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Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn visited South Knoxville Elementary School last week. She spoke at the school's graduation and had a question-and-answer session with third and fourth grade girls at the school's library Wednesday morning.

Penny Schwinn visits South Knoxville Elementary

By Ken Lay

Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn made a stop in Knoxville Wednesday morning and came to South Knoxville Elementary School.

Her stay was brief but the morning was busy for Schwinn, who gave the opening remarks at the school's fifth-grade graduation.

Following her time at that ceremony, Schwinn went to the school's library where she was greeted by a group of inquisitive third and fourth-grade girls, who had plenty of questions.

Schwinn also purchased doughnuts for the students, as she discussed how she ended up working in education.

Schwinn was pleased to make the

trip and she felt the 30-minute question-and-answer session was a bit brief. She left her email address with South Knoxville principal Tana Nicely so the students could email her over the summer break.

"I go to schools every day but I don't get to Knoxville as much as I would like," Schwinn said before heading to catch a plane back to Nashville. "I'm excited to be here and to visit with these girls."

Schwinn, a graduate of the University of California, Berkley, took questions from the students about her job, her family and her decision to become a teacher and later, an education commissioner.

"I wanted to be a doctor, and my aunts were both maternity nurses," she said. "I was a candy striper at a

hospital and I loved it.

"My aunts told me that I should come and see a baby being born and I saw it and decided that I wanted to work with children once they were out. I have two young girls and I wanted to prove that I could be a teacher and a mother. I wanted to be a commissioner because I wanted to do more to help teachers because we don't pay teachers enough money."

Nicely was excited to have Schwinn make a visit to South Knoxville.

"She's very approachable and she bought the doughnuts and she asked how many she needed," Nicely said. "I called her office and the people there were really helpful.

"I've never dealt with anybody in that level of government that approachable."

Council approves Gateway Park, sale of Supreme Courthouse

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with Charles Blalock & Sons Inc. for the construction of the Knoxville Urban Wilderness Gateway Park.

The new park will be an entrance to one end of the

Urban Wilderness and is located at the southern end of the James White Parkway. Mayor Madeline Rogero delivered her "State of the City" address there recently. While some Chapman Highway area residents want to see the parkway extended through the

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What is a majority in the upcoming city election?

By Mike Steely
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According to the Knox County Election Commission the race for mayor, with several candidates on the ballot, could be decided in the primary election. The victory would be hard to come by because the rules say "any candidate for mayor receiving a majority of all the votes cast for the office of mayor in the primary shall be declared elected without the necessity of a runoff."

Does that mean 51% or does it mean a simple majority? The Focus asked Cliff Rodgers, administrator of the election commission. Were there only two candidates the candidate who got 51% would be placed on the general election ballot without printed opposition and that's done to permit

write-in candidates.

Cliff Rodgers told The Focus that "majority" in the election means 50% plus one vote.

Rodgers also said that potential candidate Mike Chase, a Knoxville restaurateur, picked up a petition the week of the deadline and returned it with 43 names. Rodgers said that he called Chase and urged him to pick up another petition because only 22 of the names qualified to vote in the city election. Rodgers said many of those signing the Chase petition were county residents or didn't live in a correct precinct.

Chase didn't pick up an additional petition and thus did not make it on the ballot.

"I keep telling people not to wait until the last **Continued on page 4**

Parkview Broome Road celebrates its Grand Opening

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Some people might describe the newly opened Parkview Retirement Community for active seniors as posh or elegant, but a better description for the independent living facility would be family and community, which is echoed by the residents as well. One resident said, "I love it, oh my goodness, yes, it's just a beautiful place and there's so many nice people."

After fifteen months of construction, the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony

was held on Friday, May 17, 2019. Knoxville Chamber of Commerce employees, Parkview residents and staff members, and McBride Company employees alongside Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill, celebrated Parkview's newest West Knoxville location at 770 Broome Road. Tours of the facility and refreshments were offered following the ceremony.

"All of this is for the residents and by the residents. This particular vignette grew out of the idea of a small town to meet

their needs," said Jay McBride, McBride Company owner, as he pointed to the second floor designed to give residents an "Andy in Mayberry" feel.

"Our competition is the home, so that is what we are trying to create, that kind of environment. Part of our challenge is we are not assisted living. People don't choose to go to assisted living, but people have to choose to live here," explained McBride. With 25 percent of the Parkview

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Residents who moved into Parkview Retirement Community before its grand opening stand proudly for a picture with their new home. Photo by Amy Box Fellhoelter.

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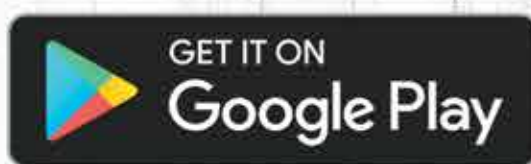


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Publisher's Position

Bill Dunn for Speaker of the House



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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they think the fall of Glen Casada will reap political dividends for their own party. Of course that is largely a delusion, but I have yet to meet anyone who thinks those folks are entirely rational.

Glen Casada made more than a few enemies on the way up the ladder and there are some happy hearts in Nashville to see him plummet back to earth. There are certainly some hearts aflutter that Casada's speakership has been abbreviated; two that come readily to mind are David Hawk, a Republican from Greeneville, Tennessee and William Lamberth, the Majority Leader of the House, who is from Portland,

Tennessee. It seems like a natural progression for the Majority Leader to move up to the Speaker's chair, but IF the Republican caucus has a collective brain in its head, it will follow a path that is different, but one that is equally a natural progression. Bill Dunn is the Speaker Pro Tem of the Tennessee House of Representatives and it seems to me the smartest thing the GOP members of the legislature could do right about now is coalesce around Bill Dunn. As this is written, two members of the Knox County delegation, Martin Daniel and Jason Lafferty, have endorsed Dunn to serve as Speaker. There is no reason on earth why Bill

Dunn shouldn't be elected Speaker of the House and serve until after the 2020 elections.

Bill Dunn is the antidote to the viciousness of the assault by Democrats in and outside of the Tennessee General Assembly, who are less concerned about good government than regaining the majority they lost more than a decade ago. The USA Today network newspapers - - - and nobody owns more in Tennessee - - - have been pursuing Casada doggedly, reaffirming the Tennessean's place as the mouthpiece for Democrats in our state. The truth of the matter is Bill Dunn's character is utterly unassailable. In 25 years in the House of

Representatives, there hasn't even been a whiff of a whiff of scandal anywhere near Dunn. Bill Dunn is that rarest of creatures: the citizen legislator who is unimpeachably honest. A committed family man with old fashion values, traits that cause many Democrats and leftists to frankly loathe him, Bill Dunn is the one person the Republicans could install as Speaker of the House and repair any perception problems they might have currently. Dunn was one of the first to call on Casada to resign his office and has not wanted to be Speaker. That alone should probably be the biggest consideration in selecting Glen Casada's successor.

Even those who disagree with Bill Dunn's political views can't say enough about his character, honesty and integrity. Bill Dunn is one of the few people in the Tennessee General Assembly to go about his business quietly, modestly, and without promoting himself for any kind of advancement.

Dunn is courteous, polite to all, and attentive to the people who elected him. Lastly, let's not forget having the Speaker of the House reside in Knox County wouldn't hurt a thing. It's not only an honor he deserves, Bill Dunn is the kind of Speaker the people of Tennessee deserve.

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area to take traffic off their busy street none of the opposition appeared at the city meeting.

Jim Hagerman, director of engineering, told the council the funding goes to Phase One of the park for parking lot, utilities, lighting, widening the street and about one-half mile of greenway. He said that part of the project should take about 180 days. Phase Two, which comes later, will include permanent restrooms and other amenities.

The council also approved selling the former State Supreme Court building with a 25-year Payment In Lieu of Taxes. Councilman George Wallace said the former state-owned site currently produces no local property taxes. Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons said a tax break is needed for the project and the project is in two parts. He said the motions include one part that will be "Airbnb-type" apartments and the other part will be a hotel.

Wallace said about three years are expected for construction and eventually the project, being done by developer Rick Dover, will involve a \$72 million investment.

The sale must now be approved by the state and the in lieu of taxes break is, according to Lyons, the largest such sale by the city. He said the tax break will be set at \$2.6 million over the years of the agreement. That was the estimated cost of the property when the city bought it.

Lyons explained that the state could not sell the property outright but the city could, so the city bought the site and then, after three attempts, is finally reselling it.

The council also voted, on final reading, to approve Mayor Madeline Rogero's budget request which keeps the current residential tax rate and adjusts the compensation pay for city employees, and police and fire departments. This gives new police

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Recode..... Round 2

By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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We have many new readers in the past few months from our in depth coverage of Recode Knoxville. For our readers who haven't heard about Recode yet, it is the wiping out of our current Knoxville zoning code that has sixty years of case law protecting people's property rights. Recode replaces all current Knoxville City zoning with a 425-page zoning manifesto that has been written over the past two and a half years by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning commission which was formerly known as the Knoxville Metropolitan Planning Commission. Recode affects 73,000 properties in Knoxville. Eighty percent of those properties are residential. The remaining twenty percent are commercial. These properties are owned by 50,000 individuals.

On Thursday, May 30 city council will again attempt to have the first vote on Recode. The first attempt on May 14 did not go well. Most of council wanted to delay the vote and attempt to fix the many problems with Recode. Mayor Madeline Rogero advised them to work as hard as possible and see if they could vote later in the evening. Even though the meeting started at 3:00 p.m., after over six and a half hours the council felt they were only half way done.

How did this happen? The Knoxville-Knox County Planning commission voted to approve Recode and pass Recode on to city council after Draft 4 came out but the planning commission did not have time to vet Draft 4 before the approval vote. Draft 5 was left to city council to figure out. Recode Draft 5 grew 48% from 287 pages in Draft 4 to 425 pages in Draft 5. There are no zoning experts on city council. Council had no way to understand the 425-page zoning manifesto. Recode should have never been passed on to city council. The problem was that the planning commission was sick of it and wanted no more. City council has reached that point now. This is very poor representation

for the people of Knoxville.

How bad was the May 14 vote/workshop/nightmare? In law the words "may, shall, and will" have special meaning. So how in the world after two and a half years of Recode staff work was council trying to fix all the may, shall, and will wording errors? This happened because the planning commission did not do their job. This is what happens when an unelected bureaucratic body decides to try to re-write sixty years of zoning case law in two and a half years. It cannot be done and that is obvious to everyone except the city council that is still trying to ram Recode through.

New readers may ask, "Why have so few people learned about Recode?" The first rule of Recode is, you don't talk about Recode. At least not in the main stream local Knoxville media. There is not a single story in Knoxville media except in The Knoxville Focus newspaper and on WETR 92.3 FM Real News talk radio about the city Ordinance O-187-2018 that city council passed unanimously on December 18, 2018. You can find that Ordinance here: https://library.municode.com/tn/knoxville/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodid=930504

The purpose of that ordinance was to state that the City of Knoxville did not have to notify property owners about Recode. In the second workshop in city council on Recode the council reluctantly decided they would notify the 50,000 property owners affected by mail even though council claimed they had no requirement by law to do so. Council did this because so many people forcefully spoke from the podium and demanded that the people be notified. The Recode mailing notice that was sent out to property owners told them to go to <https://recodeknoxville.com> and enter their address to pull up a map they could look at. It was a homework assigned from a government with very poor customer service. It did not inform the property owner if their property would be up-zoned or down-zoned. If a property is up-zoned

the property taxes will go up. If it is down-zoned the property value goes down. It did not tell a commercial business owner if they were being zoned out of business. It was up to the business owner to figure that out. It was not a notice. It was a PR fluff piece designed to be thrown in the trash.

It is very doubtful that the city did mail out 50,000 Recode PR puff piece notices. Gerald Green, executive director of the planning commission, told city council the planning commission received only 350 phone calls after the Recode notices were mailed out. In the public forum of the third workshop on Recode in city council Danny Kirby of Turkey Creek Land Partners told council he represented 21 properties in the Turkey Creek shopping complex and none of them received the "written notice" about Recode. That is a 100% failure rate for some of the biggest stores in Knoxville in getting the notice on Recode.

What city council seems deaf to is that Knoxville is having a real estate boom with our current zoning. There is no reason for Recode. The Accessory Dwelling Units can be built now by requesting a variance in the planning commission. The Mixed Use apartments can be built now by requesting a variance in the planning commission. There are two new Mixed Use apartments in Knoxville. The first is the Evolve apartments at 1913 Cumberland Avenue. The second is Crozier building at the corner of Central and Willow Avenues. Both of these Mixed Use apartments have reduced parking requirements just like in the Recode plan. Not that this is a good thing.

So why is Recode needed? Is it because city council wants to use Recode to do social engineering to increase KAT bus ridership? To increase bicycle riding in the city? To get people walking so they can be healthier? To save the planet? Recode is not an improvement over our current zoning. Recode is an anti-car anti-property rights egregious government overreach.


First District city council member Stephanie Welch was asked in a radio interview on Real News WETR FM 92.3 recently, "How do we get people to understand that taking public transportation is a good thing?" Councilwoman Welch replied, "I absolutely think it is a good thing and nobody will like my answer on this but I think you have to make it harder for people to drive. When it is so much easier to get in your car and drive, people don't take public transportation. That is really what it comes down to."

For two and a half years the city government has not been telling the truth that our current Knoxville zoning has not been updated for sixty years and is stale, outmoded, antiquated, and obsolete.

Section 801 of the City Charter describes the mayor's duties in regard to zoning: "The mayor shall submit to the council such plans that will include a fifteen-year, five-year and one-year comprehensive development plan, along with a comprehensive zoning plan of all properties within city limits. The fifteen-year and five-year plans, updated annually, shall be submitted to the council before its second regular meeting in January of each year."

The real truth was accidentally spoken by Mayor Rogero on the Sunday, May 5 episode of WATE's Tennessee This Week. Mayor Madeline Rogero was interviewed by Blake Stevens of WATE. Stevens asked the mayor about Recode and her response was that Recode would be a living document just like the current zoning has been. That it would be updated every year like the current zoning has been for the last fifty years.

If you are a city of Knoxville resident or a person who works in the city you need to ask yourself an important question. Is this the representation you deserve? Recode serves no purpose other than to take away the rights of people in Knoxville. Demand from your elected city council members that it be voted down. Protect your property rights.



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Maryville location full after its first month of operation, and most of the first-floor one-bedroom apartments at Parkview Broome Road already accounted for, it somehow doesn't take long for word to get out and for people to make that choice. "Before this facility was even done, people would put a deposit down and didn't even want to see their apartment first," said Heather Schultz, McBride Company employee.

The many reasons to move into Parkview seem endless. Included amenities with every apartment fee are high-speed internet, cable television, phone, shuttle service, cocktail hour, exercise classes, a library, game room, puzzle room, movie theatre, two full-service chef-prepared meals daily, apartment housekeeping and linen laundry service, and two walking trails. Massage and stylist appointments are available in their spa, beauty salon, and barber shop for an extra charge. These are just the features available on property, but there are even more opportunities for residents to experience life off property too. Active seniors might be an understatement with all of the outings residents can encounter planned by a full-time activities director. Past daytrips have included attending museums, concerts, festivals, shopping, eating at a variety of restaurants, and strawberry picking.

Besides its family environment feel, the choice to live in Parkview remains obvious walking through the



More than twenty Parkview Retirement Community residents and staff, McBride Company employees, and Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill surround Jay and Marga McBride, Parkview owners, at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 17, 2019.

facility. "If it looks antique, it is," says Parkview Chief Financial Officer Karen Spires, commenting on the décor chosen for the new location having been specifically bought for the generation and comfort of its residents. Attention to detail is commonplace throughout including a different identifying scene at the end of each hall for residents to remember where their rooms are located. In a matter of four weeks, the facility transformed from empty into fully furnished with beautiful antique pieces of artwork and furniture acquired from estate sales, auctions, and furniture stores all hand-picked by Marga McBride, Parkview owner and wife of Jay McBride. Each facility is a mirror image of each other which provides a distinctive

Parkview signature.

"We try to differentiate ourselves with the covered patios, decks, and the size of the rooms. Every living room has a back door," said McBride who became inspired with the idea for Parkview with his love for Knoxville and a need for independent living for his mother-in-law. Daughter of McBride and Parkview Activities Director Becca Sparks explained, "It's important that they have outdoor space, because that also gives the residents more purpose. If you walk around, you'll see they take pride in their patios and have plants all over them and nice chairs." Likewise, natural light and outdoor living areas are part of the beauty of the facility. "It's important to keep their minds going,

so we are always generating activity for their bodies. We try to think of things that are out-of-the-box so that it sets us apart so our residents are always thriving," added Sparks who plans multiple on-site activities as well.

"We are a community, we are not a corporation. That's my personal goal ... is to instill that family environment. I encourage people to get in a community and enjoy your life, whether it is this community or not. Just enjoy living life," said Parkview Chief Operating Officer Darlene Adams. "If somebody is ready to move in, this place sells itself because it is not only beautiful but we instill a family environment here where people care about each other, and community sells itself." Staying in community

is vital as people age since research links individuals with the highest level of involvement in social relationships to longevity. Also, The Harvard School of Public Health published the following in the American Journal of Public Health, "Seniors can help stave off memory loss by maintaining active social lives."

Besides comfortable, high-quality apartments, Parkview makes security and safety a priority. The facility is wheelchair friendly and handicap accessible, and has management on duty 24 hours a day. Each resident wears a Lifeline medical alert pendant and must use the wellness disk board, a board located at the end of each hallway with a wellness disk for each resident. Residents must leave

their apartments to flip over their disks by 10:30 a.m. or a staff member will call or physically check on them to ensure they are active and awake.

Apartment pricing ranges from \$2250 to \$4200 for a studio apartment with 487 sq. ft. to a deluxe two-bedroom with 1,035 sq. ft., alongside two other floor plan options in between. The Broome Road facility houses 100 apartments and employs a staff of more than 25 members to make Parkview feel like home to the seniors who live there. A guest apartment is even supplied for the family and visitors of residents as another wonderful benefit.

The day was truly one to celebrate says Sparks, "What's amazing about this day is I got to see it from when it was just a conversation. This is my first ribbon cutting, so it is very special. I get to share with my dad his vision which is to this finishing point." And now Sparks says she wants to celebrate life with the residents everyday as she plans activities and builds relationships with them.

Two more retirement communities of Parkview are coming soon on Emory Road and another in Tullahoma, Tennessee. They are both scheduled to open in approximately eighteen months. To schedule a tour of the Maryville or Knoxville facilities, or for more information, call 865-357-2288 or visit retireatparkview.com. Or check out the many activities the residents have enjoyed at www.facebook.com/retireatparkview/

Mayor Rogero, Minority Leader Camper to speak at Truman Day event

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Two noted Democratic women will speak at the Knox County Democratic Party's Truman Day gathering this Friday, May 31.

Tennessee House Minority Leader Karen Camper, the state's first African-American minority leader, and Mayor Madeline Rogero, Knoxville's first female mayor, are the featured speakers. Rogero, who is in the last year of her term-limited office, has received many suggestions that she seek a state or federal office but has, thus far, declined.

The event includes a cocktail hour and a seated dinner and doors

open at The Foundry on the World's Fair site at 6 p.m.

The annual event is part of the Democratic Party's fundraising goals that is used to support candidates, protect Democratic seats, and an attempt to flip more seats in 2020. Tickets are \$65 prior to the event or \$70 at the door. The "celebration of Democratic values" draws hundreds of people interested in a progressive government.

You can get more information at www.knoxville-democrats.org/truman_day_2019 or by calling (865) 540-4001.

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Charles Lomax Jr. and Lynne Fugate pose together at the recent Neighborhood Conference. Both are seeking the At-Large Seat A and will face each other in the both the primary and general election because they are the only two in the primary and the top two who receive the most votes advance to the general election. Photo by Mike Steely.

day to turn it in," Rodgers said, adding that the deadline was noon on May 16. Candidates who qualified had until last Thursday to withdraw.

Current mayor candidates include Michael Andrews, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis, Calvin Skinner and Marshall Stair.

In the city council races, the top two candidates in the primary go on to the general election. As some council races only have two candidates, many can look past the primary to the face off in November. At-Large Seat A candidates Lynne Fugate and Charles F. Lomax Jr. will face each other in November. The same is true for At-Large Seat B where David Hayes and Janet Testerman are

the only two on the primary ballot. District 5 candidates, Charles Al-Bawi and Charles Allen, will also face each other because they are the only primary candidates.

At-Large Seat C is different. In that race you have five candidates. Whoever emerges as the top two would face off in the general election. Candidates in that race are Amy Midis, Amelia Parker, Hubert Smith, Bob Thomas and David Williams.

Rodgers said he has urged the city to change the election rules to let council members be elected with a majority of votes, similar to the mayor's position. He noted that Councilman and Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders had received about 80% of the primary vote but had to face an opponent in the general election.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

City Council members Stephanie Welch and Mark Campen share a humorous moment during the City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

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recruits about \$40,000 a year and increases pay to city workers by 2.5 percent.

The fire department made two requests of the council that were approved. The council agreed to accept \$39,017 from Homeland Security for HazMat protective equipment and \$1.9 million from the federal

agency for a new fire station alerting and dispatch system.

Homeland Security also gave two grants for \$23,500 and \$22,000 to the police department to purchase a chemical detector and long range hailing and warning devices. The council approved both grants.

The council also approved

an agreement with Knox County to accept \$37,500 from Homeland Security for the E-911 system for satellite, phone, fax and data services and maintenance for the Mobile Command Post.

Approved were appointments by the mayor of Lisa Skinner, Josh Wright and Joel Natour to the Downtown Design Review Board

and Ursula Baily to the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority.

Mayor Rogero praised the recent Neighborhood Conference and credited the event to Debbie Sharp and her staff in the Office of Neighborhoods. Rogero said the gathering drew more than 600 people.

Celebrating Statehood Day in Tennessee's first capital

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Several historic sites around our area are preparing to celebrate Statehood Day on Saturday, June 1; there will be events at John Sevier's Marble Springs, Blount Mansion, Ramsey House, James White Fort, Crescent Bend, and

Mabry-Hazen House. Most people don't know that Knoxville was where Tennessee got started. Territorial Governor William Blount called for a convention and the request to Congress for statehood passed unanimously. Tennessee became a state on June 1, 1796, the 16th

state to be admitted to the growing United States. Tennessee, or the Southwest Territory, existed long before statehood and dates back to the time of the Cherokee. Modern history begins with the first white explorers, traders, and adventurers entered the state.

"Tennessee" is a Cherokee word translated into the European tongue, for Tanasi, one of the first Native American villages on the west side of the mountains. The state actually dates back to the Watauga Association in 1772, the first constitutional government west of the

Appalachian Mountains. At one time North Carolina claimed all the land from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River and that portion now East Tennessee was designated as the Southwest Territory and William Blount named territorial governor. John Sevier and other

local settlers wanted independence from North Carolina and attempted to form the "State of Franklyn." That brief government lasted only a few years with Sevier as governor and was headquartered in Jonesborough. It

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Inskip Baptist Church celebrates 100 years of history on June 9 with special Sunday events. The church began in 1919 and began building a cinder block church on Rowan Road the following year. A new church was completed across the street in 1946 and members walked across the street and entered the new building. Lighthouse Independent Baptist now occupies the block church building.

Inskip Baptist Church plans 100th Celebration

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Mark your calendars because a local church is planning to celebrate 100 years in our community. Inskip Baptist Church, at 4810 Rowan Road in North Knoxville, is planning a Sunday celebration on June 9. Rev. Mike Segers, who has pastored the church since 1999, says that the celebration will begin with Sunday School. He said many former members will be attending the church service and a former pastor there will be the speaker. A lunch is planned and the afternoon will be full of memories and memorabilia of the church's long history. Services start at 10:45 and

lunch is at noon. The Service of Remembrance and Celebration begins at 2 p.m. Rev. Segers said an Alumni Choir will perform in the afternoon and he's urging current choir members, former music ministers or mission trip choir members to join in the singing. Anyone planning to attend the 100th Celebration is urged to RSVP by calling (865) 689-5416 or email Inskip@knology.net. If you are unable to attend you can still send a note of encouragement and reflection. The history of the church dates back to 1919 when Rev. J.H. Snow of the Knox County Association of Baptists visited the community with the idea

of organizing a church. That year a Woman's Missionary Society began with five members and met in the home of Mrs. Charles A. Child. A Sunday School was organized and met at the old Inskip School. The need for a church building was realized and two acres of land was purchased from Dr. J. B. Parker. Rev. W. M. Thomas was elected pastor. In October of 1920 construction on a cinder-block church started and a cornerstone placed containing a Bible, The Baptist and Reflector, a daily newspaper, a history of the church and a silver coin dated 1920. That cornerstone is now found in the monument sign

for the current church building. About 188 people attended the first services in the church and, later, a library room added. In 1947 the members voted to buy lots across the street and, on July 4h, 1948, the members left the cinder-block church, walked across the street, and entered the new building. The smaller church building was then sold. Several ministers served the church and the community over the 100 years and Rev. Segers was selected to head the church twenty years ago. He is inviting everyone to make plans to attend the 100th Celebration.

County commission hears budget requests

By Bill Howard

July 1 begins Knox County's 2019-2020 fiscal year. On Monday, May 20, at the City-County Building, the county commission held its budget meeting and fielded funding requests from a number of county-level interests.

The commission heard from Dr. Martha Buchanan, director of the Knox Co. Health Department. Mayor Glenn Jacobs has proposed a cut of some \$1.4 million to the department's indigent care program.

"In my budget there's a significant cut in what's called the indigent care program for this coming fiscal year," Buchanan said. "It's about a 30% reduction in that budget, about \$1.4 million, that covers the under and uninsured in Knox County Cherokee (Health Systems) is the primary care provider. We've talked to the folks who provide that care and they're not happy about a budget reduction. They're committed to caring for the citizens of Knox County."

The indigent have to enroll in the program to get care, Buchanan explained. "They have to be involved in the program, they have to live in Knox County, and they have to make very little money and not have insurance. It provides payment for primary medical care to Cherokee health, payment for hospitalization, and part of the payment for specialty care."

Commissioner Randy Smith asked Buchanan how many people the program serves and the median cost.

"The program serves about 1,100 people. That's the cap, and we don't usually exceed

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Picture of 37,000-plus flags planted at the Memorial Day Flag Garden in Boston Common representing the Massachusetts men and women who have died defending the country since the Revolutionary War, courtesy of Bryce Williams.

A Day of Remembrance

The news was reported just days before the start of Memorial Day Weekend. Remains of another American hero had come home. The images were touching as the scene at the airport unfolded.

A flag-draped casket rolled past a gathering of family and friends. The World War II soldier



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who had paid the ultimate sacrifice was back on American soil.

It is amazing how many ways the American flag is used. In celebrations, the flag brings a fun and festive feeling to our events. It serves as centerpiece and decorations for picnics and parades. When planted

on the graves of those who gave their lives for our freedoms, it brings a feeling of sacrifice and sadness.

Memorial Day is a special time for Americans to pay tribute to those who gave so much. From California to the Carolinas, may the red, white, and blue symbol that represents our great land and all she stands for continue to be a beacon of freedom and hope. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord . . ." (Psalm 33:12 KJV).

What Does It Mean to Continue a Case

I would be lying if I told you that the legal system is fast moving system. Although some cases can get resolved in a matter of weeks, it can often take months, if not years, for a case to go from beginning to end.



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Although, there are many factors that play in to why a case may take so long to end, one of those reasons may be that the trial date keeps on getting pushed back to a later date. When a case is pushed back from a previous date, it is most frequently called a continuance or a reset.

Why does this happen? Let me give you some examples. If someone is charged with a DUI, and they are able to post a bond to get out of jail while their case is pending, they will be ordered to appear in court a few weeks after they are arrested.

Well, a large part of a DUI case is the blood alcohol level of the defendant

at the time they were arrested, and it often takes months to receive the blood work results back from the laboratory. The case will almost always be continued until those blood results are received.

Another example would be when someone is charged with an assault. Well, the District Attorney may talk to the victim of the assault, then tell the Defendant's attorney something like, "Well, the victim was not actually hurt, and they do not want to press charges, but they would like the defendant to attend some anger management classes. Let's reset the case for six weeks and if the defendant brings proof of having attended anger management classes, I will agree to dismiss the case." In this situation, the case was not able to be resolved that day, but progress was made towards reaching a final resolution of the matter.

Also of note, judges and attorneys are usually very forgiving if one attorney has a legitimate reason they are not able to go forward with a matter on its court date. If an attorney has an illness, or a family emergency, the court will almost always continue a case for those reasons, even at the last minute.

It is important to note, that for a continuance to occur, the judge has to agree that a case be allowed to be continued. Some judges are very particular about not allowing cases to hang around for an extended period of time with no final resolution, and judges have the ability to force attorneys and clients to go forward with their cases on their given trial date.

Similarly, if one attorney wants a continuance, but the other attorney does not, there will be a hearing on whether the continuance will be granted, and the judge will decide whether to allow it or not based on the reasons given by the requesting party for the continuance.

City Candidates answer Knoxville Focus Questions

Five people have qualified to seek the At Large Seat C, currently held by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders. The Knoxville Focus is asking several questions of these candidates. The top two candidates receiving the highest vote county in the upcoming August 27th Primary will then face each other in the November 5th General Election.

In the At-Large C five candidates face each other with hopes of becoming one of the top two that move on the general election. The Focus is looking at those candidate answers this week and in future weeks.

Here's the first three questions asked of those candidates and their answers in the order they were received:

1. What do you see as Knoxville's main current problem?

Bob Thomas: I don't see problems as much as I see opportunities. I believe there is an opportunity to set a tone of being fiscally responsible so if there is downturn, and there are

indications of this, the city would be able to withstand it. We need to look carefully at where our city is spending our taxpayer money.

David Williams: City government and council push projects over strenuous objections of neighborhoods! City should not be in art or housing business. Let our free enterprise system address such needs.

Amy Midis: Knoxville is a great city and has provided my family and many other residents opportunities for a healthy and productive lifestyle. However, there is a growing disparity in our city and many pockets of our community have not had the same experience. Whether it be access to affordable housing, excellent education, quality healthcare, or strong employment options, it is critical to Knoxville's overall success that our leadership ensures all residents receive ample opportunities to reach their highest potential.

Hubert Smith: A problem is defined as: a matter or situation regarded as

unwelcome or harmful and needing deal with and overcome. I do not view our city as having a "main or current problem." We're in the midst of major growth. In my opinion, one of our biggest challenges is establishing our new identity. What are we? Are we a tourist destination? Are we ideal for retirees because of our comparatively low taxes? What do we keep and maintain of our current identity? What new do we embrace?

Amelia Parker: According to a recent Bloomberg report, the city of Knoxville has a growing gap in income between the rich and middle class. In fact, between 2012-2017, Knoxville had the 3rd fastest growing gap in income of the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the country. During this period, Knoxville's poverty rate rose to 26.5%, which is almost double the national poverty rate of 14%. In some neighborhoods, it's even higher. Knoxville's economic development plan for too long has relied on a trickle down economic

model that largely benefits the wealthy and not the poor. Instead we must implement initiatives that will strengthen our social safety net, create healthy neighborhoods, lift the wages in Knoxville, and provide folks a pathway out of poverty.

2. What new ideas would you bring as a council member?

Bob Thomas: I see two main problems. I see great potential and opportunities for our city. I have several ideas in which I will be detailing in the next few weeks. These ideas focus on finances, addressing some neighborhood problems and taking downtown Knoxville to the next level. Opportunities are out there!

David Williams: Allow interaction between citizens, council members, and city officials at each meeting using question and answer and rebuttal. Upgrade proceedings with video and other modern technology. Meetings should be run by a council member not the mayor.

Amy Midis: Protection of undeveloped greenspaces and improvement of roadway access for bus lines, bike lanes, greenways and sidewalks are just some of my goals as a City Council candidate. However, the best and most effective ideas to improve our communities are generated at the grassroots community groups. There is never a shortage of ideas, but the difficulty is implementation. I have six years of experience working with city council members, city administration, neighborhood groups, city advisory councils, and non-profits to realize the value of the legislative process. I believe in you, and want to work as your partner to make Knoxville even better.

Hubert Smith: I will bring a focus on affordable housing to try and determine if the City can do more, and take advantage of what

opportunities available now. In addition, working to maintain and grow our public transit system.

Amelia Parker: As a council member, I would like to introduce ways in which our local government can be more participatory and resident-led. With the leadership and commitment of city council members, we can implement processes that not only increase our civic engagement in Knoxville but also allow communities to take ownership over processes that directly affect where they live and work, thus allowing residents to be the architects in creating healthy neighborhoods. The city's budgeting process should directly engage neighborhood and community organizations to assess community needs and should include a way for communities to vote on priorities for our city budget. Development projects should be structured to directly benefit the community in which they will be built, including formal agreements between communities and developers that certain goals will be met. By creating more ways for residents to determine the priorities of our local government, we can strengthen the role of neighborhoods and communities in making Knoxville a healthy and thriving city for all.

3. How do you feel about Recode?

Bob Thomas: Every community needs to continually update their codes and restrictions as the way people live, work and play is always changing. But it won't be an end-all; there will still be needs for constant "use on review" discussions.

David Williams: It is a tragedy! Unless changes are made our property rights will suffer as micro management of our businesses and homes will run rampant!

Amy Midis: The zoning ordinance does not dictate what type of development will happen in the City, but what the potential might be for future development. The existing zoning ordinance was codified over 50 years ago. It placed an importance on parking, suburban living, and segmented residential neighborhoods based on allowed non-residential uses and density. I probably won't be alive by the time the vision of Recode is realized, however, I strongly believe future residents of Knoxville will want an urban style development that allows for greater demand in local retail, housing options, and an increase in the alternative forms of transportation including biking, walking, and bus lines. This is the vision for Recode, and that is why I support it.

Hubert Smith: Recode, should be a referendum, and not be decided upon by nine individuals. Amelia Parker: There are multiple aspects of Recode that give me pause and for that reason, I believe the new codes and definitions require more time to review. I am glad that the city council will continue their review of Recode on May 30th. Since the meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the afternoon, there are many community members who may have watched the meeting later or heard reports on the outcomes and want to comment on the council's discussion and votes. I hope the council will entertain those comments on the first half of the plan as they continue their review of the second half, and then will entertain questions and concerns after their May 30th meeting. The process that the city council has chosen for reviewing Recode is very helpful and I hope the city council will consider adopting an open forum discussion style in future meetings.



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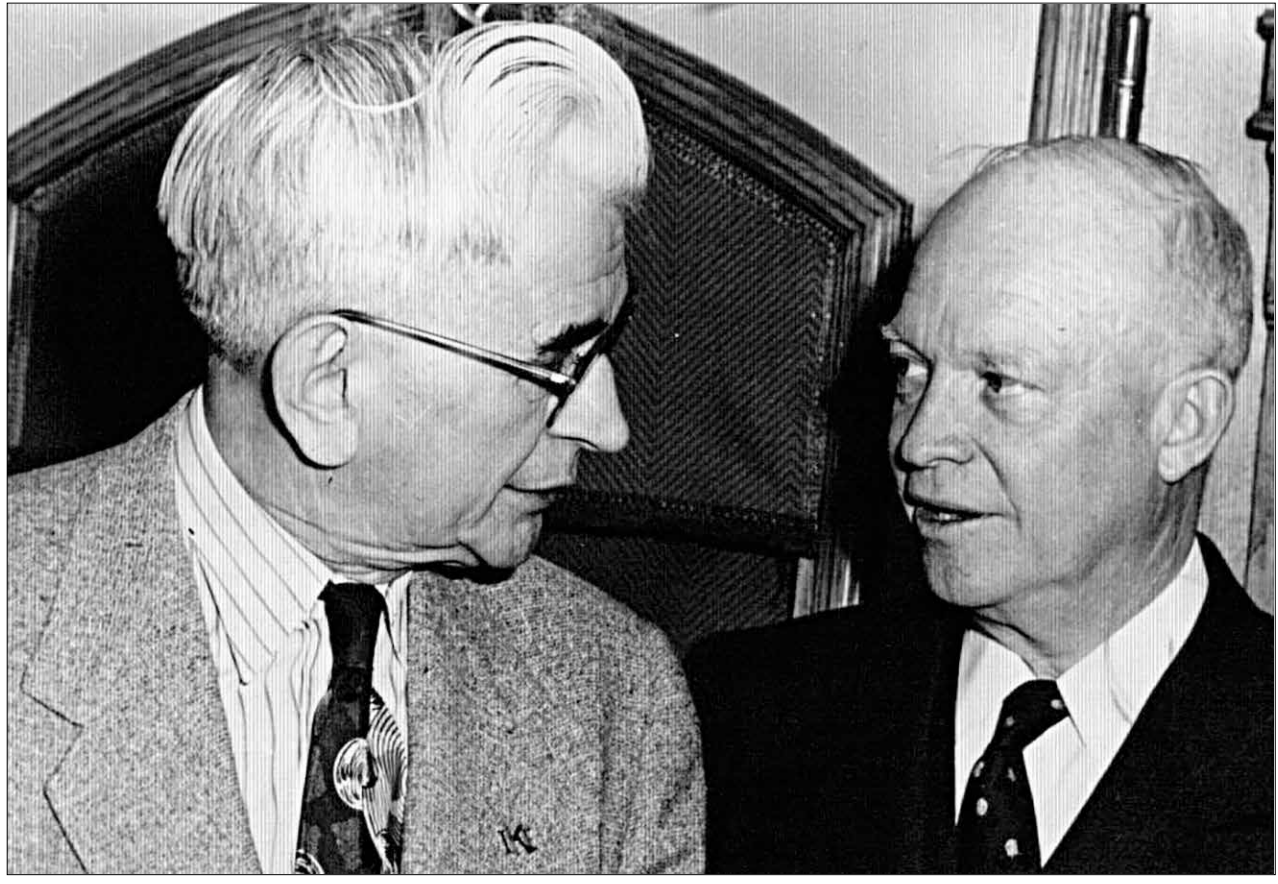
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In February of 1945, a war weary and sick Franklin D. Roosevelt was on his way to Crimea in the Soviet Union. Technically in the Ukraine, the Crimea is on a peninsula on the northern coast of the Black Sea and was once the playground of the Russian Czars and other royalty and nobility. After the slaughter of Czar Nicholas II and his family by the Bolsheviks and the Russian civil war, the Communists ruled the Soviet Union with an iron fist. Dictator Josef Stalin signed a treaty with Adolf Hitler, his counterpart in Nazi Germany. Hitler's word was as good as Stalin's and the German dictator caught Stalin unawares when he launched Operation Barbarossa on June 22, 1941, pouring into the western part of the Soviet Union the largest invasion force ever gathered together in the history of warfare. Stalin, as bloody a tyrant as Hitler, killed more of his own countrymen than the Germans, estimated at 27 million. The German war machine, once seemingly unstoppable, was sputtering to a halt, squeezed between the American and British armies in the west and the Red Army in the east. President Roosevelt had hoped to meet elsewhere, but Stalin refused to leave Soviet territory and finally agreed to meet at Yalta. Former palaces, only recently abandoned by the retreating Germans, were being quickly refurbished for use by the "Big Three" - - - Roosevelt, Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill - - - as they met to discuss the unconditional surrender of Germany and the Japanese Empire. One of the key questions considered at Yalta by a failing Franklin Roosevelt was the future of Poland. FDR told Stalin Polish-Americans were an important voting bloc in American elections. Roosevelt, a very sick man at the time, firmly believed his personal charm would enthrall the flinty Russian dictator and allow him to deal with Stalin. The Second World War had erupted over the German invasion of Poland when England and France had declared war upon Hitler's Nazi Reich. As the Germans retreated westward, the Red Army swallowed increasingly large chunks of Poland. As Churchill pushed for recognition of the democratic Polish government in exile, residing in London, it became readily apparent Stalin much preferred a puppet government run by Communist Poles. Roosevelt delicately tried his best to nudge the Russian dictator, but Stalin refused to budge an inch. After returning to Washington, D. C.

President Roosevelt was asked by some, including his wife Eleanor, why he had not attempted to save Poland from the Russians. An exasperated and bone-tired FDR wondered if he should go to war with the Soviet Union, as that was likely the only way the Russians would relinquish the territory they had taken from the Germans. Stalin intended to provide the Soviet Union with a cushion of satellite states along his country's borders to protect it in the future. Two months later, Franklin Roosevelt was dead and Harry Truman was President of the United States. It would take forty-four years before Communism would fall in Poland.

One Congressional district in Michigan illustrates what an important constituency Polish-Americans were to Franklin Roosevelt's Democratic Party, a voting bloc the President once estimated being as high as perhaps seven million voters. Michigan's First Congressional District, a slice of east Detroit in Wayne County, was largely populated by Polish immigrants when FDR defeated Herbert Hoover in 1932. With the Democratic tidal wave, George G. Sadowski came to Congress. For almost three decades, three men dominated the politics of Michigan's First Congressional District: Sadowski, Rudolph Tenerowicz, and Thaddeus Machrowicz. All were Democrats, at least at one time or the other; Sadowski was a hearty New Deal Democrat, while Machrowicz was a Cold War Democrat. Tenerowicz was actually a physician and surgeon who served in the First World War. While Tenerowicz was perhaps the best glad-handling politician of the three, he served the least time in Congress. Dr. Tenerowicz was an especially colorful figure with a shock of gray hair drooping across his face who was convicted of a vice violation, which sent him to Southern Michigan prison for eight months before Governor William Comstock gave him a full pardon. To give one an idea of just how popular Rudolph Tenerowicz was in the Polish-American community, Comstock pardoned the doctor after receiving a petition demanding a pardon signed by 45,000 citizens. Another demonstration of Tenerowicz's personal popularity was the fact he missed winning a fifth term as mayor of Hamtramck, Michigan by a mere 18 votes.

George G. Sadowski first came to Congress in 1932 and won the general election against Republican Charles H. Mahoney with more than 68% of vote.



Former Congressman Dr. Rudolph Tenerowicz (left) and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, circa 1954

The Polish-American district represented by Congressman George G. Sadowski were hard working, largely working-class Democrats who pinned their hopes on the success of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal. The Polish-Americans in Michigan's First Congressional District, like many people who were either immigrants or the children of immigrants, were passionately patriotic. Only twenty-nine years old when first elected to Congress, Sadowski was a somewhat stout man with an abbreviated moustache and his hair swept up in a pompadour who had practiced law and won election to the Michigan State Senate. Sadowski was evidently an enterprising person, dabbling in real estate and construction. Eventually, George Sadowski become the owner of two golfing clubs.

As the congressman from the First Congressional District, George Sadowski never seemed to go without opposition, always encountering a challenge both in the Democratic primary and the general election. Sadowski won renomination in 1934 easily, garnering almost 60% of the vote. Once again, he beat his GOP opponent in the general election easily. Sadowski ran for a third term as President Roosevelt sought reelection in 1936; an overwhelmingly Democratic year, Congressman Sadowski crushed his primary opponents by winning almost 70% of the ballots cast. Sadowski was not worried about the general election in his staunchly Democratic district and campaigned on behalf of FDR in several districts largely populated by Polish-Americans. Congressman Sadowski headlined a Democratic rally in South Bend, Indiana where he was introduced by his colleague Congressman Samuel Pettengill and toured the Polish parishes of the city after speaking in St. Adalbert's Hall.

Sadowski had no electoral worries in the general election in 1936, winning more than 80% of the vote in his congressional district. After having won three terms by increasingly larger majorities, one would have thought George G. Sadowski had entrenched

himself in his district, yet he was defeated in the 1938 Democratic primary. Sadowski's opponent, Dr. Rudolph G. Tenerowicz, the mayor of Hamtramck, had been involved in a divorce proceeding that was a bit embarrassing, especially for the time. Tenerowicz had sought to divorce his wife, who had accused her husband of being more than a little friendly with one Geraldine Fisher, a nurse who was the beneficiary of "presents of jewelry and money." According to Miss Fisher's own statement, Dr. Tenerowicz represented "himself as an unmarried man." Although Tenerowicz asked Circuit Court Judge Homer Ferguson (who later represented Michigan in the U. S. Senate) to drop his divorce suit, Mrs. Tenerowicz's attorney accused the doctor of having fled to Mexico to seek a quickie divorce south of the border. Tenerowicz's attorney bellowed his client had been "blackmailed in this case from the start." Mrs. Tenerowicz's counsel insisted property had been assigned to three different women by the good doctor, causing the judge to wonder if they should not be identified for the time being as "A, B and C". Mrs. Tenerowicz's lawyer snapped, "There are enough women in this case to go through the entire alphabet." It is all the more remarkable Congressman George Sadowski lost his primary to the rascally Mayor Tenerowicz. The colorful mayor won the Democratic nomination by just over 2,200 votes. Sadowski was bitter and contacted South Trimble, Clerk of the House, to inquire if there were any grounds for him to challenge the legitimacy of Tenerowicz's nomination. Trimble said he could see none.

Considering the closeness of the election, it is hardly surprising George Sadowski ran against Rudy Tenerowicz again in 1940. Sadowski lost by an even greater margin, trailing Congressman Tenerowicz by more than 10,000 votes in the primary. Tenerowicz won the general election with almost 80% of the vote. It appeared George Sadowski's political career was over, yet he entered the 1942 Democratic primary. The former congressman campaigned hard and there may have been some hard feelings

about Rudy Tenerowicz getting remarried and putting his new wife on his Congressional payroll. Sadowski won with almost 44% of the vote while the incumbent garnered less than 30% of the ballots cast. It was the end of Rudolph Tenerowicz's electoral career, although the irrepressible Rudy would keep trying. In fact, Tenerowicz filed to run in the Democratic primary in 1944 for another showdown with George Sadowski, but withdrew his candidacy before the filing deadline. In 1946, Tenerowicz ran for Congress again - - - as a Republican. Evidently most Republican voters at the time didn't much relish the idea of a former Democratic congressman as their nominee and Tenerowicz lost the primary, polling just under 24%. Persistent, Tenerowicz kept trying to get back into Congress, offering himself as the Republican nominee in 1948, 1950, 1952, and 1954. Tenerowicz, despite being an able politician, had worn out his welcome with the voters and the First District was becoming, if anything, even more Democratic. Rudolph Tenerowicz polled only 11.33% of the vote in his 1954 race for Congress.

After vanquishing his foe Rudy Tenerowicz, George Sadowski was reelected in 1944, 1946 and 1948. In 1950, Thaddeus Machrowicz, a justice of the peace, challenged Congressman Sadowski inside the Democratic primary. The vote was divided between seven contestants and Machrowicz eked out a victory by 162 votes. Congressman Sadowski demanded a recount, which did not change the results. Not quite fifty years old and a veteran of fourteen years in Congress, George G. Sadowski made his last political stand by running in the 1952 Democratic primary. Sadowski was certainly well known inside the First District, especially as he had been a candidate for Congress in every election since 1932. Sadowski was more moderate than Machrowicz, who was a fierce anti-Communist and had helped to expose the Soviet role in the Katyn Forest massacre of Polish officers and soldiers during World War II. A new constituency was growing

inside Michigan's First District; African-American voters comprised roughly 40% of the electorate in the Congressional district and they were demanding representation. State Senator Charles C. Diggs, Jr. was running against Congressman Machrowicz inside the Democratic primary along with former Congressman Sadowski and several others. In fact, Dr. Ossian Sweet, William White and Charles Jones were also seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress and were African-Americans. There was a political realignment going on inside the First Congressional District; previously most African-Americans had voted Republican. In fact, Charles Diggs's father had once been the GOP nominee for Congress in the district. Charles Roxborough, one of the first blacks elected to the Michigan state legislature, had been the Republican nominee for Congress some years earlier. Machrowicz had managed to entrench himself in office and beat Charles Diggs by more than 11,000 votes; former Congressman George Sadowski ran third, polling less than 20% of the vote. It was George Sadowski's last political campaign. Sadowski concentrated on his business interests and developed a heart ailment in 1960 and died of a heart attack at his home in 1961.

George Sadowski's wife, Eleanor, survived him by a number of years, dying in 2001 at age 95. Mrs. Sadowski was a successful businesswoman in her own right and eventually spent only summers in Michigan and wintered in the Florida Keys where she kept a home.

The old rascal, Dr. Rudolph Tenerowicz died in 1963, largely forgotten even inside his own community. Thaddeus Machrowicz served in Congress for a decade before being nominated to serve in the federal bench by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. Machrowicz was confirmed by the Senate and served as a federal judge for another decade before dying in 1970. Sadowski, Tenerowicz, and Machrowicz were all Democrats, all of Polish extraction, and patriots.

Katy Hawley is Good Neighbor of the Year



Katy Hawley displays her Good Neighbor of the Year plaque after being selected during the 2019 Neighborhood Conference. She is joined on stage by the Office of Neighborhood Director Debbie Sharp (left) and Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year award was presented Saturday, May 18 to Katy Hawley, a Fourth and Gill resident. She has served as that association's Event Chair for more than two years and took on the task of improving the Neighborhood Center, known as "The Birdhouse." She also helped raise more than \$12,000 toward a new porch for the center and has been very active in encouraging her neighbors to get involved.

Celebrating Statehood Day

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led to Sevier's arrest and escape, a brief gun battle between Sevier's forces and the North Carolina supporters, and a final push to become a legal state.

Knoxville became the state's first capital and John Sevier was chosen as the first governor. The capital moved a bit eventually ending up in Nashville.

James White Fort will celebrate our state's 223 years from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with free admission, tours and events.

John Sevier's Marble Springs events start at 10:30 a.m. and include a militia theme, an address

by Lt. Governor Randy McNally and a children's activity tent.

Blount Mansion, home of the territorial governor, is offering free admission and a tour beginning at 10 a.m.

Crescent Bend, The Mabry-Hazen House and Historic Westwood are also offering free admission to the historic homes.

The Ramsey House and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum are offering free admission on Statehood Day.

You can get more information at each of the sites online or by calling Knox Heritage at (865)523-8008.

Endangered Historic Sites announced

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Throughout East Tennessee are historically important properties in danger of disappearing through neglect or demolition. These historic homes, buildings and communities played a vital part in our history. Each year a list of these endangered sites are announced during the Annual East Tennessee Preservation Alliance meeting.

The Preservation Alliance serves 15 counties and serves as the regional arm for Knox Heritage. Both organizations work to draw attention to endangered places and to preserve structures and places known to have historic value. The group met recently at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and announced the sites in conjunction with the annual Knox Heritage Fragile and Fading list of Knox County historic sites.

Several East Tennessee historic sites were singled out as endangered and eight Knox County sites also announced as being historically important but "fragile and fading." The East Tennessee sites includes the American Temperance University Memorial building in Harriman; the Hogskin Creek Bridge in Grainger County; the Tennessee Railroad Depot in Oneida; the Bowman House in Loudon County; the New Salem Baptist Church in Sevierville; the former Tennessee Military Institute in Sweetwater; and the Stonecipher-Kelly House near Wartburg.

One of the Knox County historic sites in danger is the **Knaffl-Stevens House** at 3738 Speedway Circle. The 1880 Victorian was once located on Gay Street but was moved when the Andrew Johnson Hotel was built. It was the home of art and portrait photographer Joseph Knaffl, whose works appeared on Hallmark Christmas cards. James Stephens bought the house and lived it in until the mid 1960s.

The **Eugenia Williams House** on Lyons View Pike was built in 1940 for the daughter of a prominent physician. The Regency-style home borders the Tennessee River on 24 acres and given to the University of Tennessee in 1998. Knox Heritage

is urging the university, if sold, to place the property on a preservation easement.

The **Pryor Brown Garage** is back on the list and is an early mixed-use example that once had parking decks and retail spaces on Market Street and Church Avenue. Originally a stable the property became a parking garage for cars and is now one of the oldest parking garages in the nation. Today the garage has potential for redevelopment.

Rule High School opened in the fall of 1927. Named for Captain William Rule, a former Union officer who also served as mayor of Knoxville, Rule closed in 1991 and is deteriorating. Several options have been considered for the old school which sits atop the hill on Vermont Avenue.

The county has been unsuccessful in selling the old school.

Standard Knitting Mill was founded about 1900 and the current facility was completed in 1945. The building complex covers 400,000 square feet and was the home of Delta Apparel until 2007. Located between historic Parkridge and Fourth and Gill neighborhoods Knox Heritage has nominated the facility to the National Register of Historic Places.

Knoxville College was founded in 1875 to educate freed slaves and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was the first African American university in East Tennessee and today several of the buildings on campus are condemned. The Board of Trustees have struggled to get part of the college reopened and have applied for several grants. The city decided not to purchase part of the campus for the relocation of city police and fire headquarters.

The **Park City Historic District**, some of which is now called Parkridge, is just north of Magnolia Avenue. More than 600 houses within the district were listed on the National Register and the neighborhood has the largest concentration of George Barber designed houses.

Knox Heritage would like to see renovations to the historic homes in Parkridge and infill housing reflect the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Pryor Brown Garage is on the list of endangered historic properties. The long-empty parking structure downtown was once a showplace for auto parking and retail stores and may be one of the oldest parking garages in our nation.

existing neighborhood homes with a new push for a Historic Overlay there and a fund to assist low income homeowners in repairs.

The **Fort Sanders Historic District** is named for the prominent Civil War fort that was once located there. Following the war some of Knoxville's wealthiest families built notable homes there. Today the district still contains some of those beautiful dwellings. The growth of Covenant Health's Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center campus is taking some of the older home sites and Knox Heritage is restoring some of the homes that were saved from demolition by moving them. It is promoting owner occupied homes to keep the single-family nature of the district.

More information about Knox Heritage can be found on the internet or by calling (865) 523-8008.

County commission hears budget requests

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that cap," said Buchanan. "Cherokee provides services and they bill about 15% of what they provide. The partners who provide services for Cherokee Health won't be getting paid as much as they were."

"Specialty physicians bill us and they're paid at approximately 15% of what they provide," Buchanan said. "The hospitals charge us by the patient-day and their average rate of pay for this care has been around 6%."

John Whited, Chief of Operations for the Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad, came to

the commission meeting to give an update and request funding as well. He told the commission that his organization badly needs extra equipment to meet the demands of all they do.

"In 2018, we responded to 1958 emergency calls for service," Whited said. "In a lot of areas we are the primary rescue service. During the February floods we responded to 47 rescue calls in 48 hours. We respond to every single call in a timely fashion."

According to Whited, the Squad's equipment is both outdated and inadequate to handle its many demands, including: storm/

flood rescue, building collapse, cave rescue, confined space rescue, and animal rescue, among others.

"I started in '87 and some of that equipment is still here," Whited told the commissioners. "We're going to struggle to maintain the level of service that you're used to seeing. We think we serve you all in a vital capacity."

When Whited told the commission that the squad often performs rescue operations in surrounding counties, Commissioner Carson Dailey asked Whited if those counties were ever charged for the

services. Whited replied that they weren't.

A lively discussion arose later in the meeting concerning whether to spend \$148,000 to do a traffic study in South Knoxville. Dailey vehemently opposed it, arguing that federal funds could be coming to help.

"I cannot support

spending \$148,000 on roads that we already know are not going to be carrying roads," Dailey said. "We could wait and maybe get federal funding and do a small corridor-type study."

Commissioner Justin Biggs thought the study would be useful in determining that part of the county's infrastructure

needs.

"Roads in South Knoxville need improvements and this study will determine what needs to be done," he said.

The commission voted to delay the study. This month's regular meeting will held be tonight, Tuesday, May 28, because of Memorial Day.



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SPRING FLING XXVI

Tennessee Spring Sports Championships

BOYS SOCCER

Bearden wins Boys' Soccer Championship

By Alex Norman

What a week for the Bearden Bulldogs...

Taking the momentum of a sectional victory over rival Farragut with them two and a half hours to the west, the Bulldogs won three games in four days, on their way to capturing their fifth state championship, culminating with a victory over Station Camp. (The game officially ended 1-1, with the Bulldogs named champion after a 4-2 penalty kick advantage.

"We kind of talk about the games and moments we have to get through to get to state," said Bearden head coach Ryan Radcliffe. "A region championship isn't one of those ways. We would have liked to win it, but it (1-0 loss to Science Hill) was a good wake up call for us. There were some mental lapses where we tried to let talent take over in that game. I think we proved this week that you don't have to have talent. These boys have some of the biggest hearts I've ever coached. This team



The Bearden boys soccer team celebrates their fifth state championship following a victory in penalty kicks over Station Camp on Friday, May 24 in Murfreesboro.

a perfect free kick from the top of the box. That goal in the 96th minute gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 victory, and earned them a spot in the championship game against two-time defending state champion Station Camp.

On Friday, May 24th, the Bulldogs and Bison played in sweltering conditions at the main field of the Richard Seigel Soccer Complex.

TC Craig, and the Bulldogs had a 1-0 lead.

With less than 28 minutes to go, the Bulldogs had a chance to extend the lead when Station Camp's Hunter Beaty was called for a handball in the box. Lewis lined up to take the kick. He beat Craig, but not the cross bar, and the game stayed 1-0.

With less than 16 minutes

was tied at 1.

"Right after they scored I knew we had to come back, but I had full faith in my team," said Giesecke.

With under six minutes to go, Station Camp nearly took the lead on a shot from sophomore Cade Maclean, but his effort missed the far post by inches.

At the end of regulation, a long ball into the box led to a

penalty kick.

Teams swapped PKs in round one. Then, Giesecke made the biggest save of the season, stopping Station Camp senior Spencer Miller. "I told the team they worked their butts off for me, so it was my turn to show off for them. I'm just glad I could make the save."

Next up for Bearden was Lewis, who was still thinking

about the PK he missed in the second half. This time, his stutter step fooled Craig, and the kick was true.

"Right after overtime I went up to my teammates and asked 'Do you want me to take this,'" said Lewis. "I know I buried some earlier in the year, but the miss was still on my mind.

"They put their arms around me and said 'We need you.' When they told me they needed me, I knew I had to step up. It's amazing. I love these guys."

Finn Harris and Carter Turner converted their penalty kicks, and when Bison senior Tyler Jessen hit the cross bar, the Bulldogs were champions.

"I told the boys... they have a lot of faith," said Radcliffe. "A lot of faith in each other and it is a credit to them. I told them I loved them. Told them to go out and have fun with each other. It's a big senior class and is so deserving, just like Station Camp. I don't like PKs, don't feel like it is the

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Jake rakes in eighth and ninth state championships

By Steve Williams

Jake Renfree will go down as one of the all-time great TSSAA distance runners.

The Knoxville Catholic High graduate, Class of 2019, and Notre Dame signee departed Dean A. Hayes Stadium and Middle Tennessee State University's track and field venue Thursday with his final two state championships, giving him nine in all in track and cross country.

Renfree, somewhat of a late bloomer who started his kick in his junior year, faced two strong tests in his prep career finale but wouldn't be denied.

The tall and powerful runner won the Division I Large 1600-meter event with a time of 4 minutes, 16.28 seconds, finishing about two seconds ahead of runner-up Davis Bove of Centennial and Red Bank's Cole Bullock, who entered the race with the state's

top time.

Renfree actually qualified with the state meet's sixth best seed time.

Jake was the favorite in the 800 later in the day and lived up to that billing with a winning time of 1:53.80.

"Jake continues to impress me," said Catholic Head Coach Sean O'Neil. "He did what he had to in order to get the win against a great field in the 1600, and about an hour later had enough left to win the 800 against some really talented runners with fresh legs.

"He tried the same double last year, but really struggled in the 800. This year he has really stepped up his training, and the improvement in his fitness was evident at the State Championships. I'm really proud of everything Jake has accomplished. His nine state titles are the most ever by a Catholic High School graduate."

Other top local finishers in Division I Large included South-Doyle junior Elijah Young taking second place in the 200 and third in the 100. West's Shea DeGraaf, who finished fifth in the decathlon, was runner-up in the pole vault.

Brentwood captured the boys' team title with 77 points. Catholic finished in eighth place and Hardin Valley Academy ninth.

DIVISION I SMALL: Austin-East's boys took the silver with their second place showing. The Roadrunners came into the final event – the 4x400 relay – trailing champion Nashville Pearl Cohn Business Magnet by only 1½ points, but placed third, two spots behind Pearl Cohn. The final tally had Pearl Cohn with 74 points to A-E's 68½. L&N STEM Academy finished 10th.

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SPRING FLING XXVI TSSAA Team Champions (From Local Area)

BASEBALL
Class AAA – Farragut
Division II-A – CAK

SOFTBALL
Division II-A – The King's Academy

BOYS SOCCER
Class AAA – Bearden
BOYS TENNIS
Division I Small – L&N STEM Academy
Division II-A – Webb School

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Lady Devils battle, but end up third in state tourney

By Steve Williams

Halls couldn't dig its way completely out of the losers' bracket, but Coach Bryan Gordon praised this team's effort.

The Lady Devils, in the TSSAA Class AAA state softball tournament for the first time since 2002 – about the time many of them were born – finally fell to Siegel 2-1 Friday morning at Murfreesboro, just one win short of getting out of that hole and into the finals.

Halls (33-8) had to settle for third place.

"It did not end the way we wanted, but I could not be more proud of our team," said Coach Gordon. "They battled and played as hard for each other and their school as they possibly could."

The Lady Devils lost their first game in the tournament Wednesday against eventual state champion Jefferson County, 3-1. With the game tied 1-1 and two outs in the bottom of the sixth, winning pitcher Catelyn Riley doubled and Abbie Ferguson hit a two-run homer that stood up for the win.

Halls bounced back that afternoon with a 9-4 victory over Ooltewah – the first of three straight wins to stay alive. The Lady Devils built a 7-0 lead by the fourth inning. The Lady Owls committed seven errors in the game. Madisyn Thacker went 2-for-4 and Cassie Norris and Leyna Gould had two RBIs each to lead the attack.

Bri Blair pitched a three-hitter and struck out six as Halls blanked Springfield 2-0 in the first of two wins on Thursday. Freshman Aspen Calloway went 2-for-3 and drove in both runs.

The Lady Devils could see the light after a 5-0 victory over Dyer County hours later. Halls scored all of its runs in the third inning. Chandler Baldrige went 3-for-4, Gould 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Norris knocked in two. Blair finished with 14 shutout innings – not a bad day's work.

But Halls fell behind Seigel 2-0 the next morning. Norris led off the top of the sixth with a home run and Calloway followed with a double. The Lady Devils, however,

could not score again against Sophie Golliver.

"This team was special; they loved being around each other and spending time together away from the ballpark," said Coach Gordon, looking back on the season. "As they said, they were not teammates – they were sisters, and they played with a love for each other that did not end until the last out. Just super proud of what they accomplished this year."

Siegel went on to hand Jefferson County its first loss in the tourney 10-1, but the Lady Patriots prevailed in the if necessary game 3-0 Friday night for their first-ever state title. Jefferson County finished with a 26-11 record and Siegel 43-9.

GIBBS OUT EARLY: Perennial state power Gibbs got off to a rough start in the Class AA state tourney, losing 11-0 to Forrest in its first game Tuesday.

The team from Chapel Hill in Marshall County logged a mercy rule win over the 10-time state

champion Lady Eagles when Katlin Leverette belted a walk-off grand slam homer in the bottom of the sixth inning. Leverette also smacked a 3-run homer in a six-run third inning for the Lady Rockets.

Shelby Blake went 3-for-3 and Dacey Jenkins 2-for-2 to lead Gibbs.

The Lady Eagles, who came into state with a 41-9 record, toppled Marion County 2-0 in the losers' bracket Wednesday.

Rayna Pendleton had a much better day in the circle with a two-hitter and helped her own cause with two RBIs.

Bailey Reagan had a pair of doubles and Blake got two more hits to lead Gibbs at the plate.

The Lady Eagles' success didn't last long, however, as they were eliminated in a 3-2 loss to Creek Wood Thursday. Gibbs led 2-0, thanks to a two-run double by Breanna Bumgardner, but the Lady Red Hawks rallied for one run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

"To achieve the state

tournament is an outstanding accomplishment for any team, as only eight teams across the state earn the right to participate," said Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell. "I am proud of this team for that accomplishment. I am disappointed that we couldn't finish strong.

"Overall the season was a success. We won a lot of ball games, finished second in two of four (regular season) tournaments, won the district and region, and made it to the state tournament."

TKA CHAMPS AGAIN: The King's Academy defeated Chattanooga Christian 3-1 for its third Division II-A state championship in four years Friday at Murfreesboro.

Kaylan Cole logged the mound win and the Lady Lions (37-6) got a RBI each from Kayleigh Ammons, Regan Weekly and Haydyn Jenkins, who also went 2-for-2.

TKA also captured state titles in 2016 and 2017. The Lady Lions were state runners-up in 2015.

Reduced numbers make spring drills a 'welcome challenge' at CAK

By Steve Williams

High schools with smaller enrollments have to take a different approach when it comes to spring football practice. Take Christian Academy of Knoxville, for example.

"It's a unique practice scenario at CAK because we have such a large number of multi-sport athletes who are still competing in the playoffs for their spring sports," said Warriors Head Coach Travis Mozingo. "Being an advocate for multi-sport athletes, and supporter of my fellow coaches at CAK, it's a welcome 'challenge' to work around.

"The biggest benefit coming from our spring ball practices was the coaches and football players 'getting to scratch the itch.'"

Meanwhile, West opponents may want to remember a guy named Omarion Wright this fall.

"Omarion Wright had a great spring at wide receiver," said Lamar Brown, the Rebels' head coach, when giving his spring practice wrap-up. "He is a very explosive skill player. He scored five touchdowns in our two spring scrimmages."

New Carter coach Scott Meadows got an unexpected addition. "The biggest surprise was wide receiver Gabe Harper," noted Meadows. "He is a basketball player."

Should Carter fans be expecting an increase in the passing game?

Eddie Courtney revealed he has a nice problem at Farragut. "The running back position is still open with seven players competing to play that have the ability to do so."

And at Fulton, Rob Black says a quarterback battle has emerged after the graduation of four-year starter Xavier Malone. "We have a tight race going at the quarterback position (Tommy Sweat and Jey Riddle)."

Check out the complete wrap-ups from the following head coaches:

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE REPORT (Part 2)

CAK

"We finished spring football last week. It was a profitable two weeks for a solid number of our players. It's a unique practice scenario at CAK because we have such a large number of multi-sport athletes who are still competing in the playoffs for their spring sports. Being an advocate for multi-sport athletes, and supporter of my fellow coaches at CAK, it's a welcome 'challenge' to work around.

"The biggest benefit coming from our spring



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell's Bailor Hughes carries the football in a spring scrimmage at Chattanooga Central.

ball practices was the coaches and football players 'getting to scratch the itch.' We practiced in the mornings before school, in place of our strength and conditioning period. The boys really brought some effort and energy to those practices. I think just being able to get outside, run through some of our base stuff offensively and defensively was really good. We made a big focus on football fundamentals. I think that it whet their appetites for the coming summer and pre-season football activities that are on the horizon. Additionally, we have some new staff members working on sidelines this year, so it was good to get them out to interact, work with

their position groups and get to build a rapport with the players.

"There's a sense of optimism and excitement coming from the last couple of weeks – just what you want heading into the summer training period." – Head Coach Travis Mozingo

CARTER

"The biggest thing that impressed me most during spring practice was their willingness to learn. Since they are learning a new offense, a defense and a new coaching staff, the players were all in. The biggest highlight was that we developed a lot of depth this spring. The biggest surprise was Gabe Harper. He is a basketball player that came out this spring. If he continues to grow as a player, he will have a major impact on our team. In the preseason we've just got to keep doing what we are doing by getting better." – Head Coach Scott Meadows

FARRAGUT

"We felt we got better as a team this past spring practice. The competition we had allowed us to build

depth and improve in some areas of concern. The running back position is still open with seven players competing to play that have the ability to do so. We built depth in the offensive line and receiving positions. Defensively, we improved as a unit as we installed some new packages. This summer our efforts will be to continue to improve in strength and fundamental position skills." – Head Coach Eddie Courtney

FULTON

"We had a really good spring. Several young players stepped up and proved that they are ready to compete at a high level. I really like the attitude of this team and I am really impressed with the way they work. We must continue to build depth at several positions. We have a tight race going at the quarterback position (Tommy Sweat and Jey Riddle). Both of those guys took positive steps this spring. I am really excited about our up front group and think that they could be the strength of our team. Fans will hear a lot of new names in 2019." – Head Coach Rob Black

POWELL

"I was very impressed by the leadership and work ethic of the leaders on this year's team. We have an experienced team that continues to push themselves and younger players every day. Some of the new faces that impressed this spring were FS Cole Judy, LB Corriion McIntosh, CB Owen Peterson, DL Jackson Daniel, OL Brycen Hodges, WR Elijah Zimmerman and WR Jayden Collins. Majority of improvement for July and August will be focused on competition at every position and learning to work at a high level on a daily basis." – Head Coach Matt Lowe

WEBB

"Our spring practice went great. It was obvious that our offensive line is a lot bigger and stronger and they are playing more physical. We feel that we have improved in that area.

"With our skill kids, we have some older ones and some younger ones. It's good to see our older ones doing well and our younger ones improving.

"I think defensively we should be very strong in our front seven. In our secondary, we will have to have younger players step up and get better throughout the summer so they will be ready come fall.

"Overall, we had a very successful spring practice." – Head Coach David Meske

WEST

"I was impressed with the way this team worked through spring practice. We have a good mix of youth and experience. The seniors on the team really took the younger guys under their wing.

"Highlights – Travis Sawyer had a great spring at defensive end. He made the move from OLB to DE this off season. Baker Dance had a great spring at QB. He has grown into a good QB. He has also improved his leadership skills. Omarion Wright had a great spring at WR. He is a very explosive skill player. He scored five touchdowns in our two spring scrimmages. John Cupp got some reps at TB. He looked very good there. He will also be a three-year starter at safety.

Improvements – Our young skill players have to keep developing and maturing. We are going to be young at WR and DB. For us to be successful, these young guys will have to develop in a hurry." – Head Coach Lamar Brown

Jake rakes in eighth and ninth state championships

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The Roadrunners' strength was in the relays where they took first place in 4x800 (8:27.39), 4x200 (1:28.69) and 4x100 (41.62). A-E's Kiyontae Warren took second place in the 300 hurdles.

DIVISION II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville's boys were runners-up, scoring 106 points, 13 behind champion Harding Academy's 119. The Warriors' Gabel Fulford, a junior, was the

decathlon champion with 5,795 points. He also won the 110 hurdles in 15.67 seconds.

Jackson Bostick repeated as state champion in the 300 hurdles with a time of 38.54.

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CAK works overtime for third straight baseball title

By Ken Lay
MURFREESBORO --- Christian Academy of Knoxville's baseball team notched a three-peat last week.
The Warriors won their third consecutive state championship Thursday but things didn't come easily. They had to work a little overtime Thursday to edge Nashville's Christ Presbyterian Academy 3-2 in eight innings at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith Jr. Field.
CAK (36-9) won its second straight Division II-A Championship when Connor Jurek singled home Hunter Loyd with two out in the bottom of the eighth inning.
Jurek's game-winning hit came after he kept CPA (38-7) off the scoreboard in the top of the frame. It was third consecutive state title. They won the Division I Class AA Championship in 2017.
It was the ninth state title for CAK coach Tommy Pharr, who's won four

with the Warriors and five with Farragut and the longtime coach said he was extremely proud of the 2019 CAK squad.
"This was a special team," Pharr said. "We really had some seniors buy in. One our seniors, Jackson Scott, didn't see a lot of time on the field, but he was still a leader."
"I'm really proud of this group. They were really there for each other and they came in and put in the work. This is a special group."
Perhaps no one exemplified the character of this CAK team than senior and University of Tennessee signee Zane Keener.
Keener, who has been clutch throughout his career but he's been hobbled with a hamstring injury throughout the second half of the season. He played in the tournament opener, a 4-3 walkoff victory over the Lions on Tuesday at LaVergne High School. Keener aggravated the injury while getting

two hits.
So Pharr sat him out in Wednesday's 20-6 victory over Goodpasture.
But Keener wanted the ball for CAK's rematch against CPA on Thursday morning, but Pharr wasn't sure his senior could take the mound.
"I really didn't think he could pitch because he re-aggravated the hamstring injury in our first game and I didn't play him at all on Wednesday," Pharr said. "But I gave him the ball and he did a great job."
Keener went seven innings, surrendering two runs, six hits and three walks. He fanned nine CPA hitters before exiting after facing one batter in the eighth, giving way to Jurek.
"Connor came in and did well. That was really good for him and that was great to see," Pharr said. "He's a great kid and we have a lot of great kids on this team."
Keener also contributed with his

bat, going 1-for-3 and scoring a run. He missed the game Wednesday but the Warriors came up big at the plate.
Jacob Tate went 3-for-4 with a home run, three runs scored and three RBI's. Austin Kribbs also went 3-for-4 with a homer. He scored three runs and knocked in three more.
Cole Campbell had two hits, scored two runs and drove in a pair for CAK, which also got two doubles and four RBI's from Luke Harms.
Loyd went 3-for-5 with a double. He knocked in three runs and scored another.
Campbell was the hero for CAK Tuesday as his hit scored Harms with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.
Tate got the win on the mound as he hurled a complete game. He gave up three runs and scattered eight hits. He recorded seven strikeouts.

Karns boys make first-ever state soccer appearance

By Ken Lay
MURFREESBORO --- Karns High School's boys soccer team had a truly magical season in 2019.
The Beavers went 14-4-3 and made their first-ever Class AAA State Tournament appearance. But all good things must come to an end.
And the season came to a close for Karns Tuesday night with a 5-0 loss to Station Camp in the opening round of the tournament at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.
The Bison came into the tournament as two-time defending state champions and played Bearden to a 1-1 double-overtime draw before losing the title match on penalty kicks 4-3.
The Beavers advanced to the state's grand soccer stage with a 1-0 victory over Science Hill in a state sectional match in Johnson City on Saturday, May 18.
Science Hill edged the eventual 2019 state champion Bulldogs in the Region 1-AAA Championship Match earlier this month.
Against the Hilltoppers, sophomore Trevor Grussing's goal in the 26th minute was enough to propel Karns to victory. Goalkeeper Zion Gretz posted his second shutout of the postseason.
Karns posted a 3-0 victory over Oak Ridge in the District 3-AAA Tournament Championship Game before losing the Region 2-AAA Championship to Farragut.

Farragut outlasts Bradley Central to end state title drought

By Ken Lay
MURFREESBORO --- A long drought came to an end for Farragut High School's baseball team Friday night.
The Admirals had already put one dubious streak behind them heading into the Class AAA Championship Game against Bradley Central at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith Jr. Field.
Farragut, which had missed the last two state tournaments, won its first state title since 2014 when it beat the Bears 7-3. Coach Matt Buckner and his team celebrated but there also seemed to be an air of relief after the Admirals (42-3) won the game and claimed their first state title in five years and their 10th in school history.
"You have to play good baseball for a long time [to win a state championship]," said Buckner, who also guided the Admirals to titles in 2010, 2011 and 2014. "Man, these boys played so good this week."
Friday night's victory culminated a 2019 campaign that saw the Admirals win 34 of their last 35 games. At one point, Farragut had won 30 games in a row and the Admirals had a perfect run through a tough District

4-AAA regular-season slate. They also won the postseason tournament title, going unbeaten there and surrendering just four runs against some of the county's --- and state's top hitting teams.
The Admirals lost to just one team from the Volunteer State and that hiccup came in a 5-2 defeat at the hands of district rival Hardin Valley Academy in the Region 2-AAA Championship Game. The Hawks also beat the Admirals in the 2015 state title game.
Farragut beat the Bears, Bartlett (twice) and Summit while at the Midstate.
Pitcher Jake Hagenow, a junior and University of Kentucky commitment, threw a complete game against Bradley Central. He gave up three early runs but the Bears couldn't solve the 6-foot-5 right-hander after the third inning.
Hagenow surrendered just one run, four hits. He didn't walk a batter and fanned 11.
Offensively, Ashton King and Parker Noland had two hits and scored two runs apiece. Noland, a Vanderbilt signee and Mr. Baseball Finalist, walked twice. King had an RBI.
Catcher Ryan McCarthy drove in three runs and had a two-run single that sealed the game for the Admirals with two out in the bottom of

the fifth inning.
Farragut darted to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as a groundout by Hunter Merrick plated King with the game's first run. Noland tallied Farragut's second run on a passed ball.
The Bears tied the game in the second and took a 3-2 lead in the third before the Admirals when King scored on an error and McCarthy's sacrifice fly plated Hudson Seiglar, who reached base on a fielder's choice.
Farragut advanced to the championship game with a 17-2 win over Bartlett on Thursday.
King went 4-for-5 with two runs. He homered doubled and drove in six runs.
Seiglar also homered in the contest and Carter Gillette went 2-for-3. He knocked in three runs and scored two more.
Pitcher Landon Smiddy threw a complete game and struck out seven in the contest.
Against Summit, Nick Barnes and Angus Pence each had a home run in an 8-7 victory for the Admirals.
Farragut opened the tournament Tuesday night at Siegel with a 4-2 win over Bartlett.

is just built tough," said Lewis. "If you look at our road it was just ridiculously hard. I think Farragut, Bentwood and Station Camp are arguably the three best other teams in the state, and we beat all of them to get here. This team is just built different. The heart on this team is ridiculous. We just wanted it more, and that was the difference."

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Narayani's sweep leads Webb to Division II-A title

By Steve Williams
Niki Narayani swept the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter runs to lead Webb School to the girls' TSSAA Division II-A state track and field championship with 140 points Wednesday at MTSU in Murfreesboro.
Christian Academy of Knoxville finished runner-up with 104 points.
Narayani, a Vanderbilt signee, was clocked in 2 minutes, 22.7 seconds in 800, 5:13.24 in 1600 and 11:10.01 in 3200.
The Lady Spartans also got two victories from Jasmine Jefferson, who won the 100 dash in 12.39 and the 400 with a time of 58.14. Webb's 4x800 relay prevailed in 10:11.10 and Kai Lanier also scored six points with her third place finish in the pentathlon.
CAK freshman Ariya Rice won the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 7¼ inches. The Lady Warriors took first place in three relays - 4x200 in 1:44.86, 4x100 in 49.04 and 4x400 in 4:04.43. CAK junior McKinnley Blackburn also won the pentathlon with 2,776 points.

Halls junior Kendall Medders was second in the high jump, Catholic's Eleanora Mancini second in the 800 and Hardin Valley Academy runner-up in the 4x200 relay.
Whitehaven claimed the team title with 72 points.
DIVISION I SMALL: East Nashville ran away with the title, racking up 128 points in Friday's final day of track and field competition at the state meet.
HVA shines in Division 1 Large and Unified scoring
Hardin Valley Academy finished on top with 56 points in the Division 1 Large and Unified combined team scoring Thursday at the TSSAA state track and field meet at MTSU. Bartlett



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Niki Narayani competes for Webb in a relay event at the TSSAA Division II-A state track meet Wednesday at MTSU in Murfreesboro. With Narayani leading the way in the distance events, the Lady Spartans captured the state team title.
was second with 46 and Gibbs third with 34. In all, seven schools scored.
Adie Fox and Lynndeeria Drew led HVA to first place in girls' 100-meter dash relay unified. Cade Huff and Trey Bozeman led HVA to top honors in boys' long jump relay unified. Luke DeFur and Daniel Gooch led HVA to the win in mixed shot put relay unified. The mixed 4x100 relay unified also was won by Hardin Valley.

Bearden wins Boys' Soccer Championship

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best way to win or lose a game, but you just kind of walk away and pray and keep thanking God."
Eight seniors on this Bearden team will play soccer in college in the Fall. Lewis will lace up the cleats for Lee University. This was the perfect way for him, and the rest of the Bulldogs seniors to complete their high school careers. "This senior class

is just built tough," said Lewis. "If you look at our road it was just ridiculously hard. I think Farragut, Bentwood and Station Camp are arguably the three best other teams in the state, and we beat all of them to get here. This team is just built different. The heart on this team is ridiculous. We just wanted it more, and that was the difference."

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A Jack of all trades and a master of all

Jack Tate had on a short sleeve plaid shirt with stripes of Maroon, White and Grey running through it when I met him for a recent interview. That wasn't surprising. Jack has been at Bearden High through and through for parts of five decades.



By Steve Williams

Tate and other retiring Bearden teachers were recognized at a brunch on the last day of school Friday, but Jack was out of town on the job as the school's Sports Information Director, covering the Bulldogs in the Class AAA boys' soccer state finals that afternoon at the TSSAA Spring Fling.

He had been in Murfreesboro since Tuesday, posting accomplishments of Bearden athletes on social media to as many as 3,160 followers on his Twitter account. One post included Tennessee signee Preston Ruth running the anchor leg on the 4x800 relay team and bringing the Bulldogs back from ninth to fourth place to earn all-state recognition.

In this day and age of much negativity in the media, Tate likes to send out positive news on today's youth.

"I started phasing that (SID position) in three years ago," said the 1978 BHS graduate. "I've been doing parts of it for a long time."

Bearden has 15 to 20 sports, including club sports like ice hockey, swimming, lacrosse and rugby. Tate loves covering them all and also sends out many photos from his iPad the school bought for him to use two years ago at Christmas.

In addition to sending out scoring updates during games, Tate also types out morning school announcements for sporting events and other important activities going on at the school, and a student announces them.

Jack also recognizes an Athlete of the Week, Athlete of the Month and an Alumni Spotlight Athlete of the Month.

"I probably spend 45 to 50 hours per week on the sports stuff, but I love doing it though. It keeps me young."

Tate, 58, coached at Bearden for 35 years, starting as an assistant with the baseball program when he was still in college at the University of Tennessee. He has been a teacher at BHS for 25 years, arriving in January of 1996, after teaching at Bearden Middle School for seven years and taking 2½ years off from full-time teaching to help his grandmother and mother for health reasons.

Tate's favorite high school class to teach has been Film Studies.

"We go behind the scenes," said Tate, who watches an average of 150 movies per year. "We try to cover the whole gamut of the film industry."

Tate also taught Personal Finance this school year. He also has taught American Government, U.S. History and Freshman Foundations at BHS and Tennessee History at BMS.

Most of his time coaching was as Junior Varsity baseball head coach for over 20 years and as an assistant with the varsity team. He retired from coaching in May of 2017, after serving under seven head coaches.

But for three years (2010-2012), Tate was Bearden's head baseball coach and directed the Bulldogs to a 32-14 record and the Class AAA state finals in 2017, losing to Arlington 9-3 in the championship game. It was a special season that saw Tate's team pull off several amazing comebacks to stay alive in post-season play.

Growing up in the early 1970s, Tate and his family



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Jack Tate stands next to many of the Bearden High athletic photos that grace his classroom walls. "Every picture tells me a story," said Tate, who is retiring but will be back next school year to teach first and second period classes and continue as Bearden's Sports Information Director.

lived off Broadway on Luttrell Street in the Fourth and Gill area. Bill Meyer Stadium, home of the Knoxville Sox Double-A baseball team, was just down the hill. Jack, his mother Nancy and younger sister Tabitha started going to games there in the summer of 1972 and Jack became the K-Sox bat boy in 1974. He kept the position until he was a sophomore in college.

One of the managers Tate served as bat boy under was Tony La Russa, who started his coaching career in Knoxville in 1978 and went on to become a major league manager with three different teams.

"He probably got me into coaching more than anything; just me watching him, the way he did business ... I think I got a lot of my coaching ideas from him."

At UT, Tate started out in Journalism in the College of Communications with aspirations of being a sports

writer. He had been sports editor of Bearden's school newspaper his junior year and its editor when he was a senior.

Already helping with Bearden's baseball team while in college, some of the players asked him to coach their summer league teams.

"I fell in love with coaching there," said Tate. "It was fun. I'm very competitive. I switched over to College of Education so I could be a teacher and eventually a coach."

My first connection with Jack was when I was prep editor at The Knoxville Journal and he was a college

student and one of our best "stringers," keeping Bearden's basketball stats and calling in a report for a dollar a game.

Tate's love for statistics grew and he started keeping football stats in 1982. His remarkable streak of attending Bearden games was already seven years old by then.

"I haven't missed a football game at Bearden since 1975 ... 465 straight games (home and away) since I was a sophomore in high school," he proudly says.

He may be officially retiring, but the good news is he has been approved to

teach Social Studies first and second periods next school year and continue his SID duties.

"I won't cut down, but I'll get to leave school every day at 12 o'clock though. So that's a positive right there. I'll get to go out and eat lunch. But come night time, I will be back for football, basketball, soccer, tennis and all those sports."

As far as the aspirations of being a sports writer that Tate had long, long ago, considering his many SID reporting duties, Jack said: "It's come full circle I guess you could say."

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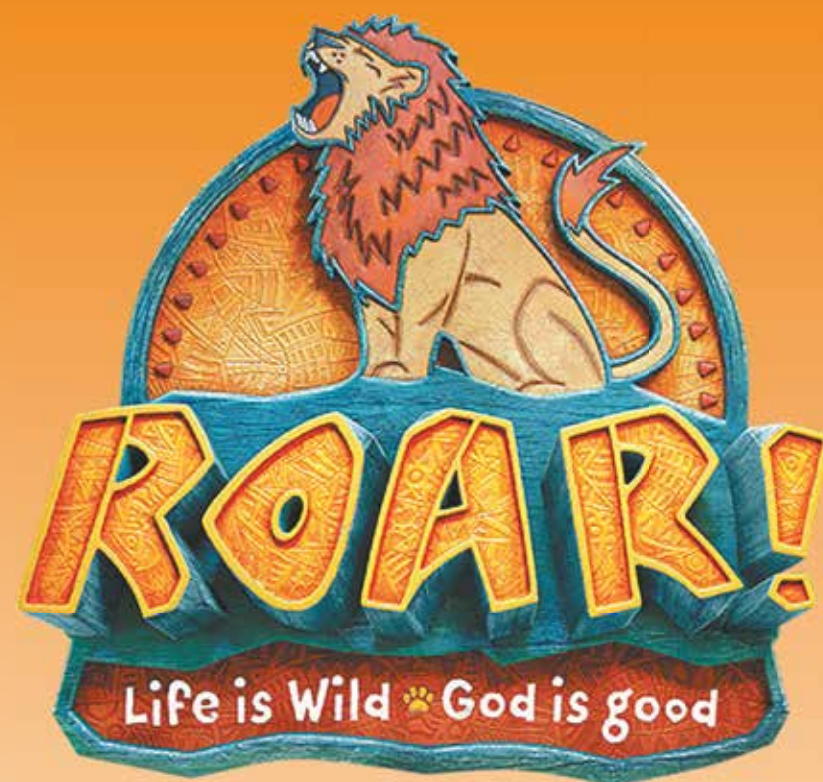
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Adapting

Motown icon Aretha Franklin once sang, "Change, Change, Change..." No, sorry, that was "Chain, Chain, Chain... Chain of Fools." My mistake. However, change is the modern and more relevant mantra.

The global warming cabal even had to alter the name of their signature message to Climate Change. Undoubtedly, this is because we have entered a period of lower temperatures. Relax AlGore! Your scam of man-made (anthropogenic) global weather perturbation is safe because so few people realize that water vapor is the principal greenhouse gas followed by methane, with carbon dioxide a distant third.

The reason temperatures have stabilized is because our sun is in a cyclical solar minimum with fewer sun spots, solar eruptions, and therefore less solar wind. And with less solar wind to deflect cosmic radiation

which interacts with particles in the upper atmosphere to increase earth's reflective albedo, the earth has lately cooled. If you're interested in science I suggest you read The Chilling Stars by Henrik Svensmark rather than listening to politician AlGore and his hockey stick analysis. Consider this admittedly simplistic syllogistic logic example: politicians lie; AlGore is a politician; therefore AlGore lies.

Everything changes, all the time. The secret of successful living is to adapt to the change and make the most of it. Change is certainly true of my body. I'm not as strong as I used to be. I'll never be able to hit a golf ball like Brooks Koepka the winner of the recent PGA golf tournament. And I have found that I am not as good at multitasking, one of my strengths in years past. I've had to adjust my perspective and adapt to the new reality of being sixty-eight years old.

Democrats do not seem able to adjust to the reality that Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton and that he did not collude with Russians. Nancy Pelosi and haters have lost their minds. Actually, it was Hillary Clinton's campaign who bought and paid for the infamous Steele Dossier. Amazingly, a recent poll found that two thirds of Americans still do not know this. The non-verified and scatological "golden shower" hoax was the cornerstone of FISA Court warrants and the attempted soft coup engineered by the leaders of the FBI, CIA, NSA, the Justice Department, probably with knowledge of the Obama White House. Attorney General William Barr has certainly challenged Democrats with a changing landscape. I believe he will inform We The People of the Swamp's skulduggery. When you shine a light in the basement the rats adjust their activities and scurry into the darkness.

Polling data is the mainstay of the Washington environment. The polls were utterly wrong about the 2016 presidential election. Australia is the latest demonstration that election polling has become so politicized that they are no longer valid. The "modern liberals" in Australia will have to adjust their plans now that the polls were wrong again and they were

soundly defeated by the conservatives. I emphasize the term "modern" liberal to contrast this loosely used term with "classical" liberalism of the Founders era. They are vastly different. Modern liberals are actually progressives and "leftists." Progressive John Dewey coined the term modern liberal in 1924 because the policies of progressives were losing so many elections. Later, modern was dropped from the name. Apparently, modern liberals and progressives just change their names instead of their stripes.

Even "liberal" Calvin Klein had to adapt to the insane leftist political correctness of today. A recent ad campaign featured a robot dressed as a woman being kissed by a human female model. The problem was the human model identifies as heterosexual and this so enraged the LGBTQ crowd forcing Klein to apologize and withdraw the ad.

Congress is not adapting well to the reality of Trump and has become "a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing" (Shakespeare from McBeth). Trump recently challenged Nancy Pelosi to either "legislate or investigate." We'll see if

she chooses the American people or her leftist base.

I've just finished a book by Reinhold Niebuhr entitled Moral Man and Immoral Society. I was intrigued by the title and the book was rated among the top 10 works of Christian apologetics of the 20th century. I don't recommend this egghead book. But, I also dislike the movie Citizen Kane, which is number one on the list of great movies rated by cinema "experts." I ascribe to the Count Basie philosophy. The great jazz pianist said, "If it sounds good, it is." And my corollary to that is, "if you like something, it is." Don't let anyone define your tastes. However, with time and understanding some things grow on you, like the taste of coffee or a Rothko non-representational painting.

Actually, I was drawn to Niebuhr because he was the mentor of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great Lutheran anti-Nazi of the Second World War, whose books I have read and whose courageous apologetics I admire. Niebuhr is most celebrated for the famous Serenity Prayer, even though his authorship has been challenged by some nattering nabobs. Nonetheless, the prayer speaks to adaptation:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the

things I can,

And wisdom to know the difference."

As I try to practice medicine "off the grid," it requires adapting to a medical system which sometimes doesn't find this fully licensed medical doctor in their databases. For more than four decades I "participated" in Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare and various other commercial insurance plans. However, to do concierge medicine, I had to "opt out" of all governmental related insurance products. I have had to adapt to not being able to order physical therapy for my Medicare patient with a stroke or write orders for blood sugar testing strips for another patient with diabetes and government insurance. My freedom to practice the best care for my patients has resulted in consequences which I accept gracefully, most of the time.

The Master taught us that in this life you will always have troubles. He preached a message of adaptation, of being in the world, but not of the world. Successful living is establishing priorities and adapting to inevitable change. Some days I do better than other days. But today I sing, I love my life, I love my wife and I love my Lord, Jesus Christ - as best I can.

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The Shema

For thousands of years, Jewish parents have taught their children the words of the Shema as soon as they were old enough to speak (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). Jesus likely learned these words on the lap of his mom and dad. The Shema was so central to Jesus' faith that when a scribe/lawyer asked him what he believed was the greatest commandment, his answer began by quoting from the Shema (Mark 12:28-31).

Today, when we recite the Shema, we repeat



By **Mark Brackney**, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Jesus' words about loving God and neighbor, but we often leave off the preamble: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deut. 6:4).

This line is the cornerstone of the Jewish faith followed by the great command to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Every morning and evening for thousands of years, the Jewish people promised to love God wholeheartedly when they recited the

Shema. Jesus' next command, "Love your neighbor as yourself," comes from Leviticus 19:18.

I used to think that the lawyer's question was a legalistic quiz and that Jesus' talk of love rather than law would have shocked and scandalized his audience. But Jesus' answer came straight out of the Torah - from Leviticus and Deuteronomy. I think most of us would have to admit that Leviticus and Deuteronomy are not books we frequent often, if ever, in our Bible study.

The question the lawyer asked Jesus that day was not a bad one. I don't think he was trying to outsmart

Jesus. He was actually wanting to participate in a fascinating debate among the rabbinic teachers of his day. He was asking: "What is the great essence of God's Law?" "What overriding principle encapsulates all of God's instruction?" Torah, which we translate "law," actually means "teaching." Technically, the term Torah applies to the first five books of the Old Testament, also called the Pentateuch, but it often is a word used to refer to the Scriptures as a whole. The goal in answering the question of the lawyer and others was not to summarize the Bible in one's own words, but to choose one

key verse that encapsulated all the rest. This was a discussion about getting to the very heart of God's will.

The first word, shema, we usually translate as "hear." But this means more than to perceive sound. This Hebrew word includes listening, taking heed, and responding with action to what one has heard. Today, we would use the word "obey" to describe this. To "hear" is "to do." In the Psalms, David pleads, "O Lord, please hear my prayer." This was not accusing God of being deaf, but rather, he was calling on God to take action. He didn't want God to listen to his

words only. Understanding the importance of the Shema helps us understand another phrase Jesus often used: "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear" (Mark 4:9). What Jesus really meant by these words was this: "You have heard my teaching, now take it to heart and obey it!" Jesus wants us to be doers of the word, not just hearers, which is what James wrote (James 1:22).

This concept is so important for us today in Western culture. There is a disconnect from knowing and doing. Let us strive to put our beliefs into action.



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