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Knox County School Board Elects New Chair

By Anne Primm

Chair Terry Hill called the September 4 special-called meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. Three board members were absent from the meeting: First District Representative Evetty Satterfield, Third District Representative Tony Norman, and Eighth District Representative Mike McMillan. The sole purpose of this meeting was to elect a new chair and vice chair for the Knox County Board of Education for the current 2019-2020 school year. After the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence led by Second District Representative Jennifer Owen, nominations were opened. Fourth District Representative Virginia Babb nominated Fifth District Representative Susan Horn for the chair position. The motion was seconded. Owen moved to accept Horn as the new chair by acclimation. That motion was seconded and the board unanimously voted Representative Horn as the new chair. Next, Seventh District Representative Patti Bounds nominated Owen for the position of vice chair.

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By Mike Steely
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"Hi, I'm Kael Hill and I'm the mayor for the day," the young man said when meeting Knox County Court Clerk Sherry Witt and other Knox County officials Wednesday morning. Kael and his mother had just come from a personal meeting with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs who apparently bestowed the honors on the small cancer survivor who

is an ambassador for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Witt hosted the gathering and invited other officials and employees to meet with Kael and his mom, who are traveling the region to bring attention to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September.

Born with leg cancer and now equipped with a prosthetic leg, the outgoing young man took the time to shake every hand

and one by one the officials said their name and told him what they do in the county. Kael and his family live in Johnson City and spend much of their time promoting St. Jude.

Kael was quick to tell everyone that he plays soccer. Following the introductions Kael thanked everyone for the reception and everyone had snacks and chatted with he and his mother.

Charles Susano Jr., Circuit Court clerk, stands with Kael Hill and Sherry Witt during a reception for the young St. Jude representative. Several county officials and employees attended the Wednesday morning event and Kael shook hands with everyone there. Photo by Mike Steely.



Local officials enjoy annual fair luncheon

Commissioner John Schoonmaker presents a \$500 check from Knox County government for HonorAir to its founder, Eddie Mannis, during Friday's Tennessee Valley Fair Government and Business Luncheon, which traditionally opens the fair every year. The fair is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and will feature innovative exhibits, livestock shows, concert series, action sports, exciting rides and variety of unique foods every day through its close on September 15. For more information, please visit www.tn-valleyfair.org. Photo by Mike Steely.

Maintenance ongoing again at Fountain City Lake

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Parrot feather could be called the kudzu of the water world. The plant, often used in household aquariums, is infesting Fountain City Lake. According to City Stormwater Engineer David Hagerman, the invasive plan is overwhelming the popular lake.

Although the lake, commonly called the Duck Pond, is owned by the Fountain City Lions Club, which also owns and maintains the 7.9 acre park, the city has been tackling a pollution problem for several years.

So far it is reported the city has sent more than \$760,000 on projects at Fountain City Lake since 2014, including dredging, draining, cleaning, pump repairs and repairing the earthen walls.

For several years the city has been warning visitors not to feed the ducks and swans human food and



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Fountain City Lake is infested with parrot feather grass and clean up was scheduled to begin on August 27. Part of the infestation comes from people dumping their aquariums in the waters there.

had placed acceptable food vending machines there for feeding the water fowl. Trout have been stocked in the lake since

it was drained, repaired, and allowed to refill. Several natural springs feed the lake and are the a source of First Creek that runs

from the lake southward and empties into the Tennessee River downtown.

The latest source of the infestation of parrot

feather weeds appears to be people dumping their aquariums in the lake. Aquarium gravel has been found at the bottom near

the edge of the lake. Some people may think they are saving their goldfish or other aquarium inhabitants but dumping aquariums there have created a growth of parrot feather which has overtaken the waters.

It seems a never-ending problem for the lake and work there was scheduled to begin last month with inmates taking part in the Knox County Sheriff's Department's voluntary work release program.

The weed removal plan involved a small draw-down of waters there and the use of mechanical cutters and rakes to remove the weeds.

"City Public Service workers will then vacuum out the lake's fish screen that is contained in the outlet structure to remove any weed fragments that got trapped there," Hagerman said prior to the operation beginning.

Following the cleaning

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Can a Child Sue Someone?

Occasionally I will have a family come see me who have been involved in a car wreck and the parents and the children have all received injuries as a result of the wreck. When this happens each and every single person involved in the car wreck



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has their own ability to bring a lawsuit against the driver who caused the wreck.

How does it work though, when a small child is the one who is injured? Do they have to hire their own attorney? Of course not. The child's parents are the ones who can pursue a cause of action on behalf of the child. They do not have to do so, but they can.

Even though on personal injury cases, people who are injured only have one year in order to file a lawsuit against the person who hurt them, when a child is hurt, they have until their 19th birthday to file a lawsuit because once they turn 18, they can file the lawsuit themselves now that they are considered an adult.

How does filing a lawsuit on behalf of a child work? First, the parents or guardians of the child would file the lawsuit as "next friend," of the child. Unusual wording, but that is what the law asks that you do.

Then, if there is a settlement or a verdict in favor of the child, the judge must approve what is done with those funds because those funds are the child's funds, that money does not belong to the parents.

A common practice in

Tennessee is a, "minor settlement approval hearing." What in the world is that? Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-34-105 requires that a hearing in the judge's office take place for any settlement of a minor's claim for an amount over \$10,000.00.

The purpose behind this is so that the judge can inquire what is going to be done with the settlement funds and ensure that the parents are not going to spend all of the child's money. One option is that the money can be deposited with the court and then the child can go to the court and obtain that money when they turn 18.

Another snag that can occur is if a child's parents are divorced. If both parents have established custody rights, then they both have to sign off and approve a settlement for their child and approve what will be done with the settlement funds.

So can a child sue someone? No, they cannot do it themselves, but their parent or guardian can sue someone on their behalf.

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Nystrom, Carringer chosen again as chair and vice chair of commission

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If Knox County Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom seemed a little off his game Tuesday during the commission's reorganization meeting, it was because he'd spent three days worried about his sister who was vacationing in the Bahamas and couldn't be reached. Hurricane Dorian sat on the islands for more than two days with winds up to 185 mph, knocking out all communications and causing the Nystrom family to be worried beyond measure.

But prior to the afternoon meeting Nystrom heard that she was safe and had decided to stay to help out because her friend and traveling companion is a doctor.

Nystrom apologized a couple of times to his fellow members but forged ahead

with overseeing the reorganization that saw him being re-elected as chair without any opposition.

Despite some worries that two or three members might be absent because of prior obligations, all commissioners were present and Nystrom led the meeting into nominations for vice chair.

Sitting Vice Chair Michele Carringer was nominated as was Commissioner Larsen Jay. The vote split with Nystrom, Jay, John Schoonmaker and Carson Daily voting for Jay. The other seven commissioners voted for Carringer resulting in the Jay votes switching to Carringer, making the end total 11-0.

The selection of members of standing committees followed with Evelyn Gill, Brad Anders, Charles Busler, Dailey and Jay selected as members of

the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will be headed by Jay with Dailey as vice chair.

The Court Subcommittee was chosen and includes Gill, Carringer, Busler, Anders and Justin Biggs. Gill is the new chair and Biggs, vice chair.

Richie Beeler, Biggs, Nystrom and Carringer were selected to serve on the Insolvency Board and the Legislative Committee members chosen were Beeler, Gill, Schoonmaker, Dailey and Jay. Beeler was chosen as chair of the Insolvency Committee and Biggs was chosen as vice chairman after four other members were nominated, including Gill, Jay and Beeler. The vote went around twice and Biggs was chosen in a 7-3-1 vote.

Schoonmaker was chosen to chair the Legislative Committee and Dailey

to vice chair.

All 11 commission members serve on the Finance Committee and Tuesday saw Schoonmaker being elected as chair of that body, 7-4 over Jay. However, Jay was elected to vice chair, 8-3.

All 11 also sit on the Cable TV Committee, of which Beeler was selected to chair with Jay to vice chair.

Biggs was chosen to represent the commission on the Development Corporation and the Joint Education committee will include Dailey, Beeler, Gill and Jay.

Near the end of the reorganization meeting Chairman Nystrom announced that a special called meeting will be held Wednesday at 3:30 with the board of education to hear an update on the possible sale of the Andrew Johnson Building.

Commission to honor Public Defender Mark Stephens

By Mike Steely
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Public Defender Mark Stephens is retiring and going into private practice. Stephens is the only elected public defender and has been representing indigent people for more than 29 years.

The Knox County Commission plans to honor Stephens twice in its meeting next Monday: by presenting him with honors and by naming the Community Law Office building at 1101 Liberty Street after him.

Stephens said recently that the Knox County Community Law office will benefit from new leadership and is suggesting that Deputy District Public Defender Eric Lutton be appointed as interim public defender.

The commission has several appointments to other positions on its agenda including replacing William Schaad on the Sheriff's Merit System Council

with a yet unnamed person, appointing four unnamed people to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and approving the appointment of M. Douglas Campbell Jr. to the Development Corporation.

Just how many of the forty-one agenda items will be discussed depends on decisions by the commission chairman and individual members.

Councilman Carson Dailey's effort to get a tax break on vehicle tags for volunteer firefighters is on the agenda for a second and final reading. The break would be for county charges on the tags. A related item, for volunteer local rescue squad members, is set for initial approval on first reading.

Also on second and final reading is the planning commission's recommendation to amend the county code to create a Planned Development Approval Process.

Parks and Recreation is asking the commission to support efforts by the Public Building Authority to apply for a state grant for the Halls Greenway Project for up to \$1 million with a county contribution of \$50,000.

Dr. Amy Hawes may be hired in a contract agreement to practice medicine and render forensic pathology services conducted by the Regional Forensic Center.

The commission may also consider an agreement with Helen Ross McNabb Center for mental health and treatment services and approving a Safe Schools Grant from the state for \$1,076,696 with matching funds of \$491,070 in in-kind services from the sheriff's office and Knoxville City Police. Both of those items are on the school system agendas and both should be routinely approved.

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Publisher's Position

City Council Races Matter



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It will likely be easy for some Knoxville residents to overlook or pay little attention to the various races for City Council on the November ballot, especially with a hotly contested mayor's race in the offing.

Charles Thomas and Charles Al-Bawi will be squaring off city-wide after a primary vote solely inside the Second Council District. The race has been something of a sleepy affair, although Thomas was the leading vote-getter in the primary by a country mile.

Charles Lomax is by any standard a respectable candidate; intelligent, articulate and knowledgeable, yet he trailed well behind Lynne Fugate, a former member of the Knox County Board of Education.

Janet Testerman, to the surprise of exactly nobody easily outdistanced David Hayes, who appears to be more noise than substance.

Amelia Parker edged past Amy Midis and Bob Thomas to lead the race for the At-Large Seat C in the primary. Prognosticators are already pondering if Parker has a path to victory and the answer is she certainly does IF she can generate several thousand new voters. Amy Midis is also going to have her hands full winning over those who voted for Bob Thomas and David Williams. Both Thomas and Williams appealed to the fiscally responsible minded folks and if Midis does nothing to appeal to those folks they can skip over her and vote in the other Council races. It seems highly unlikely those folks

would back Parker who is a self-described "Democratic Socialist." In fact, Al-Bawi, Parker and Hayes are all proudly identified with the City Council Movement, which appears to be a conglomeration of Democratic Socialists? You may ask yourself what is the difference between a Democratic Socialist and a Socialist? There may be a distinction, but little practical difference. Of course, those candidates who have a socialistic predisposition like spending other people's money, so Parker, Al-Bawi, and Hayes will likely be advocating for increased spending by the city government. Naturally, that means property

taxes will begin to rise to accommodate all the social do-gooding they envision.

Midis, who only trailed Parker by a few votes, seems to have a clear path to victory by simply taking a more middle ground approach than her opponent. Testerman may have to simply keep breathing to defeat Hayes with his loud and radical rhetoric. There are those who loudly defend Hayes as a genuine community activist, while others denounce him as little more than an attention addict and a public nuisance. David Hayes certainly doesn't have the intellect, the ability to articulate an idea nor the appeal of

Amelia Parker.

There are numerous things for voters to consider as to the different candidates for the Knoxville City Council. What is their vision for the future? Higher taxes and an urban leftist dream of a city or serious consideration of reasonable growth spending and addressing the problems actually facing Knoxville?

That vision is largely one of your own making. Start paying attention to what is going on around you; if you aren't registered to vote now, do so immediately. Most of all, be certain to VOTE.

Knox County School Board Elects New Chair

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Then Ninth District's Kristi Kristy nominated Babb for the same position. In a roll-call vote, both candidates received three votes. Representative Babb made a motion that the vote for vice chair be postponed until the September 11, 2019 meeting so that all board members could be present for the vote. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

At 4:42 p.m., there was a motion to adjourn until the regular work session started at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:01 p.m. Chair Terry Hill called the Knox County Board of Education Workshop to order. There were seven out of nine Board members present. McMillan had joined the group at this time.

Hill announced that the Knox County Commission will meet jointly with the board of education next Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the City-County Building.

Superintendent Bob Thomas followed with his report. Thomas thanked everyone involved with the incident at Powell High School last Tuesday where an air conditioner malfunction was misinterpreted as gunfire and put the school into lockdown. Special kudos went out to Principal Chad Smith and his staff,

the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Knoxville Police.

Superintendent Thomas also called attention to the upcoming Career Fair taking place on September 24, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Jacob Building. Thomas also mentioned that Coupon Book Sales Campaign begins on September 13, 2019.

At this point, Thomas turned the meeting over to Russ Oakes for an update on the Capitol Improvement Plan for Elementary/Middle schools in Knox County. According to Oakes, plans are being made for major improvements (possibly a new school) for Adrian Burnett Elementary School. Hopefully ground will be broken for a new Northwest Middle School by 2021. The Lonsdale project will be undertaken by both Knox County government and Knox County Schools working together.

The workshop continued with discussion of Board Policies. A brief discussion about online fundraising piqued some board members' interests. Apparently, the policies on fundraising need to be clarified so that teachers are not personally put at risk for liability when raising funds for their school or classroom. Bounds requested that Policy D-280 be re-examined and re-submitted at

the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Bounds also advocated support for a resolution supporting an increase in teacher salaries under the Basic Education Program (BEP.) Representative Bounds is hoping the Knox County School Board as a whole will support this resolution when it is sent to Governor Bill Lee.

Student Representative Noah Kelley announced that the first Student Advocacy Council will meet at Central High School on September 9, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Hill thanked the board and the public for letting her serve as School Board chair for the past year and wished the new chair and vice chair well.

There was no Public Forum and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Knox County will host the second and final round of public meetings to show the final recommendations of a proposed major greenway corridor study that will touch each section of the county.

Earlier this year, county leaders sought recommendations from its residents during the first series of meetings.

The study has evaluated roughly 65 miles of proposed greenways within the county, some that may connect to other cities and counties.

County officials, landscape architects and engineers tied to the study will be on hand to answer questions. They also will have renderings of the proposed project.

Each meeting will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 11 in the Karns Elementary School gym

- Thursday, September 12 in the Northshore Elementary School gym

- Tuesday, September 17 in the Halls Elementary School gym

- Wednesday, September 18 in the Bonny Kate Elementary gym

The four corridors are:

- Beaver Creek, which will run east from Melton Hill Park in Hardin Valley to the Gibbs community.

- Northshore, which will run from the Loudon County line to Lakeshore Park.

- Chapman Highway, which will run north from the Sevier County line to Gary Underwood Park.

- John Sevier, which will run from Chapman Highway to Alcoa Highway and ultimately connect the Knox-Blount Greenway.

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City council to ask for police cameras

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council will meet Tuesday and will ask the police department to explore the cost of equipping the force with body cameras. The action follows incidents where the public has demanded such cameras on officers.

Council members Marshall Stair, Mark Campen, Seema Singh, Lauren Rider, Gwen McKenzie, Andrew Roberto and Stephanie Welch have requested the action and the resolution includes “acquiring and maintaining body worn cameras to be used by those members of the police department who respond to E-911 calls and investigate alleged crimes.”

The latest incident involved the shooting of a man after an encounter with an officer in which the suspect was, according to an

autopsy report, shot in the back. The police department is asking for \$40,000 in a grant application from the state for the department’s Forensic Unit staff to use for training and equipment to enhance gun crime investigations and prosecutions.

The council may also vote to increase the salary of the judge of Municipal Court. Just over \$152,000 may also be awarded from federal funds to improve operation of the local criminal justice system.

Mayor Madeline Rogero may be authorized to contract with Ovation Food Services LP to provide food and beverage services at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum and at Chilhowee Park.

The Office of Redevelopment is asking the council to approve an additional \$60,000 for public art at the Cradle of Country Music

Park, upping the agreement with THEVERYMANY LLC to \$560,000. A tax break is being recommended by the Office of Redevelopment for Dowell Springs Behavioral Health LLC for two parcels. That office is also asking for \$217,000 for landscaping with Landscapes Services Inc. along the North Central Corridor from Depot Avenue to Woodland Avenue. The Dowell Springs project is also asking, through the planning commission, to rezone that property from O-3 to O-1 (Office).

Another ordinance would change the City Code to waive the ban on animals races in certain incidences on a request from the police department.

Zoning changes are also being requested for properties on Old Weisgarber Road, Old Kingston Pike, Hutchinson Avenue, and Taylor Road.

Maintenance ongoing again at Fountain City Lake

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a contractor will treat the weeds with a systemic herbicide, safe for humans, fish and birds.

About 50 grass carp will then feed on the soft new growth.

Hagerman said the city’s effort at the lake is an ongoing process that will take a persistent effort and patience.

Last December crews removed huge heaps of invasive weeds, enough to fill three large trucks.

Parrot feather grass and other aquatic plants are sold at local pet stores to beautify home aquariums. Hagerman said the aquarium grass missed during the winter cleaning has spread quickly in the warm

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Don’t feed the ducks people food. You can buy duck and fish food at Fountain City Lake.

summer months to infest the lake waters. The city is investigating long-term maintenance projects and each year helps with the Lions Club’s maintenance of the popular north Knoxville park.

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Remembering Knoxville's 'Slow & Easy'

By Joe Holloway

Knoxville's railroad history is a proud one. Its two beautifully-preserved downtown depots, the Louisville & Nashville (L&N) and the Southern, stand as testaments to that heritage. Another downtown fixture, the "Three Rivers Rambler" passenger train, returns the lonesome whistles of iron horses to a city once filled with them.

Yet, many Knoxvilleians, both new and not-so-new, are unaware of another railroad that served downtown Knoxville for a half-century. Its terminal stood in the shadow of The Hill, the University of Tennessee's main campus. Its train crews worked hard just to cross the Tennessee River on departure and to enter the terminal on arrival.

This was the Smoky Mountain Railroad, originally built as the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Railway, or KS&E. Those initials, as well as the trains' 11 mile per hour speeds, inspired the line's still-used nickname, "Knoxville, Slow & Easy." From 1910 until 1961, the "Slow & Easy" linked downtown Knoxville with Sevierville. During the Roaring Twenties, an affiliated line, the Pigeon River Railroad, extended service to Pigeon Forge and McCookville.

Headlines at both ends of the line celebrated its completion. It provided new forms of both transportation and entertainment to patrons in that much simpler age. It predated Chapman Highway by a quarter-century and today's Exit 407 by decades. Before the mid-Thirties, a 2-1/4 hour train ride was the fastest conveyance between Knoxville and Sevierville for passengers and freight.

Throughout its financially-rocky history, the line operated under four different names: KS&E (1909-1921), Knoxville & Carolina (1921-1926), Tennessee & North Carolina (1926-1938) and Smoky Mountain (1938-1961). Founder W. J. Oliver envisioned selling his new railroad to the growing Southern system. However,

Oliver's friend, Southern president Samuel Spencer, perished in a Virginia train wreck. So, the sale never happened. Oliver built his line anyway, still desiring an overmountain link with another railroad in the Carolinas.

During its era, the Smoky Mountain Railroad operated unique steam locomotives and wooden passenger and freight cars. Thus, authors and rail fans came from afar to write about and photograph the "Slow & Easy" before it was too late. In 1949, writer William H. Schmidt Jr. dubbed Smoky Mountain "the Shrine of Shortline Railroad." By this time, the L&N and Southern were operating diesel-powered streamliners and all-steel fast freights.

The railroad's Knoxville terminal was in the Second Creek valley at the intersection of Main and Cumberland Avenues. In 1982, the same site hosted the World's Fair's Australian Pavilion. Today, university parking lots S7 and C18 occupy the property.

Trains departing the terminal briefly entered the riverfront. Then, they backed up to the Southern's Knoxville & Augusta (K&A) "highline," where they reversed again and crossed the river. Just over two miles of K&A trackage rights permitted Sevierville-bound trains to travel to a switch in Vestal, where the "Slow & Easy" proper began.

In the railroad's earliest days, South Knoxville and south Knox County were still mostly rural. From Vestal, the KS&E struck out across country, following the lay of the land. Small passenger depots and shelters were named for communities and property owners. The Knox County stops were Kincaid (Martin Mill Pike crossing), Ford (Magazine Road / West Ford Valley Road intersection), Clear Spring (along Dick Ford Lane), Neuberts (Tipton Station Road / Pickens Gap Road intersection) and Klondike (Highland View Road crossing).

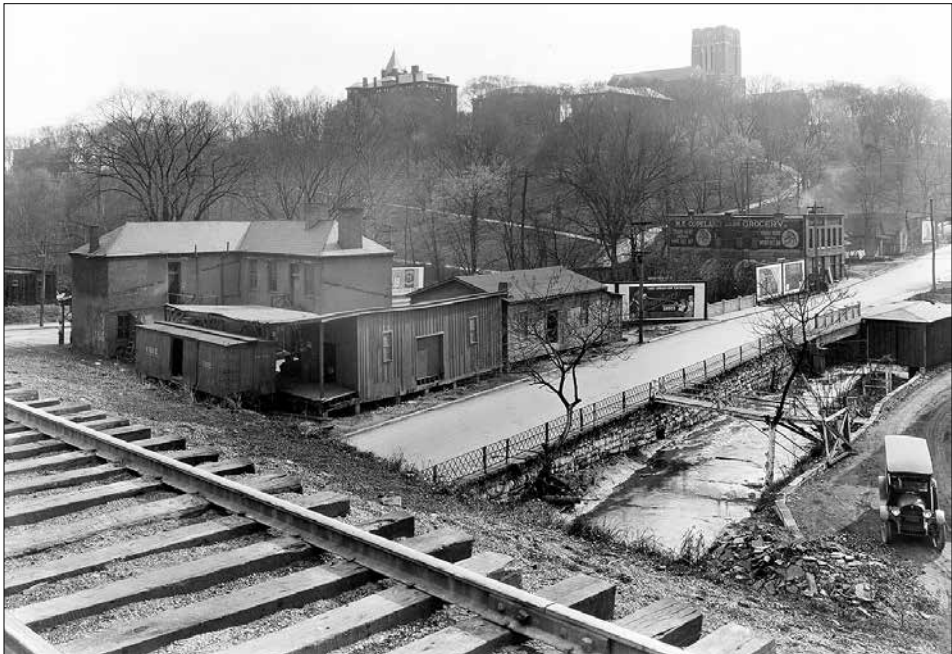
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"Slow & Easy" track and Sevierville Pike in rock cut at Shooks Gap, circa 1920s. (Courtesy Johnson University)



Knoxville-bound Smoky Mountain Railroad train at Neuberts water tank in 1951. (Photo by Ken Marsh)



Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Railway depot, circa 1921, at left center. Newly-built Ayres Hall and The Hill overlook the terminal. (Courtesy University of Tennessee)

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Something else I’ve noticed is few young people are venturing out of the house. It’s a safe bet that several of them are dead asleep after having stayed up until the early hours of the morning. Many more of them are stowed away in their bedrooms awake, but not

really. Instead, they are zoned out of consciousness as they exercise their thumbs in battles of Fortnite or some other video game. Even if youths make it to the outside, their stays are brief. Complaining, “It’s too hot,” or “I’m getting sweaty” have them high-tailing it back into the shade-drawn rooms where the air conditioning is set in the mid-60s.

I’d like for young people to go back with me to live in the 1960s. We sang praises to cool summer mornings. Air conditioning wasn’t a convenience most families had. Window fans and box fans stirred air enough to cool temperatures or at least make us believe we felt relief. By mid-morning, the cool air had disappeared; humid, sweltering temperatures arrived. We were already outside. Sometimes jobs around the house had been assigned. Weeds

needed pulling in the garden. Grass around the house, flower gardens and paths needed trimming with hand held cutters.

Sometimes a ball game had been scheduled for the morning, and boys rode their bikes to a yard where it would be played. Sometimes we rode bikes to Hardin Valley from Ball Camp to spend the day with a friend. That kept us cool as we made our own breeze by pedaling just a little faster.

By the time noon rolled around, we were melting outside. Still, it beat frying in the house. Trees offered shade for relief from the sun’s rays, and we sat as still as possible on the grass to keep from being hotter. Boys found other things to do at those times. Taking a blade of grass to stick down a crawdad hole occupied time, although no one ever seemed to pull a creature from its lair. More daring souls played games of “stretch,” where a knife was thrown into the ground and a boy stretched his leg to the spot. The loser was

the first one who couldn’t reach that far.

In the evening, we sat at the supper table, ate food from the garden, and washed it down with at least two big classes of milk. Then we headed back outside. The waning hours of dusk were spent chasing lightning bugs or taking unsuspecting buddies on snipe hunts. The worst sound of the day was a parent’s call for a child to come inside.

Night was filled with baths and just a couple of television shows. Then it was off to bed. With a little luck, the wind blew through the bedroom window or a summer shower would fall. We all knew the next day would bring the same routine, and we loved it. Summer might have been hot, but outside is the place we always want to be. Young people today would have a fuller life if they would venture out just a few minutes each day. They might be surprised what was waiting for them. I’d tell them to give it a try.



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“Historic Knoxville: The Curious Visitor’s Guide to its Stories and Places” A Brown Bag Lecture with Jack Neely

Join Jack Neely for a Brown Bag Lecture and book signing as he discusses his latest book, “Historic Knoxville: The Curious Visitor’s Guide to Its Stories and Places,” a comprehensive and engaging guide to scores of sites and institutions relevant to the city’s endlessly fascinating, but often little known, history. Jack will also identify historic locations across the city that define Knoxville’s uniqueness as an Appalachian town deeply rooted in the past, as well as the remarkable individuals who have left their mark on the “scruffy city,” making it quite possibly the most American of cities. A book signing will follow the lecture.

A well-known local author and historian, Neely is executive director of the Knoxville History Project and for many years authored the popular “Knoxville’s Secret History,” column in the Metro Pulse. Other publications include “Market Square: A History of the Most Democratic Place on Earth,” “Knoxville: This Obscure Prismatic City,” “From The Shadow Side: And Other Stories Of Knoxville, Tennessee,” and “The Marble City: A Photographic Tour of Knoxville’s Graveyards.”

The lecture is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory and is free and open to the public and will begin at noon, Wednesday, September 18, at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks are available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

The Smoky Mountain Railroad

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On the site of today’s Charter E. Doyle Park was Crusher Wye, a locomotive turning track and spur which served the marble quarry just off Stone Road. A few miles beyond, the “Slow & Easy” passed through a deep rock cut in Brown Mountain. Today, the cut is just across Chapman Highway from Ye Olde Steak House.

For economy’s sake, the KS&E was routed through a preexisting rock cut at Shooks Gap in Bays Mountain. The county line cut was originally made in the 1880s for the failed Carolina, Knoxville & Western Railway project. The “Slow & Easy’s” Sevier County stations were Shooks, Pitner, Seymour, Oak City, McMahan, Boyds Creek, Revilo (founder

Oliver’s name spelled backward), Ewing and Sevierville.

In its final years, the railroad’s track and trestles deteriorated, making derailments commonplace. The proliferation of trucks and buses on Chapman Highway sealed the line’s fate. Its final train ran in January, 1961, and its rails were removed five years later.

Many Knox and Sevier Countians have fond, vivid memories of the “Slow & Easy” to this day, despite its unfortunate ending. Special events at both ends of the line and points in between will commemorate its 110th anniversary this Fall and Winter.

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A Hug from Heaven

By Ralphine Major
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Their bright yellow petals popped up through the gift bag as if to greet us with a cheery “hello.” This time of year, entire fields of the popular sunflower can draw thousands to admire their beauty.

Many years ago when our father passed away, we

were amazed at all of the lovely floral arrangements and dish gardens from family and dear friends. Two of them caught my eye because they were almost identical. The two grapevine wreaths were adorned with huge yellow sunflowers. They were from my work place in Knox County Government, Dwight Kessel and staff

and Tom Schumpert and staff. Focus readers may recall it was during that time that my fondness for sunflowers began. I started collecting everything sunflower. Mary Ruth McNatt remembered.

At church last Sunday, I received a surprise gift. A yellow gingham bag tied with a yellow organ-dy bow offered a clue of what was inside. Tiny sunflowers danced along the sheer strip of ribbon. Hidden in the bag was a lovely vase of---sunflowers! I wondered if Mary Ruth remembered the importance of Labor Day Weekend for our family. The day before, August 31, marked 25 years since our father passed away. When I asked her, she smiled and shook her head. She had no idea the perfect timing of the sunflowers. “It is a hug from heaven,” she said.

The “hug from heaven” now has a special place in our home. It is a reminder of the joys and blessings friendship brings.



The beautiful vase of sunflowers. Photo by Ralphine Major

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The 1958 Senate Race in Tennessee, IV

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Former governor Prentice Cooper was running hard for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate against incumbent Albert Gore, who was seeking a second term. The sixty-two year old Cooper toured the state accompanied by his much younger and attractive wife and three small sons. Some Tennesseans certainly got a smile out of the fact the fifty year-old Albert Gore's own children were older than those of Governor Cooper.

With only two months before the primary election, both candidates kept up a frenzied pace. The issues between Gore and Cooper were also more clearly defined than usual. Cooper had formally kicked off his campaign in Murfreesboro and sharply criticized Gore's record on civil rights in particular. The former governor was also lambasting the senator for supporting foreign aid. Gore shrewdly raised the specter of the late Secretary of State Cordell Hull in defending his support for foreign aid and reciprocal trade agreements. Hull was still a revered figure throughout much of Tennessee.

Although Gore's senior in terms of age, Prentice Cooper was running hard. Cooper had scheduled 11 stops in East Tennessee in one day alone at the end of June. Nor was Albert Gore sitting on his hands; the senator was also campaigning at a frenetic pace. While campaigning in Dickson, Tennessee, the senator denied Cooper's inference he had voted for forced integration. Gore pointed out he had never voted to "force children into unwanted racial mixing in schools" and promised he would never do so. "No such bill has been acted upon by the U. S. Senate during my six years and I know of no such bill during my lifetime and I am 50."

One of Governor Cooper's stops in East Tennessee was Knoxville. Having settled on the themes of segregation and foreign aid, Senator Gore was campaigning in Memphis and said he was "delighted" to campaign on issues raised by his opponents. The issue of segregation in schools had seeped into the gubernatorial campaign and Edmund Orgill, the mayor of Memphis and perhaps the most progressive candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, denied he had ever advocated racial integration in schools. Gore, responding to charges he was favorable to integration, told audiences in West Tennessee he had never "supported measures which would force

our children into unwanted and unwarranted racial mixing in our schools."

Mrs. Fred Loy of Knoxville wrote a letter to the editor of the News-Sentinel, saying she had not considered the possibility of Prentice Cooper being elected to the United States Senate until after hearing the former governor speak. After listening to Cooper's speech outlining his views "on civil rights, closing public schools rather than integrate, and the reciprocal trade agreement" Mrs. Loy worried the former governor might be elected, a prospect she frankly confessed "horried" her. Mrs. Loy wrote that Prentice Cooper being elected to the Senate would put Tennessee on par with Georgia, who was represented by Herman Talmadge in the U. S. Senate. Mrs. Loy described Albert Gore as "intelligent, educated, honest" and "hardworking" on behalf of Tennessee and Tennesseans. Mrs. Loy complained about politicians "using civil rights, as they always have, as a political football." Mrs. Loy wrote that after hearing Governor Cooper speak, "I felt like we had gone backward about 97 years instead of forward." She urged her fellow citizens to vote for Albert Gore.

Apparently Prentice Cooper or his advisors believed Albert Gore was having some success in reminding Tennesseans of Cordell Hull's strong support for reciprocal trade agreements. In truth, the subject was something of an obsession for Hull long before he was selected by President Franklin Roosevelt to serve as Secretary of State. Hull had fervently supported reciprocal trade agreements as both a congressman and senator. Cooper tried to reshape the issue by telling audiences Hull had something else in mind rather than giving away tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. Governor Cooper said Cordell Hull's own trade program was quite simple and could be summarized as "trading a commodity we had plenty of for something we needed." The Chattanooga Times, like Mrs. Loy, was horrified. The Times challenged Cooper's interpretation of Hull's policies and said the late Secretary of State must be turning over in his grave. While acknowledging Cooper had the right to his own opinion, the Chattanooga Times fretted the former governor "despoils the memory of a great American when he attempts to boil down Cordell Hull's deep convictions on trade to any such restricted aim."



AP PHOTO FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Former Governor Prentice Cooper and his wife Hortense voting in Shelbyville in 1958.

Senator Albert Gore continued to hit back at the former governor's assertions he was merely giving away taxpayer dollars in supporting foreign aid and trade agreements with other nations. "I wish to emphasize," Gore said, "that the program which would be extended by the pending bill is the same program as that conceived by Cordell Hull." Gore pointed out Tennessee had an interest in the trade bill pending before the Senate, as the state's share of exports of agricultural and industrial products amounted to more than \$230 million. When Senator Gore flew back to Washington to vote for the trade bill, his wife Pauline campaigned in his stead. Mrs. Gore proved to be more than an able substitute for the senator, telling her audience should the Cordell Hull Trade program die, the practical effect would be fewer jobs for many Tennesseans, as well as lower market prices for Tennessee farmers. Prentice Cooper had a hard row to hoe in facing down legislation that bore the name of Cordell Hull.

Cooper picked up the endorsement of fellow former governor Jim Nance McCord in early July. Both Cooper and McCord had enjoyed strong support from the late Senator Kenneth McKellar and his political partner E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization. Gore was picking up endorsements of his own and saw a steady tide of support from local unions across the state. Unlike Cooper, Senator Gore refused to utter the name of his opponent and used the occasional flash of humor to pick at the former governor. Cooper had repeatedly referred to Gore's supposed national ambitions, as evidenced by his abbreviated bid for the vice presidential nomination at the 1956 Democratic National Convention. Gore's competitors included his colleague Estes Kefauver and a young senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. "It hadn't occurred to me that anyone had to be a traitor to Tennessee in order to allow

his name to be presented before a Democratic National convention." With a little smile Gore added, "And that goes for 1944 as well as 1956." It was a subtle jab at Prentice Cooper who entered the 1944 Democratic National Convention as a candidate for vice president. While his support was confined to Tennessee, unlike that of Gore in 1956, Prentice Cooper's fellow Tennesseans had supported him until the bitter end, refusing to vote for eventual nominee Harry S. Truman or incumbent Vice President Henry Wallace.

Senator Gore did hit back at Prentice Cooper by stressing his own support for TVA. The former governor replied he was somewhat puzzled by the inference he was not enthusiastically for the Tennessee Valley Authority. "The only way I can explain this is that he may have found a few of my friends who said they were not for TVA," Cooper said. "If they are against TVA, they have not so advised me and they will certainly have no influence on me in the matter." The Tennessean gleefully used the incident to point out those influential friends who most certainly were not for TVA. The Tennessean noted "millionaire" Justin Potter "who gives the Republican party more lavish financial support than any other person in Tennessee" had not merely stopped at calling TVA socialistic, but had bought "expensive ads in the Chicago Tribune to denounce it as communistic."

The Memphis Press-Scimitar reminded its readers Prentice Cooper, while seeking to reclaim the governor's office, had frequently touted his experience, a qualification he no longer could extol while campaigning for the U. S. Senate. Albert Gore, on the other hand, at age fifty was a veteran of twenty years in Congress. At sixty-two, it was doubtful Prentice Cooper could remain in the Senate long enough to accrue enough seniority to become powerful enough to help Tennessee.

Senator Gore continued

to campaign on his support for reciprocal trade agreements, always careful to invoke the name of his political mentor, Cordell Hull, and believed Prentice Cooper's opposition might be backfiring. "In the past week I have accepted the issue of extending or scrapping the Cordell Hull reciprocal trade program and I've won smashing approval of the people for my stand on extending it," Gore said. "Out of 35 counties in East Tennessee, where this is a big issue, I expect to carry more than 30."

Columnist Edward B. Smith, writing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel speculated Prentice Cooper's senatorial campaign was having a negative effect upon the gubernatorial campaigns of both Andrew "Tip" Taylor and Buford Ellington. Smith thought Cooper was "running poorly against Sen. Albert Gore" following a "campaign of demagoguery and misrepresentation" traits "Cooper had not hitherto revealed." Smith's somewhat tortured analysis concluded the Cooper for Senate campaign tended to boost the gubernatorial campaign of Edmund Orgill of Memphis.

By the middle of July, Prentice Cooper was pounding Gore for having missed 85 roll-call votes in the Senate. "This man Gore is being paid \$75 a day to represent you," Cooper charged in a speech in Clarksville. "And I say he isn't doing it." The former governor noted Albert Gore had "been to Europe 16 times since he's been in Congress" yet did not "have the time to talk to the farmers and manufacturers of the state." Evidently realizing he was behind, Governor Cooper doubled down on the theme of segregation. Cooper pledged to "dedicate my utmost efforts to fighting against forced mixing of the races in our schools as your U. S. Senator." Cooper told audiences in West Tennessee his first act as senator would be to add his name to the Southern Manifesto. Cooper growled there was much yet to be done in "preserving the Southern way of life" and he was just

the man to do it.

As Albert Gore campaigned through the oppressive heat of West Tennessee in his shirt-sleeves, the senator accused his opponent of utilizing "half truths and outright lies" about his record. Gore complained none of Cooper's attacks on his record on civil rights "made no mention of the bitter fight I waged, along with other southern senators which resulted in a watered down version of the civil rights bill." Gore boasted he had voted with his Southern colleagues on "six important amendments" which had the effect of leaving the civil rights bill as "nothing more than a right to vote bill - - and I believe in the right to vote."

The campaign raged right up until Election Day with Senator Gore remaining the favorite, although Prentice Cooper continued to campaign hard. One indication Prentice Cooper likely knew he would not defeat Senator Gore was his insistence upon going home to Shelbyville rather than remaining at his Nashville headquarters. A seasoned veteran of Tennessee politics, Cooper's hunch was correct. Albert Gore won a sweeping victory in winning the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. Prentice Cooper only carried one of Tennessee's big four counties - - - Hamilton - - - and a few counties surrounding Chattanooga, as well as a handful of counties in West Tennessee. Cooper carried only two of Tennessee's nine Congressional districts, the Third (surrounding Chattanooga) and the rural Eighth District in West Tennessee. The former governor won both by similar margins, winning more than 55% of the vote. Albert Gore carried everything else, including the once formidable domain of Ed Crump. Gore defeated Cooper by more than 120,000 votes.

The 1958 Senate race was the end of Prentice Cooper's elective political career. Albert Gore's was far from over.

What’s next for Alcoa Highway?

Alcoa Highway, an important entrance to the city of Knoxville with its 58,000 vehicles per day traffic, is in the midst of a major improvement project. The 1 1/4 mile section now under construction is scheduled to be completed in June of 2020.

The Alcoa Highway Beautification Council, which is representative of the various neighborhoods adjoining the highway along this section, was created to implement the Landscape Plan created through the collaboration of these neighborhoods and the East Tennessee Community Design Center.

The proposed landscaping is intended to offset the negative impact of the construction

involved in expanding the highway to six lanes, building three bridges over the highway, and adding three roundabouts to facilitate traffic entering and leaving the highway. The Landscape Plan, endorsed by more than twenty community organizations and institutions, including the UT Medical Center and Keep Knoxville Beautiful, envisions the planting of at least 70 well-placed trees and a total of 14 acres of wildflowers.

Last month, over 75 planners, architects, developers, business owners, and area residents convened to participate in a four-hour intensive design session hosted by the Beautification Council and facilitated by the Community Design Center. The intent of the

session, after gathering data on all the properties in the commercial corridor, was to create a vision of the potential for the corridor to better serve both the public and business interests.

The challenge ahead, which the collaborative groups have accepted, is to encourage businesses that will promote the vision created and provide needed services and facilities. A Community Input Survey conducted by the Community Design Center elicited local priorities for those services.

The cumulative effect of years of diminished service from the commercial area is reflected in the following perspective from a long-time resident of Lakemoor Hills.

“Having lived in the Lakemoor Hills neighborhood for 47 years, my family and I have seen significant changes to the section of Alcoa Highway that adjoins our neighborhood. When we first arrived, there was a grocery store, a well-stocked variety store, a gas station, a drugstore, fast food restaurants, a drive-in theater, a dinner and dance club (later replaced by a fitness center), and professional offices. Since that time most of the early businesses have disappeared and only a few have been replaced. Also, many friends and neighbors, including our next door neighbor, have been injured or killed at one of the three roads entering the neighborhood.

“While we are looking forward to

a safer Alcoa Highway, we, along with our 7500 fellow residents in this highway corridor, are concerned regarding the revitalization of the commercial area. We believe that the more accessible business sites can become part of an attractive, pedestrian-oriented shopping environment that is, in fact, a destination in itself. If well designed and developed, with landscaping and signage that make it easily navigated and a pleasure to experience, the businesses will be more prosperous and the residents will be better served.”

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Recode’s future rests with new city council

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Recode, the total rewrite of zoning and building regulations in Knoxville, has been a hot topic in the race for mayor and city council. The Knoxville Focus asked the candidates for their stand since there will be four new council members elected in November and the position of the council and mayor may have a direct effect on implementing the new regulations, passed by the current city council.

Mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis, who led the field of six candidates in the primary election, has said he will ask the new council to delay putting Recode into action and has made some specific recommendations. Indya Kincannon, who narrowly defeated Marshall Stair to become the second nominee for mayor, supports the Recode regulations as passed by the current council saying that Recode will help solve the housing shortage.

Obviously the position of the candidates and their opinions will play into Recode. Four of the five exiting council members supported the adoption of the fifth and final draft of Recode. **Here is a look back at the answers of the council candidates given prior to last month’s primary election.**

How do you feel about Recode?

City Council At-Large Seat C candidates

Lynne Fugate: I do agree that our zoning needs to be reviewed and changes made where needed. I also agree that the rezoning of commercial properties to allow for mixed use along Broadway, Chapman Highway, Kingston Pike, and Magnolia Avenue needs to be passed to help increase housing options. Increasing our housing stock should help with affordability. However, as I talk to neighborhood groups across the city, I know that not all neighborhoods are happy with the proposed changes. Knoxville needs to have a variety of neighborhood types and choices and I support a code that allows for that. The latest draft of the code as written now does not really allow for that so I believe there should be some more work done.

Charles F. Lomax Jr: I am the only candidate running for City Council that has hands on experience with, and a voting record on Recode. I served on

the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission, formerly known as the Metropolitan Planning Commission, for seven years and sending Recode to City Council was one of my final votes prior to my departure. In essence, I love the idea of Recode. Our city’s zoning ordinance is extremely antiquated and in need of an overhaul. It was designed for a time that has long gone by, and is not adequate for what we need now. Over the three-year span that Recode has been in motion, there were multiple avenues for public input and conversation. Many citizens took advantage of that and Recode is the better for it. The fear I have of Recode is that it potentially offers blanket solutions or individualized problems. Every sector of our city is unique, and sometimes should be considered in isolation. Additionally, there are fears of increased displacement and a lack of density in certain areas. Once these issues are addressed and resolved, I believe Recode will be of great benefit for our city for years to come.

City Council At-Large Seat B Candidates

David Hayes: Residents and neighborhood organizations deserve a say in how the property in their community is zoned. While highly ambitious, Recode has been characterized by insufficient community engagement and oversight, as well as an insufficient analysis and understanding of the long term effects of Recode on Black, Brown, and working class residents. Knoxville is in need of a plan to strategically deal the coming growth, but more residents must be at the table to ensure our city zoning ordinances reflect equity and sustainability.

Janet Testerman: Our present zoning code is outdated and in need of major revision. We must encourage quality development while protecting the character of our neighborhoods. I’ve met with neighborhood groups across the city and have listened to very divisive views on the issue of Recode. I believe, as with any living, breathing document, there will never be a proposal that will support the views and feelings of 100% of the city’s constituency. However, I feel the current city council is taking the time to think thoughtfully and methodically through every line item of the proposal and taking into consideration all of the feedback and

recommendations they have received from stakeholders across the city. As with any monumental change, there are always pluses and minuses, and Recode will be a long-term fluid effort that will be revisited as exceptions and situations arise that could not have possibly been knowingly considered. I trust that the current council and incoming council will continue to review, listen and recognize that modifications will likely be a part of the process and be open to molding Recode to the needs of Knoxville as the evolution of our city takes place.

City Council At-Large Seat C Candidates

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.

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.

City Council District 5 candidates

Charles Al-Bawi: I would like to see the Recode process have more input from our neighborhoods. We need to give those most affected by the zoning changes more say into the ReCode effort. Also, I think there is a balance that has to be struck on all zoning issues: the expectations of personal property rights against our neighbors’ expectations of privacy. The best way to achieve the proper balance is by ensuring that every neighborhood has a fair and equal opportunity to participate in the process.

Charles Thomas: As of this writing, the process is still on going and incorporating public input. The current draft has two things in

particular that I feel benefits my district, and would like to see kept. One provision “down zones” areas of Oakwood and Lincoln Park, which presently allows apartment complexes in the heart of these neighborhoods, and would instead allow only single family residences and duplexes, similar to our current R1-A category, and more consistent with the “down

zoning” that occurred in large parts of Inskip several years ago. The second would allow more “mixed-use” on Broadway and major corridors throughout the city, which would allow for increased density and residential use in areas where public transit, infrastructure, access to grocery stores and retail, and more employment opportunities are already available.

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South-Doyle loses quarterback in 62-17 win over Gibbs



Gibbs defenders had their hands full trying to keep South-Doyle standout Elijah Young out of the end zone Friday night. The University of Missouri commit racked up six touchdowns in the unbeaten Cherokees' 62-17 win.

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle kept piling up the points in the second half Friday night, but uncertainty and sadness still weighed heavily on the unbeaten football team and its fans.

The Cherokees had lost a team leader and their veteran quarterback.

Mason Brang suffered a serious injury to his left leg when tackled at the Gibbs' 4-yardline near the Eagles' sideline with 1:50 remaining in the second quarter.

Mason moaned in pain as medical personnel attended to him and Head Coach Clark Duncan bent over his senior field general.

After several minutes, Brang was helped up to be taken back across the field. He wasn't putting any weight on his injured leg. A repeated chant of "Mason Brang, Mason Brang" from students and fans in the South-Doyle bleachers across the way could be heard all over Billy K. Nicely Stadium.

Sophomore Nick Marti came in at quarterback and two plays later Elijah Young scored his fourth touchdown of the game to boost the Cherokees' lead to 31-10.

South-Doyle scored 31 more points in the second half for a 62-17 victory, but many still left wondering if their team, which has become regarded as a Class 5A state title contender, could overcome the night's adversity in upcoming games down the road.

It was a great win, but it had to be bittersweet.

"Yeah, you know, it was a great win," said Coach Duncan in a post-game interview on the field. "Mason Brang is a huge **Continued on page 4**

After slow first quarter, Powell turns on the jets

By David Klein

Powell got off to a slow start but soon got into a groove on offense as they won at Fulton 34-0 to open Region 3-5A play. The win made Powell 3-0 and dropped Fulton to 0-3, (0-1) in Region 3-5A. It was the first time Fulton had been shut out since a 2011 play-off game against Greeneville.

Aided by an 18-yard run by Jordan Brown, Powell got the ball into Fulton territory in the second quarter. Quarterback Walker Trusley found freshman wide receiver Adarius Redmond on a 15-yard touchdown slant. The Panthers led 7-0 with 8:04 left in the second quarter.

Powell took advantage of Fulton's ineffectiveness on offense and would add a second touchdown just before halftime. On 3rd-and-10 from the Falcon 39-yard line, Trusley connected again with Redmond on a 39-yard touchdown pass. Redmond got behind the Falcon defense as there was confusion in the Falcon secondary. The touchdown gave the Panthers a 14-0 lead with 28 seconds left in the first half.

"We've watched this kid since July," Powell Head Coach Matt Lowe said of Redmond. "Bottom line, this kid has got skills and skills and can make plays. Tonight, he had a chance to make those plays. Tonight, it was certainly his number and trust me, we did a great job going to him on multiple occasions."

Fulton had just 69 total yards of offense in the first half. Their best possession of the half was their first possession. Fulton had recovered a Bailor Hughes' fumble and started the drive at the 47-yard line. A 10-yard pass and a 24-yard pass from quarterback Tommy Sweat to **Continued on page 4**



Catholic's Carlee Hart (2) and Morgan Phillips return a spike from Webb's Leoni Kunz in a match between the two Cedar Bluff rivals Wednesday night at Catholic. Hart had eight kills to lead the Lady Irish to a 25-10, 25-20 sweep of the Lady Spartans.

Catholic sweeps rival Webb at home 25-10, 25-20

By Ken Lay

For the second time this season, Catholic High School has beaten Webb School on the volleyball court.

The Lady Irish, who entered the season on the heels of making six consecutive Class AA State Championship matches, swept the six-time defending Division II-A State Champion Spartans 25-10 and 25-20 Wednesday night before a spirited crowd at Catholic.

The Lady Spartans (7-11), who fell to the Lady Irish in three sets at Webb on Tuesday, Aug. 20, have sputtered early in the season as they were hit hard by graduation, injury and a transfer.

One player who has dealt with multiple injuries since the conclusion of the 2018 season is Leoni Kunz. She was back Wednesday and Lady Irish coach Brent Carter said that her presence makes Webb a better team.

"Webb is a great team and they're very well-coached and having Leoni Kunz back in their lineup makes them a very different team and they'll only get better," Carter said. "I'm glad that we're through with (Webb) and we don't have to play them again this year."

Catholic (10-3) got off to a fast start in front of its home crowd and took an early 4-0 lead and just kept adding to its advantage.

The Lady Irish, thanks to a huge service run by junior libero Cassie Kuerschen, darted out to a 16-3 lead due to their star. She scored eight points before Lady Spartans' coach Chris Hames called timeout to stop Catholic's momentum.

After the break, Webb scored on a side-out before Catholic reasserted control of **Continued on page 3**

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Heat 12U wins national softball title

By Ken Lay

The third time was recently the charm for the Tennessee Heat 12U softball team.

The Heat spent the summer competing against some of the top teams in the Volunteer State, the Southeast and the nation.

The team closed out its campaign with a trip to the USA Softball Class A National Championships in Normal, Illinois.

This time was the third consecutive time that the Heat played on the country's grand stage and the team came home with a title.

"Coming into the season, we set a goal

for ourselves," Tennessee Heat coach Josh Stephens said. "We've been there three years in a row and this time, we wanted to at least finish fifth and we won."

"This was very special for these girls. I've had at least half of them since they were playing 8U and I know how hard they work. My daughter is on the team and I know that she works five or six days a week, whether it's hitting on her own or practicing with her team."

The Heat went 7-2 at the national championships and finished with an overall record of 49-20 and the team did so while just carrying 11

players on its roster.

Stephens takes pride in the fact that all 11 girls made contributions in the national championship tournament.

"This was a team accomplishment and I don't really want to single anybody out," he said. "I have 11 girls and all of them contributed to us winning a championship."

"We had game-tying hits. We had game-winning hits and we had pitchers throwing scoreless innings. Now, these girls have a taste for winning."

Throughout the spring and summer, the Heat played some of the state and region's toughest

squads. The team even played against some 14U teams. The Heat had players from across East Tennessee including Knoxville, surrounding communities, Union County and Chattanooga.

The 11-player roster was chosen by design.

"I don't pick up," Stephens said. "We had a couple of girls from Chattanooga."

"I take my 11 girls and we compete against the best of the best."

In Illinois, the Heat was the only team to represent Tennessee and saw teams from all over the country, including Texas and the West Coast.

Austin-East's time to shine?

By Alex Norman

It's a hot day for practice in Knoxville, but the Austin-East Roadrunners are hoping that today's hard work will pay off when the cooler temperatures arrive in November. That's when the playoffs start. And the Roadrunners have a pretty good idea who they'll be seeing.

"To be the man you have to beat the man and Alcoa is always there waiting for us," says Austin-East head coach Jeff Phillips. "My expectations for us are to continue to play well. The biggest thing for us is to try to get over that hump in the third round playoff game. It is always a challenge. My expectations are for us to continue to get better and play deeper in the playoffs and win a state championship."

The Alcoa Tornadoes have ruled Class 3A football for a long time. They have 17 state championships (tops all-time); including a current streak of four TSSAA titles in a row. Despite playing in Class 3A, you can often make a case that the Tornadoes are one of the top five teams in the state, regardless of classification.

As Phillips alluded to, the Roadrunners have lost to Alcoa the past two seasons in the state quarterfinals, but typically play Gary Rankin's kids as tough as any team has in recent years.

"We know they're a good team, they are winning all those titles but that's our goal," said Phillips. "We aren't scared of them. I think some teams are, but we aren't. They've just made more plays than we have. We know that we're playing 100 against 40."

The roster size has been an issue for Austin-East, but they've taken that challenge head on. "We are a competitive football team. Iron Man football... gotta play both

sides. We have limited numbers but our guys are young. We are flying around, having fun and using our speed. We are trying to put our kids in the best position possible to win their battles one on one. We take pride in that both on offense and on defense. We are trying to create those matchups where our kids can win those matchups."

Phillips added, "They are always asking to go to the weight room. They know that we have lost some games in the past because can't physically continue that push when in the playoffs... been getting a little bit weaker. This year they constantly want to go in the weight room and work and push I'm pleased in the effort."

Football isn't something that takes place on Friday nights in the fall. It's something that truly is a passion... and much more than obligation for the players.

"The biggest thing is commitment," said Phillips. "You have to commit to come out here to play high school football. You have to love the game. You have to have a passion for the game. These kids all have high aspirations to do great things. They all respect each other and love each other. For most kids this is the pinnacle of playing football. We want to give them all the options and all the characteristics of being able to play big time football. But we want them to enjoy it and have fun. That's the biggest thing. If you're not having fun, you don't need to be out here and if we aren't having fun as coaches, we don't need to be out here either."

The Roadrunners have won three state championships in school history in football, with the last coming in 2001. It sure would be a lot of fun for A-E if they could bring another gold ball comes back to East Knox County.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

They're off and running in the KIL cross country season

By Steve Williams

Who is going to emerge as the top runners on the Knoxville Interscholastic League cross country scene this fall?

Is there a young and talented Rebecca Story on the rise? Could someone be ready to start a three-year reign among the boys as Carter Coughlin did in his prep career?

Jake Renfree of Catholic and Niki Narayami of Webb prevailed as seniors in last year's KIL championship meet at Sequoyah Park and now are beginning their collegiate careers at Notre Dame and Vanderbilt, respectively, so the KIL meet is assured of having new champions this season.

Knoxville has become known for producing outstanding cross country and distance runners in recent years. Many KIL champions have gone on to become state champions and earn national acclaim.

Story, who finished second in the KIL meet as an eighth grader at CAK in 2013 before winning three KIL titles in a row, is now a sophomore at Stanford.

Based on last year's finish in the KIL boys' meet, Joshua Ebbert of Farragut ranks as the top returnee from 2018. He finished

second in the KIL meet last year.

Ebbert is off to a good start this season, having taken first place in the Victor Ashe Park Fall Classic on Aug. 31, winning the 5K run in 17:01.93. Hardin Valley Academy sophomore Mitchell McCown was second with a time of 17:04.18.

HVA's Nathan Hillis and Alex Brittain finished fourth and sixth, respectively, and Farragut senior Ben Darden eighth.

Cathryn Jarret of Hardin Valley placed second as a sophomore in last season's KIL girls meet along Cherokee Boulevard. A freshman, West High's Marley Townsend, came in third.

Townsend didn't run in the recent Fall Classic, but West Coach Pat Gildea said she would be racing at the Cherokee Classic (Sept. 7). "She was a healthy scratch last week. We held out a number of girls and will sub them in (at the Cherokee Classic) and hold out a few others."

In the girls' Fall Classic, Cathy Hu of Farragut came in second behind Maryville's Andie-Marie Jones. Hu placed fifth in the KIL meet last year as a sophomore.

The UT Cherokee Farm All-Comers Meet and the

Johnson University Invitational will be this Thursday (Sept. 12).

This year's KIL Championships will be Oct. 5 at Sequoyah Hills Park.

AGLANCE BACK: Knoxville Catholic's football team went on the road in Week 2, traveling to Fort Thomas, Ky., to take on Fort Thomas Highlands, which has won 23 Kentucky state football titles over the years. It was a battle, but the Irishmen came out on top 31-28.

"We compiled 529 yards of offense with Jack Jancek, Tommy Winton and Keondrae Jarmon all rushing for over 100 yards, and did enough in the end to overcome four turnovers," said Coach Steve Matthews.

Catholic wasn't as fortunate this past Friday, losing at Ensworth 33-28 in its first Division II-AAA game of the season.

NERVE-RACKING FUN: After seeing his team open with wins over Volunteer and Clinton, CAK football coach Travis Mozingo confessed.

"We have a young team, so I am nervous every week on how they'll respond to their opponent," said Mozingo. "Will they be intimidated, will they overlook the opposition, etc.? It's hard

to say with a young group.

"What I've seen so far: They're too young to know they should be intimidated, and they respect the competition enough to know that we can't overlook anyone."

"I've been most pleased with how they come to work every day intentionally trying to improve. It's been fun to see the 'belief in their teammates' grow each week, dating all the way back into fall camp."

Mozingo's Warriors did it again Friday night, winning at White County 32-29.

A LOOK AHEAD: Knoxville West Coach Lamar Brown will be going against his alma mater when the Rebels host Jefferson County Friday in a battle of unbeaten.

Another interesting storyline in Week 4 has Halls playing at Union County, which is coached by Larry Kerr, who guided Halls to a state championship in 1986.

Other top attractions this week include South-Doyle at Anderson County, David Crockett at Webb, Farragut at Oak Ridge and Fulton at Austin-East.

KICKIN' CANCER: This month marks the five-year anniversary of 6-year-old



Several family members made the trip to Waleska, Ga., to attend Kinsey Galyon's induction into the Reinhardt University Athletics Hall of Fame on August 29. From left to right are twin sister Kelsey Galyon (with daughter Quinley), grandparents Faye and Pete Stafford, Kinsey Galyon, mother Kim Galyon and sister Kaitlyn Cusaac and her husband Patrick Cusaac. All three of the Galyon sisters played basketball together two years at South-Doyle High School and the twins both played at Reinhardt.

Tillery Phillips' cancer diagnosis. Now, her family is partnered with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Senior Connor Cross is the kicker for the Bearden Bulldogs and part of the Kick-It Program through ALSF. Connor invites people to pledge a dollar amount per point he scores throughout the season to the Foundation.

This is Connor's second

year with the program and last year he invited Tillery to join him as an honorary team captain at one of the games. Since then, the two have formed a special friendship. This Friday night, Tillery will again be an honorary team captain and will go on the field before the game for the coin toss. Once the game starts, she will be serving up lemonade and cheering on her favorite Bulldog!

By Bill Howard

With 10:14 left in the second quarter Friday night, Sevier County kicker Guiseppe Canaca connected on a 23-yard field goal to give his team a 13-6 lead over host Central. It appeared that the Smoky Bears would at the least give the state-champ Bobcats a run for their money in the Region 2-5A opener for both teams.

Central (3-0, 1-0) then quickly dispelled that illusion. Isaiah Osborne's 80-yard touchdown return on the ensuing kickoff was the first of seven unanswered touchdowns for the Bobcats, as they routed Sevier County (1-2, 0-1) 55-13 at Dan Y. Boring Field.

"I thought we put together a good all around game," said Cats' coach Bryson Rosser. "We got off to a little bit of a rough start. They scored a couple of times moving the ball on us. But we made our adjustments and our kids played great tonight."

Central's onslaught continued on their next drive, as they needed but two plays to score. Taking over on the Bears' 35 after a short punt, Central quarterback Dakota Fawver (12 of 15, 184 yards, three TDs) hit Makhi Anderson for 17 yards. On the next play, running back Jason Merritts – playing his first game this year because of injury – bolted the final 18 yards to make it 20-6.

Merritts extended the halftime lead to 27-6 on the next possession on an eight-yard run with 2:38 left in the half. For the game, the senior gained 141 yards on but 14 carries, and scored three times.

"We're real happy to get him back," said Rosser in an understatement. "He'd been hurt for almost a month. It was great to watch him run the ball and run it hard. Real happy to have a senior have some success tonight."

Rosser thought the huge turnaround came from his team making adjustments. "Offensively we had to get a little more balanced," he said. "We had thrown the ball quite a bit in the last two games."

As Central stormed back, its defense was as good as its offense. After initially moving the ball, yardage was scarce for the Smoky Bears. On their final seven possessions, their total offense was a mere 14 yards. Quarterback Colin Shannon was sacked numerous times.

Sophomore defensive end Mark Adams had six solo tackles, three sacks, a pass deflection, and a tackle for loss. Between them, Conner Williamson and Malik Robinson had 11 solo tackles and two pass deflections.

"On defense we just really had to communicate more," said Rosser. "We were getting the calls kind of slow. (After the adjustments) our guys were in the right place and we made plays. We know every week's gonna be a battle. I'm just really glad the way our guys responded to the adjustments we made."

Three Bobcat scores on three possessions – the second being a 41-yard strike from Fawver to Osborne after a wild scramble - in the third quarter put the game long out of reach and triggered a continuous clock. The final touchdown came on a three-yard scamper by Shannon Mills with 4:56 left in the game.

Osborne and Braden Gaston had six receptions between them for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

"Dakota Fawver still continues to play great," Rosser said. "Our offensive line is continuing to grow up."

"Defensively we were really struggling stopping the running game and getting to the quarterback," said Bears' coach Tony Linginfelter. "He's (Fawver) real good at buying time. "We've just got to get better on both sides of the ball. We're young up front and real inexperienced. They're a good football team; they're gonna rise to the occasion whenever they need to."



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Central's Isaiah Osborne (18) celebrates with teammate Braden Gaston after Gaston's touchdown run in the Bobcats' 55-13 win over Sevier County Friday night.

The Bobcats travel to Hardin Valley Friday to take on the 1-2 Hawks, while Sevier Co. is idle.

"We look forward to the matchup and see if our guys are ready," said Rosser.

Science Hill routs Hawks in Region 1-6A opener

By Ken Lay

New Hardin Valley Academy football coach Mike Potter stated things briefly and bluntly after his team dropped its 2019 home opener Friday night.

"You've got two choices at this point right here. We can throw in the towel or we can keep fighting," Potter said after the Hawks took a 52-14 drubbing at the hands of Science Hill at HVA. "And we're going to keep fighting."

"We're going to come out each week with a game plan and we're going to come out each week with the thought process that we're going to win the ballgame. That's all we can do right now."

It was the Region 1-6A debut for both schools and the second consecutive loss for Hardin Valley (1-2 overall, 0-1 in the region), which opened the season with a victory over Oak Ridge and lost its last time out at Cleveland.

The Hawks fell behind 3-0 early when Hilltoppers' kicker Kade Hensley kicked a 28-yard field goal with five minutes remaining in first quarter.

Hardin Valley, which hosts defending Class 5A State Champion Central this week, had its offensive struggles from the outset but the Hawks to a 6-3 lead when Kelton Gunn scored on a 54-yard run. The extra point was blocked but the Hawks held the advantage at the end of the opening frame.

The score was set up by an interception by Gunn, who also had a 58-yard touchdown early in the third quarter.

It was the first victory of the season for Science Hill (1-2, 1-0), which scored 21 unanswered points in the second stanza despite having a rushing attack that produced negative yardage over the first 24 minutes.

The Hilltoppers did get a 9-yard scoring plunge from senior Chris Thomas with 1:22 remaining until halftime. Science Hill quarterback Connor Batchelder, who threw a pair of scoring strikes before halftime.

"They were hitting us pretty hard with the passing game," Potter said. "We weren't getting much of a pass rush and when you give the quarterback time to throw, it's hard to cover."

"We'll just have to get back to work Monday and correct our mistakes and look at some personnel stuff and go from there."

Batchelder went 17-for-21 with 233 yards, four touchdowns and an interception.

In the second half, Science Hill's running game clicked as Thomas scored a pair of rushing TDs and scored on a 44-yard screen pass from Batchelder after halftime.

The quarterback's other scoring strike came late in the third period and was pulled in by tight end Andrew Kanady.

Science Hill coach Stacy Carter said his team needed to leave Knoxville with a win.

"We've had some negatives this year," Carter said. "But we've got a great bunch of kids and we needed this one too. We really needed it."

A homecoming for Wes Jones: A Region 1-6A victory doesn't come easily for any team by Friday night's win was special for the Hilltoppers as they got a win for former Hardin Valley coach Wes Jones, who started the Hawks' football program when the school opened 11 years ago.

Jones left the program after spring practice to take a teaching and coaching job in Johnson City to be closer to his family.

"I was a little nervous about coming back here in a different color uniform," Jones said. "This place is special to me and these kids are special to me. I watched most of them grow up."

"But this has worked out well for me. I haven't missed a minute of watching my kids play football. I wish Hardin Valley the best moving forward. But I'll be honest with you; the kids from Science Hill really wanted to win this game for me."

Catholic sweeps rival Webb at home 25-10, 25-20

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the set.


Hames said that the Lady Irish boast the top volleyball team in East Tennessee this season.

"Catholic is the best team in the area," she said. "I talked to Brent before the season and I told him that I thought he had the best team in the area."

"We've had some injuries and our setter transferred. I'm using an eighth-grade setter and a freshman setter and they're making some (youthful) mistakes but this will be good for them in the long run. We got Leoni back, but she hasn't played in four months. She'll get there, but tonight, she looked like she hadn't played in four months."

In the second set, the Lady Spartans opened an early 3-0 advantage and they also led 9-6 before Catholic went up 13-10 on a service ace from Grainne McGrath.

From there, the Lady Irish would never trail again. Carlee Hart had eight kills, one block and a dig. Isabella Amet finished with five kills, a block and a dig and Devyn Dunn, a setter, had 13 assists, six digs and a pair of aces.




WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Go Rebels!

Isaiah Mattress

11th grade RB at West High School

West declared victory over Farragut in Week 2, 24-13, with Mattress totaling 16 carries for 152 yards and two touchdowns.



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Go Bobcats!

Braden Gaston

12th grade RB/DB at Central High School

Central edged out Fulton 13-12 with Gaston scoring a touchdown after an 85-yard kickoff return. He also caught two catches for 42 yards and had two tackles and one assist.

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PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell's Jordan Brown races for a touchdown in the Panthers' first road game of the season Friday night. Powell rolled 34-0 at Fulton to remain undefeated.

After slow first quarter, Powell turns on the jets

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Adrian Robertson got the ball down to the 25. Three plays later, Fulton's Joseph Mojica missed a 34-yard field goal.

To start the second half, Fulton got the ball and drove to the Panther 35-yard line, but Sweat threw an interception to Tyler Kirkess.

Powell turned the interception into a 65-yard bomb from Trusley to Redmond as Redmond took the football down to the Falcon 8-yard line. One play later, Hughes ran for an 8-yard touchdown to give Powell a 21-0 lead with 4:40 left in the third quarter.

Things kept getting worse for Fulton. Sweat, who also punts for Fulton, fumbled a punt snap and gave the Panthers a 1st-and-10 at the Fulton 25-yard line. Three plays later, Brown ran for a 2-yard touchdown to make it 28-0 Powell with 28-0 left in the third quarter.

Powell's final score of the evening came on Trusley's 2-yard run on 1st-and-goal. He fumbled the snap but still powered into the endzone to



PHOTO BY NICOLE COONEY / FUL.COM

A Fulton runner looks for open space behind blockers against Powell Friday night. The Panthers' defense shut out the Falcons 34-0 in the Region 3-5A contest.

make the final score 34-0.

"I think all three games we've played we've started off slow," Trusley said. "I think in the second half, if we can play like that from start to finish, we're sitting pretty good," he added.

Powell could have got three more touchdowns, but penalties negated those scores. The Panthers had 354 total yards with a 6.2 yards per play average. Powell running backs combined for 137 yards on 34 rushing attempts.

"Bottom line, it's been a long time since a Powell team beat a Fulton team," Lowe said. "It's been a long time since we've been 1-0 in the region. We know there's a lot of games left. Obviously 5A football in the Knoxville area is one of the best in the entire state. We know we've got a long way to go, but it sure feels good tonight," Lowe emphasized.

Powell plays at Karns Friday while Fulton plays at Austin-East.

1939: A Year to Remember for the Tennessee Vols, I

By Tom Heck

Robert Neyland came to the University of Tennessee in 1925 as a professor of military science and assistant football coach. He had graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1916 and served in World War I. Neyland became head coach in 1926 and in 1935 Captain Neyland was recalled to the Army to serve in Panama. He returned to Knoxville in 1936 as Major Neyland and lead Tennessee to an incredible run of victories from 1936 to 1940, 43-7--3.

This streak ended when Neyland was recalled to the Army in 1941 for World War II. It was during the war that Major Neyland became General Neyland. General Neyland returned to Volunteerland to coach the Orange from 1946 to 1952, winning the National Championship in 1951. The general served as athletic director at Tennessee from 1952 until his death in 1962. While athletic director, General Neyland laid out the plans to expand the stadium at Shields-Watkins Field. After the general's death the stadium was expanded and renamed Neyland Stadium.

The 1938 Volunteers had raised the bar high. Robert Neyland had led his boys from Tennessee to a 10-0 regular season. The Vols had many impressive victories including a trip to Birmingham where Tennessee pitched a 13--0 shut-out over the Tide. An invitation to the Orange Bowl to face Oklahoma on Jan. 2, 1939 was accepted.

The Volunteers traveled to Miami to face a rugged #4 ranked Sooner team. In a game described by many as the roughest ever played (220 yards of penalties) and in which Vol Joe Little was ejected for slugging a Sooner player, the Volunteers scored a 17-0 victory.

The 1938 Tennessee team was awarded a National Championship and Athlon Sports named the 1938 UT team as the third best college football team of all time.

Major Neyland doubted that the 1939 Vols could rise to the level of the 1938 juggernaut.

"I do not know how our team can hope to be as effective as it was last year at the end of the season," Neyland said. "It was well-nigh perfect then.

"We have lost the two best ends Tennessee ever had in Wyatt and Hunter and one of the best tackles in Woodruff.

"Our team cannot hope to perform as well and our opponents are all stronger. It is doubtful if the softening effect of all this 'championship' propaganda can be overcome."

The national press also was doubtful. Ed Danforth (Atlanta) said, "Yet football being what it is and college boys being susceptible to publicity and overconfidence there is a chance that Tennessee may lose one of those four big games (LSU, Alabama, Vanderbilt and Auburn). You, however can take the chance and pick which one. I won't."

There was plenty of doubt to dampen the faith of the Vol faithful, but true Volunteers raised themselves above the cynical.

The Vol fans displayed their faith in many ways. Mark Morrison of Harriman was quoted in the News-Sentinel, "Without making predictions, I'd like to opine as football season approaches the starting line: That Cafego will go again and Coffman through the line will spin. Foxx, on reverse will still be proficient, Bartholomew blocks just as efficient, with Suffridge and Molinski knifing through, ends coming around in there, too; Shires at tackle and that Boy(d) Clay bowling 'em over clearing the way: While the Major, on the bench at ease paper in hand clutched in a tight squeeze: Studying strategy, executing same, Say! That's what makes a football game!"

The Varsity Inn on Cumberland Avenue had the Vols over for "scientific food" when Jell-O allowed the boys to say goodbye to rich deserts. Knoxville was a buzz and the Volunteer fans were all in for another championship run!

Tom Heck coached high school football in Knoxville for thirty years and is also Len Coffman's nephew. Coffman was the fullback on the 37, 38 and 39 Tennessee football teams.

South-Doyle loses quarterback in 62-17 win over Gibbs

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part of our program, not just being a three-year starter, but he's such a leader by action and our kids love him."

Coach Duncan was visibly hurt and concerned about Brang's injury, but also remained optimistic about the season ahead.

"It (the injury) is pretty extensive," he said. "It could be six to eight weeks or it could be a season-ending (injury) ... You hate it for not our wins and losses or what might come, you just hate it for the young man who has worked so hard, prepared himself and has a chance to go and play at the next level.

"He's a strong character Christian guy and he'll figure it out and bounce back from it and we will too. We'll just have to regroup and I think Nick Martin is a very capable young man that's going to (shine) really bright for our program."

Martin admitted he was a little nervous when he first came into the game, but the 6-2, 165-pounder settled down and played well after intermission.

"You always hear the next man up," said Martin. "I'm going to miss Mason personally too. All the team will. We just got to get to practice and get better and better. I don't know if he can get back, but hopefully he can get back as soon as possible."

Gibbs jumped out to a 7-0 lead on the game's first play from scrimmage – an 80-yard run by quarterback

Troy Davis. A 27-yard field goal by Ewan Johnson cut the Eagles' fast start to 7-3.

Young's TD run from the 2 and Johnson's first of six PATs put South-Doyle ahead 10-7 with 59 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Gibbs tied the score with a 35-yard field goal by John-Aidan Pittman with 8:29 to go in the half.

But Young put the Cherokees on top for good with a two-yard plunge on their next possession.

South-Doyle's super quick running back, a Missouri commit, would go on to finish with six touchdowns in the game, raising his three-game season total to 12.

Young broke tackles on a 33-yard scoring scamper midway through the third quarter to make it 38-10.

Ethan Humphries bulled into the end zone from 15 yards out for Gibbs' final score, cutting the deficit to 38-17.

Johnson kicked his second field goal – a 34-yarder – to make it 41-17 and the Cherokees finished the third quarter with a defensive stand led by Levi Herold, Michael Potter and Noah Myers that stopped the Eagles three straight plays from the 2-yardline.

Martin, who completed 7 of 10 passes for 99 yards in the second half, hit Nate Adebayo on a crossing pattern for a 31-yard touchdown to complete South-Doyle's ensuing 98-yard drive.

Myers, a junior

linebacker, recovered a Gibbs fumble and then got into the scoring parade himself with a 16-yard TD run. That made it 55-17 and set off the mercy rule's running clock.

Following Dalyn Swagerty's fumble recovery on Gibbs' kickoff return, freshman Tajuan Owens added the final TD with a run from the 1 with 4:40 to go.

"We came out strong," said Gibbs Coach Brad Turner. "We just can't make turnovers. Turnovers were the key. I think we had five or six. And a team like that, you can't give them possessions."

Turner was most impressed by South-Doyle's overall athleticism. "They play together, they play hard and they believe in what they're doing. Elijah Young is probably the best I've seen in 20 years of coaching. He runs with purpose."

Young finished with 213 yards.

"I don't know if it's a record, but I've never coached anyone that scored six in one night," said Duncan.

SATURDAY UPDATE: "Mason is doing well," said Coach Duncan. "Still being evaluated, going to be a multiple week recovery, but hope to have him back before the end of the season."

"He's a great young man and is going to be fine. He has a lot of family and friends that love and care about him."

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FULTON <small>D1, Class 5A, R3</small>	vs. South-Doyle L, 3-42	vs. Central L, 12-13	vs. Powell L, 0-34	vs. Austin-East	vs. Karns	OPEN	vs. Maryville	vs. Clinton	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
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There is nothing as enchanting as the soft squeal of a delighted child or the gentle babbling of a baby. These are priceless to a grandfather's ears and the principal reasons for our travel to Portland, Oregon to visit with our daughter, son-in-law and the PCOs (Portland Cute Ones).

Tennessee is not part of the Deep South, but we are nonetheless Southerners. Several years ago my Knoxville son-in-law and I were in the market for a used boxer for our John Deere tractor. Ryand is from the Cincinnati area, so as part of the negotiations for our farm equipment, he was introduced to the fine art of Southern visitin' with the farmer and his wife. Matt, my Portland son-in-law, is likewise being acquainted with the genteel art of a southern visit.

Our days have been spent

grandchildren through meals and naps, grocery shopping and visitin'. In postmodern parlance one might say we've been "hang'n out" with family. Being in the present is a luxury of my semi-retired state. I no longer have mountains to climb.

Of all the trips we've made to Portland, Becky and I had never gone to the Mt. Hood national forest located about 50 miles from Portland. I'm not much of an aficionado of big cities, so fortunately there is much to see in the vicinity of Portland, including the iconic Haystacks along the coastal Pacific, the Columbia River valley, some of the finest vineyards in America and the incomparable Crater Lake.

One of my axioms is, "If you don't push at your horizons they will shrink upon you." So, with a week of babysitting under our belts, Becky and I took an afternoon off and headed

for the mountains. Timberline at the base of Mt. Hood, a picnic lunch and a hike to Little Zigzag Falls were wonderful reprieves, but not even a babbling mountain brook in an alpine forest measure up to the babble of my eleven month old granddaughter, Rita Maeve, translated as the pearl of intoxicating beauty.

There are also lots of things to see within Portland, including local fauna and flora. Beautiful flowers abound in the many neighborhoods of Portland which collectively comprise the city. The fauna are another matter. I like watching people and I found one of the best places is the local Kroger affiliate. The Internet sports "The People of Walmart," but the Fred Meyer grocery store is equally interesting and showcases "The People of Portland." I included a picture of a man who caught my eye; note his man-bag. I shared the Kroger bathroom with an obviously disturbed and pitiable homeless guy washing his clothes in the sink. However, I found it especially confusing to see men with beards wearing dresses. It was explained to me that this is the 21st century and people can be what they want to be.

Recently, I heard a

report on gender dysphoria, "the distress a person feels due to a mismatch between their gender identity and their sex assigned at birth." It may be risky for an internist to visit this topic, but I assure you I have more medical training and experience than any journalist reporting on this subject.

The bell shaped curve defines "normality," comprising two standard deviations from the mean. This defines a population where 95% fall under (within) the curve. Yet by convention, 2.5% will fall out of the normal curve on the higher and lower ends.

The same applies to the phenomenon of human sexuality. Like the rest of us, I have known "girly men" and "manly women." I feel compassion for those born differently. Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg has affirmed the difficulties gender dysphoria has caused him. Sympathy and empathy for those born differently is my perspective. However, I am medically conflicted regarding attempts to change one's gender or argue against nature's DNA assignment. Furthermore, I do not believe the 3% LGBTQ minority (not 30% of Americans as millennials believe) should be the driving force of public policy. And on a practical

level, I don't believe that genetic men who identify as women should compete in women's sports.

Sexual identity difficulties were recently reported in a Boston University School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School and Michigan School of Public Health study of more than 1200 college students in more than seventy universities. Seventy-eight percent of those students, who self-identified with gender issues, had a recognized mental health condition including anxiety, depression, eating disorders, self-injury or suicide. Other studies have pointed to the high suicide rate of transgender teens.

During our visit in Portland I repeatedly saw signs saying, "Keep Portland Weird." I am not sure what this means because I've seen similar signs in Knoxville, Tennessee. There are many similarities between Portland and Knoxville, but Portland's weird absence of mosquitoes is a striking contrast to K-town. I noticed there were no screens on my daughter and son-in-law's home and they often left the windows open in the cool of the evening. I asked them about this and I was told Portland doesn't have mosquitoes! I went to the Net and found reports

confirming this phenomenon, including interviews with Portland "old-timers" who recall being stung by a mosquito once or twice in their lifetimes. You may be surprised to learn that bats are important pollinators and eat trouble some mosquitoes. I guess Portland bats draw their sustenance from other fauna and flora and continue their important work of pollinating the resplendent local flora.

I have always had wanderlust and have visited fifty countries on five continents and forty-five of our fifty states. These days, I usually stay closer to home since I've discovered what the peripatetic poet Edna St. Vincent Millet once penned:

How shall I know, unless I go?
To Cairo and Cathay,
Whether or not this blessed spot
Is blest in every way?

Now it may be, the flower for me
Is this beneath my nose;
How shall I tell, unless I smell
The Carthaginian rose?

I did and found my rose in Knoxville, Tennessee. And, as Dorothy discovered, "There's no place like home."


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Walk with a Ranger this Sunday

If you would like to stroll on the same ground that early soldiers and Overhill Cherokee walked then you may want to be at Tellico Blockhouse near Vonore this Sunday morning at 10 a.m. A park ranger will be guiding a mile-long walk around the grounds there. It's an easy walk and is wheelchair friendly.

Vonore is a curious community with some interesting places in town and nearby. Just to the south of the little town are the Fort Loudoun State Historic

A Day Away



By Mike Steely


Park and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. The Sequoyah museum has been remodeled and worth a visit or a second visit. Fort Loudoun is also worth a visit but is less authentic than the Blockhouse.

The fort's original location is now beneath the lake waters and the fort was duplicated on the hill above the actual location. The waters of Lake Tellico, created by backing up the waters of the Little Tennessee, flooded not only

the fort but inundated the Overhill village sites. Only Tellico Blockhouse, just across the river to the northwest of the ruins of Fort Loudoun, which had been destroyed years early by the Cherokee, was high enough above the waters to escape the rising waters.

The blockhouse was built to protect a treaty with the Cherokee and became the site of several treaties that eventually removed the Overhill Native Americans, who were force marched to settle out west. They left their lands in southeast Tennessee, Norther Georgia, and North and South Carolina which had been

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The foundation of historic Tellico Blockhouse was discovered and recreated including a well that existed there. The important military outpost and trading center was built in 1794 and operated until 1807 in the center of the old Overhill Cherokee town near present day Vonore, Tn.



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granted to them in earlier treaties.

The blockhouse came about when, after years of wars between the Cherokee and the settlements, Cherokee Chief Hanging Maw convinced Territorial Governor William Blount to build Tellico Blockhouse and donated land for its location. The blockhouse fort was manned by militia there and replaced by federal troops. The blockhouse became the headquarters of the national Indian agent.

The original blockhouse was about 120 by 100 feet and enclosed by a palisade about 16 feet tall. It included a guardhouse, captain's quarters, two barracks, a well and parade grounds and a large gate. A large watch tower was on one corner of the walls.

A trading post was authorized by Congress and at the fort the Cherokee were taught farming and mechanical trades. The fort was then expanded to twice its original size.

A two-story building was added for the use of visitors and officials. Traders visited the blockhouse to

exchange furs and raw materials and a section of the expanded fort was used to train the Cherokee in spinning and weaving.

Many officials visited the blockhouse including future French King Louis Philippe. In 1801 Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs took over as agent and moved the agency to Fort Southwest Point, now in present day Kingston. Four years later the blockhouse fort was abandoned.

In the 1970s a UT archeologist located the foundations of the old blockhouse fort and reconstructed the foundations. Artifacts,

many of them from the abandoned well, were removed and are on display at Fort Loudoun.

You can get more information by calling 423-420-2331 and register for the event. The address is 149 Blockhouse Road, Vonore, 37885. You can also Google the historic site. The walk with the ranger is \$5 for adults and children are admitted free if they are 12 or younger.

Whether you attend the ranger's walk or not, anytime you are in the area a visit to the grounds of the original Tellico Blockhouse is worthwhile.

PK HOPE IS ALIVE September Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite everyone to attend the monthly support group meeting on Tuesday, September 17. The group will meet from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Kern Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave. Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Family members and care support partners are always welcome. A light lunch will be provided. PK HOPE IS ALIVE is affiliated with The Parkinson's Foundation, The Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Parkinson's Unity Walk Foundation.

The speaker this month will be Heather Majka, CPCU, CSSCS with Citizens Insurance Solutions. Heather's presentation will cover the latest news from Medicare, Supplements and Medicare Advantage.

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