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Advisory Council seeks members

By Mike Steely
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The Neighborhood Advisory Council is looking for five new members. The council is appointed by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and serves as her consultation group on issues facing all of Knoxville's neighborhoods. Debbie Sharp is the Office of Neighborhoods coordinator and is looking for advocates of neighborhoods. Seats to be filled include District Seat 1-B, South Knoxville; Seat 3-1, West Knoxville; Seat 4-A, North and Far East Knoxville; Seat 5-B, Northwest Knoxville; and At-Large Seat A, a city-wide position. Leaving the council are Molly Gilbert, Fran Nichols, Rob Glass, Molly Conway and Amy Midis. The council is made up of neighborhood leaders and activists which

occupy 15 seats, representing two each of the six council districts and three At-Large. Terms are for three years and members may serve up to two full terms. If you'd like to learn more about how city government works and enjoy discussing public policy then applying for an appointment might be a good idea. The council meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. You must live in the district with a vacancy and you can fill out and submit an application online or contact Debbie Sharp at (865) 215-3232 and have a hard copy mailed to you. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday. You can also contact the Office of Neighborhoods at dsharp@knoxville.tn.gov.

Community Meeting tomorrow to discuss Oakwood Neighborhood Overlay

A meeting to discuss a potential design overlay district for a portion of the Oakwood Neighborhood has been scheduled for September 18, 2018. The meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association Clubhouse at 916 Shamrock Ave. The study area is defined by the boundaries of North Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Harvey Street and Central Street. The Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood added an Infill Housing Design Guideline Overlay in 2007 in an attempt to help preserve the area, but it does not protect historic housing from being altered or demolished. Because of this, the neighborhood would like to explore additional overlay options of either a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay or a Historic Overlay. In the fall of 2017, Knoxville City Council requested that MPC make a recommendation for an overlay for the neighborhood in an effort to help preserve and protect it. This meeting will compare the two overlays so that the community can determine which option

would be most beneficial to them. Though the purpose of the two options are similar, there are some distinct differences. Neighborhood Conservation districts apply only to new construction, while Historic District Overlays apply to both new construction and the repair, alteration and rehabilitation of existing structures. Additional nuances will be discussed at the meeting. "This is an opportunity for anyone interested to come and learn more about these overlays. MPC staff will be on hand to answer general questions and provide insight on how each would impact the neighborhood and property owners," said Historic Preservation Planner Kaye Graybeal. "Regardless of which option is chosen, we need input from the neighborhood to develop the guidelines to ensure they are best suited for this particular area." For more information, contact Kaye Graybeal at kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org or visit the project page on MPC's website at https://knoxmpc.org/historic/areas/oakwood/.

MPC approves concept and development plans for Post Oak Bend over residents' objections

By Pete Gawda

For the second straight month yellow shirted members of Northshore Corridor, which represents several home owners associations, packed the main assembly room at the City County Building to protest the proposed Post Oak Bend subdivision. Last month the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) postponed

the issue. However, at the Thursday, Sept. 13 meeting, after considerable discussion, the MPC approved the concept and development plans for the 260-acre subdivision. This is only the first step in a process the developers say will - take ten years to complete. Plans for the proposed subdivision, which is to be located on the northeast side of Toolles Bend Road, northeast of

I-140 and south of South Northshore Drive, call for up to 198 detached residential units, 184 attached residential units, 240 condominium units, a clubhouse, parks and other amenities, plus a sewage treatment plant. Staff noted that the water and sewer systems must be in place before final plat approval. Also the

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Soccer Square Off



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

South-Doyle High senior Phoebe Deering (left) and Zoe Velas, Catholic's senior captain, go one on one in a Thursday soccer match at Catholic. The Lady Irish prevailed 10-1 to improve their record to 13-2. Please see high school sports coverage in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Carter Middle School Students Honored at Knox County School Board Meeting

By Anne Primm

Chairwoman Terry Hill called the Knox County School Board Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. City Councilwoman Stephanie Welch was present at the meeting. Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler reported that the board had come from a private executive session which was an exception to the Sunshine Law where litigation and pending litigation was discussed with board attorneys. Chair Hill announced that the dates of the Knox County School Board Retreat are September 27 and September 28, 2018 at the Dogwood Center at the Knoxville Botanical Garden. Hill also reported that the Knox County Schools Quarterly Workshop has been rescheduled from October 29, 2018 to



The Knox County School Board recognizes Carter Middle School students for their participation in the Spaceflight Experiment Program.

October 30, 2018 and will be held at the Andrew Johnson Building. After several changes

to the agenda, Andrea Berry, Knox County Science Supervisor, took the podium to recognize

some very special Knox County students. Knox County is the only county

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The Expanding Practice of Adoption

If you go to a courthouse and there is a large group of people, who are well dressed, happy and there are children running around, then that group is likely there to finalize an adoption. It is not often that you see so many



By **Jedidiah McKeegan**
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their rights. The answer is no. Not unless there is another individual willing to step in and assume the parental duties that you are attempting to vacate.

In order to even qualify to adopt someone in Tennessee you

of Children Services (DCS), terminating parents' rights because they failed to perform their parental duties. In these instances, either extended relatives or foster parents could end up being the ones adopting the child or children. Unless the birth parents agree to have their rights terminated, this process can take years with all of the court dates.

Both the federal and state government have stated that one of the most important rights parents have is the right to raise their children, so when DCS begins termination proceedings against parents, those parents are entitled to appointed attorneys who are paid for by Tennessee taxpayers. The courts give the birth parents every opportunity to attempt to get their children back in their home, but if they feel they are continuing to fail in making their homes safe for their children, then they will proceed with termination proceedings against the birth parents.

Finally, some individuals who desire to be parents and want to adopt a newborn will partner with an adoption agency in order to complete an adoption. This is an expensive undertaking and there are no guarantees that it will result in

an adoption. Through this process, the adopting parents are allowed to pay for the medical expenses of the birth mother related to the birth and for other medical expenses that the mother and the child incur.

The reason this is a process that can cause some anxiety for the adopting parents is because the birth mother must wait 72 hours after the birth of the child before consenting to the adoption and then that consent can be revoked within 10 days of execution. Assuming that those both occur, then the parents can proceed with the adoption.

If you have adopted in the past or are considering and adoption, I applaud you. You are making a life altering positive change for a child.

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The school board recognized Patti Bounds for her years of service dedicated as chair.

Carter Middle School Students Honored

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her picture was taken with all the school board members. The consent agenda and board policies were approved with little discussion as were grants. Wednesday's public forum had one speaker. Katrina Weinbrenner spoke because her seven year old daughter at Sterchi Elementary School was given two prescription pills by a friend who, the previous day, found a baggie of prescription drugs on the Sterchi Elementary School playground. The child who found the drugs did not know what to do with them and took them home and brought them back the next day. Luckily, no one consumed the medications but Ms. Weinbrenner wanted to know what, if any, drug education is provided for students her daughter's age. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

in Tennessee that participates in a special program offered by the National Center of Earth and Space Science Education. The program offers fifth through twelfth graders an opportunity to create an experiment that will be tested in microgravity on the international space station. Carter Middle School was one of sixteen schools to participate in the program. Team members were: Tom Watson, Principal Katrina Whipple, faculty facilitator, Samara Barnes, Elijah Morton, Nate Harrell, Blake Smith and Braxton, Purkey. The name of their experiment is, "The Effect of Microgravity on Tooth Decay."

Next, Chairwoman Hill recognized former Chair Patti Bounds for her previous two years of leadership of the Knox County School Board. Bounds was given a plaque and

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Clayton Science Museum development agreement approved

By **Mike Steely**
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After some discussion and three people speaking in opposition, the city council voted unanimously Tuesday to authorize Mayor Madeline Rogero to enter into a development agreement with the Clayton Family Foundation.

Jim Clayton and his family are proposing a \$150 million "Knoxville Science Museum" on the grounds behind the Civil Civic Auditorium that could include the current site of the Knoxville Police Department

headquarters.

The opponents, Dr. Louise Seamster, Barbara Bridges and David Hayes, said the site is on property that formerly was an African-American neighborhood that was uprooted in the 1960s for Urban Renewal. Bridges called the idea of moving the police department premature and asked how the community there benefits by the museum project.

Mayor Madeline Rogero, who normally doesn't respond to citizen comments, said the current city officials were not

responsible for what happened 50 years ago. She called the Clayton offer a "gift to our community" that adds value to the area.

"It's a gift from a very generous person," she said.

Councilman George Wallace said Clayton will be a "good steward of the property" but noted there are a lot of "what ifs" in the multi-page agreement.

"We're going to vote on this many times," Wallace said, adding, "there's a good amount of trust all around."

Councilwoman Seema

Singh-Perez asked what the evaluation is on the site and David Brace, Knoxville's Chief Operating Officer, said it is valued at about \$ 1.3 million. He said a \$ 150 million investment compares favorably with the property value.

Singh-Perez mentioned the history of Urban Renewal there and said she hopes local people will be hired in the museum's construction.

"It's a tremendous project," Councilman Marshall Stair said, calling the project "exciting."

Brace said "the clock was already ticking" on the relocation of the police department and said that Clayton is anxious to get started, whether or not the police department is relocated. Clayton hasn't chosen a location on the property yet which may include the site where the police headquarters is located.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie, who represents the area, said it is critically important not to forget the history of our city, but added it was time to move forward. She said a science museum would be for the children in that section of town. She called the proposed museum "a gift that keeps on giving."

"This is one tiny step with a lot more to go," the mayor said.

Last week the city announced it is talking with Tennova Hospital about the idea of purchasing the former St. Mary's Hospital just off Broadway behind Fulton High School for the new fire and police departments headquarters.

In other action the council voted to place a 150-day moratorium on "shared mobility vehicles" being used in the city. City Attorney told The Focus that it

involves motorized scooters and that a company was planning to put an outlet for renting them downtown.

The council also approved \$68,000 for the Magnolia Gateway Monument project, accepted \$400,000 from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for replacing the Vol Navy Dock with 25% in city matching funds, and approved an agreement with Unicorn HRO to provide payroll, payroll tax preparation, and human resources services for Knoxville Urban Transit in a three-year agreement.

Also approved were the appointments and reappointments by Mayor Rogero to the Mayor's Maker Council. Rogero introduced Boyce Evans, the city's new Deputy Director of Finance. She said that Finance Director Jim York will retire next year and Evans will be learning the position.

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David Brace, Knoxville's Chief Operating Officer, chats with Jim Clayton prior to approval by the council of a development agreement for a \$150 million Science Museum.

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Publisher's Position Hazing should be illegal



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There is no plainer way to put it; quite simply hazing should be illegal. A recent reminder was the filing of a lawsuit by a former Florida State University student who claims he sustained

a brain injury while being forced to participate in a hazing ritual. That particular ritual was called the "Scumbag of the Week" and the young man says in his lawsuit another fraternity brother had hit him in the head, leaving him to recover at a neuro-intensive care unit at Tallahassee hospital. All of us have read about some unfortunate student who has died from alcohol poisoning or the like after having participated in some sort of hazing ritual. Perhaps the most infamous case was that at Penn State where Timothy Piazza died after an alcohol-fueled ritual called

the "Gauntlet." Hazing comes in many forms nor is it confined to college campuses and fraternity houses. The school district in McMinnville, Oregon just kicked three players off the local soccer team and suspended five others for a hazing incident. Hazing is dangerous. Hank Nuwer, author of Hazing: Destroying Young Lives, points out there has been at least one death per year in this country that can be directly attributed to hazing since 1961. There were four such deaths in 2017. Some campuses have gone so far as to ban hard liquor

altogether in an effort to reduce hazing incidents. Perhaps a better idea is to ban the use of all alcoholic beverages, however not every incident is related to alcohol. Some hazing involves a series of demeaning tests, oftentimes while being whipped or the like. I cannot really understand just why someone would want to belong to a group or organization that requires degrading and humiliating its prospective members as a price of entry. No group is that exclusive. Who among us would pay the hefty fees to join a country club if we were required, as the

price of admission, to run naked through the golf course while being chased by other members riding in golf carts and toting whips? Who among us would join a service organization if we were required to be blindfolded and clean sidewalks and toilets with a toothbrush as the price of admission? Unless someone is injured or killed, perhaps we ought to reserve cleaning sidewalks or floors and toilets with a toothbrush for those who are found guilty of having engaged in hazing. That seems more appropriate to me and they might even learn a lesson.

Every human being is worthy of being treated with dignity and respect until or unless he or she shows he or she doesn't deserve it. Hazing is merely another form of bullying and shouldn't be tolerated by a civilized society. Bullying is a big reason why so many youngsters consider or commit suicide. Neither hazing nor bullying should be tolerated by our society and there ought to be serious ramifications for those who enjoy degrading and humiliating others. My final suggestion is we all should just live by the Golden Rule.

Commission Work Session has more than 50 agenda items

By Mike Steely
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When the two new members of the Knox County Commission attend the work session meeting today they will get a taste of what is before the body including the leadership of a new chairman, Commissioner Hugh Nystrom. The tentative agenda has more than 50 items although less than a dozen will probably see discussion.

The chair usually picks certain agenda items to discuss with the input of other members and those items often are passed "with no recommendation" on to the commission's regular meeting, which is next Monday. Much of the agenda items will be put on "consent for the regular meeting and would be voted on in one vote.

Among the possible discussion items on the agenda is the election commission's request to approve a permanent voting facility for the Powell Community. Chris Davis, assistant administrator of elections, told The Focus that the Powell Community Center is being suggested as the location in a request of the area's commissioner, Charles Busler.

Commissioner Randy Smith wants to discuss the second part of the Sports Facility Study and Commissioner Busler

wants to talk about slope protection in new subdivisions.

The sale of the Andrew Johnson Building, which appears on the agenda for the third or fourth time, is being pulled for 30 days at the request of the purchasing department.

Two unnamed seats on the board of zoning appeals, for District One and District Five, may be named as may be the reappointments of James Corcoran and Robert H. Thompson.

The county mayor is asking that Darinka Milleusnic-Polchan, M.D. be reappointed as the Knox County Medical Examiner. Sherry Witt may be recognized for her service as Register of Deeds.

Bonds for Trustee Ed Shouse and Sheriff Tom Spangler may also be approved and the commissioners may also vote on final approval of closing portions of Garrison Drive and Byington Solway Road.

Kevin Julian may be approved as the mayor's re-appointment to the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District Commission and Ann Acuff may be reappointed to the Northeast Knox Utility District.

The commission may also approve an agreement between the Cherokee Health System and the

Knox County Recovery Court and Veterans Treatment Court for better communications.

They may also consider a request from Jim Snowden to change the name of Iron Gate Boulevard to Schaeffer Road, between Hardin Valley Road and the current Schaeffer Road.

The two new commissioners may also learn that although a school board item may be discussed the commission is, under law, required to approve all requests from the board.

The school board and commission have had rocky relations in past years. The new Knox County Mayor has named former state

representative Roger Kane as his education liaison and the commission has selected its joint education committee members: Larsen Jay, Evelyn Gill, Randy Smith and Michele Carringer. There was some discussion in the commission's reorganization meeting recently as to whether or not that "joint" committee is actually functioning.

Outgoing Knox County Board of Education Chairwoman Patti Bounds told The Focus that the new BOE Chair, Terry Hill, should be nominating their members to that Joint Committee. Bounds said she hopes the committee will continue.

Knoxville Mayor candidate number grows

Most eyes are on the upcoming state and federal election in November but some city residents are beginning to watch next year's election for city mayor and council seats.

This month four candidates filed reports naming their treasurers. The potential candidates to replace term-limited Mayor Madeline Rogero are Marshall Stair, Mike Chase, Eddie Mannis and Indya Kincanon.

Those four have now been joined by John Bevil of 2400 Highland Drive. Bevil is naming himself as treasurer and identifies himself as a Libertarian on the form although city elections are non-partisan contests.

The only other person filing a treasurer report was Pond Gap's David Williams who is seeking the At-Large council seat. He's named Harry Boss as his treasurer and Williams listed himself as a Republican.

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condominiums will require separate approval because they would be along a scenic highway. Numerous road improvements on Tooles Bend Road and South Northshore Drive including turn lanes, a traffic signal and guard rails must also be installed before final plat approval is granted.

Arthur Seymour, Jr. called the proposed subdivision "the best type of residential development for Knox County."

There was discussion of the accuracy of the traffic counts used. Hollis Loveday, speaking in favor of the subdivision, drew laughter from the audience when he stated that the completed

project would cause an increase of 15 to 20 cars on Northshore Side. When questioned about this by Commissioner Art Clancy Loveday said that this lower figure was traffic per minute while a higher number used in other traffic counts referred to the number of cars in one hour.

"You have the authority to approve a lower level plan," asserted Tom Hale, representing Northshore Corridor. He went on to say his client is not opposed to the property being developed. He said they were opposed to the difficulties being discussed that day, including building 266 dwelling units at the end of a winding, shoulder-less road. He said the addition of the sewer plant would

generate additional traffic. "You don't have to leave your common sense at the door," he told commissioners.

There was a lengthy technical discussion of the figures used in a traffic study which seemed to lose the audience.

Gerald Green, MPC's executive director said countless hours and lots of thought and data had gone into this project, more than any other project in his three years as executive director.

Turning to other items the MPC approved the concept and development plans for The Highlands at Clear Springs, a proposed 160 lot subdivision on the north and south sides of Glen Creek Road, south of Middleton Pike

The MPC gave final approval to dividing the Sharp property on the northeast side of Tazewell Pike and north of Fountainhead Lane into two lots.

To conform with actual use of the land the MPC agreed to change the sector plan designation from Low Density Residential to General Commercial and recommended a zoning change from Agriculture to General Business on 6.82 acres owned by Ken Gilbreath on the south side of Strawberry Plains Pike and east of East Governor John Sevier Highway.

In spite of area residents' claims that the character of the neighborhood of the single family residences would be changed the MPC approved the development

plan of Helen Ross McNabb that called for up to 50 apartment units on the southeast side of Mineral Springs Avenue, east of Whittle Springs Road.

The MPC approved the development plan of Crescent Bend Development for 249 apartment units on 25.8 acres on the southeast side of Westland Drive, east of Ebenezer Road. This approval came despite the objections of Kevin Stevens who represented the local homeowner' association. Stevens stated the apartment complex would harm property values and quality of life. He also asserted the commercial look of the proposed buildings was out of character with the neighborhood.

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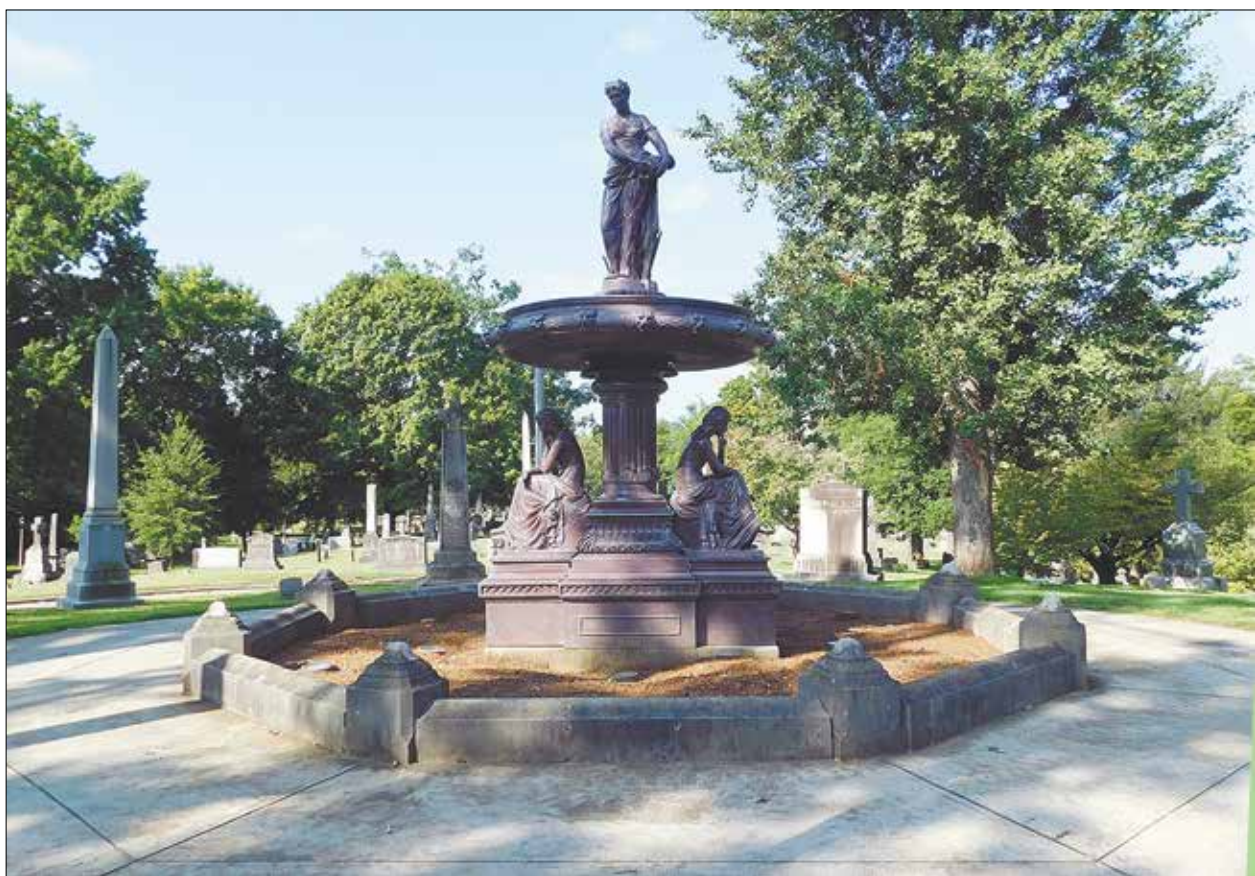
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The historic statue at the Albers Fountain has been completed and is a replica of the original stature there. For years the statue and fountain site was neglected and only the walls of the fountain were visible.

KPD, bicycle-safety advocates announce Minimum Three in Tennessee campaign

Chief Thomas and road-sharing safety advocates from the local bicycling community will announce the "Minimum Three in Tennessee" campaign Thursday. This education and enforcement initiative will promote awareness of the "Three Foot Law," which requires drivers to maintain a minimum three-foot distance when passing bicyclists.

At the Thursday, Sept. 20 announcement, Knoxville Police Department officers will demonstrate ultrasonic devices known as C3FT (pronounced "see three feet"). Officers have identified heavily-used bicycle commuter routes and will implement the program with a two-week warning period before issuing citations for violations of the Three Foot Law (TCA-55-8-175).

"City streets thrive when all of its users—motorists and bicyclists alike—adhere to the law," said Knoxville Police Chief Eve Thomas. "Traffic laws are established to save lives and keep all members of the community safe, so we're happy to get behind this campaign to raise awareness of the Three Foot Law."

The three-foot minimum has been widely-established nationwide as a safe distance to protect road cyclists from crashes and hazards. In addition to actual collisions, the separation protects bicyclists from side view mirrors and wind bursts. The space also allows bicyclists to safely veer around potholes or road debris.

The new electronic devices are part of a research effort funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The local non-profit Bike Walk Knoxville helped to secure Knoxville's part in this new national study. Grand Rapids, Mich., was the other city selected to participate in the project.

According to the most recent year available for NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 30 percent of bicycle fatalities nationwide involve a motor vehicle overtaking a bicyclist. In Knoxville, 10

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Old Gray Cemetery comes alive with events

By Mike Steely
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Founded before the Civil War Old Gray Cemetery has the graves of many, many Knox County notable people, several very interesting monuments, and lots of history. Founded in 1850 it is said that one of the earliest graves is that of a young man killed in a cannon explosion.

This coming Wednesday Friends of the Library will celebrate the life and legacy of Mary Utopia Rothrock, who spurred the growth of public libraries.

Ceremonies will be held at 4 p.m. and the Friends hope to inspire other people and library advocates with the life of Rothrock. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs is planning to attend and declare the day in her honor. Among her honors

was founding the Southeastern Library Association and serving as President of the American Library Association.

Historian Jack Neely will speak on the achievements of "Topie" Rothrock, who was not only a librarian but also a historian, activist, regional library promoter, and feminist. A re-enactment of Rothrock at the height of her career will follow with refreshments at the cemetery's new fountain.

Old Gray Cemetery's famous Albers Fountain and Statue has been completed and is a duplicate of the original. The fountain isn't finished but the statues show three women, two sitting at the base, and will be one of the features on display at the 18th annual Lantern & Carriage Tour on September 30th.

Built and donated to the

cemetery in 1890 by A. J. Albers in memory of Ella Albers the fountain was the center piece of the 13 acre cemetery for years. The cemetery contains more than 9,000 graves and is immediately beside Knoxville's National Cemetery just off North Broadway across from St. John's Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, September 30th, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. is the 18th Annual Lantern & Carriage Tour. Entrance Fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Carriage rides are \$5. No reservations are required and parking will be at St. John's, Volunteer Ministry Center and neighboring parking lots with shuttles provided.

Citizens are urged to attend an afternoon of fun, food, carriage rides, music, actors, artists and some amazing stories.



Mary "Topie" Rothrock's life and her love and promotion of libraries will be celebrated at Old Gray Cemetery Thursday at 4 p.m.

You can get more information at www.oldgraycemetery.org or call (865)522-1424. Old Gray Cemetery is located at 543 North Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Knoxville's Police Advisory and Review Committee marks 20 years

Mayor Rogero, City officials, board members and supporters of Knoxville's Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) will gather to mark the 20th anniversary of the initiative to improve relations between residents and the Knoxville Police Department.

PARC is the longest continuously running citizen-run police advisory board in Tennessee, comprising

seven volunteers served by a full-time executive director who is hired by the Mayor and approved by the committee. PARC provides an independent review of police activity and makes recommendations to the Chief of Police. PARC's quarterly meetings are open to the public.

PARC has formed relationships between law enforcement

and residents with an emphasis on making the City of Knoxville a safe and inviting place. In addition to providing cultural competency and unconscious bias training to KPD officers, PARC leads outreach efforts to ensure that residents and law enforcement officers have the opportunity to learn about diversity, inclusion, community policing and public safety.

"Independent reviews of police conduct and issues regarding public safety build trust in law enforcement, increasing our police officers' ability to keep residents safe," says Clarence L. Vaughn III, who was named PARC's third Executive Director in April 2016.

For additional information about PARC, visit KnoxvilleTN.gov/PARC.

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Celebrating 18 Years!

Welcome home, Chase!

He has a strong passion for mountain biking. But the bike trail is not where I saw Chase Campbell recently. It was in the sanctuary of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. The mountain biker is also a minister, and he has come home.



By **Ralphine Major**
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graduate pursued his Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. During that time, Chase



Picture of Chase and Erin Campbell, courtesy of the Campbells.

gained valuable experience working at The Summit Church as a Pastoral Apprentice. Wallace Memorial recently called Chase as the Pastor to College and Young Adults. Erin, his lovely wife, also just started a new job at The University of Tennessee Medical Cancer Center.

The Sunday I met Chase, he brought a message about songs and the way they communicate to us and especially how they glorify God. I was impressed to hear him mention the classic hymns that touch hearts, such as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Nothing But the

Blood." I asked Dr. John Green IV, Lead Pastor at Wallace Memorial, to share some thoughts about the newest staff member at Wallace. "Chase is a very gifted leader and a passionate preacher, and he connects well with people," John said. "He is well suited for his role as College and Young Adult Pastor because he has a passion for reaching young people in the community and on college campuses. We have already seen a lot of growth in the short amount of time he has been here.

We are excited to have him at Wallace and anticipate great things in the future through his leadership," Green added. The Lead Pastor ended with an interesting thought. "In the Bible, Christ said a prophet is without honor in his hometown," he said. "But Chase has returned home to open arms and has been well received in Knoxville and his home church. He and Erin have a bright future here."

The only thing left for this writer to say is, "Welcome home, Chase!"

Too much to do



By **Joe Rector**
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I walked into the workroom early the first day of school after Labor Day because I like to arrive early to find out what I'm supposed to do for the day as a substitute. Some

teachers were already present and readying their rooms for students in 7:00 a.m. classes. Others arrived a bit later until all were on hand by 8:00. So began another day of educating the young, but these teachers today have much more piled on them than just a few years ago.

No, this isn't a piece that bemoans the salaries we pay our teachers. Yes, they are underpaid, but most of them knew the low wages of the job before they went into the profession. That doesn't make it right, but I see other things that are discouraging.

One is the expectations of teachers to perform extra duties. Bus duty has long been something that teachers despise. It required them to arrive even earlier than normal and to stay until the last bus arrives to pick up students. If a bus breaks down, those teachers must remain with the waiting students until another type of transportation can arrive. On many occasions, administrators might have already headed home as the teacher hangs around with bus riders.

Some teachers are expected to serve lunch duty roles. They make sure students don't act up and that they clear their tables of all trash and trays. It's shocking how many students will walk from the table with the expectations that someone else cleans their messes. I always wonder if they do the same thing at home but know that the answer is "yes."

In some schools, teachers are required to stay in touch with parents about a variety of things. When students miss a set number of days, the teacher is required to call the parent to inform them that the child has missed days. Yes, parents need to know when their children miss excessive numbers of days, but calling after

three or four takes more time from teachers. It's a redundant task since most schools have programs that automatically call home when a child misses a school day.

Teachers are also expected to call homes when students' grades become D's or F's. Parents' knowing about poor performances of their children is important. However, they have access to the grades of students through the school's computer platform. All that is necessary is for them to get on line and look. If they have questions or concerns about the grades, then they can contact the teacher for a meeting or conversation. The onus of responsibility for the child's maintaining a passing grade should fall upon the parents, not the teachers.

Most teachers have large classes. For a high school teacher, that can mean 120 or more students per term. Tests and essays and worksheets must be graded. A single planning period is not enough time to complete the grading, especially when teachers must sometimes meet with administrators or cover other classes. That means they spend hours marking those papers at home.

The fact is that teachers work hard. Oh sure, some are lazy and rarely hit a lick, but for the most part, teachers put in plenty of energy and time to make sure students are exposed to concepts of classes. When additional duties and tasks are added, the job can become overwhelming. Again, most teachers knew what they were headed for when they accepted a job. Still, it would be nice if they could teach classes without having to complete so many other assigned duties. Give a teacher a thank you for the work that he or she does. Then make sure your child takes advantage of the opportunities to learn and be ready to face the college or technical school that waits in the future.

Unusual geological features in our area

A Day Away



By **Mike Steely**

surface and where the limestone in Cumberland Mountain faces south the same limestone in Pine Mountain faces north, with a deep valley between the two peaks.

Within an easy drive you can visit Middlesboro, Ky., which sits in the middle of an ancient meteor crater formed many years after the uplift. The three-mile crater is visible from the air and portions of the ancient meteor wall can be seen along U.S. Highway 25E.

The Bell County Museum at 207 North 20th Street has information on the meteor strike as well as much of the area's natural and human history. It's open Tuesday through Friday 10-4 and Saturdays 11-3. You can find them on the internet or call 606-242-0005.

There are other places in our region that have



The Montgomery Bell Tunnel looks natural but was actually dug with dynamite and slave labor to redirect a portion of the Harpeth River. It's near Kingston Springs in West Tennessee.

evidence of a meteor strikes including Erin, Tennessee, with a crater eight miles wide. Called the Wells Creek Basin Crater, the site is on Route 149 in Northwest Tennessee southeast of Clarksville.

Northwest of Clarksville is the Flynn Creek meteor site. One mile north

of Fayetteville is the Hopewell Meteor site.

North of the town of Kingston Springs in West Tennessee, along Cedar Hill Road and Narrows of the Harpeth Road, is a man-made tunnel that at first appears natural. The Montgomery Bell Tunnel, or Patterson Forge Tunnel,

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KPD, bicycle-safety advocates announce Minimum Three in Tennessee campaign

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percent of these motor vehicle crashes occurred when the bicyclist was struck from behind.

Researchers will compile data on compliance rates and safety results to

gauge the effectiveness of Tennessee's three-foot and Michigan's five-foot standards. The findings will be used to help other states and municipalities assess implementation of new, safe passing

distance ordinances.

Bicycle commuting has increased in Knoxville as resources like greenways and bike lanes have expanded over the years. Since 2012, bike lanes have tripled from five miles to 15.4 miles. In 2015, the City adopted a Bicycle Facilities Plan to outline and prioritize a hierarchy of long-term bicycle facilities infrastructure improvements.

Knoxville has twice been certified a "Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists, a designation equivalent with cities like Miami, Los Angeles and Baltimore. The goal is that Knoxville's participation in this Minimum Three in Tennessee campaign will make bicycling safer and more enjoyable.

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Mr. Jim Cummings

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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"Live so that when you die, even the undertaker will be sorry."

Sign that hung in the business office of Jim Cummings.

James H. Cummings is likely a name unfamiliar to most readers, but during his time he was a power and a man to be reckoned with. When he died in 1979, "Mr. Jim" Cummings had served longer in Tennessee's state legislature than any other man in our state's history.

Living in the tiny hamlet of Woodbury, Tennessee, Cummings influenced events and pushed rural interests while serving in the legislature. Jim Cummings was powerful enough in Nashville to vex Edward Hull Crump, master of the Shelby County machine and was a strong supporter of Tennessee's influential U. S. Senator Kenneth McKellar, while also allied with McKellar's political nemesis Gordon Browning. Always colorful, "Mr. Jim" joined with two other long-serving rural legislators, I. D. Beasley of Carthage and W. D. "Pete" Haynes of Winchester, Tennessee. The three constituted a powerful bloc inside the legislature, promoting rural interests and were widely known as the "Unholy Trinity" by those who had the misfortune to tangle with them, either singularly or collectively.

James H. Cummings was born November 8, 1890 and like many young men of the time, Cummings taught school, earning \$35 a month and recalled, "I remember carrying water and wood to the school house. I decided then that there had to be a better way."

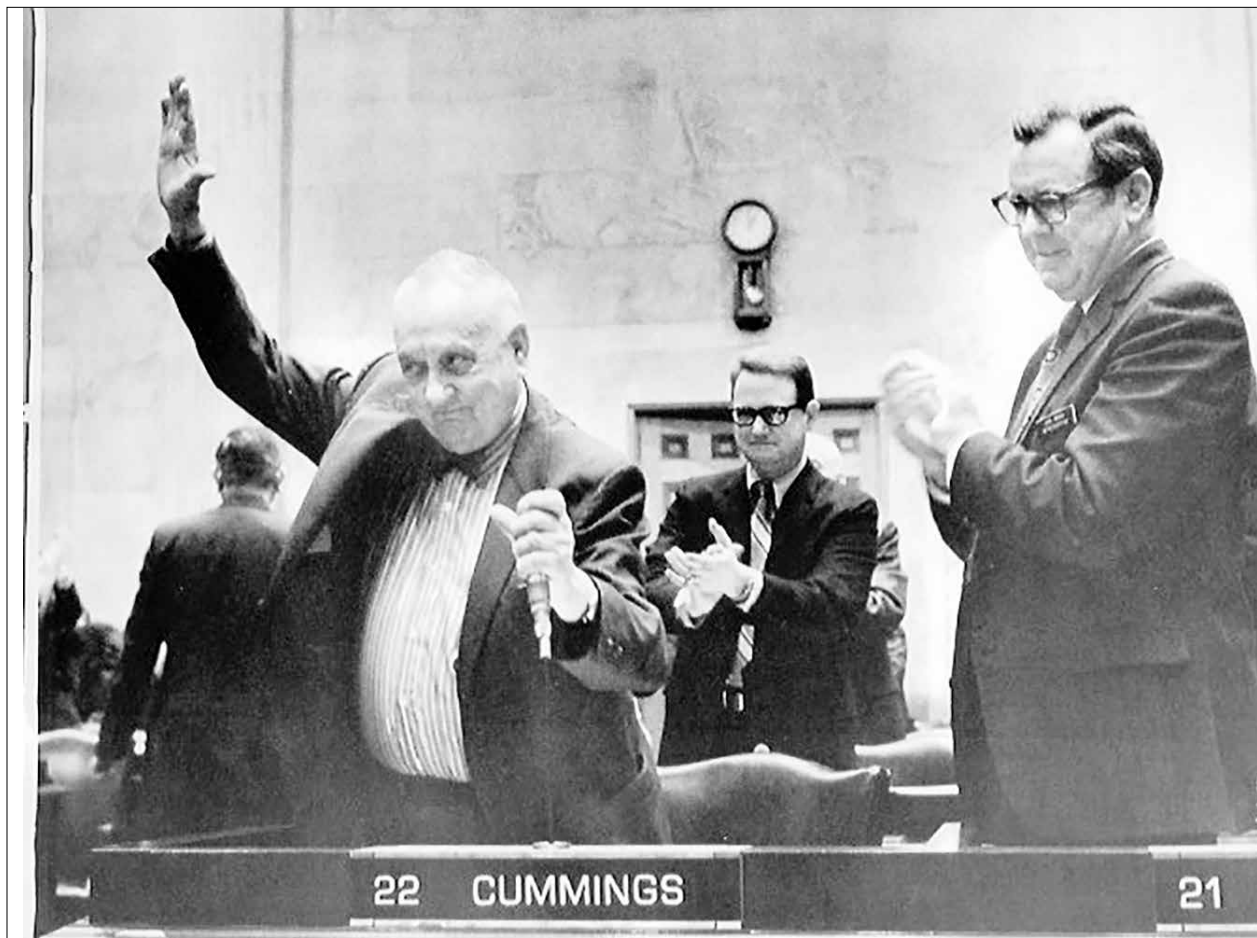
The better way for Cummings was becoming Circuit Court Clerk in 1912. While serving as Clerk, Cummings also became the publisher for the Cannon Courier. Cummings left office in 1920 and accepted a job in the State Comptroller's office in Nashville while attending the YMCA law school at night. Admitted to the bar in 1922, Jim Cummings went to Cumberland University in 1923 where he received his diploma. A real estate boom in Florida lured Cummings to the Sunshine State where he went to work for a developer in 1925. The boom went bust in 1927 and "Mr. Jim" came home to Woodbury where he opened a law office and began five decades of practice as a country lawyer. "I learned a lot down there," Cummings said of his time in Florida.

"One of the things I learned was I couldn't get along without Hesta." Cummings was referring to Hesta McBroom, a local girl whom he married. "Miss Hesta" ran a small insurance business out of the Cummings law office. Jim Cummings went to Nashville in 1929 having

been elected to serve as the state senator from a small cluster of counties surrounding his own Cannon County. For the next forty years, Jim Cummings would be a fixture in the legislature with the exception of four years when he served as Tennessee's Secretary of State and two years when he opted not to run, as he was managing Gordon Browning's unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1938.

"I always figured Nashville and Memphis, with their big delegations would take care of the urban areas in the legislature," Jim Cummings once recalled. "Well, I lived on a little dirt road, and I figured I could do something for the rural counties." Cummings, along with his allies I. D. Beasley and "Pete" Haynes frequently frustrated the aims of the urban interests led by E. H. Crump and Hilary Howse, Nashville's mayor. Crump was particularly appalled that legislators like Jim Cummings (as well as governors like Austin Peay) collected money from the urban counties and spent it in the rural counties. Although Jim Cummings admired Senator McKellar, his admiration did not extend to Mr. Crump. Cummings oftentimes referred to his native Middle Tennessee as "free Tennessee." The triumvirate of Cummings, Beasley and Haynes, according to the Nashville Tennessean, "operated together like a well-oiled, if miniscule political machine." As each of them accumulated experience, each gained contacts and an exhaustive knowledge of parliamentary procedure, allowing the "Unholy Trinity", united or occasionally one of them alone, "on occasion to outmaneuver the entire 132-member legislature, and the governor and the Crump political machine to boot."

Cummings once sent Governor Prentice Cooper and Crump into a spiral in 1941 when he suddenly demanded all bills in committee be brought to the floor for disposal. Nor were any of the three, especially I. D. Beasley, above playing pranks on anyone and everyone. Governor Buford Ellington remembered, when any of the three legislators paid him a visit "the first thing I'd do was hide my personal memo pads. If I didn't, they stole them and used them for their own purposes." Ellington was referring to a longstanding habit where one of the three would forge a note from the governor, almost always when there was a close vote pending on the floor, which urgently requested a legislator on the other side come to the governor's office or for a special conference in a Capitol hideaway.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Jim Cummings (on the left with hand raised) on the floor of the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1971.
AP Photo

By the time the puzzled legislator finally figured out the governor had not summoned him, the vote had been taken and recorded.

Ellington realized the strength of the three rural legislators. "If those three decided to kill you on a particular bill, they could kill you," Ellington recalled. "It's as simple as that. They could scan a bill in a few minutes and tell anyone exactly what was in it. They were experts on parliamentary procedure, and could tie up a session in giant knots of red tape if they were against a bill being considered." Cummings served as Ellington's floor leader in 1959.

The 5'3" and 230 pound I. D. Beasley died in 1955 and if anything, he was even more colorful than "Mr. Jim" Cummings. Beasley was remembered as "the Mockingbird of Capitol Hill" for his uncanny ability to mimic anyone, man or woman. Supposedly, Beasley was such an excellent mimic, a man's wife could not tell the difference.

When Beasley took the oath of office that same year, it marked his thirteenth term in either the state senator or house, a record later broken by Jim Cummings. Beasley had impersonated the voice of Frank "Roxy" Rice, Crump's generalissimo in charge of legislative affairs to dupe a fellow legislator from Chattanooga. Pretending to be Rice, Beasley proceeded to tell D. M. Coleman Crump had changed his mind and was supporting Pete Haynes to be Speaker of the House. Crump had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas to revive himself, while Roxy Rice went to Pasadena, California to watch the Rose Bowl game. It did not take either the Memphis Boss or Frank Rice long to figure what had gone awry. Pete Haynes became speaker by Beasley's deception, much to Crump's dismay and displeasure.

I. D. Beasley also caught a blind legislator on the steps of the Capitol and impersonated Governor Austin Peay and asked the poor fellow to change his vote, which he did.

Nor was Jim Cummings safe from his friend I. D. Beasley. Sharing a hotel room while the legislature was in session, Jim

Cummings had gone to bed and was asleep when Beasley convinced an obliging drug store clerk to fill his mouth liberally with toothpaste and foam at the mouth. Beasley switched on the lights and began screaming bloody murder. Cummings came awake staring into the face of the frothing clerk and leaped out of bed, grabbing a chair and shrieking, "Kill him! Kill him!"

No one was safe from Beasley pranks and district attorney Baxter Key remembered, "One day a stranger came to town looking for me and I.D. told him I was deaf --- that I could hear only if he shouted at the top of his lungs. That was 30 years ago and I can hear it yet."

Jim Cummings explained the alliance years after I.D. Beasley had died and Pete Haynes had retired. "We were three country lawyers connected by our interest in rural Tennessee. We tried to work together for the common good." Cummings' philosophy was simple. "I believe in collecting the taxes where the money is --- in the cities --- and spending it where it's needed --- in the country," Cummings said before adding, "Now that's not as unreasonable as it sounds."

Friend or foe, Jim Cummings managed to keep more or less cordial relations with every governor, save for Prentice Cooper. Once, in a fit of pique, Governor Cooper denounced a statement of Cummings as "the howl of a disappointed, hungry politician." Cummings could hold his own and snapped back the governor was merely playing the "role of a hit dog" and was speaking "for his masters", meaning E. H. Crump.

When Gordon Browning made his triumphant return to Nashville after a decade out of office, Jim Cummings was elected Secretary of State. Although Browning attempted to win a third two-year term in 1952,

Cummings was running for the legislature once again. Cummings promptly became Governor Frank Clement's floor leader. When Cummings announced he wanted to become Speaker of the House in 1967, all the other candidates promptly withdrew. At home, no one ever bothered to run against Jim Cummings, such was his personal popularity.

The last years of Jim Cummings' service in the Tennessee House of Representatives was devoted to fending off legislative reappointment, a battle he eventually lost. As long as the battle was confined to the state legislature, Jim Cummings was able to keep reapportionment at bay. It took a federal court to best Jim Cummings. After 1963, Cannon County would not have its own representative in the legislature and Cummings realized with the addition of the more populous Rutherford County to his district, his days were likely numbered. Yet, Jim Cummings endured for another decade. Cummings remained adamant in his disdain for apportioning representative on the basis of population. "We must not allow numerical concentrations of people to be the sole gauge of the number of representatives alive. It's not healthy," Cummings complained.

He remained a spokesman for rural interests, confessing, "I guess I'll always see things from this side of the bank." Cummings did not see that rural problems were that much different from those plaguing the cities. "I mean, they have problems in the cities with ghettos, but we have them of sorts, too. There are houses around here where a dog could jump through the cracks."

Never having lost an election and past eighty, Jim Cummings announced in 1972 he would not be a candidate for reelection

to the Tennessee House of Representatives. James Lanier, a fellow legislator, said, "He was probably the most shrewd and astute politician I've ever known" yet said Cummings had a gentleness about him. Still, despite his increasing years, Jim Cummings remained a chain smoker, frequently lighting one cigarette from another. Nor did "Mr. Jim" lose his fondness for libations. Cummings enjoyed an overflowing liquor cabinet on the floor of the House chamber until an inquiring reporter finally exposed its existence. Lanier marveled that Cummings stamina, noting the veteran legislator "could go with the youngest man up there all night long and sit through committee meetings all the next day."

Following retirement, a wing of the War Memorial Building was named for Cummings and the legislature met in special session in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to name a dormitory in his honor.

Serving with eight

governors, "Mr. Jim" began to wear out from old age. Ill, Cummings went to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville for surgery and continued to fade. He died a week before his eighty-ninth birthday.

For forty years "Mr. Jim" Cummings had worked for the interests of rural people all across the State of Tennessee and was a devoted friend to education especially. The lives of the people his service encompassed and touched is impossible to measure, but they and their descendants still walk amongst us. When "Mr. Jim" died, even the undertaker was sorry.

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Want some regional historical information? (Part Two)

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Did you know that lots of your family history and genealogy is available not only in Knox County but in surrounding counties as well?

There are various historic societies, Revolutionary and Civil War groups, history museums, historic churches, and heritage organizations spread across our region. Much of the information available is free or inexpensive and most of the members are willing to help in our research. Each of our surrounding counties has organizations and each has a county historian that can also help.

Anderson County, home of Oak Ridge and Clinton, has the Anderson County Historical Society located in Clinton. Their email address is pghs@att.net and the phone number is (865)426-8657. The Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association also has information on the Atomic City's history and is currently celebrating that city's 75th Anniversary. You can find them on Facebook.

The Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association works to prevent further demolition of historic structures. More

than 180 members meet the second Thursday evening of each month at the Midtown Community Center at 102 Robertsville Road. You can find them online at www.orpha.com. Sue Harris serves as the Anderson County historian.

Named for Tennessee's second governor, Archibald Roane, **Roane County** was at one time the western boundary of the young state of Tennessee. The goal of the Roane County Heritage Commission is to preserve our past for all future generations by preserving and protecting the large collection of court documents from over the years and maintaining the Historic Roane County Courthouse in Kingston. Researchers and genealogists visit the Roane County Archives Library housed in the courthouse in search of data.

Roane County contains Kingston, Harriman, Kingston, Oliver Springs, Rockwood and Oak Ridge. The county historian is Robert Bailey.

You can find information on Facebook or at www.roanetourism.com.

Tennessee's first governor, John Sevier, has many places named for him but only

Sevier County has his name as a county. Sevier, home of the Great Smoky Mountains, Dollywood, and that long commercial strip from I-40 through Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, has a long and interesting history.

The Smoky Mountain Historical Society includes members from Sevier, Blount and Cocke County and publishes a Journal about the region. You can find them online at www.smhstn.org and on Facebook.

The Rel and Wilma Maples History Center offers genealogy research and can be reached at (865) 365-1432. Carroll McMahan is the county historian.

Hamblen County is the home of historic Morristown, Talbot, Alpha and Lowland. The Hamblen County Achieves contains genealogical and historic information. You can contact them at www.hamblencountyachieves.blogspot.com and get general information by calling (423)586-1961. You can also get information at www.tngenweb.org/hamblen and find them on Facebook. The Hamblen County historian is Linda Moss Mines.

Unusual geological features in our area

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was built by dynamite and slave labor to divert part of the river to a mill. Today you can view the long-abandoned tunnel along Narrows of the Harpeth.

At one time you could walk through the tunnel but part of it has fallen in and that's not permitted anymore. It's near the Harpeth River State Park. Getting there is an exit off Interstate 40 to Cedar Hill Road. Along the way you may want to stop by the Mound Bottoms archeology site where Native Americans lived thousands of years ago.

Natural Arches are scattered across our region including several in Pickett CCC Memorial State Park near Jamestown, at the Big South Fork Natural Recreation Area, and arches are located within 23 of our 95 counties.

Two of the most unvisited arches are located within an hour drive from Knoxville. Parrottsville, is a small town east of Newport, and where North Highway 340 crosses is a low arch. The natural bridge can be viewed by parking near the road and walking around and down to where the creek cuts its way through the rock, forming an arch that was ideal for a roadway.

The Big South Fork has several natural arches including the impressive Needle Arch. Near Sewanee in

Franklin County is a Natural Bridge that is 25 feet high and 50 feet long. There are numerous natural arches in both Cumberland and Pine Mountain that are not on state, county or federal lands that hikers know and visit.

If you're into bluegrass or Americana music you might want to consider visiting Cumberland Caverns near McMinnville. The "largest show cave" in the state has a venue for music and also offers tours and even "wild caving" adventures. Another caves popular with Knoxville-area residents include Cherokee Caverns on Oak Ridge Highway, Tuckaleechee Caverns, and The Lost Sea near Sweetwater.

The Lost Sea features a huge underground lake and a glass bottom boat gives rides inside the cavern.

Another unusual and unexpected site within our region is just south of Cleveland near the Georgia line. Red Clay State Park was the site of the final counsel of the Cherokee Indians prior to forced removal to resettle in the west.

Inside the park, behind the museum and gift shop is "Blue Hole" a pool of deep blue water that flows from beneath the ground, pools up there and then runs off. A pathway leads beside and around the unusual pool.

The forgotten Pine Mountain Civil War fight (Part Two)

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After the confusion of the ambush passed, the Union victory was sweet. The spoils included seven Rebels killed, thirteen wounded, ninety-five taken prisoner, eighty-three horses captured, seventeen shotguns, fifteen carbines, one musket, two revolvers, four sabers, seventy cavalry saddles, twenty-four citizen saddles, one wagon, one mule, and various tack and gear. More weapons and items were probably captured but not noted, having been claimed by Cooper's men.

Possibly the most valuable prize of the entire skirmish, however, was "Rebel mail which was being taken to Kentucky," apparently bound for Kirby-Smith.

Cooper noted that two "Rebel Surgeons" were among the prisoners. He assigned them to "care for the wounded and see to the interment of the dead."

As for his own losses, "Not one man or officer was killed or wounded of my forces."

Learning that two Rebel regiments were nearby and attempting to surround his force, Cooper ordered that the Pine Mountain Gap be blockaded and the Rebel wagon destroyed. His force, along with prisoners and contraband, began their long ride back to Cumberland Gap by way of Hickory Creek. They reached the head of the Clear Fork, and camped there on the night of September 11th.

The next morning Cooper and his men returned to the Union fortification at Cumberland Gap, and turned over their captives. "My loss on the expedition was four men by desertion, two from the Third Regiment and two from the Fifth," he reported. The missing men later returned to their outfits, having apparently visited relatives who lived near the skirmish site.

Reporting on the Rebels he captured, Cooper wrote: "Out of 109 men, only one made his escape, and was

said to be wounded."

There is a possibility that two missing men from McAfee's company were not captured that day, although both were wounded. A few years after the war the bodies of two Rebel soldiers were found in a cave, or rock shelter, above Hoot Owl Hollow near Jellico. They had apparently crawled into the shelter to avoid capture, where both had died. Locals said the two soldiers froze to death; whatever the case, the bodies were later removed and buried along the old country road nearby, their rifles driven barrel-first into the ground at the head of each grave.

Today the site of their graves is known as "Soldier's Gap," although the graves were probably destroyed during the construction of Interstate 75 in the 1960s. For many years after the war, however, a local veteran's organization cared for and maintained the graves. Many elderly Jellico-area people recall the site.

The known Rebel dead were probably buried in the Perkins/Archer Cemetery, at the extreme northern end, and remain there today in unmarked graves, their identities unknown. One was thought to be an aide-de-camp of General Kirby-Smith, and two others were identified only as "captains." The list of prisoners sent by General Morgan to his enemy at Cumberland Gap has, apparently, been lost.

The Union victory was commended in General Order 88 from Charles O. Jolin, for General Morgan, and D.C. Trewhitt for General James G. Spears, under whom Cooper served. The orders were read before an assembly of troops at Cumberland Gap, in dress uniform, by General Morgan.

On the Confederate side, the skirmish, and the bitter defeat were noted by the temporary Rebel commander in Knoxville, Major General J.P. McCowan.

"A detachment of

Kentucky cavalry left a few days since without orders to join General Smith and were captured near Pine Mountain," he wired Confederate Headquarters in Richmond. (McAfee was probably responding to the Confederate call for reinforcements, but in any case, leaving "without orders" hardly explains the official mail he carried.) McCowan also noted that the Yankees were sealing the mountain passes behind Kirby-Smith's huge Kentucky invasion force.

Meanwhile, at Cumberland Gap confidential talk was already spreading among the Union soldiers of an upcoming evacuation, and the identity and legitimacy of McAfee's men were being openly debated by the two sides. A flurry of letters between General Morgan and Confederate General C.L. Stevenson went back and forth, with Stevenson at first denying that McAfee's company existed at all.

General Morgan then sent Stevenson a list of the prisoners, demanding to know what company they belonged to, if any.

"A.L. McAfee and D.W. Oldham, left at Pine Mountain wounded, are not members of the C.S. Army, and cannot be received as prisoners of war," Stevenson wrote back.

Morgan responded that if the men were not officially Confederate soldier then they were "murderers and robbers" and would be treated accordingly. "Your letter will be submitted as proving the eighty-six prisoners are mere outlaws, and as such must be treated," Morgan replied.

Stevenson fired back a note requesting that McAfee be traded, but still failing to recognize him as a fellow officer, adding the following quip: "I cannot believe that on so flimsy a pretext...you manifest a distortion of my words...[and that] you meditate such action against these men. General, when you threaten you offer an insult!"

Stevenson soon followed

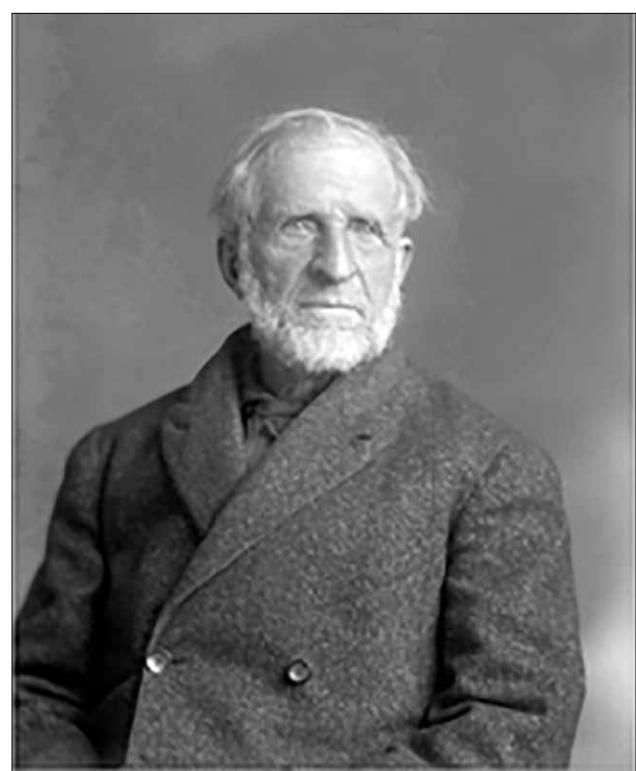
with official recognition of the soldiers, asking again from the exchange of "Mr. A.L. McAfee." He identified two of the possible Pine Mountain captives as H.H. Robertson and Michael Herron, former members of the 11th Tennessee, CSA.

Alfred McAfee was eventually swapped in a prisoner exchange, and by November of 1863 was a Major, overseeing a rebuilding of Jesse's Kentucky Battalion under Colonel C.H. Tyler's Second Brigade of Longstreet's Corps in east Tennessee.

Colonel Joseph A. Cooper passed along the praise he received by recognizing the contributions of those men who served with him, and identifying the parts as fifty men of Colonel Leonidas C. Houk's Third Tennessee Regiment, under Captain Ledgerwood; 100 men of Colonel Robert Johnson's 4th Tennessee Regiment, under Captain A.J. Lane; 100 men of Col. Shelby's 5th Tennessee Regiment, under Captain William Hedgecock; and 150 men of Cooper's own 6th Tennessee Regiment, under Captains Thomas D. Edington and Archibald Myers; and all of the 35th Brigade, Army of the Ohio. W.S. Carter, in his regimental history, adds that one other officer, Lieutenant E.J. Cannon, of Company C., First Tennessee, also accompanied the party.

Cooper left the service of his country on January 15th, 1866, as a brevet major-general, and then served as Commander of the Tennessee State Militia with the unpopular duty of countering the growing fear campaign waged across the state by the Ku Klux Klan. Following this, he moved to St. John's, Kansas, where he died at eighty-two. His body was returned to Knoxville, where he was buried in the National Cemetery.

In an interview with the Knoxville Daily Journal on September 13, 1895, Cooper located Camp Pine Knot as "at a point where the Knoxville and Ohio road now runs, between



General Joseph Cooper in his later years. He led a company of Union soldiers to Pine Mountain during the Union Occupation of Cumberland Gap in 1862 and defeated a force of Kentucky Confederate Cavalry, killing several, capturing almost 100 and destroying supplies headed into Kentucky. He's buried in the Knoxville National Cemetery among other East Tennessee volunteers for Lincoln's cause.

Newcomb and Jellico." Nicholas Grant, in his Civil War diary, locates the old camp "on a bench of Pine Mountain near a gap, through which the road leading from Big Creek Gap to Boston" ran. (Boston, now Lot, is just across the Clear Fork River from Jellico. Boston was the site, in 1861, of a Rebel camp and, in 1862, became a muster site and headquarters for General James G. Spear's Union forces at the same time as Camp Pine Knot was operating. Between the two camps, Colonel Cooper located his 6th Regimental Headquarters at "Camp Beech" at the present site of Jellico.)

All of the Jellico area camps in 1862 were assembly points for loyal east Tennesseans to become Union soldiers, camps for Wisconsin, Ohio, and other units, all in preparation for the campaign against the Rebel position at Cumberland Gap. The June march across Pine and Cumberland Mountains by General Morgan's forces took place at Roger's Gap above Powell Valley and at

Big Creek Gap in LaFollette, by way of the Clear Fork watershed.

Unfortunately, the joy of the victory at Pine Mountain was soon overshadowed by the Union's evacuation of Cumberland Gap. Cooper and his 6th Tennessee performed very well in this event too, acting as a rear guard for the quick retreat into Ohio, and fending off attacks by Rebel raider John Hunt Morgan.

The Pine Mountain Skirmish was unique because it pitted a Tennessee Union Force against a Kentucky Confederate force. It also was but one highlight in the brilliant military career of Joseph A. Cooper, who served throughout the struggle and, as previously mentioned, was eventually promoted to General in recognition of his efforts.

Oddly enough, the sites at Camp Pine Knot, Camp Beech, Camp Spears, and even the Skirmish of Pine Mountain are unmarked today, and all but forgotten as important places in that long and bloody war.

Fulton shakes off penalties to roll 70-14

By David Klein

Shaking off a first half that took an hour and 40 minutes to play and saw 17 penalties, nine by the Fulton Falcons, Fulton ran off 56 straight points for a 70-14 victory over the visiting Karns Beavers. Fulton running back Robquan Thomas ran for four touchdowns on five carries and totaled 98 yards rushing for an average gain per play of 19.6 yards.

"I couldn't do it without my o-line (offensive line)," Thomas said. "It starts up front with them. I just did what I could do. I played my part. They did what they did. That's what started it and I just kept it going."

The Falcons did a solid job keeping wide receiver and Oklahoma State commit Thomas Harper from big plays. Fulton Head Coach Rob Black said, "We put a lot on (defensive back) Kevin Johnson tonight. Hats off to Kevin. He was man on man with Harper tonight and I thought did a great job. Our staff put together a great plan. It takes those guys executing. You had Tommy Sweat over the top and KJ kinda playing underneath. Good execution by those guys and hats off to our defense."

To start the scoring, the Falcons



PHOTO BY NICOLE COONEY / FULCOM

Fulton wide receiver DaShaun McKinney tries to break free from Karns defenders in the Falcons' 70-14 win Friday night at Bob Black Field.

struck first with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Xavier Malone to Shamond Morelan for a 7-0 lead with 10:11 left in the first quarter.

On the next Falcon drive, Thomas scored his first touchdown

on an 8-yard run with 7:50 left in the first quarter for a 14-0 lead as it appeared the Falcons were heating up.

Karns had other ideas. Aided by two pass interference penalties,

the Beavers got into Falcon territory. Quarterback Daniel Kitts threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to receiver Jalen Tucker as the Beavers cut the Falcons lead to 14-7.

"The penalty thing, you know,

we've got to get that cleaned up," Black said. "Way too many and that's going to come back and bite us if we don't get that cleaned up."

Just moments after Tucker's touchdown catch, Fulton running back Deshawn Page was about to cross the end zone when he fumbled the ball out of the end zone and gave Karns the ball on a touch-back at their own 20-yard line. On the next play, running back Caleb Keeter took a pitch 80 yards for a touchdown to tie the score at 14-14. The Beavers had scored two touchdowns in 42 seconds.

However, the tie was short-lived. Thomas scored his second touchdown on a 38 yard-run to put the Falcons back on top 21-14 with 2:04 left in the first quarter.

Malone ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 12 minutes in second quarter to give the Falcons a 27-14 lead. The Falcons converted a 2-point conversion on a busted field goal for a 29-14 lead.

Fulton also made plays on special teams. JaShaun Fenderson returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown. "My team did good

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South-Doyle controls Sevier County 42-7

By Alex Norman

For the South-Doyle Cherokees, the right medicine was a return to their home field, with a more manageable matchup. On Thursday, September 13, the Cherokees got back on track with an impressive 42-7 win over Sevier County. The previous week, South-Doyle lost 34-7 at Bearden.

"It (the win over Sevier County) was huge for us," said South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan. "Our guys worked extremely hard. They made some mistakes last week (against Bearden) but they spent a lot of time working on correcting those mistakes. The kids responded. I feel like we have a good team. They

rallied and didn't let that defeat keep us down."

Neither team did very much with their first possession. A bad snap led to only a six-yard punt for the Cherokees, giving the Smoky Bears possession at the South-Doyle 31. But the Cherokees defense stood tall, and Sevier County turned the ball over on

downs.

A 48-yard run by Nate Adebayo put the Cherokees on the Sevier County 26. On the very next play, junior quarterback Nathan Brang hit senior Ton'Quez Ball in the middle of the field. He fought off a defender and fell into the end zone. With 4:23 to go in the first quarter, it was 7-0 South-Doyle

(4-1, 2-0 in Region 2-5A).

On the Cherokees next possession, they went 43 yards in five plays. Elijah Young walked untouched into the end zone from the one yard line, making it 14-0 Cherokees.

A 42-yard scamper by Brang brought South-Doyle to the Sevier County 10. Two plays later, Brang got

the job done through the air.

A 12-yard hookup with Ball made it 21-0 Sevier County early in the second quarter, and the rout was on. "It's all about confidence," said Duncan. "We came out and had a lot of success early. I

feel like the rest of the guys fed off of that on offense and on defense. Anytime **Continued on page 2**

Lady Admirals outlast Bearden in five-set thriller

By Ken Lay

When Samantha Ackermann served up an early set point to give the Farragut High School volleyball team an early lead against longtime rival Bearden, it seemed as the Lady Admirals would easily sail past the Lady Bulldogs.

Farragut won the first set 25-15 and appeared to be headed for a dominating victory and a short night.

But nothing would come easily for the Lady Admirals. They would win but it

would take five sets. And when the dust finally settled Farragut left Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, its home court, with a 25-15, 23-25, 21-25, 25-16, 15-13 victory on Monday, Sept. 10.

Farragut coach was thrilled to see her squad persevere and capture a hard-fought victory when it was pushed to the brink of defeat. But she also credited the Lady Bulldogs and their first-year coach Erin Biddle for their effort.

"This is what a Bearden-Farragut game should look like," Davidson said. "What a game!

"Coach Biddle has done a great job with Bearden. This is her first year with them. We saw them earlier in the year at the SunSphere Tournament and we beat them in two. She did a great job when she was in Seymour and she does a great job with Bearden now. A lot of kids on both teams did a lot of great things tonight."

The Bearden-Farragut volleyball rivalry may have lost a bit of its luster since the two longtime foes are no longer in the same district. But on this night, the atmosphere was equal to that of any playoff match.

"Bearden has really improved since we saw them early in the season," Davidson said. "We really haven't had that natural rival since the TSSAA took Bearden and West away from our district. But **Continued on page 2**



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Farragut high blocker Madeline Horn (23) battles Bearden's Kate Myers at the net after a serve from Caroline Bower (44) in a game for Kingston Pike bragging rights. The Lady Admirals outlasted the Lady Bulldogs in five sets last week at Farragut.

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you come out and execute early, that's important."

The Smoky Bears figured that they needed a spark, and went for it on fourth and 16 from their own 28. Cam Burden threw to a cutting Brayden Hurst, who had room to run, but he could only pick up 9 yards, giving South-Doyle the ball at the Sevier County 37. Shortly thereafter, a pitch to Adebayo led to a seven yard touchdown run, this second of the night, and it was 28-0 Cherokees.

Sevier County (1-4, 0-2 in Region 2-5A) drove inside the Cherokees 20 with under a minute to go in the half. The Smoky Bears went for it on fourth down again, and this time Ball made an interception in the end zone, bringing it out to the 31 yard line. The Cherokees drove down the field, and had one tenth of a second remaining for one final play from the Sevier County 37. Brang stepped away from pressure, moving left yet throwing right. His deep ball to the back of the end zone was corralled by Ball. "That's a combination of Mason doing a great job getting the ball out there, and Ton'Quez is just a baller," said Duncan. "He makes those plays in practice. He does it time and time again. If the ball gets near him he will go and get it."

That was the story of the first half. Everything was going right for South-Doyle, with over three hundred yards of total offense, and it was 35-0 at intermission. The second half went by quickly thanks to the 35 point cushion, which meant a running clock. A short touchdown run from Brang made it 42-0. Sevier County avoided the shutout with a two yard touchdown run by Sebastian Nelson.

On Friday night, South-Doyle will look to improve to 5-1 when they host Carter.

Fair and Brown 'serve' TSD well

Longtime coaches combine for 76 years

By Steve Williams

Jeanne Fair and Sharon Brown have coached everything but football at Tennessee School for the Deaf.

And after a combined 76 years, the two are still at it and having fun.

Fair is in her 44th year coaching at TSD. Most of that time, she's been the swim coach, but also has been girls track and field coach and now is in her second season as the Lady Vikings' head volleyball coach.

"She's an icon here. I mean she really is," said TSD Athletic Director Luke Benson last week prior to a volleyball match against visiting Cosby High School. "She has given so much of her life to this school. She's an icon at TSD."

Brown, who had been volleyball coach at Maryville College for nine years, took a teaching job in the PE and Health Department at TSD in 1984 and became assistant volleyball coach for one season under longtime head coach Patsy Smith.

That one season has turned into 32.

Brown ended up being TSD's head coach from 1985-1999 and 2003-2015. After retiring in 2015, Benson needed her one more year (2016). She now is in her second season as volunteer assistant coach.

"Sharon Brown has given so much to TSD," said Benson. "Her contributions to our Athletics Department through coaching several sports are immeasurable. She has been enormously helpful the last few years by sharing her



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

TSD volleyball head coach Jeanne Fair uses sign language to communicate to a player during a match against Cosby last week. Sharon Brown (left) retired as TSD's head coach in 2015 but continues to assist. Counting all sports, Fair and Brown have combined to coach 76 years at TSD.

wealth of volleyball knowledge with our new coaches. I am thankful she is with us here at TSD."

Fair assisted Brown in volleyball from 2003-16.

"Now I'm her assistant," laughed Sharon.

Like Fair, Brown also has worn multiple coaching hats at TSD, working in swimming, cross country, track and one season in girls' basketball.

Ashley Allis also was hired this season as an assistant coach in volleyball.

Brown went one year to Holston High, where she graduated in 1969, after her family moved to Knoxville from Virginia. Fair also graduated in 1969 from Oak Ridge. Brown

went on to Carson-Newman and Fair to UT. Brown also did her student teaching at TSD.

Fair teaches pre-school through sixth grade PE.

"I'm going to teach a couple more years," she said. "I still love it."

"We'll see how much longer I can survive in the coaching world."

The Lady Vikings lost their district match to Cosby 25-6, 25-11 and 25-17. Hailey Robinson set up senior teammate MarCreshia Phillips for several points to lead TSD in the loss.

Katie Susualla served 12 straight aces to get Cosby rolling. Megan Miller stood out as an outside hitter for

the Lady Eagles from Cocke County.

Earlier this season the TSD girls won five matches to take top honors in the Preseason Spike-Out Classic at Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville, Ky. The Lady Vikings defeated deaf teams from the Atlanta Area, Georgia, Michigan, Kentucky and Atlanta Area in the finals.

The Lady Vikings were scheduled to go to Alabama School for the Deaf at Talladega, Ala., for the Southern Spike-Out last Friday and Saturday.

TSD will host the 31st annual Mason Dixon tournament Oct. 11-13.

Halls, Farragut win District golf titles

By Ken Lay

It was district championship time for high school golf teams and players who compete in the area's Large Schools Division.

It may be a new year in 2018 but the results were much the same as they have been in recent seasons as championship tournaments were contested on Monday, Sept. 10 when weather conditions were not the best. Farragut and Halls remained the class of their respective leagues and the Lady Admirals were especially dominant early last week.

Halls won a pair of titles in the District 3 Tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course, which will host the Region 2 Tournament on Tuesday. The Red Devils won the title by 12 strokes over Anderson County. The Lady Devils defeated Campbell County by 17 strokes.

The Halls boys shot a combined (331), followed by the Mavericks (343) and Campbell County (344). The Red Devils Mavs and Cougars all earned team spots

at this week's regional in North Knox County.

Halls High's Justin Cowden had a 79 to lead his team. Ethan Vincent posted an 83. Andrew Johnson carded an 84 and Ashton Condra shot an 85.

Powell had a pair of region qualifiers in Jonah Stooksbury (80) and Riley Gayer (81).

Shelby Liford led the Lady Devils to the district crown with a 72. Savannah Johnson had a 96 for Halls which had a team score of 168. The Lady Cougars were second (185) and Anderson County took third (205).

Central's Alyssa Montgomery was the Low Medalist. She fired a 69. Gibbs High's McKenna West qualified for the regional with a 99.

In the District 4 Tournament, Farragut remained the school remained the school to beat. The Lady Admirals had a team score of 143.

Lexanne Halama led Farragut with a 5-under 67 and claimed

Low Medalist honors. Aynsleigh Martin scored a 76 and finished third in the individual standings. Farragut's Lindsay Ott took fourth (78) but her score wasn't calculated in the team's total.

Catholic took second with a 162 and Maryville came in third (163). For the Lady Irish, Kennedy Noe led the way with an even-par 72. Jodie Spangler shot 90 and Amelia Rechter finished with a 93 that didn't count in the team score.

"I was very happy with the way our girls fought to get that runner-up spot," Catholic coach Adam Walker said. I'm very proud."

Bearden's Emma Kamman had a 90 to advance to Tuesday's Region 2 Championships.

Farragut's boys won another District 4 Championship as all four of their scorers finished under par. Steven Haremski was Low Medalist, firing a 3-under 69. Chad Homan finished with a 70. Lance Simpson and Antonio Farnella each carded a 71.

Farragut coach Kathy Nagy said she was pleased.

"It's good to see both the boys and the girls get back-to-back district championships," said Nagy, the school's second-year head coach. "We got some good competition today from Bearden. Maryville and Knoxville Catholic and we look forward to seeing them again at the Region."

"Every season, our teams set goals and we set goals for the postseason. The boys won by 33 strokes and they wanted to shoot 282 and they shot 281. Our girls wanted a 143 and they got it."

Catholic (314) took second and Bearden was third (315).

For the Irish, Michael Ray had a 74. Taylor Ray posted a 78 while Walter Pickering and Neumann MacDonald each finished with an 81.

Bryson Morrell led the Bulldogs with a 73. Carson Kamman had a 78. Logan Roddy finished at 81 and Drew Downey posted an 83.

Hardin Valley Academy's boys

had a pair of region qualifiers. Jeremy Jones fired a 74 and Spencer Dodson had a 75 for the Hawks.

In the District 2 Boys Tournament at Sevierville's River Course: Carter finished second behind Morristown West. The Hornets will advance to the Region 1 Tournament this week.

Carter was led by Cooper Hayes, who fired a 74. Emory Chamberlain had an 83. Mike Strong finished with an 84 and Ethan Rimmer finished with an 84.

Seymour's Karson Atkins (74) and South-Doyle's Jake King (76) qualified for this week's region championships.

At the Island Course in Sevierville, Morristown East won the title with a 163. Greeneville was second (165) and South-Doyle took third (179).

Sydney Thomas led the Lady Cherokees with an 80 while Cameron Woody had a 99.

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blocking," Fenderson said. "We just had to execute and make a play."

The punt return gave Fulton a 36-14 lead and some breathing room. Thomas added a third touchdown on a 4th-and-1 with 47 seconds left in the first half. Moments later, Michael Hobby recovered a Karns' fumble and returned it 10 yards for a touchdown. Fulton led 50-14 at halftime.

The mercy rule took effect in the second half as the clock continued to run, and the Falcons padded their lead. Thomas scored his fourth touchdown run of the

game on a 1-yard run to give the Falcons a 57-14 lead.

Fulton added two more touchdowns, one on backup quarterback Tommy Sweat's 21-yard touchdown run and a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown by Joshua Jones for a final score of 70-14 Fulton.

"They've got a good team," Black said of Karns. "Overall we faced the adversity pretty good. We bounced back and I thought on both sides of the ball executed pretty well."

Fulton (4-0) hosts Maryville Friday in a huge non-regional matchup while Karns (0-5) hosts Scott County.

Lady Admirals outlast Bearden in five-set thriller

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this was a rivalry game tonight."

The Lady Admirals (who improved to 18-7 with the victory) opened a 19-11 lead in the opening set and never led by less than six points after opening the wide advantage.

Farragut also opened a 14-9 lead in the second set as Ackermann served up four consecutive points, including a pair of service aces.

The Lady Bulldogs (who dropped to 10-6 with the loss) would answer

and pull to within 14-12, thanks to a service run by Jacyl Watkins that also included a pair of aces.

Farragut seemingly regained control and took a 21-17 lead.

But Bearden had one more answer and pulled within 21-20 forcing the Lady Admirals to use a timeout. After the break, The Lady Bulldogs scored five of the next eight points to knot the match at a set apiece.

In the third set, Bearden opened an 11-6 lead on an ace by Kate Myers. The Lady Bulldogs never

trailed in the set after that. They would survive a Farragut surge and take a 2-1 lead in the match.

The Lady Admirals were able to force a fifth set. They opened a 10-3 lead in Game 4 and would cruise from there.

The fifth set was a roller coaster ride and was tied, 13-13, when Davidson called a timeout to rally her troops. Farragut went up 14-13 on a side-out before Reese Schroeder served up the winning point, ending a five-set marathon.

Biddle, while

disappointed with the loss, didn't have any complaints about her team's effort.

"Our kids worked hard. They played hard and they battled," she said. "I won't be upset with a game like that."

Caroline Bower sparked Farragut with 24 kills and five blocks. Sydney Chorney finished the match with 15 points, 14 kills, 27 assists and four blocks.

For the Lady Bulldogs, Cate Hosenfeld had 20 kills and five aces while Lizzy Young added seven kills.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Hurricane Florence forces postponement of TSD game

By Steve Williams

Hurricane Florence had an effect on high school football in Knoxville last week.

Tennessee School for the Deaf's home football opener scheduled for Thursday night was postponed when South Carolina School for Deaf closed early last week because of the approaching hurricane. TSD Athletic Director Luke Benson said the game will be rescheduled.

The Vikings had opened their season with a 58-22 win at South Carolina in Week 4.

TSD, which plays eight-man football, will host the Carolinas this Thursday afternoon starting at 4:30. The Carolinas combines student-athletes from North Carolina and Eastern North Carolina schools for the deaf.

CAK'S FIRST WIN: All three phases of the game made a contribution to CAK's first football win of the season, a 34-20 victory over Lenoir City in Week 4.

Coach Travis Mozingo recognized freshman quarterback Walker Strange, lineman Cole Howell and running backs Gavin Cagle and Jarvis Stockton Jr. on the offensive side of the ball.

Cagle also led the defense. In addition to four tackles, a sack and a tackle for loss, Gavin forced two fumbles, recovered both and returned both for touchdowns.

Mozingo also recognized Alex Plese and Max Smith on defense.

Contributing on special teams were PK Zander Tonkin and freshmen JD Dunn and Luke Meyers.

"I'm proud of how our players battled through adversity of

losing their starting quarterback and a 0-3 start to the season. We play a tough schedule on front end of the season, and that can make it demanding, both physically and mentally, on a high school kid. We have a group of hard working guys who play for each other, more than for themselves - that made the difference in the Week 4 game."

WEEK 6 HEADLINERS: Maryville will be seeking its 96th straight win over a Knox County football team when it plays at Fulton Friday night.

The Red Rebels made it 95 in a row when it defeated Knoxville Catholic in Week 1. The streak started in the 2000 season.

Other top games Friday night include unbeaten Farragut at West, Carter at South-Doyle and



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New TSD head football coach Jordan Cooper communicates to his players during a practice session Sept. 11.

Catholic at Brentwood Academy.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Fifty years ago, Sept. 13, 1968 - Young High tailback Van Fillingim carried the ball 18 times for 100 yards and a touchdown in the Yellow Jackets' 13-0 win at Powell. John Lee's fumble recovery set up the TD.

Ralph Hodges tallied Young's other TD.

The Jackets' defense - led by David Clinton, Brad Womack, Bruce McNeil and Lee - did not allow Powell to cross the 30-yard line in the game.

Spartans topple GCA 43-7 to get on winning track

By Steve Williams

Webb School's football team is no longer starving for a win. The Spartans had a feast at Grace Christian Academy Friday night.

Senior defensive back Alec Boruff set the table early with his first of two interceptions and Elijah Howard, a talented sophomore running back who has a scholarship offer from UT, turned it into his first of three touchdowns to ignite a 43-7 victory over the Rams.

Webb came into its Division II Class AA East Region opener an uncharacteristic 0-4 overall but left the message that records can be misleading.

David Meske, the dean of prep coaches in Knox County, said it felt "amazing" to notch the first win. "I probably was more nervous for this game than for state championship games I've had in the past. We needed something good to happen for our football team.

"We've played a really tough schedule, going against some of the top teams in any classification of the state. The last two games we got beat, but we played well and we sort of built on that. We kept a good attitude and we kept working. They could have quit, but they weren't going to do that."

The Spartans will have a week off before going to Chattanooga Notre Dame in Week 7.

The loss dropped Grace Christian to 1-1 in the region and 2-2 overall.

"We were expecting it to be a lot more competitive," said GCA Coach Rusty Bradley. "Obviously, we are disappointed. We just made too many mistakes and you can't make the mistakes that we made and beat a good team.

"We knew that their record in no shape or form indicated what kind of team that they are. We just weren't ready to play and didn't handle the mistakes early. I think that comes from being too emotional and being too amped up. I've got to do a better job of having our guys ready to play."



PHOTO BY PRESTON JONES

Grace Christian Academy quarterback Luke Kirby looks to throw, while a Webb School defender tries to pull a way from a holding foul Friday night. The Spartans got in the win column for the first time this season, beating the Rams 43-7.

The Rams will play at unbeaten Greenback in this week's Rivalry Thursday TV game.

Boruff's pick on Grace Christian's opening possession was returned to the 12-yard line. Howard scored from the 10 two plays later. Cameron Fowler kicked the first of his five extra points and Webb was licking its chops with 8:53 showing in the first quarter.

The Spartans' defense got a three-and-out and Webb overcame two holding penalties to score again. On third-and-27 at the GCA 34, a Rams defensive back slightly slipped, allowing Howard the opportunity to haul in Kaden Armes' long pass and ease into the end zone.

Webb scored a safety in the second quarter when a low snap to the Grace punter went out of the back of the end zone. And Jackson Baker hauled in a 44-yard TD pass from Armes with 49 seconds left to make it 22-0 at intermission.

The fast and shifty Howard got past a Ram defender and completed a 50-yard TD run on the opening possession of the second half to increase the lead to 29-0.

Mistakes continued to plague Grace Christian. Luke Kirby completed a 13-yard pass to Devan Coffey, but the ball popped out on

the tackle and Baker recovered at the GCA 35.

After a long pass to Howard, senior running back Jahliil Jefferson carried three straight plays and scored from the 4. That made it 36-0 and the TSSAA mercy rule started the running clock.

Senior Roderick Lewis raced 52 yards down the sideline on the first play of the fourth quarter for Webb's final TD.

Kirby completed five passes in a row, including a 30-yarder to Jalen Geer as the Rams moved into position to avoid a shutout. Coffey ran it in from the 1 and Chase McCullar kicked the PAT with 5:35 remaining.

"Our last two games were against McCallie and Ensworth," said Coach Meske. "They've been nationally ranked before. We're playing teams that are at a really high level. Even against Ensworth, we could have made plays to win the game, but we didn't do it."

But the competition has made Webb a better team, said Meske.

"It does make us better, because it makes us tough," he said. "Our linemen are going up against guys who are going to Alabama. And they have to work hard every day. I was so proud of our offensive line, because we've struggled there and we're young there. We challenged them and they played well."

Carter, Farragut run past Jefferson Co. to remain perfect

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's football team kept its perfect record intact and gave its alumni a homecoming victory Friday night at Bill Clabo Field.

Kyle Carter and the Admirals ran past Jefferson County and posted a 51-21 victory over the Patriots.

Carter, a 5-foot-10 senior running back, had a near record-tying performance as he scored five rushing touchdowns. He came up one TD short of tying a single-game record for touchdowns.

But that didn't matter to him all that much because he and the Admirals (5-0 overall, 2-0 in Region 1-6A) must stay healthy if they are to win a league championship and make a deep post-season run.

And it isn't like Farragut, which travels to Marble City to play West High in a non-region game Friday night at Bill Wilson Field, haven't sustained their share of injuries to impact players throughout the first half of the season, which concluded on a high note for the Admirals last week. Wide receiver/defensive back Tanner Corum and senior Isaiah Gibbs, Carter's running mate in the Admirals' backfield, both missed the homecoming showdown against the Patriots (4-2, 0-2) due to injuries.

"They told me that I almost tied the record," said Carter, who rushed for 177 yards and five scores against Jefferson County. "It's more important to stay healthy than it is to break or tie a record."

"We need to get healthy and we need to stay healthy because we want to make a deep playoff run. We need to get Isaiah back and we want to play into December."

Carter opened the scoring as he culminated an eight-play 76-yard drive with a 26-yard touchdown pass after the Admirals received the opening kickoff. Daniel Bethel

added the extra point to make the score 7-0 with 8 minutes, 37 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Carter's first score was one of three Farragut touchdowns in the first 12 minutes of the contest.

Admirals' quarterback Gavin Wilkins extended Farragut's advantage to 14-0 when he lofted a 49-yard scoring strike to junior wide receiver Hunter Shopovick later in the frame.

Farragut's next two scores came on 14-yard runs by Carter and helped the home team open a 28-0 lead with 10:52 left in the second stanza.

The Pats got on the board when Kris Hawkins found the end zone from 41 yards out with 3:17 left in the frame. Jefferson County kicker Ronaldo Alvarez added the extra point to make the score 28-7.

Bethel closed out the first-half scoring when he kicked a 22-yard field goal on the final play before the extended homecoming intermission to give the Admirals the 31-17 advantage they enjoyed at halftime.

The Patriots pulled to within 31-14 when Hawkins scored from a yard out early in the third frame.

Carter added touchdown runs of four and 15 yards in the third quarter to make it 44-14.

Farragut added another touchdown when Jake Evans tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Alec Keathley with 10:35 left in the game.

Jefferson County added a late touchdown on a scoring run by quarterback Tanner Atkins.

Farragut coach Eddie Courtney said that the victory was important for his squad.

"This game was important for us," he said. "It was a night when you had to be ready to play because we were 4-0 and we were 3-1."

"If you weren't ready to play, we would've both been 4-1 and they would've had us head-to-head."

Pruitt may turn Florida series back around

Well, it's Florida Week.

Sorry if that doesn't come across with the same passion as I have expressed in the past. There are reasons for that. First and foremost, one Tennessee win over the Gators since 2004 can alter the hopes of even die-hard fans.

But I haven't thrown in the towel. No sireeeee. (That's for you John). UT has a real football coach again and we have a better chance of beating Florida Saturday night with Jeremy Pruitt than we would have with



By Steve Williams

Butch Jones. Jones went 1-4 against Florida. I still believe he should have gone 5-0.

Thanks to Josh Dobbs, Tennessee scored 38 unanswered points to come back and beat the Gators 38-28 in Knoxville in 2016 to put an end to that 11-game losing streak.

With Dobbs off to the NFL, Butch was on his own last season and Tennessee lost in the Swamp on the final play of the game when the Gators got behind our secondary and scored the winning touchdown with a

63-yard bomb.

Surprisingly, Florida only leads Tennessee 27-20 in the all-time series. With where these two programs are right now and with the head coaches they have in place, I believe the Vols can catch up with the Gators in the next 10 years. Really.

From my viewpoint, the culture currently at Florida is not what breeds championships. And Dan Mullen doesn't strike me as the type of coach who can change it.

I like Pruitt. He has his nose to the grindstone. He talks like us and just tells it like it is. There are no gimmicks or slogans among

his coaching tools. At least I haven't seen or heard of any.

But I don't know if Jeremy has enough talent and experience to beat Florida this year. It's probably going to be close. The fact it's going to be played in Neyland Stadium will be a big plus for the Orange and White.

In other words, you could make the difference. Really. The overall record in this series is misleading. UT won the first 10 games between 1916 and 1953. The Gators got their first win over Tennessee in 1954, a 14-0 shutout.

After a 20-0 UT win in 1955, the two schools

didn't play each other again until the 1969 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville. That's the first UT-UF game I can remember and pre-game rumors were going around that Florida was interested in hiring UT Coach Doug Dickey, a UF alum and former QB.

Sure enough, just a day or two after the Gators' 14-13 win, Dickey got the offer and took the job.

It just so happen that Dickey and Florida had to come to Knoxville in late October that next season. UT quarterback Bobby Scott and the Vols put it on them too, rolling 38-7 under Bill Battle, their new and young coach.

To this day, Scott will tell you he still respected Coach Dickey, but when he put on the orange jersey that day, it was "blood and guts" and the Vols were ready to go to war.

Hopefully, this Saturday night will be like that, too, as Pruitt gets his first opportunity against Florida.

Since 1970, Phillip Fulmer is the only other Tennessee head coach who has prevailed in his first game against Florida. And the fact Fulmer is the guy who hired Pruitt, well, that could be a good omen.

As you probably can tell, I'm trying to get fired up. It's Florida Week!



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(Week 5)**

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 CAK: J.D. Presley.
 Carter: Zeke Wollard.
 Catholic: Jarvis Mynatt.
 Central: Ja'Kobi Troutman.

Farragut: Nathan Chandler.
 Fulton: J'Coryan Anderson.
 Gibbs: Cameron Tabler.
 GCA: Caleb Curcio.
 Halls: Hunter Hunley.
 HVA: Kelton Gunn.
 Karns: Marique Lucas.
 Powell: Carson Cole.
 Seymour: Branson James.

South-Doyle: David Potter.
 TSD: Matthew Neely.
 TKA: Brandon Anderson.
 Webb: Alec Boruff.
 West: Will Eggleston.
 UT: Todd Kelly Jr.
 (Week of ETSU game)

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AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 30-12	vs. Wayne (OH) L, 20-56	vs. Kingston W, 36-14	vs. Fulton L, 0-34	OPEN	vs. Halls	vs. Scott	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman	vs. Pigeon Forge	vs. Northview Academy	vs. Alcoa
CARTER Class 5A, R2	vs. Anderson County L, 7-49	vs. Cocke County L, 15-22	vs. Seymour W, 14-0	vs. Jefferson County L, 3-28	vs. Halls L, 7-37	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Fulton	vs. Central	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County
CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High L, 16-19	vs. Fulton L, 9-18	vs. Sevier County W, 40-6	vs. Hardin Valley W, 35-20	vs. Seymour W, 35-0	vs. Clinton	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs
GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 12-30	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-31	vs. David Crockett L, 28-55	vs. Campbell County W, 34-27	vs. Morristown East	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	vs. Central
HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell L, 0-35	vs. Karns W, 54-42	OPEN	vs. West L, 0-35	vs. Carter W, 37-7	vs. Austin-East	vs. Central	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour
SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 7-21	vs. Clinton W, 35-34	vs. Carter L, 0-14	vs. Cherokee W, 20-17	vs. Central L, 0-35	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County	vs. Karns	vs. Halls
SOUTH-DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Heritage W, 52-3	vs. Cherokee W, 61-21	vs. Gibbs W, 31-7	vs. Bearden L, 7-34	vs. Sevier Co., W 42-7	vs. Carter	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	OPEN	vs. Central	vs. Powell
FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central W, 18-9	vs. Powell W, 21-10	vs. Austin-East W, 34-0	vs. Karns W, 70-14	vs. Maryville	vs. Carter	vs. Clinton	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
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POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls W, 35-0	vs. Cumberland County W, 42-0	vs. Fulton L, 10-21	vs. Karns W, 49-27	vs. Clinton W, 35-0	vs. Lenoir City	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. South-Doyle
WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 0-9	vs. Hardin Valley L, 12-15	vs. Karns W, 42-14	vs. Halls W, 35-0	vs. Oak Ridge L, 21-27	vs. Farragut	vs. Clinton	vs. Powell	OPEN	vs. Fulton	vs. Campbell County
CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 10-31	vs. Baylor W, 35-16	OPEN	vs. Cleveland W, 35-28	vs. Soddy Daisy L, 7-17	vs. Brentwood Academy	vs. Rhea County	vs. West Greene	vs. Walker Valley	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City
BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West W, 9-0	vs. Cleveland W, 28-20	vs. Jefferson County W, 28-0	vs. South-Doyle W, 34-7	vs. Science Hill L, 21-28	vs. CAK	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	OPEN	vs. Farragut	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Morristown West
FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 34-0	vs. McMinn County W, 47-7	vs. Morristown West W, 42-7	vs. Oak Ridge W, 20-14	vs. Jefferson County W, 51-21	vs. West	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Bearden	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley
HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-23	vs. West W, 15-12	vs. Heritage W, 49-0	vs. Central L, 20-35	vs. Morristown West W, 51-10	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Bearden	vs. Farragut
KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy L, 20-48	vs. Grace Christian L, 21-70	vs. Mid Tenn Christian L, 7-45	vs. Greenback L, 14-63	vs. Mt Juliet Christian L, 14-29	OPEN	OPEN	vs. Grace Baptist CH	vs. Friendship Christian	vs. DCA	vs. Ezell-Harding
CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC) L, 7-44	vs. Greenback L, 20-63	vs. Notre Dame L, 28-44	vs. Lenior City W, 34-20	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-24	vs. Bearden	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Boyd Buchanon
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Learning Philosophies

Words have meaning, and are the only way to express thoughts in an essay which affords no additional communication from body language. Anthropologists hold that the development of language was a great leap forward for mankind. And since we don't read each other's thoughts -thankfully- language is the human vehicle for nuanced understanding of others.

A few weeks ago I described the perspective of conservatism in the essay Accountability. I gave examples of some of the various types of conservatism because there is no specific doctrine of this philosophical principle. Liberalism is often used as a contrasting philosophy to conservatism, but for me this notion was recently challenged. However, before I go further we must start at the very beginning... as Maria in the Sound of Music advised.

Classical liberalism is a philosophy which arose during the 18th century. It's fundamental perspective was an individual's right to liberty and freedom as long as these did not infringe on someone else's rights. (The proscription of harming another is an ancient philosophy known as ahimsa). Liberalism of our Founders' era championed free markets, limited government, equality under law and private property. In The Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson borrowed from the 17th century Englishman, John Locke, who wrote of an individual's right to "Life, liberty and property." Classical liberalism was pro-capitalism, opposed to a welfare state and imperialism.

Unfortunately, the soaring ideals of The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution were subject to human foibles, and the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century led to

new forms of exploitation. Socialism arose to counter the abuses of unfettered capitalism and advocated the elimination of all private property and the collective ownership of all means of production. Karl Marx advanced an extreme form of socialism called communism, derived from the root word commune. Vladimir Lenin would later say that the goal of socialism is communism, with an elite minority who controls everything and everyone.

Another -ism which arose in the late 19th century is progressivism. Noted devotees were Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Again, unfortunately, passion and hubris intervened and progressives became increasingly unpopular with passage of the Federal Income Tax and prohibition. We're still stuck with income tax, but thankfully prohibition was repealed. Soon progressives were losing elections so they rebranded themselves in the 1920s as "modern liberals." Later the adjective was dropped. Though liberals today desire greater government involvement than conservatives, their love of country with constituted borders, freedom of speech and the belief of free markets persists. And like conservatives, liberals do not see the world as class

struggle or men as different because of skin color.

I recently came upon an essay which challenged me and clarified the words liberal and "leftist." These perspectives actually bear little resemblance to each other, though they are often misused as synonyms these days.

Have you ever had something pointed out to you and then, suddenly, you see it everywhere? Regarding the philosophy of the so-called "left," the scales have been removed from my eyes, to use the analogy of Acts 9:18. Actually, the philosophy of the left is everywhere, and I never saw it until recently. The left advocates socialism and opposes capitalism. The left opposes free speech under the ruse of branding speech they oppose as "hate speech." The left opposes the nation state and borders (examples - US, France, England) and champions the euphemism of "world citizen." And the left sees everything as class warfare, even race. Leftists see America as racist, imperialistic, xenophobic, sexist and violent. They believe that they are enlightened and you should just shut up or they will shut you up. Leftists are the antithesis of democracy and are intolerant.

You might ask how this essay belongs in the Health

and Well Being section of the Focus. Humans are complicated and there is more to our well being than our organs or afflictions. In this essay I've already touched on science, sociology, history, vision, communication and education sprinkled within an essay focused on politics. Politics is, afterall, the workings of the polis or the city-state derived from Ancient Greece where the first democracy arose. Democracy comes from the Greek words demos for people and kratia for government. And I believe learning is foundational to human well being.

I recently shared with a group of medical students an admonition (Fergism) that they should "endeavor to learn something new everyday." I learned two new words today. Becky and I are making our first wine from grapes we grew on our Thistle Farm. Like my garden, which couldn't begin to feed my family, my vineyard is too small to make more than two cases of wine. It's just fun and I learned that the grape juice before fermentation is called must. I also learned it's necessary to add sugar to the must to "balance the wine," a process called chaptalization. I was struck by this word's similarity to the word capitalism.

Several years ago I read

a book called "A History of the World in 6 Glasses." Water is necessary for life, so the author began with beer, explaining that when grain was harvested and stored, it sometimes got wet and then exposed to wild yeast. And Presto! Fermentation happened and a prehistoric party quickly ensued. Grapes yield a smaller harvest, so in ancient times wine was often reserved for the elite, unless you were attending a wedding in Cana with the Master.

You may find it strange to learn that Arabic cultures discovered distillation and produced the first spirits. Remember, the Muslim prohibition of alcohol only came about with Mohammed in the 7th century AD. Whiskey comes from corn and rum from sugar cane. On the frontier, whiskey and rum are not perishable like corn and sugar, and spirits were often used as barter or currency. Coffee came with the Enlightenment and then tea with the British Empire. And finally... Coca Cola was invented by a pharmacist in Atlanta and captured the world!

A friend of mine opines that "you're either growing or dying." My corollary to his quip is "you're either learning or forgetting."

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Every Month is Heartworm Prevention Month

Hobo the Wonder Dog visits his veterinarian regularly and heartworm prevention is an important part of his monthly routine. The American Heartworm Society has designated April Heartworm Awareness Month—so why are we promoting heartworm prevention in September? Because prevention is always better than a cure—and heartworms is no exception. Heartworm infestations are costly to treat can cause permanent damage



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

to heart, lungs, and arteries. Good news, heartworms are preventable and it won't break the bank.

Why am I promoting heartworm prevention in September? A friend said they didn't "waste" money on heartworm prevention medication from October through March. I could only shake my head in disbelief of how dangerous this misconception is to the health of their pet. Heartworm prevention is every month and

for a dog the size of Hobo cost about seven dollars per month.

Heartworm Prevention 101:

Heartworm Disease: is caused by worms up to one foot in length causing heart lung disease and is potentially fatal. The disease can affect dogs and cats. Dogs are the natural host for heartworms, however cats can also become infected and develop heartworm associated respiratory disease. Animals are infected with the disease most commonly

through the mosquitos bite wound. For more information on the life cycle of the heartworm visit: www.heartwormsociety.org.

Heartworm Prevention: is the best treatment and for less than twenty-five cents per day you can protect your pet from this debilitating and deadly disease. Discuss heartworm prevention with your veterinarian including financial concerns. Treatments include monthly pill, topical, and injections to best suit you and your pet. Hobo the Wonder Dog as part of his annual physical examination has a blood test to monitor for

exposure and to ensure his preventive measures are working.

Remember to always seek the advice of your veterinarian—nothing can replace of this important relationship. Do not leave your pets' health to chance by not giving routine heartworm prevention medications every month. Tennessee is ranked seventh in the nation for heartworm incidents according to the American Heartworm Society. Hobo the Wonder Dog believes every month is heartworm prevention month. I want all our pets to live healthy and happy lives. Heartworm

disease is preventable, keep your pet protected year-round—it is simply not worth the risk.

The American Heartworm Society's website has informative videos and information and is a resource for veterinarians and pet owners alike. www.heartwormsociety.org.

Life is better with a dog—Woolf!

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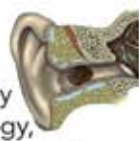
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New Harvest Park Farmers Market to host Honey Fair

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will host its third annual Honey Fair on Thursday, Sept. 27. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will ring the bell at 3 p.m. to kick off the family-friendly event.

The market, which runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and is open to the public, will be held at the park located at 4775 New Harvest Lane.

"Our honey fair is one of everyone's favorite events of the year," said Brad Hurst, who oversees the market. "We plan to have several types of local honey

for sale, as well as representatives from the Knoxville Beekeepers Association in attendance to do presentations on bees, honey and beekeeping and answer any questions. Be sure to join us for all of the 'sweet' fun!"

In addition, the market will feature plenty of local fall veggies, meats and much more.

Other activities to be announced on the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/newharvestfm>.

Trent Pyles, a freshman at Karns High School and member of Grace Lutheran Church, has completed his Eagle Project for The Little Ponderosa Zoo and Rescue. James Cox, owner of the Zoo, said the response to the project has been tremendous. He presented Pyles with the recognition. The Eagle Project took 220 hours to complete with mostly family providing the labor. Some vendors donated materials and some people gave cash to help with materials. Trent and Boy Scout Troop 448 including Scoutmaster Scott Newby, Assistant Scoutmaster Ralph Harness, and Michael Pyles, Vickie Pyles, Abryl Pyles and Scott Harness worked on the project. Two and one-half Saturdays completed the project which gives visitors a place to sit and rest while touring the zoo. Photo courtesy of Christice Harness



RFP for historic preservation funds now available

The City of Knoxville is accepting proposals from owners of historic residential and commercial buildings seeking an allocation from the 2019 Improvements to Historic Buildings fund.

The Request for Proposals for Funding for Improvements to Historic Buildings is now available. The fund provides \$500,000 in to help fill financing gaps for renovation of historic properties within city limits.

Funds are mainly granted to preservation of historic buildings. While homeowners of historic residences are also eligible, they can receive funding as a temporary loan to be repaid rather than a grant.

The RFP is available at <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids>. Applicants must own the property, and funding will be secured by a deed of trust on the property. Application deadlines

are as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018: Mandatory pre-proposal meeting at the City of Knoxville Public Works Center (3131 Morris Avenue). Your proposal will not be considered if you don't attend this meeting.

- 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2018: Deadline for questions to be submitted in writing to Purchasing Agent Penny Owens.

- 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018: Proposals are due.

Beginning with the City's 2014-2015 budget, Mayor Madeline Rogero proposed \$500,000 be allocated for a historic preservation fund to support the efforts of the Community Development department to improve low to moderate income neighborhoods. That funding was approved by City Council and has been renewed

annually. Per-project allocations from the fund have ranged from approximately \$10,000 to \$200,000.

Becky Wade, the City's Director of Community Development, says: "These funds are used to preserve and improve historic structures, while at the same time serving as economic drivers, creating jobs as well as new housing and retail spaces."

Proposals and questions about the RFP should be directed to: Penny Owens, City of Knoxville Office of Purchasing Agent, 400 Main Street, Room 667-674, Knoxville, TN 37902, powers@knoxvilletn.gov (865) 215-2648 phone (865) 215-2277 fax

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