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Fulmer addresses annual 365 Days of Hope event



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Phillip Fulmer was the keynote speaker at last week's 365 Days of Hope luncheon.

UT Athletic Director Phillip Fulmer spoke Thursday to the Catholic Charities of East Tennessee annual luncheon "365 Days of Hope" at The Press Room on Broadway and talked about the university's sports program and his support for the Children's Emergency Shelter. A large crowd of business and industry supporters heard Coach Fulmer tell of his years as a football coach, winning the national championship, and incidents in his personal life.

WATE's Kristin Farley and CCETN Executive Director Lisa

Healy also spoke and Juvenile Court Judge Timothy Irwin delivered a video message urging support for the program that shelter children whose parents have been arrested.

CCETN provides programs and assistance for children and adults through shelter and housing, education, pregnancy services, counseling, and immigrant services.

Healy said that the number of children needing shelter while parents are being held is growing and thanked those corporations, companies, and individuals who

donate to the shelter effort.

Thursday also was the day CCETN debuted its new logo and organizational branding.

"CCETN has been a vital provider of care to the vulnerable and underserved members of our East Tennessee community for nearly 40 years. We cherish our role in our region, and we are always looking for ways to improve and expand our services," said Healy.

"We also recognize the vital efforts our corporate partners and community supporters provide by helping us reach those

who are in need. We feel this new look reflects who we are as a traditional, vibrant, and growing service organization in our region."

CCETN program offices are located in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Tri-Cities, with additional services offered in Morristown, Maryville, LaFollette, and Newcomb.

The Knoxville Focus is proud to have helped sponsor the luncheon and anyone can donate to help house children during those stressful days by going online to www.ccetn.org.

Commissioner Beeler speaks up on pension suit resolution

By Mike Steely
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Richie Beeler, the Knox County Commissioner who represents the 8th District, seldom speaks out on issues but last week the normally silent official spoke up on the resolution he introduced pertaining to the current citizens' lawsuit against the county over the settlement of the case against the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board.

The law director brought suit against the pension board actions that went against the county charter but was stopped by the Knox County Mayor and County Commission who dismissed the suit in a commission vote.

Beeler's resolution was to direct the outside hired attorney to seek the "sole legal issue" and not spend taxpayer money in an attempt to dismiss the case prior to a court ruling.

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New trustee office to include sheriff's department outpost

By Mike Steely
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When the Knox County Commission meets in regular session today they may discuss or consider more than fifty items. The one item they probably won't discuss is a resolution concerning the citizens vs. Knox County. That discussion failed to move beyond last week's work session due to a failing tie vote.

In that work session the commissioners heard from Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt on the relocation of the trustee office in East Knoxville to 4728 Centerline Drive. The East Satellite Office, according to Witt, will also hold space for the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

Witt estimated the cost of remodeling the former Food Lion store at

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Carolyn Graham holds a plaque honoring the memory of her late husband, Larry, for whom the Gibbs Elementary School Gymnasium was named in a ceremony last week. Pictured with Carolyn are daughter Kimberly Muller, son Kendall, Gibbs teacher Susan Hibbett, school board member Mike McMillan, KCS superintendent Bob Thomas, Jerry Tipton, Preston Tipton and Gibbs principal Joe Cameron.

Gibbs Elementary dedicates gym in honor of Larry Graham

By Ken Lay

The Gibbs Elementary School gymnasium has a new name. It was dedicated and named in honor of the late Larry Graham, a longtime teacher and coach who taught physical education and match in the Knox County School system for four decades.

Graham spent 27 years of his career at Gibbs Elementary and in the Corryton Community, where he touched many lives.

The school officially dedicated the gym in Graham's honor in a highly attended ceremony on Monday, Oct. 21, where he was remembered as a family man, a mentor, a teacher, a coach and a friend. Among those in attendance were Knox County Commissioner Richie Beeler, and school board members Mike McMillan and Patti Bounds. The school's fourth grade chorus sang a few of Larry's favorite



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Members of the Gibbs Elementary School's fourth-grade chorus perform at last week's ceremony dedicating the gymnasium to the memory of Larry Graham. The singers performed "Rocky Top" and "Tennessee Waltz" at the dedication on Monday, October 21.

songs, including "Rocky Top" and "Tennessee Waltz."

Among those who spoke were Gibbs Elementary School principal Joe Cameron, physical education teacher Susan Hibbett (who was one of his students), Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas, longtime friend Jerry

Tipton, Jerry's son Preston (who was also one of Graham's students) and Graham's son, Kendall (who was accompanied on stage by Graham's daughter, Kimberly Muller).

Graham, who started the Gibbs Elementary School field day and later officiated county wide elementary school track

meets with friend and longtime Powell Middle School teacher and coach Ernie Israel, was killed in an auto accident on Aug. 17, 2015.

But his impact on his friends, family, former students and colleagues remains.

Jerry Tipton recalled his first encounter with Graham when both were students at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens.

"The year was 1961 and I had just been through the worst four years of my life as a student at Holston High School and my mom told me that I was going to go to Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens," Jerry said. "So she packed up the car and we drove to Athens, I didn't even know where it was and when we got there, she let me out of the car and gave me my suitcase and said goodbye."

Jerry remembers not knowing anyone but he went to

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Had enough of local politics yet? More is coming...

By Mike Steely
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Not getting enough of local politics with the city election for mayor and council?

As early voting closes on October 31 and with the Knoxville General Election coming next Tuesday, November 5, other upcoming political races are, more or less, already underway.

Candidate hopefuls for

the 2020 national, state, and county elections are now able to pick up petitions. Already several candidates have picked up petitions from the Knox County Election Commission.

Knox County Property Assessor John Whitehead picked up a petition and so did Tina Marshall. Deputy Law Director David Buuck picked up a petition

to replace the term-limited Richard (Bud) Armstrong as the county's chief legal officer.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill of District One has a petition and so does Dasha Lundy for that position. Other newcomers to the upcoming commission primary include Terry Hill who seeks the District 6 commission seat and Scott Broyles who has a petition for

District 4.

Commissioners Carson Dailey and John Schoonmaker have picked up petitions for their re-election and so have Michele Caringer and Richie Beeler.

Jennifer Owen has a petition for reelection to her District 2 school board seat and John Meade has a petition for the same seat. Incumbent Susan Horn has a petition for her District 5

School Board seat. Daniel Watson has a petition for the District 3 school board seat and Adam Brown has one for District 8.

School board members are not term limited and may serve as long as they are elected.

The last day to pick up a petition is December 12 and the first day of early voting in the primary is February 12. The primary

election is March 3.

The ballot will be a long one, with both Republicans and Democrats holding primaries for their U. S. Presidential nominee and for delegates. Knox County's ballot will list candidates for assessor of property, law director, seven commission races and four school board races.



How many days until Christmas?

Only as many as your heart desires. I thought of Christmas from seeing all the Christmas decorative pictures on Facebook. Yes, they are abounding everywhere, beautiful in their decorations and lovely colors of green and red, silver and gold, and, most of all the happy faces of those who decorated them.

Everyone knows that the artifacts of Christmas seem to appear earlier each year in the stores. And it's astounding to me, because, as a young girl, I had no memory of decorating a Christmas tree. It was many years later when I was able to decorate my tree many weeks before Christmas. Why? Let me tell you.

The great Depression of '29 was still harassing many people, especially the very poor. Jobs were hard to get, and they didn't pay that well. Unemployment was still at a very high rate. Even though there wasn't much money for food, grocery stores still raised the prices on certain foods such as meat, milk, and eggs. Thank goodness, however, Campbell's soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches filled our

tables. Once in a while, a chicken would turn up, usually on a Sunday.

During these meager times, when Christmas season entered the picture, there was no thought of buying and decorating a tree. The children didn't see the decorated tree till Christmas morning. Why? Because the vendor who sold trees gave them away on Christmas Eve, when people no longer wanted to buy them. It was Christmas Eve, it was too late. So the very poor walked the streets looking for free Christmas trees and they were fortunate in finding them.

That Christmas tree that we saw on Christmas morning was a bonus. Miraculously, a string of lights adorned it, tinsel and a few red balls added to its decor, while embracing the area around the bottom there might be a doll for a dollar or a toy truck for two dollars. That was a great Christmas to our little minds.

Yes, the beautiful holidays of today are resplendent as compared to the meager ones of yesteryear. But the ones from long ago retain beautiful memories despite the cloak of desperation that engulfed it. Never to be forgotten.

Thought for the day: Every day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbons. Ann Ruth Schabader

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.

Fulton to honor students killed in Vietnam

Seven former students from Fulton High School were Killed In Action in Vietnam. We, the Fulton High School Memorial Group, are going to honor these young men and all veterans that attended Fulton High School by placing two black granite monuments, similar to the Wall in Washington, D.C., on the school grounds next March to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day.

This project was started around four years ago by John Schlatter, 1968



By Ronnie Collins

Fulton Alumnus, who has researched Fulton's servicemen and women.

John has been trying to get this project done for several years, but he lives in Las Vegas. A few of us local Alumni decided it was a worthy cause and much overdue. We have taken on the local job of raising funds and ordering the monuments.

The seven men, and their KIA dates are:

Lt. Ronald Harold Knight, USAF, Oct. 8, 1969

Sgt. Alvin Eugene Wiles,

Army, May 13, 1968

PFC Willie Fred Dial Jr., USMC, Dec. 31, 1967

PFC Larry Grant Bradley, Army, Jan. 12, 1969

Cpl. Gerald Eugene King, USMC, May 10, 1968

PFC Jerry Lynn Noe, Army, June 22, 1967

PFC Gary Dean Smith, Army, Nov. 17, 1965

The request for donations initially only went out to Fulton alumni. The idea was to let the alumni feel a part of the project. If enough funds are not raised, we will look to solicit from businesses.

The cost of each monument is \$5499. As of today I have collected \$6,275 from alumni only. I am

most proud of the way the alumni have stepped up, just as individuals contributing out of their own pockets. Not businesses.

It is very humbling to me how so many wanted to be a part of this. They have shown "We Shall Never Forget."

If anyone would like to contribute to the project, they can send the contribution to East Tennessee Design Community Center, Fulton Veterans Memorial, c/o Ronnie L. Collins, 4606 Washington Pike, Knoxville, Tenn. 37917.

The East Tennessee Community Design Center has been very helpful to us in this project.

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orientation and afterwards stopped at the school's gym where the basketball team was working out.

One of the players was Graham, a senior player at the school.

"I went to the gym after orientation and I saw Larry Graham. Here is this Karns High legend coming for me," Jerry said.

The two talked and Graham told Jerry that he would see him in two days. Jerry became the manager of the basketball team and the two were friends for the rest of Graham's life.

After college Graham and the elder Tipton reunited in Gibbs where Graham was a softball umpire and

Jerry was a player.

Jerry's son, Preston, went to Gibbs Elementary School as an 8-year old student and he remembered his teacher as a caring person who just wanted everyone to do his or her best and noted that Graham was one of those people who you always wanted to see.

"I remember that Mr. Graham always drove this big blue Gibbs-colored truck and I was always looking for that truck," Preston said. "You always wanted to see Mr. Graham and you were disappointed when he wasn't there in his class.

"People always looked forward to having substitutes, but not a substitute for Mr. Graham. He cared about

you as a person, and not just about your education."

Hibbett was also one of Graham's students. They would later work together. She had glowing memories of the man.

"He was a wonderful listener and he always gave you 110 percent of his attention," Hibbett said.

Kendall Graham remembered his father as a Godly man and a servant leader.

"He loved the community and he just wanted everyone to do their best and we're honored to be his family," he said.

Graham's widow received a plaque. She works for the school district.

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\$100,000 and said the owners, Graham Corporation, has added a drive-through window for customer service there. She said the current location, at 3010 South Mall Road, is "landlocked" and the new location, at \$6,000 a month, costs less the current location.

She said that the trustee's office will cover the expense for the sheriff's office to be there until that department obtains the funding. She also said inmate labor will supplement the cost of renovations. Witt also noted that revenue has increased at the trustee's offices, about 4.5% over last year, possibly because of the new

"Real ID" program.

Commissioner Charles Busler invited Inogen Company President John P. Shanahan to address the commission about his company, which produces a disinfectant spray more effective than bleach. Shanahan said his company, located on Baum Drive, uses modern technology for a spray used in schools.

The importance of 4-H Clubs in the county was also the subject of an address by Sharon Davis and Holly McMahan, who introduced outstanding 4-H members in the audience and detailed what the club did during the recent Tennessee Valley Fair.

The commission also voted to authorize a

property swap with the City of Knoxville. The exchange included the county owned Sam E. Hill Primary School property going to the city and the city giving the county the Lonsdale Park property for the design, construction and operation of a new elementary school there.

Russ Oaks, chief operating officer for Knox County Schools, said the new school should be finished in about three years and noted that the county mayor, and not the school system, would oversee construction. The current school will continue operation until the new school is built.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill said she disagrees with city

plans to tear down most of the current school and said the neighborhood badly needs a library. She bemoaned losing the park there.

The commission also approved a supplemental agreement for a new bridge over the CSXT railroad along Topside Road and for the county to assume its maintenance once the structure is built. Funding for the project comes from the state at no cost to the county.

A pavement agreement was also approved with Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. for \$279,354 for data collecting to upgrade and maintain pavement of road in the county. They also approved a \$188,472

agreement with Emergency Management Inc. to provide homeland security consultant services in support of the Terrorist Attack Grant Program.


An agreement to amend the Knoxville-Farragut-Knox County Growth Policy Plan was passed along to tonight's meeting and a report on indigent care from Health Department Director Martha Buchanan was postponed until next month.

A discussion regarding funding for the planning commission's County Growth and General Plan, deferred since September, may also be discussed when the commission meets in regular session today.



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Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt told the commission last week that the new East Knoxville Trustee's office will also house a branch of the Knox County Sheriff's Department.



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Publisher's Position Innovatin' Indya



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Lord have mercy! Mayoral candidate Indya Kincannon has just let go of a press release announcing, if elected, she will create an Office of Innovation. Don't you reckon it's finally time somebody thought of that? I suppose it would not be nice to point out then-superintendent of schools Jim McIntyre did the very same thing; start an office of innovation, that is. I reckon nobody inside the City of Knoxville can be faulted for not knowing that. McIntyre wasn't exactly very successful in his innovations, but he sure did wear Google out. McIntyre earned his title of "The Great Googler"

because he was constantly searching for things other school systems did and proposing to try them here. McIntyre was oftentimes in such a hurry he didn't even bother to find out how the experiment in Cucamonga turned out; what did he care? McIntyre was like a frog on fire, jumping from one thing to the next big thing. The really important thing in his mind was to give the appearance he was doing something. Evidently McIntyre sees some of himself in Indya, as he's contributed \$350 to Kincannon's mayoral campaign. Indya has been innovative in who she has taken money from in her quest to be elected mayor, not the least of which is conservative libertarian professor and blogger Glenn Reynolds. Reynolds expresses the kind of views that would cause Gloria Johnson's Farrah Fawcett-hairdo to collapse or cause Rene Hoyos to faint dead away. Glenn Reynolds would be anathema to the hardcore progressive Kincannon claims to be as she's running hard for Madeline Rogero's third term.

Still, a thousand bucks is a thousand bucks and to my knowledge, Indya took the money and hasn't returned it. Reynolds is a law professor where Kincannon's husband is the Dean, so the donation, hefty as it is, probably has more to do with the personal than the political. Indya also kind of ripped off the "innovation" idea from mayoral candidate Marshall Stair who proposed something similar as I recall. The new innovation maybe in recycling ideas and claiming them as one's own. Kincannon has certainly been innovative in stretching her experience and qualifications as far as they will go; were they rubber bands, she would be in danger of putting her eyes out. Kincannon's political experience was ten years on the Board of Education where she was less than an innovator and much more of a rubber stamp for McIntyre. Kincannon loyally followed Jim McIntyre wherever he wanted to take the school system and she's already had to apologize to teachers for not having been sensitive

enough to their needs. To say the least, McIntyre—and much of the board who followed him—were positively loathed by teachers. Kincannon steadfastly supported one of McIntyre's bigger Google searches, which was the so-called "Balanced Calendar." Without digging up that dead horse, the most interesting aspects of that proposal were how many school systems across the country had tried it and already abandoned it. Maybe The Great Googler didn't bother to read that far, but it was interesting to see McIntyre propose something that wasn't popular with the public or the teachers. Nor could McIntyre put his finger on a price tag for curious county commissioners. McIntyre merely said it would cost somewhere between \$2 million and \$20 million. Yes, you read that right. That was certainly an innovative approach to try and wrangle money from a tight-fisted commission. Of course it didn't work, but Indya and her allies on the board of education stuck to McIntyre like they were glued together.

McIntyre was a pioneer in that kind of accounting and he overspent his budget two years, thinking the mayor and commission would "make up the difference." Kincannon was one of those board members who voted to spend an unexpected \$14 million tax windfall in a single night. Kincannon blazed a trail of innovation by sending her own children to schools outside the district she represented on the board. No Whittle Springs Middle or Fulton High School for those privileged youngsters; they went to West Knoxville for schooling. Indya has certainly shown diversity in one respect by taking campaign cash from anyone who will give it. That is likely in part due to the job given to her by Mayor Madeline Rogero, who tasked Kincannon with making sure appointments to boards and agencies in the City of Knoxville were diversified and there is yet another example of innovation at work. Indya and her Office of Innovation will likely bring that same spirit from the

school system to the City of Knoxville. Of course one of the results of the Office of Innovation in the school system was the discovery the money for a \$450,000 kitchen at Karns was a bit off. In the end, taxpayers shelled out \$900,000 for that kitchen and even got the district attorney involved. Of course the school system had ignored warnings from the state comptroller's office, another innovation of efficiency in a system that spends three quarters of a billion tax dollars per year. We likely cannot begin to grasp what wonders of innovation Indya Kincannon might yet produce. In my opinion, they will continue where Rogero leaves off. They are sure to include more bike lanes, curb protrusions, automobile lane reductions, homeless shelters in every neighborhood and more mixed-use HUD apartment developments anywhere she can find a vacant lot.

Commissioner Beeler speaks up on pension suit resolution

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After several commissioners spoke to the motion to pass Beeler's resolution on to tonight's agenda, they eventually killed the request in a split 5 to 5 vote. Those for passing it on for discussion included Beeler, Charles Busler, John Schoonmaker, Carson Dailey and Evelyn Gill. Opposed to any further discussion of the issue were Larsen Jay, Michele Carringer, Justin Biggs, Randy Smith and Hugh Nystrom. Commissioner Brad Anders was not present for the vote. Here are Beeler's remarks following the vote: "I want to explain the heart behind this from me.

I don't say much and I've been here ten months and I probably haven't said a hundred words. "You sit in these seats and everybody wants you to be their guy, the court house or media, whatever. I did a lot of soul searching this week as I was thinking about this resolution. The people put me in this seat because they trusted that I wasn't anybody's guy. "That's the determination I made, that I'm not going to be anybody's guy. So I'm speaking with my own voice when I speak to this. "This is not an adversarial resolution. I'm not bringing this resolution to try to be against the mayor, in

any way. The mayor is not my enemy. This has nothing to do with who the mayor is. "This is really to get a question answered about the rule of law. It's a question that our law director attempted to ask in the previous lawsuit. The previous lawsuit was dismissed and the question about the rule of law never really got answered. "I personally don't think our law director is conflicted in this case. I respect our chief executive's right, in his opinion, that he is conflicted. That's why I didn't vote against the mayor's right to hire an attorney. "I felt like the law director had an opinion, that he had questions to be answered—whether or not Knox County can take an article or amendment that has been put into the charter by a referendum of the people and change it without going back to the people. "That's a fundamental question that has to do with the rule of the law. The rule of law is the most sacred fundamental thing we have

in America. It's what makes us America. It protects the people from the government doing whatever it wants to do. "We have documents that have the final word on what the government can and cannot do. Sometimes we disagree on what those documents say. I carry one of those documents in my pocket, The Constitution. "Sometimes we disagree on what they say and that's why we have the judiciary. That's why this question has to be answered: Can Knox County, the commission, change something in the charter that was put there by the people? "Now let me just say I have no desire to take benefits away from anybody or our law enforcement people at all. In fact the courts have already ruled that we can't do that and I agree. "It's not a question about that. I support our law enforcement folks, I'll support a pay increase for them next year, but this is about the rule of law and whether the charter can be

Commissioner Beeler wasn't the only one to speak in favor of the resolution. Fifth District Commissioner John Schoonmaker had a few comments. "You want an answer to the question in an expedited manner, not to just drag this out," Schoonmaker said, "like under the previous case where there was a lot of stonewalling." "I guess what bothers me in this whole thing is: what is this body afraid of? Why do we not want this situation answered in a timely manner?" he asked. "I see on today's paper here," Schoonmaker said, holding up a copy of The Knoxville Focus, "That we've now asked for two different delays and that we've appointed an attorney. I just want an answer. I don't want this thing delayed for another year so just the legal fees rack up like they did in the previous case."

changed. If this body can change something that's been put into the charter by the people then we ought to vote tonight to take term limits off ourselves and everybody else in the courthouse. I don't think this body can change things put there by the people. "It comes down to whether or not this body should direct the attorney, hired by the mayor, to get an answer to that question. I don't know the answer to that question, I'm not a lawyer.

I'm going to vote in such a way that hopefully that question can be answered. "That's the question, whether this body can change something in the charter put there by the people." Knox County Law Director Richard Armstrong indicated, after the tie vote and the failure to pass the resolution, that the issue is dead and won't be on today's agenda unless someone who had voted "No" brings it back up.



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Amy Midis and Amelia Parker vie for At Large City Council C and both were asked five questions:

What do you think of the THEVERYMANY structure going up on Summit at the Cradle of Country Music Park?

Amy Midis: Public art creates a sense of identity and uniqueness to a city, and I support the money allocated in the budget to fund public art. I respect the public arts committee. The process for selecting THEVERYMANY structure was an open, educated decision based on the constraints of the existing park space. The amount of money spent on the piece is a significant amount of their total budget; however, the park is an extremely visible location and this piece will become an iconic landmark in our city. The price may only be justified years from now when we observe the significant impact it makes to the overall experiences of residents and visitors to downtown Knoxville.

Amelia Parker: I am a fan of art that is visually striking and engaging, allowing the public to move among it, touch it, experience it firsthand. The structure proposed for the park on Summit checks those boxes and reminds me of Cloud Gate or as many including myself call it “The Bean” in Chicago, a showpiece sculpture that draws wonder from crowds who visit. So I think the structure has potential even though my personal opinion of the structure is really of no consequence. These decisions are made by the public arts committee, made of community members who know far more about art than I. My only wish moving forward is that we consider structuring future

proposals for publicly commissioned art that will receive significant public dollars in a way that ensures a local benefit to the artists of Knoxville. Although we are not able by state law to show preference to local vendors, we are allowed to set requirements for the contract, or even the initial proposal, that would make the job more conducive to someone either located in the area or willing to spend extensive time in the area to fulfill contract obligations. For example, public art provides an opportunity to tell the story of the people of our city. The initial proposal could require the artist to demonstrate how community stories and feedback would be sought to inform the design process. By building in an element to the proposal that ensures a direct local benefit, we can create more buy-in from the community as public art grows in Knoxville.

Make a comment on body cameras for city police officers.

Amy Midis: I support the decision to equip our officers with body cameras, and was pleased to hear KPD pursuing this option. Body cameras will help provide a more complete account of the many positive interactions between officers and the community they serve.

Amelia Parker: Yes. I support the adoption of the use of body cams for city police officers as well as community-informed policy regarding their expected use.

Should foreigners stopped by police and jailed at the county jail be run through ICE?

Amy Midis: City council does not have any jurisdiction over the decisions made by the Knox County Sheriff Department. My

primary concern on city council would be the safety of our residents. Actions by KPD should not make residents of Knoxville fearful of deportation if they want to report a crime.

Amelia Parker: The federal government has removed the ability of local governments to determine whether we have the capacity to participate in immigration enforcement with the adoption of the Secure Communities Program by executive order. Since 2008, off and on, this program has required the fingerprints of non-US citizens be sent to the Department of Homeland Security for ICE to enforce any immigration violations. There are steps that we can and should take on a county and state level, however, to prevent our local law enforcement from being overburdened with immigration duties historically reserved and budgeted for by the federal government.

We should work to repeal Tennessee House Bill 2315, which, as described by the Tennesseean, withholds state funding from local governments who enact “sanctuary policies,” including refusing to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s attempts to verify individuals’ immigration status or to honor detainer requests made to jails and prisons to ensure someone remains behind bars until ICE can take custody. A recent report from Knox County reveals that ICE holds are one factor contributing to over crowding at our county jail.

We should also urge Knox County to end its voluntary contract with ICE. The contract requires our overburdened law enforcement to fulfill immigration duties and create space in our jail that has led to proposals to build a 200-bed jail in downtown Knoxville, which is of great concern to city residents, in addition to current concerns many city

residents have regarding our participation in an inhumane system that is separating families and locking children in cages.

I would urge the county to end its contract with ICE and join Tennessee residents across the state to call for a repeal of HB 2315, both of which are already having negative financial as well as psychological impacts on our community.

Does East Knoxville get the same care and attention as the rest of Knoxville? Please explain.

Amy Midis: Economic development is critical to the resurgence of East Knoxville. In addition to the current public investment of the Magnolia streetscape, businesses, developers, and east Knoxville residents need to be committed to this community. Developers must be willing to redevelop East Knoxville blighted properties, business owners need to locate in this area to serve the community, and East Knoxville residents should support these businesses. These changes are beginning to happen. As your city council member, I will make sure that all stakeholders are connected to resources and opportunities that help make this transition easier and more attractive.

Amelia Parker: East Knoxville is not the only part of Knoxville that has experienced an extended period of disinvestment by the city. However, it does contain the zip codes with the highest concentration of poverty, requiring a heightened level of care and attention that unfortunately has been slow to come. East Knoxville needs more than one elected official working to understand and represent the needs and wants of its residents and as an at-large rep. that is a void that I

hope to help fill.

What do you think about taking part of Caswell Park to be used for homeless housing?

Amy Midis: We have a significant need in Knoxville for permanent supportive housing, and I support creating more joint ventures like the one proposed at this location. However, I understand the concerns of the Parkridge community who are hesitant to lose their park space. East Knoxville has the least amount of public greenspace in our city. I would encourage more time to craft a compromise dedicating either more usable greenspace or redeveloping existing greenspace that serves the needs of the community. As their city councilmember, I would respect and honor any commitment the existing city council makes to expand their greenspace in response to this property being zoning commercial.

Amelia Parker: Unfortunately, the city has led a disingenuous process that has led to public distrust. To build healthy communities, we must carry out public processes that empower neighborhoods to take ownership of their area and to speak up for and work towards what is best for their communities - whether that involves building a community garden and preserving neighborhood green space, creating a neighborhood watch group and working to reduce crime, or putting to use blighted buildings or empty lots for our homeless neighbors. It is easy to dismiss our residents into camps of pro this or anti that. But in reality, living in a democracy requires constant compromise with our neighbors and we need leadership in

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Serving Someone With a Lawsuit Through the Newspaper

Sometimes someone will come to me very upset and tell me they want to get divorced but they have not seen their spouse in years and years and they do not know how to serve them with divorce paperwork.



By **Jedidiah McKeehan**
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they lived. If this works, great, but if they still lived there, you would have served them long ago. So, then you will get a notice back from the Court that the Defendant was not to be found at that address.

Defendant's last known address for four weeks. The notice must contain specific language explaining what has been filed, the names of the parties, and the location of the Court where the lawsuit has been filed.

Once publication has run for four weeks, then the Defendant is considered served. Now, we all know that the Defendant is unlikely to read this newspaper notice and respond by filing anything with the Court, but this is what the law allows to get Defendants served whose whereabouts are unknown.

Once the Defendant has been considered served, after their time for responding to the divorce has passed, the person suing for divorce can file a motion for default judgment and mail it to that original last known

address they had for the Defendant. Again, we all know the Defendant will not get that motion either.

Then the person suing for divorce can show up with their attorney on the day their motion for default judgment is scheduled and the judge will grant them a divorce. They have just obtained a divorce from someone when they have absolutely no clue where the Defendant lives. Congratulations!

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

Keep the Boo Boos Away this Halloween

The American Red Cross has these tips parents can follow to help all little ghouls and goblins stay safe while enjoying the fall festivities.

- Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen.
- Use face makeup instead of masks which make seeing difficult.
- Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight to light their way.
- Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Have everyone wear light-colored clothing.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.
- Make sure adults know where the kids are going. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door.
- Be cautious around animals, especially dogs.
- Walk, don't run.
- Only visit homes that have a porch light on. Accept treats at the door – never go inside.
- Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.

- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic.
- Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner.
- Don't cut across yards or use alleys.
- Don't cross between parked cars.
- Drivers – use extra caution. The youngsters may forget to look both ways before crossing.
- A grown-up should check the goodies before eating.
- Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards.
- Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with.
- Don't forget little "tricks" that can make for a safe night for those visiting your home. "Be sure to light the area so kids can see when coming to your door," said Joel Sullivan, regional executive for the American Red Cross of the Tennessee Region.

At-Large Seat C candidates answer Focus questions

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the city dedicated to creating space for our neighbors to negotiate rather than the ongoing attempt that I have seen to pit neighbor against neighbor. Rather than have an honest conversation about the facts at hand, city staff too often manipulate the conversation so there's no opportunity to ask for alternatives. This

is not a healthy approach to community development. If the proposed portion of Caswell Park is the only viable option for this much needed housing, the city should respect the community enough to make its case and offer up explanations for public critique as to why each alternative site suggested is not viable. I am confident that the

residents of Parkridge who currently oppose the project would not oppose this location if there were no alternative. When the city seeks to overturn a protected designation, it should have a heavy burden of proof to justify such change and the city still owes that to Parkridge and the city at large on this issue.

New ethics members to be selected by commission

By **Mike Steely**
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When the Knox County Commission meets in regular session today they will consider naming four new members to the ethics committee. Current members Chairwoman Jennifer Roche, Mae Killbrew-Mosley, Barbara Chandler, and Roy Kruse are rotating off the body.

During their work session last week the commissioners interviewed several applicants. The applicants are Virginia Anagnost, Perry Beal, John R. Hardwig, Jason Johansen, Corry Johnson, Nancy Elizabeth L. Sherrod, Michael W. Singletary, Tanya

Thomas-Coats and Anthony Brown.

The ethics committee members review complaints about county officials passed to them by the law director's office once a complaint has been deemed viable. The committee then reviews the case, makes a decision, and passes the result to the appropriate city department.

Continuing members of the Ethics Committee are Michael Covington, Billy Stevens, Daryl W. Arnold, and Mary Linda Schwarzbart. The sheriff's department has named Carlton Bryant as its non-voting committee representative.



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★ **He even has executive experience in city government.** He served as Deputy Mayor and Chief Operating Officer and has the experience to understand the challenges and opportunities within city government.

I hope you'll join with me in my support of Eddie. This election is critical to Knoxville's future, and every vote is important.

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You can help restore a historic church

By Mike Steely
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The historic Davis Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Speedwell, Tennessee has been a congregation since 1797. The original log church is gone and was replaced in the 1850s with a frame church that still has its doors open for worship today.

A small group of local people are trying to restore it to its original condition and get it on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lillian Jernigan is involved with that effort through The Bell Tower Group, established for this project. She lives along old Highway 63 near the church and told The Focus that people all across the country have volunteered, including

Baptist Association in Mobile, Alabama, and a group called "Campers with a Mission," which is currently building a church in Tazewell.

"We have volunteers for labor but we need supplies. We're planning to complete repairs to the back wall, take down the drop ceiling and paneling, restore the floor and remove the bathrooms that were added in the front of the church," she said. Those bathrooms and the dropped ceiling caused the church to earlier be denied for recognition by the East Tennessee Historical Society

"Clayton Mobile Homes have said they hope to give us a used home that we can use for the bathrooms and fellowship hall, but

connected with a breeze way. That way we may qualify," she said.

"I'd estimate that we need about \$30,000 for the supplies," Jernigan said.

The church history was lost for years. Jernigan explains that there was a split of members in 1907 and the clerk took the early records with him when he left the state. Years later when the man passed away his family kept the church records and later donated them to the University of Tennessee. The members of the church notified UT that they wanted the records and the books were returned, dating back to the founding of the church. Those precious records are

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The historic Davis Creek Primitive Baptist Church is on Davis Creek Road near Speedwell, Tn. in Claiborne County. Founded in 1797 the current church building was built in the 1850s and a local effort wants to restore the building to its original configuration and qualify for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

City applies for funds to buy three small buses

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council breezed through its agenda Tuesday evening and among the items approved was to turn in an application to the State Department of Transportation for \$1.5 million in funding for Knoxville Area Transit. The city would match the amount with \$512,500 in local funds and the request under the 2020 Improve Act, would be used to replace three transit buses.

The smaller diesel-electric buses would replace the neighborhood vans and have a 25-passenger capacity.

The council also voted to give \$21,800 from Neighborhood Small Grants to support the community building activities of seven neighborhood organizations.

Neighborhood groups receiving funds include Fairmont Emoriland, Holston Hills, Morningside Heights, Oakwood-Lincoln Park, South Woodlawn, Riverhill Gateway and Southside Waterfront. The council also approved

\$105,000 for KUB's pipe rehabilitation on Magnolia Avenue next to Chilhowee Park, and approved selling property at 2122 Harvey Street to Reagan Investments for \$15,000 through the Homemakers Program.

Mayor Madeline Rogero's appointment and reappointments to two boards were approved. She named Leslie Henderson and Matt Teglas and reappointed Jennifer Stone to the Board of Environmental Appeals. Those approved and named to the Neighborhood Advisory Council were Eric Johnson, Jack Sherrod, Morgan Wilson and Millie Ward, replacing outgoing members Danny Gray, Donnie Ernst, Anna Compton, Terrell Patrick and Travetta Johnson.

Changes to a historic home were approved for the home at 1601 Forest Avenue. John Holmes had appealed a Board of Zoning Appeals decision to deny the renovations but after a discussion of six variances, he agreed to three of

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Commission Finance Committee presented with budgetary figures at quarterly meeting

By Bill Howard

A dizzying array of budget figures were presented to the Finance Committee of the County Commission Monday, Oct. 21. Some highlights, first from Chris Caldwell, Knox County Finance Director, follow below.

For FY (fiscal year) 2019, which ended June 30, Knox County had total revenues and operating transfers in of \$811,493,333. The total expenditures and operating transfers out were \$811,424,888, a surplus of \$68,445.

Comprising the revenues are the general fund, government library fund, public library fund, solid waste fund, hotel/motel fund, engineering and public works fund, debt service fund, and general purpose school fund.

Part of the general fund consists of sales taxes. The budgeted revenue for FY 2019 was \$8 million. The actual collections were \$8,736,640.14, a 9.2% surplus of \$736,640.14

For the sales tax analysis of the general purpose school fund, the budgeted revenue was \$149,761,000. The actual collections were \$157,968,630.35, a surplus of 8,207,630.35, or almost 5.5%

The county budgeted \$110,983,000 for property taxes for the fiscal year, and collected \$111,613,355.94, a surplus of \$630,355.94

Property taxes are a major source of school funding. \$99,760,000 from property taxes were budgeted for the schools. \$100,326,319.30 were collected, a surplus of \$66,319.30.

From FY 2018 to FY 2019, the county had an increase of \$6,229,718 (from \$205,764,909 to \$211,994,627) in total assets in the general fund. Its total liabilities (accounts payable, accrued liabilities, unearned revenue) increased from \$6,781,216 to \$9,509,309.

Deferred property taxes and notes receivable increased 1.9%, from \$118,921,512 to \$121,189,882.

Staying with the general fund, total revenues increased from FY '18 to FY '19 by 2.7%, from \$178,479,169 to \$183,329,945. Expenditures over the same period increased almost 6.5% from \$176,008,289 to \$187,427,280. Since expenditures exceeded revenues, the county ran a FY '19 deficit of \$4,097,335.

Total assets in the debt service fund declined by a fraction of a percentage point, from \$73,858,891 to \$73,672,963. Total revenues in that fund increased by just

over a percentage point, from \$71,468,988 to \$72,292,235. Its FY '19 total expenditures were \$72,635,288, leaving a deficit for the year of \$343,053.

Caldwell was followed by Ron McPherson, Executive Director of Finance for Knox Co. Schools. According to McPherson, the total revenues of the general fund for Knox Co. Schools is \$497,633,927. This money comes primarily from local taxes and the Basic Education Program.

Total expenditures for the schools is \$493,862,435, the vast majority - \$406,426,907, or more than 82% - going to salaries and benefits. Through the first quarter of FY '20, expenditures exceeded revenues by more than \$43,000,000.

Ed Shouse, Knox County Trustee, reported to the commission on tax collections by the county. Total property tax collections for FY '19 were \$273,682,472.03, an increase of \$4,936,699.97 (or 1.8%) over FY '18. The total aggregate for property taxes for tax year 2018 was \$271,960,011.80.

Total sales tax collections saw a bigger jump from FY '18 to FY '19. \$215,742,155.90 were collected in FY '18. For FY '19, \$231,225,157.13

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Most of the children of my era spent a majority of their time outside. We played from morning until evening and rarely went inside unless parents forced us to do so. Fast forward to now, and dermatologists' offices are filled with us older folks. We're having check-ups for damaged skin that spent years exposed to the sun. Sun tan lotion was used at pools sometimes or if a family vacationed at the beach. Otherwise, kids suffered through that first sunburn of the season,



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and then tanned as the summer went along. Now, we have pre-cancerous spots that must be monitored. I've used creams that peeled the skin off my face, and it led to painful cracks in places. On another occasion, I stuck my head inside something that resembled a toaster oven. After 16 minutes, the process was over, but the healing process lasted for several days. Most of the time, I choose freezing places. The last visit ended with 24 such spots being frozen.

After a trip to the dermatologist, I scheduled a visit with a gastrointestinal physician. He recommended an endoscopy, as well as a colonoscopy. Of course, both procedures aren't that bad because the patient is asleep. The

preparation is the painful thing. I swigged down both bottles of a mixture of oil, salt, and lemon, or that's what the concoction tasted like. They were topped off with oceans of water, and before long, the "fun" began. The second round had to be started at 4:00 a.m. To have that much entertainment, I was required to pay a chunk of money for the product. The day after found me a bit lethargic, either from the anesthetic or the procedure or the preparation.

In a couple of weeks, I have an appointment with the optician. My eyes don't seem to see as well as they did only a year or so ago. Maybe my glasses are cockeyed, or maybe things are changing at a much faster pace these days. Either way, I'll have my eyes dilated, I'll read charts, I'll sit as lights blind me, and then I'll discover if a new pair of glasses must be purchased.

At the end of the year, I'll

travel to my family doctor for a physical. Doctor Cathy Mathes is the best, but I still don't look forward to the visit. Neither am I a fan of having blood drawn or leaving a sample in a small cup. Aches and pains multiply over time, but I hate whining about them every year. Dr. Mathes is a saint to listen to me, along with all the other older patients, as we name every symptom that hits us.

So far, I've received good reports from all tests that have been performed. It appears that I am good to go for another year or two. That's good news. Amy and I would like to take a few trips and enjoy a few places around home in the years to come. I don't know what tomorrow brings, but I do know that right now this old body is still working pretty well, even with hitches in my "giddy up." I'm not "purring like a kitten," but my motor hasn't blown a head gasket yet.



Greysyn Delph was recently crowned IJM Tennessee Preteen 2020 in Jackson, Tennessee. She will travel to Texas in June to represent Tennessee in the International IJM pageant. Greysyn attends Cedar Bluff Middle School where she is a cheerleader. Her parents are Lori and Ryan Delph and grandparents are Mike and Kathi Grayson of Knoxville and Regina and Jeff Delph of Dandridge.

Commission Finance Committee

Cont. from page 1 — were collected, an increase of more than 7%.

There was a noticeable decline in revenue from PILOTs (payment in lieu of taxes) and TIFs (tax increment financing). The figure for FY '18 was \$22,404,696.28; for FY '19 it was \$13,519,137.42, a decline of almost 40%.

Knox Co. earns interest every year from various bank accounts and investments. Fiscal '19's earnings of \$3,816,732.31 was an almost 25% increase over fiscal '18's \$3,059,192.07. The cash and cash equivalent bank account total – held with BB&T, Sun Trust,

and Home Federal – was \$176,568,222.73.

Finally, Melanie Wilck, Director of Financial Reporting, addressed the commission to talk about the county's debt. According to Wilck, the total combined outstanding general obligation debt service is \$897,638,773.03. The principal is \$688,276,133.47; the interest is \$245,090,707.79.

The single biggest item in the debt was General Obligations Bonds, 2017 Series, of just over \$90 million. If the county takes on no further debt, that amount will be paid off in 2038.

City applies for funds to buy three small buses

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Street name changes approved included renaming a portion of Walter Taylor Street to "Taylor Homes Road," renaming a portion of the realignment of Western Avenue to "Sterchi Street," and naming an alley between Keith and Richmond Avenue as "Joseph Schofield Street."

Two properties were rezoned including 210 E Jackson Avenue from C-3 Commercial to C-2 and property at 4654 Holston Drive from C-3 to R-1 residential.

The city council also voted to adopt the John

Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study, amending the South County Sector and East County Sector Plans.

Ovation Foods was approved to provide food and beverages to Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum and Chilhowee Park.

The Cal Johnson Recreation Center was given an additional \$24,373 for ongoing renovations, bringing the total project to just over \$504,836. The council also authorized a \$50,000 agreement with Appalachian Mountain Bike Club for trail maintenance and voted to purchase and install trees from the state Forestry Division.



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Tennessee's Hermitage District, V

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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It was hardly surprising Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. had been elected to Congress from Tennessee's "Hermitage District", site of General Andrew Jackson's plantation home. The district had been represented for twenty-eight years by Joseph W. Byrns, father of the current congressman in 1939. The elder Byrns had come up through the ranks in Congress, serving as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Majority Leader and finally crowning his career as Speaker. Speaker Byrns had died suddenly in June of 1936 and friends quickly filed petitions qualifying the late Speaker's only child as a candidate in the Democratic primary. Young Joe Byrns, Jr. announced he would not be a candidate and Richard M. Atkinson, a former District Attorney General for Davidson County, won the Democratic nomination for Congress by the slenderest of margins - - - 13 votes over his nearest competitor, Will T. Cheek.

Byrns was working as an attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation when he was recommended by Tennessee's U. S. senators, Kenneth D. McKellar and George L. Berry, to serve as the Director for the HOLC for the Volunteer State. Oddly, the nomination seemed to stall, a mystery that was never explained. After a month of hanging fire, Byrns announced he would run for Congress to hold the seat his father had occupied for so many years.

Joe Byrns, Jr. said his platform was simple; he was supporting President Franklin Delano Roosevelt "100 per cent." Byrns quickly received help throughout the Hermitage District from a network of supporters who had backed his father long before him. The thirty-four year-old candidate was critical of the incumbent who had strayed from the New Deal administration on more than one occasion. The Hermitage District was solidly Democratic, befitting a district that was home to the founder of the Democratic Party. The congressman would be selected inside the Democratic primary and Atkinson, whether true or not, was generally perceived to be the more conservative of the two, while Byrns was given much credit for all-out support of President Roosevelt. Atkinson, perhaps anticipating a challenge from Byrns, had sought to remove William M. Gupton as Postmaster of Nashville. Gupton had originally been appointed upon the recommendation of the senior Byrns and Atkinson

would have been foolish not to suspect the postmaster would more than likely lend whatever aid he could to the son of his patron. Ordinarily, a sitting congressman of the president's political party has the right to name the postmaster of his own home city. Unfortunately for Dick Atkinson, he ran afoul of the most powerful New Dealer and political power in Tennessee: Kenneth D. McKellar, the Volunteer State's senior United States senator. McKellar also happened to be not only the ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, but Chairman of the Senate Post Office & Post Roads Committee. Senator McKellar took the unusual step of writing Postmaster General James A. Farley, who was also coincidentally Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. When McKellar informed Postmaster General Farley the removal of William Gupton would be an "affront" to him, that was the end of the matter.

In a hard fought campaign where Atkinson remained on the defensive, Byrns won the Democratic nomination in 1938. Joe Byrns, Jr. received far more attention than was customary for a freshman congressman and when Clarence W. Turner died of a heart attack in 1939, the Nashville representative was given a seat on the important House Military Affairs Committee. Then came a misstep that would change the political fortunes of Joe Byrns, Jr. The most anticipated social event in Washington that season (and perhaps of any season) was the arrival of Great Britain's King George VI and his Queen, Elizabeth. When the British Embassy announced only a few select members of the U. S. Senate and the leadership of the House would be invited to a reception hosted by the royals, Washington society lost its collective mind. The reception soon included a long receiving line allowing virtually every member of Congress to shake hands with the British monarchs.

Joe Byrns, Jr. went to shake hands with the King and Queen and when contacted by the Nashville Tennessean's Washington bureau for a comment, the young congressman supposedly, replied, "What flat tires they turned out to be!"

The comment, whether actually said by Byrns to Lacey Reynolds or conjured by the newspaperman, brought shocked editorials from not only the Tennessean but also the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle. Both Nashville and Clarksville were in the Hermitage District. The



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Congressman Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. at his desk in 1939.

idea Joe Byrns, Jr. could say such a thing about guests was unthinkable in the South. Indeed, the editorial in the Leaf-Chronicle was entitled, "Poor Manners." The comment made by Senator McKellar, referring to the royal couple as "lovely and fine" people was widely contrasted with the rather crass comment attributed to Congressman Byrns. The uproar was such Byrns sent a telegram to the Tennessean claiming he never made the comment attributed to him by Lacey Reynolds. It would certainly not be the last time Joe Byrns, Jr. made an unfortunate comment.

After a few weeks, the uproar about Byrns and his poor manners subsided and he returned to Nashville after Congress adjourned and tended to those things that a congressman normally does when back home. Byrns was the featured speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Lions Club in the middle of September. Many Tennesseans, like most Americans, were growing more and more concerned as Germany invaded Poland, the beginning of World War II. Congressman Byrns told the members of the Lions Club, "I don't think that the United States should be an international St. George riding over the world to kill dragons." Byrns cautioned the Lions Club audience "even if we do think that Poland is right and Germany wrong, it is not any of our business to try to tell them what kind of government they must have over there."

"And I don't think it is the business of any nation what kind of government we have over here," Byrns added. The young congressman also made the insightful comment that the First World War "the United States entered it with the hope of making the world safe for democracy, only to see less democracy after that war than there had ever been."

Congressman Byrns concluded his informal talk by saying, "Think carefully and cautiously before you decide to hurl this country again into the maelstrom of militant insanity."

A few days later,

Congressman Joe Byrns, Jr. was repeating much of his message to the members of the American Legion Luncheon Club, which met at Nashville's B & W Cafeteria. Byrns warned that if America felt the need to reach across the oceans, she might very well get her knuckles rapped. Byrns made a logical argument for neutrality, which was certainly the prevailing view across the country at the time. Few Americans wished to send more boys to fight in yet another European war. The congressman's wife was the speaker at the Four Corners Garden Club, although her topic on the "Ancient Use of Herbs" was far different from her husband's lectures on neutrality.

Byrns got some publicity in his district when he announced he was drafting legislation to increase the number of appointments to the military academies at Annapolis and West Point for each congressional district in the country. Byrns noted if there were an increase in the number of enlisted men, there would obviously be a need for more officers to command them. The young congressman got some even better publicity when his office announced the approval of a \$51,893 Works Progress Administration project "for converting the old McConnell airfield into a modern city park with a nine-hole golf course..." The news came from a telegram sent by Congressman Byrns' office to Nashville Mayor Thomas L. Cummings.

Byrns hurried back to Washington, D. C. for the special session of Congress called by President Roosevelt to consider revisions of neutrality legislation adopted in earlier sessions. The President was given strong support by the Tennessee Congressional delegation, not to mention Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Senator McKellar was especially vocal in backing Roosevelt. Every member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation in the House, with the exception of Republican Carroll Reece, voted to back the neutrality legislation supported by

the Roosevelt administration. Even J. Will Taylor, the Republican congressman from Tennessee's Second Congressional district, backed the administration. Byrns, Walter Chandler of Memphis, Herron Pearson, Wirt Courtney, Albert Gore, and newly elected Estes Kefauver of Chattanooga all voted for the neutrality bill.

While in Washington, D. C. Congressman Joe Byrns, Jr. gave a lecture on "The Confederate Navy" at the annual event sponsored by the District of Columbia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. One of the listeners gathered to hear the young congressman was Peter Pierre Smith of Maryland, a ninety-six year-old Confederate veteran of the Civil War.

Byrns surprised some by refusing to vote for the adjournment of the special session of Congress. Byrns insisted Congress had some unfinished business, such as amending legislation affecting Tennessee tobacco growers, a not unpopular stance inside Tennessee's Hermitage District. Congressman Byrns also said in a statement released to Tennessee newspapers it was his firm conviction Congress should be in continuous session so as "to advise with President Roosevelt" in perilous time which he believed were "fraught with possibilities of danger and disaster." Perhaps thinking of the coming election in 1940, Byrns said his desire for Congress to remain in session was keeping his campaign pledge of 1938 to "stay on the job."

Of course Congress did adjourn and Byrns hurried home to Nashville in November of 1939 where he made the presentation address on Armistice Day for a bust of Admiral Gleaves to be given to the City of Nashville, which was to be accepted by Mayor Cummings.

1939 was a difficult year for the Tennessee Congressional delegation as Death stalked its members. Three congressmen out of the nine member House delegation died during the year; Clarence W. Turner suffered a heart

attack, while Sam D. McReynolds succumbed to heart disease and J. Will "Hillbilly Bill" Taylor died of a heart attack that November. Joe Byrns, Jr. gave a short, but moving tribute to the late Hillbilly Bill. "I am deeply grieved at the death of Hon. J. Will Taylor," Byrns said in a statement provided to Tennessee newspapers. "He was my friend for many years and although he and I were members of opposite political parties, this did not interfere with our friendship. He was a real man, a hard fighter, but one who never struck below the belt. For such a man, all Tennessee should be in mourning."

Byrns had more good news from the WPA and sent a telegram to announce Montgomery County's application for funds totaling \$83,098 had been approved. The money was to be used to "improve and construct" roads in Montgomery County under the "Farm-to-Market" program. Congressman Byrns notified G. G. McClure, who was the Road Superintendent for Montgomery County. Practically speaking, the road work would employ 140 men, which following the depths of the Great Depression was mighty welcome to most families.

As Christmas approached during the 1939 holiday season, Congressman Joe Byrns, Jr. was still performing the numerous personal and political chores expected of a member of the House of Representatives. Byrns was the guest speaker at the Band Cafeteria in Nashville where he regaled the members of the Women's Political Union with his observations about the recent special session of Congress and the dangers of foreign wars.

Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. had just completed his first year as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives and aside from his unfortunate observation about the King and Queen of Great Britain, whether true or not, the young congressman appeared to be in good shape for the 1940 election.

Old City Hall

The brick structure is a focal point atop Summit Hill Drive. Often referred to as the “Old City Hall,” it is located diagonally across from the historic L&N Depot. (My column featuring the L&N appeared in The Knoxville Focus on 7-11-2011.)

The Old City Hall building displays beautiful architecture. Many may remember the stately building when it was painted white and



By **Ralphine Major**
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housed the government offices for the City of Knoxville. Later, it was restored to its original red brick exterior and became home to some of the Tennessee Valley Authority offices. The building’s current occupant is Lincoln Memorial University’s Duncan School of Law. The tall pillars in front seem quite appropriate for the law school which is named

for former Congressman John J. (Jimmy) Duncan, Jr. Before serving 30 years as a Congressman representing the Second District of East Tennessee in Washington, Jimmy Duncan spent several years as a lawyer and later as a criminal court judge in Knoxville. I was honored to work for him and the late Zane Daniel in their law practice.

From a place of governing to a place of learning, the Old City Hall building is still serving Knoxville and her residents---atop the hill on Summit Hill Drive.



Picture of the Old City Hall building in the late eighties with the American flag flying proudly in front of it, by Ralphine Major

Do you say ‘You all’ or ‘Y’all’?

I was driving back from shopping recently and saw an Allstate billboard that said “Round here it’s Y’Allstate.” That got me to thinking about how our accents have changed over the years.

While we may be used to the local accents you don’t have to travel far outside Knox County to encounter different ways that words and phrases are spoken and used. Downtown Knoxville has a slightly different accent than Knox County and certainly different than folks visiting here from East Tennessee’s more rural counties.

I was born in a rural part of Tennessee known as “Crouches Creek.” The place now has a subdivision and a paved street and was annexed by the nearby town. My first years, until I was six years old, were spent learning the vernacular of my family and neighbors. My early childhood language was as country or Appalachian as could be. I remember my cousins from Ohio and how different their accents were. For me, then, it was “Ohigh” and not “Ohio.” I had been “tongue tied” as a small child until my mom had my tongue “clipped” and I could speak better.

When I started school my family moved to a small courthouse town in Kentucky and the

A Day Away



By **Mike Steely**

pronunciations of words and phrases were slightly different than rural Tennessee. I recall how the kids from the county spoke differently than those who grew up, as I did, in the

town.

Words like “creek” were often “crick” and they said “ponder” instead of “think” and used words like “reckon” and “fetch.” Many of those words I remember from my early childhood, where “route” was pronounced “root.”

Years later when I moved my wife and two pre-teen boys back to near my grandma’s house I remember having to interpret what she said for my sons.

When my family moved from Kentucky to St. Petersburg, Fla., I found myself among a group of neighborhood teens who were originally from Ohio, Pennsylvania, or other northern states. The accents were totally different and I spent the first summer, before school, trying my best to drop my Appalachian accent.

I started my first summer in Florida as a kid with a slicked-back ducktail hairdo and black jeans and white shirt with rolled up sleeves and ended the summer in shorts and a Florida or Hawaiian Shirt, flip flops, and a Beach Boy haircut. Fitting in from one culture to another is challenging but important to a

kid.

In my last year of high school in Florida I met my future wife, whose family had just moved there from Michigan. I heard a new accent and picked up some new words and how to say them.

After high school I joined the Coast Guard and my wife and I were stationed in North Carolina along the coast. The accent there was totally different than I had heard before, a mix between Southern and Outer Banks, which was a lot like Old English. Cars, for instance, were “cahs” and so forth.

While stationed in Washington, D. C., I heard all types of accents, domestic and foreign, and became accustomed to listening closely.

Years later we spent a year in Southern Louisiana and the English spoken

there is actually “Franglish,” a mixture of Cajun French and Southern English. My brother, who has lived down there more than 50 years, has adopted the culture and the accent and I must admit I have problems understanding him sometimes.

In the 1980s I went to work for a publishing company headquartered in Ohio. One year the company was taking part in a bookseller’s convention in Atlanta and one of our salespeople wanted to “eat Southern.” I suggested Cracker Barrel and several of us drove to that restaurant. The fellow who wanted “Southern” food was from New Jersey and totally not accustomed to our culture.

He sat at the head of the long table and the waitress came to him first.

“What would you like,

honey?” she asked.

He was taken aback, eventually gave her his order, and she moved on to the rest of us. He looked at me with a big smile on his face and I said, “I think she likes you.”

That was probably not proper to tease him like that but, when she brought the food she served him first and said, “Here you are, Sweetie.” His smile grew even wider.

When we were leaving the restaurant the New Jersey salesman left the waitress a \$40 tip. I think he enjoyed visiting and witnessing our Southern culture.

Having been to New Jersey, New York and other New England states I can understand why he was so honored or taken aback by the waitress’s words; you just don’t hear anything like those pleasant greetings

“up north or back east.”

The one phrase I picked up as a child which I still use is “Monday week.” I know it means, to me and some other Appalachians, the Monday after next. But to some people when Sunday, Monday or other days are followed by “week” they don’t understand it at all.

I suppose living in so many different states and cities has given me an ear for accents. Oddly enough, since I’ve lived in Knoxville the last 22 years, I’ve picked up the accent here. Seems I’ve done that no matter where I’ve lived. I’ve also noticed that national television networks have altered local accents and most of the nation now has the Mid-America accents that most broadcast and cable networks use.

Language continues to change, doesn’t it?

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CAK survives rain, penalties; hands Grace Christian first regional loss, 9-7

By Bill Howard

It was rainy and messy, and the play often not pretty. It was a night when you take a win any way you can get it.

Which is exactly what Christian Academy of Knoxville did on the road Friday night at Grace Christian Academy.

On a chilly night under a steady rain, the Warriors overcame 13 penalties for 131 yards – including five for pass interference on Grace’s late scoring drive – and held off the Rams for a 9-7 Division II, AA-East Region win.

“It was a little bit the weather,” said CAK coach Travis Monzingo of his teams many miscues. “Five Pls, I think we set a record there. Maybe I’ll get my name in the record book that way.”

Grace wasn’t far behind in the mistake category, committing 11 of its own for 101 yards. Two dead-ball penalties on one play early in the fourth quarter took the Warriors’ line of scrimmage from the Grace 30 to the six. Three plays later, quarterback Ryan Degges scored from the three to make it 9-0, and CAK (7-2, 3-2) would have all the points it would need.

“We just didn’t handle the weather very well,” said Rams’ coach Rusty Bradley, who used to coach CAK. “We didn’t execute. We dropped passes, we had dumb penalties (because of) losing your cool, letting the rivalry get the better of you.”

More than anything, the first half was a punt-fest. CAK’s first five possessions all ended with punts; its sixth ran out the halftime clock.

“We played field position that first half,” said Mozingo. “It was just back and forth... the rain really kind of mitigated any kind of offense. So the punting game really was a big deal for us.”

GCA (7-2, 4-1) punted on its first three possessions, and was attempting to on its fourth. On fourth and three from its 24, the snap went by the punter and rolled all the way to the endzone. A Grace player fell on it for a safety, and the half ended 2-0 CAK.

“That safety...we feel like we lost the game to Boyd Buchanan on special teams,” said Mozingo. “We talked about it all week. We had a renewed focus on special teams.”

“The defense played well,” he went on. “And obviously the rain makes it difficult to throw the ball around. Shout out to the defense.”

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PHOTO BY CHRIS ROW

Christian Academy of Knoxville quarterback Ryan Degges lunges for the goal line to score a touchdown in the Warriors’ 9-7 win over Grace Christian Friday night.



PHOTO BY SHELLEY JOHNSON

Elijah Young of South-Doyle looks to turn the corner in the Cherokees’ 38-10 win over Central Friday night.

South-Doyle is the new ‘raining’ Region 2-5A champion

By Steve Williams

Central’s highly regarded football team had a tough time holding on to the football in the rainy conditions at Billy K. Nicely Stadium in South Knoxville Friday night.

But the Bobcats had an even tougher time getting a hold of Elijah Young.

The tough, quick and elusive star running back for South-Doyle, operating exclusively out of a Wildcat formation for the first time this season, scored five times on long touchdown runs to lead the Cherokees to a 38-10 win over the Bobcats and the Region 2-5A regular season championship.

Defending state champion Central also saw its 21-game win streak uh, well, go down the drain.

It was expected to be an exciting battle, but the Bobcats coughed up the ball 10 times over the course of the game and lost three of the fumbles.

Two times after the Cherokees got it, Young took off and scored on the ensuing play.

In all, the Missouri commit had TD runs of 34, 25, 60, 42 and 19 yards and rushed for 249 yards on 27 carries. Junior placekicker Ewan Johnson converted the five extra points and a 36-yard field goal.

South-Doyle closed the book on region play with a 5-1 record. The Cherokees will take an 8-2 overall worksheet into this Friday’s showdown against undefeated Powell, the Region 3-5A champ.

It will be homecoming and Senior Night and the S-D players also will be wearing their “South of the River” Throwback jerseys for the occasion, which had to be postponed two weeks ago.

Central (4-1, 8-1) will try to start a new streak at Gibbs. The Bobcats could still be heard from down the playoff trail.

“This was a big game,” said the 5-10, 180-pound Young, who was one of the state’s top sprinters in track last spring. “All over you’ve got (signs about) the South-Doyle and Central thing. It’s been a rivalry. The 21-game win streak. We had to fight for it. We knew it was going to be a battle.”

Young said the weather conditions led to the Cherokees running out of the Wildcat.

“We probably won’t ever run this again. This (came) just out of nowhere (with) the rain. We had to switch it up. It was a today thing. That’s it.”

Young gave credit to the

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Hardin Valley runs past Admirals, 33-6

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy has taken its share of lumps on the gridiron in 2019. But now, things appear to be looking up for the Hawks.

Hardin Valley’s modest winning streak reached two games Friday night as the Hawks soundly defeated rival Farragut 33-6 Friday on Senior Night at HVA.

Hardin Valley (3-6 overall, 2-3 in Region 1-6A) knocked off Jefferson County 14-0 in Dandridge in its last outing on Oct. 18.

The Hawks, who beat Oak Ridge on the road on opening night but then dropped six consecutive games, nearly had a second straight region shutout, but Farragut running back Eli Purcell spoiled those plans when he scored on a 5-yard run with 1.2 seconds remaining in the contest.

“We’ve gone through adversity but it’s like coach (Mike) Potter said, we could roll over or we could fight like (expletive) and we’ve chosen to fight, said senior wide receiver and linebacker Cam York, who celebrated his 18th birthday by recovering two Admirals’ fumbles, including one that he returned for 10 yards for a touchdown. “This was a great way to celebrate my birthday, by winning with these guys and beating Farragut.”

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By Alex Norman

The undefeated Powell Panthers entered last Thursday night's game against Oak Ridge knowing that with a win, they'd capture a region championship. It wasn't easy and took 20 unanswered points against a game Oak Ridge squad to do it, but the Panthers survived 27-21.

"It's huge," said Powell head coach Matt Lowe. "These kids set out a goal at the beginning of the year to get to this point... to win a region title and on top of that to be 9-0. So far all they hoped to accomplish has happened."

The game didn't start as planned for the Panthers. In the first quarter Oak Ridge (5-4, 3-2 in Region 3-5A) got on the scoreboard first when Kendall Jackson outraced the Powell defense with an 85-yard sprint to the end zone, making it 7-0 Wildcats. It was the biggest play in a monster game for Jackson, with 196 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Powell responded with a 57-yard touchdown run by Bailor Hughes to tie the game at 7 later in the first



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

It was Senior Night at Powell High last Thursday and some of the veteran Panthers hold up nine fingers to indicate they are 9-0 and the Region 3-5A champions after their 27-21 come from behind win over Oak Ridge.

quarter. But the next two quarters were filled with frustration for the Panthers offense. They went scoreless while the Wildcats added two touchdowns. It was 21-7 entering the fourth quarter and things looked bleak for the home team.

But Powell (9-0, 6-0 in Region 3-5A) responded in a big way. Quarterback

Walker Trusley completed two short touchdown drives with two short touchdown runs, to even the game at 21 with four minutes to go. Powell's defense held again and gave the offense good field position after an Oak Ridge punt, starting at their own 44 with just over a minute to go. They drove down the field and scored

the winning touchdown when Trusley avoided pressure and threw a 22-yard strike to Tyler Kirkess in the end zone for a touchdown with only 16 seconds remaining.

"We were trying to score points," said Lowe. "We had some opportunities early and certainly didn't capitalize on those. We felt like we

had some guys that could make plays in the vertical passing game and it turned out that was the case. Trusley's feet made a play in the backfield and finding senior Tyler Kirkess streaking across."

When Kirkess intercepted a final Wildcats pass a few seconds later, a wild comeback was complete.

"The offense caught fire in the fourth quarter," said Lowe. "At that point you are awfully proud of those guys and finding a way to really get it going."

This comeback win for Powell comes a week after a gutsy 21-20 overtime victory over previously undefeated West, a win that was secured after stopping the Rebels two-point conversion attempt.

"When you have kids that are fighters, anytime you have kids that find ways to make plays in close games, it is an unbelievable testament to their character and who they are," said Lowe. "It was an unbelievable effort from Oak Ridge. All the credit goes to their coaching staff and their team and the execution of their game plan. They have some talented kids, but our kids found a way to win tonight. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Powell is now in good position to make a run to the state championship game in Cookeville. They'll try to finish the regular season undefeated when they travel to South-Doyle on Friday night.

Hardin Valley runs past Admirals, 33-6

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Potter commended his team's effort through a tough 2019 campaign.

"Our kids have kept fighting and that's the key for us," said Potter, HVA's first-year head coach. "Our kids are fighting and as long as they continue to fight, we've got a chance."

Senior Kelton Gunn had a pair of touchdown runs against the Admirals (4-5, 3-2) and gave the Hawks a 12-0 lead that they carried in to the locker room at halftime after the two West Knox County rivals

slugged through a scoreless first quarter on a chilly night with monsoon-like conditions.

Luke Filipkowski and Ryan Nichol each added rushing scores for the Hawks, who close out the regular season with a road game at Morristown West Friday night.

The Admirals, meanwhile, must regroup as they host Jefferson County this week. Farragut must win to keep the No. 2 seed in the Region 1-6A Standings.

South-Doyle new Region 2-5A champion

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defense. "They played a big role in it. We practiced everything that we knew they were going to try to do and we executed it."

While the Bobcats had some trouble with snaps and handoff exchanges, South-Doyle senior center Jordun Wilson (6-2, 280) was rock solid with his important role in the Wildcat despite the rains.

"It was really tough," said Wilson. "I had different towels coming in and out every quarter to make sure my hands stayed dry and to make sure it was easy for me to get the snap up. I

also had to ease the pressure on the snap so I knew I could get it there. My snaps got to the (Wildcat) and we didn't have any problem with it."

Wilson said the Cherokees' motivation for the game stemmed from last year.

"We went out in the region championship against Central 35-0. And from then on out, we've heard everybody's been saying 'South-Doyle is not tough enough. You punch South-Doyle in the mouth and they're going to give up.'"

"And for 365 days we've

been riding on that grit, to push us and win the football game like we did. We had to be more physical, tougher. We had to overcome adversity with the rain. We had to do what it took to win that game."

Central committed its first big mistake late in the first quarter when the ball ended up on the ground at the Bobcats' 34-yard line after an errant exchange. TaShawn Patrick pounced on it.

Young scored on first down with maybe his best run of the night. He broke a tackle on the corner and then fought his way into the end zone, simply refusing to go down.

A 25-yard TD pass from Central quarterback Dakota Fawver to Braden Gaston, after Sean Randolph's fumble recovery on an S-D punt return, and Jarred Swislosky's 29-yard field goal put the Bobcats on top 10-7 a minute before halftime.

That gave Young more than enough time to retaliate. Ezra Young returned the kickoff to the Central 25 and Elijah shot up the middle on the next play to

put the Cherokees back ahead 14-10.

Central went three and out to start the third quarter and Young bolted 60 yards off left tackle to make it 21-10.

Johnson added his field goal midway through the third quarter.

Trailing 24-10, Central marched to the Cherokees' 31 before Terrell Brown recovered a fumble by Fawver with 10:16 left in the game.

Young raced 42 yards down the middle of the field on the ensuing play to up the score to 31-10. His final TD run, a zig zag 19-yarder, came with 6:21 to go.

"That rain hurt us tonight," said Fawver. "But that's no excuse. We could have played a lot better on both sides of the ball. Elijah is a good ballplayer. We killed ourselves a lot of fumbles and penalties. Just a lot of miscues."

"Rain makes it a lot more difficult and slippery. The constant rain. It never let up tonight. None."

Neither did Elijah and the Cherokees.

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By Alex Norman

There was serious star power on display on Thursday, October 24th at the Murphy Center at MTSU in Murfreesboro. No fewer than eight players in the Division II-AA girls' volleyball championship match between Briarcrest Christian and Knoxville Catholic are committed to play at the college level.

On this day, Briarcrest Christian outlasted the Lady Fighting Irish in four sets, 25-18, 17-25, 25-23 and 25-23. It's the eighth state championship in the storied history of the Lady Saints program.

"I'm very proud of the way we played," said Knoxville Catholic head coach Brent Carter. "That's a heavyweight battle... somebody is gonna lose. I hate that it is us, but I have to hand it to Briarcrest because our kids battled the entire time. There wasn't any letup, and they earned that win."

On Wednesday Knoxville Catholic (27-7) lost to Briarcrest Christian in four sets in the semifinals, and needed to beat Baylor less than a couple of hours later to advance to the championship, which they did in four sets.

In the title match, the Lady Saints were dominating in the opening set, and the Lady Fighting Irish responded with a dominant set of their own. Sets three and four could have gone either way, but the experience of Briarcrest seemed to push them over the top.

"We were in the 20s together in sets three and four, and they got the better of that," said Carter. "(Briarcrest senior Aziah Buckner) who is going to San Diego State is a handful. She scored on us in those critical moments and you have to hand it to her because we were right where we needed to be and she scored off the block."

One of the best players on the floor was Knoxville Catholic junior libero Cassie Kuerschen. She is committed to play at Tennessee starting in 2021. Against the Lady Saints, Kuerschen had a match high 31 kills.



Knoxville Catholic finished as the runner-up for the Division II-AA championship after falling to Briarcrest Christian 3 sets to 1 on Thursday, October 24th in Murfreesboro.

"Cassie is a competitor," said Carter. "She loves that moment when we have a chance to put a game away and she goes in for the kill, whether it is digging balls or serving. She runs our defense."

Knoxville Catholic has been to the state tournament eight times. Don't be surprised to see the Lady Fighting Irish back in Murfreesboro in 2020.

Concord Christian falls in state title match

By Alex Norman

The Concord Christian Lady Lions beat St. George's in the state girls' volleyball tournament. Unfortunately for CCS, the win came on Tuesday, October 22 and not Thursday, October 24. In the Division II-A title match, St. George's knocked off Concord Christian in four very competitive sets, 25-27, 29-27, 25-20 and 25-20 at the Murphy Center at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

"I am really proud of them," Concord Christian head coach Carmen Hochevar said of her Lady Lions. "We set out to do hard things and this was probably one of the hardest things they had to do. I think maybe we peaked a day too early."

The Lady Lions got off to a stellar start in Murfreesboro, rallying from a 2-0 deficit in the quarterfinals against St. George's to win 3-2. CCS beat Goodpasture 3-0 in the semifinals to earn that spot in the championship match. St. George's was forced into the losers bracket, beating King's Academy and Goodpasture to get to the title match themselves.

In the opening set, Concord Christian (30-10) went early and often to their outside hitter, Annabelle Sulish. The sophomore had a remarkable 10 kills in that 27-25 frame. In the second set, CCS fought back from multiple set points, and had a set point of their own. But the Lady Gryphons prevailed 29-27. In sets three and four, CCS played hard, but fell by identical 25-20 scores. Sulish finished with a match high 29 kills and added 7 digs. "When she is on, everybody seems to be on," said Hochevar. "She's a workhorse. I love her. She will do anything and everything she can for this team. Those kind of girls.. you hate it when they work so hard (and don't win)."

Unfortunately for the Lady Lions, the state tournament is not a true double elimination tournament. Once you advance to the finals, the past means nothing. So despite splitting their two matchups with St. George's, the Lady Lions had to settle for second place. CCS lost in the title match a year ago as well, falling to rival Webb School.

"To know that you beat that team, and then turn around and lose to that team is what hurts the most, probably," said Hochevar.

Concord Christian has been to the state tournament five times, but they are still waiting to bring their first state title back to west Knox County. The Lady Lions are already thinking about 2020.

"We have a young team with mostly sophomores, and we have a great future coming back," said Hochevar. "We are definitely going to give it everything we've got to hopefully come back here again."



The Concord Christian Lady Lions advanced to the Division II-A title match for the second straight season. They lost to St. George's 3 sets to 1 on Thursday, October 24th in Murfreesboro.

TKA makes state volleyball tournament, but has short stay

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- The King's Academy volleyball team made its second-ever trip to the Division II-A State Tournament last week.

But the Lady Lions had a short stay at the Midstate. They were eliminated Tuesday, on the tournament's first day.

TKA (which finished the season with a 22-11 record and won the Division II-A East Region Championship by defeating District 1 rival and eventual state finalist Concord Christian School) opened play at Siegel High School with a 25-20, 25-20, 25-18 loss to Goodpasture included: Maggie Olsen (junior, outside hitter); Varnakova; Lilly Walker (junior, right side); Kolbie Greene (junior, setter); Alexa Austin (junior, middle blocker); Bianca Hood (junior, libero) and Lauren Collins (junior, middle blocker).

TKA made its other appearance in Murfreesboro in 2016.

match at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center, ousted TKA 31-29, 16-25, 25-19, 25-10. Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Lions advanced to Murfreesboro by defeating Battle Ground Academy 3-1 in a State VII match on Saturday, Oct. 19 at home in Seymour.

In that match, sophomore outside hitter Valeriya Varnakova finished with 17 kills and 21 service points. Varnakova, a native of Russia moved from Moscow to Seymour in mid-August.

The Lady Lions, who are coached by Kelly Peterson and Bailey Baker, saw their 2019 campaign come to an end with a four-set loss to eventual state champion St. George's.

The Lady Gryphons, who hail from Collierville and downed Concord Christian in Thursday's championship

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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Ethan Scott
11th grade ILB at West High School

West's first loss of the season came in Week 9's bout against Powell, 20-21. Scott numbered 18 tackles, four tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble.

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Cross country runners leave the starting line in the Division II-A boys' 5,000-meter race at Victor Ashe Park Thursday.

Webb sweeps in Region 2 cross country; Jinks has top time

By Steve Williams

Webb School swept top honors in its classification in the Region 2 cross country championships Friday at Victor Ashe Park.

Senior Kamryn Krishnan started the victory parade for Webb in girls' Division II-A by covering the 5,000-meter course in 21 minutes, 15 seconds.

Krishnan's effort led the Lady Spartans to the team title. Other team members who figured into the scoring were Ella Vafaie-Partin, Lily Slade, Lawson Phillips and Erin Jones.

The Webb boys followed with their winning performance in the warm afternoon sun. Senior Bannon Evans took top honors in the individual competition with a time of 17:35 and teammates Kaden

Narayani, Cooper Milam, Cooper Wood and Billy Robinson backed him up to capture the team title.

Conditions were much different with temperatures in the low 40s when the meet began at 9 o'clock in the morning with the Division I Large Class races.

Farragut's girls, however, responded by taking first place with sophomore Lexi Foley's runner-up finish leading the way. Her teammates included Cathy Hu, Camryn Johnson, Kennedy Reynolds and Caroline Carr.

Maryville sophomore Andie-Marie Jones was the individual winner with a time of 18:38.

Kaden Keller, Hardin Valley Academy sophomore, won the Large Class boys' race with a time of 16:29.

HVA also was the team champion with Mitchell McCown, Nathan Hillis, Brock Mullins and Nate Lawson backing Keller.

Farragut freshman Trevor Coggin (16:51) nipped teammate and KIL champion Joshua Ebbert by a second to finish in third place behind Keller and McCown.

Last but not least, in the Small Class, L&N STEM Academy senior Seth Jinks turned in the best individual time of the day for boys as he was clocked in 16:00.

"Seth has spent every year working towards winning regionals and placing in the top three at state for A-AA (Small Class)," said L&N Head Coach Christina Daugherty. "I hope he can secure first or second

place at state, and I truly believe he can based on the time he's put in, training with myself and Coach Pickle, and working with his personal trainer Bobby Holcombe.

"Throughout his time at L&N, he has grown so much and always shows up and shows out for his team."

Katie Smock of Northview Academy was the girls' champion with a time of 22:07, while Gatlinburg-Pittman's girls and Alcoa's boys finished first in the team scoring.

The top three teams and the top 10 individuals in each classification advance to the TSSAA state meet Nov. 2 at Percy Warner Park in Nashville.

STILL COACHING: Debby Jones was head volleyball coach at West for 21 seasons and head basketball coach for 19 seasons before retiring nine years ago. She returned after two years and recently completed her seventh season as one of West Coach Jessica Lee's volleyball assistants.

"I knew I would have more time and it wouldn't be as time consuming," said Jones. "I still love the kids and I still love the

game."

PROUD PAPAWS: Bert Ackermann and Tim Priest attended Farragut's recent TSSAA Sectional volleyball battle with Daniel Boone at Farragut. Both Ackermann, a retired longtime SEC football official, and Priest, current color analyst for UT football games on the Vol Network, have a granddaughter (Ellie Ackermann and Kate Priest) who was a standout sophomore for the Lady Admirals this season.

SOGGY FRIDAY: Gregg Bostick, Director of Football Operations at Grace Christian Academy, said 26 footballs were used by GCA in its game against CAK Friday night, because of the constant rain that plagued the game and others in the Knoxville area.

"It was really sloppy, but we were able to get a dry ball into the game on every play," said Bostick.

Despite having dry footballs, GCA lost to CAK 9-7.

THROWBACK GAME: It has been reset for this Friday night at South-Doyle. It had originally been scheduled for Oct.18, but the "South of the River" jerseys got

caught up in customs, due to a manufacturing issue.

The school is selling throwback jerseys, T-shirts and sweatshirts and each item has patches from the four previous South Knoxville high schools – Young, South, South-Young and Doyle – that closed and evolved into South-Doyle.

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Tucker commits to UT, seeks state crown

By Steve Williams

Callie Tucker's goal is to win state at this weekend's TSSAA cross country meet in Nashville and she's really hoping she and her "training partner," Elenora Mancini, can go 1-2.

In perhaps the best health she's been in at Catholic High in her prep career, Tucker, along with Mancini, finished in first and second place, respectively, at the KIL meet in early October.

Callie's chances at state? "Pretty good," said Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil last week. "She's run faster than anyone else in our division."

In the Division II-AA classification Catholic is now participating in, the school did not have to go through region qualifying last week, and Tucker said she is looking forward to seeing how the freshmen will do in team competition at state.

"We have put in some tough work since KIL in preparation for the state championships, and Callie is really responding well," said Coach O'Neil. "She will be ready to go when we get

to Percy Warner. She has battled through more than her share of injuries, and I'm really excited to see her healthy and running fast to finish off her high school cross country career."

Tucker has already thought about next spring and outdoor track, too. She foresees her and Mancini running two legs of the 800-meter relay and is excited about who might emerge from the freshmen ranks to fill out the four-some.

Callie has been versatile in her prep career. She's also been the type of athlete who will fill in wherever needed.

"As good a runner as Callie is, she may be an even better student," said Coach O'Neil. "This created a lot of opportunities for her to compete at the next level."

"After much deliberation, Callie has decided to continue her running career at the University of Tennessee. She is excited about the direction the team is moving, and felt right at home with the girls when she visited."



Callie Tucker of Catholic competes at the Trailblazer Invitational on Oct. 12 at Daniel Boone High School. She will be running after a state title this coming Saturday at the TSSAA meet in Nashville.

Callie chose UT over Alabama and Virginia.

Tucker's future plans are to go into pre-med and study to be a pediatric doctor.

"I worked in Children's Hospital over the summer and that led me to this position," she said.

Meanwhile, her focus at the moment is the state and "I would like to get under 18:20."

Central wins region soccer title

By Ken Lay

Several area high school girls soccer teams played for region tournament championships late last week.

Central was the only team from Knox County to win a regional title Thursday night. But Bearden, Seymour, Gibbs and Powell all took the runner-up spots in their respective tournaments.

In Division II-A, Christian Academy of Knoxville won its region championship on Saturday, Oct. 19 when it outlasted Grace Christian Academy in a penalty kicks shootout, and in Division II-A, Catholic finished second behind Chattanooga Girls Preparatory School on Oct. 19.

The Lady Warriors, Lady Rams and Lady Irish all played matches on Saturday and were looking to

punch their tickets to Murfreesboro for this week's state tournament.

The surviving teams in Division I played state sectional matches on Saturday but results were not available at press time.

In Region 2-AA, the Lady Bobcats had to work a little overtime to claim their second region championship in three years on Thursday night as they outlasted Gibbs 2-0 in overtime at Ernest Whited Stadium in Corryton.

Central and the Lady Eagles battled to a 0-0 draw in regulation but Kyleigh Haught scored twice for Central in the second 10-minute session of extra time to lift the Lady Bobcats to victory.

Central hosted Seymour Saturday in Fountain City. The Lady Bobcats were seeking an elusive state

tournament bid. They already captured a District 4-AA Championship earlier this month.

In Region 1-AA: Greeneville posted a 5-0 victory against Seymour.

The Lady Greene Devils, a regular in Murfreesboro in late October, hosted Gibbs Saturday for the right to make another trip to the Midstate.

In Region 2-AAA: Powell was able to keep its state tournament hopes alive when it stunned District 4-AAA Champion Hardin Valley Academy via a penalty kicks shootout in a semifinal elimination match on the road.

But the Lady Panthers dropped a 3-0 decision to District 4-AAA runner-up Maryville at home Thursday night.

The Lady Rebels got a pair of

goals and an assist from Kayla Burr and Reyna Coston also scored for Maryville, who hosted Region 1-AAA runner-up Bearden on Saturday. The Lady Rebels beat the Lady Bulldogs 2-1 on in a regular-season tilt on Oct. 1.

In Region 1-AAA: Bearden came up on the short end of a 1-0 decision against Science Hill Thursday night in Johnson City.

The Lady Hilltoppers stifled a Lady Bulldogs' attack that tallied eight goals in an 8-0 victory over Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in Tuesday's semifinal at Turner-Allender Field.

Bearden (17-3-2), the District 2-AAA Champion, scored three goals in the first 16 minutes of the match against the Lady Indians.

Freshman Brinley Murphy, who scored a hat trick in the game,

tallied two markers over the first eight minutes and would complete a hat trick early in the second half. She scored her third goal in the 44th minute.

She also picked up an assist on Alex Smith's goal that made the score 6-0 in the 60th minute.

Hailey Cartt, who had three assists against the Lady Indians, also scored in the game.

Sarah Altshuler, Taylor Cross and Abby Brewer also scored for the Lady Bulldogs while Chandler Alaniz and Janie Lewis had assists in the game for Bearden.

The Lady Bulldogs played Maryville and the Lady Panthers tangled with the Lady Hilltoppers Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Rivera trio leads the way for Knoxville Ambassadors

By Steve Williams

The Rivera family.

"They've always been a running family," said Tracy Peevy, cross country coach of the Knoxville Christian Home Educator's Athletic Association team.

Better known as the Knoxville Ambassadors, the home school 33-member boys and girls teams have been led by Carter Rivera and his sisters, Savannah and Sadie Rivera, in high school cross country races against public and private schools this season. The trio has carried on the family tradition and added to it.

Coach Peevy pointed out Savannah, a freshman, has finished in the Top 5 in all of her races this year, including first place three times. She posted a PR (personal record) 5K time of 18 minutes, 46 seconds when she won the Cherokee Invitational at Sequoyah Park

Oct. 5.

Sadie, a sophomore, has placed in the Top 10 four times and owns a PR of 20:20.

Carter also has four Top 10 finishes, with two victories. He ran a 16:45 PR when he placed third in the Cherokee Invitational.

In the recent Ashe All Comers meet, both Savannah and Carter racked up wins, while Sadie was runner-up in the Small School division.

"Their mom and dad, Kimberly and Mark, have 11 children from ages 21 to 6," said Peevy, who is in her fourth season as the Ambassadors' coach. "They have been part of the program a lot longer than I have."

"They have two younger brothers on our middle school team. A younger sister and brother run but are not on the elementary team this year. Their four

older siblings ran for Ambassadors at some point."

Sister Kaitlyn currently runs for King University in Bristol on scholarship.

"Carter, Sadie and Savannah are very competitive, but not really with each other because they are just all in different places in their running," said their mom.

"They enjoy being able to run and train together and they talk a lot of racing and running strategy. They are super supportive of each other and are excited that they are all having such a great year."

The Ambassadors have been practicing twice a week as a team during the season. They have the "discipline" to run on their own at other times, said Peevy. "During the summer, they did most of their training together."

Peevy said the Rivera runners are not only supportive



Carter, Sadie and Savannah Rivera are a part of a "running family" and leaders on the Knoxville Ambassadors' home school cross country team.

of each other; they support and encourage other team members.

"This family is a blessing to the Ambassador program," added Peevy. "They are competitive, but in a positive way."

Another interesting thing about the Rivera

youngsters, noted Peevy, is "they ride unicycles. Their older brother Matthew learned to ride, now most of the Rivera children ride unicycles, which also spread to several other cross country members."

The Ambassadors are not members of the TSSAA, but

will be competing in post-season action at the Home-school Nationals Nov. 2. The race location will be The Hermitage in Hermitage, near Nashville. The meet is being hosted by the Tennessee Heat, a home school program in Nashville.

CAK survives rain, penalties; hands Grace Christian first regional loss, 9-7

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out to the defense...the guys worked so hard. And they know that preparing for Grace and that offense is gonna be something that's gonna test them. Two years in a row I'm proud of 'em."

After exchanging punts and an interception through most of the third quarter, CAK took over with 1:24 left. Degges's score came with 9:03 left in the game. The drive covered 60 yards, 24 of which came on the dead-ball penalties.

"Just having composure," said Bradley. "And that was something we struggled with all week, was having

composure. You got to give CAK credit, they played well enough to win the game."

The Rams finally got on the board with 35 seconds left in the game when running back Caleb Curcio ran in from the six. The drive covered 80 yards but most came on the five pass-interference calls. When Gabel Fulford covered the Grace's ensuing onside kick attempt, CAK then ran out the clock.

Unsurprisingly, neither team's statistics were exactly stellar. The Rams had a mere 119 yards total offense, 19 on the ground. CAK had 173 total, 89 rushing. Going into the

game, Grace quarterback Cooper Riggs had thrown for 2153 yards; Friday night he had only 100 on 10 of 25. Degges completed 14 of 21, but for only 84 yards.

The Warriors host Webb to close out the regular season Friday. GCA plays at home against Boyd Buchanan. Because of the TSSAA's rotation schedule, five teams this year from the region will advance to the playoffs, so Friday night's action won't affect who gets in. It could, however, affect the seeding. "I told our guys in the locker room we control our destiny," said Bradley. "We win (Friday night) we win the region. We got

to get over this game, move on, and get ready for the next one."

"Next week it's a big

game," Mozingo said. "Webb is probably a bigger rival than Grace. We gotta handle our business...

maybe try to get that game 11 (the first round of the playoffs) at our place."



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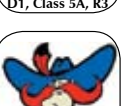







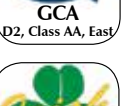
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 TSD	OPEN	OPEN	vs. South Haven L, 20-56	vs. South Carolina W, 56-21	vs. Alabama L, 0-38	vs. Mississippi L, 36-60	vs. South Carolina W, 64-24	vs. Florida L, 12-58	vs. TN Heat L, 72-74	OPEN	OPEN		
 AUSTIN-EAST <small>D1, Class AAA, R2</small>	vs. Knox Webb L, 0-3	vs. Alcoa L, 0-42	vs. Kingston W, 34-22	vs. Fulton W, 70-36	vs. Greenville L, 22-49	vs. Brainerd W, 46-36	vs. Scott County W 46-10	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman, W, 32-17	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 40-3	OPEN	vs. Northview Academy		
 CARTER <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. Rhea County L, 6-42	vs. Campbell County L, 21-24	vs. Seymour W, 27-7	vs. Lenior City W, 20-7	vs. Halls L, 18-19	vs. South-Doyle L, 0-42	vs. Morristown West W, 27-21	OPEN	vs. Central L, 10-30	vs. Gibbs L, 12-28	vs. Sevier County		
 CENTRAL <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. Cleveland W, 51-20	vs. Fulton W, 13-12	vs. Sevier County W, 55-13	vs. Hardin Valley W, 16-7	vs. Seymour W, 49-3	vs. Knox Central KY W, 43-7	vs. Halls W, 45-3	OPEN	vs. Carter W, 30-10	vs. South-Doyle L, 10-38	vs. Gibbs		
 GIBBS <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. Halls L, 21-32	vs. Seymour W, 41-23	vs. South-Doyle L, 17-62	vs. Morris-town East W, 31-6	vs. Campbell County W, 42-14	vs. Rhea County L, 0-49	vs. Sevier County W, 55-48	OPEN	vs. Lenior City W, 56-21	vs. Carter W, 28-12	vs. Central		
 HALLS <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. Gibbs W, 32-21	vs. Karns W, 45-0	vs. Clinton W, 34-26	vs. Union County W, 35-6	vs. Carter W, 19-18	vs. Powell L, 0-49	vs. Central L, 3-45	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 21-49	vs. Sevier County W, 49-14	vs. Seymour		
 SEYMOUR <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. The King's Academy W, 24-17	vs. Gibbs L, 23-41	vs. Carter L, 7-27	vs. Campbell County L, 13-35	vs. Central L, 3-49	vs. Heritage W, 37-14	vs. South-Doyle W, 7-3	OPEN	vs. Sevier County W, 41-20	vs. Lenior City W, 35-13	vs. Halls		
 SOUTH-DOYLE <small>D1, Class 5A, R2</small>	vs. Fulton W, 42-3	vs. Grace Christian W, 61-7	vs. Gibbs W, 62-17	vs. Anderson County L, 22-31	vs. Sevier County W, 60-20	vs. Carter W, 42-0	vs. Seymour L, 3-7	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 49-21	vs. Central W, 38-10	vs. Powell		
 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 L, 36-70	vs. Karns L, 28-20	OPEN	vs. Maryville L, 19-49	vs. Clinton W, 36-13	vs. Campbell County W, 24-6	vs. West L, 0-22	vs. Oak Ridge		
 KARNS <small>D1, Class 5A, R3</small>	vs. Walker County L, 40-42	vs. Halls L, 0-45	vs. West L, 0-45	vs. Powell L, 6-49	vs. Fulton W, 20-28	vs. Campbell County L, 20-27	vs. Oak Ridge L, 13-60	OPEN	vs. Heritage W, 43-14	vs. Rhea County L, 14-41	vs. Clinton		
 POWELL <small>D1, Class 5A, R3</small>	vs. Greenville W, 19-17	vs. Anderson County W, 48-36	vs. Fulton W, 34-0	vs. Karns W, 49-6	vs. Clinton W, 48-7	vs. Halls W, 49-0	vs. Campbell County W, 49-6	OPEN	vs. West W, 21-20	vs. Oak Ridge W, 27-21	vs. South-Doyle		
 WEST <small>D1, Class 5A, R3</small>	vs. Bearden W, 34-31 OT	vs. Farragut W, 24-13	vs. Karns w, 45-0	vs. Jefferson County W, 49-22	vs. Oak Ridge W, 49-22	vs. Hardin Valley W, 52-20	vs. Clinton	OPEN	vs. Powell L, 20-21	vs. Fulton W, 22-0	vs. Campbell County		
 BEARDEN <small>D1, Class 6A, R1</small>	vs. West L, 31-34 OT	vs. Maryville L, 14-47	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 14-39	vs. Bradley Central L, 21-49	OPEN	vs. McMinn County L, 13-37	vs. HVA W, 34-28	vs. Jefferson County W, 42-22	vs. Farragut L, 7-14	vs. Morristown West W, 41-13	vs. Science Hill		
 FARRAGUT <small>D1, Class 6A, R1</small>	vs. Bradley Central W, 37-30	vs. West L, 13-24	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge L, 14-21	vs. Morristown West W, 42-14	vs. Maryville L, 24-35	vs. Science Hill W, 35-25	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 13-38	vs. Bearden W, 14-7	vs. Hardin Valley L, 6-33	vs. Jefferson County		
 HARDIN VALLEY <small>D1, Class 6A, R1</small>	vs. Oak Ridge W, 13-6	vs. Cleveland L, 19-31	vs. Science Hill L, 14-52	vs. Central L, 7-16	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 0-42	vs. West L 20-52	vs. Bearden L, 28-34	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County W, 14-0	vs. Farragut W, 33-6	vs. Morristown West		
 KING'S ACAD <small>D2, Class A, East</small>	vs. Seymour L, 17-24	vs. Gatlinburg Pittman L, 20-55	vs. Grace - Franklin W, 48-7	vs. Mt Juliet Christian W, 65-49	vs. Webb School W, 77-35	vs. Friendship Christian L, 7-42	vs. Mid TN Christian W, 42-21	vs. Onieda L, 21-28	vs. DCA W, 17-14	vs. Grace Chattanooga W, 59-7	OPEN		
 CAK <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Volunteer W, 36-16	vs. Clinton W, 24-14	vs. White County W, 32-29	vs. Stone Memorial W, 59-20	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 28-14	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-14	vs. Notre Dame W, 26-6	OPEN	vs. Boyd Buchanan L, 34-37	vs. GCA W, 9-7	vs. Knoxville Webb		
 WEBB <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Austin-East W, 3-0	vs. McCallie L, 7-42	vs. Boyd Buchanan L, 21-28	vs. David Crockett L, 21-28	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame W, 26-7	vs. GCA L, 7-14	OPEN	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 42-20	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 17-28	vs. CAK		
 GCA <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Stone Memorial W, 34-6	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-61	OPEN	vs. York Institute W, 28-7	vs. Notre Dame W, 35-6	vs. Silverdale W, 36-11	vs. Knoxville Webb W, 14-7	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 38-21	vs. Trinity Academy W, 47-20	vs. CAK L, 7-9	vs. Boyd Buchanan		
 CATHOLIC <small>D2, Class 3A, East/Mid</small>	vs. Chuckey-Doak W, 48-0	vs. Highlands Corbin, KY W, 31-28	vs. Ensworth L, 28-33	OPEN	vs. McCallie L, 19-56	vs. Science Hill W, 48-17	vs. Brentwood W, 42-37	vs. West Greene W, 49-7	vs. Baylor L, 20-34	vs. Brentwood W, 31-13	vs. Father Ryan		



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The Journey

As is often the case these days, Becky and I are together in my doctor's office waiting for the results of my most recent scans. It's hard to speak of such things, especially for men of my era, because from a young age we were taught to keep things close to the chest.

As we wait, Becky and I have our own thoughts because we've discussed situations like this many times while waiting for the verdict. Will the Doctor enter smiling and bring good news or will he be downcast and serious?

It's taken a long time for me to write this essay, and I have mixed emotions about sharing my journey. But after prayerful reflection, the Spirit has led me to write my story in the hope that survivors might feel less alone. Years ago, a patient noted that I was

suffering from a cold. She quipped, "I didn't think doctors get sick." I assured her they do.

It all began five years ago with a spot which grew and was eventually confirmed as cancer. Surgery was done and I was given an excellent prognosis. I remember being in my surgeon's office six months later to evaluate another lump which had appeared. Becky was not with me that day. I wish she had been because when I was told my cancer had recurred and was "stage three," I fainted. We have learned that two sets of ears are better than one because even logical doctors experience the recurring terror of cancer which muddles the mind. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 resonates with us since that eventful day.

Our dear friends helped us arrange a second

opinion at a notable distant cancer center. The one thing I still carry with me from that consultation was a framed quotation on the oncologist's wall: "At the moment of your diagnosis you become a survivor." And it is true because those who have been diagnosed with cancer will tell you that it is never over.

It was determined that my cancer was "aggressive." And despite more surgery and the modern marvels of designer drug immunotherapy, my cancer again recurred and spread extensively. Six months after the second operation I would find myself in another MRI, this time of the brain, in the hope that the cancer was not there and I would be able to have "aggressive" surgery. I wanted to "swing for the fence" one last time even though I already had two strikes against me.

I have prayed the 23rd Psalm hundreds of times during my journey, through that preoperative brain MRI which was clear, and through a dozen other CT scans, MRIs and PET scans. I was able to undergo that radical third operation four years ago, survived the ICU and unexpected surgical complications. And I tolerated the next year of more

immunotherapy, but what I call the "beast" has taken its toll. Many times I have imagined myself at night, alone and deep in a dark forest tending a campfire which shines light and pushes back the darkness to keep the wolves (the cancerous beast) at bay.

The Psalms span the gamut of human emotions and experience. I have experienced "The Valley of the Shadow of Death," and emerged. I have asked that my soul be restored or that I "fear not" the devilish disease which still stalks me. I once read that God's most frequent command in Biblical wisdom is "be not afraid." Variations of this admonition occur three hundred and sixty-six times in the Bible and exceed commands to love God, oneself and neighbor. I think God understands our humanity and our need.

You should pay close attention to Biblical wisdom, especially when oft repeated. Fear is a transcultural aspect of humans. I've read that some smug naturalists consider religion or spirituality merely a human response to fear or death. William James was a learned expert and atheist who was intrigued by religion. He studied faith

and wrote the book, "The Nature of Religious Experience." He admitted he did not understand a belief in God, but concluded pragmatically, "If there are two opposing views and there is no incontrovertible proof that either is right, a rational man is free to choose the perspective which works best for him."

I have studied the sad existentialism of Sartre and Camus. And I have found what works best for me. Like Mary in Luke's gospel (10:42), I have chosen "what is better."

I recently read about the term resilience in the context of suffering, addressed by Paul in Romans 5:3-5. Apparently, research reveals that some grow stronger with adversity, which I think is Paul's position. Medically, a fractured bone is often stronger after healing. Jesus once said, "In this world you will have trouble (John 16:33). We can all attest to that, even doctors. I added three people to my thoughts and prayer list this week. And fortunately, one lady's resilience allowed me to move her from the big leagues of concern "down" to the minor leagues.

I don't believe God causes cancer or suffering. Paraphrasing Forrest

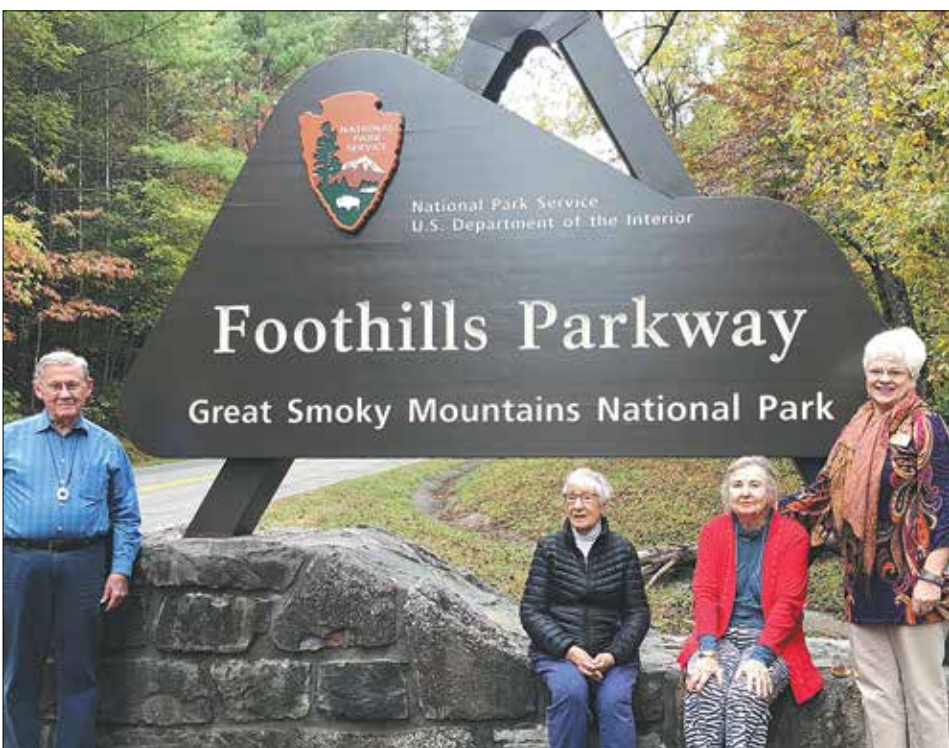
Gump, "stuff happens" in this imperfect, but wondrous and beautiful universe. It is my foundational belief/choice/trust that God cares and affords us strength, courage, peace, hope, wisdom and insights to truth. It is far better to stand on the Rock of Ages than to be in existential free-fall.

Earlier in my life I used to make notes to myself which would often be lost or misplaced in drawers or used as bookmarks. As we waited for the doctor, I told Becky that the day before I found a note in a drawer inscribed with Psalm 34:4. "I sought the Lord and he answered my prayers. He delivered me from my fears." The Psalmist sang to me across three millennia and gave me a sense of peace. And...

Wait! My doctor just came in and he's smiling! My blood work is fine and my scans are clear!! I get to go on in this existence we call life!!!

As Becky and I walk to the parking garage with the sun shining after drought-ending rain has scrubbed soot from the air, I joyfully note how bright the world looks, especially when viewed through the lenses of clean scans. PTL!

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



Morning Pointe Residents Admire Fall Colors along Foothills Parkway. *Morning Pointe of Knoxville (TN) residents Jean Carson, Helen Kurtz, and Jimmye Lou Smith and life enrichment director Pat Anderson admire the beautiful fall colors along Foothills Parkway. With Anderson and Lantern program director Kari Christopher as their guides, the assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care community's residents enjoyed a scenic drive through the mountains, taking in the bright colors of the changing leaves. "Many of the residents are not from East Tennessee and had never seen what the mountains have to offer in the fall, so we were only too happy to show them!" Anderson says with a laugh.*

Feet Fitted with Peace

Stress. Anxiety. Depression. If you have dealt with any of these, it is not fun and you are not alone. According to The Anxiety and Depression Association of America, forty million adults in the US have some type of an anxiety disorder. This is just over 18 percent of the population. Anxiety comes from a number of places. Some are of these are clinical in nature while others stem from life events.

The good news is that help is available. This can come in the form of medication for those dealing with a clinical issue. For others, getting counsel from a spiritual guide can

be helpful. God has also given us another way to sustain us in the midst of life's worries – the gift of peace. Paul wrote, "Stand firm then...with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:14-15).

What kind of shoe that fits the feet is Paul talking about in this illustration? These were not the average person's shoes. These shoes were made for a Roman foot soldier. It was more of an open-toes leather boot. The souls were studded with nails to help grip the ground. This was critical in hand-to-hand combat, for the soldier that lost his

footing first was typically the one to die.

The battle with worry and anxiety is like fighting the enemy in close combat in your mind. We must be prepared for the attacks the enemy will bring our way. Just like the Roman soldier needed to make sure he had good shoes to anchor him to the ground in battle, we can be anchored to God by peace in this fallen world. The God of peace is with you and for you. Peter wrote, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Jesus talked about having peace that will help calm hearts in the

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ESTATE OF EARL WILBURN WILLOX
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Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER 2019, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of EARL WILBURN WILLOX who died Jun 6, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2019.

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Feet Fitted with Peace

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storms of life: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus spoke

these words about peace as he stood in the shadow of the cross. The peace that Jesus promises does not mean it will remove heartache and pain from our lives. These troubles are inevitable and will remain with us until the new creation. What this peace does do is remind us that we are in God's loving hands.

I rode my first roller coaster. I was scared senseless as I waited in line, but then I remembered who was with me - my dad. He held my hand and told me I would be okay. And I was. God is riding along with us in life. His loving hands and presence are with us and his peace is real and can't be taken from us.

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Members of the community and former members are invited to attend the 11 a.m. worship service and stay for a covered dish luncheon. For more information, contact the church office at 689-3349.

often highlighted verses in the Bible are Paul's words about dealing with anxiety in Philippians 4:6-9. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to read these words and note several strategies Paul gives to help deal with anxiety: prayer, thinking good thoughts, and putting into practice what you learn from others in how they deal with stress.

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