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Mayoral candidates field questions from Town Hall East



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Town Hall East President David Lee, standing, asked three questions of four Knoxville city mayor candidates including their positions on the proposed Recode changes. The four candidates, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair, favored stopping or postponing the effort to change the zoning regulations.

By Mike Steely
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If four of the candidates for Knoxville city mayor agree on anything they agree that the Recode effort needs to be postponed or stopped. Town Hall East asked the candidates their opinions on the ongoing rewrite of zoning regulations and other topics at a forum held during the group's May meeting at Eastminster Fellowship Hall.

Town Hall East President David Lee, who was re-elected during the meeting of neighborhood members, introduced Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair. Two other candidates who picked up qualifying

petitions on May 8th and 9th, Michael D. Chase and Calvin Taylor Skinner, did not appear on the neighborhood panel.

Lee asked three prepared questions and member Sam McKenzie followed up with a few questions from the large audience that were meeting.

Recode

Although Burkhardt said he'd vote "No" and that a one-sized zoning doesn't fit all in the city, he predicted, "It's going to pass before any of us are elected."

Kincannon said she is "totally fine with waiting, slowing it down, and getting

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'Celebrating our Seniors' at Honor Fountain City Day

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The 44th Annual Honor Fountain City Day, held on Memorial Day each year, has "Celebrating our Seniors" as the theme this year. Tyler Pavlis, chair of the event, and Fountain City Town Hall have selected several people to honor. The honors awards begin at 3 p.m.

Community leader and lifelong Knoxville resident Jamie Rowe will be the featured speaker.

The Commercial Restoration award goes to Starbucks. The residential Restoration award goes to David and Lori Hensley. The Chairman's Award goes to Angela Hunter.

The Friend of Fountain City honors goes to Fountain City Ministry Center.

To be honored as the 2019 Fountain City Woman of the Year is Penny Kleinschmidt and Fountain City Man of the Year will be presented to Bryson Rosser.

The event, held at Fountain City Park, features a flag presentation and Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troop 55. Rev. Tim Best of St. Paul United Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

Honor Fountain City Day gets started at 8:30 with booths from various vendors, political candidates, and non-profit organizations. There's music from Brandywine at the Gazebo at 10 a.m. and the Chill-billies perform at 12:30 followed by the Tennessee Wind Symphony. Free

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South-Doyle students get a taste of Japanese culture



PHOTO BY AMY BOX FELLHOELTER

Kumi Alderman shows the SDMS student Angela Vallester how to make homemade Mochi.

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

"It's their enthusiasm. These students are here because they want to learn, they want to know more about Japan," answered Jennifer Sauer, eighth grade science teacher and Japanese Club sponsor, when asked what she enjoyed most about supporting the club members at South-Doyle Middle School. Since Sauer lived in Japan for more than six years, she has many experiences to draw on to plant seeds of knowledge about the country into her students. She taught English under the Japan

Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program and later returned to the country to raise a family with her husband.

Five club students were part of the May 13, 2019, ceremony besides Sauer and Kumi Alderman, the executive director of the Asian Culture Center of Tennessee. The event took place in front of several teachers and Assistant Principal Brian Melton. The club's president spoke about how the cherry blossom tree is to Japan as the dogwood tree is to Knoxville, and gave a short history of the club and

its activities. The club's vice president then spoke in Japanese and led a Japanese welcome, bow, and thank you. Following the ceremony, students congregated in the school cafeteria to listen to Alderman explain and demonstrate how to make homemade Japanese ice cream, called Mochi, and eagerly tasted some for themselves.

The inception of the SDMS Japanese Club arose during the 2016-2017 school year and has grown to ten students who attend its

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Six qualify to run for Knoxville Mayor, five for At Large C

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The Knox County Election Commission issued information on people who picked up and returned qualifying petitions for mayor and city council seats.

Candidates for mayor include Michael W. Andrews, Fletcher "Knoxville" Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis, Calvin Taylor Skinner and Marshall Stair.

Candidates to replace At-Large Commissioner Finbarr Saunders for Seat C include Amy Midis, Amelia Parker, Hubert Smith, Bob Thomas and David Williams.

Candidates for At-Large Seat A are Lynne Fugate and Charles F. Lomax. George Wallace currently holds that position.

At-Large Seat B candidates include David Hayes and Janet Testerman who are running for the seat that Marshall Stairs now holds.

Seeking to replace Mark Campen in District 5 are Charles Al-Bawl and Charles Thomas.

Judge John R. Rosson, Jr. is the only candidate for Municipal Judge.

People who picked up petitions but did not return them to qualify for office include John Bevil and Mike Chase in the mayor race and Pete Drew and Nate Martin in council races.

Thursday, May 23, is the last day for qualified candidates to withdraw their names.

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Explaining Police Reports

Police work is often glamorized and over-dramatized in tv shows and movies. The police are often in car chases, conducting these really intense interrogations, or using big white boards to connect the dots



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drawing that is part of the police report. This report is important for determining liability and contacting parties. However, that may be the last use of that police report.

A police report does not mean that there will be an investigation. Unless someone was drunk or someone was killed in the accident, then there probably will not be an investigation. Further, the police report is inadmissible evidence at court. It contains hearsay evidence that cannot be introduced.

You may think, how does a police report not trigger an investigation or an arrest? I have personally seen a police report filled out reporting a rape and the victim who filled out the report never received a call from a detective or anyone else. As far as the victim knew, the police never did anything with the report.

So while a police report may create a written record of what a victim believes to be a crime, there is no guarantee that the generation of that report will result in anyone's arrest, or even an investigation in to whether a crime occurred.

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‘Celebrating our Seniors’ at Honor Fountain City Day

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train rides around the park begin at 10 a.m. and there's also free face painting. At 11 a.m. the Joyful Twirlers perform and there's a display by Tennessee Model-A Cars.

Veterans and Active Duty Soldiers will be recognized at 3:30 p.m. and

Rev. Tim Best speaks on Service and Sacrifice. John Becker speaks and “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America” will be performed by Lynn Bennett. The East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard will conclude the celebration with a ceremony and the playing of “Taps.”

South-Doyle students get a taste of Japanese culture

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bi-monthly meetings regularly after school. Club members, who span sixth through eighth grades, collected more than \$100 through fundraising to purchase the cherry blossom tree and the metal stand that marks its placement in the school's courtyard area.

Part of their fundraising efforts came from creating booklets about the country showcasing the Japanese alphabet, common Japanese names, art, food, trees, anime, fashion, and of course, the cherry blossom tree or Sakura tree. All of the art shown in the magazine was created by the students in the club. One of the students explained the booklet as having “all kinds of information about Japan, we contributed to the work, like drawing Japanese food, and we like to draw anime too.”

When asked what club activities they were most fond of, the students' replies were: to learn the write and speak the language; eat Japanese food; enjoy time with friends; create their own anime and watch Ghibli movies; and discover more about Japanese art and culture. One



From left to right, Executive Director of the Asian Culture Center of Tennessee Kumi Alderman, South-Doyle M. S. students Jenny Brewer, Angela Vallester, Jessica Fields, Ashlyn Felipe-Diaz, Desina Manning, and Jennifer Sauer, SDMS eighth grade science teacher and Japanese Club sponsor.

student commented that she liked how “the Japanese have great order.” Another student added, “Sometimes we have karaoke, where we sing songs in Japanese. And for Halloween, we actually had done scary stories.”

Alderman, who is one of the club's greatest supporters, said, “it is wonderful what these kids are doing.”

Besides teaching the SDMS students how to speak the Japanese language, Alderman also

heads up the Knox Asian Festival which will be held on Aug. 25, 2019, at the World's Fair Park. The sixth annual festival anticipates 40,000 people to experience: authentic traditional food vendors; featured performance art like traditional Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Indian, and Philippine dance; a showcase of various martial arts demonstrations; Chinese musicians, Japanese drummers, and much more. For details about this festival, visit www.knoxasianfestival.com.

It is more than obvious these students are enjoying what they are learning. As an announcement was made about the last club meeting of the year, many gave a sad sigh especially those finishing eighth grade. Fortunately, the seeds of knowledge about Japan have taken root because each eighth-grade club student aspires to either start or join an anime or Japanese club at the high school he or she will be attending in the fall.

Smiling this month

Without exception, May is my favorite month of the year. Yes, it's my birthday month, but so many other things are imprinted on my memory, and they bring smiles to me whenever they surface.



By Joe Rector
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The other night, I scooped up from the back yard our dog Sadie's latest offerings. After tossing them into the woods, I turned to go back inside. A sudden breeze came, and instantly, the faint fragrances of early blooming honeysuckle and the blooms of some other undergrowth blew across my face. For just a second, I was a boy again who was filled with excitement and energy.

In years gone by, May was that month when high school students attended prom. Girls bought formal dresses, and boys rented tuxes. Except for weddings, many males would

never wear such an outfit again. Cars sparkled after washing and waxing, and sometimes parents would loan their cars to boys for that special occasion, but only after receiving prom-

ises that sons would drive extra-carefully. Savings were wiped out with other expenses that included corsages, gas, and special meals. After-prom activities varied from couple's parties to boy-get-togethers. The latter usually included consuming illegal alcohol and ended with boys on all fours while they begged for God to stop the world from spinning.

Seniors looked forward to graduation in May. They usually finished the year a few days before younger students. Those free times were filled with class lunches and graduation practice. Family members gathered from other cities, and a

large contingent celebrated the end of high school. Seniors looked forward to gifts and cash that family and friends gave. Walking across the stage to receive a diploma and handshake from the principal was the most exciting part.

Back in the day, the end of May and the school year immediately led to the first day of work at a summer job. During my summers, I worked the curb at the Copper Kettle and the counter at Burger King. A couple of summers I worked for the city of Knoxville maintenance. A group of high school boys cut weeds, picked up litter, and hauled everything to the dump on Asheville Highway. The pay for any job never went above \$1.35, but a portion of every paycheck was placed into a savings account to pay for things during the school year.

Mother's Day was a special event in May. In elementary school, we made crafts and cards in art classes to give our mothers. Roses

were in bloom so that we wore red buds in our collars on Sunday. As my brothers and I grew older, we met at Mother's house for dinner, which she cooked, and gave her presents. Always the pragmatist, she asked for usable things. One year, we presented her a contractor-sized wheel barrow that she wanted to haul flowers, dirt, and leaves from her gardens. A magnolia tree from another Mother's Day grew so large that the new owners of her house cut most of it. Left are offshoots that have themselves grown twenty feet in height.

Amy and I will head to Charleston, South Carolina for a few days sometime this month. With any luck, we'll be at home when the blooms are fullest. The air will be so thick with the scents that each breath is a thing of pure joy. May seems to be the happiest month of the year. Good weather and exciting events make it that way.

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Publisher's Position

Mannis Comes Out Strong Against Recode



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For the past two and a half years, the City of Knoxville has been nudging along one of the most comprehensive and sweeping plans surrounding property use. Known as "Recode," this nefarious plan has gone through more incarnations than the Devil himself. Citizens have had a hard time keeping up with all the drafts and changes and, as best as I can tell, we are on the fifth version so far.

For all its imperfections, and there are many, there has been a push by the city administration to approve Recode this summer. Now, thank goodness, it looks

like Little Boy Recode has been abducted by Big Bad Politics. You see, there's an election this year in the City of Knoxville and Mayor Madeline Rogero cannot run to succeed herself. The three most serious candidates for mayor of Knoxville are Eddie Mannis, owner of Prestige Cleaners and a former deputy mayor under Rogero; Marshall Stair, city councilman and scion of an old Knoxville family, as well as a constant practitioner of the art of the politic wiggle and roll; Indya Kincannon, who served ten years on the Knox County Board of Education and was largely known as a cheerleader and rubber-stamp-in-chief for former superintendent of schools Jim McIntyre. The candidates are diverse in their experience, or lack thereof, as well as their thinking.

Eddie Mannis grew up poor and risked everything he had to make a success of Prestige Cleaners. Mannis was successful and has consistently given back to the community with his activity honoring American veterans through

Honor Air. Eddie Mannis is sort of the embodiment of the American dream come true. Stair, born into a well-to-do family, has been on the Knoxville City Council for the past eight years and is term limited and his campaign for mayor is less due to a burning desire to make a difference in the lives of Knoxvilleans than the seeming next step. Stair hasn't especially distinguished himself as a leader and has recused himself more times than I can count in order to avoid controversial issues.

Aside from the Board of Education, Kincannon's qualifications to be mayor are as sparse as scales on a duck. Kincannon had a job that Mayor Rogero created for her, as an educational liaison or some such, which is pretty odd considering the City of Knoxville operates no school system and its habit of annexation drained county tax revenues that otherwise would have gone to support schools. Kincannon only grudgingly abandoned Lord Jim when the imperial superintendent attempted to outsource

the custodians, otherwise she was only too happy to give McIntyre whatever he wanted. Now attempting to represent herself as a woman of the people, Kincannon is hoping most folks forget she didn't even bother to send her own children to the schools inside the district she represented on the Board of Education, but rather sent them to West Knoxville instead. Kincannon is representative of one thing, however, pertaining to Recode: she rides her bicycle everywhere she can, most surely hugging trees all along the way. Councilwoman Stephanie Welch didn't just let that cat out of the bag, but pretty much throttled the poor cat to death when she admitted Recode was as much social engineering on the part of the city administration as planning when she said it was hoped folks would drive less.

Kincannon is attempting to sell herself as not only the logical successor to Rogero, but serving Rogero's third term. Indya Kincannon is all in for the Recode document while Stair is doing the

shimmy, saying he's for it, but he'd much rather postpone voting on it until after the election since he just happens to be running for mayor and doesn't want to make anybody mad.

Eddie Mannis is the ONLY candidate who has come out against the Recode plan and explained its deficiencies. Mannis has acknowledged it's a topic much on the mind of voters. Mannis has also offered solutions and described how the process ought to be and it was almost too logical to be uttered inside a government building. Frankly, THAT SHOWS LEADERSHIP.

Evidently the City Council has been hearing from folks, too. For most people, outside of our children, our homes are our biggest investments. It matters what happens in our neighborhoods and fundamentally altering that will forever change the quality of life for people who reside inside the City of Knoxville. When the government, local, state or federal start social engineering

so that citizens drive less, that government has gone too far. Citizens, especially those 60 and older can't ride a bicycle to pick up dry cleaning, get groceries, or take their pet to the vet. The City of Knoxville has created an urban wilderness, bike lanes just about everywhere, green spaces on every corner and there are so many they can probably be seen from the moon. Recoding, increasing density in existing neighborhoods, putting some businesses out of business instantly, trying to keep folks from driving to their destinations and the like sounds like planning by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

A new Monmouth poll says 60% of independents don't like socialism and perhaps those wild-eyed do-gooders in the City of Knoxville will find out Knoxville is not quite a socialist utopia yet.

Trifling with people's homes, businesses and their ability to use their cars to go where they want just might get some folks riled up. Mad folks sure do vote.

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it right." She said that portions of the Recode proposals will help with affordable housing.

"I'd have to vote no," Mannis told the audience. He proposed breaking the proposed zoning changes down into sections, starting with a review of the residential regulations.

Stair, the only current city council member running for mayor, said while it is time to update the regulations he wants to postpone it. "Let's keep with it until we get it right," he said.

City Finances

Kincannon said that the city's expenses are "outstripping" incoming revenue. She said the city needs more large events like the Bassmasters Classic Tournament to help replace dwindling funds from the State Hall Tax.

Mannis lamented the upcoming retirement of the city's finance director, Jim York. He also said the pension fund is underfunded and said the city must be run effectively and efficiently.

Improving relations with the state legislature would help with city income according to Stair who said it "seems like there's been a war on cities." He was referring to the decreasing Hall Tax being paid back to the city.

Burkhardt mourned losing revenue by the ending of Boomsday and suggested starting it again and moving it to the World's Fair Park. He said large events draw visitors and increase local revenue.

Magnolia Avenue and Chilhowee Park

"What happens at Chilhowee Park is key," Mannis said. He said the city needs to think big and the venue has lot of potential. He said the park's master plan should be ready in the next month or so and noted that a half-million people visited Zoo Knoxville last year.

Stair said he supported the redevelopment of Magnolia Avenue and, of all the corridors in town, Magnolia has the most potential. He proposed more bus shelters and a focus on the redevelopment of Burlington.

Burkhardt said he

supports the Magnolia effort "as long as we're not displacing people." He said that East Knoxville is "vital to the city" and added he'd love to see a Walmart or Kroger locate there.

Kincannon said the city cannot thrive unless East Knoxville thrives. She said the area has "plenty of room" for new businesses and new residents. She said that Chilhowee Park needs "more green space" and the city should look to partners and the federal government. She'd like to create an "opportunity zone with tax breaks to help investors."

Knoxville Center Mall

Stair said the city faces "a two-headed monster" there and suggested creating residential and office spaces there and engage the community. He also said the state should be urged to create a better exit system from I-640 to the mall. He chided the current mall owners who he said has made little effort to improve the mall.

Burkhardt questioned if the property could be used to create a new Smokies

Stadium and suggested the building become a multiple use facility that could house the city government.

"It's not thriving," Kincannon said, who offered to use the mayor's office as a "bully pulpit." She added that it wasn't right for people to buy property at a great discount

and then hold it without use.

Mannis said the mall has been "squandered" and suggested a multi-use facility with family housing and possibly using the mall buildings to house city and county offices.

At the close of the meeting President David Lee

reminded the audience of the upcoming fund raiser "Burlington Vibe" set for June 13th at 3606 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. He also said that the Knox Heritage Summer Supper is planned for July 20 at Cal's Speakeasy on Speedway Circle.

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Do you remember Sock Hops?

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Are you old enough to remember Sock Hops? Back in the day of Doo Wop teenagers would take off their shoes so they could dance in the school gymnasium and not damage the floor there. Almost every high school in our nation held Sock Hops now and then,

with music flowing from record players. Sock Hops were an important social event for kids and that's where many people learned to dance. Back then, in the 50s and 60s, there were many popular dances including The Stroll, The Mash Potato, the Jerk, and The Twist. It was a time of boys with duck-tail haircuts and girls

in poodle skirts and bobby socks. The Knoxville Museum of Education is having its fifth Old-Fashioned Sock Hop on Friday, May 31. The museum, located in the Sarah Simpson Professional Technology and Development Center, formerly South Knox High School, collects and displays items from all Knox County high schools. That includes class

photos, school letter jackets, annuals, trophies, etc. The themed dance music will be played by DJ "Smokin" Bill Rutherford of Pro-Audio Group. Food will be available and a Silent Auction will be held on items. Plus there will be raffle items that can be bid on by those who attend. Admission is \$25 per person and the Sock Hop begins at 6

p.m. Tickets are available at the museum or available at the door on the night of the dance. You can get more information by calling the Knox County Museum of Education at (865) 576-8264, extension 5. So dig out your peg-legged jeans, tie up your pony tail, and come to dance the night away to the oldies.

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Community Chest Thrift Store on Central needs your help

By Mike Steely
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One of the most worthy non-profit thrift stores in North Knoxville needs customers. The Community Chest at 1508 North Central Street may be closing if the shopping there doesn't pick up.

Cynthia Fort, manager, told The Focus recently that for some reason their customers have dropped off although they have an overstock of items. The little store sells everything from \$1 clothing to furniture, to knickknacks to small appliances and more.

You name it you'll probably find it at the Community Chest. There are two locations, one on West Scott Avenue and the other on

Central.

Most clothing is always \$1 regardless of brand and that includes shoes, coats, dresses, etc.

"We feel by offering items at the lowest possible price to our customers we enable those individuals and families to make better use of the resources they have available," Fort said.

The store is open Monday through Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and you can call them at (865) 522-3200. It is located near the corner of Central and Woodland Avenue.

"We're overstocked and need people who want great value for their money," she added. The store reserves the right to refuse to sell to people who

resale to others.

Whether you're shopping for clothing, small household items, decorative items or furniture the Central Avenue Community Chest would be a great and thrifty way to shop. The non-profit not only respects its customers but serves the community as well.

The Community Chest contributes financially to the FISH Hospitality Pantry of Knoxville which supplies food to needy residents.

More than 57,000 residents in Knox County live in poverty and one-fourth of them are children. Thousands more live on the poverty line and struggle for the basic necessities.

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Cynthia Fort, manager of the Community Chest on Central Street, arranges clothing as she waits for you to come in and shop. The non-profit store has most clothing for only \$1 each and currently has more items than customers. You can help the store stay open by dropping by the 1508 North Central store and shopping there.

Getting to know State Rep. Bill Dunn

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville Focus is featuring citizens in our community, sitting down with them for an informal chat, so our readers can know them better.

Bill Dunn represents the 16th District in the Tennessee Legislature and currently serves as speaker pro tem. He and his wife, Stacy, have five children. This former 4-H agent has a Bachelor of Science in animal science and a master's in extension education from UT.

The Focus sat down with Rep. Dunn recently so our readers can get to know him a bit better.

How is your position working for you?

I like it, it allows me to be at all the leadership meetings and meet with the governor once a week. With 25 years of experience as a legislator I take the position seriously and feel like, on different issues, I need to stand up and share my thoughts. I bring institutional knowledge to the table.

How is Bill Lee as opposed to Bill Haslam?

I worked with Bill Haslam for eight years and Bill Lee has only been in the office for a few months so it's a little early to compare. I know for sure they have a common interests and a love for Tennessee. They both are doing it for the right reasons and



PHOTO BY BILL WRIGHT

Rep. Bill Dunn talks with Knoxville Focus Reporter Mike Steely about his position, family and other topics.

both want to improve education and be fiscally responsible.

How is your position affecting your family or other interests?

My family has been very understanding and sacrificing over the years. They have somewhat gotten used to me being away and having to take phone calls at all hours. I'm very blessed.

Tell us a bit about your family.

My wife, Stacy, and I have five children. The youngest just turned 24. We have five grandchildren and we just found out our daughter is expecting twins. I come from a big family, my parents had nine kids and took in a foster child, so

there were ten of us growing up. But my parents still found time to help others.

Where were you born and why Knox County?

I was actually born in Panama. My dad was working for the Canal Zone down there and my two older sisters and I were born there. He figured that was not a good place to raise a family so he got a job with TVA and moved here in '62. I was a year old.

What are your hopes for Knox County and Knoxville?

Well, as a state representative I kind of look at the whole state. If the state is strong, Knox County

benefits. The state is well positioned because we've been very fiscally conservative. We have money set aside for when the inevitable economic downturn comes.

We're the fastest improving in education, something I'm very proud of. We've moved up the rankings and hopefully school choice will be the thing to take us to the next level.

Is there a move to exclude Knox County from that?

It looks like that might happen. I hope they are not excluded. I think Knox County kids should have just as many opportunities as anyone else. My critics are usually taking up for the system and I'm taking up for the students.

We've already determined that taxpayers are willing to pay for an education no matter what income level the parents are. What we're doing with school choice is that the taxpayers will pay less for that child to get a better education. Let's use the number \$10,000 for a public school child's education. Let's say the education saving account is \$7,500. It's close to that. The child decides where they will get the best education. They take the \$7,500 and the kid will get a better education for the \$7,500.

The \$2,500 stays with the public

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Ribbon Cutting planned for Everly Brothers Park

By Mike Steely
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"It takes a village" is the common saying about requiring a large community effort to get something done. The upcoming ribbon cutting at the new Everly Brothers Park is a great example of that because it took the huge effort of the Bearden Village Council to get the pocket park to where it is today. The council worked hard to get the corner lot donated by the state, to dedicate it to the noted rock and roll pioneers, to landscape the park and now, to finalize it with discs in the walkway there.

The discs, in the shape of 45 RPM records with the names of various Everly Brother songs, were announced recently as well as a Friday, June 7th ribbon cutting. The 4:30 event was announced by Dennis Owen, a Bearden Village Council member. Other things are planned for the little park.

Owen told The Focus that the council's Terry Faulkner

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Council wrestles with half of the Recode changes

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council went back and forth with suggested changes to the proposed Recode regulations for over six hours last Tuesday. Just about anything related to zoning, building heights, setback, and permissible uses of land is wrapped up in the proposed changes. By the end of the long session the council had only reviewed nine of the 16 sections of the 400-page long fifth draft of the proposal.

Planning Director Gerald Green, the council members and members of the audience went almost line by line on Draft 5 which was not presented to the audience prior to the meeting. A summary of some of the proposed changes was given to the audience before the meeting began. Most of the private citizens speaking at the meeting brought their own copies of the previous draft.

Councilman Marshall Stair, the only council member in the race for city mayor, let it be known at the beginning of the meeting that he planned to suggest postponing any decision until another special called meeting on May 30.

"We have a long way to go," Stair said at the end of the meeting. Mayor Madeline Rogero added, "I don't think there is any signal given tonight that we're trying to rush this." She had also announced at the beginning of the long, special called



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Four of the City Council members read over the voluminous Recode changes during the special called meeting which lasted more than six hours. Only about half of the changes were discussed and a May 30th meeting will take up the rest of the many changes.

meeting her wishes to postpone a decision.

Green went line by line on Items One to Nine following a long discussion about the procedure to hold the meeting. Stair said the proposed zoning map "gives me heartburn." That map, being changed again, should be available by the next meeting.

Rogero said that the council could consider draft changes and several were approved that day including some language corrections suggested by council attorney Rob Frost, who questioned terms and punctuation. Everything approved is tentative and will go into an amended Recode final presentation.

Council members George Wallace, Andrew Roberto and Lauren Rider

spoke the most often with questions or suggestions to the changes proposed in the fifth draft of Recode.

Among those changes to the final Recode, an effort that Green described as "a huge effort by a limited number of people, staff, the law department, the planners and the public," were striking "commercial" from home occupation descriptions. Rider suggested changing "shall and must" to "may" in the animal boarding portion about the number of pets. It was also suggested to permit taller buildings within a commercial and industrial zone and changing the RN-2 zone for duplex homes from the proposed 10,000 square feet back to 7,500 square feet, the current size.

Green said that the

Recode effort can be "revisited from time to time" and the mayor described it as "a living document." City attorney Charles Swanson said that occupancy standards for residential has been deleted from the proposal. Green said he would consider adding an additional residential zone if the council wishes.

The council also discussed permitting restaurants in office parks and changing the structural requirements for new buildings that are next to homes. Green promised that one of those changes, not discussed by the planning

commission, will go back before that body after Recode is adopted.

That adoption could come as late as June or July.

The hillside protection policy was also discussed and may eventually also apply to commercial developments and not just residential areas. Both Roberto and Stephanie Welch said their districts want the protection extended to all districts.

Requiring permanent restrooms for Food Truck Parks was debated. Currently the city has only one authorized park where food trucks may gather and it seems to be

the opinion of council that portable toilets should be permitted since there's no permanent structure at that site.

By hour five several council members said they were tired and getting confused. Mayor Rogero suggested they complete Article 9 except for the zoning map.

"I feel we're running out of steam," Rogero said.

The May 30 meeting probably won't see a final decision as talk continue. The mayor said the public has ample time to respond before a vote.

What's left to be discussed?

The remaining articles include Site Development Standards, Off-Street Parking, Landscaping, the Application Process, and Zoning Applications, deleted sections including Site Plan Reviews, Downtown Design, Infill Housing Overlays, Preliminary Plans, Certificates of Appropriateness, Zoning Appeals, and Final Appeals.

Also a rehash of changes approved or discussed may all come up as well as a discussion on the new zoning map which rezones or renames the zones for every property in Knoxville.

A final vote could come four to five weeks after the May 30th meeting.

State Rep. Bill Dunn

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schools, so the public school has \$2,500 more despite having fewer students. You get a better education for less money as determined by the family.

(Note, since the interview the state legislature voted to exclude Knox County from the three-year pilot program.)

What is your main hobby or interest?

I garden; I have honeybees and homing pigeons. I like to garden and I like to cut wood. I was a tree climber for about 14 years and I heat my house with wood so I'm always splitting wood. When I was doing tree work in the early 90s our current congressman, Tim Burchett, was running the mulch operation for the city. I first knew Tim when I would pull up at his place with a load of chips or brush that he would turn into mulch. In 1994 we both ran for the legislature and we both won. America is a great country where two blue collar guys can get elected.

Back then I would come out of a tree, put a suit on, and drive to the Capitol. I did that for about 13 years.

What do you see as your main accomplishment in life?

I've never thought of that, I guess it is raising my children. People might say "You're speaker pro tem, you're a heartbeat away from being speaker," but my family gives me more meaning in life. From a legislative point of view it would be improving education in the state of Tennessee.

How do you think other people see you?

It all depends on who you are asking. I would hope people see me as sincere and thoughtful. They may not agree with me but I hope they would see me as believing in

what I'm doing.

If you had one thing to do over in your life what would that be?

I think when I was younger, like in high school, I would have been kinder to some people. I think that when you get older what you took as teasing and cutting-up to other people really hurt their feelings. If I went back I'd be kinder in high school.

If you chose one thing in your position that is very satisfactory what would that be?

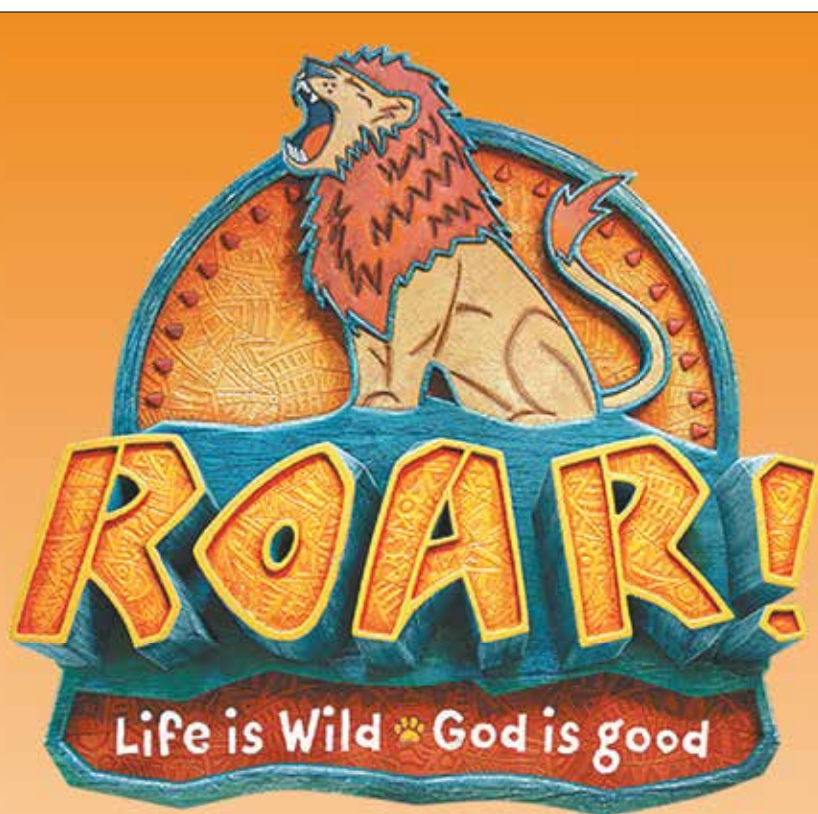
I have always enjoyed working with the brand new legislators. When I first went down there you went to orientation and that was it. I didn't think that was a good way to get legislators going, so the next session I took it on myself to work with the freshmen and get them off to a good start, both back home and down there. I did that for many years and when I got into a leadership position our caucus made it an actual position. Now, as speaker pro tem I tried to meet with the freshmen. I gave them an index card with the saying, "A politician thinks about the next election, a statesman thinks about the next generation." I hope they take that to heart.

What's your favorite meal or place to eat?

After church we have everybody at our house for Sunday lunch; the grandkids, the kids, etc. We had around 30 people over for Easter. Thanksgiving we'll have upwards to 50 people, mostly family. Sometimes if someone is dating someone they will show up too. And afterward we'll have the Thanksgiving family football game.

How would you like to be remembered?

Golly, I never think of that question. As an honest helping person who tried to give more than he took.



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and former city council member Duane Grieve were the prime movers in the project. Grieve now heads the East Tennessee Community Design Center. Faulkner is the project manager for the Bearden Council.

"It is a huge accomplishment for the Bearden Village Council," Owen said.

Phil and Don Everly lived for two years in Knoxville where they attended West High School. The duo moved in 1955 to Nashville to pursue their music careers.



One of the discs that has been placed at the Everly Brothers Park in Bearden. The round discs were created to resemble a 45 RPM record. Photo courtesy of Dennis Owen.

Sol Bloom of New York

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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The son of Polish immigrants, Sol Bloom was at various times a theatre impresario, real estate magnate, composer and long-time congressman. Bloom was deeply interested in foreign affairs in the House of Representatives and finally achieved his ambition of becoming Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he was profoundly concerned about the fate of European Jews during World War II. Bloom, who had succeeded a Tennessean, Sam D. McReynolds, as chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, was not regarded as a strong leader. Isaiah Berlin, who wrote a confidential memo for the British Foreign office, summed up the “main weakness” of the Foreign Affairs Committee as Bloom’s inability to exercise strong leadership. Berlin noted Bloom would not have been chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee had it not been for the congressional seniority system and was “certainly not” due “to any outstanding ability or knowledge of foreign affairs.” Berlin admitted perhaps the saving grace of Sol Bloom’s tenure as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee was his “blind loyalty to the President’s policies.” It was certainly true Sol Bloom loyally and steadfastly backed President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s foreign policy. Whatever he was, Sol Bloom was a colorful character, an American original.

Born in Pekin, Illinois in 1870, Sol moved to San Francisco where he became the manager of a theatre while still in his early teens. Bloom showed a flair for showmanship and staged several boxing matches with the famous pugilist “Gentleman Jim Corbett.” Bloom had made enough money to travel to Paris to witness the Exposition Universelle in 1889 when he was only nineteen years old. Sol Bloom made his reputation as a showman and promoter when he successfully developed the Midway at the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago after replacing a Harvard professor of anthropology. Bloom made it such a success, the term “midway” became part of the American vocabulary. Sol Bloom also invented the “hootchy kootchy” dance, a variation of the belly dance and even composed the tune for the dancers. An entrepreneur if there ever was one, Bloom became the branch manager of the largest sheet music publisher in the country. Likely unimaginable in today’s world of music apps, the publication of popular songs and music was a thriving business at the time and many well-off

homes kept music chests, which featured trays that pulled out and held the sheet music for families to enjoy with whatever musical instruments they owned. Bloom fashioned himself as “Sol Bloom the Music Man” and settled into a comfortable home in Chicago after marrying Evelyn Hechheimer in 1897. The Blooms did not remain in Chicago long, moving to New York City in 1903 where Sol expanded his music business, which operated in many department stores throughout the country and found the time to dabble in real estate. Bloom did more than dabble in real estate; he either renovated or built more than a dozen theatres along Broadway’s famous “Great White Way.” One of the theatres built by Bloom was the Apollo in Harlem. Sol Bloom also began building apartment houses. Speculation was nothing new to Bloom and he considered his optioning the land between 31st and 33rd Streets west of Seventh Avenue in New York City his shrewdest real estate investment. Indeed it was as Sol Bloom acquired most of the property that became New York’s Penn Station, making Bloom yet another fortune.

Bloom also made yet another change in his life, changing his party registration from Republican to Democrat and became allied with New York’s Tammany Hall. Bloom’s new political party selected him as their candidate for Congress following the death of Congressman-elect Samuel Marx, who died before he could take office. Bloom faced the Republican incumbent, Walter M. Chandler, and eked out a 145 vote victory. Sol Bloom had been selected by Tammany Hall leaders for two important reasons: he was Jewish, which was quite helpful in a “silk stocking” district that had largely been represented by a Republican and he was wealthy enough to fund his own campaign. Sol Bloom explained his selection by Tammany Hall to run for Congress, saying dryly, “I had been chosen to run because I was an amiable and solvent Jew.”

Bloom took the oath of office in 1923 and remained in Congress until his death in 1949.

As Isaiah Berlin pointed out in his report to the British Foreign Office, Sol Bloom was a Jew who was elected to Congress in a district which contained a large Jewish population as well as many other “foreign elements”, which affected how the new congressman saw foreign policy issues. Berlin believed Sol Bloom was far more “Europe-conscious” than most of his colleagues precisely



Congress Sol Bloom (center, holding an egg) of New York. Standing beside Bloom, the gentleman with white hair is future Secretary of State Edward Stettinius.

because he represented so many Jews and immigrants in the House of Representatives. Berlin readily acknowledged Bloom was “strongly anti-Nazi” well before the United States entered World War II. Berlin penned that Bloom was no intellectual, but rather an “easy-going, superficial, glad handish type.” Isaiah Berlin also noted something that could be said of every congressman whose family had immigrated to America: Sol Bloom was “intensely patriotic” yet was no isolationist. Berlin acknowledged Sol Bloom had done his utmost to help President Roosevelt overcome the strong isolationist sentiment in the Congress to steer the Lend Lease law through the House Foreign Affairs Committee, without which Great Britain might not have survived the German onslaught during World War II. Passage of Lend Lease was quite an accomplishment and took the best efforts of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Sol Bloom.

If Sol Bloom was no intellectual powerhouse, he was fundamentally a kind man. During the depths of the Great Depression, Bloom would walk up the steps of the Capitol Building every morning, casually dropping a flood of nickels, dimes, and pennies from his pockets for children to find. William “Fishbait” Miller, longtime Doorkeeper of the House, watched Bloom’s daily ritual of coins flowing from his pockets, and asked the New York congressman what he was doing. Sol Bloom hushed Miller, telling him, “Let the little children find them when they come to see the Capitol. In this Depression, someone has to show them that good things can happen.”

While many, if not most, of his colleagues did not regard Sol Bloom as a particularly capable congressman, they readily accepted him as the director of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission in 1932. Ever the showman, Bloom produced and directed a production that required a

budget of \$350,000 and a staff of 125. Even Bloom’s critics were stunned when the New Yorker closed the show and turned over a million dollar profit to the government of the United States. Bloom saw to it every school child in America was well acquainted with the country’s Founding Father. In fact, Congressman Bloom oversaw the writing and publication of a book, The Story of the Constitution, a copy of which was given to every American child attending school in the United States free of charge.

Tennessean Sam D. McReynolds had been Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 1933, when Democrats had retaken Congress with FDR’s landslide election as President of the United States. McReynolds was well regarded, but was seriously ailing by the summer of 1939. Sam McReynolds succumbed to heart disease on July 11, 1939; he was only sixty-seven years old. Sixty-nine year old Sol Bloom assumed the chairmanship of the House Foreign Relations Committee and many observers in and out of Congress shuddered at the thought of the showman chairing a committee that was of vital importance as war seemed imminent in Europe. It is likely difficult for many readers today to understand the power and influence of the isolationist bloc in Congress, which bridged both political parties. Some of the most respected and influential members of Congress were isolationists; Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, a progressive Republican, was a devout isolationist, as was his fellow progressive Republican William E. Borah. Borah, perhaps the only orator in the United States Senate who could influence the votes of his colleagues through his speaking ability, scoffed at the idea war would break out in Europe despite all the signs easily observed by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull. David I. Walsh, a Democrat and the first Catholic governor and U. S. senator elected from Massachusetts, was the Chairman of the Senate

Naval Affairs Committee, an Irishman who disliked the British Empire and represented the thinking of a majority of his constituents in his staunch isolationism. Whether very liberal or deeply conservative, irrespective of political party, many members of Congress shared a very real fear of American involvement in foreign wars. Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, a Democrat and a progressive, like many Americans of his generation, rejected the notion cherished by the late President Woodrow Wilson; namely, that the First World War had been the war to end all future wars. Instead, Wheeler believed the heavy reparations forced upon Germany had sowed the seeds of bitterness and economic ruin, which brought Adolf Hitler to power in 1933. Wheeler also thought the First World War had merely reinforced British colonialism and imperialism. Burton K. Wheeler, a shrewd and effective politician, became one of the leading congressional voices warning that President Roosevelt was inching ever closer to American involvement in the war that began raging in Europe in the fall of 1939.

Bloom was able enough as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to earn the hatred of many isolationist interests for his part in Congress passing the Selective Service Act. Protestors picketed Bloom’s home even as he was sitting shiva for his late wife and the New York congressman was routinely denounced as a “Jewish warmonger” by opponents and some isolationist newspapers.

Sol Bloom was one of the eight Americans attending the meeting of countries to write the charter of the United Nations in San Francisco in April of 1945. Bloom was also

the only Jewish member of the American delegation. Bloom once again argued on behalf of refugees, but it was to no avail. The true extent of the Holocaust was yet unknown and few remember the three committees in the U. S. House of Representatives charged with American foreign policy relating to Jewish immigration were Foreign Affairs, Immigration, and Judiciary. Ironically, during much of the time the Jewish refugee crisis became acute, the chairs of those same committees were all Jewish.

Bloom was one of the first congressman (like Senator McKellar of Tennessee) to have a woman secretary, the equivalent to Chief of Staff today. Mrs. Edna Epstein remembered Sol Bloom as an advocate of “the ‘little’ man” and one who “always did the small things that endeared him to people.”

Sol Bloom was seventy-eight years old when he suffered a fatal heart attack at Bethesda Naval Hospital on March 7, 1949, two days before his seventy-ninth birthday. Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, a master of the common-sense approach, paid Bloom a moving tribute when he said, “I think Sol Bloom was one of the finest men I ever knew and one of the best friends I ever had. Everybody who loves a great soul will grieve at Sol Bloom’s passing. He performed a great service to his state, his country and his generation.”

Bloom had entered Bethesda Naval Hospital three days earlier due to a persistent cold the elderly congressman could not seem to shake. Bloom’s only child, Vera Tova Bloom, never married, but became one of Washington’s notable hostesses. It is interesting to note Sol Bloom’s successor in Congress was no less than Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr.

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Power and perseverance carry Halls to region crown

By Steve Williams

Freshman Aspen Calloway did the heavy hitting. Senior Bri Blair toughed it out in the circle.

That 1-2 combination of power and perseverance carried Halls' hungry softball team to a 3-2 Region 2-AAA championship win over Farragut Thursday night at James Bellamy Field and one victory away from a seat at the table in the TSSAA state tournament.

The Lady Devils, 31-8 and seeking their first state tourney appearance since 2002, were scheduled to host Morristown East in the Sectionals Saturday night.

Calloway clouted a 235-foot home run over the centerfield wall to lead off the sixth inning and break a 2-2 tie. Blair, appearing to show some discomfort from a nagging hip injury, retired Farragut's 4-5-6 batters in order in the bottom half and nailed down the win in the seventh, stranding Lady Admiral freshman standout Ace Strickland at first base.



Halls players erupt with excitement after the last out of the game in the Lady Devils' 3-2 Class AAA Sectional win over Farragut Thursday night.

"I just knew I needed to come through," said Calloway, Halls' first baseman. "I'm just glad to come up when I did. I have confidence in myself and I knew that this was my time to shine."

Calloway got a little emotional thinking about the pain Blair may be going through and said she deserved a lot of credit.

"Every time we meet in the circle, she says 'Have my back.' And I just try

to have her back through everything - defense and offense."

Calloway was productive every time she stepped into the batter's box. Her two-out bloop single down the left field line brought home Cassie Norris, who had doubled, in the first inning. The cleanup hitter's sacrifice fly scored Sloan Baldrige, who had led off the third with a double down the left field line and advanced to third base on a wild pitch.

Calloway was the second batter Farragut relief pitcher Avery Flatford faced after being inserted for senior starter Lakyn Moore in the third inning. The freshman left-hander then struck out four of the next five batters and retired six batters in a row before Calloway walked a 3-2 pitch for her game-winning blast.

The Lady Admirals had rallied to tie the score with Strickland's RBI single in the third and her

inside-the-park home run in the fifth.

With two outs in the seventh, the athletic Strickland, running down the line after hitting a ground-er, avoided a tag by Halls' first baseman for an infield hit, but couldn't advance any farther.

Outside of Strickland, Blair gave up only two other hits and made a strong throw to second base for a force out in the seventh. She walked three and

struck out one.

"Bri was gritty," said Halls Coach Bryan Gordon. "She wasn't her best. But when we needed a big pitch she made it."

"I told her a week ago, 'We're riding you until they say no.' She's better now than she was a week or so ago. Certain pitches she throws tweaks it a little bit."

"She goes and sees our athletic trainer (Justin Shinkle) after every game. He's done a great job with her. He got her back for us last season at the district tournament and he's got her healthy enough to pitch for us this year. I can't say enough about what our trainer does. He is outstanding."

In the Region 2-AAA semifinals, Farragut eliminated Powell, the 2018 state champion, 3-2, while Halls got past Maryville 1-0.

FARRAGUT FALLS: Region 1 champion Jefferson County ousted the Lady Admirals 1-0 in 11 innings in the Sectionals Friday night at Dandridge.

Hardin Valley downs Admirals for first region title

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's baseball team made a little history Wednesday night and the fourth time was the charm when it came to beating a longtime rival.

The Hawks won their first-ever Region 2-AAA Championship when they nabbed a 5-2 victory over Farragut before a spirited crowd at John Heatherly Field at the Ballpark in Farragut.

HVA, which finished runner-up to the Admirals in both the District 4-AAA regular-season standings and the district tournament, was 0-3 against Farragut this season.

But the Hawks got this one, a week after dropping a 10-1 decision to the Admirals (who entered the region title game with a 30-game winning streak including a perfect run through the district).

"I told the guys before the game that we were due to beat them," Hardin Valley

coach Tyler Roach said. "I'm proud of these guys."

But things didn't start well for the Hawks, who quickly found themselves down 1-0 when Farragut tallied in the bottom of the first inning. Nick Barnes had an RBI triple that plated Cooper Mashburn, who reached on a fielder's choice.

The Admirals extended their advantage to 2-0 in the second when Ashton King drew a walk with the bases loaded.

Pitcher Nolan Parks started for the Hawks, but didn't make it out of the second. Payton Adkisson, a junior came in and slammed the door on the Admirals.

Furthermore, Farragut just couldn't solve the HVA reliever, who retired 10 Admirals before surrendering a hit to Barnes in the bottom of the sixth.

Adkisson also walked Bryce Burkey and gave up another hit to Carter Gillette

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Central gets its rings, coach has street named for him

By Ken Lay

The Central High School football team has had numerous celebrations since bringing home the 2018 Class 5A Championship Trophy late last year. The trophy has made its way across Fountain City and the rest of North Knox County.

It has possibly traveled as many miles as the Stanley Cup, the Holy Grail of North American professional hockey.

The trophy went on display one more time as the Bobcats had one last celebration.

The gold ball didn't have to go very far this time --- just a few feet from the trophy case in the school's commons to the auditorium.

It made the short trip on an overcast and misty



Central High football coach Bryson Rosser speak at a recent ceremony where the Bobcats received their Class 5A State Championship rings.

morning Saturday, May 11 when the Bobcats received their Class 5A State Championship rings.

The players, coaches and support staff all received their final reward for a season that saw Central nab 13 consecutive wins en route to going 13-2 and hoisting the Gold Ball on a Sunday afternoon in Cookeville.

Head coach Bryson Rosser hosted the

ceremony and commended all of those associated with the program for their hard work.

Principal Mike Reynolds, who will retire from Knox County Schools soon, also spoke and bestowed Rosser and the players with praise.

Reynolds became principal at Central after Rosser replaced Joe Hassell as Central's coach.

Rosser admitted that he

wasn't sure how long he'd be in Fountain City after Reynolds arrived after a long tenure as Farragut High School's principal.

"I would like to thank our principal, Mike Reynolds, for his support. Unfortunately, we're going to be losing him to retirement in a couple of weeks," Rosser said of Reynolds. "He came here after I was hired and I figured he'd give me a year"

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The new field at Smokies Stadium this season looks great as students from Knox County schools and other surrounding counties attend the "U Choose Kindness Day" game between the Tennessee Smokies and Birmingham Barons May 14.

A school day for rules on and off the field

By Steve Williams

Baseball is a game with many rules. There's the infield fly rule and the ground-rule double when a hit bounces over the fence. And most everyone knows it's three strikes and you're out at the old ball game.

Many Knox County middle school students got the opportunity to attend a Tennessee Smokies' professional baseball game at Sevierville May 14, and they heard an informative anti-bullying program during the first part of "U Choose Kindness Day."

When Halls sixth grader Keegan Mynatt later was asked what he got from the anti-bullying message, another rule could be detected in his answer.

"You don't bully people, and be nice and treat others the way you want to be treated," he said.

The Golden Rule.

First-year Halls Middle School Assistant Principal J.D. Overton said it's important for students to hear the anti-bullying and anti-drug messages "not only from the people at school, but people outside of the school."

A K-9 unit was shown in connection with the anti-drug portion of the pre-game program.

"It's a good message and it's a good day to get out of the building and watch some baseball, eat and just be around one another," said Overton.

It was Overton's first trip to one of the Smokies' day games for students.

"It's awesome seeing this many kids

from Knox County and other schools in surrounding counties and what the school system does to provide this opportunity for the kids," added Overton. "It's an outstanding opportunity."

The Smokies also hosted Knox County fifth graders with a "Health and Safety Day" program on May 13, with play starting at 11:30 a.m.

Overton moved into administration this school year after being Halls High's head coach in football.

"Just a lot of varying factors that kind of happened my last year at Halls, and had nothing to do with the football kids," he said about his career change.

"I was excited with how the football program was going and continues to be going with Coach (Scott) Cummings. He's going to do a terrific job. It was just one of those times, where an opportunity arose and I thought it was best for me to take it."

Overton said there are a lot of similarities in the jobs – building relationships with peers and students – but now he "essentially affects an entire building's worth of students instead of 100 or so football players. I'm excited about it and I've really enjoyed this opportunity."

SMOKIES WIN: Most of the students – attendance was 7,849 – had already boarded buses and were on the way back to their schools when Tennessee scored seven runs – six before any outs – in the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie en route to its 9-4 win.



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On heels of state title, Bobcats are 'eager to learn and get better'

By Steve Williams

Many local high school football teams have wrapped up spring practice, while others will continue into next week.

Head coaches from nine programs in Knox County commented on their spring drills last week. All of them were impressed with their teams.

Here are a few samplings:

Bryson Rosser, Central head coach, whose Bobcats captured their first TSSAA Class 5A state championship last fall, said: "What impressed me most about the team was the players' eagerness to learn and to get better."

Scott Cummings, the new head coach at Halls who won a state title at West in 2014, noted: "The thing that has impressed me the most about my team is how hard they let me coach them."

Speaking for the Hardin Valley Academy program, where Wes Jones resigned recently, Assistant Coach Andy Hibbitt said: "I think what impressed our coaching staff the most was our seniors and how they took control of the team once Coach Jones resigned."

Rusty Bradley of Grace Christian said: "I was impressed the most by how hard our guys practiced."

Coaches also talked about highlights and surprises, and what they feel their team will need to improve on when pre-season practice starts in July.

High school fans in our area are always hungry for football coverage. Consider the following comments as appetizers.

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE REPORT (Part 1)

BEARDEN

"I like the way our guys work daily. The team's consistency with workouts and practice is encouraging to see. Over time this will pay dividends for our team."

"We lost a lot of starters on both sides of the football, especially on the offensive and defensive lines, but have several players returning that saw meaningful playing time over the past two seasons. Skills positions on offense have some depth."

"We are looking forward to our senior skill players who have logged a lot of playing time at the varsity level since their freshmen year – QB Collin Ironside, WR/OLB Hayden Candela, OL/DL Gavin Campbell, WR/CB Kenneth Parker-Smith." – Head Coach Morgan Shinlever

CATHOLIC

"I thought we had a good spring practice. We have a lot of returning starters so that really helps. Our offensive and defensive lines should be the strength of our team. We had several young players that stepped up and improved dramatically from last year so we are excited about them. We will need to improve the depth of our team moving forward." – Head Coach Steve Matthews

CENTRAL

"The Bobcats hit the field with a different feel and look. Graduating a very influential senior group gave the Bobcats a new look during spring practice. During this time the Bobcats took advantage of great teaching opportunities and plenty of repetitions for some players with limited game experience. The Bobcats ended their spring practice with a very competitive scrimmage

against a good Farragut team.

"What impressed me most about the team was the players' eagerness to learn and to get better. The areas on the field in which we have some youth, those players are very coachable, very insightful and have seemed to accept the challenge in front of them, especially on the offensive and defensive lines."

"Some of the highlights and surprises this spring came from our returners. They also have accepted the challenge of leadership and accountability amongst their peers and it is impressive to watch them lead on and off the field. Some of them also picked right back up with some of the play they showed last season during the spring and that's a good feeling. As we continue to grow together, this will help our team create some depth at some key positions. We will continue to work on the cohesiveness of our team and putting together the best strategy to utilize our talent in a way that gives us a chance to be successful. Our strength and conditioning program, along with plenty of mental/physical reps will help us improve in the way we see fit."

"We know the challenges that are ahead after coming off the season we had as state champs and we will make sure our kids understand that and defend that to the best of their ability. As always, if we continue to do the little things off the field, we hope they will take care of big things on the field." – Head Coach Bryson Rosser

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

"I was impressed the most by how hard our guys practiced. I have challenged our guys all off-season to develop better practice and training habits because that is what you revert to when you are playing. Our guys have definitely done that. The effort and focus in practice has been incredible. The highlight for me has been seeing all of our young guys develop from last fall. We had a good number of eighth graders in spring practice who jumped right in and learned a lot over the 10 practices. That was very encouraging."

"This summer we will really focus on continuing to get stronger but also get in the best shape possible. Hopefully that is where we can gain an advantage on our opponents." – Head Coach Rusty Bradley

HALLS

"The thing that has impressed me the most about my team is how hard they let me coach them. I've really tried to set the tone for this program to be tough and hard-nosed. They have taken the pushing and gotten better. We have good kids at Halls and the community is built to win a certain way. We have to be tough and use our strength which is size and kids that can be pushed to improve. Got to continue that push and make sure our kids are weight room strong, mentally strong, and physically tough and play with discipline. If we can continue that trend we will win. If not, we won't. This needs to be a community program and the community needs to help us in making this program what we all want, which is to raise great quality men. Winning will be the result." – Head Coach Scott Cummings

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

"I think what impressed our coaching staff the most was our seniors and how they took control of the team once Coach

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Central gets its rings

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and tell me to move on."

But the two hit it off as Reynolds was a former high school defensive coordinator.

"He's a football coach at heart," Rosser said. "He was a defensive coach, so he would tell me draw up my best play, and he'd draw up a play to stop it."

Reynolds was beaming with pride at the ceremony.

"I told Bryson that all he had to do is take care of my kids," Reynolds said. "He's done that."

"These kids earned these rings and it's one goal, one team, one family."

Rosser's tenure in Fountain City has been truly

exemplary. Under his guidance, the Bobcats have made the playoffs every year since he arrived and Central has made a pair of State Championship Game appearances (2016 and 2018) and this year's senior class is the winningest class in Central High's storied history. The Bobcats also reached the state semifinals in 2017.

While Rosser spent the majority of the ceremony thanking those who made the state title run possible, he received an award of his own courtesy of Knox County Commissioner Michele Carringer (who graduated from Central).

Thanks to her effort, the

ever-humble Rosser has a street named in his honor.

Coach Rosser Drive now runs behind the school and serves as a back entrance to Joel Helton Field and Dan Y. Boring Stadium and the Roy Acuff Fieldhouse. It was formerly Marion Drive.

"I'm a former Bobcat and my husband is a former Bobcat," Carringer said. "As you know, I represent you in the county and our streets at Central are in the city. So I had to do some politicking."

Carringer went to the city to fill out the forms and Rosser now has his own street. The community has truly embraced the New Jersey native.

Spartans fall to Clarksville Academy in State VIII

By Ken Lay

A long night on the diamond ended on a sour note for the Webb School of Knoxville baseball team.

For the second consecutive year, the Spartans reached the State VIII and played at home and for a second straight season, they were ousted after defeating rival Christian Academy of Knoxville.

Webb (18-10) saw its 2019 campaign come to an end late Thursday night with an 8-2 loss to Clarksville Academy.

The Cougars (26-13) opened the night with a 1-0 nine-inning victory. They won that game when the Spartans committed an error in the top of the ninth inning.

Webb couldn't score in the bottom of the frame.

In the second tilt, the Spartans left the bases loaded in the top of the first before darting out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second.

Riley George opened the frame with a leadoff walk and took second on a balk by Clarksville Academy starting pitcher Shawn Scott. Baker Wooten followed with a single and George advanced to third.

George would come home when Scott uncorked a wild

pitch. Scott, however, would limit the damage when he struck out the side.

The Cougars would pull even in the bottom of the inning when Isaac German scored on a fielder's choice by Ty Teasley after being hit by a pitch earlier in the frame.

The Spartans took a 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth when Julian Mays scored on a wild pitch.

Webb retained the upper hand until things came unraveled in the bottom of the sixth.

The Cougars, with some timely hitting and some help from a generous Spartans defense, scored seven runs and pounded out six hits in the frame.

Ty Turner had a two-run double, Nathan Oshoney added a two-run homer and Bryce Robinson knocked in another run with a double to put the game out of reach. Clarksville Academy scored its other run in the inning when a third strike eluded catcher Graham Lischer in a nightmarish inning for the Spartans, who went quietly in the seventh inning.

For Webb starting pitcher Mason Patel, a junior, it was a bitter-sweet night as Webb's season came to an end.

"This sucks," he said. "For

two years, we've watched teams celebrate on our field. We just didn't have our best day.

"But if you look at the improvements we made, it's been a good year. If you saw us at the beginning of the year, all the coaches that saw us probably said that we didn't have anything and they thought that we weren't going to go anywhere. We're young and we're going to come back better next year and we're going to be hungry."

The evening was also bitter sweet for Webb coach Jordan Wormsley.

"I hate these talks," Wormsley said after the double header. "But nobody expected us to win our region against CAK and get here. I'm proud of my kids because they've battled hard all year.

"But we made some uncharacteristic mistakes in the first game and we made some of the same mistakes in this game. When you win the region championship, you don't play for a week and that really gets you out of sync."

In the first game against the Cougars, Peter Shaefer, a senior and Johns Hopkins signee, had 14 strikeouts. He was, however, tagged with a hard-luck loss in a complete game performance.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Farragut wrestler Hailey Stevenson signs her National Letter of Intent to wrestle at Limestone College Thursday morning. Pictured with Stevenson are mother, Alison; father, Mike and Farragut coach Bobby Hampshire.

Farragut's Hailey Stevenson earns wrestling scholarship

By Ken Lay

When Hailey Stevenson steps on the Limestone College campus, she'll face many of the same challenges that she grappled with at Farragut High School.

Stevenson, a three-year wrestler who will soon graduate from Farragut, signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her wrestling exploits at the small school in Gaffney, South Carolina on Thursday, May 8.

She was the first girl to wrestle for the Admirals and now she'll help start the women's program at Limestone. "It's a brand new program, so I'll start the program like I did here," said Stevenson, who approached Farragut coach Bobby Hampshire about wrestling for the Admirals three years ago. "I loved the campus and what appealed to me was the class size.

"The [teacher-student] ratio [at Farragut] is 35-1 here and is 13-1 over there. I loved the campus. There's an open limestone quarry in the back and that's why it's called Limestone College.

Stevenson, who posted a pair of sixth-place finishes at the TSSAA State Championships as a junior and a senior, will major in business at Limestone.

Although she'll be far from East Tennessee and Knox County, she

won't be far from home.

"My parents are moving to Gainesville, Ga.," Stevenson said. "So I'll only be about two-and-a-half hours from home."

Hampshire was extremely proud of Stevenson's accomplishments on the mat in high school.

"Three years ago, Hailey came to me and said 'Coach, I want to wrestle. She started our girls program,'" Hampshire said. "She came in to the wrestling room and she was the only girl. Her dad came in and helped me [coach].

"In her first year, she got pretty beat up. Then, she finished sixth in the state in each of the last two years. Last year, it was really hard because we all know how hard it is to wrestle with a dislocated elbow."

Stevenson becomes the second female wrestler to receive a college scholarship. Hardin Valley Academy graduate Kenya Sloan earned a scholarship to compete at Campbellsville University in Kentucky in 2018.

She went undefeated in four years with the Hawks.

After Stevenson joined the wrestling team at Farragut, others followed.

"We had nine girls last year and a lot of that was due to her success," Hampshire said.

Hardin Valley downs Admirals for first region title

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in the frame but he averted any damage when pinch runner Myles McFerran was gunned down at home plate.

The Hawks, meanwhile, pulled even in the top of the third when Bryce Jenkins hit a solo home run and Conner Hubler had an RBI double to knot the game at 2-2.

Hardin Valley would take the lead on a sacrifice fly by Jared Lugo later in the inning.

The Hawks picked up a pair of insurance runs in the fourth on a two-run double by Lukas Cook that plated both Alex Dunlap and Jenkins, who drew back-to-back one-out walks.

"We didn't hit well and we didn't pitch well. We didn't play good defense," Farragut coach Matt Buckner said.

In the Region 2-AAA Semifinals on Monday, May 13: Farragut eliminated Halls with a 9-2 victory and HVA notched a 6-4 upset win over District 3-AAA

Champion Powell at Danny T. Maples Field. The Panthers, like Farragut had a perfect run through league play.

Mixed Results at Sectionals: The Hawks and Admirals had mixed results Friday night.

Hardin Valley (22-14) came up on the short end of an 8-7 decision against Science Hill at home. HVA, which erased deficits of 4-0 and 7-4 against the Hilltoppers (27-12), forced extra innings. The Hawks left the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh before losing the game on an errant pickoff throw.

"We left it all on the field tonight," Roach said. "We played with a lot of heart. But we didn't play our cleanest game and that cost us."

Meanwhile in Bristol, Farragut punched its ticket to Murfreesboro with a 2-0 victory over Tennessee High.

King's two-run homer sent the Admirals (38-3) back to Spring Fling after a two-year absence.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Gibbs will go after 11th state softball title at Spring Fling

By Steve Williams

Gibbs High School had already won five TSSAA state softball championships when the "Spring Fling" started in 1993.

Carol Mitchell has coached Gibbs to five more state titles since then and her teams continue to pile up the wins and seek more state crowns.

Mitchell's 2019 Lady Eagles beat Grainger 7-0 in the Class AA Sectionals Friday night in Corryton as the school earned its 33rd state tournament berth in 38 seasons with their victory over the Lady Grizzlies.

Mitchell has missed only two trips to the state since she became Gibbs' head coach in 1994. That was in 2004 and 2015.

Mitchell played in the first three of Gibbs' 10 state titles (1983, '84 and '86) when she was Carol Zachary. She has been the head coach in five – 1998, 1999, 2000, 2012 and 2017.

The Lady Eagles' current edition will take a 36-8 record to Spring Fling XXVI this week in Murfreesboro.

Gibbs eliminated Fulton 10-0 and toppled Alcoa 12-1 in the Region 2-AA finals last week.

The King's Academy also earned a trip to Murfreesboro in Division II-A by winning a Best-of-3 series against Battle Ground Academy in the state quarterfinals. Marc Weekly's Lady Lions



lost the first game 7-1, but bounced back to win 10-5 and 10-1.

In addition to softball, TSSAA state titles will be up for grabs in baseball, soccer, tennis and track and field. Many athletes and teams from the Knoxville area have qualified for the annual event.

The TSSAA is the only high school athletic organization in the United States to have a five-sport, Olympic-style spring sport championship tournament. Spring Fling began in Chattanooga, later moving to Memphis, and then establishing itself in Murfreesboro.

BASEBALL: Knox County has an 18-year streak of having one of its teams reach the state finals in baseball. Tommy Pharr's CAK Warriors kept that streak alive in 2017 and 2018 and is back at state in Division II-A. Farragut also will represent the KIL in Class AAA.

SOCCER: Knoxville had two teams to survive and advance to the Class AAA state tournament Saturday. Bearden defeated Farragut

2-0 and Karns notched a 1-0 win on the road at Science Hill. Farragut had beaten Karns 2-0 for the Region 2-AAA title.

Knoxville Catholic defeated South-Doyle 1-0 in the Region 2-AA finals and was scheduled to host Sevier County in the Sectionals Saturday night with a state berth on the line. South-Doyle's Sectional test was scheduled at Greeneville Saturday.

Webb was scheduled to play at Christ Presbyterian Academy Saturday in a Division II-A state quarterfinal matchup.

TRACK: Jake Renfree of Knoxville Catholic will have a big test in the 1600-meter

run in the Large School Division at the state, racing against Cole Bullock of Red Bank, who has the state's top time (4:10.13) this season. Davis Bove of Centennial High also could be in the mix.

"Right now there are six guys in our division who have run under 4:15 for 1600," said Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil. "I'm sure they won't all run the 1600 at state, but it should still be a great race. Jake hasn't run in any races with serious competition yet, so we expect to see him run much faster times once he does."

Four relay teams from Knoxville have top times in

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state this spring – Austin-East boys 4x100, Hardin Valley boys 4x400, Farragut boys 4x800 and West girls 4x800.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Twenty years ago, May 27, 1999 -- Danny Norman of West High won the TSSAA state tennis singles championship with a

6-1, 6-1 victory over Brandon Pike of Elizabethton at Baylor School in Chattanooga.

Christian Academy's Sanner Holmes and Adam Irving gave the KIL another state title with a 6-4, 6-1 Class A-AA doubles victory over Russell Jackson and Edward Reed of Ridgeway.



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Back row L to R: Lucy Moore, Alex Carter, Liza Barre, Matthew Valderrama and Rachel Coco. Middle row: Emily Allen, Riley Belt, Laura Daffron and Charlotte Daigle. Front row: Paul Velas, Emre Flomberg, Cady Kupfner and Olivia Ricche. Not pictured: Adelaide Moulton



Catholic High celebrates Academic Signing Day

By Ken Lay

Knoxville Catholic High School celebrated academic accomplishments of some of its top seniors early last week.

The school hosted its annual Academic Signing Day on Monday, May 13, in the school's gymnasium as 14 students signed scholarship papers.

Each student in the ceremony received a full academic scholarship to attend the school of their choice.

Six students including: Emily Allen, Liza Barre, Alex Carter, Lucy Moore, Matthew Valderrama and Paul Velas will attend the University of Tennessee.

Emre Flomberg, Cadie Kupfner and Olivia Ricche will head to Tuscaloosa to attend the University of Alabama.

Riley Belt will attend Belmont University. Rachel Coco will attend St. Louis University and Adelaide Moulton will head to the United States Naval Academy Prep School.

Laura Daffron signed papers with East Tennessee State University and Charlotte Daigle will attend Middle Tennessee State University.

Catholic High School president Dickie Sampayrac commended the accomplishments of the students who finalized their intentions to move onto college.

"These students are great examples of our mission here at Catholic High School," he said. "This is something that we started about five or six years ago and this is a special day for these students."

"We have signings in the athletic world but these scholarships are hard to get. Our mission is to make sure that our students do three things. We want them to excel academically. We want them to get involved and we want our students to be good to each other. We have students who are involved in the arts. We have others who are involved in robotics and we have several athletes up there."

Gibbs Ruritan Club Announces 2019 Scholarship Winners!

It is already that special time of



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year as graduating seniors prepare to leave high school and begin a new chapter in their lives. To help in their educational pursuits, the Gibb's Ruritan Club has once again awarded scholarships to four deserving young people.

The Ruritan scholarships are for \$1,000 each and can be used at the college or university of the recipient's choice.

The 2019 scholarship recipients are: Daniel Tidwell, who will be attending The University of Tennessee; Sophie Jefferson, who will be attending Belmont University; Dylan Singleton, who will be attending East Tennessee State University; and Sarah Lynch, who will be attending The University of Tennessee. Scholarships



Pictured left to right: Scholarship winners Daniel Tidwell, Sophie Jefferson, Dylan Singleton, and Gibb's Ruritan Club Treasurer Richard Wright. (Not pictured, Scholarship winner Sarah Lynch), courtesy of Dale Hall.

were presented by Ruritan Club Treasurer Richard Wright at the Gibb's High senior awards ceremony.

Congratulations to Daniel, Sophie, Dylan, and Sarah on their hard work and achievements! What a special time in their lives! Best of luck to them in their college careers as they continue studying in their chosen field, and may they find much joy and success in their life's work.

Bryn Tucker's Path to Clemson

By Alex Norman

College coaches are regular visitors to Knoxville Catholic football practices, and why not. The Fighting Irish are putting more and more of its players onto college rosters.

Four members of the Knoxville Catholic football team are listed in the Top 35 on the 247Sports list of high school recruits in the state of Tennessee for the Class of 2020. That includes wide receiver Chancellor Bright, offensive linemen Cooper Mays and Bryn Tucker, and defensive end Tyler Baron. "This is a terrific program," said Tucker. "When I moved up here my freshman year from Nashville, I knew this was the perfect place for me and my family. And since that day I never regretted that decision and I'm glad that I am in this position. And I'm so happy for this team. We have tons of D-1 players out here and I am just glad to be a part of it."

Tucker is the first one who has made his college decision publicly known. Earlier this spring, he picked Clemson over Tennessee, Alabama and any other big time program you can recall.

"Clemson is a terrific school," said Tucker when we caught up with him at a recent spring practice. "Besides the football they teach you about growing up in life in general. Coming up in the next 4-6 years, I want to learn about life. Coach (Dabo) Swinney... he teaches that every day about life, about a career, to have a life, have a family, and to be a good father for your family. I respect that decision so much. And

football wise, they win, they are a good team... and I can't wait to be a part of that good offensive line down there."

Clemson of course is coming off a national championship and two titles in the last three years. Along with Alabama, Clemson is one of the top two programs in the country. Tucker is taking the advice of the Tigers coaching staff to heart prior to his senior season at Knoxville Catholic.

"(They want me to) just keep working on my feet, my hand movement, and my conditioning to get into better shape and be a better leader for my team. I can't wait to get down to Clemson."

"He's a great kid first of all," said Knoxville Catholic head coach Steve Matthews. "He works extremely hard, and has really continued to improve every single year. He's big and that's a part of it. He just keeps improving and we are excited about him and his future."

That immediate future involves the first year for Knoxville Catholic playing in Division II Class 3A. The competition is stepping up a notch.

"There are gonna be some big time guys, some D-1 guys, but we are ready for the challenge and are ready to get after it," said Tucker. "We are a good team and we work hard. We are just having a fun time and building chemistry. If you have good team chemistry it is hard to beat that. I'm just glad I'm playing with this team right now. It feels great and can't wait to get into the regular season."

On heels of state title, Bobcats are 'eager to learn and get better'

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(Wes) Jones resigned. Our seniors did a great job of leading our younger players in a time where the team could have went south with the coaching search. We have a ton of skill position players that are coming back who could make big plays for us. Kelton Gunn plays RB/CB for us and returns kicks. Arguably the fastest player in Region 1 6A, he was the Specialist of the Year in our region last season. Jaylon Moore plays DE for us and is a game changer on that side of the ball. He's 6-2, 240 and is as quick as a cat. He has offers from FCS schools and coaches coming from all over to take a look at him. Overall depth is something that the coaching staff will have to work on in the summer and into fall camp. We feel like our first string players can compete with any team in our region but we will have to develop some depth. Replacing a QB is another tough task and there will be a QB battle throughout summer and fall camp between senior Jacob Smith and junior Sam Simpson. We will return seven starters on the offensive side and five on the defensive side." – Assistant Coach Andy Hibbett

KARNS

"Our defense had a good spring. We are returning some experience on the defensive line, with Neyland Fendley, Zach Forsythe and Cameron Glenn. Also returning are inside linebackers Jacob Landsman

and Zach Fisher. In the secondary, Trey Hawkins, Tre Harper and Jalen Tucker return.

"Rising sophomore Jaiden Hannibal was a pleasant surprise. He's not very big, but very athletic with good quickness. He will give us depth at quarterback, receiver, secondary and returner.

"Offensively, the quarterback will be a position that we will need to develop some experience at. Jalen Tucker, who played receiver for us last year, got a lot of reps there this spring. He is very athletic and can make plays with his feet. He just doesn't have a lot of experience at that position." – Head Coach Brad Taylor

SOUTH-DOYLE

"We had a very productive spring practice. Our goal has always been to find some young players that can help us in the fall. We were able to identify four or five young guys that are ready to make a contribution on Friday nights. We have a large number of experienced players returning; however, we are always working on building depth at all positions." – Head Coach Clark Duncan

TSB

"Due to our low numbers, we did not have a spring practice this year. The boys spent their time in the weight room. If there is anything to report, it is they have made great strides in strength and endurance." – Head Coach Jordan Cooper

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Dr. Michael J. Griffin is a middle-aged man with short, light brown hair, wearing glasses and a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

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HISTORY

peeking at YOU

All around Knoxville the city’s history is winking at you although you may not have noticed. Here and there on some of the older buildings, if you look closely enough, you can see the past appearing as faded or painted-over business names or advertisements on the brick walls.

Our readers are invited to send photos of historic building signs, unique advertising signs and signs that have been repainted and restored. Photos and information should be sent to steelym@knoxfocus.com and the submitter will be credited with the photo.

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The flowers of a Dogwood tree hide an old “Tobacco” sign in downtown Knoxville. The slogan “Best out of the SE” can still be read. The old sign is on the side of a building at across from the former Patrick Sullivan Saloon. (Photo by Ronnie Collins)



This Knoxville downtown sign directed people to the former **Hertz Car Rental** office with a directional arrow and “One Block on the Left.” The Hertz sign was obviously painted over an earlier sign and is now fading due to weathering and age. It’s in The Old City in the alley behind O.P. Jenkins. (Photo by Ronnie Collins)

Commission to set agenda during work session next week

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Luttrell-Blaine-Corryton Utility District.

Commissioner Larsen Jay wants to discuss the commission’s retreat.

A memorial bench will be considered at Admiral Farragut Park through a \$1,600 donation from Kathy J. Hinkle.

The sheriff’s department wants the commission to approve an amendment to the Community Corrections Grant Contract and the Engineering and Public Works Department is asking for approval of a contract with Ronald Franks Construction Co. for concrete work and repairs. The Hardin Valley Mobility

Study with KCI may also be discussed in a budget supplement of \$24,500.

The commission could also consider a contract with A & W Office Supply for office furniture as needed and may approve a grant of \$40,000 to the Knox County Juvenile Court from the Knoxville Bar Foundation which would be used as stipend and for educational workshops for social work graduate students interning at juvenile court.

The planning commission is recommending the commission amend the zoning ordinance defining public safety facilities and permitting them in certain zones.

Jesus’ Identity and Our Identity

Mistaken identity causes some real heartaches. Sometimes there can be medical mix-ups that have tragic consequences, or miraculous ones, depending on your perspective. We’ve all heard stories of babies being switched at birth, which is sort of understandable because babies can look the same. But when kids get older, this usually does not happen. However, there have been times when this has happened. According to the Washington Post, two women were



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

on their way home from a college trip when a semi-truck hit the van they were traveling in. One woman, Laura Van Ryn was killed instantly and Whitney Cerak survived with a brain injury and broken bones. Paramedics found Van Ryn’s purse near Cerak and so they assumed Cerak was Van Ryn. The two women looked similar and because Cerak’s injuries were so severe, she was misidentified.

Cerak’s parents were told their daughter was dead. Van Ryn’s parents rushed to the hospital and set up vigil to what they thought was their child’s bedside. The woman was in a coma and her face was swollen and bandaged. The Van Ryns had no reason to question her identity. It wasn’t until five weeks

later when she woke and spoke for the first time that she was asked to write her name. It was only then that the parents learned their daughter was actually dead and they had been sitting at a stranger’s bedside. As the article stated, “The equal parts awfulness and wonderfulness of this story are pretty difficult to comprehend, but can be summed up in the words of Cerak’s sister: ‘It is hard because our joy is their pain.’”

Mistaken identities still happen from time to time – not as much since DNA testing and fingerprints, but it does make me wonder how Jesus dealt with mistaken identity. After Jesus fed five thousand from a sack lunch or after he raised a girl

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEFFREY LEON CAMPBELL
DOCKET NUMBER 81696-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEFFREY LEON CAMPBELL who died Apr 19, 2019, 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 13 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF JEFFREY LEON CAMPBELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA RENEE CAMPBELL; ADMINISTRATRIX
6214 KECK ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

STUART I CASSELL ATTORNEY AT LAW
707 MARKET STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 3790

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHERYL ANN COY
DOCKET NUMBER 81691-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHERYL ANN COY who died Sep 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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This the 10 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF CHERYL ANN COY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CASSI MCGEE; EXECUTRIX
805 FORSYTHE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEPHEN BURL HEATER
DOCKET NUMBER 81685-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN BURL HEATER who died Jan 17, 2019, 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 9 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF STEPHEN BURL HEATER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHERRY A HEATER; EXECUTRIX
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY MICHAEL KING
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Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GARY MICHAEL KING who died Aug 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 10 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF GARY MICHAEL KING
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GLADYS MAE KING; ADMINISTRATRIX
3419 BUFFAT MILL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

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800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 1810
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE P MCCLURE
DOCKET NUMBER 81692-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ANNE P MCCLURE who died Aug 19, 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 10 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF ANNE P MCCLURE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID JAGELS; EXECUTOR
140 HENDERSON BEND ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE SAMUEL PAVLIS
DOCKET NUMBER 81700-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MAY 2019, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of GEORGE SAMUEL PAVLIS who died Apr 27, 2019, 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 14 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF GEORGE SAMUEL PAVLIS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SAMUEL TYLER PAVLIS; CO-ADMINISTRATOR CTA
4000 GARDEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

BLAKELY DANCE PAVLIS; CO-ADMINISTRATOR CTA
1715 WOODHAVEN DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

MARK E TILLERY ATTORNEY AT LAW
2924 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE F
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES ALVIN PRUITT,
SR. DOCKET NUMBER 81684-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES ALVIN PRUITT, SR. who died Feb 5, 2019, 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 9 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF CHARLES ALVIN PRUITT,
SR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHARLES A PRUITT, JR.;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
7100 WASHINGTON PIKE
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

DENISE PRUITT HAMILTON;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
4519 MALONEYVILLE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RANDY ALLEN ROSE,
II DOCKET NUMBER 81698-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RANDY ALLEN ROSE, II who died May 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:

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This the 14 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF RANDY ALLEN ROSE,
II PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACQUELINE ROSE KING; ADMINISTRATRIX
915 COOLEY KING ROAD
KODAK, TN. 37764

BEN W HOOPER, III ATTORNEY AT LAW
335 EAST MAIN STREET
NEWPORT, TN. 37821

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES E RYMER
DOCKET NUMBER 81686-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of MAY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FRANCES E RYMER who died Mar 31, 2019, 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 9 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF FRANCES E RYMER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SYBIL A BROWN; EXECUTRIX
8741 TROUTMAN LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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Supreme Court building, annual budget, Gateway Park on council agenda

By Mike Steely
steelym@knoxfocus.com

When the city council meets Tuesday evening it will see a fairly long agenda that includes the final adoption of the city's budget, setting the tax rate, rezoning of several properties, closing streets or transferring ownership to UT, and permitting negotiation for the sale of the former Supreme Court building.

What is not on the budget is a discussion of the proposed Recode regulations. That discussion is set for May 30th in a special session.

Zoning changes for property before the council

include properties on Phillips Avenue, Central Street, Fort Sanders, Forest Avenue, Holston Drive, Summit Hill and Highlands Avenue.

The council will also consider authorizing the submission of the Annual Action plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Streets being transferred to UT include a portion of Volunteer Boulevard between Todd Helton Drive and West Cumberland and Todd Hill Drive between Pat Head Summitt Street and Volunteer Boulevard.

The former Supreme Court building, in the process of being sold to

developer Rick Dover, is on the agenda twice, both times to authorize the Industrial Development Board to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of taxes. The building, at 716 Locust Street, will be converted to retail, offices and apartments.

Also to be considered is acceptance of funds from Homeland Security to the Fire Department for the purchase of HazMat protection equipment and a chemical detector. The council may also vote on spending \$ 1,159,482 to purchase and implement a Fire Station Alerting System.

The mayor may be

approved to apply for a grant from the U. S. Conference of Mayors' Better Cities for Pets Grant for \$20,000.

Charles Blalock and Sons Inc. may be contracted for construction of the

Urban Wilderness Gateway Park in a \$3,317,355 agreement. The request comes from the Department of Engineering. That department is also seeking an additional \$61,433 for the Merchant Drive and

Clinton Highway Intersection Improvement Project.

Three annexations are before the council for properties on Montlake Drive, Crystal Lake Drive and Cogdill Road.

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Jesus' Identity and Our Identity

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from the dead, how did he feel when even after these miraculous events people still couldn't believe his deity? Over the next few weeks I am going to take a close look at Jesus, his identity and the difference that makes for us today. One of the things that set Jesus apart from other teachers and rabbis was the countercultural nature of his teachings. Jesus went against the grain and he told his followers that they would need to go against the grain as well. Jesus said broad is the road that leads to destruction and narrow the road that leads to life. Few will find it. You have to decide which road you will take.

One of Jesus' countercultural teachings involved whom you are living for. The measure of greatness, according to Jesus, is not how many servants one has, but on how many you serve (Matthew 20:25-28). Another example is what Jesus said about giving: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Wealth can be a curse or a blessing. It is a curse if we hoard, but a blessing if we are a conduit to bless others and share the gospel.

Jesus was a powerful teacher who attracted much interest. Any time a student would go to a rabbi, they would ask if they could follow him. Jesus, conversely, invites

people to follow him: "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15:16). Twenty times the gospels record Jesus saying, "Follow me." Jesus wants us to follow him as we make his identity known to the world.

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