

Mayor Burchett announces Congress run

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Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has been waiting in the wings of the political theatre for Congressman John Duncan Jr. to decide if he will seek re-election. The long-term congressman, who followed his father into that office, announced last week that he will not run again.

Mayor Tim Burchett, who has teased the press and public that he was going to run for either the U. S. Congress or the U. S. Senate, has been ready for some time to announce his candidacy for Congress. He made the announcement Saturday morning at Volunteer Market #3 on Western Avenue.

“It’s time somebody put Americans and Tennesseans first. They’re sure not doing that in Washington,” Burchett told the large crowd made up by elected officials, veterans, and citizens.

“It’s time we bring our men and women home from the Middle East,” he said. The candidate went on to talk about energy independence, free market solutions to health care, and said it’s time to stop paying our enemies and sometimes friends for their oil.

The county mayor reminded the crowd that he has served without a tax increase and talked about medical and mental health needs of military veterans.

“Too much government is the problem, folks, and more government is not the solution,” he said.

“Our founders created the United States House of Representatives in Article 1 of the Constitution. The house was created before the Senate. It was created to represent the people, the farmers, the laborers, the small business owners – people we call blue collar workers. People who in 2017 go to work every day with their names on their shirts,” Burchett told the supporters.

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Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett fist bumps a supporter following his announcement Saturday that he’s running for U.S. Congress. A couple hundred supporters turn out for the event at Vol Market # 2 on Western Avenue.

Why are sidewalks so important to neighborhoods?

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The Metropolitan Planning Commission is urging both the city of Knoxville and Knox County to require sidewalks in any new subdivision development. Some developers are including sidewalks in the plans they present. The emphasis on “Walkability” in the city is growing and Mayor Madeline Rogero included nearly \$3 million in her budget in addition to the funds left over from last year for other sidewalks.

Monday Mayor Rogero cut the ribbon on the extension of the \$382,000 sidewalk along Young High Pike connecting that neighborhood with Chapman Highway. She announced five other major sidewalk projects that should begin within the month.

The projects planned for this fiscal year include Gleason Drive between Downtown West Boulevard and Bearden High School; Palmetto Road between Western Avenue and London Drive; Buffat Mill Road between Whittle Springs and Bridalwood Drive; Atlantic Avenue between Pershing Street and North Broadway and Wilson Avenue between South Chestnut Street and South Harrison Street.



Mayor Madeline Rogero (center) is joined by city staff and South Knoxville residents in cutting the ribbon officially opening the extension of the Young High Pike sidewalk, connecting the neighborhood to Chapman Highway.

Other projects, such as the Cedar Lane sidewalk that will connect Pratt Road to Sterchi Road along the south side of the busy connector street, are planned. Authorized in 2014, the project should be accepting bids this summer for the 2,100 foot length. It replaces a foot path that local neighbors use to reach the businesses along Cedar Lane and Merchants Drive.

Gerald Green, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, confirmed for The Focus that the MPC “may recommend and the commission may require” sidewalks in some new subdivisions in Knox County. Green said the recommendation is based on where the subdivision is being planned, and take into account whether or not it is in an area of “parental responsibility” and pedestrian needs.

Rogero called the Young High Pike sidewalk extension an “important link” for the community and said sidewalks “enhance livability.”

“People can leave the car at home and shop and sidewalks improve retail in the sale of homes,” she said.

Jim Hagerman, Director of Engineering, spoke briefly about some of the difficulties in building the sidewalk, such as having to build a new drainage system there and the challenges of the slopes in the neighborhood.

Dawn Distler, director of

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School Board delays action on revising discipline policy

By Pete Gawda

After months of discussion on the topic of revising the board policy on misbehavior and disciplinary actions, the Knox County Board of Education, at their Monday evening work session, decided to delay any action at this time.

As a result of lengthy discussion, the board recognized that it would not be possible for the proposed policy change to go into effect before school starts on August 7. Therefore they decided to delay its implementation until the beginning of the following school year. That would give school officials ample time to consider proposed revisions and present them to the board for approval well in advance of the beginning of the next school year.

At previous meetings, when considering this policy change, the board had looked at defining different levels of misbehavior and disciplinary procedures and disciplinary options for each level of misbehavior.

A faith based community organization, JusticeKnox, has expressed much interest in this issue. During the public comment time, Ron Webster, a spokesman for that group said his organization had no comment at that time but would issue a written comment.

Mike McMillan commented on the policy change he promoted on Code of Behavior and Discipline which has wording forbidding any type of discrimination based on “race, creed, color, national origin, religion or sex.” If a school system employee is found guilty of such action, the proposed

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Publisher's Position McMillan Zero Tolerance For Discrimination



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The Knox County Board of Education has been supposedly wrestling with a new policy for disciplining students. The Board has been urged to adopt “restorative policies”, which focus less on punishment than welcoming those students who commit offenses once deemed appropriate for suspension with open arms and attempting to reason with them. Some of the people pushing these policies really wish to see most everything decriminalized and claim students of color are victims of inherent bias by the school system. The notion of whether the student in question has actually committed an offense is immaterial.

Board member Mike McMillan actually went to work and drafted an amendment that truly dealt

with the problem. McMillan proposed that any person inside the system --- teacher’s aide, teacher, administrator or even the superintendent --- found to have discriminated against any student on the basis of race, gender, religion or sexual preference is to be terminated. McMillan in fact took it even farther, stating any employee of the Knox County school system who has been found guilty of knowingly not reporting any instance of discrimination faces termination. That applies from the lowliest employee all the way to the superintendent of schools. The McMillan amendment makes it virtually impossible for anyone to cover up any instance of discrimination in our schools and affords protection to students.

McMillan’s achievement deserves praise from those who worry about actual discrimination in our schools. It will prove to be an effective tool in combating discrimination in the Knox County school system. Still, the rush to adopt restorative practices is less about discrimination than the concept of superior rights. Nor has it had the intended effect in school systems around the country. Kevin Ahern, President

of the Syracuse Teachers’ Association, recently wrote a letter saying the end result of the restorative practices approach to discipline has created a “systematic inability to administer and enforce consistent consequences for violent and highly disruptive student behaviors” which “put students and staff at risk and make quality instruction impossible.” Apparently in some school systems even threats against teachers are ignored. One teacher in Los Angeles stated, “I was terrified and bullied by a fourth-grade student.” She claimed the student told her to “Back off b --- h’. I told him to go to the office and he said ‘No, b --- h, and no one can make me go.” Another Los Angeles teacher sighed, “We now have a ‘restorative justice’ counselor, but we still have the same problems. Kids aren’t even suspended for fights or drugs.” The problems have spread in Orange County, California and are even worse in the Santa Ana public schools where authorities claim middle school students routinely smoke pot in bathrooms. According to the Orange County Register teachers have been spit upon, pelted with eggs, and even threatened with being stabbed.

65% of teachers surveyed in the Santa Ana school district say the softening of discipline in schools is not working.

The Los Angeles Times received numerous letters to the editor questioning the implementation of restorative practices. One citizen wrote, “the article on the Los Angeles Unified School District’s new discipline policy, which focuses more on ‘restorative justice’ and less on punishment, goes to the core of why public education has so deteriorated.” The writer plaintively posed a very interesting question: “If a teacher cannot maintain discipline in the classroom, and if disruptive misbehavior cannot be prevented, then how can any student expect to learn?”

In Philadelphia, the talking circles encouraged by the restorative practices approach, doesn’t seem to be working. One former teacher complained students misbehave and then dare teachers and administrators to remove them from classrooms, knowing nothing will happen to them. Evidently one student boasted to teacher Allen Zollman, “I’m going to torture you. I’m doing this because I can’t be removed.” Zollman readily acknowledged

the problem, saying, “The less we are willing or able to respond, the more they will control the classroom, the hallways and the school” in comments made before the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. Another teacher in Oakland, California reported to the Christian Science Monitor that a student who set another student’s hair on fire went to a comfortable restorative talk rather than facing a suspension. Yet there are folks in the movement to implement restorative justice who hail the system in Oakland as a model for the program. A teacher in Portland was punched in the face by a student, requiring a visit to the emergency room, but was advised by a superior not to press charges, noting how difficult it would be for the student to overcome a criminal record. The teacher, a woman, was told that being white and the student a minority, she might have played a role in her own assault for holding unconscious racial biases. Clearly, it’s not justice for all.

The message is not hard to discern. Teacher Paul Bruno, who spent time in the talking circles required by restorative justice practices, noted it “can encourage misbehavior by

lavishing attention on students for committing infractions.” Bruno concluded, “the circles may unwittingly allow already assertive students to leverage their social dominance even further inside the classroom.”

And don’t assume every violent act in a public school is reported. An audit conducted by the State Comptroller’s office in New York found fully one third of all violent acts in 10 New York City schools went unreported. The Comptroller’s report found that over 400 incidents that should have been reported went undisclosed. School systems have little incentive to accurately report such things, as underreporting gives the appearance of safety.

The end result in many localities has been a growing number of private and charter schools, a decision made by parents who were horrified by schools becoming less safe for their children and the learning environment deteriorating rapidly. The same thing will likely happen in Knox County, yet it was Mike McMillan who actually expanded the coverage to protect many more students from real discrimination.

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“There’s a reason House seats are on the ballot every two years, because these seats belong to the people, not to any one candidate or elected official. They belong to you. If you don’t like what’s happening in Washington you can do something about it before it’s too late,” he said.

“That’s why I’m standing before you here today—to officially announce my candidacy for United States Congress and I ask for your continued prayers and your support,” Burchett said.

Burchett said it’s time somebody stood up for our country instead of special interests and added, “They’re sure not doing that in Washington.”



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Mayor Burchett was joined by his wife Kelly and daughter Isabel during his kick off to replace retiring Congressman Jimmy Duncan. Burchett’s announcement drew a crowd of supporters, other politicians and several elected city and county officials.

His not-so-surprising candidacy makes him the leading candidate in what may

become a large Republican field that could include Rev. Chris Edmonds of Maryville,

Sheriff Jim Berrong of Blount County, State Representative Bill Dunn, and possibly State Senator Dr. Richard Briggs. Representative Jimmy Matlock of Lenoir City announced Thursday that he will seek the Republican nomination.

Dr. Joshua Williams, a psychologist, has announced himself a Democrat candidate for Duncan’s seat and Renee Hoyos, Director of the Tennessee Clean Water Network, may also seek that party’s nomination. A Democrat has not held the 2nd District seat in Congress since before the Civil War.

Burchett was born in 1964, the son of educators. He attended West Hills

Elementary and Bearden Middle and High Schools. Burchett graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Education and was elected, in 1994, to the Tennessee House where he served two terms. In 1999 he was elected to the State Senate and served three terms.

Burchett ran for Knox County Mayor and defeated Sheriff Tim Hutchison in the Republican Primary, going on to easily defeat a Democrat rival. He was easily re-elected and now faces a term limit for that office. A fiscally conservative Republican, Burchett is nevertheless friends with Knoxville’s Democratic mayor, Madeline Rogero, although he occasionally

opposes her decisions.

The county mayor is married to Kelly Kimbell, and is noted for maintaining two terms without a property tax increase and also for the “Cash Mobs” he created to help draw attention to the loss of customers in South Knox County when the Henley Bridge was closed for repairs. More recently he again created a “Cash Mob” to help and honor the late Alvin Frye’s Fountain City Exxon.

A noted “tweeter” and fond of taking “selfies” of him with other people, Burchett has been traveling outside the county in recent weeks speaking to various groups without officially saying he’s in the race for congress.

Board of education has short meeting

By Pete Gawda

The August meeting of the Knox County Board of Education was short and harmonious. It lasted about 30 minutes with very little discussion and only one vote that was not unanimous.

The board voted to postpone the first reading of a proposed board policy that had been much discussed in the past, Misbehavior and Disciplinary Options. This proposed policy is to be sent back to the superintendent who will solicit comments from students, staff and the community. These inputs are to be incorporated into a proposal to be presented to the board for consideration no later than the February 2018 work session. Jennifer Owen made a motion to postpone for



At Wednesday’s meeting of the Knox County Board of Education, Andrea Guy, tenth and eleventh grade teacher at Hardin Valley Academy, was recognized as the 2017 Tennessee History Teacher of the Year. To her right is board chair Patti Bounds and to her left is Superintendent of Schools Bob Thomas.

30 days the vote on a proposed board policy change on personnel records. She said this was to give time for clarification. Gloria Deathridge cast the only

dissenting vote on that motion.

The board went on to unanimously approve the second reading of 28 various policy modifications.

They also approved the first reading of a policy proposed by Mike McMillan that would call for the termination of any school system employee found guilty of discrimination.

Board policies must pass two readings before they take effect.

The board also approved various grants, donations and contracts.

During the public forum, Persephone Webb, a spokesperson for the transgender community, urged the board to treat transgender students the same as all other students including the use of gender affirming names and pronouns and equal access to gender spaces. Webb said no one from the board responded to a request for a discussion on the issue.

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The city may bridge these roots along Cedar Lane to create a sidewalk that runs from Pratt Road to Sterchi Road, almost half-a-mile. Pedestrians have worn a footpath from Rowan Road to the Pratt Road with many having to walk in the street to avoid the tree roots.

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Knoxville Transit, told the gathering of neighbors and officials that the sidewalk will be welcomed by transit riders, describing the area of Young High Pike and Chapman Highway as

"one of our busiest intersections, served by three bus routes."

She said the area supplies more than 21,000 transit riders each month.

"This is a great improvement for them," Distler said.

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Old Knoxville High School will be 80 senior apartments

By Mike Steely
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Walking through the hallways of the old Knoxville High School brings back memories for any older person who went to high school anywhere. The large facility at 101 East Fifth Avenue has four buildings and is being converted for senior living.

Recently Knox Heritage invited the public to see the progress of the ongoing renovation there and many of the former classrooms were open for visiting to see the changes. Several have been reworked and the historic school building will soon house 80 senior citizens in what the developer says will be a "fun place to live."

Developer Rick Dover told the crowd during the tour that the project may be completed and opened in November. He said the old school is, "The least ambitious of all the projects we've done because the building is in such a good shape."

Dover spoke briefly as did Knox Heritage's Kim Trent and Kevin Murphey. Trent recognized the many members and board of Knox Heritage and noted the organization's work with Dover on several other restoration projects.

"We really need some more 'gray' here," she said of downtown and the growing number of younger people moving to the revitalized city. Old Knox High School sits just one block north of the Old City on North Broadway and East Fifth.

Three floors of the main building are being renovated. Some of the former classrooms show indications of where the blackboards were and a large safe from the original school now graces one of the first rooms on the main floor. Visitors could see how the historic windows are being replaced or recovered, how the original woodwork has been revealed from under 8 to 10 coats of paint, and note several plaques that will remain honoring former students, principals, and city officials who authorized the 1910 construction.

Old Knoxville High School was a "city" school that went to county ownership when Knoxville joined the Knox County School System. The county transferred



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Old Knoxville High School is soon to be Senior Apartments and recently people of all ages toured the facility in an event sponsored by Knox Heritage.

ownership to the city which put the building up for bids and Dover took ownership.

The developer has pledged to keep and maintain the "Doughboy" statue in front of the building which honors World War I soldiers. He told the visitors that displays about the history of the school will be placed as the Knoxville High School Alumni Association has preserved much of the items and the building will be open to the public for visits.

Dover said the residents will have apartments equipped with a full kitchen and laundry. The building will feature a full staff and services, security, a restaurant and lounge, a fitness center, an activities director, an interactive kitchen and even an art studio in the attic where the school's indoor rifle range was located.

"Each apartment is a little different," he said because each classroom was different from the others.

Dover said he didn't know what the lease cost for apartments would be but pledged it would be "very reasonable, below market value."

"Preserve, restore and repurpose in a first class manner," Dover said of his various

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The beginning of the historic Knoxville High School is told on this marble plaque in the front of the grand old school.

KHS alumni includes famous folks

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What do a Pulitzer Prize winning writer, a movie director, a noted actor, and a former mayor of Knoxville have in common?

All of them attended Knoxville High School.

The list is impressive for a school that opened in 1910 and closed in 1951. The majestic old building, being repurposed as for senior living, is noted for 13 state championships and two National Football Championships in the 1930s.

More than anything the high school, which had more than 2,500 students annually in its heyday, produced the likes of book and screen writer James Agee. Clarence Brown, the movie director, was also a student there as were actor and singer John Cullum, award-winning actress Patricia Neal, and former Mayor Kyle Testerman.

Other notables also attended Knoxville High School including UT Coach Tommy Bartlett; former UT President Edward Boling; Harvey Broome, a lawyer instrumental in the formation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and John Ward, the "Voice of the Vols" from 1965 until 1999.

Mary Costa, the famous opera singer and actress, was also a student. Actor Jerome Courtland, former chairman of the TVA Board Charles Dean, Airforce General Norman Gaddis, real estate developer Guilford Glazer, and novelist David Madden.

Other Knoxville High School alumni include Admiral Maurice Weisner, scientist Robert Rochelle and actress Sara O'Meara.



Actor John Cullum, in his 1948 Knoxville High School photo, and the noted actor in a recent photo. Cullum and many other notable KHS alumni have gained local and national status.

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Developer Rick Dover speaks as Knoxville Heritage's Kim Trent welcomes visitors to see the progress of the restoration of Old Knoxville High School. Dover said the project, which will have 80 apartments for senior citizens, should be open for occupancy in November.

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projects in the Knoxville area. The \$15 million dollar restoration of the Old Knoxville High School is but one of the projects underway by Dover.

Dover Development is also working to repurpose

the former Tennessee Supreme Court Building, The Farragut Hotel, the Pryor Brown Garage, and South High School. Completed projects include Northshore Senior Living, Oakwood Senior Living, the Alexandria Inn in Oak Ridge, and River Oaks, Lakewood Place and the Carmichael Inn in Loudon County.

Knox Heritage hosts "Behind the Scenes Tours" for its members each spring and fall to projects being restored in our area. Founded in 1974 the non-profit organization is a part of the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance that serves 16 counties in the Knoxville region.

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By Ralphine Major
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His distinguished career path took the East Tennessee native from Corryton to Memphis for education and training in the field of dentistry on his journey to becoming a board certified oral and maxillofacial pathologist. He taught 13 years at The University of Tennessee and ten years at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before its closure. The next move took him south to the Magnolia State-- Mississippi!

Recruited by his friend, Dr. John Hembree, Dr. Perry McGinnis spent the next fourteen years at the University Medical Center in Mississippi. After Dr. Hembree's retirement, Dr. McGinnis was appointed Dean of the School of Dentistry where he served nine years. While there, Perry received a well-deserved award that had only been given six times in the last 126 years.

"The Mississippi Dental Association's (MDA) Fellowship was one of the greatest honors for me. In our 14 years in Mississippi, both the previous Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and



Picture of Dr. and Mrs. Perry McGinnis and Dr. Kenneth C. Crawley, from the archives of Perry and Carol McGinnis.

I, as Dean, attempted to work very closely with the Association as well as with all the practicing dentists in the State," Perry recalled. "It was the MDA, after all, that had a great influence on the State legislators to open that school in the mid-1970s. Even though there was a brief period in which the MDA supported closing the school, that time passed and we regained their support with two successive Deans who were highly cognizant of the importance of a close relationship

with the State's dental community," Perry continued. "Too, the number of graduates from Mississippi's dental school gradually equalled and exceeded the number of practicing dentists from other schools, and those graduates gradually assumed many of the leadership roles in the Association. Still today, dental and other health professionals in Mississippi remain some of our closest and dearest friends."

Perry and Carol share a treasured picture taken at the Annual Session of

the Mississippi Dental Association at Sandestin, Florida, June 2001. It is the presentation of a framed copy of the cover of the Journal of The Mississippi Dental Association (MDA) that honored Dr. and Mrs. Perry McGinnis as the retiring Dean and Dean's Lady of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry. Making the presentation is Dr. Kenneth C. Crawley, who was the President of the MDA and practicing dentist from Columbia, Mississippi.

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Ridley Mitchell, the colorful congressman from Tennessee’s Fourth District, suddenly found himself embroiled in a debate with fellow Representative John J. Cochran of Missouri, an effective and acerbic speaker. The topic was the seemingly unimportant removal of Bedford County in Mitchell’s Congressional district to the jurisdiction of the federal court in Winchester, Tennessee, which was in turn, attached to the federal court in Nashville. Cochran recalled Mitchell had claimed in a remark made to a House committee farmers in Bedford County were lucky to get 5 cents for eggs; Cochran snarled he did not believe farmers should bear the burden of having to travel sixty miles to appear in court. Veteran newspaperman John D. Erwin, a special correspondent for a number of Tennessee newspapers, including the Nashville Tennessean, covered the altercation between the two congressmen. Erwin wrote, “Judge Mitchell’s speech was one of the wittiest and most entertaining of this session and kept the House in an uproar.” When fellow Democrat Harry P. Beam of Illinois wondered just what contribution Tennessee had made to the country, Ridley Mitchell replied, “If the gentleman is not familiar with the contribution, which Tennessee has made to this country, it would be a very serious reflection upon the gentleman who makes the inquiry.” Mitchell’s retort caused House members to erupt in laughter and left Congressman Beam red-faced. Mitchell went down a list of prominent Tennesseans, including Presidents Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Mitchell rattled off famous frontiersmen and soldiers Nathan Bedford Forrest, John Sevier, Davy Crockett and Alvin York. “I want to make the observation that in this same environment was produced the greatest secretary of state that any administration ever had for it is there Cordell Hull has his residence,” Mitchell thundered.

Ridley Mitchell then told his colleagues his district “produces cotton, corn, livestock, all the mineral resources” and more importantly, “above all, Tennesseans continue to produce fathers and mothers to go west and settle that country.” That brought Congressman Thomas F. Ford to his feet and asked if Mitchell could name any Tennesseans who had “contributed to the wealth and greatness of the state of California.” Ridley Mitchell barely paused before saying, “If I had the capacity of an adding machine and knew all the statistics contained in Mulhall’s reports, I would not be enabled to answer the inquiry. Men like McAdoo (William G.

McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson, presidential aspirant, and then U. S. senator from California) and others came from Tennessee and went to California.”

“Tennessee is the center of the world, my friends,” Ridley Mitchell said. “She has contributed not only of material wealth, but of that which is immensely more valuable. The service rendered by her patriotic sons of the battle fields and in the halls of Congress throughout the years.”

Naturally, the people of Tennessee enjoyed not only Ridley Mitchell’s wit, but his advocacy of his district and the Volunteer State. Mitchell hurried home to Tennessee in the summer of 1933, bringing along his Chief of Staff Todd Elrod and maintaining offices in Cookeville and Murfreesboro. That summer Congressman Mitchell, along with Senator K. D. McKellar and Congressmen Carroll Reece and Jere Cooper, headed to Paris, Tennessee where the American Legion planned a celebration honoring Congressman Gordon Browning. Mitchell hurried to Nashville to speak to 500 “letter carriers” employed by the U. S. Post Office at the Maxwell House Hotel. Congressman Mitchell told the postal employees he believed the government could raise taxes from “international bankers who had money and had not paid federal income tax” rather than reducing the salaries of “letter carriers and ex-service men.” Mitchell was also the featured speaker when the newly formed Lions Club of Lebanon, Tennessee celebrated its charter. Moving throughout his district, congressman Ridley Mitchell regaled the Rutherford County chapter of the Disabled American Veterans’ club with his soaring oratory in July of 1933. Mitchell, with an almost infallible sense of good politics, stopped in tiny Woodbury, Tennessee to “mingle with the large first Monday crowd” on his way to Murfreesboro to speak to an American Legion meeting. Mitchell was one of the principal speakers, including former governor A. H. Roberts, in Livingston, Tennessee at the “Century of Progress” homecoming celebration. “The best Anglo-Saxon blood in the country flows in the veins of the people of this town,” Ridley Mitchell told his delighted audience, “whose sons have gone so far, but who remain so true to the traditions of their youth.” Congressman Mitchell left Livingston for Murfreesboro to speak before the Rotary Club. Mitchell claimed Tennessee “had been the most favored state in the Union” under the Roosevelt administration, telling his audience



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Erin L. Davis of Tennessee circa 1940.

“that approximately \$34,000,000 is to be spent within a three hours’ ride of Murfreesboro.” While Mitchell urged Rotarians to support President Roosevelt and the New Deal, he did not mention virtually all of the federal largesse coming to Tennessee was the handiwork of Senator K. D. McKellar, who was the ranking member of the Senate’s powerful Appropriations Committee. The wily and relentless McKellar’s ability to produce appropriations for Tennessee was the subject of awe and some little resentment on the part of his colleagues inside the Senate.

Ridley Mitchell walked through the grounds of the Clay County fair, shaking hands, slapping backs and conversing with friends in late August of 1933. Congressman Mitchell traveled to Wartrace, Tennessee along with residents of the Normandy, Cortner, Bell Buckle, and Cortner communities on “an inspection trip to Cascade Springs.” Each of the communities were interested in harnessing the water from the springs to pipe into the towns. Mitchell had spoken in Bell Buckle on the project earlier in that afternoon. Ridley Mitchell was the principal speaker in Lynchburg, Tennessee when the Moore County elementary and high schools were opened on August 29, 1933. Never one to miss a county fair, Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell was again walking through the throngs of people at the DeKalb County fair in Alexandria, Tennessee on the last day of August.

As Ridley Mitchell campaigned nonstop inside the Fourth Congressional district, friends of Ewin L. Davis were not entirely happy with the congressman. Out of elective politics himself, Ewin L. Davis worked at his job on the Federal Trade Commission and was elevated to the chairmanship at the end of December 1934. Davis had other things on his mind besides politics in the spring of 1935 as his mother lay dying. Christina Davis was the mother of six children; five sons and one daughter. She had seen her children do quite well in both the worlds of business and politics. Former President Woodrow Wilson and his wife, Edith, had visited Mrs. Davis after they had left the White House. The

ill and partially paralyzed former President called on very few people and Mrs. Wilson invited Christina Davis to repay the call at their home in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Warren Harding had also invited Christina Davis to the White House while Mrs. Davis had been in the Capitol to visit her son. As she lay dying in the home of her only daughter, her sons hurried to her bedside. All of her children, save for ambassador-at-large Norman Davis were with her when she slipped away.

Ridley Mitchell faced a spirited challenge from state senator John J. Jewell, who had resigned his post as attorney for the federal Home Owners’ Loan Corporation, a position he had secured through Senator K. D. McKellar. Mitchell’s political aspirations clearly went well beyond the House of Representatives and when Cordell Hull resigned his seat in the United States Senate, the Congressman flirted with the idea of running in the 1934 special election while Congressman Gordon Browning intended to challenge the powerful McKellar. Ridley Mitchell eventually thought better of the notion and his opponent, John J. Jewell, drew support from many friends of Senator McKellar and former Congressman Ewin L. Davis. Mitchell underestimated Jewell’s candidacy and initially, the congressman didn’t believe a speaking campaign inside his Fourth District was necessary. Ridley Mitchell soon discovered Jewell was gaining strength rapidly and began to campaign hard. Mitchell’s own supporters had plotted to support Senator Nathan L. Bachman, who had been appointed to succeed Cordell Hull, against Gordon Browning to promote the Fourth District congressman’s own prospective bid for the Senate in 1936. While Mitchell defeated John J. Jewell, the margin was narrower than the congressman might have wished. Jewell carried only four of the eighteen counties inside the Fourth District, but he nipped at Ridley Mitchell’s heels in several other counties. Jewell won 20,157 votes to 26,209 votes for Congressman Mitchell.

Mitchell campaigned hard for the Democratic ticket throughout his district

and beyond, a clear sign he intended to be a statewide candidate in the future. Congressman Mitchell, along with a female companion, was injured when he was returning from Knoxville, having attended the Kentucky – Tennessee football game. Mitchell’s car collided with a truck in Crossville and his injuries were serious enough to send him to a Nashville hospital. The Mitchell’s brother, Dr. E. W. Mitchell, said the congressman “suffered a bursted knee cap on the left leg, his left arm was broken” and was “bruised about the chest and cut about the face.” Ridley Mitchell underwent surgery to repair his kneecap at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville and Dr. E. W. Mitchell said “the outlook for his early recovery is fairly hopeful.” Dr. Mitchell worried about the “danger of pneumonia or infection setting in from the operation”, but declared “the congressman’s condition is satisfactory tonight.” The congressman’s doctors were satisfied enough with his condition to announce Ridley Mitchell would be able to “eat Christmas dinner at his Crossville home” as well as to “answer the roll call when Congress meets in January.” That proved to be an overly optimistic opinion, as Mitchell was not released from the hospital until December 30, 1934. Leaving the hospital on crutches, Mitchell said, “I’ll be there when they start” when he was asked if he would attend the opening of the new Congress.

Ridley Mitchell was well enough to express his delight that former U. S. senator Smith Brookhart, a noisy progressive Republican who had been defeated in 1932, had lost his job with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration where he was employed as a foreign trade advisor. Brookhart had been one of the more egregious members of Congress who had hired a large number of his immediate family. Mitchell had used Brookhart as a prime illustration of the need to pass his anti-nepotism bill.

Ridley Mitchell once again turned back a determined challenge from John J. Jewell in the 1936 Democratic primary. Mitchell saw his best chance to go to the U. S. Senate in a 1938 special election for the remaining

four years of the late Senator Nathan L. Bachman’s term. Governor Gordon Browning had appointed George L. Berry to the seat following Bachman’s death and Berry very much wanted to remain in the Senate. Senator K. D. McKellar and Memphis Boss E. H. Crump backed the candidacy of Tom Stewart of Winchester. Undeterred, Ridley Mitchell announced his own candidacy and while he campaigned hard, he ran a disappointing third in the Democratic primary. Mitchell’s last hurrah was his bid for governor against incumbent Prentice Cooper in 1942. Ridley Mitchell, displaying his usual flair for publicity and intensive personal contact with voters, gave Governor Cooper a thorough scare. Mitchell would return to Washington, eventually serving as a special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. After retiring, Ridley Mitchell came home to Crossville where he died of a heart attack on February 26, 1962 at age eighty-four.

Ewin L. Davis, remained on the Federal Trade Commission until his own death. He served capably and quietly as a member of the FTC, long since removed from the furor of Tennessee politics. Davis had been stricken with a paralytic stroke in July of 1949 and died on October 23, 1949 while in Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Both Ridley Mitchell and Ewin L. Davis made their mark on Tennessee, yet they represented two distinctly different paths of public service. The quiet and scholarly Davis was the antithesis of the colorful and publicity-seeking Ridley Mitchell. Still, both were remarkable Tennesseans.

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What will they say?

I just arrived in Hendersonville, TN, to return my grandson Madden to his home. He's graced us with his presence for the last three days. During that time, we made whirlwind trips to places where the boy could enjoy himself. Madden is a

wonderful boy who was stricken with the same problem that my brother Jim and I experienced. In my mother's words, "[he] talked incessantly."

Madden spent the prior week with his other grandparents. Now that he's home, the opportunity to tell Mom and Dad about us exists. I'm curious about what he will say. I've talked about my mother since she passed, and I sometimes



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wonder what my own children will say about me when I'm gone.

One thing for sure is over the years I've uttered plenty of things that have stuck in their minds. When they've misbehaved, the words "Don't make me spank you" has been yelled through the house.

How ridiculous is it to think that my children would purposely do something to bring about swats to their back sides. Sometimes, I threatened to "wear them out." Yeah, right! Spanking Dallas or Lacey always left me upset for a long time. It was more like punishment for me.

I wonder how I'll be remembered as a dad. My intent was to always do the things that would

help my children grow up to be good people who knew how to treat others, who obtained a good education, and who built productive lives. Maybe they might comment on my insistence that they played sports on teams and refused to allow them to quit until seasons were over. Of course, during those years, I made plenty of mistakes; perhaps they won't remember too many of them.

How many of the "lectures" that I subjected them to will be remembered? I've delivered hundreds of them over the years. Not using drugs or driving drunk was one such topic. Another was showing respect to their parents, even when they didn't agree with us. I know that the threat to remove slammed doors from bedrooms is burned into their memory banks. Of course, the one I delivered

about the demise of the Egyptian civilization due, in part, to excessive concern with looks and self-adornment will remain long after I've gone to my reward, whatever that might be. What others might be recalled is anybody's guess.

What I hope most of all is that my "young'uns" will recall just how much I loved them. They have been the center of my world, along with Amy. Over the years, they've given me so many times to be proud of them, and the hugs and kisses that they gave as little ones and, though less often, as adults, have made my life a good one. I've watched them learn to love others and allow them to become parts of their lives, and with luck, they will always find the same kind of love that I've experienced with Amy. Lord knows she's put up with my goofy, too

often hateful ways for more than 40 years.

I certainly hope that Madden will have kind things to say about me. He said today that I was like his mom, who also sometimes becomes miffed with his behaviors. If I'm lucky, he'll remember that I told him I was proud of him. I hope he can say that his grandfather loved him completely and tried to make our time together fun. I further hope he will say that I passed along a couple of good pieces of advice.

I'm not sure the good lord allows us to look down on the ones we leave behind. If that is the case, I only hope that what my family says about me will be mostly good, along with some of my many shortcomings. One thing for sure: I won't be remembered as having been saintly.

Make your eclipse-viewing plans now

By Mike Steely
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More than half a million people are expected to visit Tennessee on August 21st to view the upcoming total solar eclipse and some places are already getting crowded. Fort Loudoun Park in Vonore has announced it is already overbooked for the event. The eclipse, depending on where you view it, should start about 2:30 p.m. and last about just over two minutes, bringing darkness along the long route as the shadow of the moon moves from Northwest to Southeast.

Many places will see part of the event, like Knoxville, Farragut and Loudon, but the closer you are to the



The path of the Solar Eclipse stretches from near Clarksville to beyond Madisonville. Sweetwater is just about in the center of the path for the August 21st event.

center of the shadow the longer the darkness lasts. Sweetwater is being mentioned by many as a destination to view the event as are Englewood, Athens and Madisonville.

Sweetwater, located just

off Interstate 75, is gearing up for the day and promoting the town as "Smack in the Middle of the Path." An Eclipse Festival will be underway all day along with vendors, entertainment, space-related

movies, and Chattanooga's famed "Moon Pies." Tee shirts and arm bands are being sold and a shuttle to downtown will be visiting various viewing spaces including the Sweetwater Flea Market. Many of the

parking spaces are asking for reservations.

Other communities holding eclipse events include Etowah, Niota, Ocoee, Pikeville, Spring City and Tellico Plains.

Some of Tennessee's

State Parks are gearing up for eclipse viewing such as Cumberland Mountain, Falls Creek Falls, Frozen Head, Hiwassee-Ocoee, Burgess Falls and Cedars of Lebanon.

Locally there are parties and events being planned including Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett's Eclipse Party at The Cove at Concord Park.

Obviously everyone is being warned about not looking at the sun and the eclipse directly and viewing glasses are pretty much available everywhere.

If you miss this event in Tennessee you will not be around for the next total eclipse here, which happens in 2153.

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

The Dropping of Bombs on Japan

By Randall Baxter

About those two bombs we dropped on Japan:

All my life I have been aware of the moral, ethical, and military thought process that led our nation to the end of the war with Japan the way it was done. I recently visited Pearl Harbor and toured the Arizona Memorial. What a dastardly attack, and who will ever know if our leaders really wanted it to happen.

The Japanese brutal Blitzkrieg on their Asia brothers, and their horrible treatment of American prisoners of war, created a need for the American public to dehumanize this enemy from so far away. Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and Elmer Fudd were selling war bonds. "Nipping the Nips" and overemphasizing characteristics were the norm. And why not! Hirohito had to be defeated. There had to be pay back.

But, nuclear bombs would actually save lives? Who figured that out?

At first we could only nip away at outlying territories like Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Tarawa.

Our Japanese enemy began to learn more effective, and more atrocious tactics. We began to hate them even more. Saipan, the unneeded battle of Peleliu where parents of friends of mine, two brothers each served one as a Marine and one in the Army. The quartermaster Army soldier buried his Marine brother on that island. The Philippines, Iwo Jima and finally Okinawa showed increasing determination on the part of the Japanese to defend their homeland. In the USA no one felt sorry for what the Japanese people had allowed to take place. It is what happens when a people loses control of its government.

Using the battles listed above, excluding Okinawa, it was projected that the invasion of Japan would cost 2,000,000 casualties with 500,000 of those KIA. After the ferocity of Okinawa, those numbers doubled.

Japan would be a huge Okinawa if it was attacked by land, sea and air. The buck stopped at Harry's desk.

To invade, or bomb.

Fourteen months of firebombing had not helped bring the war to an end. The Japanese were hoping that this stubborn refusal to stop the war would bring the USA and its Allies to the peace table to bargain for an end to the war with favorable options for the Empire. This was unacceptable to most people in The USA. The cost was already too high. There had to be a decisive end.

The bombs had been tested at the Trinity test site on July 16. The final parts had been delivered to Tinian on the ill-fated USS Indianapolis. The crew on the Enola Gay had been briefed and prepared.

The targets of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had been selected. The marines and soldiers who had died at Guadalcanal to Okinawa wanted this to end as much as those who survived.

Instant death to thousands of Japanese families, with over 300,000 dying by 1950 seemed a small number when compared to a possible 1,000,000 more American lives to bring this to an acceptable end.

Ethics and logic would say it is wrong to drop bombs with such magnitude. The deaths and dying would be cruel, so many children who did not start the war, compared to all America's children who would die conventionally. The math says it was a no brainer. What say you?

"THE VETERAN NEXT DOOR"

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Fulmer discusses suicide prevention at KCS in-service session

By Ken Lay

The halls and classrooms were largely empty at Farragut High School last week but teachers and administrators were there. They were preparing to welcome students back today.

But Tuesday afternoon, the teachers addressed a dark issue confronting students in today's world as they discussed the growing problem of teenage suicide, an issue that has reached epidemic proportions according to former Tennessee football coach

Phillip Fulmer.

Fulmer is a national spokesman for the Justin Foundation, a non-profit organization, which was formed to combat teen suicide two decades ago.

"The schools are ground zero when it comes to suicide prevention," Fulmer told several Knox County teachers at a training session in the Farragut High School auditorium Tuesday. "Teachers, counselors, certainly other students and peers are interacting every day and they know, particularly

the peers, when something isn't particularly right.

"If we can get treatment and intervene and perhaps save a life. That's what it's all about."

The Town of Farragut and Farragut High School has been hit extremely hard by teen suicide in recent months. Three of the school's students have taken their own life in the last year.

And the one-time Tennessee coach, who guided the Volunteers to the first-ever BCS National Championship

in 1998, said that he couldn't imagine the pain felt by friends and families of suicide victims.

"It's sad. It's sad for the community," Fulmer said. "This is an epidemic. It's a silent epidemic."

"I don't know all the details of [what happened at Farragut High], but I can't even imagine, as a parent, a level of hurt of a lost loved one. It isn't isolated to the family. It goes throughout the school and throughout the community and the neighborhoods. **Continued on page 2**



Former Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer addressed area teachers last week about suicide prevention. Fulmer has been a national spokesman for the Jason Foundation for two decades. The foundation was created to prevent teen suicide in 1997.

CONCORD CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL 2017

Roberts Brings Strong Leadership to Concord Christian

By David Klein

The Concord Christian Lions, a young team based out in Farragut, returns eight starters and their entire offensive line, according to Troy Fleming, former University of Tennessee running back. Fleming played for the Vols from 1999-2003 and played in the NFL for five years before he started his coaching career as an assistant at Grace Christian School in 2010.

Concord Christian began as a high school in 2011, and its football program began in 2014, according to Fleming. The team is looking for its first win in program history.

The Lions will break in a freshman quarterback, Gage Maynard this season. Maynard is 5 foot 8 inches and 125 pounds, Fleming said. Fleming considers the quarterback the leader of the offense. "He's got a cannon for the arm," Fleming said of Maynard.

Fleming points to his offensive line as a key in protecting his new quarterback, and three senior offensive linemen have played since their freshman year.

On offense, the Lions run a spread offense with

multiple formations and a focus on short to intermediate passing. Fleming said his top receiver is Grant Sillyman, who is listed at six foot and 160 pounds.

On defense, the Lions will play a 3-4 base defense. Fleming says he expects them to be aggressive, and the Lions will start two freshmen on the defensive line.

Fleming said his best player is Jon Roberts, who will play outside and inside linebacker this season after playing at defensive end the last few years. "He's the most physical," Fleming said of Roberts.

Roberts is a returning senior and said his work ethic is outstanding. He played defensive end the last two years and says the move to inside linebacker will be a big adjustment. "When I played defensive end, the offensive player was right in front of you," he said. He is getting used to an open area in playing linebacker.

Roberts' responsibility at the linebacker position is to read run or pass. He knows all of the defensive plays. Roberts said he has gotten attention from

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

A photographer takes a shot of West High's seniors during the team's picture day last week. The Rebels have hopes of bouncing back this season after a 4-6 record last fall.

Rebels shake off last season, lurk as a sleeper in Region 3-5A

By Steve Williams

The 2016 season of West High football is in the past and new head coach Lamar Brown and the Rebels are focused on the present task at hand.

West finished 4-6 and missed the playoffs last fall, just two years after back-to-back trips to the Class 5A state finals and bringing home the gold football in 2014.

"We've just got to put all that behind us and move forward as a football program," said Brown prior to a preseason practice last week. "I really feel good about where we're at. I think we have made strides. The culture is

starting to change within the program and the kids have really jumped in here and bought in.

"I really don't know how it's going to translate to wins and losses. That will be determined. We've got a long way to go, but we are growing everyday and getting better."

On paper West may not look like a title contender in the new Region 3-5A, which includes perennial powers Fulton and Oak Ridge along with Campbell County, Clinton, Karns and Powell. The Rebels return only two starters on offense and four on defense, but the fresh start under Brown has

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them lurking as a sleeper.

Brown is no stranger to the playoffs either, having guided Morristown West into the postseason nine out of 10 times prior to being hired at Knoxville West in January.

What will West fans see from this new coaching staff?

"I hope the fans see a disciplined football team," said Brown. "A very physical football team that's going to give relentless effort and play as hard as they can and represent this community and this football program and this

high school in the best possible way."

Both new coordinators – Chris Thacker (offense) and Barron Chandler (defense) – were on Brown's staff in Morristown.

The Rebels will run a "power spread" and line up in a 3-4 defense.

"I think we have a chance to be pretty balanced offensively," said Brown. "Our defensive line has a lot of experience, size and speed. Our whole front seven is pretty dang good."

Senior noseman Zach

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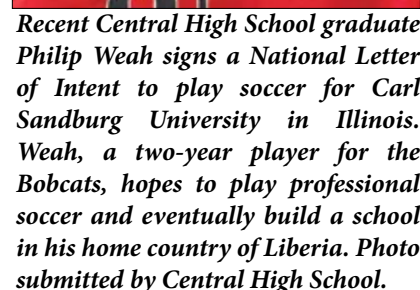
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"It's exciting; our kids love it," Fleming said of his football team.

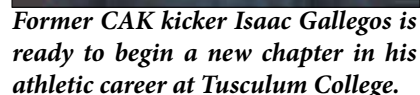
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“Philip has a passion for the game



"He has a great attitude toward the game, toward his teammates and toward the coaches."

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Hard work paying off for Cherokees

By Alex Norman

In 2016 the South-Doyle Cherokees got hot at the right time, even if few that weren't in South Knox County expected it to happen.

The Cherokees rattled off 3 straight playoff victories over Morristown East, Gibbs, and Morristown West, before falling to eventual 5A state champion Farragut in the state semifinals. That was the first time that the Cherokees had advanced that far in the postseason.

This all happened one year after South-Doyle finished 0-10.

"I hope they still underestimate us," joked South-Doyle Head Coach/Athletic Director Clark Duncan. "I think people realized that even when we were 0-10 we weren't that bad of a football team. We were in just about every game, but just couldn't get over the hump and we fixed that. I think people recognize our program as being legitimate."

Duncan, now in his 8th year as football coach and 13th year as athletic director at South-Doyle, has built this program from the ground up. In 2013 they won a playoff game and in 2014 they started the

season 12-0 including two playoff victories.

All the hard work is paying off.

Looking to 2017 there is a lot to look forward to, with eight starters back on offense and seven back on defense. One of the keys will be replacing Caleb Wender at quarterback. He passed for 2465 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2016.

"We feel like we've got two good ones," said Duncan. Mason Brang and A.J. Dunn are competing for the job. Both of them are gonna play. The best thing about it is they have a lot of talent around them."

Brang and Dunn saw very limited action at quarterback in 2016, and they'll certainly have some weapons to make the transition much easier in this multiple offense/zone read attack.

"We like to spread it out get to multiple people," said Duncan.

The Cherokees have to replace Kent'ta Tanner at running back, who rushed for 1623 yards and 18 scores one year ago. Enter Elijah Young, who had 597 rush yards and 3 touchdowns, along with 196 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns in 2016.

SOUTH-DOYLE FOOTBALL 2017

"Elijah is a sophomore that has more talent than anyone I have ever coached. He is a phenomenal athlete and played lot as a freshman."

Duncan also had high praise for Ton'Quez Ball, who had 950 receiving yards and 9 touchdowns last year. "He is our most potent returning guy, and plays both ways at wide receiver and defensive back. He was the sophomore of the year in KIL and is a multi-faceted guy."

Of course if the quarterbacks don't have time to throw and there are no holes for the running backs to travel through, that skill would go for naught. But that doesn't seem to be an issue at South-Doyle.

"We return 4 of 5 (offensive linemen) up front," said Duncan. "We are huge too. They will average around 350 pounds and they are athletic. They lift weights and can move and that is exciting."

There is a big change that Cherokees fans will notice when they visit the stadium for the first home game on September 1st against

Cherokee. The Cherokees have installed their new artificial turf thanks to the donation from Pilot Flying J and the Haslam Family.

"I have been in Knox County for 36 years and for 36 years I would have told you this would never happen," said Duncan. "Not one school let alone all 13 Knox County high schools. What the Haslam family has done is beyond belief. To have a million dollar gift out here, I feel like I am 5 years old and it is Christmas every day."

Duncan added, "For practice, we had to paint the field every other day, the spacing was not always right... but on this field we can get spacing correct and that is huge. We don't have to move around and kill the grass. You don't have to mow, fertilize... you show up and practice and that's it. The kids come down here every day and we talk about it every day. And I talk to them every day because I want them to be appreciative of it, and they are."

SEYMOUR FOOTBALL 2017

Seymour looks to build on recent gridiron success

By Ken Lay
Seymour High School football coach Jerry Cooper is hoping that his can team can build on some recent modest success.

"We've had back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 10 years," said Cooper, who begins his fourth season at the school. "We were 6-5 last year and it was kind of a strange year. We started 4-0 and then we lost four in a row and then we were able to come back and win two of our last three ballgames."

"It was an up-and-down year." The four-game slide began with an overtime loss to Sullivan East. It took a while but the Eagles, who made the playoffs and finished 7-4 in 2015 before losing to eventual Class 4A State Champion Catholic, rebounded and finished the 2016 campaign on a high note.

Seymour defeated Cocke County 46-26 in a bowl game to clinch a second straight winning season.

"We had that tough overtime loss against Sullivan East and then we lost to Cherokee, Grainger and Scott," Cooper said. "But we bounced back and we beat Volunteer 24-0."

"I was really proud of our guys for the way they battled back last year and turned things around. That was a big win for us against Cocke County."

The Eagles were young last season and many starters return

with a year of experience. But the youth movement is still going through Seymour, which opens the new season at home against David Crockett on Aug. 18.

"We played six freshmen and lettered seven or eight sophomores," Cooper said. "We had 14 underclassmen who lettered and for us to be successful, some of those guys are really going to have to step up for us again."

The Eagles look to be strong on the offensive front as they return three starters on the line.

Top returners for the Eagles include: Isiah Kitts (senior, tight end/defensive lineman); Taylor Hickman (junior, offensive tackle); Justin Isaacs (senior, offensive guard); Trace Brown (sophomore, defensive end); Tyler Cooper (a senior who will move from quarterback to wide receiver in 2017); Naaman Webb (junior, split end/wingback/defensive back); Jeremiah Cataline (junior, wingback/defensive back); Grayson Campbell (sophomore, quarterback); Gabe Kitts (sophomore, running back/linebacker) and Eli Kwansey (sophomore, offensive tackle/defensive lineman).

Seymour will compete in Region 2-5A with the likes of Halls, Carter, Gibbs, Central and rival South Doyle.

Seymour's program is on the upswing and coach Cooper said expectations are simple.

"We're going to compete," he said.

Warriors prepare for new football challenges

By Ken Lay

As the 2017 high school football season looms, Christian Academy of Knoxville prepares to sail uncharted waters.

The Warriors, one of Knox County's top teams for the past decade, will make the move to Division II after a long successful stint in Division I that saw them win back-to-back Class 3A State Championships in 2011 and 2012. CAK has made multiple deep postseason runs in previous years.

But now, the Warriors, who went 9-3 last season, will play a different and possibly more competitive brand of football against some unfamiliar opponents.

CAK will compete in Division II-AA along with local rivals Webb School of Knoxville and Grace Christian Academy (which is now coached by former CAK head man Rusty Bradley).

"We will play a bunch of different people, new teams, except for Grace Christian and Webb," said Warriors second-year head coach Travis Mozingo, who replaced Bradley as the school's head coach after the 2015 season. "This is

only my second year in Tennessee and I thought our Division I schedule was pretty competitive and pretty good."

"We know Grace and we know Webb, but other than that, we're playing teams that we don't know."

The Warriors know the Spartans well and Webb handed CAK one of its three losses last season. The Warriors also lost to longtime rival Alcoa (which is now off their schedule) and to Elizabethton in second round of the playoffs.

While the 2017 campaign has plenty of mysteries for CAK, change may not be a bad thing according to senior running back and outside linebacker Alex Dalton.

"We're going to play a bunch of new opponents and we're looking forward to that," Dalton said. "We'll have to travel a lot. But we traveled a lot last year."

"It's going to be hard and we know that. But we're excited to get started and get after it."

Adding to the suspense for the Warriors is the fact that they must replace Cole Smith at quarterback.

Smith graduated after an

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illustrious four-year career at CAK and he's the latest in a long line of successful quarterbacks to play for the Warriors, but the question that remains is, who will be the next field general to follow Smith, Charlie High and Quinn Epperly?

That question remains unanswered.

"If I had to pick a starting quarterback today, I don't know who it would be," Mozingo said. "We may go into our opening game with intentions of using two or three quarterbacks."

"We have three guys. They've both been wide receivers and they both know our offense. They both bring good games to the table."

Juniors Stewart Howell, Drew Claborn and Luke Simpson are competing for the starting spot. All have flourished in the Warriors' offensive attack as receivers.

Howell and Claborn were competing for the spot in the spring, along with Simpson.

Mozingo said that the Warriors (who return five offensive starters and seven on defense) are a "hard-working and close-knit group with good leadership at the skill positions."

The main area of concern for CAK is depth on the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

Key players for the Warriors include: Howell; Claborn; Simpson; Dalton; Grant Richardson (senior, running back/linebacker); Baker Benfield (senior, defensive back); Daniel Plese (senior, running back/defensive lineman) and Eli Chinique (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Howell, Simpson and Claborn will see time at wide receiver again in 2017. Simpson and Claborn also play in the defensive secondary and Howell is an outside linebacker on defense.

The Warriors open their 2017 campaign on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Christ School of Asheville (NC).



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Photo by Steve Williams
Bryson Rosser, Central High head football coach, addresses his team following a preseason practice last week. Rosser has a talented but young squad this season, after making it to the Class 4A state finals last year.



Rebels shake off last season

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Stokes and senior outside linebacker Cal Cook head the short list of returning starters.

"Zach was the Defensive Lineman of the Year in the region last year," said Brown. "He is 6-foot, 325 pounds and can move. He may be one of the most physical players I've ever coached. He's got a great work ethic, a high-motored kid. He squatted 600 pounds this preseason in the weight room. He knows how to work and he's a big-time leader for this football team."

"Cal is going to be a three-year starter. He's 6-4, about 220 pounds. He's another really physical football player and really good athlete. He's also a very good baseball player."

"Those two kids have a good chance to play at the next level."

Cornerback Juan Davis and end Zion McCray also return on defense. Other probable starters on that side of the line include end Tyrece Edwards, outside linebacker Drew Francis, inside linebackers Ben Skvara and William Savoy plus safeties Demarcus Nelson and Harrison Killian and either Omarian Wright or Xavier Davis at cornerback.

Senior quarterback Drake Peer started five games last season and senior Reid Britton (5-10, 221) returns at guard.

The team has a three-way battle going on at running back between Grant Tierney, Jason Eskridge and Trariq Hardin. Preston Wardell is No. 1 at fullback.

Other probable starters on offense include wide receivers Daniel Leadbetter, Jackson Snodgrass and Michael Webb.

Joining Britton as starters in the O-line are expected to be center Tarel Holloway (5-10, 260), guard Amir Dalal (5-9, 250) and tackles Will Babb (5-11, 211) and Tyrell Ragland (6-0, 241).

Logan Bowers returns as place-kicker, Sebastian Latorre will be the punter and Juan Davis will return kicks.

West will open its season at home against rival Bearden on Saturday night, Aug. 19.

Bobcats' hopes start up front with veteran offensive line

By Steve Williams

The key for a talented but young Central High football team to be successful this season could rest on the play of its experienced offensive line.

Offensive skill players on the Bobcats' 2016 Class 4A state runner-up squad graduated, but their O-line returns intact.

"Right now, based on what we have, we think our running game can be strong because of the five returning linemen coming back," said CHS Head Coach Bryson Rosser.

The Bobcats are not only grizzly up front. They're big.

Senior Derrick DeBusk (6-0, 290) is back at center. JaKobi Troutman, a 6-foot, 335-pound junior, is the right guard and senior Alex Hinton (6-0, 293) the left guard. Junior Kross Smith (6-1, 293) returns at right tackle and senior Antwon Harris (6-1, 280) at left tackle.

"Anytime you have good linemen, you're able to do a lot," added Rosser. "They're able to give you some time to throw the ball and be able to run the ball when you need it, so we hope to be balanced again."

Enter sophomore Dakota Fawver, a transfer from Carter who is projected to be Central's starting quarterback. He's a perfect fit for the Bobcat attack.

"He's a dual threat guy," said Rosser. "He can run it and throw it. He's a very smart kid, so he makes good decisions with the football."

The 5-10, 192-pound Fawver probably was the top freshman QB in Knox County last fall. He was Carter's starter. He transferred and participated in spring practice at Central.

Eight players from the 2016 Central team moved on to college football on scholarship, including four all-stars – quarterback Trey Mitchell, defensive lineman Isaac Buell, running back Jadarius Sackie and safety Rondrow Peebles.

The Bobcats, 12-3 last season, also have five starters back on defense, including junior strong safety Xavier Washington, senior cornerback Edward Brodie and senior linebackers Seth Armstrong, Marcus Johnson and Ty Bradford, who played defensive end last fall.

CENTRAL FOOTBALL 2017

Coach Rosser was asked if he looked at 2017 as a rebuilding year or reloading year.

"I consider it a reloading year," he said. "This team is pretty talented. We're just very young."

Rosser said "athleticism" will be the team's strength on the defensive side of the line. "We'll be able to move a bunch of different guys around, present a lot of different looks, which hopefully will put us in some good situations to be successful. This team is very close to being as athletic as last year's team."

Probable starters on offense include running backs Treysean Moore and Michael Miburo and wide receivers Braden Gaston, CJ Johnson and Darrius Caswell.

Defensively, probable starters include linemen Jalynn Clemons (5-9, 285) and Devone Moss, linebacker Malik Robinson, cornerback Daunte Holliday and free safety Demetrien Johnson.

Senior Ian Cummins will handle the place-kicking and punting duties. CJ Johnson and Eli Sharp are holders. Gaston and Holliday will return kicks.

Rosser calls the shots on offense and Nick Craney is defensive coordinator. There are two new assistants on the staff – defensive line coach Terrell Rollins and offensive line coach Larry Neely, former assistant and interim head coach at Powell.

As the TSSAA begins a new classification cycle, Central is in Region 2-5A, along with Sevier County, Seymour, Halls, Carter, South-Doyle and Gibbs.

"I know South-Doyle and Gibbs are pretty good," said Coach Rosser. "They've got some really good teams coming back, so they'll be competing at the top, and obviously we would like to be up there with them and fighting for a championship."

Central will open the season on Aug. 17 at Tennessee High in Bristol.

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Blueprints

My daughter’s adopted home is Portland, Oregon and so I pay special attention to what goes on there. And Portland is again in the news. Portland is like Knoxville in a lot of ways, including being a haven for the homeless. However, Portland is a bigger city than Knoxville and like other big cities has problems with poverty, drugs and crime. There are many causes for these social problems, but one notable observation is that they all seem to be run by Democrats or liberal-progressives who masquerade as Democrats.

A recent Portland controversy arose with the release of an illegal alien from police custody. Because this man had a history of illegal activity and had been deported twenty previous times, ICE should have been notified, but wasn’t because Portland is a sanctuary city which refuses to obey

Federal law. The man subsequently broke into the home of a sixty year old woman, beat her up, raped her and then stole her car. I’m told that Knoxville’s mayor, Madeline Rogero, is sympathetic to the sanctuary city movement. I vehemently oppose making Knoxville a sanctuary city.

The latest controversy comes from the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. As reported in the magazine, Science, a research team at the University has been able to manipulate the DNA of a human embryo. Researchers in China have reported similar though less sophisticated experiments. The Portland group used the CRISPR gene editing technology to change the embryo’s DNA, the blueprint of a human being. CRISPR stands for clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats. I don’t want to get lost in technical

jargon and weeds. If you’re interested you can Google articles on the widely used CRISPR technology. I’m more interested in the ethics of human DNA modification.

Experts maintain that we are a long way from designer babies or the cloned humans in Star Wars movies. However, several important issues are raised by human DNA research. Would it be ethical to reengineer the DNA of a person with a genetic disease like sickle cell anemia? This type of anemia occurs when the amino acid valine is substituted for another amino acid (glutamic acid) in the hemoglobin molecule. As a result, the oxygen carrying hemoglobin protein is less soluble, and more easily precipitates in the circulation, especially with dehydration or other stresses like infections. Precipitated hemoglobin deforms the red blood cell into a sickle-like configuration readily visible under a microscope. The sickled cells get trapped in capillaries and cause strokes, heart attacks and severe bone pain. I’ve cared for these poor patients and if I could fix the defect and cure the disease I would.

Both our DNA and experiences make each of us unique. Even identical twins with the same DNA have defining idiosyncrasies undoubtedly due to

what they learn from different experiences. Our DNA is the unique blueprint for each of us, so altering a person’s DNA changes every cell in the body, far more profoundly than any cosmetic surgery. Philosophically, I have less ethical concerns about manipulating a person’s DNA to treat a medical disease like sickle cell anemia. However, I wonder if this technique might become a slippery slope for genetic manipulation and used for less noble reasons.

I don’t believe humans currently have the wisdom to be tinkering with the blueprints of life. What if a gene were discovered for homosexuality. Many activists maintain that sexual orientation is a genetic issue rather than a learned response or an exercise of rebellion against convention. Would it be ethical for a couple to be tested to see if they carry a gene for homosexuality which might be passed on to their child? Or would it be ethical for a pregnant woman to have her baby tested for homosexuality and then alter the baby’s DNA in utero?

Let’s take it a step further. What if CRISPR or some future technology allows parents to choose the sex, eye color or intelligence of their baby. Would it be ethical to modify humans

to produce a race of Nordic Einsteins?

The two fundamental questions of human existence are, where did we come from and what is our purpose? I was recently introduced to a new concept called evolutionary psychology. These “experts” bypass the first question and explore the second in evolutionary terms.

Most scientists believe humans have advanced through natural selection as described by Charles Darwin in the mid-19th century. The evolutionary psychologists purport to explain all human and animal behavior through something called the “selfish gene” hypothesis. Simply put, humans -and animals -act to perpetuate their genes through procreation. As the atheist Richard Dawkins says, “We are survival machines - robot vehicles blindly programmed to preserve the selfish molecules known as genes.” Even ideas are for self promotion.

Interestingly, these are not new ideas. C. S. Lewis wrestled with similar concepts in the mid 20th century. Lewis asks the question why a soldier in a foxhole would throw himself on a grenade and save his comrades. The American famous scientist and atheist Stephen Gould rejects the hyper-Darwinism in

evolutionary psychology. These “experts” see our only purpose is to preserve genetic lineage, and the soldier merely acts to save the genetic line of his mates. Lewis argued that the soldier acts out of sacrificial love, a concept the Greeks call agape.

Though I am a scientist by training I have come to embrace the notion that there is more than I can know and there is an absolute by which I measure myself and everything else. In fact, I believe it takes far greater faith to propose that the universe, including humans, came into being by chance. This same concept holds that seven monkeys in a room with typewriters would eventually type Hamlet. I put my faith in the Intelligent Designer.

And the purpose of mankind is to recognize and be thankful for the wondrous love and grace built into the universe and in each of us.

Humans perceive many types of love, and though I may not be able to perceive all its manifestations, but I know it when I feel it. And so, all my days I will sing the praises of the Creator, the source of love and all that is.

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Justified by Faith

There are few words more important to the Christian than the word “faith.” As Paul explains the gospel in Romans, faith is at the heart of his teaching. But faith can also be something we talk about but don’t really understand. Some people equate faith with agreeing to a set of doctrinal statements – a faith statement. Others think that being baptized and partaking of communion is faith. Others view faith as an



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

emotion they can stir up in order to get from God what they want.

In Romans, Paul tells us several things about faith that will help us understand what it means more completely. First, we are saved by what God has done through Christ. Our faith is a response to what God has done for us. Faith, in and of itself, does not save us. We don’t have faith in faith. We have faith in Jesus Christ. It is important that our faith is

placed in the right source. For example, Al Michaels asked a rhetorical question toward the end of the 1980 Olympic hockey match between the United States and the USSR: “Do you believe in miracles?” Believing in miracles has become a common way of speaking. But the Bible doesn’t talk about putting our faith and belief in miracles; it talks about putting our faith in the God who works miracles.

Paul describes Abraham’s faith in Romans (4:17-21). Abraham recognized that God can give life to things that are dead and

can speak about things that do not exist as if they did. Abraham needed to believe that God could bring life (a son) out of the deadness of Sarah’s womb and his own inability to father a child with her. He had to believe that what God promised him were so true that God could address them as if they happened already.

Faith is also based on God’s Word. Abraham knew of the physical impossibility that he and Sarah could ever have a child. They were way beyond age for this to happen. But this did not

keep Abraham from believing that God would do as he promised. One of our challenges is to keep believing day in and day out that what we see with our physical eyes is not the whole story. The spiritual realm is just as real. Paul calls the spiritual realm “the heavenly realms” in Ephesians. Like Abraham, we need to believe “against all hope” as we trust God and his promises, even when the evidence seems to go against it.

Abraham also believed “in hope.” Abraham’s faith was based on the hope that God had given him

through a promise. Faith is not “a leap.” It was not that Abraham had no substance for his belief in God’s promise. God had spoken to him and his word was the basis of Abraham’s faith. Our faith, likewise, is based on the Word of God (Scripture) and his living Word, Jesus. It is not based on the things of this world that will not last.

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Family quilts are covered in memories

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Do you have a quilt made by a relative? Isn't it more than just an old quilt?

I have a quilt stitched by my grandmother and her quilting bee. It had belonged to my mother and, after she passed, I received the quilt.

Family quilts are more than bed covers—they are pieces of art and a comforting bit of history. Sometimes we don't use them on the beds or covering furniture but prize them in plastic or hang them on the wall. I'm not sure if that is just a "Southern Thing" but I know I prize my family quilt. It bears my grandmother's name on the border and when it was stitched.

"Stitched by Mattie Douglas, 1995," the inked note reads. My grandmother must have worked on the quilt the same year she died, at age 96 years of age.

Hand-made quilts serve as reminders of family events like births, weddings, military service, and the death of loved ones. The East Tennessee Historical Society recognizes the importance of quilts and many are on display now in "Stories in Stitches: Quilts from East Tennessee Permanent Collection."

Who made the quilts



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

A quilt stitched by my late grandmother and a memory for me visiting her and seeing the women sitting around the quilting frame working and socializing. How many quilts she produced in her many years is anyone's guess.

in your family? Why did they choose the pattern? What caused the stain that seems to stay? These are some of the mysteries that quilt historians try to address through genealogical research and technical analysis.

The featured exhibit of quilts at the Museum of East Tennessee History at 601 South Gay Street runs from August 7 to January 2. More than two dozen quilts with dates ranging from 1802 through 2001 will be displayed. "Stories in Stitches" is dedicated to Linda Claussen and Ginny Rogers for their years of service and support of the

society's quilt collection. ETHS, founded in 1834, received its first quilt in 1992, a year before the museum opened. The collection includes quilts from 35 counties and the acquisitions committee continues to review additions, evaluating a quilt's history, condition and importance.

The quilts will be displayed as part of the "Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee" exhibit. All the quilts are kept in climate-controlled storage and brought out for special occasions.

Quilts on display include patterns like "Rose of

Sharon" and "Knoxville Crazy Quilt" to originals such as a Civil War memory quilt and one pieced together from clothing labels.

The Museum of East Tennessee is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. until 5 pm. on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and there's no charge for children's admission.

You can contact the museum at (865) 215-8824 or find them online at www.easttnhistory.org.



The seniors at Windsor Gardens had a dandy time at the recent Rock and Roll Sock Hop. Everyone enjoyed glass bottle cokes, moon pies, and Krystals before dancing the afternoon away!

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VS
KATHERINE STELLA WARREN, DEFENDANT.**

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE ORIGINAL FILE AND THE COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE HERETOFORE FILED BY THE PLAINTIFF, THOMAS WILLIAM WARREN, THAT THE DEFENDANT, KATHERINE STELLA WARREN, IS BELIEVED TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND HER WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED SO THAT ORDINARY PROCESS CANNOT BE SERVED UPON HER. IT IS ORDERED THAT SAID DEFENDANT, KATHERINE STELLA WARREN, FILE HER ANSWER WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND A COPY TO THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, R. BRANDON WHITE, WHO'S ADDRESS IS 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D. SEYMOUR, TENNESSEE 37865, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF PUBLICATION, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AND THE CAUSE SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE AS TO HER. FURTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING THE MATTER, IT IS TO BE HEARD ON OCTOBER 5, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M. OR AS SOON AS THIS CAUSE CAN BE HEARD IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURTROOM, KNOX COUTNY COURTHOUSE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. FURTHER, THAT FAILURE TO ANSWER BEFORE OR APPEAR ON THAT DATE WILL RESULT IN THE JUDGMENT BEING TAKEN AGAINST HER AND ENTRY OF A FINAL ORDER. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS, IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

THIS THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2017
KNOX COUNTY FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
BY: MIKE HAMMOND, CLERK

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**JEREMY L. OSBORNE – VS- RYANNE E. KASIK
DOCKET #140724**

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE COMPLAINT FILED, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE DEFENDANT RYANNE E. KASIK IS A NON-RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OR WHOSE WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY, SO THAT THE ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW CANNOT BE SERVED UPON RYANNE E. KASIK.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY JEREMY L. OSBORNE, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH N/A, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS N/A, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, AND IF YOU DO NOT

ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU ON THE THIRTIETH (30TH) DAY AFTER THE FOURTH (4TH) PUBLICATION. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JULY , 2017.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**SHAILJA SHARMA RATTAN
– VS ARUN RATTAN
DOCKET #126070**

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE COMPLAINT FILED, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE DEFENDANT ARUN RATTAN IS A NON-RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OR WHOSE WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY, SO THAT THE ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW CANNOT BE SERVED UPON ARUN RATTAN.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY SHAILJA SHARMA RATTAN, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH FELISHA B. WHITE, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS 216 PHOENIX COURT SUITE D. SEYMOUR, TN 37865, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, AND IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU ON THE THIRTIETH (30TH) DAY AFTER THE FOURTH (4TH) PUBLICATION. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
THIS THE 18TH DAY OF JULY , 2017.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS
JUAN TOMAS DOMINGO -Vs- MICAELA
JUAN DOMINGO PASCUAL
Docket # 140729**

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MICAELAA JUAN DOMINGO PASCUAL is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MICAELA JUAN DOMINGO PASCUAL .

IT IS ORDERED THAT said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JUAN TOMAS DOMINGO, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with TROY WESTON, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 400 W. CHURCH AVE. SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 3RD day of AUGUST, 2017.

S/Mike Hammond
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S/Kathy Lewis
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EUGENE JOHNSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HUBERT JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR.

**IN RE: MDK ENTERPRISES, LLC v. EDDIE JOHNSON AKA EDDIE JOHNSON, SR.
–NO. 194072-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EUGENE JOHNSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HUBERT JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon defendants THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EUGENE JOHNSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HUBERT JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., it is ordered that said defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EUGENE JOHNSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HUBERT JOHNSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Lawrence W. Kelly, an Attorney whose address is, 4170 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Suite 460 Atlanta, GA 30319, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 3RD day of August, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LOIS MAY GOODMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 79226-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of JULY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of
LOIS MAY GOODMAN
who died Apr 9, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 28TH day of JULY, 2017.

**ESTATE OF LOIS MAY GOODMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES EDWARDS; ADMINISTRATOR
3800 HAMPTON AVE.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA HALL
DOCKET NUMBER 79216-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of JULY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of
BARBARA HALL
who died Jun 17, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 26TH day of JULY, 2017.

**ESTATE OF BARBARA HALL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARSHA JEAN HALL; ADMINISTRATRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DARYL SINGLETON
DOCKET NUMBER 79236-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2ND day of AUGUST 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of
DARYL SINGLETON
who died Jun 8, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the abovenamed Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 2ND day of AUGUST, 2017.

**ESTATE OF DARYL SINGLETON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TAWONNA KELLY; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
3653 EDGEBROOKE DR., #312,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**TARA SINGLETON; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
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**ESTATE OF LEROY SMITH
DOCKET NUMBER 79205-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of
LEROY SMITH
who died Jul 1, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 24TH day of JULY, 2017.

**ESTATE OF LEROY SMITH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINWOOD SMITH, JR.; EXECUTOR
925 ANDES ST. KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS WARDELL
DOCKET NUMBER 79194-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of
PHYLLIS WARDELL
who died Jun 3, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

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This the 20TH day of JULY, 2017

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS WARDELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA DIANE JONES; EXECUTRIX
3405 HARROW GATE LANE, #331,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37849**

**RUFUS W. BEAMER, JR. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ETHEL MAHALA BULLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 79240-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of AUGUST 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of
ETHEL MAHALA BULLEN
who died Mar 8, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 1ST day of AUGUST, 2017.

**ESTATE OF ETHEL MAHALA BULLEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STANLEY W. BULLEN; EXECUTOR
1982 HWY 61E, LUTTRELL, TN 37779**

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