageGreen.com.

Howard's Quarter School Reunion
The annual reunion for Howard's Quarter School (also known as Red Hill School) of Claiborne County, Tennessee, will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at the Fire Dept. Building, which is near where the old school was located, beginning at 1:00 p.m. to "whenever." Please bring a covered dish to share, along with drinks for your family. The meal will be served around 1:30 p.m. Also, bring lawn chairs for your family, and photographs or other memorabilia to share with others. For more information, contact J.C./Mollie Waddell (423) 587-3402; or Margaret (Seals) Bull (423) 626-3075. Any former and present residents of the community are also invited to attend this reunion.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful's Rocky Top Pickin' Party Event
Join Keep Knoxville Beautiful for a unique musical event: the Rocky Top Pickin' Party on October 14 from 6 - 10 p.m. will feature the musical talents of The Bearded and the Hardin Valley Thunder under an East Tennessee full moon at the historic Mabry-Hazen House, just one mile east of downtown Knoxville. This family-friendly and waste-free fundraiser for KKB is unlike any other in Knoxville; in between sets, pickers of all levels will form break out pickin' parties around the grounds. Tickets are just \$15 dollars if purchased at or before October 13, 2016. Tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/rocky-top-pickin-party>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20, and attendees who bring an instrument pay only \$5 to enter. Tickets include 4 free beers/beverages. Food trucks will be on-site. All proceeds benefit Keep Knoxville Beautiful's programs.

Knoxville Civil War Roundtable
Frank A. O'Reilly will discuss Marching Out of Step : Robert E. Lee after Appomattox, Lee's after the war contributions to America and how he achieved his true greatness as a man and as an American. The lecture will begin at 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. Lecture only cost \$5, students are free. Dinner at 7 p.m., \$17 including lecture. RSVP by Monday October 10, (865)671-9001 or contact Stan Sech zachsam@yahoo.com, Director of Community Activities KCWRT, (865)556-8066.

Knox County Democrat Women's Club Meeting
Knox County Democrat Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting at Austin's Restaurant, 900 Merchants Drive on Tuesday, October 11. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Learn to Meditate Workshop
There will be a workshop Saturday, October 22, 2-3 p.m., at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike. It will be led by author of "800 Stepping Stones to Complete Relaxation" and is free and open to the public. E-mail for the Workshop: Handout/Outline, 12 easy meditations, mikewright102348@gmail.com or (865) 851-9535.

NKBPA Meeting
The North Knoxville Business and Professionals Association will meet Friday, October 14, 2016 for breakfast at 7:45 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 407 Caswell Avenue. The Knoxville Focus will be the featured business.

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson's Support Group Meeting
PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite you to the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Kern United Methodist Church in their Family Life Center located at 451 East Tennessee Ave. in Oak Ridge. Dr. Michelle Brewer of Knoxville Neurology Clinic will be speaking about Cognitive Issues and Parkinson's. For more information please visit www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Alan Zimmerman, (865)693-5721.

Public Service Announcement
Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opiod drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Visit www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/naloxone-availability.html to learn about the overdose reversing drug known as naloxone and find out its availability in your state. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free

screenings or referrals. 1- 800-431-1754

Shindig at Thorn Grove Christian church
Thorn Grove Christian Church, 728 S. Carter School Road in Strawberry Plains, is hosting its second annual "Shindig" on Sunday November 6, 2016 from 1:00 to 4 p.m. The Shindig is a celebration of the Thorn Grove Community. This event features local Musicians and a variety of activities, including a corn hole tournament. For children there is a bounce house and petting zoo. There will also be a chili cook off, bake sale and old fashioned cakewalks. Many vendors will be present and live music will continue throughout the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate the Community of Thorn Grove. Please call 660-7259 for more information or email hjsickles@aol.com.

The WordPlayers presents a Staged Reading of 'Harvey'
"Harvey," a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase, is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey -- a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit. When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, determine to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! Eventually, the mistake is realized, and a frantic search begins for Elwood and the invisible pooka... The show will be Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m., at The Square Room, 4 Market Square (behind Cafe' 4). Free Admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink available from Cafe' 4. Free parking in city garages after 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call 865-539-2490 or visit www.wordplayers.org.

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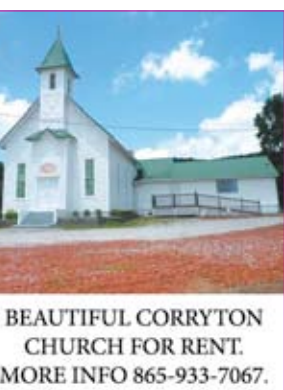
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