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City Council

Historic Speedway Circle home taken by city

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A two-story old house on Speedway Circle in East Knoxville and the lot next to the home have been approved for condemnation or purchase by the Knoxville City Council.

The properties, at 3738 and 3740 Speedway, are believed to be owned by

Angela Fields and the home is in poor shape. The Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee recommended the action and the request to the council came from the Department of Community Development.

Community Development Director Becky Wade told the council that the

house is "unusual" and explained that in 1927 the home was moved there from Gay Street. She said the inside of the house is totally gutted.

"Hopefully someone will want to buy it," she said, noting that restoration of the inside is required with such a purchase.

"We're not sure the

house can remain, it's in rough shape," she said. Apparently the home dates to 1899.

Speedway Circle is a historic neighborhood just off Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue. It was created as a horserace track by Calvin Johnson, a former slave who became a prominent and wealthy Knoxville

businessman. Over the years houses developed on both sides of the former racetrack.

The city council also finalized an ordinance requiring financial responsibility for any vehicle released and driven from the city's impoundment lot and approved the selling of surplus real property by the

city regardless of the estimated value of the property.

The council approved an application for \$2.9 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for lead-based paint control. If granted the city must match it by 10 percent.

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HAPPINESS IS...

Luke Smith is quickly greeted on the court by jubilant teammates and coaches after his game-winning shot in Catholic's 56-53 semi-final win over Nashville Whites Creek in the TSSAA Class AA state tournament Friday.

Knoxville Catholic's historic season came to an end Saturday in the Class AA state championship game when the top ranked Irishmen fell to Nashville Maplewood 60-57. The Panthers got off to an early lead and led most of the game as Catholic was hampered by foul trouble. Catholic's standout senior point guard Luke Smith missed most of the third quarter as he was sidelined with three fouls. Catholic was led by Brock Jancek (16 points), Davari Reeder (11 points) and Smith (10 points). The game came down to the last play when Smith's desperation 70-foot shot failed to go in.

See more coverage on the boys' state tournament in Sports & Recreation section C.
Photo By Luther Simmons.

'Umbrella' benefits discussed at conference

By Mike Steely
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The annual Knoxville Neighborhood Conference brought many community leaders together earlier this month and one of the most interesting ideas was hatched at the "Umbrella Group" workshop. The discussion and presentation, one of more than 22 workshops offered, was moderated by Ronnie Collins, president of the Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood Association. The panelists were Jennifer Wright of the Fourth and Gill

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Number of candidates for city council growing

By Mike Steely
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Eight people have listed their treasurers in the 6th District City Council race, all hoping to capture the seat now held by term-limited Daniel Brown. Brown served as the first African-American mayor of Knoxville after the election of the city mayor to governor and before the election of Madeline Rogero as the city's first female mayor.

The historically African-American district has been hugely Democratic but two situations could present an "elephant in the room" for the area. One, community activist Michael Covington, an African-American Republican who ran for county commission and lost to Evelyn Gill, could possibly change the district's party representation.

And two, a bill currently in the Tennessee Legislature could pass and make all public elections partisan, meaning that the local school board and city council races would run by party affiliation in future elections.

Currently the city elections are non-partisan. The top two winners of the primary in August go on to the General Election in November. Only voters in the open Districts 1,2,3,4 and 6 may vote in the primary but everyone in the city registered to vote can select the candidates for those districts in the general election.

With the huge number of candidates so far it could well mean that Covington could emerge as number

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knox Heritage's Todd Morgan speaks to Town Hall East members about revitalizing their neighborhoods during the group's quarterly meeting recently.

Town Hall East hears from Knox Heritage

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Knox Heritage's Todd Morgan, Director of Preservation Field Services, told Town Hall East neighborhood members that East Knoxville has lots of history to save and noted that there are several communities within the area.

Morgan was speaking recently at the quarterly meet of the group and asked if the members would like to have a more active role in the ongoing effort to

revitalize their area. He said that Knox Heritage would like to consider each area for development.

"There's lots of history in the different parts of East Knoxville," he said. He spoke about efforts in Burlington and answered questions, one dealing with affordable housing as a neighborhood changes.

"Gentrification is not what we want to see happen," he said.

Morgan said that a community's progress or

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The Most Common Types of Parenting Schedules

When individuals who have children get divorced they are required to enter in to a "Parenting Plan." This plan dictates who gets the children on what dates. This plan stays in place until the children turn 18 or graduate from high school, whichever comes later.



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most of the days of the year, with holidays being dealt with specifically in the plan. For example, the parents might alternate year to year the Thanksgiving holiday, or the mother might get every 4th of July and father gets every Labor Day.

familiar with the absentee father getting visitation every other weekend, however, many parents these days are pushing for a 50/50 custody plan. How do you implement a 50/50 plan though when there are 7 days a week? Most people use a 2-week time period for exchanging children. Some parents decide to do week on, week off visitation. This does not always work though, because many parents do not want to go a full week

without seeing their children. Another option is to do an alternating 4/3 schedule. That means that one parent would get Monday and Tuesday each week, the other parent would get Wednesday and Thursday, and then the parents would alternate weekends with the children. What happens during the summer when the children are not in school? Typically, the children will stay on the same schedule but

each parent will get a week or two of uninterrupted visitation so that they can go on vacation with the children somewhere. Likewise, on the Christmas holiday from school, one parent will take the children from when they get out of school until December 24 or 25 at some agreed upon time, and then the other parent will get the children until they return to school. The parents have the option of alternating who gets the children first

or second if they desire or they can keep the same schedule every year. Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

This old house at 3740 Speedway Circle is being taken by the city. The historic dwelling was relocated from Gay Street many years ago and may be resold or demolished.

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Asked about the application Wade said the city had a previous grant and, with it, removed lead paint from 200 homes. "We would like to continue the effort," she said, adding that the funds cannot be used for other purposes. The council voted to

redefine auction houses and where the businesses are permitted within the zones of the city. They also approved a request from Wanda Moody to rezone a property on the west side of Middlebrook Pike to permit a senior assisted living facility. Mayor Madeline Rogero announced she will hold

departmental budget meetings from March 22nd until the 24th in Room 453 of the City County Building. The council heard from HGTV about Knoxville being featured in the upcoming "Urban Oasis" show when a home in the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood will be remodeled.

A 1910 bungalow will be totally remodeled. The former Old South High School on East Moody and Tipton Avenue was rezoned from Residential (R1) to Residential (R 1A) at the request of the planning commission and remains in a Historic Overlay.

Opposition to historic overlay continues

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The Parkridge neighborhood in East Knoxville continues to be split over a proposed Historic Overlay that could expand to cover some 700 homes. Currently the H-1 zoning covers about 180 homes. Last week a petition against the H-1 proposal was placed on the internet by Dr. Sally Seraphin of Washington Avenue and, as of Wednesday, had 52 supporters. She notes in the petition, which may be submitted to the planning commission, city council and the mayor, that Parkridge is a diverse neighborhood and hopes to stay as such.

The request for a historic overlay study was initially made to Daniel Brown, the 6th District Councilman, who passed it along to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Brown has taken no position on the request and is following the situation closely. The request came from the Parkridge Community Organization which has been the scene of discussions in its meetings. Several public hearings have been held and the matter has yet to go to the agenda of the planning commission.

Dr. Seraphin's petition says that the neighborhood organization's position is "not reflective of the expressed opinion of many of the owners and residents who would be affected." "The expansion would likely squeeze out the less affluent members of the

community," she notes. Seraphin also charges that the proposed historic zoning would "further contribute to the lack of quality affordable housing for minorities." The petition, still being circulated, urges the city council to reject the proposal "in its current form" and thus preserve Parkridge's "current unique demographic mix." "We will keep the petition going until we are certain that a significant number of Parkridge residents impacted by the proposed H-1 overlay have the opportunity to review it," she told The Focus. "Notably, our current signatures total amounts to nearly three times the number of the PCO members who voted 'Yes' to initiate the expansion request," she said. Seraphin said that reservations about the historic zoning expansion are not in opposition to historic preservation: "We object to the current proposal because it potentially leaves some neighbors behind." "It is morally repugnant to financially expose already socioeconomically vulnerable neighbors by suddenly requiring them to maintain their homes to specific aesthetic standards from a bygone era," she said. "Once the petition is closed it will be delivered to Mayor Rogero, the Knoxville City Council and the MPC. All three of these entities have already been notified of our petition's existence," Seraphin said.

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Friends Forever

means just that

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Friends Forever Antiques and Collectables shop is located at 5716 Western Avenue just across from the Cumberland Estates Shopping Center and the name tells the story.

Friends Forever is just that, a variety of rooms decorated and supplied by about 10 different antique enthusiasts that include the owner, Christine Housley, as well as Judy Carter, Kathy Hoskins, Linda Gamble, Fran Owens, Francis Conwell, Connie Beal and Lewis Rutherford.

Each person offers their selection of antiques and collectables and Housley oversees everything. All of the items, everything from dinnerware to antique dolls, are sorted and displayed in a very organized way. Within the shop you can find lots of items like vinyl records, gift items, collectables, handmade items, furniture, art works, and much more.

"I have 35 to 40 years in the business," Housley told The Focus, citing her years with shops like Twin Gables. "All of the vendors take care of their own stalls."

Married for 60 years to Anderson H. Housley, who is semi-retired from White Stores and Food City, she is deeply involved with her family. She lost one of two daughters in 2000, has two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. She takes two days a week off to care of her grandchildren.

Friends Forever opened in January and she says she loves being with people



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Friends Forever owner Christine Housley admires an antique doll, just one of the many, many antique and collectable items offered at the shop's location on Western Avenue across from Cumberland Estates Shopping Center.

and friends.

"I love the atmosphere here," Housley explains.

A walk around the shop finds different vendor items in each room. Some of the items belong to Housley and there are sections that feature various items from multiple vendors.

"I know a lot of people and I'm doing mail-out cards. I have customers who have followed me here, people from North Carolina, Kentucky, and even a couple from Pennsylvania come here," she said.

"We're trying to get the word out," she said of the

new store.

Friends Forever is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can contact the shop by calling (865) 357-2150. You can also find Friends Forever on Facebook.

'Umbrella' benefits discussed at conference

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Association, Ann Strange of Lake Forest, and Sandy Gillespie of the Bearden Council.

Each of the panelists are members of larger "umbrella" groups including the South Knox Neighborhood and Business Coalition, the Broadway Corridor Task force, and the Community Forum.

"Numbers mean a lot," Collins told the workshop audience.

Gillespie said that the Bearden Council is also an umbrella group, made up of the surrounding areas of Bearden, Forest Heights,

Westwood, Sequoyah Heights, Lyons View and Sequoyah Hills-Kingston Pike. Community Forum was founded in 1987 and has volunteer members from various Knoxville and Knox County neighborhoods. The Forum and the Bearden Council have been active in various issues including the proposals for food trucks, the new sign ordinance, the One Year Plans, KUB's tree trimming, and the current Airbnb ordinance proposals.

"Having a collective voice would be a good idea," Wright said.

Strange described the creation and activities of

the South Knoxville Coalition, explaining that this umbrella organization counts eight neighborhood groups and one business group as members. She cited the coalition's current and future efforts on the Urban Wilderness, a new restaurant, and other items.

"The world is bigger than just the neighborhood," she said.

"It's easy to get people involved when there's an issue but hard to keep things going," Strange said.

"I agree that if there is a way for neighborhood associations, or individuals, that

have a situation come up in their area, to be able to go to and research what worked for someone else would be nice," Collins told The Focus.

"It could make things a lot easier on this office (Office of Neighborhoods) so they don't have to look up contacts and give them to you," he said.

Information about the various neighborhoods in the city is available at www.cityofknoxville.org/residents/neighborhoods. At that internet site you can download the latest neighborhood newsletter and find the organization near or within your area.

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revitalization centers on several factors including a gimmick to make it stand out from other places, special and year-round events, and attractions. He listed East Knoxville's many attractions such as Zoo Knoxville and the Botanical Gardens.

He mentioned the overhead sidewalks in Morristown as an example of how a community can become unique.

"When you look at a neighborhood like Burlington and wonder how we get people into these buildings and help

them to thrive?" he said, adding that there may be some good ideas to redevelop a community but asked the group, "How do you implement those things?"

"What kinds of things do you have and what kind of places do you need? That's where we start," he said.

He suggested that East Knoxville incorporate the "Main Street Program" as a guideline to development including committees to deal with Design, Organization, Promotions and Economic Restructuring. He said that one of the elements

in revitalization is getting local residents to have pride and also to shop locally.

"Every time you spend a dollar you are voting with that dollar," he said.

The Town Hall East meeting also heard from Beverly Holland, owner of God's Creative Enrichment Center. She announced a ribbon cutting for the new location of the children's day care facility at 4004 Holston Drive on Wednesday, March 29.

The organization also learned that their monthly newsletter is moving online but copies would still be available at the

Burlington Library or limited copies to those residents who don't have computers by mail.

Officer Jason Boston gave a safety report and reported few burglaries in the community. He advised residents to take their belongings inside after sitting in the lawn or on their porch, reporting a purse stolen from a porch when a woman went inside briefly.

The annual Holston Hills Garden Sale is planned for Saturday, May 6 at the Community Park at the corner of Holston Hills Road and Chilhowee Drive.



Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett had lunch at Vol Market #3, 3400 Western Ave., with Tennessee Senator Mark Green Friday, March 17. Mayor Burchett has hosted various elected officials from across the state for similar lunches. Sen. Green is currently a candidate for Governor and might be under consideration by President Trump as a potential nominee for Secretary of the Army.

Number of candidates for city council growing

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one or two and go on to pull from the Republican vote in November. That situation is puzzling the local Democratic Party. The idea of losing the seat on City Council in the non-partisan election could be harmful for their position in the city.

The 6th District city race now includes Democrat Gwen McKenzie, wife of former County Commissioner Sam McKenzie. Also in the race are Rev. John A Butler, Maurice L. Clark, Sr., Therea Cox, Kelsey Finch and David Gillette. The latest entry to name a treasurer is Jennifer Montgomery, President of the Parkridge Community Organization.

"Regardless of the number of candidates who have or will enter the 6th District City Council race, I'll be counting on the voters to recognize my continued efforts to unite the entire district around common interests, promote economic development and improve the quality of life for all residents of the district," Covington told The Focus.

There is still time for others to join the growing 6th District race and May 25 is the date that may see some of the potential candidates withdraw.

"I think it is great that there is interest in holding that seat—we've seen an increase in the

number of people getting involved since the election, and it's good for democracy to have folks willing to run. Several excellent candidates are there like Gwen McKenzie and Maurice Clark," Democrat Chairman Cameron Brooks told The Focus.

"I hope the number of candidates leads to increased voter turnout, especially since city elections often have low turnout," he said Brooks is leaving the Chairmanship and has taken a position with the Knox County Election Commission. The leadership of that party will be determined March 25th as the party reorganizes.

The race to replace 3rd District Councilwoman Brenda Palmer grew as Seema Sign of Francis Circle joined the race, bringing it to three candidates including Jody Mullins and James Edward Corcoran.

Former State Representative Harry Tindell named a treasurer on March 10, adding his name to the 4th District race. He faces Albert O. Baah and Lauren Rider in the race to replace Councilman Nick Della Volpe.

In the 1st District primary to replace Nick Pavlis are Greg Knox and Andrew Wilson. The 2nd District race, thus far, has Wayne Christenson and Andrew Roberto running to replace Duane Grieve.

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Less is enough

Most mornings, I crawl out of bed and walk to my closet. Once the door is opened, I stare at a long line of shirts and several pairs of pants and try to decide which of them I will wear for that



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day. Sometimes, the process is much like choosing a show on television to watch. Plenty of options are available, but not a single one is appealing. I long for earlier times when making a wardrobe decision wasn't a problem.

When Jim and I were boys, we received new clothes once a year. Mother dragged

us downtown to the department stores. These new duds were for school... period. Each of us received a couple of pairs of jeans and a couple of shirts.

At home, we had our old clothes. We played in them and worked in them. New items were tucked away for other times. The knees of some jeans were threadbare. I never understood exactly how that happened, but I'd look down and my knee would be trying to escape from the hole that was forming. Mother would at some point take

the jeans to her sewing machine. There she applied a patch, much like one that is placed on a flat tire. The quick fix gave those jeans a few more weeks of life. I hated patches because they always scratched my skin or stuck to it like glue.

Mother was an ace seamstress. She sewed for several women before taking a job as a teacher full time. She would sit at her machine and in no time put together shirts for Jim and me to wear. They outlasted any store-bought item, and they were just as nice looking. At that young age, however, we preferred shirts with tags on the collars. The last thing we wanted was to look different, a damnable

curse to children.

The point is that all of our clothes fit in the three or four drawers and the small rod of a chifferobe. That included underwear and socks too. We needed no more than that, and our parents couldn't afford to buy too many things in addition to the few shirts and jeans that we had.

Now, I have a dozen pairs of dress pants. In fact, for some colors, I have two pairs. In addition, I have three or four pairs of jeans. On the long rod in my walk-in closet, I have as many as 25 shirts. Some are long-sleeved; others are short-sleeved. I also have others tucked away in a drawer, and I own half a dozen

sweaters. I waste time looking for something to wear for the day.

In the hall closet hang too many jackets and coats. I own two or three winter coats and a bunch of jackets for cool weather. Some of them are worn once a year; the rest of the time they just take up space. Hanging with them are three suits and two sports coats. They come out for funerals and rare formal occasions.

My wife says that many of my clothing items are out of style. I reply that they are comfortable and have plenty of life left. The truth is that I hate shopping for clothes. My happiest days were spent at Toyota of

Knoxville. I had a uniform to wear. No one raised an eyebrow when I walked in wearing the same shirt and pants each day. No decisions were made: I reached in the closet and pulled out one of the uniforms. Dressing could have been done in the dark.

One of these days, I'm going to rid myself of all but a few clothing items. The rest will be delivered to second-hand store. Others can take my discarded clothes and get much more enjoyment out of them. I will once again enjoy the days when less is enough. My time won't be spent dumbly standing in the closet as I try to make a choice of what to wear.

Friendship Bell to break ground this summer

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Oak Ridge's International Friendship Bell Peace Pavilion Project is well underway in reaching a \$755,000 goal and fundraising co-chair Pat Postma said groundbreaking will begin this summer.

Postma told The Focus that \$625,000 of the funds have been raised so far and households in Oak Ridge have received a request for contributions. The effort is also reaching out to local businesses to close in on the goal. She and Alan Tatum co-chair the International Friendship Bell Advisory Committee.

Lots of community excitement surrounds the proposed new site of the

Japanese cast bell. It will be moved from the perimeter of the AK Bissell Park to a new pavilion centrally located within the Park. Postma said the next step is to prepare construction drawings, build the plaza and cantilever bell support structure, and finally move the bell. She said that the site will be lighted at night and the gardens planted following the move.

The bell and pavilion will be an important component of the new Manhattan Project National Historic Park. Postma pointed out that of the three areas designated as Manhattan Project sites, Oak Ridge will have the only "peace" theme. The new home of the bell is the "Peace Pavilion."

"The Bell has both United States and Japanese symbols on it," Tatum said. He said that the larger contributions have been received from UT-Battelle which operates Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Consolidated Nuclear Security which operates the Y-12 National Security Complex, and the City of Oak Ridge.

The former pavilion was demolished in 2014 by the city when it was found to be structurally unsafe, and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was assigned responsibility for planning the new pavilion.

Postma said it has been estimated that between 50,000 and 70,000 people

will visit the Oak Ridge site each year. The Friendship Bell project has a very interesting internet video of the proposal available to anyone at www.friendshipbell.com. Tatum said that anyone can contribute up to \$ 2,000 on line.

Donations can be mailed to "Oak Ridge Rotary Community Fund, P.O. Box 6331, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-3886 c/o David Carr.

Postma said the Advisory Group will also apply for a grant from the Rotary Club and has already applied for a grant from Japan's Kansai Osaka 21st Century Association.

"We can see the light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

The pavilion will have

several park benches and concrete pillars next to the bell which will be inscribed with the names of major donors. The grounds will also have lovely Japanese and Tennessee gardens, public and small private spaces for meditation and reflection.

The sound of the bell will resonate throughout the park and convey calmness, depth and peace, and the pavilion will be connected by sidewalks and signage to the local headquarters and the hub of the park.

When the new pavilion is built, which Tatum hopes is next spring, anyone can ring the bell.

"They will never forget the sound the bell makes and never forget being at

the site," Tatum said.

The idea of a friendship bell began with two Oak Ridgers, Ram and Shigeko Uppuluri, he from India and she from Japan, as a means of celebrating the community's 50th Anniversary in 1992-93. They envisioned a bell as a fitting memorial and as a reconciliation monument for the peace that began between the United States and Japan after WWII.

The bell carries a message of peace and international friendship into the future.

"It's going to be a key piece of the story that the Manhattan Project National Park tells," Tatum said.

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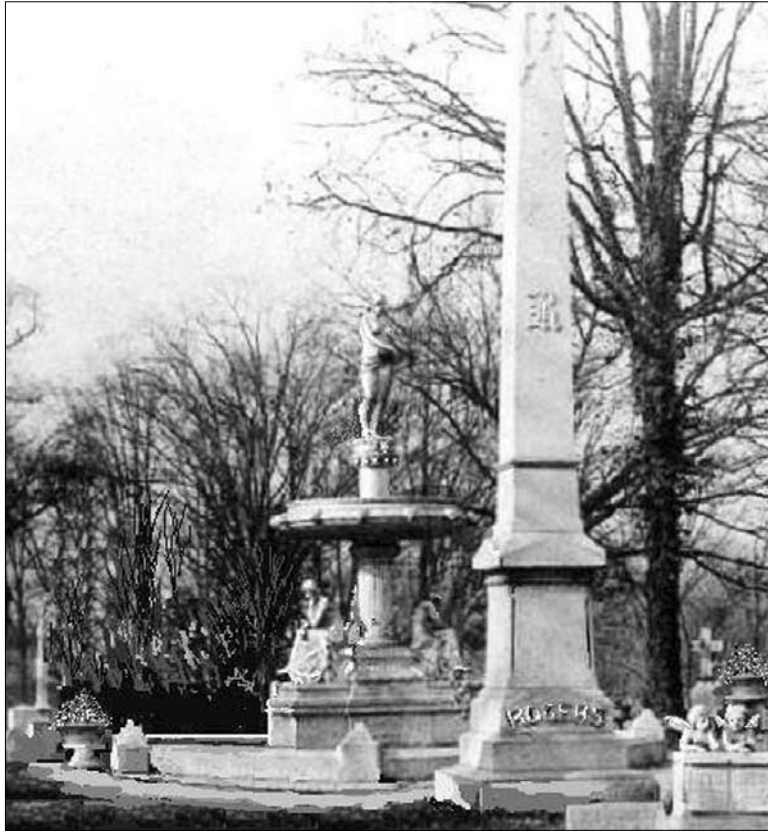
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Walking through Old Gray Cemetery is a stroll through history and a tour through an outdoor art museum. Among the some 900 burials there are dozens with unique and beautiful sculptures. The 13-acre site just off North Broadway is not only the last resting place of notable Knox County citizens but also the home of a wide variety of trees, some 160 years old.

The historic cemetery is getting a facelift called the "Trees, Trails and Tradition: New Life for Old Gray" campaign by the board that oversees the burial ground. Preserving the community treasure has been deemed the "cultural duty we owe our community" according to Bob Whetsel, honorary campaign chairman.

Yet there's something missing at Old Gray that you may not realize.

The Ella Albers Fountain stood there from 1890 until World War II. The unique feature had three statues standing on a pedestal within a round pool. Neil Albers Townsend, chair of the campaign steering committee, unveiled the sign there recently showing the design of a replacement for the original monument, which was



The Ella Albers Fountain, built to honor a deceased wife, was the center of Old Gray Cemetery for many years until it was dismantled for scrap metal during World War II. An effort is underway to replace the long missing feature in the historic cemetery.

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The president of Old Gray's Board of Directors hopes the campaign will raise \$650,000. He said

recently that more than \$400,000 has been raised thus far. About \$223,000 has been allocated to restoring the fountain. Other funding goes to tree and grounds work

and replacing two paved ways to create a greenway.

Founded in 1850 the first burial there was for a young man killed in a Fourth of July explosion the following year. Old Gray serves as a park, arboretum and conservatory and is the largest green space within the city.

Buried within the grounds are noted citizens such as William Gannaw Brownlow, Unionist and Tennessee governor, and Charles McClung, Knoxville's first surveyor, county clerk and a drafter of Tennessee's Constitution.

Also interred there are artist Enoch Lloyd Benson, banker Joseph A. Mabry who was shot to death on Gay Street in 1882, U.S. Post Office Director Horace Maynard, Governor and Senator Robert Love Taylor and Army General Lawrence Davis Tyson.

The cemetery will also receive more security during the campaign including gates that will close overnight.

Anyone interested in the Old Gray Cemetery or wanting to contribute can find the campaign online at www.OldGrayCemetery.org or call Eleanor Dorrycott at 865-209-3190. Contributions can be made by mail at Old Gray Cemetery, P.O. Box 896, Knoxville, Tn. 37901.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

House members moved forward last week with critical legislation designed to combat welfare fraud in Tennessee by passing House Bill 227 on the house floor. Once passed by the Senate, the bill will travel to the desk of Governor Bill Haslam to be signed into law. House Bill 227, referred to as the Program Integrity Act, is the result of over two years of work between

Republican lawmaker, the Department of Human Services, and TennCare. As passed, the important legislation gives these departments more tools to help reduce welfare fraud across the state. In Tennessee, studies estimate the state loses approximately \$123 million per year in fraudulent payments to people who are not qualified to receive benefits.

Earlier this week, House members advanced House Bill 529 through the Business and Utilities Subcommittee. The legislation gained much-needed momentum as it continued its path to the full House floor for its final vote. House Bill 529 addresses broadband accessibility and adoption through business investment and deregulation. Coupled with the state budget, the legislation makes targeted state investments through grants and tax credits that focus on the state's unserved areas. The legislation also permits the state's private, nonprofit electric cooperatives to provide retail broadband service - something they have been completely unable to do in the past.

Tuesday, March 14th was Ag Day on the Hill. We had informational booths and tables from agriculture organizations across the state, as well as a sweet potato bagging and calf bottle feeding competitions

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Our Unsung Heroes

Horace Maynard often overlooked



The Honorable Horace Maynard in a photo taken in the 1880s. Maynard was an outstanding and outspoken supporter of Abraham Lincoln and preserving the Union.

By Mike Steely
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Horace Maynard rests in Old Gray Cemetery, his burial marked by a large square monument and, nearby, a stone bench bears the Maynard family name. Maynard was a stalwart Unionist who spent his life in public service.

Maynardville is named for him. In 1850 Union County was newly formed and Knox County attempted to absorb the area. Horace Maynard represented the new jurisdiction and, in return, the county seat was named "Maynardville." So was Horace Maynard High School, now a middle school.

Maynard moved to Knoxville from Massachusetts in 1839 and became a professor at what is now the University of Tennessee. He was admitted to the bar in 1844. In 1859 he ran for Congress and defeated J. C. Ramsey. In 1857 he joined the Unionist Party and ran for Congress three more times.

Maynard's father was an abolitionist but he later defended slavery. As the end of the Civil War approached Maynard adopted the anti-slavery position and supported the Emancipation Proclamation.

He fought to keep Tennessee in the Union and traveled around East Tennessee speaking on the issue. As a U. S. Congressman Maynard pleaded with President Lincoln to order Union forces to liberate the region from Confederate control.

He was appointed as the state's attorney general by President Andrew Johnson, who was serving as the state's military governor during the war. In 1866 Maynard was elected to Congress and was re-elected three times as a Republican. In 1872 he was nominated for vice president but lost the election.

In 1873 he was defeated by Andrew Johnson in a race for the at-large Congressional Seat. In 1875 he was appointed minister to Turkey and later

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between members of the House and Senate. Agriculture is one of the largest industries in our great state and Tuesday was a great opportunity to highlight some of the many ways agriculture impacts Tennessee. Today, there are over 67,000 farm operations in our state, covering nearly 11 million acres. Agriculture and forestry employ over 360,000 Tennesseans and that accounts for nearly 15% of the state's economic

activity.

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump visited Nashville to speak at the Municipal Auditorium and pay his respects at The Hermitage. Members of the General Assembly were invited to join the President at Andrew Jackson's home, and it was a great opportunity to meet the President and hear from him directly. President Trump also used his speech at the Municipal Auditorium to address his plans for

healthcare legislation and reflect on his first sixty days in office.

As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you in any way. I love to hear from my constituents and I value the information and opinions you share. My office number is (615) 741-6879, and if you would like to reach me on the weekends my home phone number is (865) 687-5987. It is an honor to serve you and the great state of Tennessee in this capacity.

Follow Your Nose

Toucan Sam the famous mascot of Froot Loops cereal is known for saying, "Follow your nose! It always knows." Seemingly, Toucan Sam can sniff out



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

Froot Loops cereal from distances afar in hidden cereal bowls. I am by no means an ornithologist, but according to Birds and Bloom magazine: "most birds have little use for the sense of smell..." We can all agree that dogs have a greater sense of smell than birds.

Kellogg's Toucan Sam is a majestic type of parrot known for their large colorful bills used to eat mainly fruits of the rainforest. What if Kellogg's had used the bloodhound and called him Bloodhound Sam? I think the tagline "Follow your nose! It always knows!" would have made Froot Loops commercials believable and maybe more fun. The bloodhound has endless energy to sustain them through a hunt.

They have more than 300 million scent receptors—more than any other dog breed. Trust me—Bloodhound Sam could smell a bowl of Froot Loops in a car speeding down a country road a mile away. My Froot Loops commercial would be of Bloodhound Sam tracking a bowl of Froot Loops through farmland to city streets, through darkness to light and the slogan "for boundless energy to get you through your day—follow your nose! It always knows!"

A dog's nose is truly amazing and their ability to smell is incredible. They can detect a tablespoon of sugar in a million gallons of water. In comparison an average dog has about 220 million cells devoted to smelling whereas humans have about five million. What does Toucan Sam have to do with Hobo the Wonder Dog and following your nose? Following your canine's nose might

have a lot to do with building their confidence, burning energy, and enjoying an impact-free sport.

Hobo the Wonder Dog was rescued from an abusive situation. He still has issues with trust and confidence in one-on-one interaction with strangers. Hobo was introduced to K9 Nose Work training about a year ago and the difference in his confidence is staggering. He will open a box with his nose, put his head in a bucket, and this boy will hunt for the smell of a treat. If you are looking for a sport to enjoy with your dog, K9 Nose Work is a great option for dogs of all ages and activity levels. Dog obedience is not required for this sport as the dog needs to be odor obedient—the dog knows more than the handler in this sport.

Loving your dog and taking them more places builds stronger bonds between the two of you. Introduction to K9 Nose Work builds confidence, burns energy, and satisfies their desire to hunt. As for me—I will follow Hobo's nose! It always knows!



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Horace Maynard, for whom Maynardville is named, is buried in Old Gray Cemetery as are many other Knox County officials, politicians and residents. His gravesite features the unusual sculpture of a bench, on which many visitors rest during a visit to the historic graveyard.

Horace Maynard often overlooked

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served as Postmaster General. He died suddenly in 1882.

Horace Maynard was admired by supporters

and opponents as well. Knoxville Mayor Peter Staub, a Democrat, noted that he was impressed by Maynard's reasoning and rhetoric so much that he voted for him twice.

Horace Maynard is one of those important persons during their time that has been more or less overlooked in Knox County's long history.



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Joe and Melinda Connell to be honored at Spirit Award Dinner

Joe and Melinda Connell are to be honored at the annual Spirit Award Dinner benefiting the Helen Ross McNabb Center. The event will be held Thursday, March 23 at the Knoxville Convention Center, starting at 6 p.m.

The Spirit Award Dinner began in 2004 to recognize individuals who have supported the efforts of the Helen Ross McNabb Center and have worked selflessly to improve their community as a whole. Joe and Melinda Connell have made a lasting impact on East Tennessee. Their dedication to helping others shows through their involvement with many

of Knoxville's nonprofits and service organizations, including the Helen Ross McNabb Center. Joe has more than 30 years of experience in the real estate and development field, and Melinda has dedicated herself to her passion of working with children. Both of them have improved lives through their devotion to the community.

"Joe and Melinda actively demonstrate the Helen Ross McNabb Center's mission of improving lives through their persistent support, guidance and generosity. This couple's wholehearted advocacy of the Center is deeply appreciated," said

Jerry Vagnier, Helen Ross McNabb Center president and chief executive officer. "With support from partners like the Connells, the Center serves thousands of children and adults experiencing mental health, addiction and social challenges in Tennessee. Their investment of time, resources and talents makes our organization better and the results can be seen in the lives of those who have been positively impacted each day."

For Spirit Award Dinner tickets or more information, please visit mcnabbcenter.org or contact Beth Farrow at 865-329-9030 or at beth.farrow@mcnabb.org.



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Tennessee and American Neutrality Part Three

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Attempting to purge senators from his own party proved to be President Franklin Roosevelt's folly. It was certainly true FDR remained the most popular Democrat in the country and he believed the voters would heed his call to eject those Democratic senators whom he targeted as obstructionists. Among those marked for defeat by President Roosevelt were several senatorial barons, including Walter F. George of Georgia and Millard Tydings of Maryland. FDR also wished to see E. D. "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina, Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana, and Guy Gillette of Iowa beaten.

The President personally campaigned for challengers to Senators George and Tydings. While traveling through South Carolina, Roosevelt made an ill-concealed jab at Cotton Ed Smith. FDR allowed his Secretary of Commerce, Harry Hopkins, to bear most of the burden in the battle to defeat Senator Guy Gillette. Hopkins, although originally from Iowa, had not lived in the state for decades, knew virtually nothing about the intricacies of Hawkeye State politics, nor did he have any kind of political base of his own.

Hopkins was a creation of Roosevelt and entirely dependent upon the President for political power. Hopkins backed Congressman Otha Wearin against Guy Gillette in the Democratic primary. Gillette was an able speaker, personally popular with tens of thousands of Iowans and was quite likely the one senator in the United States Senate who looked most like Hollywood's version of a senator. Senator Gillette easily dispatched Otha Wearin in the primary.

The defeat of Senator Frederick Van Nuys was to be accomplished by the political machine headed by former governor Paul V. McNutt. Governor Clifford Townsend read Van Nuys out of the party and the machine was certainly powerful enough to deny the Democratic nomination to Van Nuys. Senator Van Nuys was a small, bespectacled little man with a fondness for cigarettes. While Van Nuys might look like a small town tax lawyer with a cigarette firmly grasped between his fingers, he refused to be cowed and proved to know a thing or two about politics himself. Senator Van Nuys promptly kicked off a campaign inviting 100,000 Hoosiers to support him and announced if he were denied the Democratic nomination, he would run in the general election as an Independent. Some Indiana Republicans said the senator should leave the Democrats and run under the GOP banner.

The state machine was thunderstruck, quickly realizing Senator Van Nuys was not about to go quietly into the night; the machine also knew if Van Nuys carried out his threat to run as an Independent, it would mean a Republican would win his Senate seat. The machine abruptly dropped its plan to replace Fred Van Nuys and amid a love fest at the Democratic state convention, he was renominated.

Senator Walter F. George beat two opponents and Roosevelt's preferred candidate ran last. Senator Millard Tydings crushed Congressman Davey Lewis who had the all-out backing of the Roosevelt administration. Cotton Ed Smith beat the sitting governor to win the Democratic nomination, winning by a wide margin. The purge had been an abject failure and as if that were that not bad enough, the Republicans won seventy-two seats in the House of Representatives from the Democrats and seven in the Senate. A congressional coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats faced President Roosevelt in 1939. A story oftentimes attributed to either Cotton Ed Smith or Walter George, which may well be apocryphal, had one senator lamenting FDR was his own worst enemy. George or Cotton Ed Smith, depending on the story, was supposed to have snarled, "Not while I am alive, he isn't!" It summarized the challenge faced by President Roosevelt and his administration.

The slackening of Roosevelt's influence with Congress required the help of Cordell Hull. The Secretary of State became a pivotal factor as the battle to repeal the arms embargo and keep the cash and carry provision from lapsing took shape. The President wisely allowed the proposals to become those of Cordell Hull. Roosevelt knew better than anyone that the Tennessean's prestige with Congress exceeded his own. The respect for Hull, as well as the large number of Americans who believed the Secretary of State was doing a good job quite likely surpassed that of Roosevelt as well. Almost as many Republicans rated Hull's performance as Secretary of State as highly as did Democrats, a feat that was impossible for Roosevelt.

President Franklin Roosevelt's success in having the cash and carry provision added to the Neutrality Act of 1937 needed to be renewed in 1939 or lapse. With war looming in Europe and already raging in Asia, the President wanted to see the arms embargo lifted. To help accomplish that



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull talking to members of the United States Senate.

end, Franklin Roosevelt needed Cordell Hull. The Tennessean charged in April of 1939 the present Neutrality Act allowed Japan to accumulate a large supply of American materials, which aided the Japanese Empire to prosecute her war with China. The Secretary of State's comments spurred further discussion in Congress for the need to revise the neutrality laws. Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indiana had revived his effort to approve a Constitutional amendment requiring a national referendum before war could be declared against any nation. Ludlow's bill continued to languish in the House Judiciary Committee, although it had only narrowly failed to pass the full House of Representatives the previous year.

Both President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull had vehemently opposed the Ludlow amendment for the obvious reason it would cripple the government's ability to handle foreign affairs. Just days later Italian troops invaded the little kingdom of Albania. Hull telephoned Roosevelt who was vacationing at his home in Warm Springs, Georgia. Following the telephone conference, Hull held a special press conference and told reporters the Italian invasion was "unquestionably a threat to the peace of the world." As Italian troops poured into Albania, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Tennessee's senior U. S. senator K. D. McKellar was the ranking member, heard the astonishing news Germany had "the best aircraft in the world". The Appropriations Committee had provided funds for the purchase of new airplanes and being told those aircraft would be second to those of Germany was not especially good news.

The hostility of the isolationist bloc in Congress was demonstrated by a speech made by Senator William Borah, who denounced efforts to alter the existing neutrality laws as Mussolini's troops occupied Albania. "It seems proponents of these measures want us to become the moral censors of the world," Borah cried, "decide which nation or nations is in the wrong in case of war and then punish the one or ones we decide

to be wrong. If this nation wants to get involved in war, I can think of no better way than to adopt this aggressor policy." Borah warned, "The next step in the program is for this nation to open up an economic war upon the aggressor nations. We seek to break down its economic strength, to starve its people, and to render it incapable of carrying on war. We take part at once in this economic war."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull was to be the star witness as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee opened hearings on revising the neutrality laws. Congressman Sol Bloom was serving as Acting Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Tennessee's Sam D. McReynolds was ailing. Bloom, too, would open hearings and announced the Secretary of State would be called to testify.

Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was carrying a bill to eliminate the embargo on selling arms to belligerent nations, as well as to renew the cash and carry provision, which Congress had reluctantly agreed to at the insistence of President Roosevelt. While there were several bills pending to revamp the neutrality laws, the Pittman bill seemed the best vehicle for the Roosevelt administration to support. The Pittman bill seemed to attract support not only from those senators who usually backed the Roosevelt administration, but from some powerful conservatives as well. Hull's inherent caution and tendency to dither before making a decision helped to undermine the administration's strength in the Senate.

While Hull waited to appear before congressional committees and tried to make up his mind which bill offered the best results for the administration, Massachusetts Congressman George Holden Tinkham sponsored a resolution stating the foreign policy of President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State "is leading the United States inevitably to war if and when war comes to Europe." Congressman Tinkham's resolution urged Congress to "reassert its conviction that the only policy by which the United

States can avoid war is the traditional American policy of genuine neutrality."

There was an impediment to Hull's appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; that was the insistence of its chairman that the Secretary of State appear before an opening hearing. Hull's appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee was to be held in executive session, meaning closed to the public and the press.

As Hull waited, newspapers began to editorialize. The Wilmington News Journal wrote, "Secretary Hull can do the public a useful service by accepting the invitation of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to appear before it and explain the position of the Administration with respect to neutrality laws."

The News Journal noted, "Among the members of the Cabinet none enjoys a higher popular respect than does Cordell Hull." Moreover, the American people "has confidence in his judgment" due to his restraint in addressing the growing crisis in Europe. Of the twenty or so neutrality bills pending before the Congress, the News Journal believed the Secretary of State could eliminate some of the confusion by promoting the bill that would best serve the overall interests of the country. The News Journal complained Hull's views were "not known" to either the public or Congress and President Roosevelt "has kept the people pretty much in the dark," although most observers thought FDR was in favor of the neutrality bill sponsored by Senator Key Pittman.

On May 28, 1939, Secretary of State Cordell Hull finally unveiled his position. Hull asked Congress to repeal the

current neutrality law's provision for an embargo on the shipment of arms to belligerent countries. Hull wrote letters to the Chairmen of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and outlined six points for suggested legislation which the Secretary of State believed would "help to keep this country out of war." Hull wanted to curtail travel by American citizens in combat zones' to prohibit American ships, irrespective of whatever cargo they might be carrying, from wandering into combat zones; to renew the cash and carry provision of the neutrality law, as well as keeping laws on the books with respect to the loans and credits available to belligerent countries; to regulate "the solicitation and collection in this country of funds for belligerents"; to keep in place the National Munitions Control Board, as well as the existing system of arms export and import licenses.

Hull wrote Key Pittman and Sol Bloom he believed if Congress would adopt the measures he suggested it "would make easier our two-fold task of keeping this country at peace and avoiding imposition of unnecessary and abnormal burdens upon our citizens." Hull had already talked to several members of both the House and Senate committees and Chairman Sol Bloom confessed a bill had already been drafted that incorporated all of the Secretary of State's suggestions.

Cordell Hull had outlined the parameters of the debate before Congress and the isolationists were prepared to meet the challenge.

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From Memphis to Tulsa

By **Ralphine Major**
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Memphis, Tennessee, became home for the McGinnis family from 1964 to 1977 as Perry continued his career in the field of dentistry. After practicing general dentistry in Knoxville, Perry spent the next several years as a U.S. Public Health Fellow. This position allowed post graduate training in Oral Pathology. As part of the

program, he taught dental students general and oral pathology. It was this move that led Perry to a career in academics as a dental academician. The dentist from Corryton, Tennessee, found his calling in academics and certainly made his mark in the field.

Not surprising, Dr. McGinnis achieved milestones in his chosen career in record time. In 1967,

Perry and three other colleagues were appointed as charter members of a newly formed Oral Pathology Department in the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. In 1974, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Pathology from the University of Tennessee College of Graduate Medical Sciences. In 1976, McGinnis earned board certification by the

American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, became the next destination for the family of four when Perry accepted a position with Oral Roberts University (ORU) School of Dentistry in 1977. Perry became a member of a small faculty that was to develop a dental curriculum and attain final approval from the American Dental Association. It was

achieved right on schedule, with the first students enrolling in the fall of 1978. However, by June 1986, the dental school closed. While Perry had been one of the first faculty members in the dental school, he was the last one to leave the Oral Roberts campus in June 1987. Dr. McGinnis stayed on as a faculty member in the ORU School of Medicine for one year after all other



Dr. Perry McGinnis

dental faculty had left. Perry always said that he "turned out the lights of the dental school." This meant another move for the family of four.

Powell B&P talks upcoming events

By **Mike Steely**
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The importance of sidewalks in the Powell community and future plans for the walkways is the subject of a public meeting at the Lighthouse Café on Tuesday, April 4. Justin Bailey reminded members of the importance of attending the meeting during the Powell Business and Professional Association meeting Tuesday. Bailey said that the plans, being drafted by the Design Center, are associated with the drive for "Walk to School" and will involve walkways to and around Powell Elementary School.

Steve Goodpaster told the monthly meeting that the association's new website has been "rolled out" and will be carrying updates on events, posts and other community information. He also discussed briefly a new "round about" being proposed for the community.

Monica Stecker, owner of The Orange Pearl, spoke about her Powell business as offering full body therapy treating the "body, mind and spirit." She described herself as a "holistic healer" and invited members to her business.

Laura Bailey reminded members that the Powell Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Powell Station Park. There will be different hunts for children of various ages. Both the egg hunt and the sidewalk planning events are sponsored by the Powell Business and Professional Association.

The guest speaker was Anne McKinney who spoke about estate planning and what may change in a Trump administration.

Bart Elkins, PBPA president and owner of The Front Porch Restaurant, hosted the meeting.



Rosie's World

Easter Recipes

Have you ever made **Square Deviled Eggs**? It's easy and I'm going to show you how:

- Ingredients:
Cooking spray
12 large eggs
1/3 cup mayo
1 tbs. white vinegar
2 tsp. yellow mustard
dash of salt and pepper
Paprika and sliced chives, for garnish, optional

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

Separate the egg whites and yolks into 2 small bowls; set aside the yolks. Whisk the whites until just foamy, transfer them to the prepared baking dish. Cover the dish with foil and bake until the whites have fully set, about 20 minutes. Let cool completely in baking dish. While the whites are baking, beat the yolks until smooth. Lightly coat

a medium nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Add the yolks and scramble over medium low until fully cooked and slightly dry, 4 to 5 minutes.

Transfer the yolks to a food processor. Add the mayo, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper and pulse until smooth and creamy. Transfer the yolk mixture to a pastry bag fitted with a small round tip. Turn the egg whites out of the baking dish onto a cutting board. Cut into even 1-inch squares. Pipe swirly dollops of the egg yolk onto each square. Sprinkle each with paprika and chives if using.

These look like pretty little flowers and taste so good, too.

Here's how to make that ham tasty. You'll need a five pound ham, score it and stud with 1/4 c. whole cloves. In the top half of a double boiler heat 1/2 c. dark corn syrup, 2 cups honey, and 2/3 c. butter. Brush glaze over ham and bake for one hour and fifteen minutes. Delicious!

- And now for dessert:
Carrot Pineapple Cake
2 c. all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

- 1-3/4 c. white sugar
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 c. flaked coconut
- 1 c. chopped walnuts
- 1 (8 Oz) can crushed pineapple, drained

Frosting:
1 (8 Oz.) package cream cheese
1/4 c. butter, softened
2 c. confectioner's sugar
Preheat oven to 350 deg. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.

Mix flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Make a well in the center and add sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla. Mix with wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in carrots, coconut, walnuts, and pineapple, salt and cinnamon. Pour into pan. Bake about 45 min. Don't panic, the center will sink a little. Allow to cool.

To make frosting, cream the butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add confectioner's sugar and beat until creamy. Enjoy!

Christmastime is the joyous holiday commemorating Jesus' birth while Eastertime commemorates His death and rising from the grave. Hallelujah, He Arose!

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Catholic gives Murphy Center a pinch of green in its chase for gold



By Steve Williams

The prominent color in Murphy Center, home of the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders, is blue of course. But green stood out too at the site of the TSSAA state basketball tournament Friday afternoon, and not just because it was Saint Patrick's Day.

Luke Smith, clad in the Green and White colors of Knoxville Catholic High School, hit a 25-footer at the buzzer to give the Fighting Irish a thrilling 56-53 win over Nashville Whites Creek in the Class AA semifinals and a berth in the state championship game for the first time since 1976.

Luke's shot was so huge, so dramatic, the Irishmen, who had been keeping their emotions in check after each step of the way on the tournament trail as they focused on their ultimate goal – a state title, couldn't contain their happiness this time.

"I don't think I've ever been that happy," said Smith, seated next to Brock Jancek and head coach Mike Hutchens in the media interview room after the game.

They just had to celebrate a little.

"Oh yeah, definitely" quickly answered Jancek.

"That one's kind of hard to just stand there and take, with an ending like that," inserted Luke.

The win was the 28th in a row for 31-1 and top-ranked Catholic, which was scheduled to play Nashville Maplewood (28-7) for the title in the BlueCross Basketball Championships this past Saturday in Murfreesboro. Maplewood pulled out a 57-56 win over Haywood in the other semifinal dandy.

"I had a feeling it would be a grinder," said Coach Hutchens. "I thought both teams played great defensively. I thought in particular Brock did a great job on their center (6-9 Ruot Monyyong), fronting him, moving his feet and getting in good position, because the kid can play.

"Luke's plays at the end and our defense are what carried us through."

Smith, Catholic's talented senior playmaker, didn't



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Catholic's Chase Kuerschen tries to shoot over 6-foot-9 Ruot Monyyong of Nashville Whites Creek in Friday's Class AA semifinal game in the TSSAA state tournament at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro. The Irishmen won 56-53.

Ledford leads Grace Christian into state semifinals

By Steve Williams

Grant Ledford was too much for Humboldt.

The Grace Christian Academy sophomore guard poured in 28 points, including his team's final seven points in a decisive fourth period, to lead the Rams past top-ranked Humboldt 62-59 in the TSSAA Class A quarterfinals Thursday at Murfreesboro.

The win advanced Coach Mike Doig's Rams (28-8) into Friday's semifinals against Clay County (31-4). The Bulldogs defeated Loretto 75-60.

The 31-2 Vikings' only other loss this season came against a team from Missouri in late December.

Ledford's final flurry included a dunk, a reverse layup, a driving layup and a free throw with nine seconds remaining that gave GCA its final 3-point margin of victory.

The Vikings' final shot failed to go in and went out of bounds with 0.9 to go. Grace Christian in-bounded the ball and threw it up in the air as the final horn sounded.

The Rams qualified for their third straight trip to the Blue-Cross Basketball Championships with a one-point win at Hampton in the sectional round.

Ledford had a hot hand at MTSU's Murphy Center, making 10 of 12 field goal attempts. He was 8 of 12 at the free throw line and also collected eight rebounds.

C.J. Gettelfinger, 6-4 sophomore point guard, contributed 14 points and was 3 for 4 from 3-point range. Connor Arnold, 6-7 senior forward, chipped in 11 points and had seven rebounds. He made 5 of 5 foul shots.

Substitute Justin Pankey led Humboldt with 13 points and eight rebounds. Kortland Martin also tallied 13 points and Carlton

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A wake up for young Bearden team at state

By Steve Williams

Bearden was a big dog in its sectional win over Science Hill but just pups at the state.

"We normally take care of the ball a lot better than what happened today," said Dre Dave, senior spokesman for the young Bulldogs after a 63-48 loss to Independence in the TSSAA Class AAA quarterfinals last week at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

"I think it was just a smack in the face. It brought us back to reality. They (four sophomore

starters) didn't know what they were getting into. But now, since they've been at the state ..."

Dave believes the next time will be different.

Bearden committed an uncharacteristic 11 turnovers in the first half and the Eagles cashed them in for 10 points, which equated to their halftime lead of 34-24.

The second half didn't get much better, as Bearden made nine more turnovers and Independence pulled away to a 52-32 command after three

periods.

The Eagles, making their first-ever trip to the state tournament, advanced to the semifinals, while Bearden, which had notched a 29-point win at Science Hill in the sectionals, hung up a 22-10 worksheet.

McKyan James, a 5-8 junior guard, led Independence with 16 points. Grayson Murphy contributed 12 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Sophomore guard Trent Stephney (13 points, six rebounds and three steals) was best for

Bearden. Shamacus Brown came off the bench to chip in 10 points.

Sophomore guard Jacques Glover had eight of the Bulldogs' 20 turnovers.

"They had a lot of (defensive) picks," said Dave. "As we were coming down court, they would pick from behind us. They were playing harder than us."

Problems snowballed for the Bulldogs.

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Tennessee Spring Football: What To Watch For

By Alex Norman

Folks, it is ok that you are going through football withdrawal. I get it. I'm right there with you.

The good news is that this week, football is back!

Well, kind of.
Tennessee will hold its first of 15 spring practices on Tuesday, March 21st. Spring football will conclude with the annual Orange & White Game on Saturday, April 22nd. After that scrimmage there won't be a hint of football until August, so enjoy it while you can.

Let's take a look at the key story lines heading into the spring. The answers that the Vols come up with will go a long ways towards determining whether 2017 is a successful season for Tennessee.

The biggest question obviously is who will replace Joshua Dobbs as

the Vols starting quarterback. Dobbs went 23-12 as a starter, including 3 bowl game victories. He accounted for 9360 total yards of offense and a combined 86 touchdowns.

With all reverence to the high energy Sheriron Jones, that quarterback competition will be a two man battle between junior Quinten Dormady and redshirt freshman Jarrett Guarantano.

Dormady has played in 10 games during his Tennessee career as Dobbs' backup. He chose the Vols over Alabama back in 2015, has a strong right arm and is a pro-style weapon for Butch Jones. Guarantano doesn't lack in confidence, and appears ready to challenge for the starting spot. A former 4-star recruit out of New Jersey, Guarantano is a true dual threat option.

Both guys have very good

size (each is listed at 6'4"). Dormady is heavier and perhaps better able to withstand the physical nature of the SEC, while Guarantano is the quicker of the two, and will likely be able to avoid contact easier. Dormady is the only quarterback on the roster to have actually played in college (24 of 39 for 357 yards and one TD over the last two seasons).

There is a very good chance that spring football ends without a starter being named for the opener against Georgia Tech on September 4th in Atlanta. And you can expect to see both quarterbacks play significant minutes in 2017 regardless of who gets the call first. Tennessee had a luxury in Dobbs for the past two seasons. We'll find out if Dormady/Guarantano can pick up the slack in his absence.

So who will they be throwing the football towards? Remember that Josh Malone left early for the NFL draft, taking his 104 career catches with him. Malone emerged as a deep threat, a need that can't be overlooked. The good news is that Jauan Jennings is set to take over the number one receiver slot. After that there are a lot of question marks that we will try to get answers to this spring.

Can Josh Smith stay healthy? Will sophomores Marquez Callaway and Brandon Johnson take the next step? Will Tyler Byrd stay on the offensive side of the football or will he be moved into the secondary? And what ever happened to Jeff George, who arrived from JUCO a year ago with a nice amount of hype.

This spring will be huge for a wide receiving corps with

more uncertainty than sure things.

At running back the Vols say goodbye to Alvin Kamara and Jalen Hurd. The former to the NFL, the latter to... well... we aren't really sure just yet. This spring junior John Kelly will get most of the snaps, while sophomore Carlin Fils-aime hopes a solid spring will help separate himself from incoming 4-star recruit Ty Chandler, who gets to campus this June.

On the offensive line Tennessee will be an experienced group, so this spring will be important for 5-star early enrollee Trey Smith. Should these 15 practices go well Smith could be in line not only for playing time, but for a starting spot in 2017.

On defense the biggest question is how to you replace Derek Barnett and his 33 career sacks, a

program record. This spring Jonathon Kongbo will try to prove that he can fill that pass rushing role, despite overwhelming fans in his first season in Knoxville. In fairness Kongbo was called upon to play tackle due to injuries, not his strongest position. Kyle Phillips has had an injury filled career but also will be needed.

In the secondary Cam Sutton has graduated. This spring keep an eye on sophomore Baylen Buchanan to take a run at earning that starting cornerback slot.

At linebacker Quarterback Sapp will try to prove he is healthy enough and Daniel Bituli will try to prove he is prepared enough to get playing time in the fall.

Look, we all want football. Spring football isn't really football.

But pickers can't be choosers.

There's always positives in competing, even in defeat

Nashville Whites Creek head coach Carlton Battle said he knew his team would make the tying shot in the closing seconds of its semifinal game against



By Steve Williams

to pick just one, Grace Christian Academy sophomore C.J. Gettelfinger and Grant Ledford were saddened by a tough loss to Clay County but upbeat when the topic turned to the 2017-18 campaign.

"I think next year will be very bright because if you look out there, every single team here really has mainly seniors leading them," said Gettelfinger.

The Rams will miss 6-7 senior standout Connor Arnold next season but will have four starters coming back. Gettelfinger and Ledford also started as freshmen last season.

"I think we'll just have so much more experience over a lot of teams," said C.J. "I think the confidence will be a lot higher than everybody and the determination to get back and win it all."

Ledford added: "You learn a lot playing here at state. Once when we get back in the gym together, we'll learn from our mistakes."

"Losing twice here (GCA lost to Van Buren County in quarterfinals last season) makes you want it even more."

Grace Christian Coach Mike Doig said "these two (C.J. and Grant) are committed to the game. They love it. They're gym rats. They're always there. Another sophomore Jordan Crawley is pretty good too and he's right there behind them."

GCA also will have 6-8 center Baylor Younker returning for his senior season.

Coach Doig noted his team beat Clay County two years ago on a last-second shot.

"They got even," chuckled Doig. "We have a good relationship with that program."

Doig pointed to free throws and offensive rebounds as the two key factors in the loss. Clay County made 20 of 28 free throws to GCA's 10 of 15. The Bulldogs also had more offensive rebounds (14 to 4).

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Id-Deen to continue rebuilding Farragut track

By Ken Lay

Kia Id-Deen will officially begin her second season as Farragut High School's track and field coach and she's ready to restore both the Admirals and Lady Admirals to the glory days of the early 1990s.

"I love the sport and I love to compete," Id-Deen said. "I love it in Knoxville and I love Farragut High School."

"Farragut has a great track tradition and I want to get them back to those days. The kids know our history and they know that we're going to have fun. But they also know that I have a passion for the sport and they know that I have a passion to compete. And they know that I'm all business when we get between the lines."

The Admirals and Lady Admirals will begin the 2017 campaign at the Hardin Valley Invitational on Saturday.

There, Farragut will compete against some of the state's and some of the nation's top athletes. Id-Deen is also hoping that her teams will see where she wants to take them in the not-too distant future.

"I want to be where Hardin Valley is," Id-Deen said. "Coach [Bryan] Brown has done a good job there and I want to be where they are. I want to get us to a point where we can go and compete at meets outside the state of Tennessee."

She also noted that she's found a home at Farragut and that she's committed to coaching the Admirals and Lady Admirals for quite some time.

"Last year, I had a chance to take a job in Farragut but I turned it down to take another job," Id-Deen said. "Word got around and rumor got out that I was leaving and I had to say, 'no,'

"The coaches and the administration are great here and everyone is helpful. I will not leave Farragut to take another high school job. The only way I'll leave is to retire, take a college job or if my husband was to get another job. I'm not going anywhere anytime soon."

Id-Deen said that she expects big things from her boys team but also noted that she's still looking to build depth with the Lady Admirals.

"I think, overall, that our men should be pretty good," she said. "We still need to get some more girls out for the team."

Her first year at Farragut was tough she said.

"Last year, I was just trying to keep my feet on the ground," Id-Deen said. "I was just trying not to run anybody off."

Top returning athletes for Farragut's girls include: Distance specialist Anna

Delahunt (who will compete in the 3,200-meter run); Kynede Davis (sophomore, sprints); Ellie Arp (sophomore, sprints) and Brooke Christian (sophomore, triple jump).

Key newcomers are: Elise Stepp (a soccer player competing in track for the first time. Id-Deen has already tapped her as an athlete to watch); Ashley Prince (shot put/discus); Anna Moore (shot put/discus) and sophomore Zoe Swicegood.

Top returners for the boys include: Spencer Flint (a distance specialist who will compete in the 800); Andrew Williams; Shaquille Howell and Braden Collins. That trio qualified for the State Sectional Meet in 2016.

Key newcomers include: Jack DeVault (sprints); Alex Quist (pole vault and relays); Joe Vinsant (sprints) and freshman Scott Granau.

Bulldogs begin title defense against Cookeville

By Ken Lay

The Bearden Bulldogs will begin defense of their 2016 Class AAA State Championship today (March 20) and they'll face a tough challenge out of the gate at Bruce Allender Field.

The Bulldogs, who went 23-3 last season, will tangle with the Cookeville Cavaliers, who were eliminated in the state semifinals last May in Murfreesboro.

"I will always play a tough schedule because it will prepare us to play in the State Tournament," said Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe, who opens his third season coaching at his alma mater where he won a state championship as a player in 2006. "I will always play those teams. If you're a competitor, you always want to play against the best."

"We start with Cookeville and they were a Final Four team and state last year and then we play at Greeneville Thursday."

Bearden, which won both the District 4-AAA regular season and tournament titles before winning the Region 2-AAA Championship and eliminating Sevier County to earn a trip to the Midstate, will certainly face some stiff competition in its district and Radcliffe has scheduled the Cavaliers, Greeneville (on the road Thursday night), Christ Presbyterian.

The Greene Devils and Lions are Class A/AA powerhouses. Once league play begins, the Bulldogs will see Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Maryville and West High.

matches against Science Hill, Galatin, Hendersonville, Arlington, Christian Brothers, Houston, Region 2-AAA runner-up Oak Ridge and Notre Dame.

This season will also be Bearden's last campaign in District 4 and Region 2. The Bulldogs will move to District 2-AAA, along with West. That will also shift Bearden and the Rebels to Region 1-AAA.

"I will continue to play those tough teams [in District 4] and those games will still be special and big for us even though they don't have that asterisk [which denotes district play] by them."

With Bearden leaving the so-called "district of death," after the 2017 season, Radcliffe said that the Bulldogs would like to go out as champions.

"It's special to win this district. It's always special because it's so tough," he said. "Some of the best teams in the South play in our district."

Bearden must replace six seniors who graduated in May and Radcliffe said that he thinks that some young forwards will step up and replace those who left after the school's most recent state title.

"I think that we'll be able to score goals," Radcliffe said. "I had some forwards who probably could've played last year but they had to wait because I just couldn't take the seniors off the field."

"This will be the time to shine for those guys after they've waited. It's just going to be a matter of which

ones of these guys are going to school. One of our strengths is our chemistry."

While some new faces will be playing up top for the Bulldogs in 2017, Bearden returns its entire back line. The veteran defenders include seniors Cole Hilton (who missed all of 2016 after suffering a broken leg during the preseason), Lucas Lavender and Stephen Carlevato. Junior Mitchell Mazrimas is also back from last year's state championship team.

Other key returners include: Michael Tarantino (senior, midfielder); Will Lewis (senior, midfielder); T.J. Seaman (senior, midfielder) and Emre Ucak (senior, forward).

Sophomore Caleb Wilkins will also play forward and he changes positions this year.

"I think that by the end of the year, that he'll be scoring goals for us," Radcliffe said of Wilkins. "He'll be playing up top and that will be a new position for him."

Tanner Whited, another sophomore, will also play forward.

Junior Andrew Wilkins (Caleb's brother) will enter the season as the starting goalkeeper and freshman Holden Giesecke will also see time between the goalposts.

Radcliffe said depth will also be a strength for his squad.

"I have some young players and even though we have young players, I feel like we can go 16 or 17 deep and not miss a step," he said. "That's a good problem to have."

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL WRAP-UP

Grosche pushes Gresham cheerleaders to be all-around leaders

By Steve Williams

Jenny Grosche plans to coach the cheerleaders at Gresham Middle School one more season and hopes her girls will go out in style with a third straight Academic Award in Knox County.

Grosche's squad was honored for having the top GPA (grade point average) in the county for cheerleaders at the Knox County Middle School basketball tournament in February, making it the second straight year Gresham's cheer squad has won the award.

Grosche taught 6th grade Science for 14 years at GMS but made a career change this past January.

"I am now working as a Curriculum Developer for a company out of California," said Grosche. "This will be the start of my seventh year as the GMS cheer coach."

Grosche said she really pushed her girls to lead by example, not only on the court but also in the classroom.

"Grades are extremely



Gresham's award-winning cheer team for 2016-17, from left to right, Vallee Vanover, Taylor Decker, Berkeley Bowers, Mallory Thomas, Baylee Mullins, Elaine Sheddin, Josiet Wells, Maddy Dishner, Taylor Huskey, Olivia Sharp, Morgan McSwain, Coach Jenny Grosche, Mallory Merritt, Ashley Varnell, Trinity Jones, Sarah Lawrence and Mikayla Maldona.

important to me, because I value my girls' education and want them to do well in life and that starts in the classroom. I always told them that winning a cheer competition is great but winning the GPA award means more to me than a competition.

"Our goal as a squad for this upcoming season is to win the GPA Award for the

third season in a row. This upcoming season will be my final season with them and I want them to go out with a third GPA Award.

"Some may say I'm a bit competitive, but my girls know how important this award is to me and I hope that they will continue to work as hard in the classroom as they do on the court each week."

county)," said Ewing. "All but one of those players maintained above a 3.0 for the entire season. I am extremely proud of these young men for their constant hard work both on the court and in the classroom."

In addition to Karns' boys basketball players and Gresham's cheerleaders, West Valley also received an Academic Award in girls' middle school basketball in

Knox County.

Another prestigious award – the Sportsmanship Award – went to West Valley Middle School.

"The Sportsmanship Award is voted on by the coaches and goes to the school that best exemplifies high character on and off the court," said West Valley girls basketball coach Josh Ballard.



The Karns boys' GPA award included a mixture of the school's varsity and JV teams. The back row from left to right: Josiah Swafford, Kyle Rainwater, Austin McGhee, Chris Hunter, Tim Hall, Ty Gentry, Matt White, Sam Simpson and Tommy Sweat. Front row: Trent Tilley, Tanner Grantham, Hakeem Rashid, Briley Love, Kameryn Sanders, Jax Ewing and Jayden Hankla.

Ledford leads Grace Christian into state semifinals

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Childs 12. The Rams' winning margin came at the charity stripe, where they connected on 19 of 27 attempts compared to Humboldt's 6 of 13.

GCA led the entire first half until the Vikings made a shot at the buzzer to take a 30-28 lead into the dressing room at intermission.

Humboldt increased its lead to 47-42 after three periods.

The determined Rams outscored the Vikings 20-12 over the final eight minutes.

Harriman, which has battled GCA four times this season and defeated the Rams in the Region 2-A tourney finals in their last meeting, also reached the semifinals by knocking off defending state champion Memphis Mitchell 59-54.

The Blue Devils (31-6) were slated to play Columbia Academy in the other semifinal game Friday night.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LINDSAY, ROANE COUNTY NEWS

Grant Ledford of Grace Christian Academy puts up a shot against Clay County in the Class A semifinals Friday in Murfreesboro. The 6-4 sophomore shooting guard had two standout games, totaling 62 points, in the TSSAA state tournament.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott talks to his young and talented team during the fourth quarter of the Bulldogs' 63-48 loss to Independence at the TSSAA state tournament.

A wake up for young Bearden team at state

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discussed and prepared for," said Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott. "They got some easy shots out of that and we didn't score along with them. We got down and had to play catch-up and got out of things we wanted to normally do."

Parrott's first season at Bearden was highlighted by the school's first-ever

sectional win on the road.

"I love these kids," said Parrott. "These are great basketball players and they are great kids. They are fun to work with. We've just all got to get better in the off-season, and hopefully, with some good things

happening, we'll be right back."

This was Parrott's second trip to state. His first was at Cherokee High in 2012 when his Chiefs lost to Clarksville in the quarterfinals by six points.

There's always positives in competing, even in defeat

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This year's third straight trip to state for Grace Christian started with a win over No. 1 ranked Humboldt in the quarterfinals. That had some folks thinking maybe a fifth meeting between GCA and Harriman could be coming in the finals. The Blue Devils from Roane County did make it with a semifinal win over Columbia Academy.

"It's been a pretty good experience for these guys," said Doig. "And these boys are not going to stop (knocking on the door). Even tonight they kept going to the very end."

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Catholic's Brock Jancek (left) and Macon County's Seth Carlisle go airborne in a backboard battle at the TSSAA state tournament. Jancek had a game-high 19 points and nine rebounds for the Irishmen in their 78-46 quarterfinal win.

Catholic whips Macon County behind burly Keurschen

By Steve Williams

Chase Kuerschen was sporting a 5 o'clock shadow for Knoxville Catholic's TSSAA state quarterfinal game. He told his coach he hadn't had time to shave that day.

Nevertheless, his look seemed fitting for the Irishmen's opponent. Macon County was country strong. Even Catholic Coach Mike Hutchens said they were "big and wide" minutes before what was expected to be a physical basketball game at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro last week.

Kuerschen didn't just look the part for such a game. He played the part. While many of his teammates got off to a slow start after an "eight-day layoff" following the sectional round, the strong 6-1, 200-pounder was effective from start to finish.

"Two teams with similar styles," said Macon County Coach Jason Welch after watching his Tigers bow to Catholic 78-46. "But they were a little tougher than us today. Most of the time our toughness wears other people out, but their toughness kind of got on us today and then they shot the ball well (57.4 percent) and we shot poorly (40.4 percent). You have to score the ball at the state.

"I felt No. 24 for them (Kuerschen) was the difference in the game for the most part, him and No. 34 (Brock Jancek). They really dominated the paint."

Kuerschen, who will be a strong safety at Tulane this coming football season, scored 15 points, collected eight rebounds and had five assists. He hit 6 of 8 from the field, made his only 3-point attempt and was 2 of 2 at the line.

The 6-7 Jancek finished with game-highs in points (19) and boards (nine). He made 8 of 10 shots from the field and also had two blocks and three steals.

The top-ranked Irishmen also got 13 points from Luke Smith and 11 from Jack Sompayrac in notching win No.

30.

Catholic led only 15-11 at the end of the first period. The Irishmen extended their advantage to 35-23 by halftime and 51-36 after three stops. The Tigers had no choice but to take chances in the final eight minutes. That didn't work either as the Irish outscored them 27-10.

Welch said he was most concerned about Smith, Sompayrac and Jancek coming into the game and expected Kuerschen to score maybe two points, no more than five.

"He drove to the middle of our 1-3-1 and made spin moves and power baskets," said Welch. "I thought he would miss in a minute or so and things would turn back our way ... He wore us out."

Welch also complimented Catholic's Tony Scott.

"Scott is another hard battler. Tony just fights and plays and roughs it up. I looked at a bunch of tapes and he got a million shots blocked, but he kept going back every time. He's a winner. These guys are winners and they fought hard."

The 29-5 Tigers out of Lafayette in northern Middle Tennessee had won 18 in a row and were making their first trip to state since 1986. They probably had a chip on their shoulder for being unranked all season. Welch laughed when called another Rodney Dangerfield.

Seth Carlisle, who plays football like Keurschen, and Michael Ashburn led Macon County with 10 points each.

"Everybody's got a plan until you get punched," said Welch. "We call it 'Putting the wood on somebody' ... All year we've won those battles. Today Catholic won it. They whipped us doing the same thing."

Welch said he was most impressed with Catholic's "overall strength... When they get close to the ball, they hang on to it. You can't appreciate it (watching) the tape. You can't appreciate it until you get there (and see it)."

Perfect tournament run nets title for Admirals

By Ken Lay

OLIVE BRANCH, Miss --- A season of hard work culminated in the ultimate prize for the Farragut High School hockey club.

"I'm really proud of the boys. They worked really hard in practice and they've worked really hard all year," Admirals coach Jeff Lindsay said after Farragut claimed the Blue Division High School State Championship with a 2-1 victory over two-time defending champion Germantown on Sunday, March 12 at the Midsouth Ice House in suburban Memphis. "These boys deserved this and it's nice to finally bring the state championship back to Knoxville."

Farragut faced a tough test against Germantown in the championship game and the Admirals notched a 2-1 victory behind goals from Anthony Ragone and Ryan Preiss.

Germantown entered the recent state tournament as the two-time champion and Lindsay said that he thought the team was undefeated.

"They had won the state championship two years in a row," the coach said. "And I think they were either undefeated or they only had one loss."

Farragut came back to East Tennessee with the state title despite have less than two hours to recover after notching a

hard-fought 3-2 victory over Christian Brothers in an early-morning tilt that concluded preliminary play for both squads.

"We finished our game against Christian Brothers at 10:40 and we had to be back on the ice for a game at 12," Lindsay said. "Against Christian Brothers, we pretty much played everybody but we still had only about an hour and 15 minutes to recuperate and get ready to play."

"We played well against Christian Brothers and we put about 30 shots on their goaltender. If it wasn't for their goalie, Christian Brothers wouldn't have been in any of their games."

The Admirals (17-1-1) knew that they had pretty much clinched an appearance in the championship game when they arrived at the rink to play to Christian Brothers early last Sunday morning. Farragut, which won that game, had to lose it by seven goals to be eliminated from tournament competition.

The Admirals took care of business there as they got goals from Preiss, tournament Most Valuable Player Garrett Rodgers and Preiss.

Farragut opened tournament play on Saturday, March 11 against a familiar opponent in Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association High School

League rival, the Knoxville Warriors. The Admirals notched a 5-3 win but Lindsay said that he knew that game wasn't going to be easy.

"The Warriors were the only team to beat us this year in Knoxville and they were certainly capable of doing it again," he said. "They are a very good team but we played extremely well in that game."

"We played well in the entire tournament. Our kids worked hard all year and they really deserved this."

Ben Baugardner and Kenny Richter both scored twice against Knoxville and Preiss scored Farragut's other marker.

The Warriors got their markers from Carson Rogers, Nick Mackle and Sam Hale.

"We got all of our goals from our defensemen," Lindsay said.

After defeating the Warriors, the Admirals had a preliminary game against Germantown and they won that came 4-1 as they had a pair of empty-net goals

Rodgers and Corey Lindsay each tallied twice for Farragut and each had an empty netter.

Farragut goaltenders James Brinkley and Zach Jordan each had a pair of state tournament wins.

Catholic gives Murphy Center a pinch of green in its chase for gold

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have a great shooting night from the outside overall. In fact, Luke misfired on three 3-point attempts in the opening period while Whites Creek took a 15-8 lead. Smith's first 3-point basket of the game came with 1:51 remaining and gave the Irish a 51-50 lead.

But in addition to the dagger at the end, Smith also hurt the Cobras (29-6) in other ways. He was 8 for 8 at the foul line and totaled 20 points. He produced eight assists with pinpoint passing. He came up with six steals.

Jancek, Catholic's 6-7 junior, had his hands full battling the slender but strong Monyong, who had 11 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks plus altered countless other attempts by the Irish.

Jancek did well for himself, with 16 points and five boards. Catholic also got 13 points and five rebounds from senior Chase Kuerschen.

Dawson Anderson, a 6-4 senior reserve, gave the Irishmen a lift, particularly in the early going, and finished with two points, five rebounds, one blocked shot and one steal plus took a charge from Monyong in 17 minutes of action.

The Cobras' top scorer with 17 points was junior guard Dennis Stallings, who drove inside and hit a little runner to tie the game at 53-all after Whites Creek put the ball in play side front court with 13.7

seconds left.

It was a big shot by Stallings, but not near as big as Smith's runner that was launched five to six feet behind the 3-point arc at the top of the circle.

"It was kind of a weird shot," said Smith. "I shot it on the run. I just kind of flicked it. It's not really something you practice. And I'm glad Coach didn't take a timeout."

Hutchens revealed he and his assistants had decided during Whites Creek's last timeout to call a timeout of their own if the Cobras tied the score, put Jack Sompayrac back in the game and set up a play.

"When they hit it and we got it in to Luke and he started with a steam down court, I just (thought) let's see what happens and he made the play," said Hutchens.

Luke's shot was so far away, the ball seemed to float in slow motion as Irish eyes, in the stands as well as on the court, helped guide it into the hole.

As the horn sounded, the Cobras had to be feeling blue and green with envy, too.

Yep, blue and green - kind of like Murphy Center was on Friday.

GCA RAMS FALL: While Catholic enjoyed the thrill of victory in the semifinals, another Knox County state title hopeful, Grace Christian Academy, experienced the agony of defeat as the Rams bowed 76-70 to Clay County, also known as

Tyreke Key and Company, in the Class A semis.

Key, an Indiana State signee who set a state tournament single game scoring record with 54 points in a quarterfinal win over Loretto on Thursday, bettered Tony Delk's state single season scoring record with 34 points against GCA, upping his season total to 1,343 points in 36 games. That's an average of 37.3 points per game.

Grace Christian led 23-18 after one period but trailed 47-46 after a high-scoring first half, despite shooting 62.1 percent from the field.

The game was tied at 59-all after three periods, but six straight points by Clay County sophomore Gavin Silk midway through the final period gave the Bulldogs a 67-63 lead that GCA couldn't overcome.

Grant Ledford continued his outstanding play at the state tourney, matching Key's 34-point performance. The 6-4 sophomore shooting guard connected on 14 of 17 field goal attempts.

Point guard C.J. Gettelfinger, also a sophomore, chipped in 13 points for the Rams. Connor Arnold, 6-7 forward, closed out his prep career with 10 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Baylor Younker, 6-8 junior forward, added nine points and nine boards.

Making its third straight trip to the state, GCA hung up a 28-9 season record under head coach Mike Doig.



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A Well Being

Occasionally, people write and complain that my essays are not always about medical or health issues. They call attention to the heading of section D in the Focus entitled Health & Well Being. When I mentioned this to my wife, she, like others, hadn't considered the second part of the heading.

What defines well being? You might say, a person whose body is healthy. Can you have a healthy body and yet not be well? The tragedy of mental illness was depicted in the wonderful movie, A Beautiful Mind. It is the story of the Nobel Laureate, John Nash who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and whose mind was not well. Obviously, we have physical and mental spheres which define a well human being, but there is more. I believe we are even more than the

sum of our various body parts and an integrated nervous system.

Because I'm a doctor, I'm always thinking about health issues. Likewise, a lawyer friend recently told me that people see him first as a lawyer and often pepper him with legal questions. I once had a patient corner me as we were leaving church to discuss a lump in her breast. This same woman had sought my medical opinion on numerous other occasions outside the traditional medical office in what we doctors call, "curbside consultations." These incomplete medical evaluations are fraught with liability and represent poor medical care.

Sometimes you have to say no to people if it's not an emergency. So, in order to end her practice of curbside consultation, I told her to open her shirt

and I'd check her lump right there in the narthex. As she began to unbutton her blouse, she hesitated as understanding suddenly appeared on her face, and she then said she'd make an appointment to see me tomorrow. I said that would be wise.

I am a spiritual person which I maintain is another aspect of my being. Humans have many creation stories, including two different ones in the Bible (Genesis chapters one and two). Genesis 2:7 presents a beautiful vision of God forming man from dust (organizing matter?) and imparting to him the "breath of life." More importantly, at that crucial point scripture says, "the man became a living being." I'm not a literalist when reading the Bible and might ask the question if other humans existed on the earth at the time of what I perceive as Adam's "ensoulment." Perhaps this does shed some light on the question of where Cain and his son's obtained wives after his banishment (Genesis chapter four).

A man's soul has no anatomical reference. In the so-called Dark Ages efforts were made to measure the soul by weighing a condemned individual before and after execution. It was reported that there was a

minute difference in the weight of the deceased thought to represent the departed soul. However, I doubt the rudimentary scientific method and the imprecise scales of that day. However, I do believe that philosophically and spiritually, the soul represents the essence of a human being.

My minister at First United Methodist Church is doing a series of sermons on the Apostles Creed. In that context, an apostle is a follower of Christ, and a creed is a collective belief. In the early 4th century AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine became a Christian and ordered a convocation of Church leaders to codify orthodox beliefs. The Nicene Creed came out of that consensus of experts. About fifty years later the shorter Apostle's Creed with greater emphasis on Christ became increasingly used. When I say these creeds I carefully parse them just like I do the words of the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer. Too often these are said in rote fashion without consideration of the ideas and ideals they embody.

As I've said before, words are the tools we use to share our ideas with others. Beyond body language, this is all we have to communicate.

I've been thinking about love and lately parsing it's meaning. In English we have modifiers of love such as the love of chocolate, grandkids or my love for my wife. All are real, but different. The Greeks have multiple words for erotic love, philia eros for brotherly love, storge for love between parents and children, and the sacrificial love of agape.

The philosopher Immanuel Kant described the world of things as phenomena. He labeled non-tangible, conceptual things as noumena. An example is the notion of love which can't be defined by the five senses, but we feel its existence in our minds and hearts. Perhaps God is another noumenal concept because He is not usually seen or heard by the senses; yet I know HE/SHE/SPIRIT exists. The evidence of the Creator is in the universe around us which extends from quasars to quarks and perhaps beyond. And the changed nature of a man is also evidence of God who softens man's heart. The evidence for this is love.

In antiquity a person's name was a reflection of their nature. One of the fascinating stories in the Bible was Moses encountering a burning

bush. God spoke to Moses from the bush, and Moses asked to whom he was speaking. "I Am that I Am," was the mysterious and majestic answer of God.

Humans continue to seek the great I Am because we are curious by nature and because we have a great need. Augustine in the 4th century said, "Our souls remain restless till they rest in thee, O Lord."

I'm leading a Sunday School class on aspects of love. I certainly don't have all the answers, but by searching for the truth I believe I praise Him and fulfill my destiny. Since I've never seen a burning bush or heard His spoken word, I'm like others seeking to know Him. I see the Creator's hand in nature. I know I'm a different person because of The Spirit which resides in my soul and directs my thoughts and actions through what we call our conscience.

Materialists and atheists would argue that all is chance and there is no God. They refer to this as science and intellectual honesty. I call it hubris. Succinctly put in 1 John 4:16 is what we can know of the Creator, Sustainer and Savior; "God is love."

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Jehovah-Jireh

The story in which we find the name for God, Jehovah-Jireh, comes from Genesis 22. It is the story of a final crisis in the life of Abraham. Isaac was born to the aged Abraham and Sarah. We looked last week at El-Shaddai, describing the Almighty God of blessing, who appeared to Abraham at the age of ninety-nine and told him that within the year he would be a father. Abraham and Sarah could now rest knowing that their son would become the



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father of a great nation.

Abraham's world is rocked when Elohim appears to him with the command to offer up his beloved child, Isaac, as a burnt offering. Abraham does not know that this is a testing. His faith is amazing. There is not one hint of objection to this request by God. Abraham had learned to become totally self-sufficient upon El-Shaddai. He learned that God can do the impossible as He gave a child to both

he and Sarah in their old age. If God can give life to a man and woman who were dead (that is the ability to have children), why can't God give physical life back to Isaac if he were killed?

As Abraham and Isaac make their way to the place of sacrifice, young Isaac can't contain his curiosity about the lamb for the sacrifice. Normally, when you went to sacrifice, you would take an animal with you. Abraham says that God will provide a lamb. Abraham had faith that somehow, somehow, God would provide a lamb in place of having to

sacrifice Isaac. He even had the thought that God could bring Isaac back to life (Hebrews 11:19). God also had made it clear that Isaac was the child from which a mighty nation would be built. In fact, Abraham told his servant, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you" (Genesis 22:5).

Isaac is bound and placed upon the altar. No lamb had been provided. With hand raised ready to plunge the knife into his son, the voice of the angel of Jehovah stops Abraham. Abraham looks

and sees a ram caught in a thicket by its horns, which he offers up instead of his son. "And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-Jireh: as it is said to this day, on the mount of the Lord it shall be seen [or provided]" (Genesis 22:14 - Authorized King James Version).

The word jireh is a form of the verb "to see." What connection is there between the word "see" and "provide". Both of these English words are used to translate the one Hebrew word. With God, to see is also to foresee. God knows the end from the beginning because

He possesses eternal wisdom and knowledge. God could see into the future and know that we would sin and be in need of redemption. Because of that, God makes provision for our need. Provision means "to see beforehand." This is expressed in the term Jehovah-Jireh (God will provide). This name was a constant reminder of the grace of Jehovah as deliverer. God has delivered us by providing Jesus, the Lamb of God, as our sacrifice (1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:21-25).



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