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Publisher's Position

We Need to Pay More Attention to Public Pensions



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Did you know that currently there is SIX TRILLION dollars in unfunded pension debt in the United States of America? That encompasses the debt owed by states and local governments for unfunded public pension liabilities. In fact, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council, that debt exceeds \$6 trillion. The New York Times has broken that down to what each of us owes to pay for those debts; it comes to “\$18,676 for every man, woman and child in the country or \$50,000 for

every household in America.” As the New York Times pointed out, this isn’t especially good news for taxpayers in those situations where politicians have promised more benefits to public employees than they have tax dollars to spend. Public employees oftentimes have powerful lobbying arms and they certainly make their presence felt in the legislative halls, whether it is in state capitols or county commission and city council hearing rooms. The Constitutions of some states actually prevent legislatures from making any changes to the pensions of government employees. For instance, that would mean those same government employees would be protected from paying a penny more toward their own pensions than they did the first day they were hired. Currently, every state in the nation is at risk of defaulting on its pension liabilities. Fortunately, Tennessee has the lowest pension liability in the country. Still, even in Tennessee and the handful

of other states with the lowest risk, the debt runs from \$7,600 to \$10,900 per person. Taxpayers in Alaska, New Mexico, Illinois, Connecticut and Ohio are not as lucky; that debt ranges from \$28,100 to \$45,700 per person. Some states are merely hoping that Congress and federal taxpayers will bail them out. That would mean those states that have been at least somewhat fiscally responsible would end up paying the tab for those who were not. The Focus has editorialized on the pension plan in the past which was at the heart of the lawsuit involving Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong, the pension board, the Knox County Commission and the Knox County Mayor. You’ll notice quite often when public issues are involved, as well as public dollars, those with less facts in their corner resort to appealing to one’s heart instead of one’s head. This issue is complicated and it’s not so simple as backing

the brave men and women in blue; quite to the contrary, it is about following the law and just precisely what we can afford. One of the litigants involved in that lawsuit is hoping to retire at 101% of full salary. The Knox County Charter, Knox County’s version of our Constitution, clearly states no public employee may retire at more than 75% of full salary. Keep in mind, no other public employee in Knox County government except for Sheriff’s deputies receive a LIFETIME pension. Somewhere along the way, someone subverted the word “salary” and substituted the word “compensation.” Now that may not sound very significant to you, but it makes a world of difference. An employee’s compensation or benefits package goes well beyond one’s salary. There is a big question as to whether the pension plan for Knox County public employees is actuarially sound; I’ve been told it is because deputies only live an average of ten years after retirement. Yet

did you know deputies may assign their pension benefits to their widows? How can the plan possibly be actuarially sound unless the widows die the day after their husbands? Everywhere in the world, women outlive men. It is simply a fact. According to Bertrand Desjardins, a researcher in the demography department at the University of Montreal, life expectancy for males is 73.4 years, while that for females is 80.1 years, a difference of 6.7 years. That raises a mighty big question if we’re told Knox County’s pension plan is actuarially sound based on the life expectancy of deputies. Does that take into account the life expectancy of spouses? The answer to that one question may mean more to you than you might imagine; the law requires the county’s pension plan to be actuarially sound, meaning fully funded. Who funds the county’s pension plan? You do. Over coming weeks, The Focus will be breaking down

these issues in language that all of us can understand and try to inform our readers of just what it means to you. For one thing, it could mean much higher taxes. Nobody is more strongly in favor of our public employees earning a good, living wage and having a good retirement. I believe the Charter addressed that point and I think being able to retire at 75% of full salary is pretty generous. That combined with Social Security is a nice retirement for most employees. Should Sheriff’s deputies be considered a special class of employee? No, most certainly not. While Sheriff’s deputies perform a most valuable and necessary function, so do a great many other employees. Would it matter how many cops we have on the streets without courts? No, it would not. Fairness is essential in life and government and that should always include the people who pay the bills: the taxpayers.

Who’s going to pay the \$165K bill?

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have already stated publicly that the payment should come from the law director’s budget since that department initiated the lawsuit. The commission’s work session is on Tuesday, January 22, because their normal Monday meeting falls on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

While the agreement to the settlement came from a split vote on commission, where to find the money for the payments to several attorneys could see divided votes as well.

“I don’t have the authority to charge it to the law department,” Caldwell said. “I don’t have that kind of money just sitting around either.”

“But I don’t want to hide the charges either,” he said.

Whether the funds will

come out of the general budget, from the law department or from the pension board funds will apparently be decided by the commission.

The commission may also discuss approving a contract with Gresham Smith and Partners for \$300,000 for a Greenway Corridor Study to identify priorities and long range improvements for Northshore, Beaver Creek, Chapman Highway and a portion of John Sevier Highway.

Moving the Recovery and Veterans Treatment Court from Suite 310 to Suite 480 at 900 East Hill Street could save about \$18,000 per year and the commission is being asked to approve the lease contract with Commercial Park Lease.

The commission is also being asked, by the Merit System Council, to amend

the county code to change a word to enable the chair of the council to designate an alternate member to set in place when a regular member is absent.

Another amendment to the county code is being requested from the planning commission concerning lot area requirements for motels, hotels and transient mobile home parks. Knoxville-Knox County Planning voted 13-0 to recommend the change.

The sheriff’s department is asking the commission to approve \$36,000 from the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area for deputy overtime and \$44,927 from the U.S. Marshals Office as reimbursement for overtime.

Street lighting improvements in a contract with Progression Electronic, LLC along Maynardville Highway for \$149,207 is being

requested from Engineering and Public Works.

Commissioner Justin Biggs has a resolution to honor Historic Knoxville High Senior Living which won a national award in December for being one of the best senior living facilities in the country.

Gary Fleenor may be named to fill out the term of Kim Garvin on the health insurance appeals board and Robert H. Houser may be named to the board of construction appeals.

Commissioner Carson Dailey is being reappointed to the agricultural extension committee along with Laura Nolen and Lynn Jessee.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom and Finance Director Chris Caldwell talk during a meeting of the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board. Caldwell is asking the commission to decide which county department will pay the lawyer fees from the Pension Board suit.

City discusses complicated Tennova purchase

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the city is happy with the estimate.

The project would proceed in three phases and the largest portion of the project would be renovation of the South Complex. The police department and the municipal court would be housed together and the current Women’s Pavilion could be used by the fire department.

Richters said that initially doing all the planned demolition there at one time would save money and Brace added that Tennova has been very cooperative in the effort so far. He also said that if the council wants a tour of the current buildings that would be done.

Councilman George Wallace presented 10 questions and requested the walk-through.

Vice Chairman Finbarr Saunders asked if other parcels there would remain under the ownership of Tennova and the company replied that the convent

there for nuns and a day-care facility will remain until other plans are made.

“We’re still early in the program,” Brace said.

Councilman Mark Campen asked about security at the current facility and Brace said that Tennova has its own security service there and some doctors offices inside the building remain open there and may remain open for four to six months.

“The City is not closing the hospital, Tennova was closing it,” Brace emphasized.

At the same time Tennova is asking the city for a tax break on a possible Middlebrook medical facility. The city is discussing a \$16 million PILOT tax break for 15 years on that proposal. Tennova has not decided what type of medical facility might be built at that West Knoxville site.

Councilman Marshall Stair asked what would happen if the PILOT was in place and Tennova sold the property. Lyons said a

buyer may qualify for the tax break.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said “alarm bells went off in the community” when some demolition was announced on the hospital site.

“We’ll get input from Knox Heritage,” Brace said, adding that the neighborhood has been and will be consulted.

Councilwoman Stephanie Welch asked about the proposed “Science Center” development at the current site of the police department. Brace said that Jim Clayton, who proposes that museum, met with the city recently and is hiring a design firm. The idea is to move the police and sell all or part of the property above the Civic Auditorium to Clayton for his proposed \$150 million museum.

“The puzzle pieces have to come together,” Brace said of the project.

“A development agreement is under study, I believe we’re close,” Brace said.

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Tennova Hospital, South Knox projects and cats at city council

By Mike Steely
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Although it's not officially on the agenda a discussion or announcement that the city has entered into a tentative agreement to purchase the recently closed Tennova Hospital just off Broadway may certainly come up. The council meets in regular session Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the City-County Building's main assembly room.

An announcement last week and a work session Thursday brought the city closer to a \$40 million deal to purchase, renovate and demolish part of the former St. Mary's hospital to turn it into headquarters for the police and fire departments.

The council will also see a divided discussion on a new policy to permit the police department to pick up stray cats, have them neutered and vaccinated, and return the animals to where they were apprehended. The idea is to cut down on the number of stray cats but several members of the council and some members of the Animal Control Board are opposed to the idea. The Animal Control Board meets two days after the council and a motion to postpone council action until that meeting is



Children and babies are displayed by the nurses in front of the original St. Mary's Hospital. The original building is hidden inside the current facility and, with a city purchase, may be preserved.

expected.

The first reading of the ordinance change, requested by the police department and supported by the Young-Williams Animal Shelter, passed with two "No" votes and several citizens speaking out against the resolution.

The council will also see several resolutions dealing with changes in South Knoxville including one to public parking under the James White Parkway between the railroad right-of-way and Island Home Avenue. The south side will also see a possible agreement between the city and

Ergon Terminaling, Inc. to permit a barge mooring cell on the river at 3209 Island Home Avenue, part of Ijams Nature Center.

The Office of Redevelopment is asking the council for permission to acquire property for a right-of-way and construction easement within 43 tracks of real property along Sevier Avenue for the Streetscapes Project there. The estimated cost is \$815,000.

Other South Knoxville items on the agenda include a \$1,310,000 award in affordable rental development funds to

ECG Young High for development of 44 of the 156 proposed housing units at 121 East Young High Pike, to be known as Young High Flats.

The firm may also be granted an award of \$440,000 from those funds for development of 15 of 102 housing units on Hollywood Drive, to be known as Flats at Pond Gap. That development has been strongly opposed by the Pond Gap Neighborhood Association and residents along Hollywood Drive.

In other business the council will vote to donate \$5,000 to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission and discuss an agreement with Ingles Paving for about \$556,000 for the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Project.

On second reading the council will vote on a \$2,000 donation to assist the Violins of Hope display in Knoxville.

John Shirley is appealing a Board of Zoning Appeals decision on a building proposed for 7621 Kingston Pike. Service One, Inc. may have its maintenance contract increased by \$435,000 for service to the city's street lights.

11-Year-Old Coin Prodigy Shares his Craft

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learns something new at every show he attends. We bid on coins no one is bidding on after checking their value," says Aaron's father, Barry Rosen, who supports wholeheartedly his son's hobby by driving him to auctions as close as Fountain City Auction and coin shows as far away as Tampa, Florida.

Quite a feat for this sixth-grade student is not only owning thousands of American coins, bought at either shows or online, but having acquired the skill of coin grading as well. A coin is graded on a scale from 1-70 which determines its amount of wear. Before buying coins, Rosen studies their rarity, mint date, and grade, and his detective work has paid off after acquiring a \$500 nickel that was actually worth \$1,200. He hopes to one day own a 1955 Double Die Obverse Lincoln Cent.

Rosen will be one of the 45 dealers at the 55th Annual Knoxville Coin Show supported by the Smoky Mountain and Fort Loudon Coin Clubs. It begins on Friday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rothchild Conference Center.

"He likes to sell and

people trust him. Aaron tells people what their coins are worth," says Barry Rosen.

Event admission is at no cost and will include door prizes, lectures, kids' programs, free appraisals, and a presentation from Rosen himself. Known as a coin genius, he will be teaching attendees how to detect error and counterfeit coins from their everyday pocket change that may possibly be worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

It all began by looking through rolls of coins at home and frequenting local auctions and now Rosen knows enough to educate others. He hopes to encourage other students at his middle school with this information and begin a school-sponsored coin club. "We want kids more involved," states Rosen's father. He says a great way to get youth collecting is to buy a penny box from the bank and hunt for a Wheat and Indian Head pennies. The 1877 Indian Head One Cent is one of the rarest, smallest coins produced.

To uncover the value of your coins, meet Rosen at the show or contact him at onesafekidbarry@yahoo.com but beware because coin collecting might just turn you into a history buff!

School board examines Career Magnet Academy

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still being prioritized at this time, reported Second District Representative Jennifer Owen. At the local level, Owen related that when she met with Knox County Commission, they requested that Knox County schools make all funding requests in one category instead of making multiple requests for the same thing in different projects.

The next topic for discussion was the Career Magnet Academy. Dr. Anthony Wise from Pellissippi State was the first to speak and was still very enthusiastic about the program despite a few continuing issues. He explained that TN Promise funding cannot be used to fund Pellissippi courses taken by undergraduates at Career Magnet Academy due to FAFSA restrictions. Dr. Wise said that Pellissippi did, in some cases, have scholarship money to help defray costs of the courses for some students. Representative Babb spoke fondly about CMA but feels that it has never

been well publicized. Representative Babb also feels that students other than freshmen should be allowed to attend CMA. Babb says having CMA gives students that attend Gibbs, Carter and South-Doyle high schools the opportunity to take advantage of dual credit courses not offered at their home schools. However, few of her constituents know this option exists.

Representative Owen interjected that there is no vote being considered at this time. Owen said that she wants to "fix the situation" and is puzzled as to why the board has not been informed about ongoing problems at CMA. She says that the board has heard nothing about it until now or when the December 19 memo was published saying the school could possibly close. Representative Owen noted a definite breakdown in communication between the board and the central office.

Vice Chairwoman Susan Horn commented that she regrets that all the commentary has "caused so much anxiety because we [the

Board] are just trying to uncover the facts."

Eighth District Representative Mike McMillan said that he doesn't think that CMA has been honest with parents and students. He said he was not talking about the current instructors or administrators, but the ones in place when the school opened in 2004. There were definitely promises made that were not kept and parents feel duped. Mr. McMillan further commented that CMA accounts for a very small portion of the school system's budget and wants Superintendent Thomas to consider cost savings in the following ways:

1. Closing Byington-Solway and North Knox CTECs
2. Eliminate IB programs from West High and Bearden
3. Eliminate administrative salaries over \$100,000/yr.

Representative Owen made a statement blaming the "staff" of Knox County Schools for not communicating with the board on issues relating to Career

Magnet Academy. Superintendent Thomas took offense at this statement saying that he and his staff have made every effort to be transparent. Owen fired back that the real blame should be placed on the move to site-based management instead of central management.

Chairwoman Hill said that she was glad the board was made aware of a school that was not living up to expectations. This school was supposed to offer the ability to graduate with an associate degree. There is a misunderstanding about how students can accomplish this. Some students do not qualify for college courses. Most, however, do qualify for some sort of technical accreditation Hill pointed out.

Principal Leanne Hawn spoke to the board next. Hawn emphasized the many successes of the school with all types of students from the extraordinarily bright to those with special needs and abilities. The small class size and family-like atmosphere is what many students

need not just to survive but to thrive. Many students with poor educational pasts have found refuge at Career Magnet Academy. She said many who were bullied in elementary or middle schools have found themselves to be new, strong individuals. Those who wish to pursue technical careers have found their niche, also. Maybe student population is low but Hawn knows that this can change. While most students do not graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree, most graduate with a significant number of transferable college credits or if pursuing the technical path, several certificates.

Public forum followed with many impassioned speakers imploring the school board to keep Career Magnet Academy open. There were sixty-eight speakers who approached the podium to plead for continuation of the program and the meeting did not adjourn until 10:30 p.m.

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Neighborhood Advisory Council sets topics for the year

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The Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory Council met Wednesday at the Cansler Family YMCA in its first meeting of the year and brainstormed various topics it would like to hear about in coming meetings. Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp asked for ideas and those suggestions were tallied by her assistants.

Suggestions selected from the various members of the council about subjects they would like to hear speakers address topped out at Affordable Housing, Inclusion, Youth Leadership, Redevelopment, Food Access, and Neighborhood Watches.

Other items on the list included the progress at Chapman Highway, Codes Enforcement and Energizing Neighborhoods.

The group included several new members and Sharp had each member speak

briefly to give their name, neighborhood, and interests and hobbies. Council members are named by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and new members include Gayle Atherton of South Haven, Victoria Raschke of Norwood, Robert Glass of Harrill Hills, Molly Conaway of Oakwood-Lincoln Park, and Andre Canty of Burlington.

Other members include Danny Gray of South Woodlawn, Donnie Ernst of Wesley and West Hills, Jennifer Reynolds of Timbercrest, Anna Compton of Cumberland Estates West, Matt McMillan of Adair Gardens, Ann White of Dalton Place, Derek Tate of Michael-Meadowview, Terrell Patrick of Cold Springs, Travetta Johnson of Parkridge, and Emma Ellis-Cosigua of Inskip.

Clarence Vaughn, Jr. spoke briefly about the upcoming Police Advisory Committee meeting and the Martin Luther King, Jr. events. Vaughn urged

members to get further involved with their neighborhoods and said the PARC does more than simply deal with complaints.

It was announced that Mayor Rogero will meet and speak at the group's February meeting.

Sharp reminded the neighborhood representatives to learn about the various grant opportunities available from the city and to work with PARC toward safe neighborhoods. She also said that the members could contact the city's codes enforcement about codes sweeps and urged them to call 311 with complaints. One complaint aired at the meeting dealt with a dirty playground and Sharp suggested notifying the public service, parks and recreation, and health departments.

She said that some topics will see outside speakers at the meetings and other topics might be addressed by the Office of Neighborhoods



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp (seated) takes suggestions for topics at upcoming Neighborhood Advisory Council Meetings. Office of Neighborhood assistants Hannah Freeman and Sarah Henson wrote the topics down and members chose several.

with handouts and other information given to the members.

One subject, the

creation of a Neighborhood University or mentoring group, was also discussed. Sharp also reminded the

members of two upcoming Grant Opportunity Workshops on January 31st and February 2nd.

Dr. Bill Bass to speak on the exhumation of The Big Bopper

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Don McClean's "American Pie" tells a tale of "The Day the Music Died" and if you're not old enough to remember what he sang about it was the change in rock and roll music following the death of three early rock icons, Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and Jiles Perry "J. P." Richardson Jr., better known as "The Big Bopper."

Where can you learn about the rock and roll legends from a forensic science expert?

Dr. William Bass, known nationwide for his study of bodies and Knoxville's "Body Farm," will speak on the exhumation of "The Big Bopper" on the 60th anniversary of the tragedy that took the three early music personalities.

Radio personality Frank



A memorial to The Big Bopper, Richie Valens and Buddy Holly stands near the site of the airplane wreck that took their lives near Clear Lake, Iowa. Dr. Bill Bass speaks on the exhumation and examination of The Big Bopper's body on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Murphy hosts the presentation at a reception and lecture by Dr. Bass at the Knoxville Convention

Center on Sunday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at

800-745-3000. Standard tickets are \$60 plus fees and Premium Tickets, which include a drink ticket

and autographed poster, are \$90 plus fees.

VIP tickets are \$125 and include a reception with Dr. Bass at 12:15, parking, a drink ticket and an autographed poster.

Back in 1959 a plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa took all three lives. Buddy Holly had hired the plane to get his own group, The Crickets, to their next show. The weather was bad and his two band members opted out of the flight so Richie Valens and The Big Bopper could get aboard the small plane. Members of the Holly band who survived because they didn't take the plane included Jerry Allison, bassist Joe B. Mauldin, and rhythm guitarist Niki Sullivan. Waylon Jennings was filling in on Holly's band and didn't take the plane.

The rock 'n' roll package

tour starring Holly, Valens, J.P. "Big Bopper" Richardson, Dion & The Belmonts and Frankie Sardo was to be three weeks of nightly shows, beginning in Milwaukee on Jan. 23 and winding up in Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 15.

A coin flip between band members sealed the fate of the three stars and the pilot.

The Big Bopper was at the height of his career then with his hit "Chantilly Lace" and other songs like "Beggar to a King." He wrote "White Lighting" for George Jones, "Running Bear" for John Preston, and other songs recorded by other artists. The Big Bopper was known for his theatrics and baritone voice. He is also credited with creating the first music

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**Rosie's
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Auld Lang Syne

Auld Lang Syne is a Scots-language poem written by Robert Burns in 1788 and set to the tune of a traditional folk song.

It is well-known in many countries, it's traditional use being to bid farewell to the old year as the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.

Born in Alloway, Scotland, on January 25, 1759, Robert Burns was the author of "Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect" and "Tam O' Shanter." He was the first of seven children. His father educated his children at home which

was a large farm. This hard labor later contributed to the heart trouble that he had later in life.

At the age of fifteen he fell in love and shortly thereafter wrote his first poem. In 1785 he fathered the first of his fourteen children. He spent the final twelve years of his life editing traditional folk songs. These volumes were essential in preserving parts of Scottish cultural heritage. Well-known

songs such as, "My Luve is Like a Red, Red Rose" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Auld Lang Syne means "for old times' sake." It's about preserving a cherished past. It did not become associated with New Year's Eve until about ninety-one years ago. Guy Lombardo began playing it in New York City at the end of his musical program. It became a tradition.

Robert Burns died of a

heart condition at the age of thirty-seven. His fourteenth child was born that same day.

When one gets older it becomes imperative to preserve our past; to remember old friends, to look back on happy events, to cherish the times when we were fortunate enough to be really happy. This song helps us to create those feelings from long ago.

Is it too much to ask that

everyone has a Happy New Year in 2019? I hope not.

Thought for the day: But pleasures are like poppies spread,

You seize the flowers, the bloom is shed;

Or, like the snow-fall in the river

A moment white, then melts forever. Robert Burns

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Fond Memories

By **Ralphine Major**
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It is my earliest memory of a hospital. St. Mary's, the hospital on a hill, was always the closest to people in the northeast part of Knox and surrounding counties. My brother and I were born at St. Mary's and have pictures of us with the Sisters of Mercy. As a small child, I remember sitting out on the front lawn of the hospital when our parents went to visit a friend or relative.

We would pass the time near the circle drive on the grassy hillside leading up to the front of the hospital. There was a beautiful water fountain nearby, and the nursing school could be seen across the street. The serene setting disappeared over time with expansions to the hospital.

It was still St. Mary's when our mother suffered a heart attack in 2007. I wrote about her cardiologist, Dr. Kyle McCoy, in "The Real McCoy," Focus 2-7-11. The hospital's name was changed to "Mercy" during her cardiac rehab. It was there that we met Barbara Sharpe who brought her parents to cardiac rehab. I wrote "Candy Apples at the Tennessee Valley Fair" for my 9-12-11 Focus column which featured Barbara's father. Barbara was a candy stripper for St. Mary's during her high school years and now volunteers for Random Acts of Flowers. Many of us can identify with



Hallway outside the chapel at St. Mary's Hospital

her heartfelt memories she shares below.

"Took a stroll down memory lane in the halls of St. Mary's Hospital. This was the place of my birth, the place where I learned the blessings both given and received from volunteering, the place where hours/days/weeks were spent at the bedside of my parents in their later years, the place of prayers and healing, the place where surgeons and nurses saved my father's life and the place where he

passed on to the next life with God ten years later. Like many others in North Knoxville, I was saddened by the decline of this faith-based place of care and am heartsick over its demise. It is a tragic loss for the community. Thank you Sisters of Mercy and staff for over eight decades of loving, dedicated care."

The hospital's name later became "Tennova." A new facility was built in Powell, Tennessee, and we had the unique opportunity to tour the new hospital's emergency room and patient rooms before they became occupied. In 2013, I wrote a column on the first pacemaker at Tennova North. It is ironic that I am in the middle of a series on the late Dr. A. D. Simmons who served on the Board at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee. Thanks to Barbara Sharpe for this photo she took providing a fond memory of a special place!

Comcast Run Around

Everyone is wary of monopolies. They set the rules by which we must play, and if we don't like it, that's tough. The larger the bite from the consumer pie a corporation takes, the less power customers have to combat poor service or outrageous pricing. I had another run in with one of those businesses the week before Christmas.

Amy and I had decided to have an Internet connection installed in our condo in Gallatin. I contacted customer service to set up an appointment. As soon as the phone call went through, troubles began. I spoke with an individual who lived in another country. The woman struggled with the English language, and that caused the entire situation to last twice as long.

I explained to the woman that we would not be at the condo until the following Saturday. She replied that she'd checked the address already and that it was pre-wired and the signal was strong there. She further told me that I could purchase my own modem and install it myself, thereby avoiding an installation fee.

I thought that all was settled until the next day when I received notice from UPS that a package was to be delivered at the condo by Thursday.



By **Joe Rector**
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Immediately, I called Comcast to have them stop the shipment since no one would be there to accept it until Saturday. Another representative who also spoke only broken English argued with me about the delivery until I told her that that I wanted to speak with a supervisor. She told me that I would have to wait up to an hour, so I hung up.

Upon arrival at our place in Gallatin, I discovered that our neighbor had taken the UPS package in because it was left leaning on a locked gate on the patio. I began the process of installation and followed the instructions given. Then, I called Comcast and gave the confirmation number that would have the Internet connected. After several tries, a third person from customer service, yes yet another individual who struggled with the English language, told me that a problem existed and that I would need to schedule a service technician's call. He then told me that not only was the first available appointment on December 31 but that Comcast also would charge me \$60.00. I asked what the charge was for, and he told me that it was for a "failed self-installation."

That angered me, especially since I relied on the information from the company that the signal

was up and running and ready for installation. After more arguing, I told the individual on the other end of the phone to cancel the appointment and order. He informed me that a charge would be placed for doing that. I exploded,

"You are charging me for cancelling service on an order where no service was provided!"

I eventually spoke with supervisor who was polite but offered no relief. So, we spent the holidays with no Internet nor cable. Oh, we survived, but that's not the point. I placed an order with a company and expected to receive the services for which I'd contracted. Instead, I received no services, no assistance, and no remedy. Comcast will try to charge me for something; I'm sure of that much. However, I will not pay that bill. What is even sadder to me is the fact that I've been a Comcast customer for more than 20 years.

I would drop Comcast and the services it provides right now except that changing my email address will be an impossible task. I am waiting for Verizon to complete its fiber optics installation, and then I will tell Comcast that they can forever kiss my... foot! Until then, I'll take books to Gallatin or find some restaurant that airs games. Still, I'm so disgusted with dealing with companies that don't care and customer service reps who can't provide help because they don't speak the language well enough.



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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate

Part Sixteen

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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When Senator Estes Kefauver aorta ruptured on the evening of August 13, 1963, it set off a scramble to succeed him. Governor Frank Clement appointed millionaire businessman Herbert "Hub" Walters of Morristown to fill the remainder of Kefauver's term until a special 1964 election could be held. Although conservative by the standard of many Tennessee Democrats, few could argue that the appointment of Walters was not a fitting tribute for one who had faithfully served the party for so long. In Tennessee, "Mr. Hub" was "Mr. Democrat" to tens of thousands of his fellow Democrats.

Still, Walters had been operated on for throat cancer and was seventy-one years old. Few believed Walters would be a candidate to succeed himself in the 1964 special election; most political observers believed the governor had appointed Walters not only to honor him, but so that Clement could run himself in 1964. There were other prominent Democrats in Tennessee who gave running for the United States Senate more than a passing thought. Former governor Buford Ellington, once Clement's Commissioner of Agriculture during the better part of Clement's original six years as governor of Tennessee, was thought to be mulling the possibility of a Senate race. Ellington had defeated a host of challengers to narrowly win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1958 and without the support of the Clement organization it is highly doubtful he would have been successful.

Ellington and Clement had once been close and many Tennesseans still perceived the two were warm personal friends and political allies, but the truth was somewhat different. Whatever close relationship had once existed between Frank Clement and Buford Ellington, it had cooled to a glacial temperature.

The name of Estes Kefauver's widow, Nancy, a vivacious redhead from Scotland, was briefly floated as a candidate to succeed her late husband. Mrs. Kefauver hardly waited a moment to make a definitive statement she was not interested in being a candidate. A more certain prospect was Ross Bass, congressman from Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District for the last ten years. Bass had been a bombardier during World War II, an experience he never really got out of his

mind. After the war, Bass returned to his home in Pulaski, Tennessee where he became a small businessman, opening up a flower shop. In 1946, Bass was named by Congressman Wirt Courtney as Postmaster of Pulaski, a position he continued to hold until he resigned to run for Congress in 1954. Apparently Bass was popular enough to keep Courtney's successor, Pat Sutton, from attempting to displace him. Sutton, who had made a failed race against Senator Estes Kefauver in the 1954 Democratic primary, had no such compunction against challenging the freshman congressman when Bass sought reelection in 1956. Congressman Bass beat Sutton badly, winning almost 70% of the vote. Yet there was evidently some rancor between the two men. When Ross Bass made his last campaign, bidding to return to Congress in 1976, Pat Sutton ran in the Democratic primary against him.

Congressman Ross Bass was well positioned to run for the United States Senate in 1964; his Sixth Congressional District covered a huge swath of Middle Tennessee, running from the Kentucky border to the Alabama state line. Nor could it be disputed Bass had entrenched himself inside his congressional district and was popular with the people he represented. Bass had been reelected in 1962 with more than 80% of the vote. Bass had faced a primary challenger in the 1960 election and won with almost 90% of the vote. Still, Frank Clement had obvious advantages that would have given any prospective challenger pause. Clement had been elected statewide three times, had won three Democratic primaries against serious opponents and commanded the allegiance of an army of appointees and patronage employees.

Tennessee was still, at least in theory, a Democratic state and Ross Bass was shrewd enough a politician to realize Frank Clement was not invulnerable. As governor, Clement had raised taxes, never a popular thing to do with Tennesseans. Jim Nance McCord had found that out in 1948 when he had initiated the sales tax to support education, only to lose to Gordon Browning, who had left office in 1938 as the worst defeated incumbent in the state's modern history. Clement was implacably opposed by the Nashville Tennessean,



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Governor Frank Clement, circa 1964.

which waged a daily war against the governor's administration. Bass was popular with several important Democratic constituencies, including blacks and labor. Congressman Bass was also well liked by many of the late Senator Kefauver's supporters, which constituted a wide network of voters throughout the state. Bass was perceived to be more liberal than Governor Clement and he was the only Democrat in Congress from the rural South to vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Bass received a "zero" rating from the conservative Americans for Constitutional Action, along with Tennessee congressmen Richard Fulton of Nashville and Joe L. Evins, who represented the rural Fourth Congressional District. By contrast, Congressmen James H. Quillen and Bill Brock received "perfect" scores from the ACA, while Howard Baker, Sr. got a 73% score.

When president John F. Kennedy was murdered in Dallas in November of 1963, both Governor Frank Clement and Congressman Ross Bass, like most public officials, gave out official statements. Congressman Bass said, "An assassin's bullet has taken the life of the greatest man I have had the privilege to know. I am amazed that the hate-mongers of this nation were able to warp a mind to this extreme. I have never known a man with a higher intellectual level, a man with a stronger sense of dedication or man with greater leadership qualities than Jack Kennedy. He will be remembered along with Lincoln, and his influence will be felt for generations." Governor Clement said, "I am overcome by the shocking, tragic and terrible news that he has died at the hands of an assassin, and that Governor Connally

has been wounded. I had met the President on several occasions, and only last spring he was our guest in Tennessee." Bass's statement was highly emotional, while Clement's was more aghast, but both were far from former governor Buford Ellington's terse comment, "A tragedy."

After the unseemly haste with which potential candidates began to consider running for the U. S. Senate following the unexpected death of Estes Kefauver, things had calmed down considerably during the fall of 1963. After a flurry of activity, Ross Bass had slowed down to the point where some believed he had decided to forego the Senate race to remain in Congress. Frank Clement was somewhat constrained by the reluctance of Senator Herbert Walters to state his own political intentions. Senator Walters stubbornly insisted he would not reveal his own plans until after the New Year.

The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle amused itself by asking readers if they would vote for Ross Bass for senator should he run in 1964. Clarksville was inside Bass's Sixth Congressional District and one would have expected he would get strong support from those he had represented in the House of Representatives for a decade. Farmer Calvin Bowers did not disappoint, saying, "I can only speak for myself, but I certainly would. I believe he has the working man's cause at heart." Salesman James Conway also said he would vote for Ross Bass, adding, "I certainly would not vote for Frank Clement for senator. I would hate to think we had to be represented by Clement in Washington. I believe, by his past record, Bass would make a good senator." Tommy Hayes, a student, echoed the support for

Bass in Clarksville. Hayes thought local folks would vote for Bass. "He has a fine record in Congress as representative and I feel he would be a real good senator."

Following a report by the Knoxville News-Sentinel that Bass had told several friends he would run for the Senate in 1964, the congressman insisted he had yet to make up his mind. Ross Bass told the Tennessean, "I have and continue to be interested in becoming a United States senator. However, I have reached no definite decision and do not expect to until some time in early February." Bass conceded he was still talking about running with friends and supporters "throughout Tennessee" and while he continued to receive encouragement, the congressman thought even if he had reached a decision to run, it would not be appropriate to make his plans public "because of the period of mourning for President Kennedy."

The race for the Senate drew a blast from Edward W. "Ned" Carmack of Murfreesboro, who bellowed he was going to run for the U. S. Senate in 1964 "unless somebody supports Medicare and one or two other measures I believe in." Carmack, son of the legendary U. S. senator and editor who had been gunned down in the streets of Nashville, had at one time or another, run for or threatened to run for just about every office within the gift of the people of Tennessee. Carmack had come within a whisker of beating Senator Tom Stewart inside the 1942 Democratic primary and had challenged venerable Senator K. D. McKellar in 1946. McKellar was seeking his sixth term in the United States Senate and Carmack had the all-out support of the Nashville Tennessean in his bid to unseat Tennessee's longest serving senator.

McKellar had soundly beaten Carmack, ending whatever political career he had. There was good reason to believe Ned Carmack was mentally unstable and his interview with the Tennessean did little to dispel that notion. While Carmack claimed both Congressman Bass and M. M. Bullard were his personal friends, he said he would run against either or both if necessary. "Somebody is going to have to support Medicare," Carmack complained. "I believe in it." Carmack refused to elaborate on the other two issues of importance to him. "If neither of them support Medicare," Carmack blustered, "they are going to get trouble from me if I am able to give it." The sixty-three year-old Carmack said, "I personally do not want the job. I would rather see a younger, more vigorous man have it. I will not complicate the race at all if these three things are supported." Bullard, reached for comment by the Tennessean, made statements designed to placate Carmack, while Congressman Bass could not be reached by the reporter for any kind of statement. When asked about Governor Clement, Carmack boasted, "I can handle Mr. Clement and I think he knows I can."

"I want these things firmly supported" Ned Carmack barked. "I don't want any ducking about it. Somebody should stand clearly and plainly what they are for." Carmack added, "I never expected to get into this thing, but I just may." The former candidate, who had never been elected to anything, went on to relive the past through his 1942 race against Tom Stewart. "I carried that campaign right into the jowls of Shelby County," Carmack bragged. The Tennessean went on to relate Carmack had supported Estes Kefauver's 1948 campaign when the Chattanooga congressman had defeated Senator Stewart. There was no mention made of Carmack's race against McKellar when he had been beaten badly by the senator. The Tennessean concluded Carmack's puffery by saying once Kefauver had been elected to the Senate, Carmack had been one of Kefauver's "trusted advisors", which was sheer delusion. After making his demands, Ned Carmack descended back into well-deserved obscurity.

On January 7, 1964, the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle published a report that Congressman Ross Bass was all but certain to run for the United States Senate. Bass was certainly acting very much like a candidate, visiting Knoxville to make two speeches to different organizations.

By early 1964, Ross Bass believed he had the support of most of the late Estes Kefauver's organization. Governor Frank Clement and Senator Herbert Walters had yet to reveal their own political plans.



The current LMU in Harrogate, Tn., began as a huge hotel built by Alexander Arthur, who dreamed of an industrial center near Cumberland Gap. The venture failed and soon the university began as another dream of educating local students in the name of Abraham Lincoln.

LMU's Unusual Roots

Most Knox County residents know that Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate operates the Duncan School of Law downtown, located in the former Knoxville City Council building. But you probably don't know the history of LMU which grew out of a failed dream of an English speculator.

The Duncan School of Law opened in 1995 with 95 students. Last year 300 students graduated.

Alexander Arthur arrived in the Cumberland Gap area following the Civil War and formed the American Association, LTD. His idea was to develop the area as an industrial center. He built the huge Four Seasons Hotel on a hill just south of the historic gap, said to be the largest hotel in the world at the time. Arthur wanted to tap the coal and iron resources and sought investments from wealthy Americans.

The industrialist formed Middlesboro, Ky., and Harrogate, Tn. and the small community of Arthur, Tn., is named for him. Despite getting \$20 million from English investors and buying up 700 acres Arthur's dreams fell short. He built the Four Season Hotel, a 700-room facility complete with a dining hall, casino and separate sanitarium.

A financial panic and the remoteness of the hotel saw it close after only one year. It was sold for \$25,000 and much of the complex demolished.

A group led by former Union

General O. O. Howard, a founder of Howard University, bought the property and developed a college named in honor of Abraham Lincoln. Arthur moved to Alaska to chase gold but came back to Middlesboro, where he is buried.

The Lincoln Memorial University is a liberal arts college

on 1,000 acres that borders the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. On the campus is the well-known Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum that houses a huge collection of items honoring Lincoln and the American Civil War. East Tennessee was the center of Union loyalty during the conflict.

Within the museum is Lincoln's walking cane, a lock of his hair, the Lincoln family tea set, various documents written or signed by the president, and decorations from his casket.

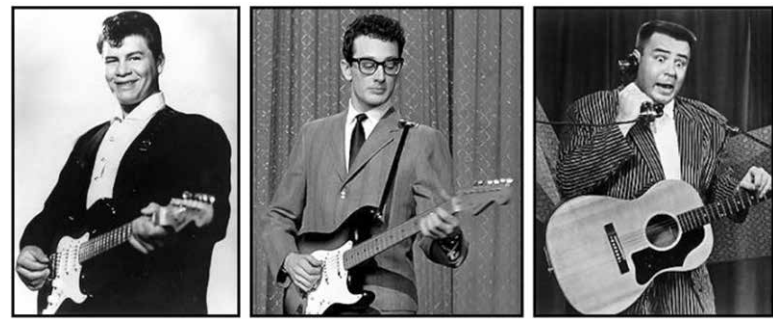
The museum is open 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon – 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sundays. You can call the museum at 423-869-6235 or find it on Facebook or at www.lmunet.edu.

Middlesboro is about a two hour drive from Knoxville and, while in the area, you may also want to visit the Alexander Arthur Museum and the Coal House in Middlesboro. On your way to or from Harrogate along Highway 25E you may also want to drive through Tazewell and take a look at the renovation of a historic gas station in that old city or visit the Confederate burials there.

A Day Away



By Mike Steely



Richie Valens, Buddy Holly and JP Richardson, Jr.

Dr. Bill Bass to speak on the exhumation of The Big Bopper

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video, long before MTV.

The son of a mill worker and a local radio disk jockey The Big Bopper watched college students at "The Bop" and chose that stage name.

In the crash all three musicians were ejected from the plane. The Big Bopper's body end up tangled in barbed-wire fence, thrown about 100 feet from the wreck. All three died of massive head and chest injuries.

In January of 2007 his son, Jay Richardson, asked that his father's body be exhumed and an autopsy be

performed in response to a rumor that guns had been fired aboard the aircraft. Dr. Bass was there for the grave and casket opening. Both the son and Dr. Bass were surprised how well the body was preserved, enough for examination. The body was placed in a new coffin and reburied next to his wife in the Beaumont, Texas, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

What were the findings of the autopsy?

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By Ken Lay

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In other first round games Wednesday: Top seeded West Valley routed Northwest 46-9; Karns toppled Hardin Valley 44-15; Cedar Bluff edged Gibbs 27-25; Powell downed Bearden 30-11; Carter outlasted Gresham 40-39; Vine outlasted Holston 32-30 and Farragut trounced South-Doyle 41-13.

By Steve Williams

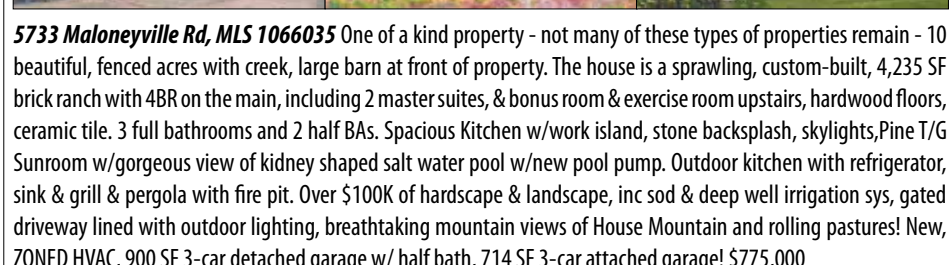
Bearden's girls team was

Bearden's boys split the six individual matches in Game 1 of its title match-up with Sevier County

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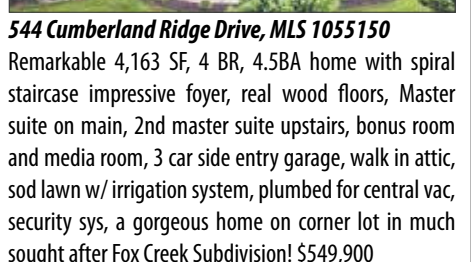
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TSWA honors eight area football players

By Ken Lay

The recognition continues to keep rolling in for local high school football players as the Tennessee Sports Writers Association recognized eight local players recently on its Class 3A, Division II-A and Division II-AA All-State Teams.

In Class 3A, coach Jeff Phillips and the Austin-East Roadrunners had another successful season. The Roadrunners went 9-4 and reached the state quarterfinals before losing to region rival, perennial power and eventual state champion Alcoa. They had three players achieve all-state honors. Trey Foster (quarterback) was named to the team along with linebacker Chris Stevenson and defensive back Isaiah Ligon.

In Division II-A, The King's Academy had a tough season. The Lions endured a midseason coaching change and went 3-8 after dropping their first five games. They picked up a 1-0 forfeit victory over Concord Christian and had late-season outright wins over Donelson Christian Academy and Ezell-Harding before making the playoffs. TKA defensive lineman Brandon Anderson

received all-state honors and was a bright spot in 2018.

In Division II-AA, Grace Christian Academy and Webb School of Knoxville each had a pair of players named to the elite squad.

The Rams, coached by Rusty Bradley, were represented on the team by defensive back Michael Feiden and offensive lineman Wes Dorsey. Grace went 5-6 and reached the playoffs this season.

The Spartans, who finished second in the Division II-AA East Standings and made the state semifinals, had defensive back Alec Boruff make the squad along with junior Elijah Howard named to the team.

Boruff, a stellar defensive back in 2017 began the season as the starting quarterback for Webb (6-7 overall, 5-1 in the region) but later played solely in the defensive secondary for the Spartans in 2018.

Howard was selected as an athlete. He's started for Webb since he was in eighth grade. He returns kicks, plays defensive back and was part of a talented stable of running backs that also included Roderick Lewis and Jahliil Jefferson.

Lady Warriors outlast Grace Christian for district road win, 47-39

By Ken Lay

Despite seeing her team claim a crucial district road victory, Christian Academy coach Abby Williams was far from satisfied. The Lady Warriors first-year head coach also knew that her team's victory wasn't going to earn any style points.

"We got a district win on the road and that's about the only good thing you can say," Williams said after CAK outlasted Grace Christian Academy 47-39 Tuesday night in a Division II-A East Region District 1 game at GCA's Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium. "We didn't get any 'pretty points' but a lot of the credit hats to go to Grace.

"Hats off to them. Their kids really gave it all they had. They played as hard as we could but we're going to have to play better than we did tonight."

The Lady Warriors (14-2 overall, 2-0 in the district) jumped out to an early 13-5 lead before the Lady Rams (5-12, 0-1) stormed back and pulled to within 27-23 by halftime on a pair of consecutive long-range jumpers by Gentry McReynolds and Chloe Duggins, a pair of senior veterans.

"We didn't execute well on offense and we weren't in the right place on defense," Williams said. "We go up 27-17 and then we turn the ball over and they get a couple of quick 3's and they're back in the game at halftime."

Despite never leading in the contest, the Lady Rams hung tough. CAK managed to manufacture enough offense to expand its lead to 38-30 heading into the final frame.

Grace scored first in the fourth quarter when Taylor Carter buried a 3-pointer to make the score 38-33 with 7 minutes, 33 seconds remaining.

The Lady Warriors got back-to-back buckets from Kennedy Smith and Caroline Meyers to take a 42-33 with just under five minutes to go. CAK appeared to have things under control.

But Lady Rams guard Cassie Peters, another savvy veteran, had other ideas as her 3-pointer made it 42-36 at the 2:55 mark.

But Grace couldn't come any closer. CAK's Ellie Fussell sealed things a short time later, when she scored.

CAK led by as many as 10 points late but Grace coach Kendell McGill couldn't fault her squad's effort.

"The girls played hard but CAK is extremely talented," she said. "We knew that they were going to be good and we have some things to clean up."

Claire Brock scored 14 points for the Lady Warriors. She led all scorers. Mackenna Mazingo added 11 points. Hannah Carroll finished with nine.

Peters led the Lady Rams with 10 points while Jade Barfield and Whitney Campbell each had six.

Rams return home to win league opener over CAK

By Ken Lay

Grace Christian Academy's boys basketball team spent the holiday break traveling the country but the Rams, the defending Division II-A State Champions returned home last week and won their Division II-East Region District 1 opener.

"We've played eight games and three states and it was great to come home and get a win," Grace coach Brandon Clifford said after the Rams toppled Christian Academy of Knoxville 66-47 before a spirited crowd at the Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium Tuesday night. "We have to win our games here at home because we have a big advantage here and our fans really come here and they support us."

Grace (10-7 overall, 1-0 in the district) took control early as Grant Ledford and Jalen Geer set the tone for the game. Ledford scored nine points and Geer had four more in the frame to help the Rams open a 14-8 lead by the end of the inaugural stanza.

From there, GCA just continued to build its advantage that swelled to 34-17 by halftime. The lead later ballooned to 50-30 by the end of the third stanza.

The Rams seemed to be firmly in control but they got a little sloppy midway



PHOTO BY KIM S. MARTIN.

Grace Christian Academy senior Grant Ledford dribbles the ball upcourt in the Rams' 66-47 district victory over rival CAK Tuesday night at the Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium. Ledford had a game-high 24 points.

through the fourth quarter while holding a 53-34 lead.

CAK (12-4, 1-1) took advantage of Grace's problems, which Clifford attributed largely to fatigue.

"I think we just got a little tired," he said.

Whatever it was, it allowed the Rams to get back into the fray late.

Jason Ozment made

a steal and his subsequent bucket with 5 minutes, 30 seconds left in the game made 53-36. From there, CAK went on to turn four more consecutive turnovers in to seven more unanswered points and the Warriors pulled within 53-43 when Tanner Heitzman scored to make the score 53-43 with 3:45 remaining.

That forced Clifford to call timeout. After the brief break, the Rams finished with a flourish as Geer, Ledford and Cooper Riggs led a charge that put Grace back in command. Ledford's two foul shots sealed things as they made the score 61-43 with 2:28 left.

Grace outscored CAK 11-4 down the stretch en route to making its triumphant return home.

"I was really proud of our guys for the way we responded and regained control late," Clifford said. "They [the Warriors] are a good quick team and they had a chance to cut it to single digits."

CAK coach Shane Wells commended Grace for its performance.

"I would say that they're really good," Wells said. "They won a state championship last year and they do all the little things well. They're talented and they're well coached."

"We came out and got their lead down to 10 but they really responded."

Ledford had a game-high 24 points for the Rams. Geer and B.J. Marable scored 14 each.

Heitzman scored 11 points to lead the Warriors and Ozment finished with 10.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Bearden bowling coach Jennifer Allen talks to her team after a close loss to Sevier County in the first game of their Region 2 title match. At the top is Zander Pritt and then clockwise are Zak Hubbs, Chapman Craig and Michael Hines.

Bulldog bowlers reach sectionals, shoot for first state

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undefeated and having our first loss in the finals of the regional tournament. It's an exceptional season."

Ramey also praised the Sevier County team. "They are really good. I feel they can go far in the state."

Megan Hickman swept all three of her matches in the No. 4 lineup position with games of 246, 179 and 168 to lead the unbeaten Sevier County girls to their 15th victory.

In semifinal action, Whitaker swept three matches with a 691 series (242, 203, 246) as Bearden eliminated G-P. Ramey followed closely with a 674 series, including a 246, to pick up two wins. Zander Pritt

and Michael Hines also notched two wins for the Bulldogs.

Catholic senior Austin Humphreys outdueling sophomore Peyton Huskey, Sevier County's No. 1 bowler, with games of 233, 212 and 246 games for a 691 series – tying Whitaker for the top individual performance of the day.

Sophomore Lucy Edwards had a 189 game and picked up one win in South-Doyle's loss to Sevier County.

Jasmine Senchal had a 596 series, finishing with a 234 game, to lead William Blount past Bearden. The Lady Governors trailed 12-4 but won five of six

matches in Game 3 and also moved ahead in overall pin fall to pull out their one-point win.

Bearden junior Kristy Dean had a 578 series and a 211 game in a losing cause.

"Statistically, we were supposed to win today, so it was kind of disappointing that we didn't come out with a win," said Dean. "But our team performed really well like we always do. William Blount just had a really good day. I'm happy with our success – not only today, but with the whole season. I'm really proud of everyone."

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Amari Rodgers wins National Title with Clemson

By Alex Norman

There were more than a few folks in Knoxville rooting for Clemson in the National Championship Game last week. Not only because a Tigers win would mean an Alabama loss, but because a local kid would get to win a title.

Former Knoxville Catholic standout Amari Rodgers had two catches for 30 yards, as the Tigers crushed the Crimson Tide 44-16. One of his catches was good for 26 yards. It came in the second quarter on third and 7 from the Alabama 31, a grab which set up Clemson's fourth score of the game.

That wide receiving corps torched the Alabama secondary. Rodgers, a sophomore, was one of seven receivers that combined of 17 catches and 313 yards.

"We were legendary all over the board," Rodgers told ESPN's Holly Rowe after the game. "Justyn Ross, (Oak Ridge HS grad) Tee Higgins... just making plays when we needed them. Big third downs, making catches down the field and just executing our plan. If we didn't play well we weren't gonna win. So we had to come out here and ball out."

Watching the game back in Knoxville was Rodgers's coach at Knoxville Catholic, Steve Matthews.

"I was just proud. It took me by surprise how gratifying it was," said Matthews. "I remember when he was 13 years old just coming in here and it seems like yesterday. He was finding his way on and off the field, and watching him mature into an outstanding man and excellent player. I'm really proud and very happy for him and his family."

Matthews added, "My first year at Knoxville Catholic was his eighth grade year. I kept hearing how great this eighth grader was but you never know how it'll pan out. About his junior year he started to really get serious in the weight room and I remember a run he had against Webb or CAK, and you saw the explosiveness. From there it took off. He was unstoppable in high school."

Rodgers's Dad is former Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin. Back in 1999 he led the Vols to a National Championship. Nearly two decades to the day, Rodgers earned a ring of his own.

"It means a lot. It feels great," said Rodgers. "It's great to represent my family like that, and represent him, so it is a great feeling."

Amari Rodgers could have followed his Dad to Southern Cal, where Martin was an assistant coach during Amari's recruiting process. And Rodgers was at one time a verbal commitment to the Trojans. But he flipped to Clemson, deciding to chart his own path.

"We talked about it and all we said was do what is best for you," said Matthews. "I said, 'You will be there in the dorms and around the culture and the facilities.' I knew USC was tempting and he was excited about that for a long time, but he met (Clemson head coach) Dabo Swinney and (wide receivers coach) Jeff Scott and went there... it felt like every week he was going there. I knew he'd end up going there. Those guys did a great job recruiting him."

Rodgers now has two years left at Clemson. There will certainly be more chances for team success, while hopefully setting himself up for a career in the National Football League.

"I spoke to their coaches about that and they love him," said Matthews. "He might be a guy that doesn't have all the numbers because they are so loaded at wide receiver and rotate their guys to get as many guys out there as they can. The NFL guys are getting taller and taller but there's still a spot for a guy like him. Clemson's coaches feel confident that he and Tee Higgins will get their shots."

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Renfree likes opportunity to run with 'USA on my chest'

By Steve Williams

Another major honor came Jake Renfree's way with the announcement of his selection to Team USA last week and the opportunity to compete in the SimplyHealth Great Stirling XCountry International Challenge in Scotland.

The race overseas was scheduled to be held this past Saturday.

Renfree, a Knoxville Catholic High senior who placed second in the prestigious Foot Locker National Championships for high school cross country runners in San Diego this past season, was one of four junior athletes (under age 20) picked to represent the United States.

"I am overjoyed to be going to Scotland to run with the USA on my chest," said Renfree before flying out last Wednesday. He was scheduled to return Sunday.

"This race was actually a goal that I have had since last year and is what I consider to be the pinnacle of the sport of running. You really can't get much better than running for your country."

Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil added: "Being named to Team USA is a huge honor for Jake, and the entire Knoxville Catholic community is excited for him ... This is something that has been on his radar for over a year. It is always rewarding to see someone set long term goals and work really hard to make those goals a reality. I couldn't be more proud of him."

Renfree, a Notre Dame signee, was slated to run on the 4x1500-meter coed relay – the only event scheduled for the junior

Nichols State Farm or the Hallsdale/Powell office. After properly completed, a ballot should be turned in at the Halls High office.

WRESTLING TOURNEY: For local fans of high school wrestling, it's an annual treat. The Halls Invitational Wrestling tournament is scheduled for Saturday. Action is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and continue until around 8 p.m.

BEEP BEEP: The Austin-East Roadrunners notched a 52-40 basketball win over rival Fulton Saturday, Jan. 5, at A-E. "The kids played hard," said A-E Coach Marcus Stanton.

The Falcons had defeated Austin-East 77-68 in the two teams' first meeting of the season on Dec. 8 at Fulton.

The Roadrunners, who have won nine in row and are 14-2, will play at Powell tonight and at West Tuesday before hosting the Alcoa Tornadoes this Friday.

FUTURE SITE: Fountain Lanes in Knoxville will be the host site for the 2020 Region 2 bowling tournament.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Fifteen years ago, on Jan. 9, 2004 – The "Holliday" continued well past New Year's Day for Bearden's basketball team. Jeremy Holliday, a 6-6 senior, scored 24 points, including all 10 of Bearden's points in the third period, to lead a 41-40 win over a scrappy West squad. The victory improved the Bulldogs' record to 12-4.



Knoxville Catholic High's Jake Renfree, shown running in the Foot Locker Nationals, was selected to run on the USA Junior National cross country team in Scotland.

team.

ROAD TO FAME: The Jan. 31 deadline is nearing for turning in a nomination ballot for the Halls High School Athletics – Road to Fame, which is what Halls High is calling its hall of fame in the making.

The first class will consist of 12 athletes and will be announced at the Halls High Alumni Banquet the last of April.

"There have already been some nomination ballots turned in and some of them are incorrect," said Road to Fame Board Chairman Jerry Julian. "The persons submitting those nominations have been contacted and are correcting the mistakes. Most of the mistakes are in the areas of leaving off the photo or an incomplete listing of the proposed athlete's resume of accomplishments."

"It is very important to pick up the nomination ballot, read it very carefully, and fill it out correctly."

Nomination ballots can be picked up at the Halls High School office, Phil

Hot shooting Bulldogs run past Catholic, 78-52

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and then they score 11 in a row and they make nine free throws," Hutchens said. "Then they come out in the third quarter and made shots."

"That was just a blitzkrieg. They hit everything they shot and they had people who usually don't make shots were making shots and there's just not much you can do about that. We're a young team and we're inexperience and that's a good basketball team right there. They went to the state tournament and got all of their starters back."

Hutchens was wrong but not by much. Bearden went 8-for-12 from the floor and Glover got plenty of help from his supporting cast. Trent Stephney scored 17 points. Shamarcus Brown had 12 and Kordell Kah added 11.

Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott was pleased with the way his Bulldogs answered the bell against the Irish Thursday night.

"We came out and had good energy tonight and we got off to a good start," Parrott said. "I was kind of worried about our energy level coming in because we've been a little beat up."

"I thought we might be tired because we've had a lot of traveling and we'd been in some tough games. But I was really pleased with our energy tonight."

Catholic had its own injury problems. Center Akeem Odisupe sprained his ankle in a recent game against Austin-East.

He returned and scored 18 points to lead Catholic after practicing just once in two weeks.

"I thought Akeem played really well, considering the situation," Hutchens said. "He's had one practice in two weeks."

B.J. Edwards had 13 points for the Irish.

Underwood nabs 200th career victory

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"I've had kids who have always been willing to come in here and go to work."

Since arriving at Bearden, Underwood has won just over 80 percent of his games and the Lady Bulldogs have become accustomed to winning district and regional championships.

His record at the school is 200-48 and multiple Bearden graduates are playing or have played college basketball.

At press time, the Lady Bulldogs were 16-2 overall and the defending District 4-AAA and Region 2-AAA Tournament Champions had won six of their eight district games.

Bearden senior Annaka Hall was proud to be part of Underwood's career milestone victory.

"It was nice to be a part of this," said Hall, who was one of three Lady Bulldogs to score 14 points against the Lady Irish Thursday night. "He's built a great program and I'm happy just to be part of it."

The other Bearden players to score 14 points were Jakhya Davis (who also pulled down 14 rebounds) and Shekinah McLaughlin.

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The Careacter Star Athlete award winners for girls basketball start this week with recognition of the honorees from the first two weeks of the 2018-19 season.

The boys basketball honorees for the first two weeks of the season will be published in the Jan. 21 issue of The Knoxville Focus.

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- Lady Vols - Jazmine Massengill



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

If not now, when?

Will there always be an America? I never considered this until recently, but the question is at the heart of the border crisis and alien invasion versus lawful and legal immigration. The president clearly understands and articulated the issues in his national address. The safety of the American people is the primary function of government. Apparently, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi disagree with this fundamental truth.

The media shout that the border situation is a “manufactured crisis.” Well, that is patently false because the media’s darling, Obama, previously stated “There is a crisis on the border.”

President John Adams once said, “Facts are such troublesome things.” Trump described the dire situation on our Southern Border, where human traffickers prey upon women and children, and

drug cartels smuggle illicit drugs into our country. These illicit drugs kill more people every year than the 58,000 Americans who were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

If we can’t control our borders and if our citizens are not all held to the same standard of law (Hillary Clinton), America no longer exists. Interestingly, 93% of Americans believe illegal immigration is a serious problem and even 88% of those who call themselves Democrats agree the problem is serious. Chuck and Nancy apparently don’t see the problem, perhaps because they see through the lense of politics, but more so because their vision is corrupted by hatred of Donald Trump.

We have been dealing with the immigration crisis for decades. We have laws on the books and immigration policies. Unfortunately, illegal immigration

is perceived as advantageous to the Democrat party who needs dependent voters. And apparently Washington politicians such as Hillary Clinton, believe they are above the rule of law.

Chuck and Nancy call themselves Democrats, but the ideals of John F. Kennedy’s party have been replaced by hatred of Donald Trump. If Trump is for anything, the Democrats and the media are against it. Perhaps Schumer and Pelosi are no longer in control of their party. Radical socialists like the utterly clueless Alexandria Cortez, the man-hating Hawaiian Senator Mazie Hirono of the Kavanaugh hearings and the foul mouthed Detroit Congressman, Rashida Tlaib are the new faces of the Democrat party. Perhaps Schumer and Pelosi are just trying to regain control by promoting the “Trump hatred syndrome.” Instead of policies to protect America and make it prosperous, Schumer and Pelosi are demonstrating they are political creatures of the Washington swamp - actually, I think it’s a cesspool. Chuck and Nancy will do and say anything to stay afloat in the muck. Pelosi’s own daughter described in graphic terms her mother’s ruthlessness.

Consider this: if America has no borders and its

laws are irrelevant, does America still exist? The new governor of California, Gavin Newsom, in his inaugural address, said that California will remain a sanctuary state and that he will restore the Obama-care mandate which had previously been deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Newsom may just be pandering to progressives, socialists and leftists, but I’d hate to be subject to the crime and taxes his policies are promoting. And perhaps NYC’s Alexandria Cortez has gotten together with Mayor De Blasio who said the city will now pay for all medical care of residents. I’d hate to own property or have a business in NYC and be coerced into paying for another Democrat boondoggle.

Factually, Obama, Hillary Clinton, Schumer and Pelosi have all voiced support for border security with a wall/barrier and have advocated as much as \$50 billion to provide border security. Hatred of Trump now takes precedence over protection of American citizens.

The media says Trump lies, but how can we know because the media, exemplified by CNN’s Jim Acosta, is driven by hatred and has become patently dishonest. At this point, all we can do is look out our windows and ask ourselves if

the sky falling as CNN, the NYT, the Washington Post and NBC allege. I’ve seen no ill effects of the partial government shutdown. Perhaps we have so many government agencies and workers that some are not necessary. Like Panem in The Hunger Games, Washington DC is fabulously wealthy, and the five counties surrounding DC are the wealthiest in America.

Though I have no interest in Hollywood’s self award shows, I read that the hosts of The Golden Globes were apolitical and viewership was up. Similarly, I have noticed that viewership and attendance of NFL football games are up. Perhaps it’s because the players are not taking a knee for the social justice movement. I boycotted NFL football and sponsors like Nike for the last eighteen months. Since I am again comfortable that the flag and my country will not be disrespected by players whose average salary is more than two million dollars, I’ve started watching playoff football. Trump had the courage to call out Kaepernick and his ilk. Trump helped to make football great again!

Donald Trump is not a smooth talking sophisticate. True to his roots, he’s a brawler from Queens. Like me, he’s not without passions and sins. During the Clinton years

Democrats opined that results were more important than personal peccadilloes. I am not excusing Trump for his past, nor Obama’s or Bill Clinton’s for theirs. However, at this moment it is time to build the wall, solve the immigration crisis and return to the rule of law. Trump is currently the only man with enough courage to lead us out of the Swamp. He should be supported instead of denigrated by Chuck and Nancy, Hollywooders or self righteous pseudo journalists.

If government’s job is to protect us, and quarantine is a very effective measure to prevent the spread of disease, protecting our borders is especially important as we enter the flu season. Reports from the border reveal rampant flu syndrome and tuberculosis among the immigrants. If we listen to Chuck and Nancy, the borders will remain porous and Americans will continue to be exposed to infection, drugs, and crime as the invasion continues. We once used Ellis Island and quarantine to protect America, but those days are long gone. It is time to build the wall, obey the law and Make America Great Again.

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

Taking the turnaround

Have you ever gotten turned around while driving? You think



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Thankfully, when you drive, there are warning signs to alert you: Wrong Way, One Way, Do Not Enter, Turn Around. These signs are meant to alert you and tell you something important.

There is also a correct road we want to be on spiritually

speaking. At times, we get off the right path and need to take a course correction; we need to take the turnaround. To repent means to change direction, to go a different path. The problem is that pride often gets in the way. It is hard to admit that the road we are on is the wrong one. You have to humble yourself to admit you are going the wrong way and that you need to turn around. There are some times that the direction you are on feels natural. The Bible tell us: “There is a way that seems right, but in the end it leads to death” (Proverbs 14:12). The path may feel right and be popular so it feels unnatural to go a different direction.

A change of direction is important, and it happens over time. There is a theological word for

this change of direction in our lives. It is called sanctification, which is the process of becoming more like Jesus. We are all on this journey of being sanctified, being made more like Christ. Paul wrote to the Philippians: “...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (1:6). We are on a journey of becoming complete in Christ. This doesn’t mean that once you become a follower of Jesus you won’t mess up. There are times you have to repent, to take the exit ramp and get back going in the right direction.

Paul told the Ephesian church: “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (4:22-24). You don’t typically put clean clothes over the top of dirty clothes. You make a change of clothes. Sometimes we try to put the new over the old, but the smell just keeps coming through the new. Paul says to be made new in your mind.

A big problem that keeps people from making a course direction is wanting everything to be perfect. But even if you make a resolution to not do something again, at times we blow it. For some people if they can’t do it perfectly, then they might as well not do it at all. But the Christian life is not about perfection,

but progress. Paul stated, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Philippians 3:12). Live one day at a time with Jesus. Jesus said to take up your cross daily. Don’t worry about tomorrow and don’t live in the past.

The good news of the gospel is that it is never too late for a turnaround. There is an exit ramp you can take today to head in the right direction. Trust your life to Jesus and let him prune you. Jesus is the master gardener, and he is able to cut away the old to prepare you for new growth as you become his disciple.



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and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin

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Newest state park honors Lamar Alexander

By Mike Steely
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Senator Lamar Alexander, who announced recently he will not see reelection, joins the likes of Davy Crockett, Booker T. Washington, Cordell Hull and Sgt. Alvin York. Outgoing Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam announced last week that the state's newest park, Rocky Fork State Park, will be named Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park.

"Senator Alexander has spent a lifetime serving Tennesseans and promoting Tennessee to the world," Haslam said. "He loves the state from Memphis to Mountain City. His roots are in East Tennessee, and it is fitting that this special place in this special state bears his name. Tennessee's state parks are indebted to him and his service both as governor and as senator, and visitors to this state park will be reminded of his work every time they visit."

Alexander, who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2002 has served as Tennessee governor, U.S. Secretary of Education and president of the University of Tennessee. He's been very active in preserving wild lands and a proponent



Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park is yet undeveloped but is open to hiking, mountain bikes and visits. It was established in 2012. Fishing is permitted with artificial lures and flies only.

of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Maryville native is already recognized with a parkway there and often returns home for events.

Rocky Fork State Park is a bit different than most state parks in that there's no camping or lodging there yet. The 2,037 acre park is in rural Unicoi County close to the North Carolina line.

Near the junction of Rock Fork and Flint Creek a pre-statehood victory took place when John Sevier's forces attacked a Cherokee winter camp there. The area of the attack can be reached by hiking and the site remains bare of trees.

Hiking and mountain biking are allowed on the network of old roads there

and fishing is permitted in Rocky Fork and South Indian Creeks below and downstream from the main entrance gate.

The park is next to the Cherokee National Forest and close to the Appalachian Trail. It is a day-use only park. You can go online and get information and a brochure at www.tnstateparks.com/par/rocky-fork.

The entrance is reached by taking Interstate 26 in Johnson City and following it to Upper Higgins Road, turning west to Old Asheville Highway and then north to Flag Pond, There you can follow Rocky Fork Road to the park gate. The address is 501 Rocky Fork Road, Flag Pone, Tn. 37657 or call 423-271-1233.

Rocky Fork State Park is in one of the most beautiful parts, not just of our state, but of our country. It is Upper East Tennessee's gateway to the Appalachian Trail, and I consider the area a national treasure.

This park reaches up to 4,800 feet in elevation, making it one of the few areas in Tennessee that you can enjoy the trout streams, wildlife, hiking and backdrop of the Smoky Mountains at that height.

Because of the park's natural beauty, it should soon be one of our state's most popular parks.

Earlier this week, I visited Rocky Fork, and was grateful to receive the unexpected and thoughtful gesture of Governor Bill Haslam naming the park after me.

My roots are here in East Tennessee, and I still live in the foothills of the Smokies to this day. My ancestors arrived in Limestone, not too far from Rocky Fork, in 1780. I have seven generations of family connections to the Upper East Tennessee area, so it's a very special place to me.

Both as governor and United States Senator, I've worked hard to preserve East Tennessee's scenic outdoors. I have seen how a popular park can provide outdoor experiences for Tennesseans, and also attract



From Senator Lamar Alexander

tourism, which brings with it jobs and tax dollars to the area.

Governor Haslam understands this, and has had a spectacular eight years as the leader of our state. One of the areas he's been so successful in is conservation and preserving our outdoors. And at this week's naming ceremony, he said something that really struck me.

He recently had his official portrait hung in the state capitol, as all governors do, and said he wished that the portrait could have included his wife, Crissy, and the many others with whom he worked in his administration, because they were all important in making things happen.

I feel the same way about the naming of this park. It would have been nice if we could include everyone's name who had a part in it. Dave Ramsey – a friend of mine and strong advocate for Rocky Fork -- listed 38 different people and organizations who had a role in working to turn Rocky Fork into a state park. So the name of this park would be very long if it included everybody who played a role in making it what it is today.

I'm very grateful for and surprised by this honor, and it couldn't have happened in a nicer place in the world as far as I'm concerned.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN DANIEL COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 81205-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JANUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN DANIEL COLLINS who died Nov 25, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 2 day of JANUARY, 2019.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROL LORRAINE KNIGHT
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Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of DECEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CAROL LORRAINE KNIGHT who died Nov 20, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This the 26TH day of DECEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF CAROL LORRAINE KNIGHT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD LEE ZELLERS
DOCKET NUMBER 81157-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD LEE ZELLERS who died Nov 24, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF RONALD LEE ZELLERS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SCOTT DURHAM MITCHAM; EXECUTOR
54 MECHANIC STREET, APT 1
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JONATHAN CHARLES WATSON
DOCKET NUMBER 81170-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JONATHAN CHARLES WATSON who died Jun 21, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JONATHAN CHARLES WATSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CATHERINE W WATSON; ADMINISTRATOR
5412 INWOOD ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRANDON DARRELL HARDIN

DOCKET NUMBER 81210-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRANDON DARRELL HARDIN who died Dec 3, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 3 day of JANUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF BRANDON DARRELL HARDIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA ANN ROBERTS; EXECUTRIX
5100 GARDEN MEADOW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

VICTORIA B TILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW
1019 ORCHID DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF EDGAR LEE LATHAM
DOCKET NUMBER 81201-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDGAR LEE LATHAM who died Dec 16, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF EDGAR LEE LATHAM
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RACHEL SHULTZ; EXECUTRIX
1838 ALLENSVILLE RDG
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HOLLAND W RICKER
DOCKET NUMBER 81218-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HOLLAND W RICKER who died Jun 22, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the

Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF HOLLAND W RICKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERRY MERIANOS; EXECUTRIX
1432 LANTANA LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

ROBERT A COLE ATTORNEY AT LAW
3715 POWERS STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY TAYLOR
DOCKET NUMBER 81093-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY TAYLOR who died May 26, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY TAYLOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MAURICE EDWARD ARNOLD; ADMINISTRATOR
3305 TAZEWEEL PIKE, APT 18
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE M WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 80226-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOSEPHINE M WRIGHT who died Feb 27, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates

MISC. NOTICES

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of following leased units will be sold to satisfy owner's lien at Tillery Dr Self Storage, 115 Tillery Dr, Knoxville, TN 37912., Feb 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Company reserves right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on day of sale. Please call 865-687-7308 to confirm.


Adam Bettis - 36
Brenda Settles - 316/321
Gloria Sphon - 200
Kristy Olvera - 284
Meghann Nichols - 366
Randall Brown - 128
Sisilyn Tammell - 118

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2776, Frame, Body and Suspension Alignment Services, due 2/19/19;

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.



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Farragut Lacrosse Team Serves Christmas Community Day

The Farragut High School Men's Lacrosse team dedicated the weekend of December 1-2 to serve Christmas Community Day at First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike. Under the direction of Robert McFarland, Director of Lacrosse Operations, thirty-five team members gave a combined total of 180 hours of service to help needy families in the community.

The team set-up centers, filled grocery bags, pushed grocery carts and reset the church after

Sunday's event. The event served 146 needy families, a total of 584 individuals from Loudon, Knox, Roane, Monroe, Blount and Sevier counties.

Guests enjoyed a meal in the Christmas Cafe, photos with Santa, free shopping for children's gifts, books, and gently used clothing and coats. When the families left, they received a full bag of groceries and household necessities to provide another meal and some non-food extras.

In addition to the Farragut Lacrosse team, 160+

volunteers from First Farragut, the community, Boy Scout Troops 555, 444, and Girl Scout Troop 20391, served the families who attended.

Christmas Community Day is an annual hands-on Christmas ministry sponsored by the Rita Hommel Endowment Fund and contributions from the congregation, the Chuck Shilling Memorial FISH Grant, Publix, Dollar General, Kroger, Rusty Wallace Honda, Family Brands, Ingles and Food City.



Left to right: Robert McFarland, Michael Hirsch, Grant King, Titus Chapman, Gab Reiman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Jackson Celebration

The Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, of Knoxville, Tennessee, is hosting their annual Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson Birthday Celebration on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The program for this 26th Annual event is entitled "We are in A Political Battle, Not A History Debate" and will feature Former State Representative Steve McDaniel. During his career Representative McDaniel has served as Deputy Speaker and Assistant Majority Leader of the State House of Representatives. He was a driving force in establishing the Historical Preservation Act and was the main sponsor of the bill that established Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Park. He attended Jackson State Community College and is a graduate of the University of Memphis.

Currently, Representative McDaniel is the Historian of Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Association; Chair, Parker's Crossroads living history and reenactment; Member, National Rifle Association; City Manager, Parker's Crossroads and Member, Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association.

This year's event will be held at The Foundry on the World's Fair site in Knoxville. Doors open at 5 p.m. for social hour, preliminary ceremonies begin at 5:30 p.m. and the buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$32 per person, and \$15 for children 12 and under. Period dress or business attire is appropriate. Reservations are required and seating is limited. All reservations must be received by Wednesday, January 23, 2019 and payment must be made in advance. Please send all payments to Lee/Jackson Dinner, SCV Camp #87, P. O. Box 943, Knoxville, TN 37901.

For further information please contact: Scott Hall (865)428-9900, John Hitt (865) 689-4592 or Earl Smith (865) 687-2732.

PK HOPE IS ALIVE meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! The first meeting of the year is on January 15 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Kern Methodist Church in their Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

Steve Quam is the speaker this month. Steve Quam was diagnosed with Parkinson's almost 11 years ago and will be talking about the importance of exercise. Steve will share his inspirational stories of him bicycling across the country three times and motorcycling from his home in SC to Fairbanks, Alaska and back!

Lunch will be provided by Acadia Pharmaceuticals. For more information see: www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Jim Brown 865-607-7195.

Seated Tai Chi resumes at St. Paul UMC

Tai Chi is an excellent exercise, designed to promote increased balance, mobility and general well-being.

Seated Tai Chi begins on Thursday, January 10 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will be ongoing. Participants will learn over 30 gentle movements, done entirely while seated. At 6:30, Standing Tai Chi begins, and participants will learn traditional Tai Chi movements in a comfortable, supportive and fun atmosphere. No prior experience is necessary. Classes are \$2.00 per session. For further information, contact instructor Don Parsley at dparsley@comcast.net or at 865-540-8832.

Small Business Saturday lunch this week

Duncan School of Law student and community activist, Daniel Herrera, has launched a new community initiative to support small businesses all-around Knox County. The initiative aims to support businesses by inviting residents to meet for lunch at restaurants to push for community growth.

"The plan is to meet at least once a month for lunch at a small business here in Knox County to help them grow and to give back to our community," Herrera said. "This is just a fun and easy way for us to support one another and to enjoy the incredible food Knox County has to offer."

The first lunch date is set for Saturday, January 19, from noon to 1 p.m. at Nick & J's Café located at 1526 Lovell Rd. in Knoxville.

The link to the event page is: www.facebook.com/events/1301235876745025

Town Hall East meeting

Jack Neely, Knoxville Historian, will speak about East Knoxville at the January 14, 2019 neighborhood meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our community. Starts at 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, East Minster Presbyterian Church. Don't Miss It! All are invited. Public welcome. Come and meet your neighbors. This is a special opportunity, not-to-be missed, event.

UDC Meeting

The Captain W. Y. C. Hannum Chapter 1881, UDC, will meet on Saturday, January 26th, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. Visitors are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Rebecca at (865) 382-1979.

UT Arboretum Society offers monthly guided hike at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge

January Hike is Saturday, January 19th

Did you make a New Year's resolutions to get more exercise or spend more time outdoors? The UT Arboretum Society can help with both! For the second year, the UT Arboretum Society is now offering a monthly hike on the third Saturday of each month.

The first hike will be Saturday, January 19th. This is a great winter occasion to spend some quality time outdoors and to learn about the UT Arboretum's trails.

Learn about the UT Arboretum's trails on this short trail hike (1 to 1.5 hours). Hikes will be varied in intensity level, and the route may be changed due to weather conditions or leader's choice.

This hike will be led by a volunteer familiar with the UT Arboretum and the trail system.

Meet at the UT Arboretum Visitors Center, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge at 9:00 a.m. Please wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking. The aim is for these hikes to be suitable for all, but the difficulty level of the hike is dependent on individual fitness. Be sure to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated at you hike.

This is a free program offered by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society and no registration is required.

To learn more about this hike or the UT Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on the program, call 865-483-7277.

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