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BOBCATS TAKE STATE



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTE

The Central Bobcats charge onto the field at Tennessee Tech Sunday afternoon. After a 14-9 win over Henry County, they would depart with their first ever state football title since the TSSAA playoffs began in 1969. See story on C1.

Commission to select Wright's replacement

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville County Commission meets Wednesday at noon in Suite 603 of the City-County Building to consider a replacement to finish former Commissioner Dave Wright's term. Wright, who has represented District 8 for more than 10 years, was elected to the Tennessee State House and has resigned his seat. The selection apparently needs to be made this month. Commission Chairmen Hugh Hystrom told The Focus that, as of mid-week, at three people have indicated an interest in the position.

"I am sure there will be others before the deadline," Hystrom said.

DECEMBER 7

American Legion remembers Pearl Harbor

By Mike Steely
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For many of us the attacks on 9/11 may be the most tragic event in our memory of U.S. history. The "Greatest Generation" has a second tragic date to remember, December 7.

On December 7, 1941 at 7:55 a.m. Hawaiian time, the nation of Japan attacked and crippled our military in Pearl Harbor. This year, on Friday, December 7 at 12:55 p.m. in Knoxville, the American Legion Post 2 will hold a Remembrance Day Service at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike.

The 12:55 time is important because that's what time it was in East Tennessee when the attack happened. The news of the attack took some time to reach the public across America and came as a huge shock to almost everyone. The United States entered World War II the next day.

The Remembrance Day Service will be held in the rotunda of the Veterans Cemetery, opening with a moment of silence. Anyone planning to attend should bring a camera as there will be lots of Pearl Harbor memorabilia on exhibit.

The featured speaker will be Vice Admiral Kendall L. Card, former Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and the 64th Director of Naval Intelligence. He served from 1977 until 2013 and took part in Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom.

Knoxville's Post 2 of the American Legion was formed in 1919 as the second post in the state. The post has purchased property at 5700 Old Rutledge Pike and a campaign is underway to fund

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Knoxville Songwriters Association performs at last year's Christmas concert at the Fountain City Library.

Songwriters to perform free Christmas concert tomorrow at Fountain City Library

Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association will perform a free Christmas concert from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road.

KSA President Bobby Johnston said the concert will feature original songs of the season as well as familiar tunes and sing-along holiday favorites.

"We hold our weekly meetings in the Fountain City Library and want to share some songs as a

Christmas gift to the library staff and the community that hosts our group," Johnston said. In addition to performing, he said, the writers will tell the stories behind the songs they present.

KSA is East Tennessee's largest and most inclusive songwriting organization. Founded in 1983, the group helps area songwriters develop their musical talents and understanding of the music business.

KSA holds a jam session at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Library's

community room, followed by a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. that includes writing lessons and song critiques. After a holiday break following the December 11 meeting the group will resume its weekly meeting schedule on Jan. 8, 2019.

KSA's annual membership dues are \$30 (\$15 for writers under 21 years of age). Prospective members are welcome to attend up to two meetings at no cost to jam, have a song critiqued, and get to know KSA members.

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